



# MATCH NOTES

## AUSTRALIAN OPEN MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

JANUARY 17-30, 2022 | GRAND SLAM | A\$75,000,000



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## DAY 8 MATCH-UPS

Head-to-Head		
<b>KAIA KANEPI (EST #115)</b>	<b><u>1-0</u></b>	<b>[2] ARYNA SABALENKA (BLR #2)</b>

**Kanepi:** Upset Sabalenka at last year's Gippsland Trophy, snapping her opponent's 15-match winning streak... At 36 years, 234 days old is the oldest player left in the draw and third oldest to reach the last 16 at the Australian Open since the tournament shifted to a 128-draw format in 1987... Australian Open is the only Slam where she is yet to reach QF... Owns 2-9 record against Top-2 ranked opponents, with wins over No.1 Halep (2018 US Open) and No.1 Wozniacki (2011 Tokyo)

**Sabalenka:** Recovered from a set down in each round so far – prior to this fortnight had only won two Slam matches after dropping the first set (2-13 record)... Is the third player since 2000 to reach the fourth round at the Australian Open after losing the opening set in first three rounds (also Dellacqua, 2008; Zheng Jie, 2010)... Can move to No.1 after the Australian Open by winning the title, as long as Barty does not reach the final

Head-to-Head		
<b>[7] IGA SWIATEK (POL #9)</b>	<b><u>0-0</u></b>	<b>SORANA CIRSTEA (ROU #38)</b>

**Swiatek:** Is through to the last 16 for the sixth Slam in a row... Owns a 28-2 record against opponents ranked outside the Top 30 at majors... Has won 22 of her 25 service games across the opening three rounds... Is yet to drop a set, one of three players with an unblemished record in bottom half of the draw, along with Halep and Mertens... Fell to a Romanian in fourth round of 2021 Australian Open, losing out to Halep

**Cirstea:** Grand Slam main-draw debut came at 2008 Australian Open... This fortnight is her 52nd appearance at a major and 14th at Melbourne Park... Bidding to advance to a second major QF, having previously reached that stage at 2009 Roland Garros... Joined in last 16 by Halep, ensuring Romania has two representatives at this stage for the first time since 2015... Owns only one Top-10 win since the start of 2018

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Head-to-Head

[14] SIMONA HALEP (ROU #15)

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ALIZÉ CORNET (FRA #61)

**Halep:** Conceded only 12 games en route to the fourth round... Successfully progressed to the second week in Melbourne on each of her last four appearances... Owns 15-5 record in Grand Slam fourth-round matches and is an even more impressive 5-1 at Melbourne Park... Has won more titles (23) than any other player left in the draw... Beat Cornet en route to one of these titles, at 2013 Sofia

**Cornet:** Bidding to make Grand Slam QF debut on her 63rd main-draw appearance... Tanasugarn currently holds the record for most appearances before reaching a QF at this level, achieving the feat on her 45th at 2008 Wimbledon... Attempting to become the first Frenchwoman to reach an Australian Open QF since 2009... Recovered from 6-4 4-1 to beat Zidansek in the third round

Head-to-Head

[27] DANIELLE COLLINS (USA #30)


1-1

[19] ELISE MERTENS (BEL #26)

**Collins:** Made Grand Slam breakthrough here in 2019, advancing to the SF... Should she triumph today then the United States will have three women into the QF at Melbourne Park for second year in a row... Looking to score 30th win since the end of 2021 grass court season... Owns a 6-1 win-loss record against Belgian opponents, a record which includes a straight-sets triumph over Mertens at Chicago last year


**Mertens:** Has dropped only 18 games en route to round of 16... Has progressed to this stage at Melbourne Park for the fourth time in five visits... With 16 wins at the tournament and a SF in 2018, the Australian Open is the Belgian's happiest hunting ground at the majors... Has advanced to QF in doubles with Kudermetova and has an outside chance of reclaiming the No.1 ranking from Siniakova

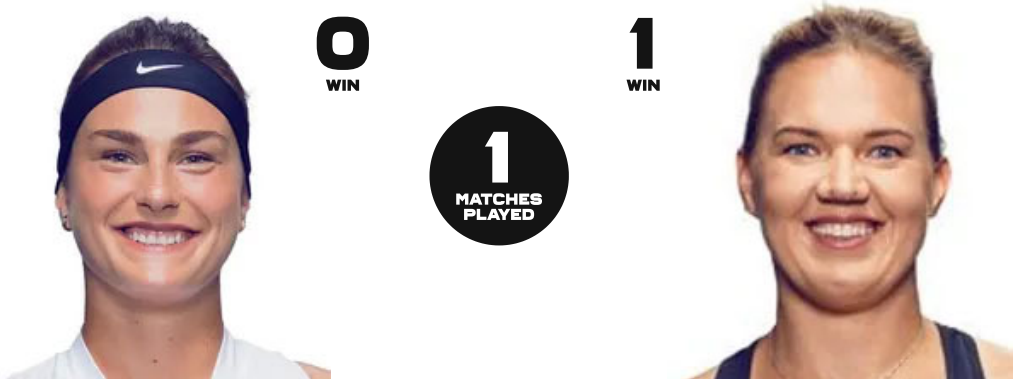
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**ARYNA SABALENKA (2)**  
BELARUS

**KAIA KANEPI** 115

ESTONIA

1998-05-05	Date of Birth	1985-06-10
Belarus	Residence	Tallinn, Estonia
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 11" (1.82 m)	Height	5' 11" (1.81 m)
2	Career-High Ranking	15
\$9,726,265	Career Prize Money	\$6,968,337
\$12,675	Season Prize Money	\$3,675
0 / 10	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 4
29-16 (Semi-Finalist: 2021 US OPEN, WIMBLEDON)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	65-52 (Quarter-Finalist: 2017 US OPEN; 2013 WIMBLEDON; 2012 FRENCH OPEN; 2010 US OPEN, WIMBLEDON; 2008 FRENCH OPEN)
3-0 / 8-4 (Round of 16: 2022, 2021)	YTD / Career AUSTRALIAN OPEN W-L (best)	3-0 / 13-12 (Round of 16: 2022)
3-2 / 164-76	YTD / Career W-L	4-1 / 236-205
3-1 / 55-38	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L	2-1 / 75-75
0-1 / 33-29	YTD / Career TB W-L	1-1 / 56-48
0-0 / 7-8	YTD / Career TOP 5 W-L	0-0 / 5-20
Round of 16: ADELAIDE 500, AUSTRALIAN OPEN	YTD Best Result	Round of 16: MELBOURNE 250 #1, AUSTRALIAN OPEN



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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE ROUND		WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2021	MELBOURNE 500 GIPPSLAND TROPHY	HARD	2r	Kaia Kanepi	6-1 2-6 6-1	1h 44m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
2	2	2021	60	72
10	10	2020	95	101
9	11	2019	61	101
11	11	2018	43	58
76	78	2017	105	107
154	159	2016	121	302
539	548	2015	46	126
-	-	2014	23	52
-	-	2013	19	30
-	-	2012	15	19
-	-	2011	16	34
-	-	2010	21	22
-	-	2009	18	61
-	-	2008	27	27
-	-	2007	40	75
-	-	2006	62	64
-	-	2005	119	120
-	-	2004	121	226
-	-	2003	167	167
-	-	2002	165	283
-	-	2001	199	203



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. S. SANDERS (#128) 5-7 6-3 6-2 (2h 2m)  
2r: d. X. WANG (#100) 1-6 6-4 6-2 (1h 55m)  
3r: d. M. VONDROUSOVA (#41) 4-6 6-3 6-1 (1h 49m)

*Total time on court: 5h 46m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 5th main draw appearance at the Australian Open, where her best previous result came last year, making the R16 (l. S.Williams in three sets)
- Overall this is her 17th Grand Slam main draw appearance, with her deepest run to SF at Wimbledon and US Open in 2021
- Is currently ranked No.2 and can potentially overtake Barty to become the World No.1 for the first time in her career if she advances to the final. If Barty reaches the QF, would need to win the title
- This is her fourth year being seeded at the Australian Open, and highest-ever at Melbourne Park. Has also been seeded No.2 at 2021 Wimbledon and US Open
- Wozniacki in 2018 was the last No.2 seed to win the Australian Open
- Overcame Sanders in 1r on Tuesday - rallied from a set and a break down to prevail in three sets. Was first win of season - lost her first two matches of a new season for the first time ever in her professional career (either on Tour or ITF Circuit)
- Recovered from losing the first five games of the match to defeat Wang Xinyu in 2r, then battled back from a set down once more to beat Vondrousova in 3r
- Faces No.115 Kaia Kanepi in R16 today; has won past 16 matches against players ranked outside Top 100, last tasting defeat at the hands of No.139 Rybarikova at 2019 Wimbledon
- Record in Grand Slam R16 matches is 2-2, with three of those matches going to three sets
- One of two players from Belarus to reach R16 (also Azarenka, l. Krejčíková on Sunday). Best showing by a Belarusian here were Azarenka's title runs in 2012-13
- Nine of her 10 career titles have come on hard, most recently at 2021 Abu Dhabi

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. A. KERBER (#20) 6-4 6-3 (1h 20m)  
2r: d. M. BOUZKOVA (#86) 6-2 7-6 (1h 36m)  
3r: d. M. INGLIS (#133) 2-6 6-2 6-0 (1h 31m)

*Total time on court: 4h 27m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 13th appearance at Australian Open, where she is through to R16 for the first time
- Australian Open is the only major where she has not reached QF, having made the last eight at Roland Garros (2008 and 2012), Wimbledon (2010 and 2013) and US Open (2010 and 2017)
- Reached 3r at Melbourne Park in 2009 (l. Safina), 2018 (l. Suarez Navarro) and 2021 (l. Vekic)
- Last year's upset of Kenin in 2r was the earliest exit by an Australian Open reigning champion since Capriati's 1r loss in 2003
- Caused another shock this year, beating No.20 Kerber in 1r to score 12th Top-20 win of her career at a Slam
- Now has 14 wins over seeds in the opening two rounds at majors (among active players, only Cirstea has more with 16)
- Followed this up with victory over Bouzkova to score back-to-back Tour-level wins for the first time since 2021 Australian Open
- Won 10 of the last 11 games to end the run of WC Inglis in 3r - one of two matches at that stage between unseeded players (also Keys d. Q.Wang)
- Faces No.2 Sabalenka in R16 today; upset the Belarusian during run to the final at 2021 Gippsland Trophy - result ended her opponent's 15-match winning run
- Owns 13 wins in career over Top-10 players, with eight of these coming at the majors. In terms of ranking, best career wins were over No.1s Wozniacki (2011 Tokyo) and Halep (2018 US Open)
- At 36, is the oldest of five thirtysomethings to reach R16. Since 1980, the only older women to reach R16 at Australian Open are Billie Jean King (39 years old in 1982) and Serena Williams (39 in 2021; 37 in 2019)
- Best result by an Estonian woman at Australian Open was Kontaveit's QF showing in 2020
- Is currently ranked No.115 and bidding to be the lowest-ranked woman to reach QF since No.133 Zhang Shuai in 2016



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2021	Result	Rank: 7	Seed: 7
4r	L	S. WILLIAMS (#11) 6-4 2-6 6-4	
3r	W	A. LI (#69) 6-3 6-1	
2r	W	D. KASATKINA (#75) 7-6(5) 6-3	
1r	W	V. KUZMOVA (#100) 6-0 6-4	
2020	Result	Rank: 12	Seed: 11
1r	L	C. SUÁREZ NAVARRO (#54) 7-6(6) 7-6(6)	
2019	Result	Rank: 11	Seed: 11
3r	L	A. ANISIMOVA (#87) 6-3 6-2	
2r	W	K. BOULTER (#97) 6-3 6-4	
1r	W	A. KALINSKAYA (#146) 6-1 6-4	
2018	Result	Rank: 66	Seed: -
1r	L	A. BARTY (#17) 6-7(2) 6-4 6-4	

2021	Result	Rank: 65	Seed: -
3r	L	D. VEKIC (#33) 5-7 7-6(2) 6-4	
2r	W	S. KENIN (#4) 6-3 6-2	
1r	W	A. SEVASTOVA (#53) 6-3 6-1	
2020	Result	Rank: 101	Seed: -
1r	L	B. KREJCIKOVA (#128) 7-6(3) 2-6 6-3	
2019	Result	Rank: 71	Seed: -
1r	L	S. HALEP (#1) 6-7(2) 6-4 6-2	
2018	Result	Rank: 79	Seed: -
3r	L	C. SUÁREZ NAVARRO (#39) 3-6 6-1 6-3	
2r	W	M. PUIG (#58) 6-4 6-3	
1r	W	D. CIBULKOVA (#26) 6-2 6-2	
2015	Result	Rank: 48	Seed: -
1r	L	I. FALCONI (#111) 2-6 6-4 7-5	
2014	Result	Rank: 23	Seed: 24
1r	L	G. MUGURUZA (#38) 6-2 2-6 6-2	
2012	Result	Rank: 27	Seed: 25
2r	L	E. MAKAROVA (#56) 6-2 7-5	
1r	W	J. LARSSON (#60) 6-2 6-4	
2011	Result	Rank: 21	Seed: 20
2r	L	J. GOERGES (#38) 6-4 3-6 6-4	
1r	W	M. RYBARIKOVA (#106) 2-6 6-4 6-3	
2010	Result	Rank: 60	Seed: -
2r	L	N. PETROVA (#19) 6-4 6-4	
1r	W	L. CHAN (#85) 7-6(4) 6-2	
2009	Result	Rank: 28	Seed: 25
3r	L	D. SAFINA (#3) 6-2 6-2	
2r	W	P. MAYR-ACHLEITNER (#111) 6-3 6-1	
1r	W	K. DATE (#184) 6-4 4-6 8-6	
2008	Result	Rank: 60	Seed: -
1r	L	A. MOLIK (#62) 7-6(4) 7-5	



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SEASON 2022 HISTORY

- Opened the season with opening match defeats at first the WTA 500 event in Adelaide (after 1r bye, L. Juvan) and then last week's WTA 250 in the same city (L. Peterson)
- Fell 2r at Melbourne Summer Set 1 (L. Konjuh)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
13	29	Aces	15	23
51.8%	106	First serve %	51.6%	108
61.2%	78	First Serve points won %	66.0%	47
27.8%	110	Second serve points won %	54.5%	12
45.1%	107	Overall service points won %	60.4%	32
42.3%	107	Service games won %	72.4%	39
28.6%	106	Break points saved %	50.0%	60
34.4%	54	First serve return points won %	31.1%	66
50.8%	65	Second serve return points won %	51.9%	61
69.2%	10	Break points converted %	32.0%	91
37.5%	27	Return games won %	27.6%	63
40.6%	59	Return points won %	41.4%	55

Best win by ranking: No.41 vs Vondrousova in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 3r

Longest match: 2h 18m vs Peterson in ADELAIDE 250 1r

Shortest match: 1h 29m vs Juvan in ADELAIDE 500 2r

Match points saved:

Most aces in a match: 8 vs Peterson in ADELAIDE 250 1r

Best win by ranking: No.20 vs Kerber in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 1r

Longest match: 2h 45m vs Cristian in MELBOURNE 250 #1 1r

Shortest match: 1h 20m vs Kerber in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 1r

Match points saved:

Most aces in a match: 11 vs Cristian in MELBOURNE 250 #1 1r



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TITLES

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (10)

2021 - MADRID, ABU DHABI

2020 - LINZ, OSTRAVA, DOHA

2019 - ZHUHAI, WUHAN, SHENZHEN

2018 - WUHAN, NEW HAVEN

Runner-Up (5)

2021 - STUTTGART

2019 - SAN JOSE

2018 - EASTBOURNE, LUGANO

2017 - TIANJIN

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (6)

2021 - BERLIN (w/Azarenka), AUSTRALIAN OPEN (w/Mertens)

2020 - OSTRAVA (w/Mertens)

2019 - US OPEN (w/Mertens), MIAMI (w/Mertens), INDIAN WELLS (w/Mertens)

Runner-Up (2)

2019 - WUHAN (w/Mertens)

2018 - LUGANO (w/Lapko)

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (4)

2013 - BRUSSELS

2012 - ESTORIL, BRISBANE

2010 - PALERMO

Runner-Up (5)

2021 - MELBOURNE 500 GIPPSLAND TROPHY

2012 - SEOUL

2011 - MOSCOW

2008 - TOKYO - JAPAN OPEN

2006 - HASSELT

DOUBLES FINALS

Runner-Up (1)

2012 - COPENHAGEN (w/Arvidsson)





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GRAND SLAMS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
4r	3r	SF	SF	2021	3r	1r	1r	2r
1r	3r		2r	2020	1r	2r		2r
3r	2r	1r	2r	2019	1r	4r	2r	2r
1r	1r	1r	4r	2018	3r	1r	1r	4r
		2r		2017				QF
				2016				
				2015	1r	1r	1r	2r
				2014	1r	1r	2r	4r
				2013		2r	QF	3r
				2012	2r	QF		
				2011	2r	3r	1r	2r
				2010	2r	2r	QF	QF
				2009	3r	1r	1r	1r
				2008	1r	QF	1r	2r
				2007	2r	1r	2r	1r
				2006		2r	1r	3r



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- Lifted two titles during 2021 campaign, at Abu Dhabi and Madrid, while was R-Up at Stuttgart. Also reached a further three SFs, including at Wimbledon and US Open
- Won final nine matches of 2020 to end the year with back-to-back titles - at Ostrava (d. Azarenka in F) and Linz (d. Mertens in F) - and ranked at No.10
- Having also taken home the silverware at Doha (d. Kvitova in F), was one of two players (also Halep) to lift three singles titles during disrupted 2020 season
- At Ostrava completed the sweep of titles by teaming up with Mertens to win the doubles
- Ended as World No.11 for the second straight year in 2019 after capturing three WTA singles titles at Shenzhen (d. Riske in F), Wuhan (d. Riske in F) and Zhuhai (d. Bertens in F)
- Having also won Wuhan in 2018 (d. Kontaveit in F), became first player to successfully defend Wuhan title
- Made Top 10 debut on January 28, 2019 following 3r run at 2019 Australian Open
- Ended 2019 at No.2 in WTA doubles rankings after capturing first Grand Slam doubles trophy at US Open (w/Mertens, d. Azarenka/Barty in F). Earlier in the season, the pair claimed the 'Sunshine Double' by winning back-to-back titles at Indian Wells (d. Krejčíková/Siniakova in F) and Miami (d. Stosur/ Zhang in F)
- Qualified for WTA Finals Shenzhen in doubles (w/Mertens), going 1-2 in the round robin stage
- Enjoyed breakthrough season in 2018, lifting two titles, at New Haven (d. Suárez Navarro in F) and Wuhan (d. Kontaveit in F), winning 46 matches and finishing at No.11 in the rankings
- Also in 2018, was R-Up at Lugano (l. Mertens) and Eastbourne (l. Wozniacki), made SF at Cincinnati, reached five QFs and produced a career-best Grand Slam run to R16 at US Open
- Entered Top 50 on April 16, 2018, after Lugano run, and Top 20 on August 27 of the same year, following New Haven title
- Broke into Top 100 at No.76 on October 16, 2017 after reaching first tour-level final at Tianjin (l. Sharapova). Also in 2017 made SF run at Tashkent (l. Babos) and lifting WTA 125k Series title at Mumbai (d. Jakupovic)
- Made Grand Slam main draw debut 2017 Wimbledon, falling in 2r (as qualifier, d. Khromacheva, l. Witthoef)
- Fell 1r on main draw debut at 2017 Dubai (as qualifier, l. Ka.Bondarenko)
- Opened last season by reaching first final in nearly eight years, at Gippsland Trophy (l. Mertens)
- Ended 2020 in fine form on ITF Circuit, winning 15 of 16 matches and lifting the 11th 12th and 13th titles of her career at this level
- Best results at Tour-level in 2020 were 2r showings at US Open (l. Jabeur) and Roland Garros (l. Mertens)
- Best results of 2019 were R16 runs at Roland Garros (l. Martić) and Charleston (l. Collins)
- Highlights of 2018 were R16 run at US Open (d. No.1 Halep, l. S.Williams) and equaling best career result at Australian Open by reaching 3r (l. Suárez Navarro). Also lifted 14th ITF Circuit title at \$60k ITF/Brescia-ITA
- Melbourne run took total career prize money past USD \$5million
- Battled through yet another injury-plagued season, finishing 2017 at No.107. Season highlight was advancing to QF stage of 2017 US Open (l. eventual R-Up Keys) - first qualifier to reach this stage at US Open since Barbara Gerken did so in 1981
- Holds many firsts for Estonia - first Estonian to reach a WTA final (2006 Hasselt), a Grand Slam QF (2008 French Open), to crack Top 20 (February 2009), to win a WTA title (2010 Palermo) and to beat a reigning No.1 (Wozniacki at 2011 Tokyo [PPO])
- Owns 11 career wins over Top 10 opponents, most recently over No.1 Halep at 2018 US Open
- Endured a career-low year-end 2016 ranking of No.302 due to being hampered by the Epstein-Barr virus and plantar fasciitis in both feet
- Advanced to QF stage four times in 2014 (Brisbane, Acapulco, Bastad and Seoul) and posted R16 finish at 2014 US Open (l. S.Williams)
- Battled injuries in 2013 missing first three months due to right Achilles injury and sidelined after Wimbledon until US Open due to a low back injury
- Broke into Top 20 at No.16 on June 11, 2012, following QF run at Roland Garros (d. No.9 Wozniacki, l. eventual champion Sharapova); later that year, rose to career-high No.15 (August 20, 2012)
- Made Grand Slam breakthrough with QF showing at 2008 Roland Garros (l. Kuznetsova); upset No.6 Chakvetadze in 2r to register first victory over a Top 10 player of her career
- Made Top 100 debut on December 19, 2005 and broke into Top 50 on April 2, 2007


- Member of Belarus Fed Cup team that lost to USA in 2017 final - scored first Top 20 win of career with defeat of No.13 Stephens during 2017 Fed Cup final in Minsk
- WTA qualifying debut came at 2016 Rabat
- Lifted first three ITF Circuit titles in 2015, including a 13-match win streak towards the year's end, bringing back-to-back trophies in Antalya, Turkey
- Made debut on ITF Circuit in Minsk in 2012

- Advanced to first WTA final at 2006 Hasselt (L. Clijsters); scored maiden Top 20 win over No.15 Schiavone in QF
- Reached maiden WTA SF at 2005 Kolkata (L. Myskina)
- Won first Tour-level match in 2r showing at 2002 Porto (d. Sassi, L. Montolio)
- In only her fourth senior tournament, fell 1r on WTA main draw debut at 2001 Vienna (as qualifier, L. Huber)
- Finished R-Up at \$10k ITF/Tallin-EST on professional debut in 1999

## OTHER INFORMATION


- Currently working with former hitting partner Anton Dubrov; previously coached by Dmitry Tursunov and Didi Kindlmann
- Started playing tennis when she was 6 by an accident when her father Sergey drove by the tennis courts and decided to give it a try
- Loves her family and her young sister. Loves to laugh, has a sweet tooth and considers something sweet as a perfect present. Dreams of having a dog. Loves her grandmother's cooking, and looks forward to her pancakes when she is away from home
- She spends her time off with family, catching up with friends, or reading. Her favorite book is "The Count of Monte Cristo"
- Favorite movies are Titanic, Home Alone, Never Back Down
- Her role model is Roger Federer

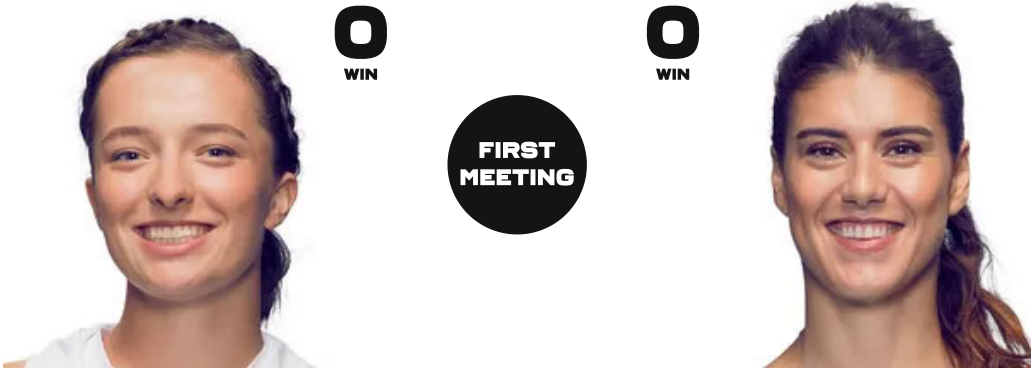
- Currently without a full-time coach; fitness coach is Indrek Tustit
- Father, Jaak, works in real estate; mother, Anne, is a homemaker; has two older sisters, Karin and Kadri; started playing tennis at age 8 with parents and sisters
- Favorite surface is clay and favorite event outside the Grand Slams is Acapulco
- Tennis idol growing up was Martina Hingis
- Enjoys books, movies (favorite movie character is Captain Jack Sparrow), music (likes all kinds of music from Tiesto to Ludovico Einaudi), driving fast cars and taking care of her dog (has a Manchester Terrier called Bossu)
- In 2008 became godmother of a vessel named Superstar and was flown to Italy to bless it





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**IGA SWIATEK (7)**  
POLAND

**SORANA CIRSTEA**   
ROMANIA

2001-05-31	Date of Birth		1990-04-07
Raszyn, Poland	Residence		Targoviste, Romania
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	
5' 9" (1.76 m)	Height	5' 9" (1.76 m)	
4	Career-High Ranking		21
\$4,898,552	Career Prize Money		\$6,661,263
\$39,000	Season Prize Money		\$6,350
0 / 3	Singles Titles YTD / Career		0 / 2
33-10 (Champion: 2020 ROLAND GARROS)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	56-51 (Quarter-Finalist: 2009 FRENCH OPEN)	
3-0 / 10-3 (Round of 16: 2022, 2021, 2020)	YTD / Career AUSTRALIAN OPEN W-L (best)	3-0 / 16-13 (Round of 16: 2022, 2017)	
6-1 / 69-32	YTD / Career W-L		4-2 / 255-262
1-0 / 13-10	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L		1-0 / 96-76
0-0 / 7-8	YTD / Career TB W-L		0-0 / 57-46
0-1 / 5-7	YTD / Career TOP 10 W-L		0-0 / 15-40
Semi-Finalist: ADELAIDE 500	YTD Best Result	Round of 16: MELBOURNE 250 #2, AUSTRALIAN OPEN	



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YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
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RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
4	9	2021	37	38
17	17	2020	69	86
49	61	2019	72	72
174	175	2018	33	86
587	690	2017	37	37
903	903	2016	81	81
-	-	2015	90	244
-	-	2014	21	93
-	-	2013	21	22
-	-	2012	26	27
-	-	2011	60	60
-	-	2010	34	95
-	-	2009	23	46
-	-	2008	36	37
-	-	2007	106	106
-	-	2006	346	348
-	-	2005	705	711
-	-	2004	869	893



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. H. DART (#123) 6-3 6-0 (1h 12m)  
2r: d. R. PETERSON (#82) 6-2 6-2 (1h 17m)  
3r: d. D. KASATKINA (#23) 6-2 6-3 (1h 35m)

*Total time on court: 4h 4m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 4th main draw appearance at Australian Open, where her best results are R16 showings in 2020 (l. Kontaveit), 2021 (l. Halep) and now 2022
- Grand Slam main draw debut came here at Melbourne Park in 2019, when she came through qualifying to reach 2r (l. Giorgi)
- Finished R-Up in girls' doubles here in 2017 (w/Chwalinska l. Andreescu/Branstine)
- Overall this is her 12th Grand Slam main draw appearance, and owns impressive 33-10 record across the majors
- Lifted Roland Garros title in 2020 - one of five current or former Grand Slam champions to make R16
- Reeled off 11 straight games to swat aside Harriet Dart in 1r; now owns 11-1 record in Grand Slam 1r matches
- Overcame No.82 Rebecca Peterson in 2r; improved major record against players outside Top 50 to 22-1, with solitary defeat coming to No.81 Viktorija Golubic in 1r at 2019 Wimbledon
- Beat in-form Daria Kasatkina in 3r in straight sets. Halep and Mertens are the only other players in bottom half of the draw yet to drop a set
- Has won 22 of her 25 service games in the opening week
- Progress this fortnight means she has now made the 3r at eight straight majors and R16 at six in a row
- Faces No.38 Sorana Cirstea in R16 today; has 2-5 win-loss record in R16 matches at the majors
- Owns 3-2 career record against players from Romania, with all five matches taking place at the majors, including a three-set defeat to Halep in R16 at 2021 Australian Open
- One of three women from Poland to start the draw (also Frech and Linette) but only one to make R16. Best result by a Polish woman at the Australian Open were SF runs by Agnieszka Radwanska in 2016 2014
- Owns one hard-court title in her career, at 2021 Adelaide

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. P. KVITOVA (#19) 6-2 6-2 (1h 11m)  
2r: d. K. KUCOVA (#96) 6-2 6-4 (1h 16m)  
3r: d. A. PAVLYUCHENKOVA (#11) 6-2 3-6 6-2 (1h 42m)

*Total time on court: 4h 9m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 14th appearance at Australian Open, where her best results are R16 runs in 2017 (l. Muguruza) and now 2022
- Also made 3r in 2012-13 and 2021
- In 1r, upset No.20 seed Kvitova; in her career, has defeated 16 seeds across the opening two rounds at the majors (more than any other active player)
- Struck 30 winners and broke serve five times to see off Kucova in 2r; has won back-to-back matches at four of the past five majors
- Battled past No.11 Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova in 3r; now owns 38 wins in career over Top-20 players, including seven since the start of last season
- Faces No.9 Iga Swiatek in R16 today; at the majors is 4-13 against Top-10 opponents (2-3 at Australian Open), with victories at this level coming over No.10 Wozniacki (2009 Roland Garros), No.5 Jankovic (2009 Roland Garros), No.5 Stosur (2012 Australian Open) and No.8 Kvitova (2021 Australian Open)
- Owns 5-7 career record against players from Poland. Only one of these matches to take place at a major was three-set victory over U.Radwanska in 2r at 2012 Australian Open
- Record in Grand Slam R16 matches stands at 1-2, beating Jankovic (2009 Roland Garros), while suffering defeats to Muguruza (2017 Australian Open) and Zidansek (2021 Roland Garros)
- One of two players from Romania to reach R16 (also Halep). The last time two Romanians reached this stage was 2015 (Begu and Halep)
- Best result by a Romanian woman here was Halep's R-Up finish in 2018
- Is currently ranked No.38; by contrast, was ranked No.86 at the end of 2020 campaign
- Owns one title on hard courts won at 2008 Tashkent

- Is currently ranked No.9 and seeded for the sixth major in a row. Highest seeding at a Slam came at No.7 last year at Wimbledon and US



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2021	Result	Rank: 17	Seed: 15
4r	L	S. HALEP (#2) 3-6 6-1 6-4	
3r	W	F. FERRO (#46) 6-4 6-3	
2r	W	C. GIORGI (#79) 6-2 6-4	
1r	W	A. RUS (#77) 6-1 6-3	
2020	Result	Rank: 56	Seed: -
4r	L	A. KONTAVEIT (#31) 6-7(4) 7-5 7-5	
3r	W	D. VEKIC (#20) 7-5 6-3	
2r	W	C. SUÁREZ NAVARRO (#54) 6-3 7-5	
1r	W	T. BABOS (#88) 6-3 6-2	
2019	Result	Rank: 177	Seed: -
2r	L	C. GIORGI (#28) 6-2 6-0	
1r	W	A. BOGDAN (#82) 6-3 3-6 6-4	

2021	Result	Rank: 68	Seed: -
3r	L	M. VONDROUSOVA (#20) 6-2 6-4	
2r	W	P. KVITOVA (#8) 6-4 1-6 6-1	
1r	W	P. TIG (#56) 6-2 6-1	
2020	Result	Rank: 74	Seed: -
2r	L	C. GAUFF (#67) 4-6 6-3 7-5	
1r	W	B. STRYCOVA (#34) 6-2 7-6(5)	
2019	Result	Rank: 84	Seed: -
1r	L	R. PETERSON (#64) 6-4 6-1	
2018	Result	Rank: 36	Seed: -
2r	L	L. SAFAROVA (#29) 6-2 6-4	
1r	W	Z. DIYAS (#60) 5-7 6-4 6-3	
2017	Result	Rank: 78	Seed: -
4r	L	G. MUGURUZA (#7) 6-2 6-3	
3r	W	A. RISKE (#42) 6-2 7-6(2)	
2r	W	C. SUÁREZ NAVARRO (#12) 7-6(1) 6-3	
1r	W	I. KHROMACHEVA (#95) 6-2 6-1	
2015	Result	Rank: 97	Seed: -
1r	L	A. PANOVA (#150) 7-5 6-0	
2014	Result	Rank: 21	Seed: 21
1r	L	M. ERAKOVIC (#52) 6-4 7-6(6)	
2013	Result	Rank: 29	Seed: 27
3r	L	N. LI (#6) 6-4 6-1	
2r	W	K. PLISKOVA (#106) 1-6 6-3 6-2	
1r	W	C. VANDEWEGHE (#99) 6-4 6-2	
2012	Result	Rank: 59	Seed: -
3r	L	S. ERRANI (#48) 6-7(6) 6-0 6-2	
2r	W	U. RADWANSKA (#99) 1-6 6-2 6-3	
1r	W	S. STOSUR (#5) 7-6(2) 6-3	
2011	Result	Rank: 94	Seed: -
2r	L	S. PEER (#12) 6-3 6-2	
1r	W	M. LUCIC-BARONI (#98) 6-4 6-2	



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SEASON 2022 HISTORY

- Reached SF during defense of Adelaide title (l. eventual champion Barty)
- Made 2r at Melbourne Summer Set 2 (l. eventual champion Anisimova) and fell 1r at Adelaide [250] (l. Kalinina)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
14	28	Aces	9	43
64.5%	35	First serve %	57.2%	83
69.4%	29	First Serve points won %	56.3%	94
51.9%	21	Second serve points won %	44.6%	66
63.2%	12	Overall service points won %	51.3%	92
78.9%	16	Service games won %	56.5%	86
27.3%	108	Break points saved %	44.4%	82
33.8%	57	First serve return points won %	45.8%	1
63.6%	7	Second serve return points won %	50.0%	68
46.7%	47	Break points converted %	60.0%	17
37.8%	24	Return games won %	39.1%	21
45.6%	20	Return points won %	47.6%	9

Best win by ranking: No.23 vs Kasatkina in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 3r  
Longest match: 1h 57m vs Azarenka in ADELAIDE 500 QF  
Shortest match: 1h 12m vs Dart in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 1r  
Match points saved:  
Most aces in a match: 7 vs Barty in ADELAIDE 500 SF

Best win by ranking: No.11 vs Pavlyuchenkova in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 3r  
Longest match: 1h 42m vs Pavlyuchenkova in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 3r  
Shortest match: 48m vs Gracheva in MELBOURNE 250 #2 1r  
Match points saved:  
Most aces in a match: 5 vs Anisimova in MELBOURNE 250 #2 2r





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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

- SINGLES FINALS

Champion (3)

2021 - ROME, ADELAIDE 500

2020 - ROLAND GARROS

Runner-Up (1)

2019 - LUGANO
- DOUBLES FINALS

Runner-Up (1)

2021 - ROLAND-GARROS (w/Mattek-sands)

- SINGLES FINALS

Champion (2)

2021 - ISTANBUL

2008 - TASHKENT

Runner-Up (4)

2021 - STRASBOURG

2019 - TASHKENT

2013 - TORONTO

2007 - BUDAPEST
- DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (5)

2019 - LUGANO (w/Mitu)

2011 - DALLAS (w/Brianti)

2010 - ESTORIL (w/Medina Garrigues)

2008 - LUXEMBOURG (w/Erakovic), FES (w/Pavlyuchenkova)

Runner-Up (5)

2014 - TIANJIN (w/Klepac)

2010 - BUDAPEST (w/Medina Garrigues)

2009 - FES (w/Kirilenko), BARCELONA (w/Klepac)

2008 - NEW HAVEN (w/Niculescu)

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
4r	QF	4r	4r	2021	3r	4r	3r	2r
4r	WON		3r	2020	2r	1r		3r
2r	4r	1r	2r	2019	1r	2r	1r	3r
				2018	2r	1r	2r	2r
				2017	4r	2r	3r	2r
				2016		1r	1r	1r
				2015	1r			
				2014	1r	3r	1r	2r
				2013	3r	3r	2r	2r
				2012	3r	1r	3r	2r
				2011	2r	3r	1r	1r
				2010	2r	1r	1r	1r
				2009	1r	QF	3r	3r



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- Won two titles last season, at Adelaide and Rome. Other highlights included QF at Roland Garros and SF at Ostrava and qualifying for WTA Finals Guadalajara (fell in group stage)
- Also finished doubles R-Up at 2021 Roland Garros (w/Mattek-Sands, I. Krejčíková/Siniakova)
- Won her maiden Tour-level title at 2020 Roland Garros without dropping a set, becoming the first player from Poland - man or woman - to win a Grand Slam singles title and first from her country to reach a major final since Agnieszka Radwanska at 2012 Wimbledon
- Ranked No.54, she became the lowest-ranked woman to win the Roland Garros title in the Open Era and the lowest-ranked finalist since 1977 (No.56 Mihai). At 19y 132d, is the youngest champion in Paris since Monica Seles (18y 187d) in 1992
- Also became the first player to win her debut Tour-level title at a Grand Slam since Jelena Ostapenko at 2017 Roland Garros
- Won WTA Most Improved Player of the Year for 2020, as voted on by members of the media. Her coach, Piotr Sierżputowski, was voted by members of the WTA Coach Program as the WTA Coach of the Year for 2020
- Also won the 2020 WTA Fan Favorite Award, as voted on by fans
- Owns six career wins over Top 10 ranked players, having defeated No.16 Q.Wang (2019 Roland Garros), No.18 Wozniacki (2019 Toronto), No.20 Vekic (2020 Australian Open), No.19 Vondrousova (2020 Roland Garros), No.2 Halep (2020 Roland Garros) and No.6 Kenin (2020 Roland Garros)
- Ended 2019 season ranked No.61 after a campaign highlighted by R-Up finish at Lugano (I. Hercog) and R16 run at Roland Garros (I. Halep)
- Also in 2019, reached 3r at Toronto (I. Osaka) and made 2r five times (incl. Australian and US Open)
- Broke into Top 100 at No.88 after R-Up finish at 2019 Lugano
- Ended 2018 season ranked No.175 (up from No.690 in 2017), after posting 42-6 record in ITF Circuit
- Highlights of 2018 campaign were four titles on the ITF Circuit, including at the \$60k clay court events in Budapest-HUN and Montreux-SUI
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2019 Auckland
- Member of Poland's Fed Cup team, 2018-20
- On professional debut, came through qualifying to win title at \$10k ITF/Stockholm-SWE in 2016;
- Highlight of last season was ending near-13-year wait for second WTA singles title, triumphing at Istanbul (d. Mertens in F)
- Also in 2021, finished R-Up at Strasbourg (I. Krejčíková), reached QFs at Grampians Trophy and Portoroz and R16 at Roland Garros
- Ended 2020 on a high, winning singles title at ITF/\$100k Dubai-UAE in December (d. Siniakova in F)
- Also in 2020, reached 3r at US Open (I. Muchova) and advanced to 2r at Australian Open in January (I. Gauff)
- Advanced to fourth career singles final in 2019 at Tashkent (I. Van Uytvanck in F) as a former champion in 2008
- Captured fifth career doubles title at 2019 Lugano (w/Mitu, d. Kudrmetova/Voskoboeva in F)
- Other season highlights in 2019 were SF run at Nürnberg (I. eventual champion Putintseva); previous appearance in last four at a WTA-level event came at the same tournament two years earlier
- Also reached 3r at 2019 US Open (I. Townsend)
- Ended 2018 season at No.86, after a year highlighted by clay court QF runs at Nürnberg and Bucharest
- Highlights of 2017 season were SF showing at Nürnberg (I. Krejčíková) and QF runs at Istanbul, Madrid, Seoul, Beijing and Linz
- Also reached R16 at 2017 Australian Open - first time advancing to that stage at a Slam since 2009 Roland Garros (QF, I. Stosur), her best Slam singles result
- In 2016 played a mix of WTA and ITF events, improving ranking by 163 ranking places to No.81 in 2016 on comeback from shoulder injury, with highlights being a SF run at Rio de Janeiro (I. Rogers) and making QF at Premier Mandatory Madrid (as wildcard, I. eventual R-Up Cibulkova) and Mallorca (as qualifier, I. Jankovic)
- Reached biggest singles final of career at 2013 Toronto - posted three Top 10 wins en route to final (No.10 Wozniacki, No.7 Kvitová and No.5 Li) before falling to No.1 S.Williams
- Following Tororo run, posted career-high ranking of No.21 on August 21, 2013
- Won only WTA singles title at 2008 Tashkent (d. Lisicki in F) having previously been R-Up at 2007 Budapest (I. Dulko)
- Owns four Top 5 victories: No.5 Jankovic (2009 Roland Garros), No.5 Stosur (2012 Australian Open), No.5 Li Na (2013 Toronto) and No.4 Ka.Pliskova (2017 Beijing)

- owns seven singles titles at this level
- Enjoyed stellar junior career, including winning girls' singles at 2018 Wimbledon (d. Kūng in F) and leading Poland to Junior Fed Cup in 2016

- Member of Romania's Fed Cup team 2006, 2008-09, 2013-14 and 2017-18; also part of Romanian Olympic Team 2008 and 2012
- Fell 1r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2008 Australian Open (l. No.4 seed Ivanovic)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2006 Stockholm (l. Kanepi in 1r)
- On ITF Circuit owns eight singles and nine doubles titles
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in 2004

OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Tomasz Wiktorowski
- Father is former Olympic rower Tomasz Swiatek, who competed in the men's quadruple sculls event at the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul
- Started playing tennis because her older sister was playing and wanted to beat her
- Enjoys rock music, including AC/DC and Pink Floyd
- Includes Asics, Red Bull and Lexus in her endorsement portfolio

- Coached by Adrian Cruciat
- Introduced to tennis at age 4 by mother, Liliana; father's name is Mihai; younger brother's name is Mihnea; full name is Sorana Mihaela Cirstea
- Speaks Romanian, English and Spanish and is studying French
- Likes all surfaces; favorite shot is forehand; most admires Steffi Graf
- Enjoys playing all ball sports, going shopping, watching movies, reading and doing crosswords
- Favorite cities are New York and London ("big cities with lots to do")
- Self-described as ambitious, stubborn and happy



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**4**  
MATCHES  
PLAYED

**1**  
WIN



**61** **ALIZÉ CORNET**  
FRANCE

**15** **SIMONA (14) HALEP**  
ROMANIA

1990-01-22	<b>Date of Birth</b>	1991-09-27
Nice, France	<b>Residence</b>	Constanta, Romania
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 8" (1.73 m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 6" (1.68 m)
11	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	1
\$8,251,947	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$37,982,115
\$5,350	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$31,875
0 / 6	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	1 / 23
67-62 (Round of 16: 2022 AUSTRALIAN OPEN; 2020 US OPEN; 2017 ROLAND GARROS; 2015 FRENCH OPEN; 2014 WIMBLEDON; 2009 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	106-40 (Champion: 2019 WIMBLEDON; 2018 ROLAND GARROS)
3-0 / 21-16 (Round of 16: 2022, 2009)	<b>YTD / Career AUSTRALIAN OPEN W-L (best)</b>	3-0 / 31-11 (Runner-Up: 2018)
3-2 / 340-314	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	8-0 / 416-178
1-1 / 117-101	<b>YTD / Career 3-Set W-L</b>	1-0 / 118-60
0-0 / 69-64	<b>YTD / Career TB W-L</b>	0-0 / 55-53
1-1 / 48-106	<b>YTD / Career TOP 20 W-L</b>	0-0 / 105-80
Round of 16: AUSTRALIAN OPEN	<b>YTD Best Result</b>	Champion: MELBOURNE 250 #1



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## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2015	MADRID	CLAY	1r	Alizé Cornet	7-6(6) 6-3	1h 49m
2014	DUBAI	HARD	1r	Alizé Cornet	6-1 1-1 ret.	39m
2013	SOFIA	HARD	GRP	Simona Halep	6-4 6-4	1h 34m
2011	MONTERREY	HARD	1r	Alizé Cornet	7-5 6-1	1h 31m

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
53	59	<b>2021</b>	2	20
51	53	<b>2020</b>	2	2
45	60	<b>2019</b>	1	4
31	47	<b>2018</b>	1	1
31	38	<b>2017</b>	1	1
33	46	<b>2016</b>	2	4
18	43	<b>2015</b>	2	2
20	20	<b>2014</b>	2	3
23	27	<b>2013</b>	11	11
43	44	<b>2012</b>	37	47
65	89	<b>2011</b>	40	53
47	78	<b>2010</b>	80	81
11	50	<b>2009</b>	209	210
16	16	<b>2008</b>	344	352
57	57	<b>2007</b>	723	-
189	189	<b>2006</b>	-	-
300	308	<b>2005</b>	-	-
852	861	<b>2004</b>	-	-



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. V. TOMOVA (#118) 6-3 6-3 (1h 32m)  
2r: d. G. MUGURUZA (#3) 6-3 6-3 (1h 27m)  
3r: d. T. ZIDANSEK (#29) 4-6 6-4 6-2 (2h 43m)

*Total time on court: 5h 42m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 17th appearance at Australian Open; among the players in this year's draw, only Stosur (20) has played here more often
- Best previous result at Melbourne Park was R16 showing in 2009 (l. Safina)
- Contesting her 60th consecutive major (63rd overall). This is the third longest streak in WTA history, only trailing Ai Sugiyama (62) and Francesca Schiavone (61)
- Broke serve six times to beat qualifier Viktoriya Tomova in 1r
- Upset No.3 Garbiñe Muguruza in 2r to score 23rd Top-10 win of her career, although only the fourth at a major (previously No.1 S.Williams at 2014 Wimbledon; No.10 A.Radwanska at 2017 Roland-Garros; No.7 Andreescu at 2021 Wimbledon)
- Overcame a 6-4 4-1 deficit to beat No.29 seed Tamara Zidansek in 3r
- Faces No.15 Simona Halep in R16 today; owns 47 wins in career over Top-20 players, with record at the majors standing at 6-21, winning the most recent three of these encounters (No.14 Keys at 2020 US Open, No.7 Andreescu at 2021 Wimbledon and No.3 Muguruza at 2022 Australian Open)
- Owns 10-14 career record against players from Romania (2-3 at the majors)
- Is bidding today to reach first Grand Slam QF (0-5 record in R16 matches) in her 63rd main draw at this level. The record for most appearances before reaching a maiden QF is held by Tamarine Tansugarn, who achieved the feat on her 45th (2008 Wimbledon)
- Only player from France to reach R16. Is the first Frenchwoman to advance to this point since Garcia in 2018, while the last to make a QF was Bartoli in 2009
- Two Frenchwomen have won this title: Amélie Mauresmo (2006) and Mary Pierce (1995)
- Owns two WTA titles on hard courts: 2014 Katowice (indoor) and 2016 Hobart (outdoor)
- Is currently ranked No.61. Projected to return to Top 50 for the first time since July 2019

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. M. FRECH (#102) 6-4 6-3 (1h 29m)  
2r: d. B. HADDAD MAIA (#83) 6-2 6-0 (1h 6m)  
3r: d. D. KOVINIC (#98) 6-2 6-1 (1h 4m)

*Total time on court: 3h 39m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 12th appearance at Australian Open, where her best showing was R-Up finish in 2018 (l. Wozniacki)
- Other standout results include SF in 2020 (l. Muguruza) and QF in 2014 (l. Cibulkova), 2015 (l. Makarova) and 2021 (l. S.Williams)
- Enters the tournament having won the season opening Melbourne Summer Set 1 (d. Kudermetova in F). Has reached QF or better at past four events - bidding to extend this streak today
- Beat Magdalena Frech in 1r, Beatriz Naddad Maia in 2r and Danka Kovinic in 3r to register her 104th, 105th and 106th Grand Slam main-draw wins - one of eight active players to reach a century of victories
- One of three players in the bottom half of the draw yet to drop a set (also Mertens and Swiatek)
- Faces No.61 Alizé Cornet in R16 today; most recent loss to a player outside Top 50 came at hands of No.100 Sasnovich at 2021 Indian Wells, while at the majors it was against No.54 Swiatek at 2020 Roland Garros
- Owns 11-11 career record against players from France. However, today is her first main-draw match against French opposition at a major
- Record in Grand Slam R16 matches is 15-5 (5-1 at Australian Open)
- One of two players from Romania to reach R16 (also Cirstea). The last time two Romanians reached this stage was 2015 (Begu and Halep)
- Is currently ranked No.15. Last November briefly dropped out of Top 20 for the first time since August 2013
- Is currently on a nine-match unbeaten run; longest winning streak of her career was 17 matches in 2020
- Owns 12 hard court titles - seventh most among active players



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2021	Result	Rank: 54	Seed: -
2r	L	A. LI (#69) 6-2 7-6(6)	
1r	W	V. SAVINYKH (#228) 6-2 4-6 7-6(7)	
2020	Result	Rank: 61	Seed: -
2r	L	D. VEKIC (#20) 6-4 6-2	
1r	W	M. NICULESCU (#129) 5-7 6-1 6-0	
2019	Result	Rank: 46	Seed: -
2r	L	V. WILLIAMS (#36) 6-3 4-6 6-0	
1r	W	L. ARRUBARRENA (#86) 6-2 6-2	
2018	Result	Rank: 42	Seed: -
3r	L	E. MERTENS (#37) 7-5 6-4	
2r	W	J. GOERGES (#12) 6-4 6-3	
1r	W	X. WANG (#641) 6-4 6-2	
2017	Result	Rank: 43	Seed: 28
2r	L	M. SAKKARI (#94) 7-5 4-6 6-1	
1r	W	M. GEORGES (#200) 6-3 4-6 6-1	
2016	Result	Rank: 33	Seed: -
2r	L	S. ZHANG (#133) 6-3 6-3	
1r	W	B. JOVANOVSki PETROVIC (#84) 6-1 6-0	
2015	Result	Rank: 19	Seed: 19
3r	L	D. CIBULKOVA (#10) 7-5 6-2	
2r	W	D. SATRALOVA (#107) 6-4 6-7(2) 6-2	
1r	W	S. ZHANG (#63) 6-3 6-2	

2021	Result	Rank: 2	Seed: 2
QF	L	S. WILLIAMS (#11) 6-3 6-3	
4r	W	I. SWIATEK (#17) 3-6 6-1 6-4	
3r	W	V. KUDERMETOVA (#36) 6-1 6-3	
2r	W	A. TOMLJANOVIC (#72) 4-6 6-4 7-5	
1r	W	L. CABRERA (#140) 6-2 6-1	
2020	Result	Rank: 3	Seed: 4
SF	L	G. MUGURUZA (#32) 7-6(8) 7-5	
QF	W	A. KONTAVEIT (#31) 6-1 6-1	
4r	W	E. MERTENS (#17) 6-4 6-4	
3r	W	Y. PUTINTSEVA (#38) 6-1 6-4	
2r	W	H. DART (#173) 6-2 6-4	
1r	W	J. BRADY (#49) 7-6(5) 6-1	
2019	Result	Rank: 1	Seed: 1
4r	L	S. WILLIAMS (#16) 6-1 4-6 6-4	
3r	W	V. WILLIAMS (#36) 6-2 6-3	
2r	W	S. KENIN (#37) 6-3 6-7(5) 6-4	
1r	W	K. KANEPI (#71) 6-7(2) 6-4 6-2	
2018	Result	Rank: 1	Seed: 1
F	L	C. WOZNIACKI (#2) 7-6(2) 3-6 6-4	
SF	W	A. KERBER (#16) 6-3 4-6 9-7	
QF	W	K. PLISKOVA (#6) 6-3 6-2	
4r	W	N. OSAKA (#72) 6-3 6-2	
3r	W	L. DAVIS (#76) 4-6 6-4 15-13	
2r	W	E. BOUCHARD (#112) 6-2 6-2	
1r	W	D. AIAVA (#193) 7-6(5) 6-1	
2017	Result	Rank: 4	Seed: 4
1r	L	S. ROGERS (#52) 6-3 6-1	
2016	Result	Rank: 2	Seed: 2
1r	L	S. ZHANG (#133) 6-4 6-3	
2015	Result	Rank: 3	Seed: 3
QF	L	E. MAKAROVA (#11) 6-4 6-0	
4r	W	Y. WICKMAYER (#80) 6-4 6-2	



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3rW

B. MATTEK-SANDS (#258) 6-4 7-5

2rW

J. WOLFE (#62) 6-2 6-2

1rW

K. KNAPP (#50) 6-3 6-2

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SIMONA HALEP

SEASON 2022 HISTORY

- Fell 1r at Melbourne Summer Set 1 (l. Osaka) and Adelaide [250] (l. Parrizas Diaz)
- Opened season by lifting 23rd WTA title of her career, at Melbourne Summer Set 1 (d. Kudermetova in F)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
5	69	Aces	11	35
60.8%	59	First serve %	59.7%	64
65.3%	54	First Serve points won %	69.6%	27
41.5%	79	Second serve points won %	47.3%	42
56.0%	64	Overall service points won %	60.6%	30
66.7%	58	Service games won %	75.0%	31
61.9%	36	Break points saved %	69.2%	14
29.9%	71	First serve return points won %	45.1%	3
48.5%	80	Second serve return points won %	68.7%	1
38.5%	74	Break points converted %	61.7%	15
20.8%	77	Return games won %	59.2%	1
37.9%	67	Return points won %	54.7%	1

Best win by ranking: No.3 vs Muguruza in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2r  
Longest match: 2h 43m vs Zidasek in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 3r  
Shortest match: 1h 27m vs Muguruza in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2r  
Match points saved:  
Most aces in a match: 5 vs Osaka in MELBOURNE 250 #1 1r

Best win by ranking: No.31 vs Kudermetova in MELBOURNE 250 #1 F  
Longest match: 2h 34m vs Golubic in MELBOURNE 250 #1 QF  
Shortest match: 1h 1m vs Ruse in MELBOURNE 250 #1 2r  
Match points saved:  
Most aces in a match: 4 vs Golubic in MELBOURNE 250 #1 QF





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## TITLES

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (6)

2018 - Gstaad  
2016 - Hobart  
2014 - Katowice  
2013 - Strasbourg  
2012 - Bad Gastein  
2008 - Budapest

Runner-Up (8)

2021 - Chicago 250  
2019 - Lausanne  
2017 - Brisbane  
2014 - Guangzhou, Dubai  
2012 - Strasbourg  
2008 - Rome, Acapulco

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (3)

2015 - Hong Kong (w/Shvedova)  
2010 - Strasbourg (w/King)  
2008 - Budapest (w/Husárová)

Runner-Up (3)

2017 - Stanford (w/Rosolska)  
2014 - Guangzhou (w/Linette)  
2011 - Dallas (w/Parmentier)

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (23)

2022 - Melbourne 250 #1  
2020 - Rome, Prague, Dubai  
2019 - Wimbledon  
2018 - Montreal, Roland Garros, Shenzhen  
2017 - Madrid  
2016 - Montreal, Bucharest, Madrid  
2015 - Indian Wells, Dubai, Shenzhen  
2014 - Bucharest, Doha  
2013 - Sofia, Moscow, New Haven, Budapest, 's-Hertogenbosch, Nürnberg

Runner-Up (18)

2021 - Cluj-Napoca  
2019 - Madrid, Doha  
2018 - Cincinnati, Rome, Australian Open  
2017 - Beijing, Cincinnati, Roland Garros, Rome  
2015 - Cincinnati, Toronto  
2014 - WTA Finals, French Open, Madrid  
2012 - Brussels  
2011 - Fes  
2010 - Fes

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (1)

2018 - Shenzhen (w/Begu)

Runner-Up (1)

2016 - Montreal (w/Niculescu)



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GRAND SLAMS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
2r	1r	2r	1r	2021	QF			4r
2r	2r		4r	2020	SF	4r		
2r	1r	1r	2r	2019	4r	QF	WON	2r
3r	2r	1r	1r	2018	RUP	WON	3r	1r
2r	4r	1r	2r	2017	1r	RUP	QF	1r
2r	3r	3r	1r	2016	1r	4r	QF	QF
3r	4r	2r	1r	2015	QF	2r	1r	SF
3r	2r	4r	3r	2014	QF	RUP	SF	3r
2r	3r	3r	3r	2013	1r	1r	2r	4r
1r	1r	2r	2r	2012	1r	1r	1r	2r
3r	2r	1r	2r	2011	3r	2r	2r	2r
1r	1r	1r	1r	2010		1r		1r
4r	2r	1r	2r	2009				
2r	3r	1r	3r	2008				
1r	1r	2r	3r	2007				
1r	2r			2006				
	2r			2005				



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- Reached her 14th career WTA singles final in 2021, finishing R-Up at Chicago 250 (l. Svitolina). Other standout results last season were SF in Berlin (l. Bencic) and Tenerife (l. Li)
- Contested her 62nd Grand Slam main draw at 2021 US Open and played her fourth Olympics at 2020 Tokyo
- Best results in 2020 were QF at Auckland (l. Pegula) and R16 run at US Open (d. No.14 Keys, l. Pironkova)
- Also in 2020, made 3r at Western & Southern Open (l. eventual champion Azarenka). Defeated No.4 Kenin in 2r - first Top 5 win since No.4 Kerber at 2018 Montréal
- Highlight of 2019 was reaching Lausanne final (l. Ferro as the defending champion) - has reached at least one WTA final in six of last seven seasons
- Part of victorious Fed Cup squad for France who defeated Australia in Perth 3-2 to be crowned 2019 champions (did not play)
- In 2018, won sixth career title at Gstaad (d. Minella in F), and reached two further QFs at Brisbane and Charleston
- Former World No.11 (achieved in February 16, 2009) who broke back into Top 20 at end of 2014 for first time since May 2009; dropped out of Top 20 again after 2015 Dubai
- Owens five wins over Top 3 ranked opponents: No.1 S. Williams (2014 Dubai, 2014 Wimbledon and 2014 Wuhan via ret.), No.3 A.Radwanska (2014 Katowice) and No.2 Halep (2015 Madrid); wins over S.Williams made her the first player to defeat the American in three straight meetings since Henin in 2007
- Qualified for 2013 and 2014 Tournament of Champions in Sofia, Bulgaria
- Grand Slam breakthrough came with R16 run at Australian Open in 2009 (l. Safina)
- Excelled on clay in 2008, winning her maiden WTA title at Budapest (d. Klepac in F), reaching maiden final at Acapulco (l. Pennetta) and finishing R-Up at Rome (d. No.5 Kuznetsova and No.8 Chakvetadze, l. Jankovic)
- In 2007, rose over 120 places in the rankings, reaching first two WTA QFs, at first Acapulco and then Fes, as well as reaching 3r at US Open (d. Stosur and Wozniacki, l. No.3 Jankovic)
- Made Grand Slam debut at Roland Garros as 15-year-old wildcard in 2005, reaching 2r (d. Jidkova, l. Mauresmo)
- Member of French Fed Cup Team, 2008-17, 2019; French Olympic Team, 2008, 2012, 2016
- Finished 2021 season at No.20 and briefly dropped out of the Top 20 for the first time since 2013 on Nov.1, 2021
- Ended year on a high note, reaching QF at Moscow (l. Sakkari) and SF at Linz as well as reaching first and only final of the year at Cluj-Napoca (l. Kontaveit)
- Retired in opening match of Rome against Kerber after tearing a calf muscle that kept her out of Roland Garros and Wimbledon where she was the defending champion; made return to play at Montreal and reached R16 at US Open (l. Svitolina)
- Reached SF at Stuttgart (l. Sabalenka) and 3r at Madrid (l. Mertens)
- Posted a 17-match winning streak in 2020, featuring titles at Dubai, Prague and Rome - the longest streak (at any level) of her career
- Victory at 2020 Dubai saw her become the sixth active player to reach 20 career titles
- Lifted second Grand Slam title of her career at Wimbledon in 2019 (d. S.Williams in F)
- Ended 2018 season as World No.1 for the second time in her career, with season highlighted by maiden major title at Roland Garros (d. Stephens in F) - was the second Romanian woman to win a Grand Slam singles title, following in the footsteps of 1978 Roland Garros champion Virginia Ruzici
- Opened 2018 season by sweeping singles and doubles titles at Shenzhen - doubles titles w/Begu was the first of her career
- Finished 2017 as the year-end World No.1, having ascended to the No.1 spot for first time in career on October 9, 2017 - became the 25th woman to reach the top spot, and the 13th to hold year-end No.1
- Has spent 64 weeks as World No.1
- Made Top 10 debut on January 27, 2014 and has remained there ever since
- Breakthrough at Slam level came in 2014, when she made QF at Australian Open (l. Cibulkova), SF at Wimbledon (l. Bouchard) and finished R-Up at Roland Garros (l. Sharapova)
- Owens one win over a reigning World No.1: vs. S.Williams in RR at 2014 WTA Finals Singapore
- She won her first six WTA titles in the same calendar year in 2013, and was the first to do so since Stefanie Graf in 1986. This led to her being named the WTA Most Improved Player at the end of the year
- Between May 2013 and August 2014, improved ranking from No.64 to No.2, winning seven titles


- Won 2007 Roland Garros junior title (d. Duque-Mariño in F)

- Scored first Top 10 win over then No.6 Li Na in 1r at 2011 US Open
- Broke into Top 100 on October 4, 2010, Top 50 on September 12, 2011 and Top 20 on August 26, 2013
- Has qualified six times for WTA Finals in Singapore (2014-19, although withdrew injured in 2018), reaching final in 2014 (l. S.Williams)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2010 Marbella as a qualifier, reaching quarterfinals
- Romanian Fed Cup Team, 2010, 2012, 2014-19; Romanian Olympic Team, 2012
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in Romania in 2006

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Currently without a full-time coach
- Father is Francis (retired); mother is Patricia; brother is Sébastien (PhD, also her agent)
- Has one cat (Lilou) and one dog (Andy)
- Started playing at age 4 after watching her brother play
- Baseliner whose favorite shot is backhand; favorite surface is clay
- Favorite music is rock; favorite artists are Muse, Jack Johnson, Coldplay, and Kygo; favorite movie is Lord of the Rings; favorite actors are Brad Pitt, Tom Hanks, and Omar Sy
- Other sports interests are handball, soccer, padel, beach volleyball, and hiking. Also enjoys playing piano, reading, and writing
- Favorite city is hometown of Nice
- People most admired are Rafael Nadal and her brother


- Currently working with Adrian Marcu and Daniel Dobre
- Enjoys music, movies and football
- Favorite food is pasta; favorite drink is orange juice; favorite city is Paris; favorite tournament is Roland Garros
- Tennis idols are Justine Henin and Roger Federer
- Set up a charitable foundation focusing on sport, health and education



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ELISE MERTENS (19)

BELGIUM

DANIELLE (27) COLLINS

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

1995-11-17	Date of Birth	1993-12-13
Hamont-Achel, Belgium	Residence	St. Petersburg, FL, USA
Right-handed (Two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed
5' 10" (1.79 m)	Height	5' 10" (1.78 m)
12	Career-High Ranking	23
\$9,188,336	Career Prize Money	\$3,750,894
\$10,000	Season Prize Money	\$0
0 / 6	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 2
48-19 (Semi-Finalist: 2018 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	23-16 (Semi-Finalist: 2019 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
3-0 / 16-4 (Semi-Finalist: 2018)	YTD / Career AUSTRALIAN OPEN W-L (best)	3-0 / 10-3 (Semi-Finalist: 2019)
4-1 / 178-102	YTD / Career W-L	3-0 / 85-59
0-0 / 50-37	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L	1-0 / 29-21
1-0 / 33-36	YTD / Career TB W-L	0-0 / 17-12
Round of 16: SYDNEY, AUSTRALIAN OPEN	YTD Best Result	Round of 16: AUSTRALIAN OPEN



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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2021	CHICAGO 500	HARD	3r	Danielle Collins	6-2 6-4	1h 25m
2018	WIMBLEDON	GRASS	1r	Elise Mertens	6-3 6-2	1h 6m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
14	21	2021	25	29
17	20	2020	25	45
12	17	2019	23	31
13	13	2018	35	36
35	35	2017	153	167
120	120	2016	299	299
157	157	2015	903	-
249	264	2014	950	950
577	577	2013	-	-
-	-	2012	553	-
-	-	2011	608	608



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. V. ZVONAREVA (#91) 6-4 7-5 (1h 52m)  
2r: d. I. BEGU (#64) 6-3 6-2 (1h 15m)  
3r: d. S. ZHANG (#74) 6-2 6-2 (1h 10m)

*Total time on court: 4h 17m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 5th main-draw appearance at the Australian Open, where she produced her Grand Slam breakthrough in 2018 by reaching SF (l. eventual champion Wozniacki)
- Overall this is her 20th Grand Slam main draw. After her three wins in the opening week, now owns 16-4 record at Australian Open, her most successful Slam (followed by US Open 14-6)
- Is reigning doubles champion here at Melbourne Park, having won 2021 title w/Sabalenka. Is through to QF in doubles this year (w/Kudermetova, face Flipkens/Sorribes Tormo)
- Has enjoyed comfortable progression to 3r, defeating Vera Zvonareva, Irina-Camelia Begu and Zhang Shuai without the loss of a set - one of three players in the bottom half yet to concede one (also Halep and Swiatek)
- Progression this week means she has reached the 3r for the 16th straight Slam
- Faces No.30 Danielle Collins in 4r today; record in Grand Slam R16 matches stands at 3-6
- Owns 20-16 career record against players from United States of America, while is 7-6 at the majors
- Sole representative from Belgium to make R16 from five in starting field. Two Belgian women have won the Australian Open in the past: Kim Clijsters in 2011, Justine Henin in 2004
- Owns four WTA titles on hard courts, three of which came on Australian soil: Hobart (2017-18) and Gippsland Trophy (2021)
- Is currently ranked No.26. Owns a career-high of No.12 achieved in 2018, and also is a former doubles No.1 (posted on May 1, 2021)

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. C. DOLEHIDE (#200) 6-1 6-3 (1h 6m)  
2r: d. A. KONJUH (#58) 6-4 6-3 (1h 19m)  
3r: d. C. TAUSON (#39) 4-6 6-4 7-5 (2h 35m)

*Total time on court: 5h 0m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 4th appearance at Australian Open, where she enjoyed her Grand Slam breakthrough with SF run on debut in 2019 (l. Kvitova)
- Playing her first tournament of the season, has beaten Caroline Dolehide, Ana Konjuh and Clara Tauson to reach the second week at a major for the first time since QF run at 2020 Roland Garros
- Recovered from 6-4 4-2 down in 3r to knock out the last remaining teenager in the draw, Clara Tauson
- Since the end of last year's grass court season, has compiled 29-7 win-loss record (including 3r win here)
- Faces No.26 Elise Mertens in 4r today; owns 6-1 career win-loss record against Belgian opponents, including a win (2021 Chicago 500) and a defeat (2018 Wimbledon) against Mertens
- Record in Grand Slam R16 matches is 2-0, beating Kerber at 2019 Australian Open and Jabeur at 2020 Roland Garros
- One of tournament-leading four players from United States to reach R16. Title here has been won by an American 18 times, most recently Kenin in 2020
- In addition to run here three years ago, has reached two other SFs in Australia, at 2020 Adelaide and 2021 Phillip Island Trophy
- Owns one career hard-court title at 2021 San Jose



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2021	Result	Rank: 16	Seed: 18
4r	L	K. MUCHOVA (#27) 7-6(5) 7-5	
3r	W	B. BENCIC (#12) 6-2 6-1	
2r	W	L. ZHU (#94) 7-6(8) 6-1	
1r	W	L. FERNANDEZ (#86) 6-1 6-3	
2020	Result	Rank: 17	Seed: 16
4r	L	S. HALEP (#3) 6-4 6-4	
3r	W	C. BELLIS (#600) 6-1 6-7(5) 6-0	
2r	W	H. WATSON (#75) 6-3 6-0	
1r	W	D. KOVINIC (#86) 6-2 6-0	
2019	Result	Rank: 14	Seed: 12
3r	L	M. KEYS (#17) 6-3 6-2	
2r	W	M. GASPARYAN (#91) 6-1 7-5	
1r	W	A. SCHMIEDLOVA (#59) 6-2 7-5	
2018	Result	Rank: 37	Seed: -
SF	L	C. WOZNIACKI (#2) 6-3 7-6(2)	
QF	W	E. SVITOLINA (#4) 6-4 6-0	
4r	W	P. MARTIC (#81) 7-6(5) 7-5	
3r	W	A. CORNET (#42) 7-5 6-4	
2r	W	D. SAVILLE (#23) 7-5 6-3	
1r	W	V. KUZMOVA (#125) 6-2 6-1	

2021	Result	Rank: 40	Seed: -
2r	L	K. PLISKOVA (#6) 7-5 6-2	
1r	W	A. BOGDAN (#96) 6-3 6-1	
2020	Result	Rank: 25	Seed: 26
2r	L	Y. PUTINTSEVA (#38) 6-4 2-6 7-5	
1r	W	V. DIATCHENKO (#89) 6-1 3-6 6-4	
2019	Result	Rank: 35	Seed: -
SF	L	P. KVITOVA (#6) 7-6(2) 6-0	
QF	W	A. PAVLYUCHENKOVA (#44) 2-6 7-5 6-1	
4r	W	A. KERBER (#2) 6-0 6-2	
3r	W	C. GARCIA (#19) 6-3 6-2	
2r	W	S. VICKERY (#123) 6-3 7-5	
1r	W	J. GOERGES (#13) 2-6 7-6(5) 6-4	





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SEASON 2022 HISTORY

- Made 2r at Sydney (l. Kasatkina)
- Lifted title at San Jose (d. Kasatkina in F) to stretch winning streak to 10 matches
  - Produced QF showing at Hamburg (l. eventual champion Ruse), then made SF at Budapest (l. Kalinina via ret. w/right elbow injury) and lifted maiden WTA title at Palermo (d. Ruse in F)
  - 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)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
5	68	Aces	0	0
59.1%	72	First serve %	0.0%	0
62.7%	70	First Serve points won %	0.0%	0
38.5%	90	Second serve points won %	0.0%	0
52.8%	85	Overall service points won %	0.0%	0
52.6%	92	Service games won %	0.0%	0
55.0%	55	Break points saved %	0.0%	0
40.5%	11	First serve return points won %	0.0%	0
60.4%	17	Second serve return points won %	0.0%	0
56.3%	24	Break points converted %	0.0%	0
45.0%	7	Return games won %	0.0%	0
47.7%	8	Return points won %	0.0%	0

Best win by ranking: No.64 vs Begu in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2r

Longest match: 1h 52m vs Zvonareva in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 1r

Shortest match: 1h 10m vs Zhang in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 3r

Match points saved:

Most aces in a match: 11 vs Zvonareva in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 1r

Best win by ranking: No.39 vs Tauson in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 3r

Longest match: 2h 35m vs Tauson in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 3r

Shortest match: 1h 6m vs Dolehide in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 1r

Match points saved:

Most aces in a match: 4 vs Konjuh in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2r

4 vs Tauson in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 3r



MATCH NOTES

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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (6)

2021 - MELBOURNE 500 GIPPSLAND TROPHY

2019 - DOHA

2018 - RABAT, LUGANO, HOBART

2017 - HOBART

Runner-Up (4)

2021 - ISTANBUL

2020 - LINZ, PRAGUE

2017 - ISTANBUL

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (14)

2021 - INDIAN WELLS (w/Hsieh), WIMBLEDON (w/Hsieh), ISTANBUL (w/Kudermetova), AUSTRALIAN OPEN (w/Sabalenka)

2020 - OSTRAVA (w/Sabalenka)

2019 - US OPEN (w/Sabalenka), MIAMI (w/Sabalenka), INDIAN WELLS (w/Sabalenka)

2018 - WUHAN (w/Schuurs), 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH (w/Schuurs), LUGANO (w/Flipkens), HOBART (w/Schuurs)

2017 - GUANGZHOU (w/Schuurs)

2016 - AUCKLAND (w/Mestach)

Runner-Up (6)

2021 - WTA FINALS (w/Hsieh)

2019 - WUHAN (w/Sabalenka)

2018 - CINCINNATI (w/Schuurs), BIRMINGHAM (w/Schuurs)

2017 - BUCHAREST (w/Schuurs), ISTANBUL (w/Melichar-martinez)

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (2)

2021 - SAN JOSE, PALERMO

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
4r	3r	3r	4r	2021	2r	3r	2r	3r
4r	3r		QF	2020	2r	QF		1r
3r	3r	4r	QF	2019	SF	2r	3r	2r
SF	4r	3r	4r	2018		1r	1r	1r
	3r	1r	1r	2017				
			1r	2016				1r
				2015				
				2014				1r



# MATCH NOTES

AUSTRALIAN OPEN - MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA  
2022-01-17 - 2022-01-30 | \$ 75,000,000



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- Enjoyed a productive start to 2021 season in Melbourne, triumphing at the Gippsland Trophy (d. Kanepi in F) to lift sixth WTA singles title, then teamed up w/Sabalenka at Australian Open to claim second Grand Slam doubles title (d. Krejčíková/Siniakova in F); reached R16 in singles at Australian Open (l. Muchova)
- Other first half of the year highlights included finishing R-Up final at Istanbul (l. Cirstea in F, also won doubles title w/Kudermetova), SF at Dubai (l. Muguruza), QF at Madrid (l. Sabalenka) and 3r at both Roland Garros (l. Sakkari) and Wimbledon (l. Keys)
- In doubles at the All England Club, won third career Grand Slam doubles title w/Hsieh
- In singles, competed in Olympics in Tokyo falling in 1r to Alexandrova then reached SF at San Jose (l. Kasatkina) and R16 at US Open (l. Sabalenka)
- In doubles w/Hsieh, won title at Indian Wells and qualified for the year-end AKRON WTA Finals in Guadalajara where they reached the final (l/ Krejčíková/Siniakova)
- Won the most matches on Tour in 2020, going 34-13 across the season
- Reached two finals last year, finishing as R-Up at both Prague (l. Halep) and Linz (l. Sabalenka)
- Earned her milestone 200th career main draw win with victory over Kalinina in 1r at Linz
- Won 10th career doubles title at Ostrava (w/Sabalenka)
- Loss to Watson at 2020 Hobart, at 3h 33m, was the longest match of the year
- Singles highlights in 2019 were winning biggest title of career at Doha (d. No.3 Halep in final) and advancing to QF at US Open for the first time (l. eventual champion Andreescu in 3s)
- Enjoyed standout season in doubles in 2019 - won maiden major doubles title at US Open w/Sabalenka (d. Azarenka/Barty in F). Also Completed 'Sunshine Double' in doubles (w/Sabalenka), lifting the back-to-back titles at Indian Wells (d. Krejčíková/Siniakova) and Miami (d. Stosur/Zhang), and qualified for Shiseido WTA Finals Shenzhen (went 1-2 in RR)
- Won three singles titles in 2018 (Hobart, Rabat and Lugano), one of six players on tour with three or more titles to their name that year - also Kvitova (5), Svitolina (4), Bertens (3), Halep (3) and Wozniacki (3)
- Also in 2018, advanced to first Grand Slam SF of career at 2018 Australian Open (l. eventual champion Wozniacki)
- 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

- Finished 2018 with 46 main draw match wins across the campaign - only Ka.Pliskova (49) and Kvitova (47) registered more. By contrast, prior to 2018 season owned only 36 wins at this level across entire career
- In doubles in 2018, won four titles and reached QF at WTA Finals (w/Schuurs)
- Finished 2017 season at No.35, up from No.120 in 2016 - first Top 50 and Top 100 year-end finish. Season highlighted by first career singles title at Hobart (as a qualifier, d. Niculescu in F)
- Registered first Top 10 win of career over No.10 Cibulkova in 1r at 2017 Beijing
- Made WTA singles main draw debut at 2016 's-Hertogenbosch - made QF (as qualifier, l. Mladenovic)
- Won first WTA title of any kind in doubles at 2016 Auckland (w/Mestach)
- Played first tour-level event of career at 2015 Antwerp (fell in qualifying)
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in Belgium in 2010; owns 11 singles and 14 doubles titles on ITF Circuit

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Currently coached by Robbie Ceyssens, formerly worked with Dieter Kindlmann
- Previously trained under Belgian Federation until early teens, also spent a year at the Mouratoglou Academy in Paris
- Mother is Liliane Barbe (teaches languages and history); father is Guido Mertens (makes furniture for churches). Began playing tennis at age 4, introduced to game by older sister Lauren, an airline pilot with KLM
- First tennis memory is watching Kim Clijsters playing live
- Was home schooled, enjoyed studying languages; speaks English, Dutch/Flemish and French
- Loves animals and has lots of pets at home
- In 2021, launched a charitable initiative to support the Virunga National Park's efforts to save the gorilla population in the Democratic Republic of Congo. During 2021 season she will be wearing a Virunga Ranger necklace and sporting a badge on her bag to help raise awareness

- 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
- Started playing tennis at age 3; introduced to the sport by her dad (who played recreationally and used to coach her). Favorite surface is hard
- Enjoys going to the beach, fishing and running.