

**KINOSHITA GROUP JAPAN OPEN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023 - OSAKA, JPN**2023-09-11 - 2023-09-17 | \$ 259,303

FIRST MEETING













| 2004-05-07  | Date of Birth                 | 1999-08-30                        |
|---|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Dallas, TX, USA   | Residence                     |                                   |
| Right-Handed  | Plays                         | Right-Handed                      |
| 6'1'' (1.85m)   | Height                        | 5' 4" (1.64 m)                    |
| 108   | Career-High Ranking           | 126                               |
| \$615,139   | <b>Career Prize Money</b>     | \$526,557                         |
| \$297,330   | <b>Season Prize Money</b>     | \$0                               |
| 0 / 0   | Singles Titles YTD / Career   | 0 / 0                             |
| 0-3 (Round of 128: 2023 US OPEN;<br>2022 US OPEN; 2021 US OPEN) | Grand Slam W-L (best)         | 1-1 (Round of 64: 2022 WIMBLEDON) |
| 3-0 / 3-0 (Semi-Finalist: 2023)                                 | YTD / Career OSAKA W-L (best) | 3-0 / 3-0 (Semi-Finalist: 2023)   |
| 5-5 / 5-11  | YTD / Career W-L              | 3-0 / 6-6                         |
| 3-4 / 3-10  | YTD / Career Hard W-L         | 3-0 / 5-5                         |
| 0-0 / 0-3   | YTD / Career 3-Set W-L        | 2-0 / 3-3                         |
| 0-0 / 1-2   | YTD / Career TB W-L           | 0-1 / 0-2                         |
| Semi-Finalist: OSAKA  | YTD Best Result               | Semi-Finalist: OSAKA              |



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ASHLYN KRUEGER MAI HONTAMA

### **HEAD TO HEAD RECORD**

| YEAR TOURNAMENT SURFACE ROUND WINNER SCORE/ RESULT T |
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First career meeting

### **RANKING HISTORY**

| TOP RANK | YEAR-END | YEAR | TOP RANK | YEAR-END |
|----------|----------|------|----------|----------|
| 178      | 178      | 2022 | 126      | 212      |
| 534      | 536      | 2021 | 150      | 150      |
| -        | -        | 2020 | 322      | 330      |
| -        | -        | 2019 | 336      | 381      |
| -        | -        | 2018 | 399      | 402      |
| -        | -        | 2017 | 688      | 916      |
| -        | -        | 2016 | 732      | 734      |



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MAI HONTAMA

### **TOURNAMENT HISTORY**

#### **CURRENT TOURNAMENT**

1r: d. K. BAINDL (#84) 6-2 6-3 (1h 22m) 2r: d. J. PONCHET (#140) 6-4 6-1 (1h 23m) QF: d. A. KALINSKAYA (#92) 6-3 6-1 (1h 21m)

Total time on court: 4h 6m

#### **PLAYER NOTES**

- Making debut appearance at the tournament
- Has beaten Kateryna Baindl, Jessika Ponchet and Anna Kalinskaya so far this week to reach her first Tour level semifinal - her best career result to date
- Krueger has won all her matches so far in straight sets at Osaka 2023
- Youngest player in the Osaka semifinal at 19 years old
- Faces No.176 Mai Hontama in SF today; where she will look for her first Tour level win against a player from Japan
- Best career result on hard court is Round of 32 which she has reached twice: Austin in 2023 (l. Mcnally); San Jose in 2022 (l. Anisimova)
- Only player from United States of America to reach the semifinal
- Best result by a player from United States of America at Osaka was Champion achieved by Christina Mchale in 2016
- Is currently ranked No.123; this time last year was ranked No.223
- · Is currently on a 3-match winning streak
- Has won 5 matches so far in 2023 with record on hard court standing at 3-4

#### **CURRENT TOURNAMENT**

1r: d. S. JANG (#155) 7-5 0-6 6-2 (2h 19m) 2r: d. N. PODOROSKA (#71) 6-3 6-3 (1h 27m) QF: d. A. HARTONO (#191) 6-7 6-4 6-1 (2h 18m)

Total time on court: 6h 4m

#### **PLAYER NOTES**

- Making her debut appearance at the event
- Has beaten Su Jeong Jang, Nadia Podoroska and Arianne Hartono so far this week to reach her first Tour level semifinal- a career best
- Faces No.123 Ashlyn Krueger in SF today: where she will look for her first Tour level win against a player from United States of America
- Best career result on hard court is quarterfinal which she has reached at Chicago 500 in 2021 (l. Muguruza)
- Only player from Japan to reach the semifinal
- Best result by a player from Japan at Osaka was champion achieved by Nao Hibino in 2019
- The only wildcard to progress to the semifinal
- Best result by a wildcard at this event was title run by Marion Bartoli in 2011
- Is currently ranked No.176; this time last year was ranked No.189
- Hontama becomes lowest ranked player to reach Osaka semifinal, previously held by No.171 Miyu Kato in 2017
- During last year's Asian swing contested 1r at Tokyo (l. Zhang)
- Is currently on a 3-match winning streak; longest winning streak of her career was 3 matches in 2021
- The winner of today will face Wang Xinyu or Zhu Lin in the final



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### **RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY**

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

- Fell 1r 125K Stanford and at US Open (l. Bouzkova)
- Reached SF at W100 Granby, CAN then fell in qualifying at Washington DC and Montreal
- On grass, reached first career WTA QF at 's-Hertogenbosch (l. Hruncakova) and won title at 125K event in Gaiba, ITA (d. Maria in F); also played W100 Surbiton, GBR and fell in qualifying at Wimbledon
- Contested qualifying at Charleston; on ITF circuit reached final at W60 Charlottesville, VA, USA also playing W100 Charleston, SC, USA and W100 Bonita Springs, FL, USA
- Fell 1r Austin (as qualifier, l. Mcnally), Indian Wells (as qualifier, l. Teichmann) and Miami (as WC, l. E.Andreeva)
- Reached SF of ITF W60 Orlando 2, FL, USA and W60 Irapuato, MEX; also played W60 Rome, GA, USA
- Opened season at ITF Circuit W60 event in Canberra, Australia; then contested qualifying at Australian Open

- Contested qualifying at Australian Open, Roland Garros, 's-Hertogenbosch, Wimbledon and US Open; also reached QF at Stanford 125K as a qualifier and fell 1r at Makarska 125k
- At BJK Cup in April, won all five singles rubbers to advance Japan from the Asia/Oceania Group 1
- On ITF circuit, won fourth career title at W40
  Maribor, SLO in March (d. Tauson in F) and
  reached QF at five more events most notably on
  home soil at W80 Gifu, JPN in May



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MAI **HONTAMA** 

### **SEASON 2023 STATS**

| VALUE | WTA RANK | MATCH STATS                      | VALUE | WTA RANK |
|-------|----------|----------------------------------|-------|----------|
| 24    | 117      | Aces                             | 2     | 231      |
| 67.4% | 0        | First serve %                    | 70.0% | 0        |
| 68.5% | 0        | First Serve points won %         | 65.8% | 0        |
| 46.5% | 0        | Second serve points won %        | 51.6% | 0        |
| 61.3% | 0        | Overall service points won %     | 61.5% | 0        |
| 72.8% | 0        | Service games won %              | 73.0% | 0        |
| 51.0% | 0        | Break points saved %             | 41.2% | 0        |
| 38.6% | 0        | First serve return points won %  | 44.1% | 0        |
| 50.7% | 0        | Second serve return points won % | 55.8% | 0        |
| 39.7% | 0        | Break points converted %         | 51.6% | 0        |
| 33.0% | 0        | Return games won %               | 44.4% | 0        |
| 43.0% | 0        | Return points won %              | 47.8% | 0        |

Best win by ranking: No.19 vs Azarenka in S'HERTOGENBOSCH 2r Longest match: 1h 35m vs Mcnally in AUSTIN 1r Shortest match: 49m vs Peterson in S'HERTOGENBOSCH 1r Match points saved: Most aces in a match: 11 vs Kalinskaya in OSAKA QF

Best win by ranking: No.71 vs Podoroska in OSAKA 2r Longest match: 2h 19m vs Jang in OSAKA 1r Shortest match: 1h 27m vs Podoroska in OSAKA 2r Match points saved: Most aces in a match: 1 vs Hartono in OSAKA QF

1 vs Podoroska in OSAKA 2r



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### **TITLES & GRAND SLAMS**

| AUSTRALIAN<br>OPEN | ROLAND<br>GARROS | WIMBLEDON | US OPEN |      | AUSTRALIAN<br>OPEN | ROLAND<br>GARROS | WIMBLEDON | US OPEN |
|--------------------|------------------|-----------|---------|------|--------------------|------------------|-----------|---------|
|                    |                  |           | 1r      | 2023 |                    |                  |           |         |
|                    |                  |           | 1r      | 2022 |                    |                  | 2r        |         |
|                    |                  |           | 1r      | 2021 |                    |                  |           |         |



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IAM AMATNOH

### **CAREER MILESTONES**

- Highlight of 2022 season was playing main draw Indian Wells, Miami, San Jose and US Open
- On ITF circuit in 2022, won title at W60 Evansville, IN, USA and reached final at W25 Sarasota, FL, USA
- In 2021, also received WC to Indian Wells, where she was defeated in 1r (l. Martincova)
- Fell 1r on Tour-level debut at 2021 US Open (as WC, l. Schmiedlova in 3s)
- Also made 2r as WC in doubles at 2021 US Open (w/Montgomery, l. Fernandez/Routliffe) WTA qualifying debut came at 2021 San Jose
- Earned wild cards into the singles and doubles draws at 2021 US Open after sweeping the USTA National Championships
- Best career result on ITF Circuit was coming through qualifying to reach SF on professional debut in 2019 at W15 event in Carson, CA, USA
- As a junior won 2020 Orange Bowl tournament as a wildcard. Also lifted girls' doubles title at 2021 US Open (w/Montgomery)

- In 2022, reached 2r at first career Grand Slam main draw at Wimbledon (as qualifier, l. Parry)
- Also played main draw at Melbourne 1, Lyon and Tokyo and contested qualifying at Australian Open, Indian Wells, Miami, Rolands Garros and US Open
- On ITF circuit, won title at W60 Sydney, AUS and reached SFs at W25 Cairns, AUS and W25 Santarem. POR
- Highlight in 2021 was run through qualifying to QF on WTA main-draw debut at Chicago [500] (l. eventual champion Muguruza)
- Also in 2021, played main draw of Indian Wells and contested qualifying at US Open
- On ITF Circuit, won two titles at W25 Salinas, ECU and W25 Porto, POR; also reached final at W15 Antalya 11 & 12, TUR
- Played only five tournaments in 2020, with best result a R-Up finish at \$25k ITF/Yokahama-JPN, ended the year at No.330
- In 2018, rose over 500 places in the rankings, finishing at No.402
- Reached maiden ITF Circuit final at \$25k Nanao-JPN in September 2018
- Fell at final hurdle of qualifying on professional debut, at \$10k ITF/Tokyo-JPN in 2015

### OTHER INFORMATION

- Currently coached by Michael Joyce
- Resides in Dallas, Texas
- Favorite players growing up were Kim Clijsters and Maria Sharapova
- · Off the court, likes to draw and read poetry
- Coached by Jaime Higa
- Favorite surface is hard
- Started playing tennis aged four



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| 1994-01-28                               | Date of Birth                 | 2001-09-26                         |
|--|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Beijing, China                           | Residence                     |                                    |
| Right-handed (two-handed backhand)       | Plays                         | Right-Handed (Two-handed backhand) |
| 5' 8" (1.73m)                            | Height                        | 5' 11" (1.82m)                     |
| 33                                       | Career-High Ranking           | 39                                 |
| \$2,688,902                              | Career Prize Money            | \$2,150,941                        |
| \$821,337                                | Season Prize Money            | \$1,228,013                        |
| 1/1                                      | Singles Titles YTD / Career   | 0 / 0                              |
| 9-17 (Round of 16: 2023 AUSTRALIAN OPEN) | Grand Slam W-L (best)         | 8-10 (Round of 16: 2023 US OPEN)   |
| 3-0 / 4-1 (Semi-Finalist: 2023)          | YTD / Career OSAKA W-L (best) | 3-0 / 3-0 (Semi-Finalist: 2023)    |
| 26-18 / 67-83                            | YTD / Career W-L              | 22-17 / 41-54                      |
| 22-13 / 62-68                            | YTD / Career Hard W-L         | 19-11 / 37-40                      |
| 7-5 / 20-26                              | YTD / Career 3-Set W-L        | 8-7 / 16-19                        |
| 8-3 / 21-19                              | YTD / Career TB W-L           | 8-5 / 13-10                        |
| Champion: HUA HIN                        | YTD Best Result               | Semi-Finalist: HUA HIN, OSAKA      |



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### **HEAD TO HEAD RECORD**

| YEAR | TOURNAMENT | SURFACE | ROUND | WINNER  | SCORE/ RESULT | TIME   |
|------|------------|---------|-------|---------|---------------|--------|
| 2023 | HUA HIN    | HARD    | SF    | Lin Zhu | 6-2 6-4       | 1h 37m |
| 2019 | US OPEN    | HARD    | 1r    | Lin Zhu | 6-3 6-4       | 1h 24m |

### **RANKING HISTORY**

| TOP RANK | YEAR-END | YEAR | TOP RANK | YEAR-END |
|----------|----------|------|----------|----------|
| 58       | 62       | 2022 | 68       | 97       |
| 88       | 140      | 2021 | 99       | 99       |
| 69       | 91       | 2020 | 135      | 153      |
| 83       | 83       | 2019 | 142      | 150      |
| 102      | 114      | 2018 | 306      | 306      |
| 104      | 104      | 2017 | 975      | 983      |
| 140      | 140      | 2016 | -        | -        |
| 107      | 173      | 2015 | -        | -        |
| 139      | 139      | 2014 | -        | -        |
| 469      | 580      | 2013 | -        | -        |



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### **TOURNAMENT HISTORY**

#### **CURRENT TOURNAMENT**

1r: d. X. WANG (#91) 6-4 6-4 (1h 42m) 2r: d. M. UCHIJIMA (#174) 6-4 4-6 6-1 (2h 19m) QF: d. E. MANDLIK (#167) 6-3 6-2 (1h 14m)

Total time on court: 5h 15m

#### **PLAYER NOTES**

- Making second appearance at the event, where her previous result was reaching 2r in 2018 at Hiroshima (l. Tomljanovic)
- Has beaten Wang Xiyu, Moyuka Uchijima and Elizabeth Mandlik so far this week to reach her first semfinal since Cleveland 2023 (l. Alexandrova)
- Faces No.39 Wang Xinyu in SF today; owns 16 wins in career over Top 50 players, most recently No.33 Mayar Sherif in 1r at US Open 2023
- Owns 11-10 career record against players from China, with record in 2023 standing at 4-0 (d. Wang Xiyu on three occasions; in 1r at current tournament, in 1r at Warsaw and in 1r at Hua Hin and also d. current opponent, Wang Xinyu in SF at Hua Hin)
- Owns 17-36 career record against seeded palyers, with a record in 2023 standing at 9-7
- Record in WTA SF matches stands at 1-5, with her win coming at Hua Hin (d. current opponent Wang Xinvu)
- Best career result on hard court was becoming champion in Hua Hin in 2023 (d. Tsurenko)
- Is No. 1 seed this week for the first time in her career
- One of 2 players from China to reach the semifinal along with Wang Xinyu
- Best result by China at this event was SF runs by Zhang Shuai in 2018 and 2016, Wang Qiang in 2018 and Zhang Jie in 2011
- Last time 2 players from China reached SF at Osaka was 2018 (Wang Qiang and Zhang Shuai)
- Is currently ranked No.35, this time last year was ranked No.69; reached a career high ranking of No.33 on Mar 6, 2023
- During last year's Asian swing reached QF at Seoul
- Has been involved in 11 three-set matches in 2023
- The winner today will face Krueger or Hontama in the final

#### **CURRENT TOURNAMENT**

1r: d. J. TEICHMANN (#138) 7-6 6-3 (2h 0m) 2r: d. H. SAKATSUME (#184) 6-4 6-2 (1h 28m) QF: d. Y. PUTINTSEVA (#88) 7-6 6-7 6-3 (2h 51m)

Total time on court: 6h 19m

#### **PLAYER NOTES**

- Making debut appearance at Osaka
- Defeated Jil Teichmann, Himeno Sakatsume and Yulia Putintseva so far this week to reach the semifinal
- This is her second semifinal of 2023 after Hua Hin where she was defeated by today's opponent, Zhu Lin
- Faces No.35 Zhu Lin in the semifinal today; owns 5 wins in career over Top 50 players, most recently No.35 Jasmine Paolini in 2r at Cleveland 2023
- Owns 5-3 career record against players from China, with record in 2023 standing at 0-1 (l. Zhu Lin in Hua Hin semifinal)
- Owns 8-22 career record against seeded players, with a record in 2023 standing at 4-8
- This is her third semifinal of her career with record standing at 0-2 (l. Krejcikova at Prague in 2021 and l. Zhu at Hua Hin in 2023). These semifinal results are her career best on hard court
- One of 2 players from China to reach the semifinal along with her opponent, Zhu Lin
- Best result by a player from China at this event was SF runs by Wang Qiang in 2018, Zhang Shuai in 2018 and 2016 and Zheng Jie in 2011
- Last time 2 players from China reached SF at Osaka was 2018 (Wang Qiang and Zhang Shuai)
- Is currently ranked No.39; this time last year was ranked No.77
- Is currently on a 3-match winning streak; longest winning streak of her career was 4 matches in 2023
- Has been involved in 15 three-set matches in 2023



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### **RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY**

| 2018 | Result | Rank: 112 Seed: -            |
|------|--------|------------------------------|
| 2r   | L      | A. TOMLJANOVIC (#60) 7-5 6-4 |
| 1r   | W      | M. KATO (#184) 7-6(3) 6-2    |

 Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles



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### SEASON 2023 HISTORY

- Played 3r at US Open (l. Bencic)
- Reached SF at Cleveland (l. Alexandrova)
- Fell in 1r at Prague (l. Wickmayer), Montreal (l. Ka. Pliskova) and Cincinnati (l. Kalinina)
- Reached 2r at Warsaw (l. Siegemund)
- Suffered 1r exit at Wimbledon (l. Swiatek)
- Advanced to career first SF on grass at Birmingham (l. Krejcikova)
- · Reached 2r at Nottingham (l. Frech)
- Suffered 1r defeat at Roland Garros (l. Davis)
- Fell in 1r at Madrid (l. Marino) and withdrew from Rome due to injury
- Defeated in 1r at Indian Wells (l. Tsurenko) and 2r at Miami (after 1r bye, l. Muchova)
- Fell 1r at Merida (l. McNally) and advanced to SF at Monterrey (l. eventual champion Vekic)
- t Monterrey (i. eventual champion vekic)
   Lifted maiden WTA title at Hua Hin (d. Tsurenko
- At Australian Open advanced to R16 at a Slam for the first time (l. Azarenka); scored maiden Top-10 win over No.6 Sakkari in 3r
- Fell 1r at Hobart (l. Kenin)
- Opened season by reaching QF at Auckland (l. eventual champion Gauff)

- Played 4r at US Open (l. Muchova)
- Reached QF at Cleveland (l. eventual R-Up Alexandrova)
- Defeated in 1r at Prague (l. Kuzmova)
- Reached 2r at Wimbledon (l. Kenin)
- Fell 1r at Berlin (l. Fourlis, as qualifier)
- Reached 3r in singles at Roland Garros (l. eventual champion Swiatek); in doubles, lifted first career Grand Slam doubles trophy with Hsieh (d. Fernandez/Townsend in F)
- Suffered 1r exits at Madrid (l. Niemeier), Rome (l. Paolini) and Strasbourg (l. Kanepi). Also fell 1r at WTA 125K Series event at Reus
- Reached 3r at Indian Wells (l. Krejcikova) and 2r at Miami (l. Ka.Pliskova)
- In Mexico, reached 2r at both Merida (l. Cocciaretto) and Monterrey (l. Sherif - held 2MP). Also made QF at W60 ITF Circuit event in Irapuato
- Advanced to SF at Hua Hin (l. eventual champion Zhu)
- Fell 1r at Auckland (l. Kenin), then reached QF at Hobart (as LL, l. eventual champion Davis) and 2r at Australian Open (l. Keys)



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### **SEASON 2023 STATS**

| VALUE | WTA RANK | MATCH STATS                      | VALUE | WTA RANK |
|-------|----------|----------------------------------|-------|----------|
| 66    | 58       | Aces                             | 87    | 42       |
| 66.1% | 20       | First serve %                    | 56.4% | 79       |
| 61.1% | 66       | First Serve points won %         | 63.4% | 52       |
| 49.5% | 10       | Second serve points won %        | 48.4% | 18       |
| 57.2% | 43       | Overall service points won %     | 56.9% | 47       |
| 65.7% | 48       | Service games won %              | 66.5% | 44       |
| 57.9% | 24       | Break points saved %             | 55.1% | 47       |
| 37.4% | 36       | First serve return points won %  | 36.5% | 48       |
| 58.0% | 9        | Second serve return points won % | 53.9% | 52       |
| 49.6% | 13       | Break points converted %         | 45.8% | 49       |
| 38.0% | 20       | Return games won %               | 34.7% | 42       |
| 45.0% | 19       | Return points won %              | 42.9% | 51       |

Best win by ranking: No.6 vs Sakkari in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 3r Longest match: 3h 15m vs Mcnally in MÉRIDA 1r Shortest match: 1h 4m vs Linette in BIRMINGHAM 2r Match points saved: Most aces in a match: 5 vs Boulter in BIRMINGHAM 1r

Best win by ranking: No.18 vs Alexandrova in INDIAN WELLS 2r Longest match: 2h 57m vs Burel in CLEVELAND 1r Shortest match: 51m vs Swiatek in ROLAND GARROS 3r Match points saved: Most aces in a match: 7 vs Hruncakova in PRAGUE 1r



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### **TITLES**

#### **SINGLES FINALS**

Champion (1) 2023 - HUA HIN

#### **DOUBLES FINALS**

Champion (1) 2019 - NANCHANG (w/Wang)

Runner-Up (2) 2023 - HUA HIN (w/Wang) 2022 - GUADALAJARA (w/Wang)

#### **DOUBLES FINALS**

Champion (3)

2023 - ROLAND GARROS (w/Hsieh) 2021 - COURMAYEUR (w/Zheng) 2019 - NANCHANG (w/Zhu)

Runner-Up (4)

2023 - MÉRIDA (w/Wu), HUA HIN (w/Zhu)

2022 - GUADALAJARA (w/Zhu)

2021 - LINZ (w/Zheng)



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### **GRAND SLAMS**

| AUSTRALIAN<br>OPEN | ROLAND<br>GARROS | WIMBLEDON | US OPEN |      | AUSTRALIAN<br>OPEN | ROLAND<br>GARROS | WIMBLEDON | US OPEN |
|--------------------|------------------|-----------|---------|------|--------------------|------------------|-----------|---------|
| 4r                 | 1r               | 1r        | 3r      | 2023 | 2r                 | 3r               | 2r        | 4r      |
|                    | 1r               | 1r        |         | 2022 | 2r                 | 1r               |           | 1r      |
| 2r                 | 1r               | 2r        |         | 2021 |                    |                  | 1r        |         |
| 2r                 |                  |           |         | 2020 |                    |                  |           |         |
| 1r                 | 1r               | 1r        | 2r      | 2019 |                    |                  |           | 1r      |
| 1r                 |                  |           |         | 2018 | 1r                 |                  |           |         |
| 1r                 |                  |           |         | 2017 |                    |                  |           |         |
|                    |                  |           |         | 2016 |                    |                  |           |         |
|                    |                  | 1r        |         | 2015 |                    |                  |           |         |



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### **CAREER MILESTONES**

- Last season reached QF at Seoul (I. Maria) and 2r at four other WTA tournaments. Also won 13th, 14th and 15th career titles on ITF Circuit, including at W100 event in Landisville, PA
- Won biggest career title at end of 2021, at WTA 125K Series event at Seoul. Also in 2021 reached 2r at Australian Open and Wimbledon (l. Mertens at both tournaments)
- Ended 2020 ranked at No.91 for her second successive Top 100 finish, recording career-high ranking of No.69 on February 17. Season highlight was QF run at Acapulco
- Played primarily on the ITF Circuit in 2019, winning three titles and finishing runner-up at three further tournaments. First broke into Top 100 on February 25 and finished the season at No.83
- Won first Grand Slam main draw match of career at 2019 US Open, defeating compatriot Wang Xinyu in 1r before falling to Keys
- Lifted first WTA doubles title at 2019 Nanchang (w/Wang Xinyu)
- Highlight of 2018 season was second career WTA SF at Nanchang (l. Zheng). At tour level, also made 2r at Hiroshima (l. Tomljanovic) and fell 1r on four occasions (including Australian Open)
- Won two ITF Circuit titles in 2018, at \$60k Luan-CHN and \$60k Jinan-CHN
- Prior to 2018, best results on tour were SF at Kuala Lumpur in 2016 (l. Svitolina) and QF runs at Taipei City, Nanchang and Tianjin in 2017
- Notched first Top-20 win of career over No.17 Kvitova at 2017 Tianjin
- Won doubles title at WTA 125K Series event at Zhengzhou in 2017 (w/Han)
- Member of Chinese Bille Jean King Cup Team, 2017-18, 2022
- Was selected to participate in the 2015 WTA Rising Stars Invitational in Singapore
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2014 Hong Kong as qualifier, l. Cepelova in 2r
- Winner of 15 singles and six doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in China in 2009

- Reached 2r on six occasions in 2022, including at Australian Open (l. Sabalenka). Also won sixth career ITF Circuit title, at W60 event in Tokyo in November
- Made Top 100 debut on November 15, 2021
- Highlight of 2021 was SF at Prague (l. eventual champion Krejcikova). Also advanced to QF at Courmayeur (l. Vekic) and Linz (as qualifier, l. eventual champion Riske)
- In 2020, fell 1r at Shenzhen (l. Muguruza) and Hua Hin (l. Liang)
- Opened 2019 season with maiden Tour-level main draw win at Shenzhen Open (d. F.Xun, l. Sharapova), went on to post two more 2r runs at Nanchang (l. Rybakina) and Tianjin (as qualifier, l. Peterson)
- Lifted maiden WTA doubles title at 2019 Nanchang w/L.Zhu (d. Peng/Zhang in F)
- Won three consecutive ITF titles in 2019, at \$25K ITF/Shenzhen 2-CHN (d. F.Xun in F), \$25K ITF/Hengyang-CHN (d. Z.Sun in F) and \$25K ITF/Tianhin-CHN (d. Jovic in F)
- In 2018, won maiden title of career at \$25K ITF/Nonthaburi 4-THA (d. Wang Xiyu in F)
- Made Grand Slam main draw debut at 2018 Australian Open (l. Cornet in 1r)
- Also in 2018, contested qualifying on WTA Tour for the first time at Shenzhen Open and competed in maiden WTA main draw at Guangzhou (l. Khazaniuk)
- Advanced to 2r on professional debut at \$10K ITF/Prokuplje 2-SRB in 2016 (as qualifier, l. Zakarlyuk)

### **OTHER INFORMATION**

- Father is Zhu Jiangming (works in finance); mother is Chen Yunqi (travel agent); father introduced her to tennis at age 4
- Aggressive player; favorite shot is forehand; tennis idol growing up was Martina Hingis
- · Enjoys shopping, watching movies and cooking
- If she was not a tennis player, would probably work in travel industry like her mother
- Father, Peng Wang, is a former professional player and Fed Cup captain, mother is Jinghui Zhou
- Started playing tennis with father at the age of six. Describes her game as "aggressive and decisive"
- Best moment in tennis to date was playing Maria Sharapova at Shenzhen in 2019
- Favorite surface is hard and favorite tournaments are the Australian and US Opens
- · Li Na was her role model growing up
- Long-term goal is to win a Grand Slam
- Passions away from the court are yoga and food.
   Favorite book is Little Women, movie is The Hunger Games and musician is Jay Chou
- Words she would use to describe herself are "peace and love".