



# MATCH NOTES

BNP PARIBAS OPEN  
INDIAN WELLS, CA, USA

MARCH 8-19, 2023 | WTA 1000 | \$8,800,000



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## BNP PARIBAS OPEN – QUARTERFINALS (BOTTOM HALF)

[1] IGA SWIATEK (POL #1)

Head-to-Head

**1-0**

SORANA CIRSTEAN (ROU #83)

**SWIATEK:** Recovered from one set down to beat the Romanian at 2022 Australian Open... Won 43 straight matches against opponents ranked outside Top 50... Took on Grand Slam champions in previous two rounds... All 15 wins this season have been in straight sets... Navratilova is only woman in history to successfully defend Indian Wells title... This week marks her 50th week at No. 1; only three women have held the No. 1 ranking more consecutive weeks in their 1st stint at No. 1: Stefanie Graf (186) Martina Hingis (80) Serena Williams (57)... All 15 wins this season have been in straight sets

**CIRSTEAN:** Upset No. 5 seed Garcia in previous round to score first Top-10 win in over two years... Facing the reigning WTA No. 1 for the first time since losing 6-2 6-0 to S. Williams in 2013 Toronto final... Lowest-ranked player to reach Indian Wells QF since No. 97 Rybakina in 2016... Projected to return to Top 75 by reaching the QF... With a win today, Cirstea would become the sixth oldest woman to reach the semifinals at Indian Wells

KAROLINA MUCHOVA (CZE #76)

Head-to-Head

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[10] ELENA RYBAKINA (KAZ #10)

**MUCHOVA:** Won in two tight sets when they met at 2019 US Open... Has required a deciding set in three of her four matches this fortnight... Is making her debut at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden... Won a tournament-leading 75 points by approaching the net... Bidding to be first Czech to reach SF at Indian Wells since Ka. Pliskova in 2017... By reaching the QF, projected to climb to No. 55 or No. 56; with a win today would return to Top 50... Has 7 Top 10 wins in her career, most recently at 2023 Dubai

**RYBAKINA:** Is yet to drop a set this year, spending just five hours on court... Struck 298 winners this season, including the second most aces on Tour with 135... Has won 82.8% of her service games this season, only Garcia and Sabalenka have posted a higher percentage... No woman representing Kazakhstan has ever reached SF at Indian Wells

## QUARTERFINALISTS – BOTTOM HALF

PLAYER	RANK	AGE	YTD PRIZE \$^	YTD W/L*	YTD TITLES	CAREER PRIZE \$^	CAREER W/L*	CAREER TITLES
[1] Iga Swiatek	1	21	1,008,793	15-3	1	15,743,870	143-43	12
[10] Elena Rybakina	10	23	1,245,229	13-4	0	7,606,187	137-69	3
Karolina Muchova	76	26	193,928	11-3	0	3,899,035	74-43	1
Sorana Cirstea	83	32	118,888	6-5	0	7,594,395	279-285	2

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## INDIAN WELLS AND WTA 1000 RECORDS

PLAYER	IW W-L*	IW BEST RESULT*	WTA 1000 W-L*	WTA 1000 BEST RESULT*
[1] Iga Swiatek	11-1	WON (2022)	46-13	WON (5): Doha (2022), Indian Wells (2022), Miami (2022), Rome (2021-22)
[10] Elena Rybakina	6-2	QF (2022-23)	30-17	QF (4): Indian Wells (2022-23), Cincinnati (2022), Wuhan (2019)
Karolina Muchova	4-0	QF (2023)	18-9	QF (3): Indian Wells (2023), Dubai (2023), Madrid (2021)
Sorana Cirstea	11-10	QF (2023)	55-68	R-Up (1): Toronto (2013)

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## INDIAN WELLS APPEARANCES

PLAYERS	R128	R64	R32	R16	QF	SF	R-UP	WON	TOTAL*
[1] Iga Swiatek				1				1	3
[10] Elena Rybakina		1			1				3
Karolina Muchova									1
Sorana Cirstea	2	5	2	1					11

\*includes 2023 Indian Wells

## POTENTIAL INDIAN WELLS SEMIFINAL HEAD-TO-HEADS

	MUCHOVA	RYBAKINA
SWIA TEK	Muchova leads 1-0	Series tied 1-1
CIRSTEA	Muchova leads 2-0	Rybakina leads 2-0

	GAUFF	SABALENKA
SAKKARI	Sakkari leads 4-1	Sabalenka leads 4-3
KVITOVA	Gauff leads 1-0	Kvitova leads 3-2



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## QUARTERFINALS QUICK HITS

- The leading two seeds – No.1 **Iga Swiatek** and No.2 **Aryna Sabalenka** – have advanced to the quarterfinals for the first time at Indian Wells since 2014, when No.1 Li Na and No.2 Agnieszka Radwanska reached the semifinals and final, respectively.
- **Swiatek** is trying to become only the second woman to successfully defend her title at Indian Wells.
- The last time the No.1 seed advanced to the final at Indian Wells was 2016 (Serena Williams, R-Up) and the last time the No.1 seed won the title here at Indian Wells was 2012 (Victoria Azarenka).
- For the first time since 2019 two Czech women advanced to the quarterfinals at Indian Wells. With Petra Kvitova losing yesterday in the quarterfinals, **Karolina Muchova** is trying to become the first Czech semifinalist since 2017 (Karolina Pliskova).
- **Sorana Cirstea** (32 years, 346 days old) is the oldest player remaining in the draw. With a win today, Cirstea would become the sixth oldest woman to reach the semifinals at Indian Wells.

### OLDEST INDIAN WELLS SEMIFINALISTS

YEAR	NAME	ROUND	AGE YR	AGE DAY
2018	WILLIAMS, VENUS	SF	37	274
2016	WILLIAMS, SERENA	R-UP	34	176
1991	NAVRATILOVA, MARTINA	WON	34	136
2015	WILLIAMS, SERENA	SF	33	177
1990	NAVRATILOVA, MARTINA	WON	33	137
2021	AZARENKA, VICTORIA	R-UP	32	78
2014	PENNETTA, FLAVIA	WON	32	19
2014	LI, NA	SF	32	18

- **Cirstea**, **Muchova** and **Elena Rybakina** are bidding for their first semifinal appearance at Indian Wells. In 3 of last 4 editions of the tournament, there have been three first-time semifinalists at Indian Wells.
- **Cirstea** (No.83) and **Muchova** (No.76) are the lowest ranked quarterfinalists remaining in the draw. Only two women ranked outside the Top 75 have advanced to the semifinals at Indian Wells – Kim Clijsters in 2005 (No.133, Won) and Stephanie Rottier in 1993 (No.76, SF).
- **Muchova** has spent the most time on court this fortnight, requiring nine hours and 40 minutes to negotiate her four matches. In contrast, Sabalenka has needed barely over three hours, although she did receive an opening match bye and a walkover in the third round



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## SEMIFINALISTS ALREADY ADVANCED

PLAYER	RANK	AGE	YTD PRIZE \$^	YTD W/L*	YTD TITLES	CAREER PRIZE \$^	CAREER W/L*	CAREER TITLES
[2] Aryna Sabalenka	2	24	2,271,221	16-1	2	14,446,131	210-97	12
[7] Maria Sakkari	7	27	622,352	15-5	0	8,674,380	185-134	1

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## INDIAN WELLS AND WTA 1000 RECORDS

PLAYER	IW W-L*	IW BEST RESULT*	WTA 1000 W-L*	WTA 1000 BEST RESULT*
[2] Aryna Sabalenka	7-3	SF (2023)	63-31	WON (4): Doha (2020), Madrid (2021), Wuhan (2018-19)
[7] Maria Sakkari	12-4	R-Up (2022)	54-35	R-Up (2): Guadalajara (2022), Indian Wells (2022)

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## INDIAN WELLS APPEARANCES

PLAYERS	R128	R64	R32	R16	QF	SF	R-UP	WON	TOTAL*
[2] Aryna Sabalenka		1	1	1					4
[7] Maria Sakkari	1	1		1			1		5

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## A SNAPSHOT OF 2023 SO FAR

- Top-10 debuts (1):** Elena Rybakina (January 30)
- Most aces in a match (20):** Veronika Kudermetova (d. Victoria Azarenka at Adelaide 2)
- Most titles (2):** Aryna Sabalenka (Adelaide 1, Australian Open), Belinda Bencic (Adelaide 2, Abu Dhabi)
- Fewest games dropped en route to a title (5):** Iga Swiatek (Doha)
- Lowest-ranked title winner (No.84):** Lauren Davis (Hobart)
- Youngest title winner (18):** Coco Gauff (Auckland)
- Oldest title winner (31):** Camila Giorgi (Mérida)
- Longest Match (3h 32m):** Erika Andreeva d. Harriet Dart 7-6(4) 3-6 7-6(3) (Austin)

Most Main Draw Wins in 2023	W	L
Caroline Garcia	17	7
<b>Aryna Sabalenka</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>
Belinda Bencic	15	4
<b>Iga Swiatek</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3</b>
Jessica Pegula	15	5
<b>Maria Sakkari</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5</b>
Donna Vekic	14	3
Coco Gauff	14	4
<b>Elena Rybakina</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>
Barbora Krejcikova	13	5
Zhu Lin	13	6
Marta Kostyuk	13	6

Most Aces in ...	2023	2023 IW
Caroline Garcia	170	26
<b>Elena Rybakina</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Aryna Sabalenka</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>21</b>
Liudmila Samsonova	97	8
Zheng Qinwen	93	-
Karolina Pliskova	93	14
Veronika Kudermetova	91	9
Alycia Parks	90	2
Coco Gauff	81	21
<b>Maria Sakkari</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>22</b>



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**1** **IGA**  
**SWIATEK (1)**  
POLAND

**SORANA**  
**CIRSTEA** **83**  
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" (1.76m)	Height	5' 9" (1.76m)	
1	Career-High Ranking		21
\$15,743,870	Career Prize Money		\$7,594,395
\$1,008,793	Season Prize Money		\$118,888
1 / 12	Singles Titles YTD / Career		0 / 2
54-13 (Champion: 2022 US OPEN, ROLAND GARROS; 2020 ROLAND GARROS)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	59-56 (Quarter-Finalist: 2009 FRENCH OPEN)	
3-0 / 11-1 (Champion: 2022)	YTD / Career INDIAN WELLS W-L (best)	4-0 / 11-10 (Quarter-Finalist: 2023)	
15-3 / 143-43	YTD / Career W-L		6-5 / 279-285
15-3 / 93-31	YTD / Career Hard W-L		6-5 / 161-170
0-0 / 28-15	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L		2-2 / 104-85
2-0 / 15-13	YTD / Career TB W-L		2-3 / 61-54
1-1 / 7-7	YTD / Career TOP 5 W-L		1-1 / 5-19
Champion: DOHA	YTD Best Result	Quarter-Finalist: INDIAN WELLS	



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## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2022	AUSTRALIAN OPEN	HARD	4r	Iga Swiatek	5-7 6-3 6-3	2h 27m

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
1	1	2022	24	38
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



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. C. LIU (#56) 6-0 6-1 (1h 5m)  
3r: d. B. ANDREESCU (#36) 6-3 7-6 (2h 7m)  
4r: d. E. RADUCANU (#77) 6-3 6-1 (1h 24m)

*Total time on court: 4h 36m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 3rd main-draw appearance at Indian Wells (4th overall), where she is defending champion, having won 2022 title (d. Sakkari in F)
- Last year went on to complete 'Sunshine Double' by also winning Miami - Graf (1994, 1996), Clijsters (2005) and Azarenka (2016) are the only other women to achieve the feat
- Also made R16 in 2021 (l. Ostapenko) and contested qualifying in 2019
- After 1r bye, has beaten Claire Liu, Bianca Andreescu and Emma Raducanu so far this week to reach QF; faced no break points in 2r victory over Liu - sixth time this season she has won a set without dropping a game
- Has won 15 matches so far in 2023 behind Caroline Garcia (17) and Aryna Sabalenka (16); has yet to drop a set this year
- Has yet to play a 3-set match in 2023
- In last six QF appearances at WTA-1000 level, have gone on to win the title on five occasions. Only stood R-Up at Dubai this year
- Faces No.83 Sorana Cirstea in QF today; met once before at 2022 Australian Open where Swiatek won after dropping a set
- Last loss to a player ranked outside Top 50 came against No.338 Konjuh at 2021 Miami
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- In Tour-level matches, owns 7-2 career record against players from Romania
- Record in WTA QF matches stands at 16-2
- Is top seed for the 16th time in her career; has won the title as No.1 seed on six occasions
- Leading seed has won title here 11 times, most recently in 2012 (Azarenka d. Sharapova in F)
- Only player from Poland to reach QF (Frech and Linette fell in 2r)
- Owns seven titles on hard courts, at 2021 Adelaide, 2022 Doha, 2022 Indian Wells, 2022 Miami, 2022 US Open, 2022 San Diego and 2023 Doha
- Currently ranked No.1 and will remain there until

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. K. BIRRELL (#115) 6-3 6-2 (1h 20m)  
2r: d. M. KEYS (#20) 6-1 (35m)  
3r: d. B. PERA (#43) 6-3 6-1 (1h 7m)  
4r: d. C. GARCIA (#5) 6-4 4-6 7-5 (2h 23m)

*Total time on court: 5h 25m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 11th appearance at Indian Wells, where her previous and best result was reaching 4r in 2022 (l. Halep)
- Has beaten Kimberly Birrell, Madison Keys, Bernarda Pera and Caroline Garcia so far this week to reach her first QF since SF at 2022 Birmingham
- Faces No.1 Iga Swiatek in QF today; lost two previous encounters with reigning World No.1 - both to Serena Williams (2013 Roland Garros 3r, 2013 Toronto Final)
- Bidding to reach her 2nd SF at the WTA 1000 level after 2013 Toronto R-Up run
- Before her win against No.5 Caroline Garcia in R16, she had lost 6 encounters against Top 10 players (twice against Jabeur (No.7 & No. 2); No.9 Muguruza; No.9 Kontaveit; No.9 Swiatek; No.7 Svitolina all on hard court, except one loss against Jabeur on clay)
- Owns 5-9 career record against players from Poland
- Owns 73-131 career record against seeds, with a record in 2023 standing at 3-2
- Record in WTA QF matches stands at 22-31
- Owns one career title on hard court from Tashkent in 2008
- Only player from Romania to reach QF
- Best result by Romanian at Indian Wells was a Champions run by Simona Halep in 2015
- Last time a player from Romania reached QF at Indian Wells was 2022
- Is currently ranked No.83, her lowest ranking since Dec. 2020 (No.83); this time last year was ranked No.27



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2022	Result	Rank: 4	Seed: 3
F	W	M. SAKKARI (#6) 6-4 6-1	
SF	W	S. HALEP (#26) 7-6(6) 6-4	
QF	W	M. KEYS (#29) 6-1 6-0	
4r	W	A. KERBER (#16) 4-6 6-2 6-3	
3r	W	C. TAUSON (#40) 6-7(3) 6-2 6-1	
2r	W	A. KALININA (#50) 5-7 6-0 6-1	
2021	Result	Rank: 4	Seed: 2
4r	L	J. OSTAPENKO (#29) 6-4 6-3	
3r	W	V. KUDERMETOVA (#31) 6-1 6-0	
2r	W	P. MARTIC (#45) 6-1 6-3	

2022	Result	Rank: 27	Seed: 26
4r	L	S. HALEP (#26) 6-1 6-4	
3r	W	A. KALINSKAYA (#90) 5-7 6-1 6-0	
2r	W	A. TOMLJANOVIC (#39) 6-4 7-5	
2021	Result	Rank: 40	Seed: 32
3r	L	E. SVITOLINA (#7) 4-6 6-4 7-6(3)	
2r	W	M. DOI (#109) 6-2 6-3	
2018	Result	Rank: 35	Seed: -
2r	L	V. WILLIAMS (#8) 6-3 6-4	
1r	W	M. NICULESCU (#71) 6-2 6-3	
2017	Result	Rank: 66	Seed: -
1r	L	M. NICULESCU (#45) 4-6 6-3 6-1	
2014	Result	Rank: 27	Seed: 25
2r	L	C. GIORGI (#79) 7-6(3) 6-3	





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## SEASON 2023 HISTORY

- Defended Doha title (d. Pegula in F) and finished R-Up at Dubai (l. Krejčíková)
- Reached R16 at Australian Open (l. Rybakina)
- Represented Poland at the inaugural United Cup in opening week of 2023

- In Middle East, made 2r at Dubai (l. Muchova), while fell 1r at Abu Dhabi (l. Kostyuk) and contested qualifying at Doha
- Made 2r at Adelaide 1 (l. Jabeur) and fell 1r at Adelaide 2 (as qualifier, l. Haddad Maia) and Australian Open (l. Putintseva)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
23	60	<b>Aces</b>	23	58
67.2%	19	<b>First serve %</b>	62.4%	52
71.0%	9	<b>First Serve points won %</b>	65.1%	49
54.3%	3	<b>Second serve points won %</b>	47.8%	34
65.5%	2	<b>Overall service points won %</b>	58.6%	35
81.2%	4	<b>Service games won %</b>	72.0%	25
42.1%	97	<b>Break points saved %</b>	59.3%	29
47.1%	1	<b>First serve return points won %</b>	32.8%	88
66.3%	1	<b>Second serve return points won %</b>	56.7%	33
58.7%	4	<b>Break points converted %</b>	50.0%	24
58.7%	2	<b>Return games won %</b>	32.8%	58
54.3%	1	<b>Return points won %</b>	42.1%	61

Best win by ranking: No.4 vs Pegula in DOHA F  
Longest match: 2h 7m vs Andreescu in INDIAN WELLS 3r  
Shortest match: 53m vs Collins in DOHA 2r  
Match points saved:  
Most aces in a match: 5 vs Fernandez in DUBAI 2r

Best win by ranking: No.5 vs Garcia in INDIAN WELLS 4r  
Longest match: 3h 29m vs Haddad Maia in DUBAI 1r  
Shortest match: 35m vs Keys in INDIAN WELLS 2r  
Match points saved:  
Most aces in a match: 6 vs Haddad Maia in DUBAI 1r



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## TITLES

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (12)  
2023 - DOHA  
2022 - SAN DIEGO, US OPEN, ROLAND GARROS,  
ROME, STUTTGART, MIAMI, INDIAN WELLS, DOHA  
2021 - ROME, ADELAIDE 500  
2020 - ROLAND GARROS  
Runner-Up (3)  
2023 - DUBAI  
2022 - OSTRAVA  
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)



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## GRAND SLAMS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
4r				2023	1r			
SF	WON	3r	WON	2022	4r	2r	2r	2r
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
				2008	1r	2r	2r	2r



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- In 2022, lifted second and third Grand Slam titles, at Roland-Garros (d. Gauff in F) and US Open (d. Jabeur in F)
- Triumph in Paris was the last of six straight titles during 37-match winning streak - joint-longest unbeaten run on Tour since 1990
- Won two titles in 2021, 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 A.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. Also won the 2020 WTA Fan Favorite Award
- 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). That year also 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
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2019 Auckland
- Ended 2018 season ranked No.175 (up from No.690 in 2017), after posting 42-6 record and winning four titles on ITF Circuit
- Member of Poland's Billie Jean King Cup team, 2018-20, 2021-22
- On professional debut, came through qualifying to win title at \$10k ITF/Stockholm-SWE in 2016; owns seven singles titles at this level
- Enjoyed stellar junior career, including winning girls' singles at 2018 Wimbledon (d. Küng in F) and leading Poland to Junior Fed Cup in 2016
- Reached SF on all three surfaces: hard court at Lyon (I. Yastremska), clay at Istanbul (I. Kudermetova), and grass at Birmingham (I. Zhang). Also enjoyed success at the Australian Open, where she fell in R16 (I. Swiatek)
- Highlight of 2021 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 and advanced to 2r at Australian Open
- Advanced to fourth career singles final in 2019 at Tashkent (I. Van Uytvanck) as a former champion in 2008
- Captured fifth career doubles title at 2019 Lugano (w/Mitu, d. Kudermetova/Voskoboeva in F)
- Other season highlights in 2019 were SF run at Nürnberg; 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
- 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 Toronto 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)
- 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. previously worked with Piotr Sierzputowski
- Father is former Olympic rower Tomasz Swiatek, who competed in the men's quadruple sculls event at the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul
- This summer organised 'Iga Swiatek and friends for Ukraine' event in Krakow, which featured a mixed doubles match between Agnieszka Radwanska, Sergiy Stakhovsky, Polish junior Martyn Pawelski and herself, and was attended by Poland's First Lady, Agata Kornhauser-Duda, Elina Svitolina and Andriy Shevchenko. The occasion was watched by almost 15,000 people live and a further one million on television, raising more than half a million Euros for Ukrainian children and teenagers affected by the war
- Started playing tennis because her older sister was playing and wanted to beat her
- Enjoys rock music, including AC/DC and Pink Floyd
- Includes PZU, ASICS, Tecnifibre, Rolex and Xiaomi 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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MUCHOVA**  
CZECH REPUBLIC

**ELENA  
(10) RYBAKINA**  
KAZAKHSTAN

**10**

1996-08-21	<b>Date of Birth</b>	1999-06-17
Prague, Czech Republic	<b>Residence</b>	Moscow, Russia
Right-handed (double-handed backhand)	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 11" (1.80m)	<b>Height</b>	6' 0" (1.84m)
19	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	10
\$3,899,035	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$7,606,187
\$193,928	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$1,245,229
0 / 1	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	0 / 3
27-16 (Semi-Finalist: 2021 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	30-13 (Champion: 2022 WIMBLEDON)
4-0 / 4-0 (Quarter-Finalist: 2023)	<b>YTD / Career INDIAN WELLS W-L (best)</b>	3-0 / 6-2 (Quarter-Finalist: 2023, 2022)
11-3 / 74-43	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	13-4 / 137-69
11-3 / 53-28	<b>YTD / Career Hard W-L</b>	13-4 / 91-48
3-2 / 24-21	<b>YTD / Career 3-Set W-L</b>	2-3 / 35-32
4-4 / 24-15	<b>YTD / Career TB W-L</b>	4-0 / 37-33
1-1 / 7-10	<b>YTD / Career TOP 10 W-L</b>	1-1 / 10-14
Quarter-Finalist: DUBAI, AUCKLAND, INDIAN WELLS	<b>YTD Best Result</b>	Runner-Up: AUSTRALIAN OPEN



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## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2019	US OPEN	HARD	1r	Karolina Muchova	6-4 6-4	1h 25m

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
31	149	2022	12	22
19	32	2021	14	14
21	27	2020	17	19
21	21	2019	37	37
141	145	2018	182	191
210	272	2017	420	425
206	208	2016	612	616
419	419	2015	-	-
733	733	2014	-	-



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. Y. PUTINTSEVA (#42) 6-3 4-6 6-4 (2h 21m)  
2r: d. V. AZARENKA (#14) 7-6 6-3 (2h 4m)  
3r: d. M. TREVISAN (#26) 6-4 3-6 6-4 (2h 41m)  
4r: d. M. VONDROUSOVA (#105) 6-4 6-7 6-4 (2h 34m)

*Total time on court: 9h 40m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making tournament debut, having missed 2021 and 2022 editions due to abdominal injury
- Has beaten Yulia Putintseva, Victoria Azarenka, Martina Trevisan and Marketa Vondrousova so far this week to reach QF
- Through to third WTA1000 QF (also 2023 Dubai, 2021 Madrid); bidding for first SF appearance at WTA1000
- Faces No.10 Elena Rybakina in QF today; owns seven wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.9 Belinda Bencic at 2023 Dubai
- Owns 2-0 career record against players from Kazakhstan, with record in 2023 standing at 1-0
- Owns 24-21 career record against seeds, with a record in 2023 standing at 4-2
- Record in WTA QF matches stands at 4-7
- Owns one career hard court title at 2019 Seoul
- One of two players from Czech Republic to reach QF
- Best result by Czech player at Indian Wells was R-Up run by Helena Sukova in 1990
- Last time two players from Czech Republic reached QF at Indian Wells was 2019
- In her most recent tournament, last month at Dubai, with drew prior to QF against Pegula w/abdominal injury
- Is currently ranked No.76; this time last year was ranked No.73; was ranked outside Top 150 at the beginning of the year; projected to return to Top 50 if she reaches SF
- Is currently on a seven-match winning streak; longest winning streak of her career was eight matches in 2021
- Has already won 11 matches so far in 2023 after winning only eight matches last year

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. S. KENIN (#170) 7-6 7-6 (2h 7m)  
3r: d. P. BADOSA (#22) 6-3 7-5 (1h 34m)  
4r: d. V. GRACHEVA (#66) 6-3 6-0 (1h 20m)

*Total time on court: 5h 1m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making third appearance at Indian Wells, where her previous result was reaching QF last year (l. Sakkari)
- After 1r bye, has beaten Sofia Kenin, Paula Badosa and Varvara Gracheva so far this week to reach QF
- Through to 4th WTA1000 QF (also 2019 Wuhan, 2022 Indian Wells, 2022 Cincinnati); bidding for 1st SF appearance at WTA1000
- Faces No.76 Karolina Muchova in QF today; met once before at 2019 US Open where Muchova won in straight sets; lost to a player outside the Top 50 once this year (No.69 Kostyuk at Adelaide #1)
- Owns 15-9 career record against players from Czech Republic, with record in 2023 standing at 2-1
- Record in WTA QF matches stands at 16-11
- Won her only hard court title at 2020 Hobart; has reached seven finals, including Australian Open this year
- Only player from Kazakhstan to reach QF
- Best result by Kazakhstan at Indian Wells was QF run by herself last year
- Currently enjoying her career-high ranking of No.10 achieved on Jan 30, 2023; this time last year was ranked No.20
- Is currently on a five-match winning streak; longest winning streak of her career was seven matches in 2022
- Has won 13 matches so far in 2023; she is ranked No.10 on tour for match wins
- Has hit 135 aces in 2023, second most on Tour behind only Caroline Garcia (170)





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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

2022	Result	Rank: 20	Seed: 17
QF	L	M. SAKKARI (#6)	7-5 6-4
4r	W	V. GOLUBIC (#51)	7-6(5) 6-2
3r	W	V. AZARENKA (#15)	6-3 6-4
2r	W	A. VAN UYTVANCK (#58)	6-1 7-5
2021	Result	Rank: 16	Seed: 13
2r	L	Y. PUTINTSEVA (#43)	6-2 7-6(5)



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## SEASON 2023 HISTORY

- Made 2r at Doha (l. Garcia) and QF at Dubai (withdrew prior to match vs. Pegula w/abdominal injury)
- Reached QF at Auckland (l. Masarova) and 2r at Australian Open (l. Collins)

- Advanced to QF at Abu Dhabi (l. Haddad Maia) and 3r at Dubai (l. Gauff)
- Finished R-Up at Australian Open (l. Sabalenka); upset No.1 Swiatek, Ostapenko and Azarenka en route to become first woman to beat three Slam champions at Australian Open since Capriati in 2001
- Made 2r at Adelaide 1 (l. Kostyuk) and fell 1r at Adelaide 2 (l. Kvitova)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
70	11	Aces	135	2
62.9%	48	First serve %	56.3%	90
68.9%	15	First Serve points won %	74.9%	3
52.8%	5	Second serve points won %	52.8%	6
63.0%	8	Overall service points won %	65.2%	3
80.9%	5	Service games won %	82.8%	3
60.0%	25	Break points saved %	66.0%	4
38.7%	27	First serve return points won %	34.4%	65
51.9%	67	Second serve return points won %	55.6%	41
45.2%	49	Break points converted %	42.3%	70
33.1%	54	Return games won %	30.9%	66
43.4%	42	Return points won %	41.9%	64

Best win by ranking: No.9 vs Bencic in DUBAI 3r  
Longest match: 3h 0m vs Garcia in DOHA 2r  
Shortest match: 1h 14m vs Pera in DUBAI 1r  
Match points saved:  
Most aces in a match: 12 vs Garcia in DOHA 2r

Best win by ranking: No.1 vs Swiatek in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 4r  
Longest match: 2h 21m vs Kostyuk in ADELAIDE #1 2r  
Shortest match: 58m vs Juhan in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2r  
Match points saved:  
Most aces in a match: 19 vs Haddad Maia in ABU DHABI QF



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## TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (1)  
2019 - SEOUL  
Runner-Up (1)  
2019 - PRAGUE

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (3)  
2022 - WIMBLEDON  
2020 - HOBART  
2019 - BUCHAREST  
  
Runner-Up (8)  
2023 - AUSTRALIAN OPEN  
2022 - PORTOROZ, ADELAIDE 500  
2020 - STRASBOURG, DUBAI, ST. PETERSBURG,  
SHENZHEN  
2019 - NANCHANG

### DOUBLES FINALS

Runner-Up (2)  
2023 - ADELAIDE #2 (w/Pavlyuchenkova)  
2021 - INDIAN WELLS (w/Kudermetova)

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
2r				2023	RUP			
	3r	1r	1r	2022	2r	3r	WON	1r
SF	3r	QF	1r	2021	2r	QF	4r	3r
2r	1r		4r	2020	3r	2r		2r
1r	2r	QF	3r	2019		1r		1r
			3r	2018				



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- Best result last year was QF showing at Tallinn (l. Kanepi). Also made 3r at Roland Garros and 2r at Ostrava
- Back, abdominal and ankle injuries restricted her to just four tournaments in first half of 2022
- Broke into Top 20 for first time in career in 2021, peaking at No.19 (May 17)
- Posted best result at the Grand Slams with SF run at Australian Open (l. Brady) and matched best return at Wimbledon by making QF (l. Kerber, made QF in 2019). Also made last eight at Madrid (l. Pavlyuchenkova)
- Defeated the World No.1 and No.2 during 2021, defeating No.1 Barty at Australian Open and No.2 Osaka at Madrid (only other player to manage this was Badosa)
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- Posted best result at US Open by reaching R16 in 2020 - handed V.Williams her first-ever opening round loss in New York in 22 appearances, then saved three MPs vs. Cirstea in 3r, before falling to eventual R-Up Azarenka
- Finished 2019 season in rich vein of form, winning 18 of last 24 matches, including capturing maiden WTA title at Seoul (d. Linette in F), SFs at Zhuhai (l. eventual champion Sabalenka) and Moscow (l. Pavlyuchenkova) and maiden major QF at Wimbledon (l. Svitolina)
- During run to last eight at 2019 Wimbledon upset No.3 Ka.Pliskova in R16 to record her first Top 10 victory; following the tournament, broke into Top 50 at No.43 on July 15, 2019
- First WTA final appearance came during R-Up finish on home soil at 2019 Prague (l. Teichmann) - made Top 100 debut at No.74 following the tournament (May 6, 2019)
- Advanced to maiden WTA QF at 2019 Doha (as qualifier, l. Svitolina)
- Billie Jean King Cup debut came during 4-0 World Group play-off win over Canada in 2019
- Reached 3r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2018 US Open (as qualifier, d. No.12 Muguruza in
- Lifted maiden major at 2022 Wimbledon (d. Jabeur in F)
- Last season also finished R-Up at Adelaide (l. Barty) and Portoroz (l. Siniakova)
- Best result of 2021 were SFs at Eastbourne, Olympics and Chicago [500], and QFs at Abu Dhabi, Roland Garros, San Jose and Ostrava
- Opened 2020 season by reaching the championship match at four of her first five tournaments, including a title run at Hobart (d. Zhang in F)
- Made first final appearance at a Premier-level tournament with R-Up finish at St. Petersburg (l. Bertens); was rewarded with Top 20 debut at No.19 following run in Russia (February 17, 2020)
- First win over a Top-5 ranked opponent came over No.3 Ka.Pliskova during R-Up finish at 2020 Dubai
- Won back-to-back Slam matches for the first time during 3r showing at 2020 Australian Open (l. Barty)
- Won maiden WTA singles title at 2019 Bucharest (d. Tig in F), breaking into Top 100 for the first time in the following week's rankings at No.65 (July 22, 2019)
- Also in 2019, went on to make Top 50 debut on September 16, 2019, after reaching second career final at Nanchang (l. Peterson), produced SF appearances at Luxembourg and 's-Hertogenbosch, and made Grand Slam main draw debut at 2019 Roland Garros, falling 1r (as qualifier, l. Siniakova)
- Finished 2019 campaign with 57-21 win-loss record (across all levels) to end season at No.37, up from 2018's final ranking of No.191. On the ITF Circuit in 2019, lifted silverware on three occasions: back-to-back at \$25k Moscow-RUS and \$25k Kazan-RUS, and at \$60k ITF/Launceston-AUS
- Highlights of 2018 included reaching maiden WTA QF at St. Petersburg (l. Goerges) and clinching title at \$15k ITF/Kazan-RUS
- First Top 10 win came over No.7 Garcia at 2018 St. Petersburg
- Made WTA qualifying and main draw debut at 2017 Moscow (as qualifier, l. Begu in 1r)
- Professional debut came at \$10k ITF/Antalya-TUR in 2014

- 2r, I. Barty in 3r)
- Fell 1r on WTA main draw debut at 2017 Seoul (as qualifier, I. Hon)
- Won second – and most recent – career ITF Circuit title in 2016 and posted 39-18 win-loss record; at tour-level fell in qualifying at US Open
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in Croatia in 2013

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Currently coached by David Kotyza, formerly with Emil Miske
  - Born in city of Olomouc in eastern Czech Republic, but moved to train in Prague in 2019
  - Started playing tennis at aged seven with dad, a former professional footballer in Czech Republic
  - Roger Federer was tennis idol growing up
- Coached by Stefano Vukov
  - Trained at Spartak Club in Moscow as a junior; previous coaches included Andrei Cheshnokov (Elena Vesnina's former coach) and Evgenia Kulikovskaya
  - Nominated for 2019 WTA Newcomer of the Year Award
  - Started playing tennis aged five and favorite surface is hard