



MATCH NOTES

US OPEN
NEW YORK, NY, USA
AUGUST 30 - SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 | \$57,500,000



FINAL

**EMMA
RADUCANU**

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HEAD-TO-HEAD RECORD

**LEYLAH
FERNANDEZ**

Raducanu is the first qualifier to reach a Slam final... **Fernandez** has gone the distance in her past four matches, while **Raducanu** has dropped just 27 games all fortnight... **Fernandez** is the third Canadian woman to appear in a major final... **Raducanu** is only the second woman to reach a final after fewer than three Slam appearances... **Fernandez** has upset two ex-champions and three Top-5 players en route... Winner will be the youngest major champion since Sharapova at 2004 Wimbledon

A LOOK AT THE FINALISTS

PLAYER	USO W/L	YTD W/L	CAREER W/L	YTD PRIZE \$	CAREER PRIZE \$	YTD TITLES	TITLES
Leylah Fernandez (CAN)	7-1	19-12	30-22	373,755	786,772	0	1
[Q] Emma Raducanu (GBR)	6-0	9-3	9-3	268,191	303,376	0	0

BY THE NUMBERS

PLAYER	Aces	DF	Service Pts Won	Service Games Won	Return Points Won	Return Games won	Winners	Unforced Errors
Leylah Fernandez	21	21	349/548 (64%)	72/89 (81%)	216/546 (40%)	22/86 (26%)	182	174
[Q] Emma Raducanu	19	12	211/311 (68%)	47/52 (90%)	182/352 (52%)	25/47 (53%)	131	88

ROUNDS REACHED AT THE MAJORS

PLAYER	R128	R64	R32	R16	QF	SF	FINAL*	WON	TOTAL*
Leylah Fernandez (CAN)	3	2	1	-	-	-	1	-	7
[Q] Emma Raducanu (GBR)	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	2

* Including 2021 US Open



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US OPEN FINALS SINCE 2000

YEAR	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	SCORE
2020	[4] Naomi Osaka (JPN #9)	Victoria Azarenka (BLR #27)	1-6 6-3 6-3
2019	[15] Bianca Andreescu (CAN #15)	[8] Serena Williams (USA #8)	6-3 7-5
2018	[20] Naomi Osaka (JPN #19)	[17] Serena Williams (USA #26)	6-2 6-4
2017	Sloane Stephens (USA #83)	[15] Madison Keys (USA #16)	6-3 6-0
2016	[2] Angelique Kerber (GER #2)	[10] Karolina Pliskova (CZE #11)	6-3 4-6 6-4
2015	[26] Flavia Pennetta (ITA #26)	Roberta Vinci (ITA #43)	7-6(4) 6-2
2014	[1] Serena Williams (USA #1)	[10] Caroline Wozniacki (DEN #11)	6-3 6-3
2013	[1] Serena Williams (USA #1)	[2] Victoria Azarenka (BLR #2)	7-5 6-7(6) 6-1
2012	[4] Serena Williams (USA #4)	[1] Victoria Azarenka (BLR #1)	6-2 2-6 7-5
2011	[9] Samantha Stosur (AUS #10)	[28] Serena Williams (USA #27)	6-2 6-3
2010	[2] Kim Clijsters (BEL #3)	[7] Vera Zvonareva (RUS #8)	6-2 6-1
2009	[WC] Kim Clijsters (BEL NR)	[9] Caroline Wozniacki (DEN #8)	7-5 6-3
2008	[4] Serena Williams (USA #3)	[2] Jelena Jankovic (SRB #2)	6-4 7-5
2007	[1] Justine Henin (BEL #1)	[4] Svetlana Kuznetsova (RUS #4)	6-1 6-3
2006	[3] Maria Sharapova (RUS #4)	[2] Justine Henin (BEL #2)	6-4 6-4
2005	[4] Kim Clijsters (BEL #4)	[12] Mary Pierce (FRA #12)	6-3 6-1
2004	[9] Svetlana Kuznetsova (RUS #9)	[6] Elena Dementieva (RUS #6)	6-3 7-5
2003	[2] Justine Henin (BEL #3)	[1] Kim Clijsters (BEL #1)	7-5 6-1
2002	[1] Serena Williams (USA #1)	[2] Venus Williams (USA #2)	6-4 6-3
2001	[4] Venus Williams (USA #4)	[10] Serena Williams (USA #10)	6-2 6-4
2000	[3] Venus Williams (USA #3)	[2] Lindsay Davenport (USA #2)	6-4 7-5

A SNAPSHOT OF 2021

- Top 10 Debuts (2): Iga Swiatek (at No.9 on May 17), Barbora Krejckova (at No.10 on August 9)
- Fewest games dropped en route to a title: Paula Badosa (20, Belgrade)
- Lowest-ranked player to triumph: María Camila Osorio Serrano (No.180, Bogotá)
- Youngest title winner: Coco Gauff, Parma (17)
- Oldest title winner: Andrea Petkovic, Cluj-Napoca (33)
- Aces leaders: Karolina Pliskova - 353, Ashleigh Barty - 325, Sabalenka - 325, Ons Jabeur - 255
- Most aces in a match (24): Karolina Pliskova (d. Anisimova 7-5 6-7(5) 7-6(7) – US Open, 2r)
- Singles titles (5): Ashleigh Barty (Yarra Valley Classic, Miami, Stuttgart, Wimbledon, Cincinnati)
- Doubles titles (5): Aoyama/Shibahara (Abu Dhabi, Yarra Valley, Miami, Eastbourne, Cleveland)
- Most Top 10 wins (7): Ashleigh Barty (No.8 Sabalenka, No.5 Svitolina and No.9 Andreescu at Miami, No.9 Ka.Pliskova, No.5 Svitolina and No.7 Sabalenka at Stuttgart, No.10 Krejckova at Cincinnati)
- Longest Match: 3h 55m – Kristina Kucova d. Ekaterine Gorgodze 6-7(4), 7-6(7), 7-6(3) (Gdynia QF)



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PATRIOT GAMES

Emma Raducanu is only the second British woman to reach the final in New York in the Open Era. The other was Virginia Wade, who won the first of her three majors at the 1968 US Open.

Only two more Brits have reached a Grand Slam final in the Open Era: Ann Jones and Sue Barker.

BRITISH GRAND SLAM FINAL APPEARANCES

Player	Tournament	Opponent	Result
Virginia Wade	1977 Wimbledon	Betty Stove	d. 4-6 6-3 6-1
Sue Barker	1976 Roland Garros	Renata Tomanova	d. 6-2 0-6 6-2
Virginia Wade	1972 Australian Open	Evonne Goolagong	d. 6-4 6-4
Ann Jones	1969 Wimbledon	Billie Jean King	d. 3-6 6-3 6-2
Ann Jones	1969 Roland Garros	Margaret Court	L. 1-6 6-4 3-6
Virginia Wade	1968 US Open	Billie Jean King	d. 6-4 6-4
Ann Jones	1968 Roland Garros	Nancy Richey	L. 7-5 4-6 1-6

Leylah Fernandez is the third Canadian woman in the Open Era to advance to a Slam final, following on from 2014 Wimbledon runner-up Eugenie Bouchard and 2019 US Open champion Bianca Andreescu.

THE HISTORY GIRLS

Fernandez and **Raducanu** are the 20th and 21st unseeded Grand Slam finalists of the Open Era and the sixth and seventh in New York.

However, this year's US Open is the first time two unseeded players have faced one another in a major final.

PREVIOUS UNSEEDDED US OPEN FINALISTS

Player	Year	Opponent	Result
Victoria Azarenka	2020	Naomi Osaka	R-Up
Sloane Stephens	2017	Madison Keys	Champion
Roberta Vinci	2015	Flavia Pennetta	R-Up
Kim Clijsters	2009	Caroline Wozniacki	Champion
Venus Williams	1997	Martina Hingis	R-Up

LOWEST-RANKED US OPEN FINALISTS

Player	Rank	Year	Result
Kim Clijsters	NR	2009	Champion
Emma Raducanu	No.150	2021	???
Sloane Stephens	No.83	2017	Champion
Leylah Fernandez	No.73	2021	???
Venus Williams	No.66	1997	R-Up

TEENAGE FANCLUB

Fernandez, 19, and **Raducanu**, 18, are set for the ninth Grand Slam final between two teenagers in the Open Era. Three of the previous eight took place at the US Open:

Tournament	Winner	Runner-Up	Score
1999 US Open	S.Williams (17)	Hingis (18)	6-3 7-6(4)
1999 Australian Open	Hingis (18)	Mauresmo (19)	6-2 6-3
1997 US Open	Hingis (16)	V.Williams (17)	6-0 6-4
1997 Roland Garros	Majoli (19)	Hingis (16)	6-4 6-2
1991 Roland Garros	Seles (17)	Sánchez-Vicario (19)	6-3 6-4
1989 Roland Garros	Sánchez-Vicario (17)	Graf (19)	7-6(6) 3-6 7-5
1988 US Open	Graf (19)	Sabatini (18)	6-3 3-6 6-1
1988 Roland Garros	Graf (18)	Zvereva (17)	6-0 6-0

ALL CHANGE

Almost exactly one month ago, **Fernandez** was bundled out in the first round of her home tournament in Montreal by British qualifier Harriet Dart.

The young Canadian arrived in New York without back-to-back main draw wins since lifting her maiden WTA title at Monterrey back in March, but the year's final major has ushered in a return to form as dramatic as it is sudden.

Over the past four rounds she has toppled three of the world's Top-5 players, Naomi Osaka, Elina Svitolina and Aryna Sabalenka. Her other victim was no slouch either, the in-form former champion Angelique Kerber. This sequence of results has seen Fernandez become the youngest player to beat multiple Top-5 opponents at the same Slam since 17-year-old Serena Williams' title run here in 1999.



SMOOTH SAILING

Raducanu's US Open adventure began with a 6-1 6-2 win over Bibiane Schoofs in the first round of qualifying.

Seventeen days and eight matches later she is still yet to drop a set. The last player to triumph at Flushing Meadows without conceding one was Serena Williams, who surrendered only 32 games during her title run in 2014.



LONG TIME NO SEE

Fernandez and **Raducanu** play for the first time in the professional ranks today, although their paths have crossed before. At Wimbledon in 2018 the two met in the second round of the girls' singles, with a 15-year-old Raducanu upsetting the No.11-seeded Canadian, 6-2 6-4, en route to the quarterfinals.

FAST MOVER

Raducanu is only the second woman to reach a final after fewer than three Grand Slam main draw appearances:

Player	GS Apps	Tournament	Result
Pam Shriver	2	1978 US Open	R-Up
Emma Raducanu	2	2021 US Open	???
Chris Evert	3	1973 Roland Garros	R-Up
Venus Williams	3	1997 US Open	R-Up
Monica Seles	4	1990 Roland Garros	Champion
Bianca Andreescu	4	2019 US Open	Champion
Natasha Zvereva	4	1988 Roland Garros	R-Up

QUALIFIED SUCCESS

Raducanu is the first qualifier to in the Open Era to reach a Grand Slam final.

UPWARDLY MOBILE

Both finalists are projected to break into the Top 50 in Monday's new rankings. **Fernandez** will be No.27 with a runner-up finish and No.19 should she lift the trophy. **Raducanu**, meanwhile, is set to move to at least No.32, climbing to No.23 by winning the title.

Fernandez's run in New York has also thrust her into contention to qualify for the season-ending WTA Finals. The new leaderboard will be as follows:

IF FERNANDEZ WINS...

Position	Player	Points
1	Ashleigh Barty	6411
2	Aryna Sabalenka	4669
3	Barbora Krejčíková	4398
4	Karolina Plisková	3972
5	Iga Świątek	2921
6	Maria Sakkari	2842
7	Naomi Osaka	2771
8	Garbiñe Muguruza	2671

9	Leylah Fernandez	2611
10	Ons Jabeur	2380

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10	Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova	2329



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FIRST MEETING



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UNITED KINGDOM

**LEYLAH
FERNANDEZ** 73
CANADA

2002-11-13	Date of Birth	2002-09-06
London, Great Britain	Residence	Boynton Beach, Florida, USA
Right handed (two handed backhand)	Plays	Left-Handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 7" (1.75 m)	Height	5' 6" (1.68 m)
150	Career-High Ranking	66
\$303,376	Career Prize Money	\$786,772
\$268,191	Season Prize Money	\$373,755
0 / 0	Singles Titles YTD / Career	1 / 1
9-1 (Finalist: 2021 US OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	10-6 (Finalist: 2021 US OPEN)
6-0 / 6-0 (Finalist: 2021)	YTD / Career US OPEN W-L (best)	6-0 / 7-1 (Finalist: 2021)
9-3 / 9-3	YTD / Career W-L	19-12 / 30-22
0-0 / 0-0	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L	6-3 / 9-6
1-0 / 1-0	YTD / Career TB W-L	5-2 / 5-4
1-0 / 1-0	YTD / Career L Hand W-L	1-0 / 1-1
Finalist: US OPEN	YTD Best Result	Champion: MONTERREY



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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
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First career meeting

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
333	343	2020	88	88
459	503	2019	209	209
692	692	2018	451	487
-	-	2017	727	728



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. S. VOEGELE (#128) 6-2 6-3 (1h 18m)
2r: d. S. ZHANG (#49) 6-2 6-4 (1h 22m)
3r: d. S. SORRIBES TORMO (#41) 6-0 6-1 (1h 10m)
4r: d. S. ROGERS (#43) 6-2 6-1 (1h 6m)
QF: d. B. BENCIC (#12) 6-3 6-4 (1h 22m)
SF: d. M. SAKKARI (#18) 6-1 6-4 (1h 24m)

Total time on court: 7h 42m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making debut at US Open after coming through qualifying last week (d. Schoofs, Bolkvadze and Sherif in straight sets)
- Reached QF of girls' singles here in 2018 (l. Burel)
- Appearing in second Grand Slam main draw; only other woman to reach major final after fewer than three appearances was Pam Shriver (1978 US Open R-Up)
- Defeated LL Voegele in 1r, Zhang in 2r, Sorribes Tormo in 3r, Rogers in R16, Bencic in QF and Sakkari in SF; has now won 20 of past 24 matches (at all levels)
- Has conceded only 27 games in the main draw and is yet to drop a set. The last woman to reach final here without dropping a set was Kerber in 2016, while the most recent instance of a player not conceding a set during a title run was S.Williams in 2014 (32 games conceded)
- Faces No.73 Leylah Fernandez today in the first Open Era major final between unseeded players
- It is also the ninth major final between two teenagers and first since 1999 US Open (S.Williams, 17, d. Hingis, 18)
- Is the first qualifier to reach a Grand Slam final
- Second woman outside Top 100 to reach a US Open final (also unranked Clijsters in 2009)
- Is the youngest woman to reach the final at the US Open since 1999 (S.Williams - 17) and a Slam since 2004 Wimbledon (Sharapova - 17)
- Is the youngest of four British women to reach an Open Era Grand Slam final, following in the footsteps of Wade (1968 US Open - WON; 1972 Australian Open - WON; 1977 Wimbledon - WON), Jones (1969 Wimbledon - WON; 1968 Roland Garros - R-Up; 1969 Roland Garros - R-Up) and Barker (1976 Roland Garros - WON)
- Projected to rise to No.32 by reaching the final and No.23 by winning the title; will become the new British No.1 on Monday, ending Konta's 310-week reign

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. A. KONJUJH (#88) 7-6 6-2 (1h 45m)
2r: d. K. KANEPI (#70) 7-5 7-5 (1h 56m)
3r: d. N. OSAKA (#3) 5-7 7-6 6-4 (2h 4m)
4r: d. A. KERBER (#17) 4-6 7-6 6-2 (2h 15m)
QF: d. E. SVITOLINA (#5) 6-3 3-6 7-6 (2h 24m)
SF: d. A. SABALENKA (#2) 7-6 4-6 6-4 (2h 21m)

Total time on court: 12h 45m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making second appearance at US Open, where she has reached her maiden Slam final
- Defeated Konjuh in 1r and Kanepi in 2r to register back-to-back main-draw wins for the first time since Monterrey title in March
- Broke to stay in the match during upset of defending champion and No.3 Osaka in 3r, then recovered from 6-4 4-2 down to beat another former champion Kerber in R16
- Battled past No.5 Svitolina in QF and No.2 Sabalenka in SF; is the youngest woman to beat multiple Top-5 opponents at the same major since S.Williams at 1999 US Open (No.1 Hingis, No.2 Davenport and No.4 Seles)
- Before US Open, sole career Top-10 win was over No.5 Bencic at 2020 Billie Jean King Cup
- Faces Raducanu in today's final; is the fourth-lowest-ranked US Open finalist in history, after unranked Clijsters (2009), No.150 Raducanu (2021) and No.3 Stephens (2017)
- Celebrated 19th birthday on Monday. By beating Sabalenka became the 14th different woman to reach US Open final as a teenager in the Open Era (a few hours later Raducanu joined her on the list as the 15th)
- Across all levels, owns 1-6 record against British opponents, most recently losing to Dart on home soil last month at Montreal
- Owns 1-1 record in WTA finals: 2021 Monterrey (d. Golubic) and 2020 Acapulco (l. Watson)
- One of three Canadians in the draw (also 2019 champion Andreescu and qualifier Marino). Andreescu also made it through to R16 - the first time two Canadians made it this far at any Slam in the Open Era
- Other Canadians to reach an Open Era Slam final are Andreescu (2019 US Open - WON) and Bouchard (2014 Wimbledon - R-Up)
- Projected to rise to No.27 by reaching the final and will make her Top-20 debut with the title, overtaking Andreescu as Candian No.1



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

2020	Result	Rank: 104	Seed: -
2r	L	S. KENIN (#4)	6-4 6-3
1r	W	V. ZVONAREVA (#178)	6-4 7-5



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SEASON 2021 HISTORY

- Finished R-Up at WTA 125K Series event in Chicago
- Fell 1r at San Jose (as WC, l. Zhang) and then made QF at \$100k ITF/Landisville-PA, USA
- At Wimbledon, became the youngest British woman in Open Era to reach R16 (l. Tomljanovic via ret. w/breathing difficulty); upset Top-50 players Vondrousova and Cirstea en route
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- Advanced to QF at \$100k ITF/Nottingham-GBR
- Fell 1r at Nottingham (l. Dart)

- Fell 1r at Montreal (l. Dart) and Cincinnati (as qualifer, l. Riske)
- Reached 2r at Olympics (l. Krejčíková)
- On grass, made 2r at Birmingham (l. eventual champion Jabeur) and fell 1r at Wimbledon (l. Ostapenko)
- Fell at first hurdle in qualifying at both Madrid and Rome, then reached 2r at Belgrade (l. Tomova) and RolandGarros (l. Keys)
- Awarded the Billie Jean King Cup Heart Award in recognition for winning three-set singles rubbers against Danilovic and Stojanovic during Canada's 4-0 play-off victory over Serbia
- Opened clay court season by making 2r at Charleston (l. Kovinic)
- At Monterrey, lifted maiden title (d. Golubic in F). Also in North American this spring made 2r at Guadalajara (l. Sharma) and contested qualifying at Miami
- Advanced to 2r at Grampians Trophy (l. Sakkari) before falling 1r at Australian Open (l. Mertens)
- Made 2r in opening tournament of the season, at Abu Dhabi (l. Zidasek)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
22	127	Aces	42	86
66%	82	First serve %	62%	164
63%	100	First Serve points won %	62%	121
43%	179	Second serve points won %	47%	67
56%	94	Overall service points won %	56%	83
63%	113	Service games won %	61%	141
55%	101	Break points saved %	47%	240
40%	53	First serve return points won %	37%	115
57%	76	Second serve return points won %	54%	151
39%	251	Break points converted %	51%	50
40%	54	Return games won %	36%	107
47%	36	Return points won %	44%	114

Best win by ranking: No.12 vs Bencic in US OPEN QF
Longest match: 2h 46m vs Liu in CHICAGO 125 SF
Most aces in a match: 6 vs Bencic in US OPEN QF
4 vs Sakkari in US OPEN SF

Best win by ranking: No.2 vs Sabalenka in US OPEN SF
Longest match: 2h 24m vs Svitolina in US OPEN QF
Most aces in a match: 6 vs Wang in BIRMINGHAM 1r
6 vs Kalinskaya in GUADALAJARA 1r



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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (1)
 2021 - MONTERREY

Runner-Up (1)
 2020 - ACAPULCO

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
		4r		2021	1r	2r	1r	
				2020	1r	3r		2r



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CAREER MILESTONES

- Ended 2020 by finishing R-Up at \$25k ITF/Sunderland-GBR
- Won title at \$25k ITF/Pune-IND in 2019
- Lifted first two ITF Circuit titles in 2018, at \$15k ITF/Antalya-TUR and \$15k ITF/Tiberias-GRE
- Owns three singles titles on ITF Circuit
- In Juniors she reached back-to-back quarter finals of Wimbledon and US Open in 2018
- Finished 2020 by reaching 3r at Roland Garros for best career Slam performance
- Cracked Top 100 for the first time on September 14, 2020 reaching career-high year-end ranking of No.88 – jumped a total of 121 spots from 2019 year-end position of No.209
- Fell 1r on Grand Slam debut at 2020 Australian Open (as qualifier, L. Davis) and earned first win at this level during 2r showing at 2020 US Open (d. Zvonareva, L. Kenin)
- Reached first career WTA final and notched first tour-level back-to-back wins at 2020 Acapulco as qualifier (L. Watson in F); at 17y, 177d, she was the youngest Canadian to reach a WTA singles final in 34 years (since Helen Kelesi at 1986 Tokyo [Japan Open] won at 16y, 338d)
- Also in 2020, earned first Top-100 win of career over No.5 Bencic in Billie Jean King Cup
- Owns one singles title and two doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Won 2019 Roland Garros girls' singles (d. Navarro) becoming first Canadian to win a junior Slam since Bouchard in 2012
- Reached 2r on WTA main draw debut at 2018 Quebec City (d. Dabrowski, L. Watson)
- Member of Canadian Billie Jean King Cup Team 2019-20
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in USA in 2016

OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Andrew Richardson
- A member of the LTA's Pro Scholarship Programme which provides support (physio, well-being, medical, financial, National Tennis Centre access) to the best 16-24 year old players in Britain
- Only child, parents are Ian (Romanian) and Renee (Chinese). Born in Toronto and moved to Bromley, south of London, at the age of two
- In the summer of 2021, completed her A-level exams in maths and English
- Has a wide variety of interests in sports such as go-karting, horseriding, tap dancing, golf, skiing and basketball
- Currently coached by Romain Deridder and father, Jorge Fernandez
- Born in Montreal, Canada and currently lives and trains in Boynton Beach, Florida with her mother, Irene, father, Jorge, and younger sister (Bianca); older sister Jodeci lives in Vermont
- Is trilingual, speaking Spanish, French and English
- Sponsors are ASICS, Babolat, Telcel/Claro, Microsure and USANA
- Hobbies include: taking dancing lessons, currently learning Salsa; solving puzzles and Rubiks Cubes during match rain delays
- Loves dessert but specifically enjoys molten lava chocolate cake