



# MATCH NOTES

32ND PALERMO LADIES OPEN - PALERMO, ITALY  
2021-07-19 - 2021-07-25 | \$ 235,238



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WIN

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MATCHES  
PLAYED

1  
WIN



44

**DANIELLE  
COLLINS (1)**  
UNITED STATES

**ELENA-GABRIELA  
RUSE**  
ROMANIA

137

1993-12-13	<b>Date of Birth</b>	1997-11-06
St. Petersburg, FL, USA	<b>Residence</b>	Bucharest, Romania
Right-handed	<b>Plays</b>	Right-Handed (double-handed backhand)
5' 10" (1.78 m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 8" (1.72 m)
23	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	133
\$3,365,069	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$444,402
\$411,973	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$71,128
1 / 1	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	1 / 1
18-15 (Semi-Finalist: 2019 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	0-2 (Round of 128: 2019 WIMBLEDON; 2018 WIMBLEDON)
4-0 / 4-0	<b>YTD / Career PALERMO W-L (best)</b>	3-0 / 3-0
21-9 / 75-59	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	8-0 / 15-16
10-3 / 22-13	<b>YTD / Career Clay W-L</b>	8-0 / 12-9
4-3 / 26-20	<b>YTD / Career 3-Set W-L</b>	3-0 / 5-6
4-2 / 15-12	<b>YTD / Career TB W-L</b>	3-1 / 4-4
Finalist: PALERMO	<b>YTD Best Result</b>	Champion: HAMBURG



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## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2021	HAMBURG	CLAY	QF	Elena-gabriela Ruse	6-4 1-6 7-5	2h 31m

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
25	45	<b>2020</b>	166	177
23	31	<b>2019</b>	171	182
35	36	<b>2018</b>	182	243
153	167	<b>2017</b>	209	265
299	299	<b>2016</b>	254	254
903	-	<b>2015</b>	642	642
950	950	<b>2014</b>	-	-
-	-	<b>2013</b>	-	-
553	-	<b>2012</b>	-	-
608	608	<b>2011</b>	-	-



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

SF: d. S. ZHANG (#57) 6-4 6-3 (1h 15m)  
1r: d. K. GERLACH (#225) 7-5 6-3 (1h 30m)  
2r: d. M. INGLIS (#142) 6-4 6-1 (1h 19m)  
QF: d. A. SHARMA (#121) 6-1 6-4 (1h 12m)

*Total time on court: 5h 16m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making debut appearance at Palermo
- Has scored straight-sets wins over Katharina Gerlach, Maddison Inglis, Astra Sharma and Shuai Zhang so far this week to reach the first WTA final of her career
- Struck seven aces to beat Zhang; was previously 0-6 in WTA SF matches
- Faces No.137 Elena-Gabriela Ruse in today's final; lost to the Romanian 16 days ago in Hamburg
- Is bidding to become the 14th woman to lift their maiden title this season (also Tauson at Lyon, Sorribes Tormo at Guadalajara, Fernandez at Monterrey, Kudermetova at Charleston, Osorio Serrano at Bogota, Sharma at Charleston [250], Badosa at Belgrade, Krejckova at Strasbourg, Samsonova at Berlin, Jabeur at Birmingham, Ruse at Hamburg, Zidansek at Lausanne and Zanevska/Kucova at Gdynia earlier today)
- Owns 4-3 career record against players from Romania in main draw matches, while is 1-1 this season (d. Bogdan at Australian Open; l. Ruse at Hamburg)
- Owns 7-1 record against qualifiers and lucky losers in 2021, with sole defeat coming at the hands of No.198 Ruse at Hamburg; was also the only defeat to a player ranked outside Top 100 this season (13-1 record)
- Previous best career result on clay is last week's SF run at Budapest (l. Kalinina via ret. w/right elbow injury)
- Biggest title of her career came at WTA 125K Series event at Newport Beach in 2018. Owns 4-4 record in ITF Circuit singles finals (2-2 on clay)
- First American to reach Palermo singles final
- This week, is No.1 seed at a WTA tournament for the first time in her career
- Last player to win Palermo title without dropping a set was Teichmann in 2019

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

SF: d. O. DODIN (#120) 6-7 7-6 6-1 (2h 59m)  
QF: d. L. BRONZETTI (#190) 6-4 7-5 (1h 50m)  
2r: d. J. TEICHMANN (#55) w/o (left thigh injury)  
1r: d. M. MINELLA (#227) 6-3 6-1 (1h 19m)

*Total time on court: 6h 8m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making main draw debut at Palermo, having fallen in qualifying here last year (l. Juvan)
- Successfully negotiated qualifying this time, before beating Mandy Minella, Lucia Bronzetti and Oceane Dodin in the main draw to reach the second WTA final of her career
- In previous tournament, came through qualifying to win maiden WTA title at Hamburg; has now won 12 consecutive matches (longest unbeaten streak of her career was 14, on ITF Circuit in Turkey in 2016)
- Prior to this month, owned just four Tour-level match wins, the last of which had come at 2019 Nottingham
- Faces No.44 Danielle Collins in today's final; beat Collins, then ranked No.48, en route to recent Hamburg title
- Only other Top-50 win of her career also came during 2021 Hamburg title run (No.38 Yastremska)
- Owns 4-9 career record against seeded players in Tour-level events
- Previous WTA final ended in a 7-6(6) 6-4 win over Petkovic at 2021 Hamburg
- One of three Romanians in the draw (also Dulgheru and Cristian)
- Best previous result by a Romanian woman at Palermo were Sirlea's title runs in 1994-95
- Is currently ranked No.137; projected to move into Top 110 for the first time by reaching the final
- Lowest-ranked player to reach Palermo final was 1999 champion No.196 Myskina



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut at Palermo

- Making her main draw debut at Palermo



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## SEASON 2021 HISTORY

- Coming off QF showing at Hamburg (l. eventual champion Ruse) and SF at Budapest (l. Kalinina)
- Made 2r at Wimbledon (l. Golubic)
- On return, advanced to 3r at Roland Garros (l. S.Williams)
- Withdrew from Charleston to undergo surgery for endometriosis
- Fell 2r at Miami (l. Kudermetova)
- Advanced to SF at Phillip Island Trophy (l. eventual champion Kasatkina) and made QF at Adelaide (l. eventual champion Swiatek via ret. w/back injury)
- Produced QF showing at the Yarra Valley Classic (l. No.11 S.Williams in a third-set super tiebreak) and 2r exit at Australian Open (l. Ka.Pliskova)

- Captured maiden WTA title at Hamburg (d. Petkovic in F)
- Contested qualifying at Roland Garros at Wimbledon
- Prior to Hamburg, highlight of the season was reaching singles SF at ITF/W25 Prague (l. Dalfi) and reaching the doubles final that same week w/Knoll
- Contested qualifying at Doha

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
97	25	<b>Aces</b>	20	119
56%	244	<b>First serve %</b>	55%	255
68%	34	<b>First Serve points won %</b>	62%	102
47%	65	<b>Second serve points won %</b>	49%	35
59%	30	<b>Overall service points won %</b>	56%	84
64%	94	<b>Service games won %</b>	65%	79
49%	197	<b>Break points saved %</b>	54%	92
38%	97	<b>First serve return points won %</b>	39%	59
60%	26	<b>Second serve return points won %</b>	65%	5
52%	44	<b>Break points converted %</b>	40%	212
41%	45	<b>Return games won %</b>	51%	7
46%	49	<b>Return points won %</b>	51%	6

- Best win by ranking: No.1 vs Barty in ADELAIDE 500 2r
- Longest match: 2h 34m vs Lepchenko in MELBOURNE 250 2r
- Shortest match: 1h 3m vs Golubic in WIMBLEDON 2r
- 1h 3m vs Kalinina in ROLAND-GARROS 2r
- Most aces in a match: 9 vs Pliskova in MELBOURNE 500 YARRA VALLEY 3r

- Best win by ranking: No.38 vs Yastremska in HAMBURG SF
- Longest match: 2h 59m vs Dodin in PALERMO SF
- Shortest match: 1h 9m vs Zaja in HAMBURG 2r
- Most aces in a match: 7 vs Dodin in PALERMO SF



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## TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (1)  
 2018 - NEWPORT BEACH

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (1)  
 2021 - HAMBURG

### DOUBLES FINALS

Runner-Up (1)  
 2019 - BUCHAREST (w/Cristian)

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
2r	3r	2r		<b>2021</b>				
2r	QF		1r	<b>2020</b>				
SF	2r	3r	2r	<b>2019</b>			1r	
	1r	1r	1r	<b>2018</b>			1r	
				<b>2017</b>				
			1r	<b>2016</b>				
				<b>2015</b>				
			1r	<b>2014</b>				



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- Made QF at 2020 Roland Garros for first time upsetting No.15 Muguruza and No.35 Jabeur en route (l. eventual R-Up Kenin)
- Began 2020 with SF at Adelaide (l. eventual champion Barty) and QF at Brisbane (l. Keys) – scored third and fourth career Top 10 wins over No.5 Svitolina (Brisbane) and No.7 Bencic (Adelaide)
- Produced Grand Slam breakthrough at 2019 Australian Open, advancing to SF (l. Kvitova); had never won a major match in five previous Grand Slam appearances
- Scored first Top 5 win of her career against No.2 Kerber in R16 at 2019 Australian Open
- Rose to career-high No.23 following Melbourne run (January 28, 2019)
- Posted five Top 20 wins in 2019, over No.13 Goerges, No.19 Garcia and No.2 Kerber (all at Australian Open), No.12 Wozniacki (Rome) and No.12 Sevastova (Wimbledon)
- Season highlight in 2018 was at Miami where she became first qualifier to reach SF (l. Ostapenko), scoring first Top 10 win over No.8 V.Williams en route. Earned USD\$327,965 by reaching the last four in Miami, more than doubling her career earnings at the time
- Posted first tour-level wins during R16 run at 2018 Indian Wells (l. Suárez Navarro), including first Top 50 win over No.15 Keys in 2r
- Won first title at WTA125K event in Newport Beach in 2018 (d. Zhuk in F)
- Fell 1r at WTA main draw debut at 2014 US Open (l. Halep)
- Owns four singles titles on ITF Circuit
- Part of US Billie Jean King Cup team in 2019
- Played collegiate tennis at the University of Virginia (transferred from the University of Florida after her freshman year) winning the NCAA singles title twice in 2014 and 2016
- Ended 2020 with her deepest ITF Circuit run of the season, at \$100k Dubai-UAE. Also reached two QFs at this level and fell in final round of qualifying at both Australian Open and Roland Garros
- Advanced to maiden WTA QF at 2019 Nottingham (as qualifier, l. Garcia)
- Fell 1r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2018 Wimbledon (as qualifier, l. A.Radwanska in 3s)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2016 Bucharest and scored first Tour-level win of career at 2017 Bucharest (d. Shinikova, l. Suarez Navarro)
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2015 Bucharest
- Owner of six singles and 10 doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Played first professional events of career in Romania on ITF circuit in 2012

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Currently without a full time coach, formerly with Jay Gooding and Chip Brooks
- Played collegiate tennis at the University of Virginia (transferred from the University of Florida after her freshman year) winning the NCAA singles title twice in 2014 and 2016
- Parents are Walter and Cathy; older brother is Joel
- Coached by Miron Marcel
- Favourite surface is hard courts
- Hobbies include playing other sports and listening to music.