MATCH NOTES
HUAFE TECHNOLOGY WTA ELITE TROPHY ZHUHAI
ZHUHAI, CHINA
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WTA ELITE TROPHY – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27 - DAY 4

[8] Beatriz Haddad Maia (BRA #19) vs. [9] Caroline Garcia (FRA #20)
First career meeting

Winner of today’s match will win the Camellia group and advance to the semifinals on Saturday... Haddad Maia is participating in her first WTA Elite Trophy where she has already earned a spot in the doubles final with partner Kudermetova; it will be her third doubles final of the year after winning the title at Madrid (w/Azarenka) and finishing R-Up at Indian Wells (w/Siegemund)... Until her win against No.11 Keys on Tuesday, Haddad Maia had lost her last four matches against Top 20 opponents... Haddad Maia is the only singles player in the draw to not reach a singles final this year.

Garcia is competing in her third WTA Elite Trophy and is looking to reach the semifinals here for the first time... Garcia’s win over No.11 Keys on Wednesday was her first Top 20 win of the year previously going 0-7 in 2023... Garcia won the WTA Finals title last year in Fort Worth, earning 1,375 ranking points; those points dropped off on Monday, dropping from No.10 to No.20... Garcia leads the Tour in aces (454) and has reached the quarterfinals in four of her last five tournaments

Series tied 2-2

If Samsonova wins today, she would win the Rose group and advance to the semifinals on Saturday... If Kudermetova wins today, all players would be tied 1-1 and Zhu Lin would win the Rose group based on best sets won percentage... Samsonova won the most recent match against Kudermetova and their only meeting in 2023 at Abu Dhabi... Samsonova has won three of her last four matches against Top 20 players, all three coming during her run to the final at Beijing, her second WTA 1000 final of the year.

Despite today’s results, Kudermetova is out of contention to advance to the singles semifinals... In doubles, Kudermetova has already booked a spot in the final with partner Haddad Maia; it will be her second doubles final of the year after winning the title in Dubai where she partnered with today’s opponent... Kudermetova has won three of her last four matches against Top 20 players with two wins coming during recent title run at Tokyo

Zheng leads 2-0

Winner of today’s match will win the Orchid group and advance to the semifinals on Saturday... Ostapenko has won three of her last four Top 20 matches... Ostapenko has yet to reach a semifinal on hard courts this year... With a win today, Ostapenko would be the highest seed in the semifinals with both No.1 seed Krejcikova and No.2 seed Keys failing to advance out of their groups... Including her two previous losses to Zheng, Ostapenko holds a 9-4 record against players from China

Zheng won their only two meetings at 2022 US Open and 2023 Abu Dhabi... Zheng is on a six-match winning streak after title run in Zhengzhou and then a three-set win over Vekic on Wednesday... Zheng has gone 7-13 against Top 20 players this year but has won her most recent two matches during title run in Zhengzhou... Should both Zheng and her countrywoman Zhu Lin reach the semifinals, it would be the first time two Chinese players have advanced out of the group stage in Zhuhai; only three other Chinese players have made it to the final four at the WTA Elite Trophy all in different years
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**FIRST MEETING**

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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT
Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES
- Making tournament debut
- First time in career qualifying for WTA Elite Trophy Zuhai
- Beat Madison Keys in her opening group stage match
- Faces No.20 Caroline Garcia in their group today; owns 17 wins in career over Top 20 players, most recently No.7 Ons Jabeur at Roland Garros 2023
- Both Haddad Maia and Garcia defeated Keys in the group, so the winner today will win the group and progress to the semifinal
- Owns 0-2 career record against players from France (L. Mladenovic in 1r at Monterrey in 2019 and 2r at Acapulco in 2018)
- Owns 29-36 career record against seeded players, with a record in 2023 standing at 9-9 (most recently defeated by No.4 Krejčíková in QF at San Diego)
- Best career result on hard court is Runner-Up which she has reached 2 times at Toronto 2022 and Seoul 2017
- Is currently ranked No.19; this time last year was ranked No.15; broke into the top ten for the first time this year on 12 June after reaching SF at Roland Garros
- Longest winning streak of her career was 13 matches in 2022
- Has won 31 matches so far in 2023, among which 17 wins have come on hard court
- Has been involved in 22 three-set matches in 2023; one of 5 players to contest more than 20, along with Caroline Garcia and Jelena Ostapenko

CURRENT TOURNAMENT
Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES
- Making third appearance at Zuhai, and has gone 1-1 in Group Stage on both previous appearances
- Beat Madison Keys in her opening group match
- Faces No.19 Beatriz Haddad Maia in her second group match today; owns 41 wins in career over Top 20 players, most recently No.4 Coco Gauff at WTA Finals in 2022
- Owns 1-0 career record against players from Brazil (d. Pereira in 1r at 2016 Rio Olympics)
- Owns 66-103 career record against seeded players, with a record in 2023 standing at 7-9 (most recently defeated by No.2 Swiatek in QF at Beijing)
- Is a five-time hard court champion: WTA Finals, Cincinnati in 2022; Tianjin in 2018; Beijing, Wuhan in 2017
- Is currently ranked No.20; this time last year was ranked No.6
- Has won 38 matches so far in 2023; she is ranked No.8 on tour for match wins, with a record on hard court standing at 28-18
- Has been involved in 22 three-set matches in 2023; one of 5 players to contest more than 20, along with Beatriz Haddad Maia and Jelena Ostapenko
• Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

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SEASON 2023 HISTORY

- Contested 1r at Nanchang (L. Hibino) Played R16 at Hong Kong (L. Pavlyuchenkova)
- Fell in opening round at Beijing (L. Paolini)
- Reached QF at San Diego (L. eventual champion Krejcikova)
- Played 2r at US Open (L. Townsend)
- Defeated in 1r at Cincinnati (L. eventual R-Up Muchova)
- Made 2r at Montreal (L. Fernandez)
  Reached R16 at Wimbledon (L. Rybakina), career best result at Wimbledon
- Fell in 1r at Nottingham (L. Snigur); reached 2r at Eastbourne (L. Martic)
- Reached first grand slam semifinal at Roland Garros (L. eventual champion Swiatek)
- Fell 2r at Madrid (after 1r bye, L. Andreescu) and reached QF at Rome (L. Kalinina); at Rome won fifth career doubles title (w/Azarenka)
- Part of Brazil team which lost 3-1 to Germany in Billie Jean King Cup qualifier, then advanced to QF at Stuttgart (L. Jabeur)
- Reached 3r at both Indian Wells (L. Raducanu) and Miami (L. Ostapenko)
- In Middle East, advanced to SF at Abu Dhabi (L. eventual champion Bencic), QF at Doha (L. Pegula) and fell 1r at Dubai (L. Cirstea)
- Made QF at Adelaide 2 (L. Badosa) and then fell 1r at Australian Open (L. Parrizas Diaz)
- Represented Brazil at the inaugural United Cup in opening week of the season; despite winning both of her singles matches, Brazilian team made a group stage exit

- Played R16 at Zhengzhou (L. Paolini)
- Reached QF at Tokyo (L. Sakkari)
- Contested SF at Guadalajara (L. Sakkari)
- Reached R16 at Zhengzhou (L. Paolini)
- Fell in QF at Beijing (L. Swiatek)
- Played 1r at US Open (L. Y. Wang) and made QF at San Diego (L. Collins)
- Reached QF at Cleveland as top seed (L. Zhu)
- Fell in 2r at Cincinnati (L. Stephens), Montreal (L. Bouzkova) and Washington DC (L. Kostyuk) (received 1r bye at each)
- Reached QF at Eastbourne (L. Kasatkina) and 3r at Wimbledon (L. Bouzkova)
- At Berlin fell in QF (L. Kvitova) and lifted the title in doubles (w/ Stefani)
- Fell in the 2r at Roland Garros (L. Blinkova)
- Reached QF at Stuttgart (L. Potapova) and 3r at both Madrid (L. Sherif) and Rome (L. Osorio)
- Defeated in Monterrey final (L. Vekic), then fell 3r at Indian Wells (L. Cirstea) and 2r at Miami (after 1r bye, L. Cirstea)
- Finished R-Up at Lyon (L. Parks), then made QF at Doha (L. Sakkari) and fell 1r at Dubai (L. Keys)
- Made QF at Adelaide 2 (L. eventual champion Bencic) and R16 at Australian Open (L. Linette)
- Represented France at the inaugural United Cup in opening week of 2023; won two matches in singles and one in mixed doubles but was unable to prevent France exiting in the group stage
## SEASON 2023 STATS

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Best win by ranking: No.7 vs Jabeur in ROLAND GARROS QF
No.7 vs Rybakina in STUTTGART 2r

Longest match: 3h 51m vs Serrribes Torro in ROLAND GARROS 4r
Shortest match: 1h 3m vs Rybakina in STUTTGART 2r
Match points saved: 3 vs Kasatkina in DOHA 2r
Most aces in a match: 7 vs Ostapenko in MIAMI 3r

Best win by ranking: No.11 vs Keys in ZHUHAI GRP
Longest match: 3h 0m vs Muchova in DOHA 2r
Shortest match: 50m vs Kasatkina in EASTBOURNE QF
Match points saved: 2 vs Sasnovich in GUADALAJARA 2r
Most aces in a match: 18 vs Putintseva in MADRID 2r
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BEATRIZ
HADDAD MAIA

CAROLINE
GARCIA

TITLES

SINGLES FINALS
Champion (2)
2022 - BIRMINGHAM, NOTTINGHAM
Runner-Up (2)
2022 - TORONTO
2017 - SEOUL

DOUBLES FINALS
Champion (5)
2023 - MADRID (w/Azarenka)
2022 - NOTTINGHAM (w/Zhang), SYDNEY
(w/Danilina)
2017 - BOGOTA (w/Podoroska)
2015 - BOGOTA (w/Goncalves)

Runner-Up (3)
2023 - INDIAN WELLS (w/Siegemund)
2022 - GUADALAJARA (w/Danilina), AUSTRALIAN OPEN (w/Danilina)

SINGLES FINALS
Champion (11)
2022 - WTA FINALS, CINCINNATI, WARSAW, BAD HOMBURG
2019 - NOTTINGHAM
2018 - TIANJIN
2017 - BEIJING, WUHAN
2016 - MALLORCA, STRASBOURG
2014 - BOGOTA

Runner-Up (5)
2023 - MONTERREY, LYON
2019 - STRASBOURG
2015 - MONTERREY, ACAPULCO

DOUBLES FINALS
Champion (8)
2023 - BERLIN (w/Stefani)
2022 - ROLAND GARROS (w/Mladenovic)
2016 - FRENCH OPEN (w/Mladenovic), MADRID
(w/Mladenovic), STUTTGART (w/Mladenovic),
CHARLESTON (w/Mladenovic)
2015 - EASTBOURNE (w/Srebotnik)
2014 - BOGOTA (w/Arruabarrena)

Runner-Up (10)
2016 - BEIJING (w/Mladenovic), US OPEN
(w/Mladenovic), DUBAI (w/Mladenovic), SYDNEY
(w/Mladenovic)
2015 - TORONTO (w/Srebotnik), STUTTGART
(w/Srebotnik), BRISBANE (w/Srebotnik)
2014 - MOSCOW (w/Parra Santonja), LINZ
(w/Beck), WUHAN (w/Black)
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BEATRIZ HADDAD MAIA
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CAREER MILESTONES

- Last season highlighted by a stellar sequence of results on grass, when she became the first woman ever to win Nottingham and Birmingham back-to-back
- Broke into the Top 20 for the first time following her run to the final at Toronto last August, while in 2022 also advanced to SFs at Monterrey and Eastbourne and three further QFs
- Peaked in rankings at No.80 in 2021, her highest position since May 2018
- Posted best win-by-ranking of career in 2021, defeating No.3 Ka.Pliskova during run to R16 as LL at Indian Wells. Was second Top-10 win of career, after No.4 Stephens at 2019 Acapulco
- Also won five ITF Circuit titles in 2021, including two W60 in Switzerland towards the end of the year
- Highlights of 2019 were SF at Bogota and QF at Acapulco
- Ended 2018 at No184, with season highlight reaching 3r at a Premier Mandatory tournament for first time at Miami (L. Ostapenko). Also made 2r at Hobart, Australian Open and Acapulco, and reached final at $80k ITF/Tyler, TX-USA
- Posted first Top 100 season in 2017, finishing at No.65; only Brazilian to finish in Top 300
- Broke into Top 100 for first time following 2017 Roland Garros at No.94
- Reached first WTA singles final at 2017 Seoul (L. Ostapenko); previous best results were quarterfinals at 2015 Rio de Janeiro and 2017 Prague
- Won first WTA doubles title at 2015 Bogotá (w/Goncalves, d. Falconi/Rogers)
- In July 2015, suffered a shoulder injury at the Pan American Games in Toronto, was forced to have surgery and miss remainder of season
- Won first WTA match at 2013 Florianopolis (d. Hau, L. Czink)
- Owns 17 ITF Circuit singles titles
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2012 Québec City (L. El Tabakh)

- Return to form in second half of 2022, winning four tournaments, including a run through qualifying to Cincinnati title (d. Kvitova in F) and victory at WTA Finals in Fort Worth (d. Sabalenka in F)
- Only player to win titles on all three surfaces in 2022, having also triumphed on grass at Bad Homburg (d. Andreescu in F) and on clay at Warsaw (d. Bogdan in F). Summer form saw her return to Top 10 on September 12, following US Open SF
- Best win of her career came over No.1 Swiatek in QF at 2022 Warsaw
- At 2022 Roland-Garros, won first doubles title in almost six years (w/Mladenovic, d. Gauff/Pegula in F)
- Highlights in 2021 came on clay, with SF at Lausanne and QF at Parma
- Best results in 2020 were at Slams, reaching R16 at Roland-Garros (L. Svitolina) and 3r at US Open (l. Brady); defeated No.3 Ka.Pliskova in 2r at Flushing Meadows to record her first Top-10 win since late 2018
- Highlights of 2019 campaign include capturing her seventh career WTA singles title at Nottingham (d. Vekic in F) and finishing R-Up at Strasbourg (L. Yastremska)
- Member of French Billie Jean King Cup team that won the 2019 competition final vs. Australia, teaming up with Mladenovic to win the decisive doubles runner against Barty/Stosur. Also took part in the team that advanced to final vs. Czech Republic in 2016
- Fell out of the Top 20 on March 18, 2019 after holding her position there since August 14, 2017
- In 2018, won sixth career title at Tianjin; also made SF at Stuttgart and Madrid
- Broke into the Top 5 on August 13, 2018 and reached a career-high of No.4 on September 10, 2018
- Became first player to win Wuhan and Beijing back-to-back in 2017. As a result, qualified for WTA Finals. Was ranked No.30 on the Race to Singapore leaderboard in May 2017
- Made Top-10 debut on October 9, 2017, following completion of Wuhan-Beijing title double
- Won a career-best 48 main draw matches in 2017 (48-22 record, two titles), including
• Reaching maiden major QF at Roland-Garros (L. Ka.Pliskova)
• Qualifying for WTA Finals in 2017, became the first Frenchwoman to compete at WTA Finals in singles since Mauresmo in 2006 (L. Henin in F)
• At 2016 Roland Garros w/Mladenovic, won first major doubles title. They were the first French pair to win in Paris since 1971, when Gail Chanfreau and Francoise Durr triumphed
• Represented France at 2016 Rio Olympics in singles and doubles
• Played 2015 WTA Finals Rising Stars Invitational in Singapore (L. Osaka in F)
• Made professional debut at 13 on ITF Circuit in France in 2007
• In juniors, singles runner-up at 2011 US Open (L. Mir) and reached SF at the other three Slams

• Coached by Rafael Paciaroni
• Born in Sao Paulo, to Ayrton Elias Maia Filho and Lais Scaff Haddad
• Both her mother and grandmother Arlette Scaff Haddad were successful tennis players in Brazil
• Started playing tennis at the age of five

• Currently coached by Bertrand Perret
• Worked with Juan Pablo Guzman and Emiliano Redondi. Was also previously coached by father Louis Paul Garcia
• Mother is Marylene
• Played many sports when she was younger and chose tennis because it was the one she enjoyed the most
• Enjoys reading and spending time with family, and a big sports fan
• Best tennis memories are winning Limoges, Strasbourg, and the 2016 Roland Garros doubles title
## Match Notes

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### Player Profiles

**LIUDMILA SAMSONOVA (4)**

- **Date of Birth**: 1998-11-11
- **Residence**: Moscow, Russia
- **Height**: 5' 11" (1.82m)
- **Career High Ranking**: 9
- **Career Prize Money**: $4,248,296
- **Season Prize Money**: $2,112,786
- **Singles Titles YTD / Career**: 0 / 4
- **YTD / Career ZHUHAI W-L (best)**: 18-18 (Quarter-Finalist: 2022 ROLAND GARROS)
- **Runner-Up**: BEIJING, MONTREAL, ABU DHABI

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**VERONIKA KUDERMETOVA (16)**

- **Date of Birth**: 1997-04-24
- **Residence**: Moscow, Russia
- **Height**: 5' 8" (1.75m)
- **Career High Ranking**: 9
- **Career Prize Money**: $6,404,427
- **Season Prize Money**: $1,486,341
- **Singles Titles YTD / Career**: 1 / 2
- **YTD / Career ZHUHAI W-L (best)**: 18-18 (Quarter-Finalist: 2022 ROLAND GARROS)
- **YTD Best Result**: Champion: TOKYO

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### Additional Information

- **5' 11" (1.82m)**
- **Right-handed (two-handed backhand)**
- **Runners-Up**: BEIJING, MONTREAL, ABU DHABI
- **YTD Best Result**: Champion: TOKYO
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CURRENT TOURNAMENT
GRP: d. L. ZHU (#37) 2-6 6-2 6-1 (1h 59m)

Total time on court: 1h 59m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making tournament debut
- Defeated Lin Zhu in three sets in her opening match
- Faces No.16 Veronika Kudermetova in GRP today; owns 18 wins in career over Top 20 players, most recently No.14 Petra Kvitova at Beijing 2023
- With a win today Samsonova would advance to the semifinals; if Kudermetova wins the Zhu Lin advances
- Owns 24-30 career record against seeds, with a record in 2023 standing at 9-11
- Three of her four career singles titles have come on hard courts – Tokyo, Cleveland, and Washington DC in 2022
- Is currently ranked No.15 (career best at No.12 in Feb 2023); this time last year was ranked No.19
- Longest winning streak of her career was 14 matches in 2022
- Has won 33 matches so far in 2023, among which 25 wins have come on hard courts
- Has been involved in 19 three-set matches in 2023

CURRENT TOURNAMENT
GRP: d. L. ZHU (#37) 7-6 6-1 (2h 12m)

Total time on court: 2h 12m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making tournament debut
- Defeated Zhu Lin in straight sets in opening round this week
- Faces No.15 Liudmila Samsonova in GRP today; owns 23 wins in career over Top 20 players, most recently No.2 Iga Swiatek at Tokyo 2023
- Owns 40-50 career record against seeds, with a record in 2023 standing at 11-10
- Owns one career singles title at Tokyo 2023 (d. Pegula in F)
- Is currently ranked No.16; this time last year was ranked No.9
- Longest winning streak of her career was 10 matches in 2021
- Has won 32 matches so far in 2023, among which 18 wins have come on hard courts
- Has been involved in 20 three-set matches in 2023
RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles
- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles
SEASON 2023 HISTORY

- Played R16 at Zhengzhou (I. Siegemund)
- Contested R16 at Tokyo (L. Alexandrova)
- Reached the 2023 Beijing Final (L. Swiatek) being this her best result at Beijing
- Played 3r at US Open (L. Keys)
- Defeated in 1r at Cincinnati (L. qualifier Linda Noskova)
- Achieved best WTA 1000 result to date reaching Montreal final. Defeated No.2 seed Sabalenka in R16 and No.3 seed Rybakina in SF, before falling to Pegula in the final
- Reached SF at Washington DC (L. Gauff)
- Reached QF at Bad Homburg (L. eventual champion Siniakova); suffered 1r exit at Wimbledon (L. Bogdan)
- Reached quarterfinals at 's-Hertogenbosch before retiring against Sasnovich (right foot injury), fell in 1r at Berlin (L. Alexandrova)
- Fell in three close sets in 2r at Roland Garros (L. Pavlyuchenkova)
- Suffered 1r exit at Stuttgart (L. Krejčíková), then reached R16 at Madrid (L. Begu) and 3r at Rome (L. Vekic)
- Defeated in 2r at Indian Wells (after 1r bye, L. Pera) and 3r at Miami (L. Q.Zheng)
- Finished R-Up at Abu Dhabi (L. Bencic, having held 3MP) and fell 1r at Doha (L. Kenin)
- Upset in 2r at Australian Open (L. Vekic)
- Made 2r at Adelaide 1 (L. Sabalenka) and suffered 1r exit at Adelaide 2 (L. Anisimova)

- Played 1r at Zhengzhou (L. Zvonareva)
- Won her first title of the 2023 season at Tokyo (d. Pegula)
- Contested R16 at Guadalajara (L. Azarenka)
- Played 2r at Guadalajara (L. Bouchard)
- Fell in opening round at Zhengzhou (L. Zvonareva)
- Contested in R16 at Beijing (L. Gauff)
- Reached 1r at San Diego (L. Kenin)
- Played 1r at US Open (L. Pera)
- Reached 2r at Cleveland (L. eventual champion Sorribes Tormo)
- Fell to V.Williams in 1r at Cincinnati
- Reached 2r at Wimbledon (L. eventual champion Vondrousova)
- Opened her grass court season at 's-Hertogenbosch with a R-Up run (L. defending champion Alexandrova); reached QF at Berlin (w/o against Alexandrova)
- Lost in opening round at Roland Garros (L. Schmiedlova); also reached QF in doubles (w/Samsonova)
- Reached first WTA 1000 SF of her career at first Madrid (L. Swiatek) and then Rome (L. Kalinina)
- Fell 2r at Charleston (after 1r bye, L. Shnaider) and 1r at Stuttgart (L. Gauff)
- Defeated in 3r at Indian Wells (L. K.Pliskova) and 2r at Miami (after 1r bye, L. Vondrousova)
- During Melbourne swing, reached SF at Doha (L. eventual champion Swiatek), QF at Abu Dhabi (L. Samsonova) and fell 1r at Dubai (L. Kalinina)
- In opening month of the season advanced to SF at Adelaide 2 (withdrew before match vs. Bencic with/hip injury) and QF at Adelaide 1 (L. Begu), before suffering 2r upset at Australian Open (L. Volynets)
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Best win by ranking: No.2 vs Sabalenka in MONTREAL 3r
Longest match: 3h 40m vs Papadakis in SHERTOGENBOSCH 1r
Shortest match: 48m vs Pegula in MONTREAL F
Match points saved: 1 vs Krejcikova in ABU DHABI 2r
Most aces in a match: 16 vs Noskova in BAD HOMBURG 2r

Best win by ranking: No.2 vs Swiatek in TOKYO QF
No.2 vs Sabalenka in BERLIN 2r
Longest match: 3h 29m vs Pavlyuchenkova in TOKYO SF
Shortest match: 52m vs Riske-amritraj in SHERTOGENBOSCH 1r
Match points saved: 2 vs Kasatkina in MADRID 4r
5 vs Collins in ADELAIDE #2 QF
Most aces in a match: 20 vs Azarenka in ADELAIDE #2 1r
TITLES

SINGLES FINALS
Champion (4)
2022 - TOKYO, CLEVELAND, WASHINGTON DC
2021 - BERLIN
Runner-Up (3)
2023 - BEIJING, MONTREAL, ABU DHABI

DOUBLES FINALS
Champion (1)
2023 - DUBAI (w/Kudermetova)

SINGLES FINALS
Champion (2)
2023 - TOKYO
2021 - CHARLESTON

Runner-Up (5)
2023 - S’HERTOGENBOSCH
2022 - ISTANBUL, DUBAI, MELBOURNE 250 #1
2021 - ABU DHABI

DOUBLES FINALS
Champion (6)
2023 - DUBAI (w/Samsonova)
2022 - WTA FINALS (w/Mertens), ROME
(w/Pavlyuchenkova), DUBAI (w/Mertens)
2021 - ISTANBUL (w/Mertens)
2019 - WUHAN (w/Duan)

Runner-Up (7)
2022 - S’HERTOGENBOSCH (w/Mertens), MIAMI
(w/Mertens), DOHA (w/Mertens)
2021 - INDIAN WELLS (w/Rybakina), WIMBLEDON
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2019 - LUGANO (w/Voskoboeva), CHARLESTON
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LIUDMILA SAMSONOVA

- Lifted three titles in 2022, at Washington DC (d. Kanepi in F), Cleveland (d. Sasnovich in F) and Tokyo (d. Q.Zheng in F)
- Last year, also made SF at Stuttgart, QF at Adelaide, R16 at US Open and made Top-20 debut on October 24
- Highlight of 2021 was coming through qualifying to lift maiden WTA title on grass at Berlin (d. Bencic in F)
- Reached two further SFs in 2021, at Luxembourg and Courmayeur, and helped Russia win Billie Jean King Cup Finals
- In 2020 reached 2r at Brisbane (as qualifier, d. No.24 Stephens, l. No.7 Kvitova) and Palermo (as qualifier, l. Martic), and fell 1r four times (including Australian Open, US Open and Roland Garros)
- Finished 2019 at No.139 - her best season-ending finish after ending the year with a 32-28 record
- Appeared in the first six WTA main draws of her career in 2019, highlighted by SF run at Palermo (l. eventual champion Teichmann), 2r showing at Lausanne (l. Han) and falling 1r on Grand Slam main draw debut at Roland Garros (as qualifier, l. Vekic)
- Contested qualifying at a WTA event for the first time at 2019 St. Petersburg, while fell 1r on her main draw bow at Roland Garros that year
- Owns four singles titles on the ITF Circuit, most recently at $60K Saint-Malo-FRA in 2018
- Made professional debut at $10K ITF/Gonesse-FRA in 2013

VERONIKA KUDERMETOVA

- Made Top-10 debut on October 24, 2022, following QF run at Guadalajara
- Singles highlights in 2022 were R-Up finishes at Melbourne Summer Set 1 (l. Halep), Dubai (l. Ostapenko) and Istanbul (l. Potapova), while reached maiden Slam QF at Roland-Garros (l. Kasatkina)
- Appeared in maiden WTA final at Abu Dhabi in opening event of 2021 (l. Sabalenka) before securing first title at Charleston (d. Kovinic)
- In doubles made two biggest finals of career, at Wimbledon (w/Vesnina, l. Hsieh/Mertens) and Indian Wells (w/Rybakina, l. Hsieh/Mertens)
- Scored first win over a Top-3 ranked opponent by upsetting No.3 Ka.Pliskova at 2020 Western & Southern Open. Other highlights in 2020 included SF run at Hobart and closing out season with back-to-back QFs at Ostrava and Linz
- Won 27 main-draw matches during 2019 - had previously won six across entire career - to rise over 60 places in the WTA rankings, making Top-100 debut on February 4 and Top-50 debut on September 9
- Singles highlights in 2019 included reaching maiden WTA SF at ‘s-Hertogenbosch (l. eventual champion Riske), 3r at Roland Garros (d. No.13 Wozniacki in 1r - her maiden Grand Slam main draw win and also first over a Top-20 opponent - l. Kanepi) and winning WTA 125K Series title at Guadalajara (d. Bouzkova in F)
- Posted first two Top-10 wins of career in final weeks of 2019, over No.10 Bencic at Wuhan and No.4 Svitolina at Moscow
- Fell 1r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2019 Australian Open (as qualifier, l. Kenin)
- Won career first WTA doubles title at 2019 Wuhan with Duan (d. Mertens/Sabalenka in F); also in 2019 was R-Up at Charleston (w/Khromacheva) and Lugano (w/Voskoboeva)
- Posted maiden career WTA QF runs in 2018, first at ‘s-Hertogenbosch (l. eventual champion Krunić) and then Gstaad (l. Bouchard)
- Reached 2r on WTA main draw debut at 2018 Stuttgart (d. No.25 Suárez Navarro, l. eventual champion Ka.Pliskova)
- WTA qualifying debut came at 2014 Moscow
- Made Billie Jean King Cup debut in 2014 vs.
Australia (L. Stosur - her first Tour-level match)
- On ITF Circuit, owns four singles - most recently at 2018 $25K Keito-JPN - and 16 doubles titles
- Made professional debut at $50K ITF/Kazan-RUS in 2014

OTHER INFORMATION

- Current coach is Danilo Pizzorno; Previously trained in Rome with Alessandro Dumitrache and worked with Alessandro Piccar
- Parents are Dmitry Samsonov and Svetlana Samsonova
- Hobbies include listening to and playing music, attending concerts and watching films
- Idolizes Maria Sharapova
- Favorite shot is her forehand and favorite surface to play on is hard court

- Coached by husband Sergey Demekhine
- Born in Kazan, Russia, now based in Moscow and trains at CSKA club
- Father, Eduard, was a Russian national ice hockey champion; teenage sister, Polina, is on the junior circuit
- She started playing tennis at the age of eight
- Off the court, has a passion for cooking and her specialty is roasted chicken with potatoes and garlic
### Jelena Ostapenko (3) Latvia

- **Date of Birth**: 1997-06-08
- **Residence**: Riga, Latvia
- **Height**: 5' 10" (1.77m)
- **Career-High Ranking**: 5
- **Career Prize Money**: $13,796,178
- **Season Prize Money**: $1,998,436
- **Singles Titles YTD / Career**: 1 / 6
- **Grand Slam W-L (best)**: 49-30 (Champion: 2017 ROLAND GARROS)
- **YTD / Career ZHUHAI W-L (best)**: 1-0 / 1-0
- **YTD / Career W-L**: 37-21 / 224-163
- **YTD / Career Hard W-L**: 22-15 / 134-110
- **YTD / Career 3-Set W-L**: 19-10 / 87-62
- **YTD / Career TB W-L**: 5-7 / 48-34
- **YTD / Career TOP 20 W-L**: 8-8 / 37-48
- **Champion**: BIRMINGHAM

### Qinwen Zheng (7) China

- **Date of Birth**: 2002-10-08
- **Residence**: Barcelona, Spain
- **Height**: 5' 10" (1.78m)
- **Career-High Ranking**: 18
- **Career Prize Money**: $2,361,918
- **Season Prize Money**: $1,303,512
- **Singles Titles YTD / Career**: 1 / 2
- **YTD / Career W-L (best)**: 37-21 / 56-38
- **YTD / Career Hard W-L**: 22-11 / 38-24
- **YTD / Career 3-Set W-L**: 14-6 / 23-15
- **YTD / Career TB W-L**: 7-3 / 16-9
- **YTD / Career TOP 20 W-L**: 7-13 / 13-19
- **Champion**: ZHENGZHOU, PALERMO
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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

GRP: d. D. VEKIC (#24) 4-6 6-4 6-1 (1h 56m)

Total time on court: 1h 56m

PLAYER NOTES

- Has qualified for WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai for first time
- Defeated Donna Vekic in opening group match yesterday
- Faces No.18 Qinwen Zheng in second group match today - winner of the match will advance to semifinals
- Owns 36 wins in career over Top 20 players, most recently No.4 Jessica Pegula at Beijing 2023
- Holds 9-4 career record against players from China, with record in 2023 standing at 0-1 (today's opponent Zheng at Abu Dhabi)
- Owns 53-61 career record against seeded opponents (10-10 in 2023)
- Has won three three career singles titles on hard court at Dubai 2022, Luxembourg 2019, Seoul 2017
- Is currently ranked No.13; this time last year was ranked No.18
- Has won 36 matches so far in 2023, among which 21 wins have come on hard court
- Has been involved in 27 three-set matches in 2023; one of 5 players to contest more than 20, along with Caroline Garcia, Anastasia Potapova, Beatriz Haddad Maia

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

GRP: d. D. VEKIC (#24) 6-4 6-7 6-4 (2h 53m)

Total time on court: 2h 53m

PLAYER NOTES

- Has qualified for WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai for the first time
- Defeated Donna Vekic in opening group match on Wednesday
- Faces No.13 Jelena Ostapenko in second group match today - winner of this match will advance to semifinals
- Owns 13 wins in career over Top 20 players, most recently No.6 Maria Sakkari and No.18 Krejcikova at Zhengzhou 2023 en route to title
- Owns 2-0 career record against players from Latvia, having defeated today's opponent Ostapenko at US Open 2022 and Abu Dhabi 2023
- Holds 17-21 career record against seeded opponents (11-13 in 2023)
- Owns one career singles title on hard court at Zhengzhou in 2023
- One of two players from China in the field (along with Zhu Lin)
- Best result by China at Zhuhai was Runner-Up run by Qiang Wang in 2018; only three Chinese players have reached SF here including Qiang Wang in 2018 also Shuai Zhang in 2016 and Saisai Zheng in 2019
- Is currently ranked No.18; this time last year was ranked No.25
- Is currently on a 6-match winning streak - longest of her career
- Has won 33 matches so far in 2023, among which 22 wins have come on hard court
RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles
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QINWEN ZHENG

SEASON 2023 HISTORY

- Fell in opening round at Seoul (l. Back)
- Fell in QF at Beijing (l. Samsonova)
- Contested R16 at Guadalajara (l. Kenin)
- Reached R16 at San Diego (l. Collins)
- Played QF at US Open (l. Gauff)
- Defeated in 2r at Cincinnati (l. Rybakina)
- Suffered 1r exit at Montreal (l. Brady)
- Reached 2r at Wimbledon (l. Cirstea); reached QF at Eastbourne (l. Giorgi)
- Lifted the title at Birmingham (d. Krejcikova in F)
- Advanced to SF at Rome (l. eventual champion Rybakina); reached 2r at Roland Garros (l. Stearns)
- Made 2r at Stuttgart (l. Jabeur) and 3r at Madrid (l. Samsonova)
- Reached 3r at Indian Wells (l. Kvitova) and R16 at Miami (l. Trevisan)
- Made 2r at Doha (l. Pegula) and 3r at Dubai (l. Sabalenka)
- At Australian Open, advanced to first Slam QF since 2018 (l. Rybakina)
- Made 2r at Adelaide 1 (l. Begu) and suffered 1r exit at Adelaide 2 (l. Kalinskaya)

- Won her second title of the 2023 season at Zhengzhou (d. Krejcikova)
- Fell in opening round at Beijing (l. Rybakina)
- Played QF at US Open (l. Sabalenka)
- Reached 3r at Cincinnatti (l. Swiatek)
- Defeated by eventual R-Up Samsonova in 2r at Montreal
- Fell 1r at Washington DC (l. Keys)
- Won career first singles title at Palermo (d. Paolini in F)
- Fell in 1r at Wimbledon (l. Siniakova), Eastbourne (l. Pegula), and Berlin (l. V.Kudermetova)
- Fell in 2r at Roland Garros (l. Putintseva)
- On clay, reached 2r at Stuttgart (l. eventual champion Swiatek), 3r in Madrid (l. Alexandrova) and QF at Rome (l. Kudermetova)
- Withdrew from Indian Wells due to abdominal injury, then made R16 at Miami (l. Potapova)
- In Middle East, advanced to SF at Abu Dhabi (l. eventual champion Samsonova), while exited Dubai in 2r (withdrew before match vs. Samsonova w/abdominal pain) and fell 1r at Doha (l. Sakkari)
- Made 2r at Adelaide 1 (l. Azarenka), Adelaide 2 (as qualifier, l. Kvitova) and Australian Open (l. Pera)
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Best win by ranking: No.1 vs Swiatek in US OPEN 4r  
Longest match: 2h 37m vs Bondar in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2r  
Shortest match: 54m vs Fruhvirtova in DUBAI 2r  
Match points saved:  
Most aces in a match: 11 vs Williams in BIRMINGHAM 2r

Best win by ranking: No.5 vs Jabeur in US OPEN 4r  
Longest match: 3h 7m vs Samsonova in MIAMI 3r  
Shortest match: 56m vs Galfi in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 1r  
Match points saved: 1 vs Kontaveit in ADELAIDE #1 1r  
Most aces in a match: 18 vs Samsonova in MIAMI 3r
### SINGLES FINALS

**Champion (6)**
- 2023 - BIRMINGHAM
- 2022 - DUBAI
- 2021 - EASTBOURNE
- 2019 - LUXEMBOURG
- 2017 - SEOUL, ROLAND GARROS

**Runner-Up (8)**
- 2022 - SEOUL, EASTBOURNE
- 2021 - LUXEMBOURG
- 2019 - LINZ
- 2018 - MIAMI
- 2017 - CHARLESTON
- 2016 - DOHA
- 2015 - QUEBEC CITY

### DOUBLES FINALS

**Champion (6)**
- 2022 - CINCINNATI (w/Kichenok), BIRMINGHAM (w/Kichenok)
- 2021 - MOSCOW (w/Siniakova)
- 2018 - DOHA (w/Dabrowski)
- 2017 - STUTTGART (w/Atawo), ST. PETERSBURG (w/Rosolska)

**Runner-Up (7)**
- 2023 - DOHA (w/Kichenok)
- 2022 - EASTBOURNE (w/Kichenok), DUBAI (w/Kichenok)
- 2021 - DOHA (w/Niculescu)
- 2020 - DOHA (w/Dabrowski)
- 2019 - BEIJING (w/Yastremska), JURMALA (w/Voskoboeva)

### TITLES

**SINGLES FINALS**

**Champion (2)**
- 2023 - ZHENZHOU, PALERMO

**Runner-Up (1)**
- 2022 - TOKYO
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CAREER MILESTONES

- At 2022 Dubai, lifted fifth career singles title (d. Kudermetova in F); en route to final, beat Grand Slam champions Kenin, Swiatek, Kvitova (saved 1MP) and Halep
- Last season also finished R-Up at Eastbourne (L. Kvitova) and Seoul (L. Alexandrova)
- Lifted first grass court title at 2021 Eastbourne (as WC, d. Kontaveit in F)
- Last season, also finished R-Up at Luxembourg (L. Tauson), made SF at Indian Wells (L. Azarenka) and reached QF at Rome
- Highlights of 2020 season included three Top 10 wins: defeating No.4 Ka.Pliskova at Roland Garros, No.7 Kenin at Fed Cup qualifiers and No.8 Bertens at Strasbourg (via ret.). Also recorded 20th Top 20 win of her career at Ostrava (d. Martic in 1r)
- Finished R-Up in doubles w/Dabrowski at 2020 Doha (l. Hsieh/Strycova)
- The 2019 season saw her capture third career title at Luxembourg (d. Goerges in F) right after finishing R-Up at Linz (L. Gauff)
- Also R-Up in mixed doubles at 2019 Wimbledon w/ Lindstedt
- Her 2018 campaign was highlighted by finishing R-Up at Miami (L. Stephens); saw off No.9 Kvitova and No.4 Svitolina en route to register multiple Top 10 wins in the same tournament for the first time in her career
- Reached 2018 Wimbledon SF (l. eventual champion Kerber) to become first Latvian woman to reach final four at All England Club
- Achieved career-high ranking of No.5 on March 19, 2018
- Champion at 2017 Roland Garros (d. Halep in F) becoming first woman to win first tour-level title at a Grand Slam since Barbara Jordan at 1979 Australian Open (d. Walsh in F). Also became the first unseeded player to lift the trophy in the Open Era and the first Latvian player to reach the championship match at a Grand Slam
- Followed up title run with QF appearance at 2017 Wimbledon to become only second player in last 10 year (also S.Williams in 2015) to follow up victory at Roland Garros with a run to the QF or better at Wimbledon
- Qualified for debut WTA Finals in 2017 going 1-2 in group stage (d. Ka.Pliskova, l. V.Williams, l. Muguruza)
- Enjoyed career-best season in 2017, finishing the year in the Top 10 for the first time in her career (at No.7); was No.44 at end of 2016 (first Top 50

- In 2022 reached maiden WTA final at Tokyo (l. Samsonova) and also made SF at Melbourne Summer Set 1 and R16 at Roland Garros
- Scored two Top-10 wins over No.4 Badosa at Tokyo and No.5 Jabeur at Toronto in 2022
- Broke into Top 100 on January 31, 2022, following run through qualifying to 2r at Australian Open
- Ended 2021 at No.143, her first Top 150 finish
- Reached 2r on WTA main draw debut in 2021 at Palermo (as qualifier, L. Cristian)
- Made further main draw appearances at Moscow (as qualifier, L. Tsurenko in 1r) and Courmayeur (as qualifier, L. Vekic in 1r) last season
- Also last season contested qualifying in Strasbourg
- Made WTA qualifying debut in 2019, appearing at Miami then also at Tianjin and Wuhan that year
- Made ITF debut in Australia, at a $25k event in Playford in 2018
- Has gone on to amass seven ITF singles titles, including three in 2021
finish) and No.79 at end of 2015 (first Top 100 finish)

- Made Top 10 debut at No.10 on September 11, 2017
- In doubles, won first and second career titles in 2017, at St. Petersburg (w/Rosolska) and Stuttgart (w/Atawo)
- Breakthrough result of 2016 season was reaching final at Premier 5 Doha (l. Suárez Navarro)
- Ended 2015 at No.79 for first Top 100 finish (up from No.308 in 2014). Having leapt 229 spots, was second highest year-end rankings jump, after Kasatkina who went from No.370 to No.72 (298 spots)
- Scored first Top 10 win over No.9 Suárez Navarro in 1r at 2015 Wimbledon; upset Muguruza in QF at 2017 Beijing to register first win over a reigning World No.1
- Reached first WTA final of career at 2015 Québec City (l. Beck)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2014 Taskent advancing to 2r (l. Pervak)
- Began playing ITF Circuit events in 2012

OTHER INFORMATION

- Currently coached by Stanislav Khmarsky; formerly worked with David Taylor, Glen Schaap and Marion Bartoli
- Mother is Jelena Jakovleva, while father, Jevginijs Ostapenko, is a former football player; half-brother's name is Maksim Ostapenko (graduated from art academy in California and lives there now); also has a dog named Juljeta
- Introduced to tennis at age 5 by mother (who was also her first coach)
- Favorite shots are serve and backhand; favorite surfaces are grass and hard; favorite tournament is Wimbledon
- Speaks Russian, Latvian and English
- Tennis idols are Serena Williams
- Enjoyed spending time with parents and dog, listening to music and going out with friends. Was a ballroom dancer for seven years
  - Previously coached by Wim Fissette
  - Trains in Barcelona
  - Parents encouraged her to play multiple sports in her childhood, including table tennis
  - Short-term goal is to break into Top 30 by end of 2022
  - Tennis idol is Roger Federer