



# MATCH NOTES

## AUSTRALIAN OPEN MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA



JANUARY 16-29, 2023 | GRAND SLAM | A\$76,500,000

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## SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 – THIRD ROUND

LAURA SIEGEMUND (GER #158)

Head-to-Head

**1-0**

[4] CAROLINE GARCIA (FRA #4)

*Garcia won their only previous meeting at Roland Garros in 2021 in straight-sets... Since June 2022 Garcia has won 39 Tour-level matches ... Garcia began last season ranked No.74.... Among those in the third round, Garcia (43) has the second most Grand Slam appearances; only Azarenka (59) has made more appearances... Siegemund has advanced to the third round for the fourth time in her career and second time at the Australian Open (also 3r in 2016, her best result here)... Siegemund is ranked No.24 in doubles... Garcia is 14-1 in her last 15 matches vs. opponents ranked outside the Top 100... The last time a player ranked outside the Top 150 advanced to the R16 at the Australian Open was 2017 (No.188 Mona Barthel, 4r as a qualifier)*

[5] ARYNA SABALENKA (#5)

Head-to-Head

**6-2**

[26] ELISE MERTENS (BEL #32)

*This is their ninth meeting; for Sabalenka it is the most meetings against an opponent and the six wins is tied for most against an opponent (also 6 vs. Nina Stojanovic)... For Mertens this is tied for the most meetings against an opponent (also 9 meetings vs. Sakkari)... Sabalenka opened 2023 campaign with title run at Adelaide 1... Mertens owns five hard-court titles, including three on Australian soil... Mertens made Australian Open singles SF in 2018 and was crowned doubles champion in 2021 (w/Sabalenka)... With a win, Sabalenka would equal her best Australian Open result (also 2020, 2021)... Mertens is 2-7 vs. Top 5 ranked opponents at the Slams with both wins on hardcourts over No.4 Svitolina (2018 Australian Open) and No.4 Kenin (2020 US Open)... Sabalenka has won six doubles titles, including five with Mertens*

CAMILA GIORGI (ITA #70)

Head-to-Head

**2-3**

[12] BELINDA BENCIC (SUI #10)

*This is their sixth meeting and first since 2019 Fed Cup... Last week Bencic lifted her seventh career title at Adelaide 2... On Monday Bencic returned to Top 10 for first time since 2021... Giorgi owns 16 Top 10 wins, including a 2-8 record at Grand Slams... This is Giorgi's 42nd Grand Slam appearance; she has reached the R16 four times; the Australian Open is the only Slam Giorgi has not yet reached the R16... Bencic's best result at the Australian Open has been reaching the R16 in 2016*



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[19] EKATERINA ALEXANDROVA (#18)

Head-to-Head

1-1

MAGDA LINETTE (POL #45)

*Alexandrova* won the most recent meeting at 2022 Charleston in straight-sets... *Linette* owns six Top-20 wins, including her second round win over Kontaveit... *Alexandrova* is currently sitting at a career-high No.18 in the WTA rankings... The winner will advance to the fourth round at a Slam for the first time in their respective careers... *Alexandrova* is making her seventh Australian Open appearance and has equaled her best result at a Slam, including twice at Australian Open (2020, 2021)... *Linette* is making her seventh visit to the R32

VARVARA GRACHEVA (#97)

Head-to-Head

0-0

[30] KAROLINA PLISKOVA (CZE #31)

*Pliskova* is a former World No.1 and two-time Grand Slam finalist (2016 US Open, 2021 Wimbledon)... *Pliskova* withdrew from last year's tournament with right hand injury... *Gracheva* is trying to reach the R16 at a Slam for the first time in her career... *Pliskova* has reached the SF at all four Slams, including 2019 Australian Open

LINDA FRUHVIRTOVA (CZE #82)

Head-to-Head

0-0

MARKETA VONDROUSOVA (CZE #86)

This is their first meeting... *Vondrousova* defeated World No.2 Jabeur in the second round, her fifth career Top 5 win... *Fruhvirtova* also reached second round on Grand Slam debut at 2022 US Open... *Fruhvirtova* contested the junior competition at Melbourne Park in 2020... At 17 years, 273 days, *Fruhvirtova* is the youngest woman remaining in the draw; she is the fifth player 17 or younger to reach the R32 at the Australian Open since 2010 joining Coco Gauff (2020, 4r), Amanda Anisimova (2019, 4r), Marta Kostyuk (2018, 3r) and Madison Keys (2013, 3r)

NURIA PARRIZAS DIAZ (ESP #75)

Head-to-Head

0-0

DONNA VEKIC (CRO #64)

Making her sixth Grand Slam main draw appearance, *Parrizas Diaz* is through to the third round at the Australian Open for the second consecutive year (last year she reached third round via walkover)... *Vekic* has reached the R16 at all four Slams, including 2021 Australia Open; her best Slam result came at 2019 US Open (QF)... *Parrizas Diaz* is the fourth oldest player to reach the third round; only Siegemund (34), Zhang Shuai (34) and Azarenka (33) are older



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[23] ZHANG SHUAI (CHN #22)

Head-to-Head

0-0

[Q] KATIE VOLYNETS (USA #113)

Today – January 21 – is **Zhang's** 34th birthday; only Siegemund is older among remaining players... **Zhang** is playing this week on a career-high ranking... **Volynets** defeated Kudermetova to advance to the third round, her first career Top 10 win... With the win, **Volynets** has won consecutive Tour-level matches for the first time in her career... By reaching the third round as a qualifier, **Volynets** is projected to move into the Top 100 on Monday (previous career-high: No.109, Oct 31, 2022)... **Volynets** is the youngest American qualifier to reach the third round at the Australian Open since Lindsay Davenport in 1993

## QUICK-HITS

- Five Grand Slam champions remain in the draw – all in the top half of the draw: Iga Swiatek (3), Victoria Azarenka (2), Barbora Krejčíková, Jelena Ostapenko and Elena Rybakina
- An additional three women have reached a Grand Slam final: **Karolina Pliskova** (2), Coco Gauff, and **Marketa Vondrousova**
- Most Grand Slam appearances among remaining players: Azarenka (59), **Caroline Garcia** (43), **Zhang Shuai** (42), **Camila Giorgi** (42) and **Pliskova** (41)
- By reaching this stage, Azarenka has become the 14th female player in the Open Era to win 150 or more Grand Slam main draw matches
- **Katie Volynets** is the youngest American qualifier to reach the third round at the Australian Open since Lindsay Davenport in 1993
- Youngest players remaining: **Linda Fruhvirtova** (17y, 273d), Gauff (18 y, 322d), **Volynets** (21y, 29d) and Swiatek (21y, 243d)
- **Fruhvirtova** is the fourth woman aged 17 or younger in the last 15 editions of the Australian Open to advance to the third round, joining Gauff (15 in 2020), Amanda Anisimova (17 in 2019) and Kostyuk (15 in 2018)
- Oldest players remaining: **Laura Siegemund** (34y, 331d), Zhang (34y, 8d – who celebrates 34th birthday today), Azarenka (33y, 182d), **Párrizas Díaz** (31y, 198d) and **Giorgi** (31y, 30d)



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MATCHES  
PLAYED

**1**  
WIN



**158**

**LAURA  
SIEGEMUND**  
GERMANY

**CAROLINE  
(4) GARCIA** **4**  
FRANCE

1988-03-04	<b>Date of Birth</b>	1993-10-16
Stuttgart, Germany	<b>Residence</b>	Lyon, France
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 6" (1.68m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 10" (1.77m)
27	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	4
\$4,076,958	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$15,371,676
\$46,275	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$307,535
0 / 2	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	0 / 11
15-20 (Quarter-Finalist: 2020 ROLAND GARROS)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	55-42 (Semi-Finalist: 2022 US OPEN)
2-0 / 6-5 (Round of 32: 2023, 2016)	<b>YTD / Career AUSTRALIAN OPEN W-L (best)</b>	2-0 / 14-11 (Round of 16: 2018)
3-3 / 96-103	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	5-1 / 283-219
3-3 / 34-55	<b>YTD / Career Hard W-L</b>	5-1 / 165-145
3-1 / 37-32	<b>YTD / Career 3-Set W-L</b>	1-1 / 100-74
1-0 / 16-27	<b>YTD / Career TB W-L</b>	1-0 / 76-71
0-1 / 4-10	<b>YTD / Career TOP 5 W-L</b>	0-0 / 10-32
Round of 16: HOBART	<b>YTD Best Result</b>	Quarter-Finalist: ADELAIDE #2



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## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2021	ROLAND-GARROS	CLAY	1r	Caroline Garcia	6-3 6-1	1h 7m

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
124	169	<b>2022</b>	4	4
49	124	<b>2021</b>	43	74
50	50	<b>2020</b>	43	43
72	73	<b>2019</b>	19	45
68	117	<b>2018</b>	4	19
29	69	<b>2017</b>	8	8
27	31	<b>2016</b>	23	23
90	90	<b>2015</b>	25	35
155	161	<b>2014</b>	34	38
210	235	<b>2013</b>	69	75
244	383	<b>2012</b>	132	138
183	243	<b>2011</b>	135	146
215	225	<b>2010</b>	280	280
213	227	<b>2009</b>	681	681
255	307	<b>2008</b>	-	-
305	319	<b>2007</b>	-	-
340	367	<b>2006</b>	-	-
353	353	<b>2005</b>	-	-
583	847	<b>2004</b>	-	-
586	601	<b>2003</b>	-	-



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. L. BRONZETTI (#52) 2-6 6-4 6-3 (2h 43m)  
2r: d. I. BEGU (#30) 5-7 7-5 6-3 (3h 12m)

*Total time on court: 5h 55m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making sixth main draw appearance at Australian Open, has tied best result by reaching 3r also doing so on debut in 2016 (l. Beck)
- Fell 2r in 2019, 2020 and 1r in 2017 and her most recent appearance in 2021 (l. S.Williams)
- Across all Slams, best result is QF at 2020 Roland Garros (l. Kvitova), this is also the last time she reached 3r or better in any major; only other time reaching 3r was 2016 US Open (l. V.Williams)
- Defeated Lucia Bronzetti and No.27 seed Irina-Camelia Begu through two rounds, both matches going to three sets; has spent almost six hours on court so far
- Win over No.30 Begu snapped seven-match losing streak against Top-50 players
- Faces No.4 Caroline Garcia in 3r today; has lost 11 of her last 12 matches against Top-10 players, most recently beating No.5 Maria Sakkari via ret. at 2022 Stuttgart
- Last completed Top-10 win came over No.6 Johanna Konta at 2017 Madrid
- Owns 10 wins in career over Top-10 players, however, is 0-4 against Top-10 players at Grand Slams, falling to No.4 Petra Kvitova at 2015 US Open, No.9 Madison Keys at 2016 Wimbledon, No.6 Venus Williams at 2016 US Open and No.2 Karolina Pliskova at 2020 Australian Open
- Owns 6-1 career record against players from France
- Including her 2r match, is 4-14 against seeded players at majors
- Best career result on hardcourts is QF which she has reached at five tournaments, most recently at 2020 Auckland
- Only player from Germany to reach 3r
- Best results by a German woman at Australian Open are Steffi Graf's titles runs in 1988, 1989, 1990, 1994 and Angelique Kerber in 2016
- Competing this fortnight on a protected ranking of No.57
- Opened 2023 season representing Germany at United Cup going 0-2 in singles matches, then reached 2r at Hobart (l. Pera)

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. K. SEBOV (#190) 6-3 6-0 (1h 5m)  
2r: d. L. FERNANDEZ (#40) 7-6 7-5 (1h 52m)

*Total time on court: 2h 57m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 12th appearance at Australian Open, with best result a R16 run in 2018 (l. Keys)
- Other results include 3r in 2015 (l. Bouchard), 2019 (l. Collins) and 2r in 2011 (l. Morita), 2020 (l. Jabeur) and 2021 (l. Osaka)
- Also made doubles SF at Melbourne Park in 2017 (w/Mladenovic)
- Across the Slams, best result was run to SF at 2022 US open (l. Jabeur), also reached QF at 2017 Roland Garros (l. Ka.Pliskova)
- Defeated Canadians Katherine Sebov in 1r and 2021 US Open finalist Leylah Fernandez in 2r
- Faces No.158 Laura Siegemund in 3r today; is 7-8 in Grand Slam 3r matches, has not fallen at this stage since 2020 US Open (l. Brady)
- Has won 11 of her last 13 matches against players outside the Top 100 at majors
- Has won her last 12 matches against players outside the Top 100 on all levels, last loss was to No.141 Katie Boulter at 2022 Birmingham
- While ranked in the Top 10, holds a 10-4 match record at Grand Slams
- Owns 20-14 career record against players from Germany
- Since last June, has won 39 WTA-level main-draw matches, at least 12 more than any other player on Tour
- Struck 80 aces in Grand Slams last season; the only player to hit more was Q.Zheng (86)
- Has won five titles on hardcourts including two last year at Cincinnati and the WTA Finals
- Only player from France to reach 3r; best result by France at Australian Open were title runs by Amélie Mauresmo in 2006 and Mary Pierce in 1995
- Is currently ranked No.4; this time last year was ranked No.70
- Opened 2023 campaign by winning all three matches in singles and mixed doubles at inaugural United Cup. Last week, made QF at Adelaide 2 (l. eventual champion Bencic)



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2021	Result	Rank: 49	Seed: -
1r	L	S. WILLIAMS (#11) 6-1 6-1	
2020	Result	Rank: 72	Seed: -
2r	L	K. PLISKOVA (#2) 6-3 6-3	
1r	W	C. VANDEWEGHE (#226) 6-1 6-4	
2019	Result	Rank: 110	Seed: -
2r	L	S. HSIEH (#27) 6-3 6-4	
1r	W	V. AZARENKA (#53) 6-7(5) 6-4 6-2	
2017	Result	Rank: 30	Seed: 26
1r	L	J. JANKOVIC (#54) 6-1 1-6 6-4	
2016	Result	Rank: 97	Seed: -
3r	L	A. BECK (#55) 6-0 6-4	
2r	W	J. JANKOVIC (#22) 3-6 7-6(5) 6-4	
1r	W	K. BERTENS (#95) 6-4 7-5	

2022	Result	Rank: 70	Seed: -
1r	L	H. BAPTISTE (#165) 4-6 7-6(4) 6-3	
2021	Result	Rank: 43	Seed: -
2r	L	N. OSAKA (#3) 6-2 6-3	
1r	W	P. HERCOG (#51) 7-6(6) 6-3	
2020	Result	Rank: 46	Seed: -
2r	L	O. JABEUR (#78) 1-6 6-2 6-3	
1r	W	M. BRENGLE (#95) 6-7(5) 6-2 6-2	
2019	Result	Rank: 19	Seed: 19
3r	L	D. COLLINS (#35) 6-3 6-2	
2r	W	Z. HIVES (#225) 6-3 6-3	
1r	W	J. PONCHET (#250) 6-2 6-3	
2018	Result	Rank: 8	Seed: 8
4r	L	M. KEYS (#20) 6-3 6-2	
3r	W	A. SASNOVICH (#56) 6-3 5-7 6-2	
2r	W	M. VONDROUSOVA (#62) 6-7(3) 6-2 8-6	
1r	W	C. WITTHOEFT (#50) 7-5 6-3	
2017	Result	Rank: 24	Seed: 21
3r	L	B. STRYCOVA (#16) 6-2 7-5	
2r	W	O. DODIN (#72) 6-7(3) 6-4 6-4	
1r	W	K. VOLODKO (#66) 7-6(4) 6-4	
2016	Result	Rank: 34	Seed: 32
1r	L	B. STRYCOVA (#48) 6-2 6-4	
2015	Result	Rank: 36	Seed: -
3r	L	E. BOUCHARD (#7) 7-5 6-0	
2r	W	S. VOEGELE (#94) 6-3 6-4	
1r	W	S. KUZNETSOVA (#27) 6-4 6-2	
2014	Result	Rank: 76	Seed: -
1r	L	A. KUDRYAVTSEVA (#162) 6-2 7-6(7)	
2013	Result	Rank: 163	Seed: -
1r	L	E. VESNINA (#47) 3-6 6-3 6-1	



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## SEASON 2023 HISTORY

- Opened 2023 season representing Germany at United Cup going 0-2 in singles matches, then reached 2r at Hobart (l. Pera)
- Made QF at Adelaide 2 (l. eventual champion Bencic)
- 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

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
3	62	<b>Aces</b>	41	11
77.0%	1	<b>First serve %</b>	67.8%	23
61.8%	55	<b>First Serve points won %</b>	73.3%	13
44.2%	50	<b>Second serve points won %</b>	43.6%	53
57.8%	49	<b>Overall service points won %</b>	63.7%	12
69.0%	48	<b>Service games won %</b>	75.9%	24
47.1%	68	<b>Break points saved %</b>	36.4%	80
35.5%	38	<b>First serve return points won %</b>	26.9%	75
72.1%	1	<b>Second serve return points won %</b>	47.8%	68
39.3%	50	<b>Break points converted %</b>	54.5%	12
36.7%	20	<b>Return games won %</b>	21.4%	66
46.0%	10	<b>Return points won %</b>	35.3%	75

Best win by ranking: No.30 vs Begu in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2r  
Longest match: 3h 12m vs Begu in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2r  
Shortest match: 1h 20m vs Pegula in UNITED CUP  
Match points saved:  
Most aces in a match: 2 vs Martincova in HOBART 1r

Best win by ranking: No.38 vs Martic in UNITED CUP  
Longest match: 2h 14m vs Siniakova in ADELAIDE #2 2r  
Shortest match: 1h 4m vs Podoroska in UNITED CUP  
Match points saved:  
Most aces in a match: 14 vs Siniakova in ADELAIDE #2 2r





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## TITLES

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (2)  
2017 - STUTTGART  
2016 - BASTAD  
Runner-Up (1)  
2016 - STUTTGART

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (10)  
2023 - HOBART (w/Flipkens)  
2022 - CLUJ-NAPOCA (w/Flipkens), MIAMI  
(w/Zvonareva), LYON (w/Zvonareva)  
2020 - US OPEN (w/Zvonareva)  
2019 - GUANGZHOU (w/Peng)  
2018 - MOSCOW (w/Panova)  
2015 - LUXEMBOURG (w/Barthel), FLORIANOPOLIS  
(w/Beck), 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH (w/Muhammad)  
Runner-Up (4)  
2022 - TALLINN (w/Melichar-martinez)  
2018 - NEW HAVEN (w/Hsieh)  
2016 - MALLORCA (w/Friedsam)  
2015 - MARRAKECH (w/Zanevska)

### 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 (3)  
2019 - STRASBOURG  
2015 - MONTERREY, ACAPULCO

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (7)  
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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## GRAND SLAMS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
			1r	<b>2022</b>	1r	2r	4r	SF
1r	1r	1r		<b>2021</b>	2r	2r	1r	2r
2r	QF		1r	<b>2020</b>	2r	4r		3r
2r	2r	2r	2r	<b>2019</b>	3r	2r	1r	1r
	1r		1r	<b>2018</b>	4r	4r	1r	3r
1r				<b>2017</b>	3r	QF	4r	3r
3r	1r	1r	3r	<b>2016</b>	1r	2r	2r	3r
		1r	1r	<b>2015</b>	3r	1r	1r	1r
				<b>2014</b>	1r	1r	3r	1r
				<b>2013</b>	1r	2r	2r	2r
				<b>2012</b>		1r		
				<b>2011</b>	2r	2r		



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- Best result of 2022 was QF run at Stuttgart (as WC, l. Samsonova)
- Reached first career QF on grass, at 2021 Bad Homburg (l. Siniakova). Also made 3r at Gippsland Trophy (l. Halep) and 2r on four occasions in 2021
- Advanced to first Grand Slam singles quarterfinal of career at 2020 Roland Garros (l. Kvitova); previous best results at a Slam were 3r runs at 2016 Australian Open (l. Beck) and 2016 US Open (l. V.Williams)
- Captured first Grand Slam doubles title at 2020 US Open (w/Zvonareva)
- Opened 2020 season by reaching QF at Auckland (l. eventual champion S.Williams)
- Standout results of 2019 season included SF run at Bucharest (l. Tig) and QF showings at Hiroshima and Luxembourg
- After 10 months sidelined by knee injury, returned to Tour-level action at 2018 Charleston; went on to reach two QF later that summer, at Bucharest and Moscow [River Cup]; also reached three finals on the ITF Circuit, including a title run at \$25K Bad Saulgau-GER
- Won second (and biggest title) of career to date on home soil at 2017 Stuttgart (d. Mladenovic in F). Scored three wins over Top 10 opponents en route (No.9 Kuznetsova, No.3 Ka.Pliskova and No.5 Halep) but promising season halted by serious right knee injury (tore right anterior cruciate ligament) sustained a few weeks later at Nürnberg (ret. vs. Krejčíková)
- Enjoyed tour-level breakthrough in 2016, registering 30 Tour-level match wins and first WTA singles title on clay at Bastad (d. Siniakova in F)
- Earlier in 2016, reached maiden WTA final as a qualifier at 2016 Stuttgart (as qualifier, l. Kerber); result led to Top 50 debut at No.42 (week of April 25)
- Quarterfinalist at Rio Olympics (l. eventual gold medalist Puig)
- Won 2016 US Open mixed doubles title (w/Pavic)
- Advanced to first two QF at WTA level in 2015, at Florianopolis and Luxembourg
- Won first WTA doubles title at 2015 's-Hertogenbosch (w/Muhammad)
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2003 Leipzig and finally main draw debut seven years later, at 2010 Bastad
- On ITF Circuit, winner of 12 singles titles and 20 doubles titles
- Played first pro events of career on ITF Circuit in 2002
- 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. Min) and reached SF at the other three Slams

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Antonio Zucca
- Mother's name is Brigitta, father's name is Harro (engineer); sister's name is Satu, brother's name is Arlen
- Introduced to tennis by family at age 3
- Lived in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia from age 4 to 7 and in Jakarta, Indonesia from age 9 to 10
- Speaks German, English and French
- Tennis idol growing up was Steffi Graf
- Favorite tennis memories include winning the match point at the 2016 Mixed US Open Final and winning the 2017 Porsche Tennis Grandprix at her hometown in Stuttgart
- Completed bachelor's degree in psychology from University of Hagen in 2016

- Currently working with Juan Pablo Guzman. 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



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**5** **ARYNA SABALENKA (5)**

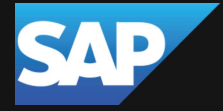
**ELISE (26) MERTENS** **32**  
BELGIUM

1998-05-05	<b>Date of Birth</b>	1995-11-17
	<b>Residence</b>	Hamont-Achel, Belgium
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed (Two-handed backhand)
5' 11" (1.82m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 10" (1.79m)
2	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	12
\$12,302,010	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$11,042,643
\$127,100	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$101,000
1 / 11	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	0 / 7
38-19 (Semi-Finalist: 2022 US OPEN; 2021 US OPEN, WIMBLEDON)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	55-23 (Semi-Finalist: 2018 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
2-0 / 10-5 (Round of 16: 2022, 2021)	<b>YTD / Career AUSTRALIAN OPEN W-L (best)</b>	2-0 / 18-5 (Semi-Finalist: 2018)
6-0 / 200-96	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	3-2 / 204-124
6-0 / 143-62	<b>YTD / Career Hard W-L</b>	3-2 / 132-77
0-0 / 67-50	<b>YTD / Career 3-Set W-L</b>	2-0 / 60-46
3-0 / 45-33	<b>YTD / Career TB W-L</b>	0-0 / 36-41
0-0 / 11-12	<b>YTD / Career TOP 5 W-L</b>	0-0 / 6-14
Champion: ADELAIDE #1	<b>YTD Best Result</b>	Round of 32: HOBART, AUSTRALIAN OPEN



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## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2021	US OPEN	HARD	4r	Aryna Sabalenka	6-4 6-1	1h 11m
2021	MADRID	CLAY	QF	Aryna Sabalenka	6-1 4-0	58m
2020	LINZ	HARD	F	Aryna Sabalenka	7-5 6-2	1h 43m
2020	DUBAI	HARD	2r	Aryna Sabalenka	6-4 6-3	1h 31m
2019	ZHUHAI	HARD	1r	Aryna Sabalenka	6-4 3-6 7-5	2h 20m
2018	MONTREAL	HARD	3r	Elise Mertens	2-6 7-6(1) 6-0	2h 13m
2018	EASTBOURNE	GRASS	3r	Aryna Sabalenka	7-5 2-6 7-6(4)	2h 41m
2018	LUGANO	CLAY	F	Elise Mertens	7-5 6-2	1h 25m

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
2	5	2022	20	29
2	2	2021	14	21
10	10	2020	17	20
9	11	2019	12	17
11	11	2018	13	13
76	78	2017	35	35
154	159	2016	120	120
539	548	2015	157	157
-	-	2014	249	264
-	-	2013	577	577



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. T. MARTINCOVA (#74) 6-1 6-4 (1h 9m)  
2r: d. S. ROGERS (#51) 6-3 6-1 (1h 27m)

*Total time on court: 2h 36m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making sixth main draw appearance at Australian Open; best result are R16 showings in 2021 (l. S.Williams) and 2022 (l. Kanepi)
- Crowned Australian Open doubles champion in 2021 (w/ Mertens, d. Krecjkova/Siniakova in F)
- Across all Slams, best result is SF at 2021 Wimbledon (l. Ka.Pliskova), 2021 US Open (l. Fernandez) and 2022 US Open (l. Swiatek)
- Defeated Tereza Martincova and Shelby Rogers in first two rounds, is now 6-0 on the year and is yet to drop a set in 2023
- This is the second time she has won the opening six matches of the season, also doing so in 2021 when she won title in Abu Dhabi
- When ranked in the Top 10, has never fallen before the 3r of a major
- Faces former doubles partner Elise Mertens in 3r today looking to reach R16 for a third straight time at Melbourne Park
- Holds 6-4 record at Grand Slam 3r matches, last falling at 2022 Roland Garros (l. Giorgi)
- Owns 8-4 career record against players from Belgium and 1-0 at Slams, sole win came over today's opponent at 2021 US Open
- Is currently ranked No.5; this time last year was ranked No.2
- Coming off winning her 11th career title at Adelaide 1 where she didn't drop a set through four matches; holds 10 career titles on hardcourts, tied for 7th amongst active players
- Is currently on a 6-match winning streak; longest winning streak of her career was 15 matches in 2020-21 ending 2020 with titles at Ostrava and Linz, then opening 2021 season with title in Abu Dhabi

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. G. MUGURUZA (#73) 3-6 7-6 6-1 (2h 31m)  
2r: d. L. DAVIS (#57) 6-4 6-3 (1h 12m)

*Total time on court: 3h 43m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making sixth appearance at Australian Open where her best result was reaching SF in 2018 (l. Wozniacki)
- Also reached R16 three times in 2020 (l. Halep), 2021 (l. Muchova) and 2022 (l. Collins)
- Run to SF in 2018 remains best singles result across all Slams; has also reached QF at US Open in 2019 and 2020
- In doubles, won the 2021 Australian Open title w/Sabalenka; owns three Grand Slam doubles titles also lifting trophies at 2019 US Open (w/Sabalenka) and 2021 Wimbledon (w/Hsieh)
- Beat former finalist Garbiñe Muguruza in 1r; broke to stay in the match when trailing 3-6 5-6
- In 2r, snapped recent Hobart champion Lauren Davis' eight-match winning streak
- Faces No.5 Aryna Sabalenka in 3r today, has lost her last six matches against Top-10 players; last win came over No.3 Simona Halep at 2021 Madrid
- Holds 2-7 record against Top-10 players at Grand Slams, sole wins came over No.3 Elina Svitolina at 2018 Australian Open and No.4 Sofia Kenin at 2020 US Open
- Owns five hardcourt titles including three on Australian soil winning at Hobart in 2017 and 2018 and the Gippsland Trophy in 2021
- Only player from Belgium to reach 3r; two Belgians have won the title here with Justine Henin in 2004 and Kim Clijsters in 2011
- Opened season representing Belgium at United Cup, going 1-1 in singles matches; then fell 1r at Hobart (l. Zanevska)



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2022	Result	Rank: 2	Seed: 2
4r	L	K. KANEPI (#115) 5-7 6-2 7-6(7)	
3r	W	M. VONDROUSOVA (#41) 4-6 6-3 6-1	
2r	W	X. WANG (#100) 1-6 6-4 6-2	
1r	W	S. HUNTER (#128) 5-7 6-3 6-2	
2021	Result	Rank: 7	Seed: 7
4r	L	S. WILLIAMS (#11) 6-4 2-6 6-4	
3r	W	A. LI (#69) 6-3 6-1	
2r	W	D. KASATKINA (#75) 7-6(5) 6-3	
1r	W	V. KUZMOVA (#100) 6-0 6-4	
2020	Result	Rank: 12	Seed: 11
1r	L	C. SUÁREZ NAVARRO (#54) 7-6(6) 7-6(6)	
2019	Result	Rank: 11	Seed: 11
3r	L	A. ANISIMOVA (#87) 6-3 6-2	
2r	W	K. BOULTER (#97) 6-3 6-4	
1r	W	A. KALINSKAYA (#146) 6-1 6-4	
2018	Result	Rank: 66	Seed: -
1r	L	A. BARTY (#17) 6-7(2) 6-4 6-4	

2022	Result	Rank: 26	Seed: 19
4r	L	D. COLLINS (#30) 4-6 6-4 6-4	
3r	W	S. ZHANG (#74) 6-2 6-2	
2r	W	I. BEGU (#64) 6-3 6-2	
1r	W	V. ZVONAREVA (#91) 6-4 7-5	
2021	Result	Rank: 16	Seed: 18
4r	L	K. MUCHOVA (#27) 7-6(5) 7-5	
3r	W	B. BENCIC (#12) 6-2 6-1	
2r	W	L. ZHU (#94) 7-6(8) 6-1	
1r	W	L. FERNANDEZ (#86) 6-1 6-3	
2020	Result	Rank: 17	Seed: 16
4r	L	S. HALEP (#3) 6-4 6-4	
3r	W	C. BELLIS (#600) 6-1 6-7(5) 6-0	
2r	W	H. WATSON (#75) 6-3 6-0	
1r	W	D. KOVINIC (#86) 6-2 6-0	
2019	Result	Rank: 14	Seed: 12
3r	L	M. KEYS (#17) 6-3 6-2	
2r	W	M. BETOVA (#91) 6-1 7-5	
1r	W	A. SCHMIEDLOVA (#59) 6-2 7-5	
2018	Result	Rank: 37	Seed: -
SF	L	C. WOZNIACKI (#2) 6-3 7-6(2)	
QF	W	E. SVITOLINA (#4) 6-4 6-0	
4r	W	P. MARTIC (#81) 7-6(5) 7-5	
3r	W	A. CORNET (#42) 7-5 6-4	
2r	W	D. SAVILLE (#23) 7-5 6-3	
1r	W	V. KUZMOVA (#125) 6-2 6-1	





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## SEASON 2023 HISTORY

- Won 11th career title at Adelaide 1 (d. Noskova in F)

- Opened season representing Belgium at United Cup, going 1-1 in singles matches; then fell 1r at Hobart (l. Zanevska)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
41	2	<b>Aces</b>	12	61
58.6%	76	<b>First serve %</b>	63.4%	50
73.6%	12	<b>First Serve points won %</b>	60.0%	63
54.5%	13	<b>Second serve points won %</b>	34.6%	79
65.7%	8	<b>Overall service points won %</b>	50.7%	75
88.4%	4	<b>Service games won %</b>	50.0%	79
79.2%	3	<b>Break points saved %</b>	58.3%	39
31.8%	57	<b>First serve return points won %</b>	46.8%	3
59.1%	22	<b>Second serve return points won %</b>	33.3%	88
34.4%	62	<b>Break points converted %</b>	27.3%	77
27.5%	47	<b>Return games won %</b>	30.0%	40
42.5%	33	<b>Return points won %</b>	41.9%	38

Best win by ranking: No.20 vs Samsonova in ADELAIDE #1 2r  
Longest match: 2h 15m vs Samsonova in ADELAIDE #1 2r  
Shortest match: 1h 9m vs Martincova in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 1r  
Match points saved:  
Most aces in a match: 12 vs Noskova in ADELAIDE #1 F

Best win by ranking: No.57 vs Davis in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2r  
Longest match: 2h 31m vs Muguruza in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 1r  
Shortest match: 1h 12m vs Davis in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2r  
Match points saved:  
Most aces in a match: 7 vs Davis in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2r



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## TITLES

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (11)

2023 - ADELAIDE #1  
2021 - MADRID, ABU DHABI  
2020 - LINZ, OSTRAVA, DOHA  
2019 - ZHUHAI, WUHAN, SHENZHEN  
2018 - WUHAN, NEW HAVEN

Runner-Up (8)

2022 - WTA FINALS, S'HERTOGENBOSCH,  
STUTTGART  
2021 - STUTTGART  
2019 - SAN JOSE  
2018 - EASTBOURNE, LUGANO  
2017 - TIANJIN

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (6)

2021 - BERLIN (w/Azarenka), AUSTRALIAN OPEN  
(w/Mertens)  
2020 - OSTRAVA (w/Mertens)  
2019 - US OPEN (w/Mertens), MIAMI (w/Mertens),  
INDIAN WELLS (w/Mertens)

Runner-Up (2)

2019 - WUHAN (w/Mertens)  
2018 - LUGANO (w/Lapko)

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (7)

2022 - MONASTIR  
2021 - MELBOURNE 500 GIPPSLAND TROPHY  
2019 - DOHA  
2018 - RABAT, LUGANO, HOBART  
2017 - HOBART

Runner-Up (4)

2021 - ISTANBUL  
2020 - LINZ, PRAGUE  
2017 - ISTANBUL

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (16)

2022 - WTA FINALS (w/Kudermetova), DUBAI  
(w/Kudermetova)  
2021 - INDIAN WELLS (w/Hsieh), WIMBLEDON  
(w/Hsieh), ISTANBUL (w/Kudermetova),  
AUSTRALIAN OPEN (w/Sabalenka)  
2020 - OSTRAVA (w/Sabalenka)  
2019 - US OPEN (w/Sabalenka), MIAMI  
(w/Sabalenka), INDIAN WELLS (w/Sabalenka)  
2018 - WUHAN (w/Schuurs), 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH  
(w/Schuurs), LUGANO (w/Flipkens), HOBART  
(w/Schuurs)  
2017 - GUANGZHOU (w/Schuurs)  
2016 - AUCKLAND (w/Mestach)

Runner-Up (11)

2022 - WIMBLEDON (w/Zhang), BIRMINGHAM  
(w/Zhang), S'HERTOGENBOSCH (w/Kudermetova),  
MIAMI (w/Kudermetova), DOHA (w/Kudermetova)  
2021 - WTA FINALS (w/Hsieh)  
2019 - WUHAN (w/Sabalenka)  
2018 - CINCINNATI (w/Schuurs), BIRMINGHAM  
(w/Schuurs)  
2017 - BUCHAREST (w/Schuurs), ISTANBUL  
(w/Melichar-martinez)



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## GRAND SLAMS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
4r	3r		SF	<b>2022</b>	4r	4r	4r	1r
4r	3r	SF	SF	<b>2021</b>	4r	3r	3r	4r
1r	3r		2r	<b>2020</b>	4r	3r		QF
3r	2r	1r	2r	<b>2019</b>	3r	3r	4r	QF
1r	1r	1r	4r	<b>2018</b>	SF	4r	3r	4r
		2r		<b>2017</b>		3r	1r	1r
				<b>2016</b>				1r



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- Highlight of last season was R-Up finish at WTA Finals in Fort Worth (l. Garcia in F); upset No.1 Swiatek, No.2 Jabeur and No.3 Pegula en route to final - only the fourth woman in history to beat the No.1, No.2 and No.3 at the same tournament
- Lifted two titles during 2021 campaign, at Abu Dhabi and Madrid, while was R-Up at Stuttgart. Also reached a further three SFs, including at Wimbledon and US Open
- Rose to career-high No.2 in rankings on August 23, 2021
- In doubles, lifted second major at 2021 Australian Open (w/Mertens, d. Krejčíková/Siniakova in F)
- Won final nine matches of 2020 to end the year with back-to-back titles - at Ostrava (d. Azarenka in F) and Linz (d. Mertens in F) - and ranked at No.10
- Having also taken home the silverware at Doha (d. Kvitová in F), was one of two players (also Halep) to lift three singles titles during disrupted 2020 season
- Ended as World No.11 for the second straight year in 2019 after capturing three WTA singles titles at Shenzhen (d. Riske in F), Wuhan (d. Riske in F) and Zhuhai (d. Bertens in F)
- Made Top-10 debut on January 28, 2019 following 3<sup>rd</sup> run at 2019 Australian Open
- Ended 2019 at No.2 in WTA doubles rankings after capturing first Grand Slam doubles trophy at US Open (w/Mertens, d. Azarenka/Barty in F). Earlier in the season, the pair claimed the 'Sunshine Double' by winning back-to-back titles at Indian Wells (d. Krejčíková/Siniakova in F) and Miami (d. Stosur/ Zhang in F)
- Qualified for WTA Finals Shenzhen in doubles (w/Mertens), going 1-2 in the round-robin stage
- Enjoyed breakthrough season in 2018, lifting two titles, at New Haven (d. Suárez Navarro in F) and Wuhan (d. Kontaveit in F), winning 46 matches and finishing at No.11 in the rankings
- Also in 2018, was R-Up at Lugano (l. Mertens) and Eastbourne (l. Wozniacki), made SF at Cincinnati, reached five QFs and produced a career-best Grand Slam run to R16 at US Open
- Entered Top 50 on April 16, 2018, after Lugano run, and Top 20 on August 27 of the same year, following New Haven title
- Broke into Top 100 at No.76 on October 16, 2017 after reaching first Tour-level final at Tianjin (l. Sharapova). Also in 2017 made SF at Tashkent (l. Babos) and lifting WTA 125k Series title at Mumbai (d. Jakupovic)
- Finished 2022 ranked No.29 in singles, her sixth consecutive Top 50 finish; also finished No.5 in doubles for her fourth consecutive Top 10 finish in doubles and second consecutive Top 5 finish
- Former doubles No.1, having first climbed to the top on May 10, 2021; has spent 23 weeks atop the WTA Doubles Rankings
- Last season lifted seventh WTA title, at 2022 Monastir (d. Cornet in F), while in doubles alongside partner Kudrmetova won Dubai and WTA Finals, as well as finished R-Up at Wimbledon
- Enjoyed a productive start to 2021 season in Melbourne, triumphing at the Gippsland Trophy (d. Kanepi in F) to lift sixth WTA singles title, then teamed up w/Sabalenka at Australian Open to claim second Grand Slam doubles title (d. Krejčíková/Siniakova in F). Later in the year, won third career Grand Slam doubles title, at Wimbledon w/Hsieh
- Won the most matches on Tour in 2020, going 34-13 across the season and finishing as R-Up at both Prague (l. Halep) and Linz (l. Sabalenka)
- Earned her milestone 200th career main draw win with victory over Kalinina in 1<sup>st</sup> round at 2020 Linz
- Singles highlights in 2019 were winning biggest title of career at Doha (d. No.3 Halep in final) and advancing to QF at US Open for the first time (l. eventual champion Andreescu in 3<sup>rd</sup> round)
- Enjoyed standout season in doubles in 2019 - won maiden major doubles title at US Open w/Sabalenka (d. Azarenka/Barty in F). Also Completed 'Sunshine Double' in doubles (w/Sabalenka), lifting the back-to-back titles at Indian Wells (d. Krejčíková/Siniakova) and Miami (d. Stosur/Zhang), and qualified for Shiseido WTA Finals Shenzhen (went 1-2 in RR)
- Advanced to first Grand Slam SF of career at 2018 Australian Open (l. eventual champion Wozniacki)
- During 2018, lifted titles at Hobart, Rabat and Lugano, finishing with 46 main-draw match wins across the campaign - only Ka.Pliskova (49) and Kvitova (47) registered more. By contrast, prior to 2018 season owned only 36 wins at this level across entire career
- In doubles in 2018, won four titles and reached QF at WTA Finals (w/Schuurs)
- Finished 2017 season at No.35, up from No.120 in 2016 - first Top 50 and Top 100 year-end finish. Season highlighted by first career singles title at Hobart (as a qualifier, d. Niculescu in F)
- Registered first Top-10 win of career over No.10 Cibulkova in 1<sup>st</sup> round at 2017 Beijing

- Made Grand Slam main draw debut 2017 Wimbledon, falling in 2r (as qualifier, d. Khromacheva, l. Witthoef)
- Fell 1r on main draw debut at 2017 Dubai (as qualifier, l. Ka.Bondarenko)
- Member of Belarus Billie Jean King Cup team that lost to USA in 2017 final - scored first Top-20 win of career with defeat of No.13 Stephens during final in Minsk
- WTA qualifying debut came at 2016 Rabat
- Lifted first three ITF Circuit titles in 2015, including a 13-match win streak towards the year's end, bringing back-to-back trophies in Antalya, Turkey
- Made debut on ITF Circuit in Minsk in 2012

- Made WTA singles main draw debut at 2016 's-Hertogenbosch - made QF (as qualifier, l. Mladenovic)
- Won first WTA title of any kind in doubles at 2016 Auckland (w/Mestach)
- Played first Tour-level event of career at 2015 Antwerp (fell in qualifying)
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in Belgium in 2010; owns 11 singles and 14 doubles titles on ITF Circuit

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Currently working with former hitting partner Anton Dubrov; previously coached by Dmitry Tursunov and Didi Kindlmann
- Started playing tennis when she was 6 by an accident when her father Sergey drove by the tennis courts and decided to give it a try
- Has a sweet tooth and considers something sweet as a perfect present; loves her grandmother's cooking, and looks forward to her pancakes when she is away from home
- Has a tiger tattoo on her left arm, which earned her the nickname "The Tiger"
- She spends her time off with family, catching up with friends, or reading; her favorite book is "The Count of Monte Cristo"

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



**2**  
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**5**  
MATCHES  
PLAYED

**3**  
WIN



**70** **CAMILA  
GIORGI**  
ITALY

**BELINDA  
(12) BENCIC** **10**  
SWITZERLAND

1991-12-30	<b>Date of Birth</b>	1997-03-10
France	<b>Residence</b>	Wollerau, Switzerland
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 6" (1.68 m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 9" (1.75m)
26	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	4
\$5,581,180	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$10,891,079
\$0	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$270,675
0 / 3	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	1 / 7
44-41 (Quarter-Finalist: 2018 WIMBLEDON)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	50-29 (Semi-Finalist: 2019 US OPEN)
2-0 / 13-10 (Round of 32: 2023, 2022, 2020, 2019, 2015)	<b>YTD / Career AUSTRALIAN OPEN W-L (best)</b>	2-0 / 14-9 (Round of 16: 2016)
2-0 / 188-166	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	7-1 / 226-150
2-0 / 115-102	<b>YTD / Career Hard W-L</b>	7-1 / 145-99
0-0 / 63-60	<b>YTD / Career 3-Set W-L</b>	1-0 / 86-52
0-0 / 49-36	<b>YTD / Career TB W-L</b>	0-1 / 56-36
0-0 / 16-22	<b>YTD / Career TOP 10 W-L</b>	2-1 / 30-27
Round of 32: AUSTRALIAN OPEN	<b>YTD Best Result</b>	Champion: ADELAIDE #2



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## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2019	FED CUP WEEK 1	HARD	QF	Belinda Bencic	6-2 6-4	0m
2018	NEW HAVEN	HARD	2r	Belinda Bencic	6-4 6-4	1h 42m
2015	WUHAN	HARD	2r	Camila Giorgi	6-2 ret.	38m
2015	'S-HERTOGENBOSCH	GRASS	F	Camila Giorgi	7-5 6-3	1h 24m
2014	MADRID	CLAY	Q	Belinda Bencic	6-4 7-5	1h 49m

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
26	67	2022	11	12
33	34	2021	9	23
69	75	2020	4	12
26	98	2019	7	8
26	26	2018	37	37
68	79	2017	42	165
35	83	2016	7	43
30	34	2015	12	14
31	35	2014	33	33
73	93	2013	212	212
77	79	2012	614	626
141	149	2011	1059	1059
197	244	2010	-	-
285	285	2009	-	-
480	480	2008	-	-
737	833	2007	-	-
944	944	2006	-	-



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. A. PAVLYUCHENKOVA (#364) 6-0 6-1 (55m)  
2r: d. A. SCHMIEDLOVA (#105) 6-4 6-3 (1h 29m)

*Total time on court: 2h 24m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 11th appearance at Australian Open, where she is through to 3r for fourth time in past five visits
- Also made this stage in 2015 (l. V.Williams), 2019 (l. Ka.Pliskova), 2020 (l. Kerber) and 2022 (l. eventual champion Barty)
- This fortnight has beaten Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova in 1r and Anna Karolina Schmiedlova in 2r, dropping only eight games - only Varvara Gracheva (six) has conceded fewer en route to 3r
- Faces No.10 Belinda Bencic in 3r today; owns 16 wins in career over Top-10 players, most recently upsetting No.10 Emma Raducanu at 2022 Toronto
- Two of these 16 Top-10 victories have come at majors, over No.8 Caroline Wozniacki (2013 US Open) and No.7 Aryna Sabalenka (2022 Roland Garros)
- Across all levels, has 4-10 career record against players from Switzerland (1-1 at Slams)
- Owns two career titles on hard courts, at 2018 Linz (indoor) and 2021 Montreal (outdoor)
- Only player from Italy to reach 3r from six in starting field. Bidding to become first Italian woman to reach R16 at Melbourne Park since Flavia Pennetta in 2014
- Deepest runs by Italian women at Australian Open are QF showings from Adriana Serra Zanetti (2002), Francesca Schiavone (2011), Sara Errani (2012) and Pennetta (2014)
- Is currently ranked No.70; this time last year was No.33

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. V. TOMOVA (#91) 6-1 6-2 (1h 7m)  
2r: d. C. LIU (#62) 7-6 6-3 (1h 51m)

*Total time on court: 2h 58m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making her 10th consecutive main-draw appearance at the Australian Open, with best result a R16 run in 2016
- Contesting 30th Grand Slam main draw this fortnight, registering her 49th and 50th wins at this level by seeing off Viktoriya Tomova in 1r and Claire Liu in 2r
- After claiming Adelaide 2 title last week, has now won six straight matches on hard courts, her longest run since 2021 when she won the Olympics (six matches) and then reached QF at Cincinnati (three matches)
- Faces No.70 Camila Giorgi in 3r today; in terms of ranking, defeat today would be worst since losing to No.85 Petra Martic at Lausanne last summer
- Across all levels, owns 16-7 career record against Italians (3-0 at Slams), winning the last nine (including two over Giorgi)
- Only woman representing Switzerland to reach 3r from three in starting field. Lone Swiss to lift this title was Martina Hingis (1997-99)
- On Monday, returned to Top 10 for first time since late 2021
- Five of her seven career titles have come on hard courts, most recently last week at Adelaide 2





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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2022	Result	Rank: 33	Seed: 30
3r	L	A. BARTY (#1) 6-2 6-3	
2r	W	T. MARTINCOVA (#47) 6-2 7-6(2)	
1r	W	A. POTAPOVA (#68) 6-4 6-0	
2021	Result	Rank: 79	Seed: -
2r	L	I. SWIATEK (#17) 6-2 6-4	
1r	W	Y. SHVEDOVA (#1337) 6-3 6-3	
2020	Result	Rank: 102	Seed: -
3r	L	A. KERBER (#18) 6-2 6-7(4) 6-3	
2r	W	S. KUZNETSOVA (#53) 6-3 6-1	
1r	W	A. LOTTNER (#156) 6-3 6-3	
2019	Result	Rank: 28	Seed: 27
3r	L	K. PLISKOVA (#8) 6-4 3-6 6-2	
2r	W	I. SWIATEK (#177) 6-2 6-0	
1r	W	D. JAKUPOVIC (#83) 6-3 6-0	
2018	Result	Rank: 71	Seed: -
2r	L	A. BARTY (#17) 5-7 6-4 6-1	
1r	W	A. KALINSKAYA (#160) 6-4 6-3	
2017	Result	Rank: 74	Seed: -
1r	L	T. BACSINSZKY (#15) 6-4 3-6 7-5	
2016	Result	Rank: 36	Seed: -
1r	L	S. WILLIAMS (#1) 6-4 7-5	
2015	Result	Rank: 33	Seed: -
3r	L	V. WILLIAMS (#18) 4-6 7-6(3) 6-1	
2r	W	T. SMITKOVA (#68) 6-1 6-4	
1r	W	F. PENNETTA (#12) 4-6 6-2 6-3	
2014	Result	Rank: 99	Seed: -
2r	L	A. CORNET (#25) 6-3 4-6 6-4	
1r	W	S. HUNTER (#219) 4-6 6-1 6-4	
2013	Result	Rank: 74	Seed: -
1r	L	S. FORETZ (#101) 6-2 6-3	

2022	Result	Rank: 22	Seed: 22
2r	L	A. ANISIMOVA (#60) 6-2 7-5	
1r	W	K. MLADENOVIC (#88) 6-4 6-3	
2021	Result	Rank: 12	Seed: 11
3r	L	E. MERTENS (#16) 6-2 6-1	
2r	W	S. KUZNETSOVA (#37) 7-5 2-6 6-4	
1r	W	L. DAVIS (#80) 6-3 4-6 6-1	
2020	Result	Rank: 7	Seed: 6
3r	L	A. KONTAVEIT (#31) 6-0 6-1	
2r	W	J. OSTAPENKO (#45) 7-5 7-5	
1r	W	A. SCHMIEDLOVA (#203) 6-3 7-5	
2019	Result	Rank: 49	Seed: -
3r	L	P. KVI TOVA (#6) 6-1 6-4	
2r	W	Y. PUTINTSEVA (#39) 7-5 4-6 6-2	
1r	W	K. SINIAKOVA (#33) 6-4 2-6 6-3	
2018	Result	Rank: 78	Seed: -
2r	L	L. KUMKHUM (#124) 6-1 6-3	
1r	W	V. WILLIAMS (#5) 6-3 7-5	
2017	Result	Rank: 59	Seed: -
1r	L	S. WILLIAMS (#2) 6-4 6-3	
2016	Result	Rank: 13	Seed: 12
4r	L	M. SHARAPOVA (#5) 7-5 7-5	
3r	W	K. VOLODKO (#92) 4-6 6-2 6-4	
2r	W	T. BABOS (#60) 6-3 6-3	
1r	W	A. RISKE-AMRITRAJ (#88) 6-4 6-3	
2015	Result	Rank: 34	Seed: 32
1r	L	J. GOERGES (#73) 6-2 6-1	
2014	Result	Rank: 187	Seed: -
2r	L	N. LI (#4) 6-0 7-6(5)	
1r	W	K. DATE (#80) 6-4 4-6 6-3	



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## SEASON 2023 HISTORY

- Fell at first hurdle of qualifying for Adelaide 2
- Won seventh career title at Adelaide 2 (d. Kasatkina in F)
- Represented Switzerland at the inaugural United Cup in opening week of 2023; won two of her three matches in singles and mixed doubles but was unable to prevent Swiss team exiting in the group stage

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
0	0	Aces	28	7
0.0%	0	First serve %	63.1%	53
0.0%	0	First Serve points won %	82.5%	1
0.0%	0	Second serve points won %	51.3%	21
0.0%	0	Overall service points won %	71.0%	1
0.0%	0	Service games won %	89.7%	3
0.0%	0	Break points saved %	55.6%	48
0.0%	0	First serve return points won %	36.8%	29
0.0%	0	Second serve return points won %	59.8%	20
0.0%	0	Break points converted %	61.5%	6
0.0%	0	Return games won %	41.0%	9
0.0%	0	Return points won %	44.7%	17

Best win by ranking: No.105 vs Schmiedlova in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2r  
Longest match: 1h 29m vs Schmiedlova in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2r  
Shortest match: 55m vs Pavlyuchenkova in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 1r  
Match points saved:  
Most aces in a match:

Best win by ranking: No.4 vs Garcia in ADELAIDE #2 QF  
Longest match: 2h 1m vs Swiatek in UNITED CUP  
Shortest match: 1h 7m vs Tomova in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 1r  
1h 7m vs Kasatkina in ADELAIDE #2 F  
Match points saved:  
Most aces in a match: 10 vs Muguruza in ADELAIDE #2 1r



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## TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (3)

2021 - MONTREAL

2018 - LINZ

2015 - 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH

Runner-Up (6)

2019 - BRONX, WASHINGTON DC

2016 - KATOWICE

2015 - KATOWICE

2014 - LINZ, KATOWICE

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (7)

2023 - ADELAIDE #2

2022 - CHARLESTON

2021 - OLYMPICS

2019 - MOSCOW, DUBAI

2015 - TORONTO, EASTBOURNE

Runner-Up (9)

2022 - BERLIN

2021 - BERLIN, ADELAIDE 500

2019 - MALLORCA

2018 - LUXEMBOURG

2016 - ST. PETERSBURG

2015 - TOKYO, 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH

2014 - TIANJIN

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (2)

2015 - WASHINGTON DC (w/Mladenovic), PRAGUE  
(w/Siniakova)

Runner-Up (1)

2021 - OLYMPICS (w/Golubic)

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
3r	4r	1r	2r	<b>2022</b>	2r	3r	1r	3r
2r	2r	2r	1r	<b>2021</b>	3r	2r	1r	QF
3r	1r		2r	<b>2020</b>	3r			
3r		1r	1r	<b>2019</b>	3r	3r	3r	SF
2r	3r	QF	2r	<b>2018</b>	2r	2r	4r	1r
1r	1r	3r	1r	<b>2017</b>	1r			
1r	2r	1r	1r	<b>2016</b>	4r		2r	3r
3r	2r	3r	2r	<b>2015</b>	1r	2r	4r	3r
2r	2r	2r	1r	<b>2014</b>	2r	1r	3r	QF
1r	1r	3r	4r	<b>2013</b>				
		4r	1r	<b>2012</b>				
		1r		<b>2011</b>				



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- Best performances in 2022 came during grass-court season when she reached QF at Birmingham (l. eventual champion Haddad Maia) and then SF at Eastbourne (l. Ostapenko)
- Defeated three Top-20 players to lift most prestigious title of her career at 2021 Montreal (d. No.6 Ka.Pliskova in F)
- In 2021 also advanced to SF at Eastbourne (d. No.4 Sabalenka and No.10 Ka.Pliskova, l. Kontaveit via ret. w/left thigh injury) and Tenerife (l. Osorio). Reached QFs at Olympics and Lyon
- During a disrupted 2020, reached SF at Palermo and QF at Lyon, finishing the year at No.76
- In 2019, reached seventh and eighth singles finals of her career, posting R-Up finishes at Washington DC (l. Pegula) and the Bronx (l. Linette)
- Missed entire 2019 clay court season w/wrist and ankle injuries
- Played Fed Cup in 2019 for first time since 2016 - lost both her matches (l. Golubic, Bencic) as Italy fell to a 3-1 defeat to Switzerland
- Ended 2018 season perched at a career-best ranking of No.26, winning second career title in final event at Linz (d. Alexandrova in F). Won 29 tour-level matches in 2018 - the most wins she had previously posted in a single season was 28, in 2014
- Advanced to first Grand Slam QF at 2018 Wimbledon (l. eventual R-Up S.Williams) on her 26th appearance at this level; became the first Italian woman to reach the QF of Wimbledon since 2009 (Schiavone, l. Dementieva)
- Other highlights in 2018 included SF runs at Sydney (l. eventual champion Kerber), Prague (l. Buzarnescu after serving for match in third set) and Tokyo (l. Osaka)
- In 2016 reached final at Katowice for the third year in a row (l. Cibulkova). Appeared in four additional quarterfinals in 2016, at Hobart (l. Bouchard), Prague (l. Ka.Pliskova), Washington, DC (l. Davis) and Seoul (l. Zhang)
- Won first career title at 2015 's-Hertogenbosch (d. Bencic in F)
- Had never reached WTA QF prior to 2014; reached QF or better at seven events during that season
- Made Top 100 debut on July 9, 2012 and broke into Top 50 on May 26, 2014
- Tour-level main draw debut came as a qualifier at 2011 Wimbledon
- On ITF Circuit, winner of five singles titles
- Won sixth career title last season, triumphing at Charleston, while finished R-Up at Berlin and helped Switzerland lift Billie Jean King Cup Finals in Glasgow
- Captured gold medal at Tokyo Olympics (d. Vondrousova in F); also claimed silver in doubles (w/Golubic)
- Other 2021 highlights included R-Up finish at Adelaide (l. Swiatek) and Berlin (l. Samsonova), and six further QFs (including US Open)
- Across a disrupted 2020 reached three QFs, at Adelaide, St. Petersburg and Doha
- Enjoyed a stellar season in 2019, in which she lifted two titles - at Dubai (d. Kvitova in F) and Moscow (d. Pavlyuchenkova in F) and posted a career-best 49 Tour-level match wins in 2019 - only Ka.Pliskova (52), Barty (54) and Bertens (55) scored more. By contrast, posted a combined total of 37 wins at this level across 2016-18
- Victory in Moscow ensured she became first Swiss player to compete in singles at the WTA Finals since Hingis in 2006, going on to reach SF at the season-ending showpiece in Shenzhen
- Equalled her career-high ranking of No.7 following Moscow title run (October 21, 2019)
- Also in 2019, marked 20th Grand Slam main draw by reaching her maiden major SF at US Open (l. eventual champion Andreescu) and finished R-Up at Mallorca (l. Kenin after holding 3mp at 5-4 in second set)
- Was voted WTA Comeback Player of the Year in 2019
- Led the WTA with six victories over Top 5 players in 2019, including upsets over No.1 Osaka at Indian Wells, Madrid and US Open
- Standout result in 2018 was R-Up finish at Luxembourg (as qualifier, l. Goerges)
- In first round at 2018 Australian Open, defeated No.5 V.Williams. Having also upset then-No.1 S.Williams in SF at 2015 Toronto is one of seven women to defeat both Williams sisters before their 21st birthday (also Hingis, Sharapova, Clijsters, Henin, Chakvetadze and Osaka)
- Underwent left wrist surgery in spring 2017, missing five months - ranking fell outside Top 300
- Run to 2016 St. Petersburg final saw her break into Top 10 (at No.9) for the first time in her career; became 116th player to break into the Top 10 since computerized rankings were introduced in 1975. In the last 20 years, 11 players have made their Top 10 debut before their 19th birthday

- Played first career professional tournament at 2006 ITF/Baku-AZE

- At 2015 Eastbourne, at 18y 109d, became second youngest player to win a WTA Premier level final (Wozniacki won 2008 New Haven aged 18y 43d)
- With 2015 Toronto triumph, became first teenager to win an event at Premier 5 level or higher since Azarenka at 2009 Miami
- Qualified for 2015 WTA Elite Trophy in Zhuhai however withdrew due to hand injury
- Won second WTA doubles title of career in 2015 at Washington, DC (w/Mladenovic), the first coming earlier in the year at Prague (w/Siniakova)
- Voted 2014 WTA Newcomer of the Year after a campaign highlighted by R-Up finish at Tianjin (l. Riske) and QF run at 2014 US Open (defeated No.7 Kerber in 3r, No.10 Jankovic in R16); at 17 years of age, was youngest player through to last eight at Flushing Meadows since 1997 when Hingis won the title
- Played first WTA qualifying event at Luxembourg in October 2011, and first WTA main draw 12 months later at same event as WC (l. V.Williams, 1r); only 15 years, 7 months at the time
- Won junior singles titles at Roland Garros and Wimbledon in 2013; was named ITF Junior World Champion for 2013

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by father, Sergio
- Mother's name is Claudia; brothers are Leandro and Amadeus; sister is Antonela
- Began playing tennis at age 5 at a local club (introduced to the sport by father)
- Favorite surface is hard
- Favorite film director is Pedro Almodovar; favorite book is The Diary Of Anne Frank; loves the color pink; also enjoys boxing, soccer and MotoGP
- Most relaxing place to be is the Bahamas

- Currently working with Dmitry Tursunov
- Father, Ivan, sometimes serves as her tennis coach, and Martin Hromkovic as her fitness coach. Mother is Dana; younger brother is Brian who also plays and coaches tennis; father emigrated to Switzerland from then-Czechoslovakia in 1968
- Started playing at Melanie Molitor's (mother of Martina Hingis) tennis school at age 3 until age 19 (started daily training with her from age 6 for eight years)
- Also visit the Nick Bollettieri and Evert Tennis Academy as a Junior
- Enjoys watching movies, reading, playing with dogs, baking, painting, and seeing friends



**18** **EKATERINA ALEXANDROVA (19)**

**MAGDA LINETTE** **45**  
**POLAND**

1994-11-15	<b>Date of Birth</b>	1992-02-12
Prague, Czech Republic	<b>Residence</b>	Poznan, Poland
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 9" (1.75m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 7" (1.71 m)
18	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	33
\$4,226,840	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$4,301,282
\$21,100	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$149,300
0 / 3	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	0 / 2
21-23 (Round of 32: 2023 AUSTRALIAN OPEN; 2021 AUSTRALIAN OPEN; 2020 ROLAND GARROS, AUSTRALIAN OPEN; 2019 ROLAND GARROS)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	20-29 (Round of 32: 2023 AUSTRALIAN OPEN; 2021 WIMBLEDON, ROLAND-GARROS; 2020 US OPEN; 2019 WIMBLEDON; 2018 AUSTRALIAN OPEN; 2017 ROLAND GARROS)
2-0 / 7-6 (Round of 32: 2023, 2021, 2020)	<b>YTD / Career AUSTRALIAN OPEN W-L (best)</b>	2-0 / 5-6 (Round of 32: 2023, 2018)
3-1 / 127-104	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	5-2 / 135-144
3-1 / 84-63	<b>YTD / Career Hard W-L</b>	5-2 / 101-96
1-1 / 38-39	<b>YTD / Career 3-Set W-L</b>	2-1 / 46-54
0-0 / 22-38	<b>YTD / Career TB W-L</b>	0-0 / 45-25
0-0 / 19-32	<b>YTD / Career TOP 20 W-L</b>	1-1 / 6-33
Round of 16: ADELAIDE #2	<b>YTD Best Result</b>	Round of 32: HOBART, AUSTRALIAN OPEN



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## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2022	CHARLESTON	CLAY	QF	Ekaterina Alexandrova	6-0 6-2	1h 2m
2019	SEOUL	HARD	SF	Magda Linette	7-6(5) 7-6(7)	2h 7m

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
19	19	2022	45	49
30	33	2021	40	57
25	33	2020	33	40
35	35	2019	41	42
73	93	2018	55	83
69	73	2017	70	71
132	133	2016	81	96
228	269	2015	64	89
244	256	2014	106	117
410	410	2013	148	148
762	772	2012	231	296
-	-	2011	163	248
-	-	2010	187	194
-	-	2009	1008	1008



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**MAGDA  
LINETTE**

## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. Y. BONAVENTURE (#90) 6-2 6-1 (52m)  
2r: d. T. TOWNSEND (#135) 1-6 6-2 6-3 (1h 57m)

*Total time on court: 2h 49m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 7th appearance at Australian Open, where her best results are 3r showings in 2020 (l. Kvitova), 2021 (l. Barty) and now 2023
- In 1r this year, raced past Ysaline Bonaventure - at 52m, the match is the shortest of the tournament so far - then battled back to beat WC Taylor Townsend in 2r
- Faces No.45 Magda Linette in 3r today; owns 46 wins in career over Top-50 players, although only three of these have come at the majors, most recently No.33 Mihaela Buzarnescu at 2019 Roland Garros
- Is currently ranked at a career-high No.18, having broken into Top 20 on October 10, 2022 (after SF run at Ostrava)
- Withdrew w/left thigh injury prior to 2r match against Kudermetova last week in Adelaide
- Owns two hard-court titles in her career at 2020 Shenzhen and 2022 Seoul

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. M. SHERIF (#54) 7-5 6-1 (1h 25m)  
2r: d. A. KONTAVEIT (#19) 3-6 6-3 6-4 (1h 52m)

*Total time on court: 3h 17m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making sixth main-draw appearance at the Australian Open, where her best results are 3r runs in 2018 (l. Allertova) and now 2023
- Overall this is her 30th Grand Slam main draw, and this fortnight has beaten Mayar Sherif in 1r and Anett Kontaveit in 2r to register 19th and 20th Grand Slam main-draw wins of her career
- Faces No.18 Ekaterina Alexandrova in 3r today; owns six Top-20 career wins, with four of these coming at the majors, over No.1 Ashleigh Barty via ret. at 2021 Roland Garros, No.5 Elina Svitolina at 2021 Wimbledon, No.6 Ons Jabeur at 2022 Roland Garros and No.19 Kontaveit in previous round here
- One of two Polish women in the singles main draw, in addition to World No.1 Iga Swiatek, who is through to R16
- Best results by Polish players here are SF runs from Agnieszka Radwanska (2014 and 2016) and Swiatek (2022)
- Is currently ranked No.45; this time last year was No.53
- Owns two hard-court titles in her career at the Bronx in 2019 and Hua Hin in 2020





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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2022	Result	Rank: 45	Seed: -
1r	L	B. PERA (#105)	7-5 6-3
2021	Result	Rank: 32	Seed: 29
3r	L	A. BARTY (#1)	6-2 6-4
2r	W	B. KREJCIKOVA (#59)	6-3 7-6(4)
1r	W	M. TREVISAN (#89)	6-3 6-4
2020	Result	Rank: 28	Seed: 25
3r	L	P. KVITOVA (#8)	6-1 6-2
2r	W	B. KREJCIKOVA (#128)	6-1 6-3
1r	W	J. TEICHMANN (#68)	6-4 4-6 6-2
2019	Result	Rank: 72	Seed: -
1r	L	L. TSURENKO (#24)	6-4 7-6(4)
2018	Result	Rank: 92	Seed: -
2r	L	M. KEYS (#20)	6-0 6-1
1r	W	P. HERCOG (#91)	7-6(2) 6-4
2017	Result	Rank: 108	Seed: -
1r	L	E. MAKAROVA (#34)	6-0 4-6 6-1

2022	Result	Rank: 53	Seed: -
2r	L	D. KASATKINA (#23)	6-2 6-3
1r	W	A. SEVASTOVA (#71)	6-4 7-5
2020	Result	Rank: 43	Seed: -
1r	L	A. RUS (#93)	1-6 6-3 6-4
2019	Result	Rank: 80	Seed: -
1r	L	N. OSAKA (#4)	6-4 6-2
2018	Result	Rank: 74	Seed: -
3r	L	D. SATRALOVA (#130)	6-1 6-4
2r	W	D. KASATKINA (#25)	7-6(4) 6-2
1r	W	J. BRADY (#65)	2-6 6-4 6-3
2017	Result	Rank: 96	Seed: -
1r	L	M. MINELLA (#105)	7-5 6-4
2016	Result	Rank: 93	Seed: -
1r	L	M. PUIG (#52)	6-3 6-0



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## SEASON 2023 HISTORY

- Reached 2r at Adelaide 2 (withdrew w/left thigh injury prior to match vs. Kudermetova)
- Fell 1r at Adelaide 1 (l. Vondrousova)

- Fell 1r at Hobart (l. Van Uytvanck)
- Opened season at United Cup, going 3-1 in singles play as Poland contested the City Final in Sydney

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
11	28	<b>Aces</b>	1	80
54.9%	87	<b>First serve %</b>	65.3%	39
74.4%	9	<b>First Serve points won %</b>	57.1%	71
39.2%	69	<b>Second serve points won %</b>	46.2%	42
58.5%	42	<b>Overall service points won %</b>	53.3%	63
73.9%	32	<b>Service games won %</b>	64.3%	55
68.4%	20	<b>Break points saved %</b>	16.7%	91
39.4%	17	<b>First serve return points won %</b>	34.0%	49
49.0%	65	<b>Second serve return points won %</b>	62.5%	10
29.2%	73	<b>Break points converted %</b>	35.7%	59
28.0%	44	<b>Return games won %</b>	38.5%	14
41.9%	37	<b>Return points won %</b>	44.7%	18

Best win by ranking: No.90 vs Bonaventure in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 1r  
Longest match: 2h 16m vs Vondrousova in ADELAIDE #1 1r  
Shortest match: 52m vs Bonaventure in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 1r  
Match points saved:  
Most aces in a match: 6 vs Furlis in ADELAIDE #2 1r

Best win by ranking: No.19 vs Kontaveit in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2r  
Longest match: 2h 42m vs Teichmann in UNITED CUP  
Shortest match: 1h 7m vs Kulambayeva in UNITED CUP  
Match points saved:  
Most aces in a match: 5 vs Teichmann in UNITED CUP



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## TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (3)  
2022 - SEOUL, S'HERTOGENBOSCH  
2020 - SHENZHEN  
Runner-Up (2)  
2021 - MOSCOW  
2018 - LINZ

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (1)  
2019 - BUDAPEST (w/Zvonareva)

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (2)  
2020 - HUA HIN  
2019 - BRONX

Runner-Up (3)  
2022 - CHENNAI  
2019 - SEOUL  
2015 - TOKYO INTERNATIONAL

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (2)  
2022 - EASTBOURNE (w/Krunic), CHARLESTON  
(w/Klepac)  
Runner-Up (3)  
2017 - BOGOTA (w/Cepede Royg)  
2016 - TIANJIN (w/Xu)  
2014 - GUANGZHOU (w/Cornet)

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
1r	2r		2r	<b>2022</b>	2r	2r	2r	1r
3r	2r	2r	2r	<b>2021</b>		3r	3r	1r
3r	3r		2r	<b>2020</b>	1r	1r		3r
1r	3r	1r	2r	<b>2019</b>	1r	2r	3r	2r
2r	1r	1r	1r	<b>2018</b>	3r	1r	1r	1r
1r	2r	1r	2r	<b>2017</b>	1r	3r	1r	1r
		2r		<b>2016</b>	1r	1r	1r	1r
				<b>2015</b>		1r	1r	2r



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- Last season, won titles at 's-Hertogenbosch (d. Sabalenka in F) and Seoul (d. Ostapenko in F). Also advanced to SF at Charleston, Madrid and Ostrava, making Top-20 debut on October 10, 2022
- Reached third WTA singles final in 2021, enjoying run to final at home tournament of Moscow (l. Kontaveit). Other key result was SF run at Gippsland Trophy (l. Kanepi)
- Posted two best wins-by-ranking of career in 2021, defeating No.2 Halep (Gippsland Trophy) and No.2 Sabalenka (Moscow)
- Reached 2r on Olympic debut at Tokyo 2020
- Part of Russian Tennis Federation team that won the 2021 Billie Jean King Cup
- Opened 2020 season by lifting her maiden WTA singles title, at Shenzhen (d. Rybakina in F)
- Won both singles rubbers on Billie Jean King Cup debut in 3-2 win over Romania in February 2020
- Made Top-50 debut on June 17, 2019 after QF run at 's-Hertogenbosch
- Registered 30 Tour-level match wins during 2019, in which she reached SF at Budapest, Seoul and Linz and made QF at St. Petersburg, 's-Hertogenbosch, Eastbourne and Moscow. Also advanced to 3r at a major for the first time, at Roland Garros
- Won sole WTA doubles title at 2019 Budapest (w/Zvonareva)
- Came through qualifying to make maiden WTA final appearance at 2018 Linz (l. Giorgi)
- Advanced to first WTA QF at 2018 Seoul, scoring maiden Top 10 win of her career en route, over No.10 Ostapenko
- Made Top-100 debut at No.93 on March 20, 2017 after winning title at \$60K ITF/Shenzhen-CHN
- At 2016 Wimbledon, ranked No.223, won her way through qualifying on her maiden Slam appearance, going on to reach 2r (upset No.23 seed Ivanovic in 1r)
- Won WTA 125K Series title at Limoges in 2016, 2018-19
- Reached 2r on WTA main draw debut at 2016 Katowice (as qualifier, l. eventual R-Up Giorgi)
- Contested qualifying for the first time at a WTA-level tournament at 2014 Bad Gastein
- Played first professional events of career on ITF Circuit in Europe in 2011
- 2022 season highlight was R-Up finish at Chennai (l. Fruhvirtova). Also won two doubles titles, at Charleston (w/Klepac) and Eastbourne (w/Krunic)
- Posted seventh successive Top 100 season in 2021, finishing at No.57 after starting her season at Miami in March, due to a knee injury
- Reached two semifinals in 2021, at Strasbourg (l. Cirstea) and Cleveland (l. Begu)
- Matched previous best results at Grand Slams in 2021 with 3r runs at Roland Garros (d. World No.1 Barty via ret. in 2r; l. Jabeur) and Wimbledon (d. No.5 Svitolina in 2r for best win of career in a completed match, before falling to Badosa)
- Won second WTA singles title at Hua Hin in 2020 (d. Kung in F), rising to new career-high ranking of No.33 (on February 17)
- Posted best result at US Open by advancing to 3r (l. Kontaveit); now has reached this stage at all four Grand Slams
- Winner of 2020 WTA Shot of the Year; became the third Polish woman to win this award (after A.Radwanska and Swiatek)
- Her 2019 campaign was highlighted by lifting maiden WTA title at the Bronx and finished R-Up at Seoul (l. Muchova); broke into Top 50 on September 9, 2019
- Season highlights in 2018 included QF run at Washington DC (l. Vekic); win over No.17 Osaka in 2r was first Top 20 victory - previous career-best win came over No.21 Gavrilova at 2017 Tokyo [PPO]
- Posted first career victories at 2018 Australian Open during 3r run (d. Brady in 1r and No.22 seed Kasatkina in 2r, l. Allertova)
- Highlight of 2017 campaign was SF at Kuala Lumpur (l. Hibino). Also made QF at Bogotá and reached 3r at major for first time at Roland Garros
- In 2016 enjoyed run to first Premier-level quarterfinal of career at Tokyo [PPO] (as qualifier, l. eventual champion Wozniacki); also advanced to QF at Katowice (l. Parmentier)
- Reached maiden WTA singles final at 2015 Tokyo [Japan Open] (l. Wickmayer)
- Broke into Top 100 on June 15, 2015
- Played first two WTA main draws in 2013: 2r at Strasbourg (l. Cornet) and SF at Baku (l. Peer)
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in Poland in 2007; owns 12 singles titles and eight doubles titles on ITF Circuit

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Vojtech Flegl; also works with father, Evgeny
  - Mother is Julia, also has sister, Anna, and brother Jury. Began playing tennis at age 6
  - Favorite shot is forehand; favorite surface is hard
  - Speaks Russian, English and Czech
  - Likes to cook, especially making cakes
  - Admires Serena Williams
- Coached by Mark Gellard. Previously worked with Nikola Horvat and Izo Zunic
  - Parents are Tomasz and Beata; sister is Dagmara
  - Started playing at age 6, favorite shot is backhand; favorite surfaces are hard and grass, and favorite tournament is Roland Garros
  - Tennis idol growing up was Monica Seles



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KAROLINA  
**(30)** PLISKOVA **31**  
CZECH REPUBLIC

2000-08-02	<b>Date of Birth</b>	1992-03-21
	<b>Residence</b>	Monte Carlo, Monaco
Right-handed	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 10" (1.78m)	<b>Height</b>	6' 1" (1.86m)
59	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	1
\$1,518,830	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$24,308,845
\$0	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$14,250
0 / 0	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	0 / 16
11-9 (Round of 32: 2023 AUSTRALIAN OPEN; 2022 ROLAND GARROS; 2021 US OPEN, ROLAND-GARROS; 2020 US OPEN)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	84-40 (Runner-Up: 2021 WIMBLEDON; 2016 US OPEN)
2-0 / 3-2 (Round of 32: 2023)	<b>YTD / Career AUSTRALIAN OPEN W-L (best)</b>	2-0 / 24-9 (Semi-Finalist: 2019)
2-0 / 29-46	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	2-2 / 372-202
2-0 / 23-28	<b>YTD / Career Hard W-L</b>	2-2 / 255-132
0-0 / 13-12	<b>YTD / Career 3-Set W-L</b>	0-0 / 127-66
0-0 / 7-8	<b>YTD / Career TB W-L</b>	0-0 / 77-83
Round of 32: AUSTRALIAN OPEN	<b>YTD Best Result</b>	Round of 32: ADELAIDE #2, ADELAIDE #1, AUSTRALIAN OPEN



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## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

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

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
59	95	2022	4	32
77	79	2021	3	4
89	93	2020	2	6
105	105	2019	2	2
447	447	2018	4	8
875	882	2017	1	4
-	-	2016	5	6
-	-	2015	7	11
-	-	2014	24	24
-	-	2013	63	67
-	-	2012	107	120
-	-	2011	159	159
-	-	2010	168	203
-	-	2009	228	228
-	-	2008	402	427
-	-	2007	860	860
-	-	2006	1092	1168



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. D. KASATKINA (#8) 6-1 6-1 (54m)  
2r: d. L. STEFANINI (#141) 6-3 6-1 (1h 22m)

*Total time on court: 2h 16m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making third main-draw appearance at Australian Open (fourth overall)
- Reached 2r in 2021 (l. Kudermetova) and fell 1r in 2020 (l. Bronzetti). Also contested qualifying in 2020
- Upset No.8 Daria Kasatkina in 1r to register maiden Top-10 win, having lost two previous encounters against No.5 Elina Svitolina (2020 Roland Garros) and No.10 Ons Jabeur (2022 Madrid)
- In terms of ranking, previous best career win was over No.26 Paula Badosa at 2021 US Open
- Eased past Lucrezia Stefanini in 2r; has conceded only six games en route to 3r, the fewest of any player in the draw
- Faces No.31 Karolina Pliskova in 3r today; bidding to win three consecutive Tour-level matches for second time in her career, having done so once before during SF run at 2021 Chicago
- Contesting 3r at a major for the fifth time; lost the previous four in straight sets, against Petra Martic (2020 US Open), Marta Kostyuk (2021 Roland Garros), Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (2021 US Open) and Elise Mertens (2022 Roland Garros)
- Is currently ranked No.97; this time last year was No.78
- Deepest run at a WTA hard-court event was to SF at 2021 Charleston [250]

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. X. WANG (#53) 6-1 6-3 (1h 4m)  
2r: d. Y. PUTINTSEVA (#47) 6-0 7-5 (1h 17m)

*Total time on court: 2h 21m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 10th appearance at Australian Open, having missed her last year's tournament w/right hand injury
- Best result at Melbourne Park was SF run in 2019 (l. eventual champion Naomi Osaka); defeated Garbiñe Muguruza and Serena Williams en route
- Also made QF here in 2017-18
- Two-time Grand Slam finalist, finishing R-Up at 2016 US Open (l. Angelique Kerber) and 2021 Wimbledon (l. Ashleigh Barty)
- Defeated Wang Xiyu in 1r and Yulia Putintseva in 2r to snap a six-match Tour-level losing streak
- This was the sixth time she has beaten Putintseva; went on to reach at least QF on previous five occasions, including title runs at Brisbane in 2017 and 2019
- Prior to beating Putintseva, had lost seven matches in a row against Top-50 opponents
- Faces No.97 Varvara Gracheva in 3r today; bidding to win three matches in a row for first time since QF run at 2022 US Open
- One of four Czechs to reach 3r from 11 in the draw - only USA (18) was better represented in the starting field
- Best results by a Czech woman at Australian Open were Hana Mandlikova's title runs in 1980 and 1987
- Is currently ranked No.31; this time last year was No.5
- Owns 10 singles titles on hard courts, most recently 2020 Brisbane





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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2022	Result	Rank: 78	Seed: -
1r	L	L. BRONZETTI (#142) 3-6 6-2 6-3	

2021	Result	Rank: 97	Seed: -
2r	L	V. KUDERMETOVA (#36) 5-7 6-2 6-2	
1r	W	A. BLINKOVA (#63) 6-1 3-6 7-6(7)	

2021	Result	Rank: 6	Seed: 6
3r	L	K. MUCHOVA (#27) 7-5 7-5	
2r	W	D. COLLINS (#40) 7-5 6-2	
1r	W	J. PAOLINI (#95) 6-0 6-2	

2020	Result	Rank: 2	Seed: 2
3r	L	A. PAVLYUCHENKOVA (#30) 7-6(4) 7-6(3)	
2r	W	L. SIEGEMUND (#72) 6-3 6-3	
1r	W	K. MLADENOVIC (#41) 6-1 7-5	

2019	Result	Rank: 8	Seed: 7
SF	L	N. OSAKA (#4) 6-2 4-6 6-4	
QF	W	S. WILLIAMS (#16) 6-4 4-6 7-5	
4r	W	G. MUGURUZA (#18) 6-3 6-1	
3r	W	C. GIORGI (#28) 6-4 3-6 6-2	
2r	W	M. BRENGLE (#88) 4-6 6-1 6-0	
1r	W	K. MUCHOVA (#139) 6-3 6-2	

2018	Result	Rank: 6	Seed: 6
QF	L	S. HALEP (#1) 6-3 6-2	
4r	W	B. STRYCOVA (#24) 6-7(5) 6-3 6-2	
3r	W	L. SAFAROVA (#29) 7-6(6) 7-5	
2r	W	B. HADDAD MAIA (#70) 6-1 6-1	
1r	W	V. CEPEDA ROYG (#80) 6-3 6-4	

2017	Result	Rank: 5	Seed: 5
QF	L	M. LUCIC-BARONI (#79) 6-4 3-6 6-4	
4r	W	D. SAVILLE (#26) 6-3 6-3	
3r	W	J. OSTAPENKO (#38) 4-6 6-0 10-8	
2r	W	A. BLINKOVA (#189) 6-0 6-2	
1r	W	S. SORRIBES TORMO (#106) 6-2 6-0	

2016	Result	Rank: 12	Seed: 9
3r	L	E. MAKAROVA (#24) 6-3 6-2	
2r	W	J. GOERGES (#45) 7-6(5) 6-1	
1r	W	K. BIRRELL (#296) 6-4 6-4	



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## SEASON 2023 HISTORY

- Opened 2023 season with qualifying exits at Auckland and Hobart

- Opened 2023 campaign with 1r exits at Adelaide 1 (l. Ostapenko) and Adelaide 2 (as qualifier, l. Collins)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
0	0	<b>Aces</b>	9	37
0.0%	0	<b>First serve %</b>	68.2%	21
0.0%	0	<b>First Serve points won %</b>	58.7%	67
0.0%	0	<b>Second serve points won %</b>	22.9%	90
0.0%	0	<b>Overall service points won %</b>	47.3%	87
0.0%	0	<b>Service games won %</b>	41.2%	85
0.0%	0	<b>Break points saved %</b>	37.5%	79
0.0%	0	<b>First serve return points won %</b>	27.7%	72
0.0%	0	<b>Second serve return points won %</b>	48.8%	66
0.0%	0	<b>Break points converted %</b>	50.0%	26
0.0%	0	<b>Return games won %</b>	17.6%	73
0.0%	0	<b>Return points won %</b>	36.1%	73

Best win by ranking: No.8 vs Kasatkina in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 1r  
 Longest match: 1h 22m vs Stefanini in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2r  
 Shortest match: 54m vs Kasatkina in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 1r  
 Match points saved:  
 Most aces in a match:

Best win by ranking: No.47 vs Putintseva in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2r  
 Longest match: 1h 17m vs Putintseva in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2r  
 Shortest match: 1h 4m vs Wang in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 1r  
 Match points saved:  
 Most aces in a match: 6 vs Collins in ADELAIDE #2 1r



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## TITLES

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (16)

2020 - BRISBANE  
2019 - ZHENGZHOU, EASTBOURNE, ROME,  
BRISBANE  
2018 - TOKYO, STUTTGART  
2017 - EASTBOURNE, DOHA, BRISBANE  
2016 - CINCINNATI, NOTTINGHAM  
2015 - PRAGUE  
2014 - LINZ, SEOUL  
2013 - KUALA LUMPUR

Runner-Up (16)

2021 - MONTREAL, WIMBLEDON, ROME  
2020 - ROME  
2019 - MIAMI  
2018 - TIANJIN  
2016 - US OPEN, EASTBOURNE  
2015 - ZHUHAI, STANFORD, BIRMINGHAM, DUBAI,  
SYDNEY  
2014 - HONG KONG, NÜRNBERG, PATTAYA CITY

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (5)

2016 - BIRMINGHAM (w/Strycova)  
2014 - HONG KONG (w/Pliskova), BAD GASTEIN  
(w/Pliskova), NÜRNBERG (w/Krajicek)  
2013 - LINZ (w/Pliskova)

Runner-Up (2)

2016 - INDIAN WELLS (w/Goerges)  
2013 - PALERMO (w/Pliskova)



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## GRAND SLAMS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
1r	3r		1r	<b>2022</b>		2r	2r	QF
2r	3r	1r	3r	<b>2021</b>	3r	2r	RUP	QF
	1r		3r	<b>2020</b>	3r	2r		2r
				<b>2019</b>	SF	3r	4r	4r
				<b>2018</b>	QF	3r	4r	QF
				<b>2017</b>	QF	SF	2r	QF
				<b>2016</b>	3r	1r	2r	RUP
				<b>2015</b>	3r	2r	2r	1r
				<b>2014</b>	2r	2r	2r	3r
				<b>2013</b>	1r	1r	2r	1r
				<b>2012</b>		1r	1r	



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**VARVARA  
GRACHEVA**

**KAROLINA  
PLISKOVA**

## CAREER MILESTONES

- Best results last season were runs to QF at Chennai (l. eventual champion Fruhvirtova) and 3r at Roland Garros (l. Mertens). Also reached 2r on four occasions
- Second Top 100 season in 2021 finishing the year at No.79, in a season highlighted by making her WTA SF debut at Chicago 250 and posting a career-best 14 main draw match wins
- Highlight of 2020 campaign was 3r showing at US Open (l. Martic); in 2r recovered from 6-1 5-1 down, saving 4MP to upset No.44 Mladenovic
- Ended 2019 at No.105, nearly 300 places up from her 2018 finish after a campaign in which she posted a 70-26 win-loss record, lifting five titles on the ITF Circuit, including at \$60K Valencia and \$60K Saint-Malo
- Recorded first WTA victory during 2r run at 2019 Washington DC (as qualifier, d. Blinkova, l. Hsieh)
- Fell 1r on WTA debut (main draw and qualifying) at 2019 Lausanne (as qualifier, l. X.Han), while made Grand Slam qualifying debut at US Open later that summer
- During 2018 season, won second ITF Circuit title of career at \$15k/Antalya-TUR and reached three other QFs at this level
- On ITF Circuit, winner of seven singles titles
- Played first professional events of career on ITF Circuit in Egypt in 2016
- Contested Roland Garros, Wimbledon and US Open as a junior, with best result a 3r run at 2016 Wimbledon
- Best results last season were SF runs at Strasbourg (l. Juvan) and Toronto (l. Haddad Maia) and QF showings at Berlin (l. Gauff) and US Open (l. Sabalenka). Was first time she failed to reach a Tour-level final since 2012
- Reached three finals across 2021, at Rome (l. Swiatek), her second Slam final at Wimbledon (l. Barty) and Montreal (l. Giorgi)
- Ended 2021 season by qualifying for WTA Finals for the fifth consecutive year - only four active players have qualified more than her
- Made Olympic debut, reaching R16 at Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games (l. Giorgi)
- Lifted a WTA-leading four titles across the 2019 season (tied with Barty) - triumphed at Brisbane, Rome, Eastbourne and Zhengzhou. Dropped 19 games across five matches during Eastbourne title win (d. Kerber in F) - most economic title run in 2019
- Also reached first Premier Mandatory final at 2019 Miami, losing to Barty in straight sets, and produced best Australian Open performance of career, reaching SF (l. eventual champion Osaka in 3s); saved four match points to beat S.Williams in QF
- Lost to twin sister Kr.Pliskova in 2r at Birmingham, in what was their first career main-draw encounter
- Helped the Czech Republic lift Billie Jean King Cup in 2015-16 and 2018
- Claimed No.1 ranking on July 17, 2017 despite making 2r exit at Wimbledon (l. Rybarikova). Was the first Czech woman to achieve the No.1 ranking since the computer rankings were introduced in 1975 (Martina Navratilova became No.1 on July 10, 1978 while representing USA)
- Is a Grand Slam finalist, reaching the title match at 2016 US Open (l. Kerber) and also 2021 Wimbledon (l. Barty)
- Made Top-10 debut after 2015 Stanford R-Up finish; was first time in WTA history that three Czech women ranked inside Top 10 at the same time (also Kvitova and Safarova)
- Scored first Top-20 win of her career over No.16 Petrova in 1r at 2013 Wimbledon
- Won first career WTA title at 2013 Kuala Lumpur (d. Mattek-Sands in F)
- At 2013 Linz, with sister Kristyna, became first set of twins to ever win a tour-level doubles title
- Reached first WTA QF as WC at 2008 Prague (l. Azarenka)
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in 2006

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Gerard Solves
  - Currently based mainly in France, at the ETC Academy in Cannes, where she trains alongside several touring pros, including Daniil Medvedev
  - Introduced to tennis by her mother Natalia Kazakova, who was her coach until the age of 14
  - Studied at the meteor sports center in Zhukovsky, before moving to Germany to train with Nina Bratchikova
  - Favorite hobby is drawing, and her favorite artist is Vincent Van Gogh - particularly 'self-portrait with a severed ear'
  - She owns two dogs - a Yorkshire Terrier and a Parson Russell - named Tutsi and Enya, and a parrot called Boy
  - Also likes to listen to alternative rock music, particularly the band Skillet
- Currently without a full-time coach; fitness coach is Martin Nosko and Ivan Trebaticka; trains at and plays for Sparta Praha tennis club
  - Married Michal Hrdlicka after 2018 Wimbledon
  - Away from the court, enjoys fresh-water fishing, as well as contributing to her foundation which benefits various causes, including pediatric oncology and children battling cancer in her native Czech Republic
  - Enjoys listening to Czech pop music and watching movies (favorites is Public Enemies). Favorite author is Paulo Coelho



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**FIRST MEETING**

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**86**

**MARKETA VONDROUSOVA**  
CZECH REPUBLIC

**LINDA FRUHVIRTOVA**  
CZECH REPUBLIC

**82**

1999-06-28	<b>Date of Birth</b>	2005-05-01
Sokolov, CZE	<b>Residence</b>	
Left-handed, two-handed backhand	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 6" (1.72m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 8" (1.72 m)
14	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	74
\$4,817,108	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$409,895
\$30,315	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$2,675
0 / 1	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	0 / 1
25-18 (Runner-Up: 2019 ROLAND GARROS)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	3-1 (Round of 32: 2023 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
2-0 / 9-5 (Round of 16: 2021)	<b>YTD / Career AUSTRALIAN OPEN W-L (best)</b>	2-0 / 2-0 (Round of 32: 2023)
4-1 / 102-67	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	2-1 / 15-11
4-1 / 71-39	<b>YTD / Career Hard W-L</b>	2-1 / 12-7
3-0 / 26-36	<b>YTD / Career 3-Set W-L</b>	0-1 / 6-1
0-0 / 24-17	<b>YTD / Career TB W-L</b>	0-0 / 0-3
0-0 / 5-1	<b>YTD / Career L Hand W-L</b>	0-0 / 0-1
Quarter-Finalist: ADELAIDE #1	<b>YTD Best Result</b>	Round of 32: AUCKLAND, AUSTRALIAN OPEN



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## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

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

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
32	99	<b>2022</b>	74	78
20	35	<b>2021</b>	296	296
16	21	<b>2020</b>	780	793
14	16	<b>2019</b>	-	-
50	67	<b>2018</b>	-	-
61	67	<b>2017</b>	-	-
286	376	<b>2016</b>	-	-
429	429	<b>2015</b>	-	-





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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. A. RISKE-AMRITRAJ (#49) 5-7 6-1 6-4 (1h 59m)  
2r: d. O. JABEUR (#2) 6-1 5-7 6-1 (1h 41m)

*Total time on court: 3h 40m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 6th appearance at Australian Open, where her best result was R16 showing in 2021 (l. Hsieh)
- In 1r on Wednesday, recovered from 4-2 down in third set to beat Alison Riske-Amritraj - her first Slam match since losing to Aryna Sabalenka in 3r here 12 months ago
- Followed this up a day later by upsetting No.2 One Jabeur in 2r for her seventh Top-10 victory and first at a Slam
- Was previously 0-4 against Top-10 players at majors; in terms of ranking, best career Slam win had been over No.12 Sevastova during run to final at 2019 Roland Garros
- Faces compatriot and No.82 Linda Fruhvirtova in one of two 3r match-ups between unseeded players; the other is Donna Vekic versus Nuria Parrizas Diaz, the winner of which will face today's victor in R16
- Faces compatriot and No.82 Linda Fruhvirtova in 3r today; last loss to a teenager came against Clara Tauson in SF at 2021 Luxembourg, while at the majors it was at the hands of Emma Raducanu at 2021 Wimbledon
- Across all levels, is 21-5 against fellow Czechs in her career, although has never previously faced one at a major
- One of four players from Czech Republic to reach 2r, from 11 in starting field
- Best result by a Czech at Australian Open were Hana Mandlikova's title runs in 1980 and 1987
- Is currently ranked No.86, having slipped as low as No.124 in October
- Has reached three career finals on hard courts, winning 2017 Biel (indoors) and finishing R-Up at 2019 Budapest (indoor) and 2021 Olympics (outdoor)

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. J. FOURLIS (#160) 6-0 6-4 (1h 14m)  
2r: d. K. BIRRELL (#167) 6-3 6-2 (1h 24m)

*Total time on court: 2h 38m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making Australian Open debut - the last remaining of 18 tournament debutantes in the draw
- Only previous Grand Slam main-draw outing ended in 2r at 2022 US Open (as qualifier, l. Garbiñe Muguruza). Fell in qualifying at Wimbledon and Roland Garros last year
- Beat Australian WCs Jaimee Fourlis in 1r and Kimberly Birrell in 2r, dropping only nine games - in the bottom half of the draw only Varvara Gracheva (six) and Camila Giorgi (8) have conceded fewer
- One of six players through to 3r for first time in their career (also Kateryna Baindl, Cristina Bucsa, Anhelina Kalinina, Katie Volynets, Zhu Lin)
- Faces No.86 Marketa Vondrousova in 3r today; one of two 3r match-ups between compatriots (also Coco Gauff d. Bernarda Pera)
- Only Tour-level meeting with a left-handed player was in her first match at this level and ended in a straight-sets defeat to Kristyna Pliskova at 2020 Prague. Since then has beaten four left-handers in a row, although all matches were on ITF Circuit or in qualifying
- Bidding to win three Tour-level matches in a row for the third time, having done so previously during R16 showing at 2022 Miami and title run at 2022 Chennai
- Across her brief career, has compiled a 1-3 record against Czech players (including ITF Circuit and qualifying)
- Is currently ranked No.82; this time last year was No.277
- The youngest of two teenagers to reach 3r (also Coco Gauff)
- Owns one singles title on hard courts at Chennai in 2022



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2022	Result	Rank: 41	Seed: 31
3r	L	A. SABALENKA (#2)	4-6 6-3 6-1
2r	W	L. SAMSONOVA (#37)	6-2 7-5
1r	W	P. HON (#221)	6-2 6-3
2021	Result	Rank: 20	Seed: 19
4r	L	S. HSIEH (#71)	6-4 6-2
3r	W	S. CIRSTEVA (#68)	6-2 6-4
2r	W	R. MARINO (#317)	6-1 7-5
1r	W	R. PETERSON (#55)	2-6 7-5 7-5
2020	Result	Rank: 16	Seed: 15
1r	L	S. KUZNETSOVA (#53)	6-2 4-6 6-4
2019	Result	Rank: 73	Seed: -
2r	L	P. MARTIC (#32)	6-4 7-5
1r	W	E. RODINA (#69)	6-3 6-2
2018	Result	Rank: 62	Seed: -
2r	L	C. GARCIA (#8)	6-7(3) 6-2 8-6
1r	W	K. NARA (#101)	7-5 6-4

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles



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## SEASON 2023 HISTORY

- Opened campaign at Adelaide 1, reaching first Tour-level QF in almost a year (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)

- Opened season failing 1r at Auckland (l. Raducanu)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
13	23	<b>Aces</b>	5	52
72.6%	7	<b>First serve %</b>	67.6%	25
66.5%	39	<b>First Serve points won %</b>	67.1%	33
43.8%	52	<b>Second serve points won %</b>	34.3%	81
60.3%	28	<b>Overall service points won %</b>	56.5%	53
78.1%	15	<b>Service games won %</b>	64.3%	56
75.9%	5	<b>Break points saved %</b>	61.5%	34
33.3%	50	<b>First serve return points won %</b>	35.1%	41
58.4%	25	<b>Second serve return points won %</b>	53.3%	43
35.5%	60	<b>Break points converted %</b>	42.9%	38
34.4%	28	<b>Return games won %</b>	21.4%	67
44.5%	19	<b>Return points won %</b>	41.4%	43

Best win by ranking: No.2 vs Jabeur in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2r  
Longest match: 2h 16m vs Alexandrova in ADELAIDE #1 1r  
Shortest match: 1h 6m vs Kanepi in ADELAIDE #1 2r  
Match points saved:  
Most aces in a match: 6 vs Alexandrova in ADELAIDE #1 1r

Best win by ranking: No.160 vs Fourlis in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 1r  
Longest match: 2h 28m vs Raducanu in AUCKLAND 1r  
Shortest match: 1h 14m vs Fourlis in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 1r  
Match points saved:  
Most aces in a match: 5 vs Raducanu in AUCKLAND 1r



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## TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (1)  
2017 - BIEL  
Runner-Up (4)  
2021 - OLYMPICS  
2019 - ROLAND GARROS, ISTANBUL, BUDAPEST

### DOUBLES FINALS

Runner-Up (2)  
2022 - ADELAIDE 250 (w/Martincova)  
2021 - ROME (w/Mladenovic)

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (1)  
2022 - CHENNAI

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN	AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
3r				<b>2022</b>			2r
4r	4r	2r	2r	<b>2021</b>			
1r	1r		2r	<b>2020</b>			
2r	RUP	1r		<b>2019</b>			
2r	1r	1r	4r	<b>2018</b>			
	2r	1r	1r	<b>2017</b>			



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- Best result of last season was SF run at Dubai (withdrew prior to match vs. w/right adductor injury). Missed most of second half of the season due to left wrist injury, returning in October to play a few ITF Circuit events and Billie Jean King Cup Finals
- Finished 2021 with SF runs at Luxembourg, Chicago [500] and Moscow
- Won silver medal in singles at Olympics in Tokyo (l. Bencic)
- Opened 2021 campaign with SF at Yarra Valley Classic before R16 showing at Australian Open
- Highlights of 2020 include defeating No.6 Svitolina to reach SFs at Rome (l. Ka.Pliskova) as well as a QF run to kick off the season at Adelaide (l. No.1 Barty)
- Enjoyed break-out season in 2019, reaching three finals across the year and posting career-high ranking of No.14 on July 1, 2019
- Finished R-Up at Budapest (l. Van Uytvanck) and Istanbul (l. Martic) before reaching championship match at Roland Garros (l. Barty); did not drop a set en route to final in Paris
- Ranked No.38, was joint-third lowest-ranked woman to reach Roland Garros final, and aged 19, was first teenager to reach title match there since Ivanovic in 2007
- Posted first win of career over a Top 2 player in 2019, defeating No.2 Halep at Indian Wells and then Rome
- Forced to end 2019 season down early due to left wrist injury - did not play again following 1r exit at Wimbledon
- In doubles, has reached SF at 2019 Australian Open (w/Strycova) and QF at 2017 Wimbledon (w/Bellis)
- At 2018 US Open, became the first teenager to reach the last 16 at Flushing Meadows since 2016 (Konjuh, QF - 18) and the youngest Czech player to advance to this stage in New York since 2005 (Vaidisova, R16 - 16)
- Was the biggest ranking mover on tour in 2017, moving from No.376 to No.67 (309 places)
- Made WTA breakthrough by winning International-level title at 2017 Biel/Bienne (d. Kontaveit in F), in just her second WTA main draw. At No.233, was the lowest-ranked title winner in 2017 and aged 17 years, 293 days was the youngest since Konjuh (17 years, 169 days) at 2015 Nottingham
- Advanced to 2r on tour-level debut at 2016 Prague - as wildcard
- Made professional debut at 2014 \$100k ITF/Prague-CZE (d. Suk, l. Brengle in 2r); on ITF
- Highlight of last season was maiden WTA title run at Chennai (d. Linette in F), helping her rise from No.305 to No.77 in the rankings
- First title win of the season came early at W25 Cancun followed by R16 run at Miami Open (l. Badosa)
- Had early exits on clay and grass swing, notably 2r at Charleston (l. Bencic), 1r at Madrid (l. Kanepi), and qualifying rounds at Roland Garros and Wimbledon
- Came back strongly with a 2r run at US Open (as qualifier, l. Muguruza) followed by first singles title at Chennai (d. Linette)
- In 2021, reached QF at Charleston [250] (as WC, l. eventual champion Sharma) and made 2r at Cleveland (as LL, l. Linette) Also lifted first ITF Circuit titles of her career at W15 events in Monastir, Tunisia
- Fell 1r on WTA debut at 2020 Prague (as WC, l. Kr.Pliskova)
- Before the tour stopped in March 2020, she competed in her first ITF \$100K event, beating a former WTA top-100 player in the first round
- Best junior Slam singles result was SF run at 2021 Wimbledon
- In May 2019, she was directly accepted in the main draw for Roland Garros girls' singles - the youngest player in the draw and first 2005 born player to play in a junior Grand Slam
- In February 2019, as a 13-year-old, she won the prestigious Les Petits As title in France, losing only 15 games the entire tournament - something that had never been done in the history of the event
- In the past, she has won the Junior Orange Bowl (2017) and a long list of Tennis Europe and ITF Junior events as well

Circuit, winner of seven singles and four doubles titles

- In juniors won doubles at Australian Open and Roland Garros in 2015 (both w/Kolodziejova). In singles, was semifinalist at both Roland Garros and Wimbledon and rose to No.1 on ITF junior rankings in 2015

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Jan Mertl
  - Lives and trains in Prague; moved to the city on her own to train at 15 years old
  - Began playing tennis at 4 years old with her father, David Voudrous, and by 10-years-old she was practicing in Prague. Mother, Jindriska Anderlova played volleyball in the top Czech league
  - Married partner Stepan Simek in the summer of 2022
  - Favorite surface is clay because she grew up on it, but believes her game is more suited for hard courts
  - Chose tennis over soccer because she prefers the individual nature of the sport
  - Tennis idol is Roger Federer
  - Describes herself as "quiet" and "calm"
- Born, lives and trains in Prague, Czech Republic but also spends time in Nice, France at the Mouratoglou Academy under the watchful eye of Patrick Mouratoglou who has overseen her development (as well as that of her young sister Brenda) for the last couple of years
  - Her sister Brenda followed in her footsteps by winning the Les Petits As girls singles title in 2020 (she was only 12 years old at the time), becoming the youngest winner in the tournament's 38-year history, and completing the first-ever sister-combination to win the event in back-to-back years (Linda in 2019, Brenda in 2020). On the heels of that win, Roland Garros had already awarded her a WC for the girls' singles before the event was moved to September
  - Favorite surface is clay
  - Hobbies include singing, family time, and travel



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**64** **DONNA**  
**VEKIC**  
CROATIA

**NURIA**  
**PARRIZAS DIAZ** **75**  
SPAIN

1996-06-28	<b>Date of Birth</b>	1991-07-15
Monte Carlo, Monaco	<b>Residence</b>	Valencia, Spain
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	<b>Plays</b>	Right-Handed
5' 10" (1.79 m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 7" (1.70 m)
19	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	45
\$5,665,590	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$1,129,464
\$128,600	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$49,575
0 / 3	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	0 / 0
33-36 (Quarter-Finalist: 2019 US OPEN)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	3-5 (Round of 32: 2023 AUSTRALIAN OPEN; 2022 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
2-0 / 11-10 (Round of 16: 2021)	<b>YTD / Career AUSTRALIAN OPEN W-L (best)</b>	2-0 / 3-1 (Round of 32: 2023, 2022)
5-0 / 165-165	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	4-2 / 27-35
5-0 / 116-117	<b>YTD / Career Hard W-L</b>	4-2 / 16-20
1-0 / 44-56	<b>YTD / Career 3-Set W-L</b>	1-1 / 10-13
0-0 / 34-46	<b>YTD / Career TB W-L</b>	0-0 / 9-9
Round of 32: AUSTRALIAN OPEN	<b>YTD Best Result</b>	Round of 16: HOBART



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VEKIC**

**NURIA  
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## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

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

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
47	69	<b>2022</b>	45	72
29	67	<b>2021</b>	64	65
19	32	<b>2020</b>	196	232
19	19	<b>2019</b>	202	216
34	34	<b>2018</b>	332	337
45	56	<b>2017</b>	439	446
90	101	<b>2016</b>	510	716
81	105	<b>2015</b>	315	510
63	84	<b>2014</b>	289	316
62	86	<b>2013</b>	365	365





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PARRIZAS DIAZ**

## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. O. SELEKHMETEVA (#179) 6-2 2-6 7-6 (2h 54m)  
2r: d. L. SAMSONOVA (#20) 6-3 6-0 (1h 6m)

*Total time on court: 4h 0m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making her 11th appearance at Australian Open, where her best result was reaching R16 in 2021 (l. Brady)
- Best performance across all the majors was QF run at 2019 US Open (l. Bencic)
- This fortnight beat qualifier Oksana Selekhmeteva in 1r, then upset No.20 Liudmila Samsonova in 2r for her 15th career Top-20 win and third at a major (also No.15 Belinda Bencic at 2019 Roland Garros and No.4 Sloane Stephens at 2018 Wimbledon)
- After going 3-0 in singles at United Cup has now won opening five matches of the season, and 14 of the last 17 in a run stretching back to last September
- Faces No.75 Nuria Parrizas Diaz in one of two 3r match-ups between unseeded players; the other is Marketa Vondrousova versus Linda Fruhvirtova, the winner of which will face today's victor in R16
- Bidding to win six Tour-level main-draw matches in a row for the first time in her career
- Only player from Croatia to reach 3r from two in starting field (Peta Martić l. Zhang Shuai in 2r)
- Is currently ranked No.64, having slipped out of Top 100 at the start of last season
- Best career results on hard have been title runs at Courmayeur in 2021 and Kuala Lumpur in 2014

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. B. HADDAD MAIA (#14) 7-6 6-2 (2h 9m)  
2r: d. A. POTAPOVA (#44) 6-3 6-2 (1h 12m)

*Total time on court: 3h 21m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making second main-draw appearance at Australian Open, where she reached 3r on main draw debut in 2022 (l. Pegula)
- Is yet to reach 2r at any Slam away from Melbourne Park
- Upset No.14 seed Beatriz Haddad Maia in 1r - her first career Top-20 win
- Only previous career meeting with a Top-20 player ended in defeat to No.10 Daria Kasatkina at 2022 Granby
- Broke serve six times to see off Anastasia Potapova in 2r
- Faces No.64 Donna Vekic in 3r today; bidding to win three consecutive Tour-level matches for only the second time in her career, having done so before during SF run at 2022 Monterrey - her best career result on a hard courts
- One of two players from Spain to reach 3r (also Cristina Bucsa, who lost to No.1 Iga Swiatek on Friday)
- Best results by Spanish women at Australian Open were R-Up finishes from Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario (1994-95), Conchita Martínez (1998) and Garbiñe Muguruza (2020)
- Is currently ranked No.75; this time last year was No.63



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**NURIA  
PARRIZAS DIAZ**

## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2022	Result	Rank: 79	Seed: -
1r	L	A. RISKE-AMRITRAJ (#46) 6-2 6-2	
2021	Result	Rank: 33	Seed: 28
4r	L	J. BRADY (#24) 6-1 7-5	
3r	W	K. KANEPI (#65) 5-7 7-6(2) 6-4	
2r	W	N. PODOROSKA (#45) 6-2 6-2	
1r	W	Y. WANG (#98) 4-6 6-3 6-4	
2020	Result	Rank: 20	Seed: 19
3r	L	I. SWIATEK (#56) 7-5 6-3	
2r	W	A. CORNET (#61) 6-4 6-2	
1r	W	M. SHARAPOVA (#145) 6-3 6-4	
2019	Result	Rank: 29	Seed: 29
2r	L	K. BIRRELL (#240) 6-4 4-6 6-1	
1r	W	K. MLADENOVIC (#45) 6-2 6-4	
2018	Result	Rank: 52	Seed: -
2r	L	A. KERBER (#16) 6-4 6-1	
1r	W	N. HIBINO (#96) 7-5 6-3	

2022	Result	Rank: 63	Seed: -
3r	L	J. PEGULA (#21) 7-6(3) 6-2	
1r	W	I. BARA (#134) 6-3 6-1	



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## SEASON 2023 HISTORY

- Represented Croatia in the inaugural staging of United Cup, where she set a 3-0 win record (d. Cornet, Despina Pampichail and Carle)
- Opened 2023 season representing Spain at United Cup going 1-1 in singles, then made 2r at Hobart (as qualifier, l. Putintseva)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
0	0	Aces	0	0
0.0%	0	First serve %	69.6%	18
0.0%	0	First Serve points won %	55.3%	76
0.0%	0	Second serve points won %	58.5%	5
0.0%	0	Overall service points won %	56.3%	54
0.0%	0	Service games won %	61.9%	58
0.0%	0	Break points saved %	61.9%	31
0.0%	0	First serve return points won %	44.3%	8
0.0%	0	Second serve return points won %	38.9%	83
0.0%	0	Break points converted %	50.0%	20
0.0%	0	Return games won %	31.6%	35
0.0%	0	Return points won %	42.7%	32

Best win by ranking: No.20 vs Samsonova in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2r  
Longest match: 2h 54m vs Selekhmeteva in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 1r  
Shortest match: 1h 4m vs Papamichail in UNITED CUP  
Match points saved:  
Most aces in a match: 4 vs Cornet in UNITED CUP

Best win by ranking: No.14 vs Haddad Maia in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 1r  
Longest match: 2h 9m vs Haddad Maia in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 1r  
Shortest match: 1h 12m vs Potapova in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2r  
Match points saved:  
Most aces in a match: 2 vs Inglis in UNITED CUP



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## TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (3)

2021 - COURMAYEUR

2017 - NOTTINGHAM

2014 - KUALA LUMPUR

Runner-Up (7)

2022 - SAN DIEGO

2019 - NOTTINGHAM, ST. PETERSBURG

2018 - WASHINGTON DC

2015 - TASHKENT

2013 - BIRMINGHAM

2012 - TASHKENT

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
1r	2r	1r	1r	<b>2022</b>	3r	1r	1r	1r
4r	1r	2r	1r	<b>2021</b>				1r
3r	1r		3r	<b>2020</b>				
2r	4r	1r	QF	<b>2019</b>				
2r	2r	4r	1r	<b>2018</b>				
2r	1r	2r	3r	<b>2017</b>				
1r	1r	1r		<b>2016</b>				
1r	3r			<b>2015</b>				
1r	1r	2r	1r	<b>2014</b>				
2r	1r	1r	2r	<b>2013</b>				



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- Last season's highlight was R-Up finish at San Diego (as qualifier, l. Swiatek). Elsewhere, made QF at Birmingham and Tallinn
- Lifted third WTA title of her career at Courmayeur in October 2021 (d. Tauson in F)
- Underwent knee surgery at start of 2021, but experienced some setbacks since her return to Tour last summer, tearing plantar fascia and suffering from knee and foot injuries in spring 2022
- Contested the first match of the WTA Tour's resumption following the hiatus, defeating Rus in the 1r at 2020 Palermo
- Ended 2019 ranked No.19 for career-best year-end finish (up from No.34 in 2018), having cracked the Top 20 for the first time on October 21, 2019
- Produced career best Grand Slam result at 2019 US Open, where she reached QF (l. Bencic)
- Also in 2019, finished R-Up at St. Petersburg (l. Bertens); en route to final, posted best win of career by ranking - and third over a Top 5 opponent - with defeat of No.2 Kvitova in QF, bettering victories over No.4 Stephens at 2018 Wimbledon and No.4 Garcia at 2018 Tokyo [PPO]
- Also made final at Nottingham (l. Garcia in third set tie-break) and ended 2019 by qualifying for WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai (fell RR)
- Ended 2018 at then-career-high ranking of No.34, after registering 31 tour-level wins. Campaign highlighted by R-Up finish at Washington, DC (l. Kuznetsova after holding 4mp) - her first finals appearance since winning 2017 Nottingham - and made SF showings at Nottingham and Tokyo [PPO], and reached Grand Slam R16 for first time at Wimbledon (l. Goerges)
- Enjoyed a resurgent year in 2017, breaking the Top 50 on July 24 and finishing campaign ranked No.54. Grass court season saw her lift a second WTA singles title of career, at Nottingham (d. No.8 Konta in final) - prior to this run had not posted back-to-back main draw wins since September 2015 (R-Up at Tashkent)
- Posted just four tour-level wins across 2016, but closed the campaign by reaching two ITF finals, winning her fifth and most recent title at this level at \$100k ITF/Sharm El Sheikh-EGY
- Highlights in 2015 included reaching final at Tashkent (l. Hibino) and QF at Baku
- Ranked No.95, lifted maiden WTA singles title at 2014 Kuala Lumpur (d. No.10 Cibulkova in final); aged 17 y 10 m, became youngest player to win a
- Highlight of 2022 campaign was reaching maiden WTA SF at Monterrey (l. Osorio)
- Last season also reached QFs at Melbourne Summer Set 2, Rabat, Palermo, Granby and Cluj-Napoca
- Broke into Top 100 after winning W100 ITF Circuit title at Landisville (August 16, 2021)
- Won WTA 125K Series titles at Bastad (d. Govortsova in F) and Columbus (d. X.Wang in F)
- Advanced to QF on WTA main-draw debut at 2021 Bogota (l. Tomova)
- Won 18th, 19th and 20th ITF Circuit titles in February and March, at events in South Africa and Spain
- Best result in 2020 was \$15k ITF/Monastir-TUN. Fell in qualifying at Australian Open, Roland Garros and Lyon
- Finished 2019 at No.216; won two ITF Circuit titles and compiled 45-22 win-loss record
- Enjoyed productive campaign in 2017, posting 47-15 record and lifting five ITF Circuit titles, rising nearly 300 places in the rankings (finished No.446)
- Recommended to stop playing in 2015 by doctors due to shoulder problems. Missed over a year before launching comeback in late 2016
- Won first two ITF Circuit singles titles in 2013
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in Spain in 2006

WTA singles title since 2006 Bangkok (Vania King)

- Reached first WTA career final at 2012 Tashkent (l. Begu) on her WTA main draw debut, and in doing so became youngest WTA finalist since 15-year-old Paszek won Portoroz in 2005
- Broke into Top 100 (at No.93) on January 28, 2013 Has won five ITF Circuit singles and one doubles title
- Member of Croatian Fed Cup Team, 2012-15, 2017, 2019

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Currently coached by Nick Horvat
- Both parents played professional sports: mother, Brankica (track hurdler) and father, Igor (soccer goalkeeper)
- Favorite surface is hard
- Speaks Croatian, English and Italian
- Self-described as strong-willed, determined and extremely competitive

- Currently working with Carlos Boluda
- Started playing tennis at six and trained in her hometown until the age of 14
- As a teenager was awarded a scholarship by the Andalusian Tennis Federation to train in Seville, then moved to Barcelona at 16 to train at the Hispano Frances Academy
- Enjoys listening to Reggaeton music



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**22** **SHUAI ZHANG (23)**  
CHINA

**KATIE VOLYNETS** **113**  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

1989-01-21	<b>Date of Birth</b>	2001-12-31
Tianjin, China	<b>Residence</b>	Walnut Creek, CA, USA
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	<b>Plays</b>	Right-Handed
5' 10" (1.77m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 7" (1.70 m)
22	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	109
\$9,326,655	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$623,315
\$15,635	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$2,675
0 / 3	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	0 / 0
38-41 (Quarter-Finalist: 2019 WIMBLEDON; 2016 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	3-5 (Round of 32: 2023 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
2-0 / 14-11 (Quarter-Finalist: 2016)	<b>YTD / Career AUSTRALIAN OPEN W-L (best)</b>	2-0 / 2-1 (Round of 32: 2023)
2-1 / 203-235	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	2-1 / 5-16
2-1 / 144-155	<b>YTD / Career Hard W-L</b>	2-1 / 4-10
1-1 / 55-55	<b>YTD / Career 3-Set W-L</b>	1-0 / 3-7
0-0 / 55-53	<b>YTD / Career TB W-L</b>	0-1 / 2-5
Round of 32: ADELAIDE #1, AUSTRALIAN OPEN	<b>YTD Best Result</b>	Round of 32: AUCKLAND, AUSTRALIAN OPEN



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## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

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

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
24	24	<b>2022</b>	109	110
35	63	<b>2021</b>	174	178
30	35	<b>2020</b>	315	315
31	46	<b>2019</b>	387	438
27	35	<b>2018</b>	743	743
23	36	<b>2017</b>	-	-
24	24	<b>2016</b>	-	-
61	186	<b>2015</b>	-	-
30	62	<b>2014</b>	-	-
51	51	<b>2013</b>	-	-





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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. P. TIG (#777) 6-1 4-6 6-0 (2h 10m)  
2r: d. P. MARTIC (#37) 6-3 6-3 (1h 13m)

*Total time on court: 3h 23m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 12th appearance at Australian Open where her best result was QF in 2016 as a qualifier (l. Konta), after falling 1r in first four appearances
- Also reached 3r in 2019 (l. Svitolina), 2020 (l. Kenin) and 2022 (l. Mertens)
- Run to QF here in 2016 was maiden Grand Slam QF appearance, also did so at 2019 Wimbledon (l. Halep)
- In doubles, won the title here in 2019 w/Stosur; owns one other Grand Slam title at 2021 US Open also w/Stosur
- Has beaten Patricia Maria Tig and Petra Martic so far this week for first match wins of the year
- Faces No.113 Katie Volynets in 3r today, looking to reach R16 at a second consecutive major also doing so at 2022 US Open (l. Gauff in R16)
- Owns 4-8 record in Grand Slam 3r matches, last falling at 2022 Wimbledon (l. Garcia)
- Has won her last seven matches against players outside the Top 100, last falling to No.105 Aleskandra Krunic at 2022 Budapest
- Holds 15-5 record against players outside the Top 100 at majors, last falling to No.150 Emma Raducanu in 2r of 2021 US Open
- Owns 26-29 career record against players from the US
- Has won three titles on hard courts at Guangzhou in 2013 and 2017 and Lyon in 2022
- With Zhu Lin, one of two players from China to reach 3r
- Best result by a Chinese woman at Australian Open was Na Li's title run in 2014
- Is currently ranked No.22; this time last year was No.74
- Opened 2023 season falling 1r at Adelaide 1 (l. Samsonova) and falling in qualifying at Adelaide 2 (l. Bogdan)

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. E. RODINA (#445) 6-3 6-2 (1h 25m)  
2r: d. V. KUDERMETOVA (#9) 6-4 2-6 6-2 (2h 8m)

*Total time on court: 3h 33m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making second appearance at Australian Open, where she fell 1r as a qualifier last year (l. Haddad Maia)
- This is only her sixth career Grand Slam main-draw appearance and best result to date; had reached the 2r of a Slam only once before at 2022 Roland Garros as a WC defeating No.53 Victorija Golubic in 1r (l. Rybakina)
- Earned spot in the main draw here by beating Ekaterina Gorgodze, Nigina Abduraimova and Krisitina Mladenovic in qualifying
- Won first career main draw match at Melbourne Park taking out Evgeniya Rodina in 1r before earning her first career Top-10 win over No.9 Veronika Kudermetova in 2r; her previous best win was over No.53 Golubic at 2022 Roland Garros
- Win over Kudermetova was also her first time ever facing a Top 10 player and first time notching consecutive main draw match wins
- Faces No.22 Zhang Shuai in 3r today looking for her second consecutive Top 50 win
- One of two qualifiers to reach 2r, also Cristina Bucsa; the best result by a qualifier at Australian Open was Christine Dorey's run to SF in 1978
- A further six qualifiers have reached QF, most recently today's opponent Zhang Shuai in 2016
- Is the youngest American qualifier to reach Australian Open 3r since Lindsay Davenport in 1993
- Playing her first WTA main draw match against a player from China; owns 2-3 record against Chinese opposition at all levels
- One of six players from United States to reach 3r; the last American to win the title here was Sofia Kenin in 2020
- Is currently ranked No.113; this time last year was No.176
- Opened 2023 season reaching main draw in Auckland as a qualifier where she fell to Venus Williams in 1r



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2022	Result	Rank: 74	Seed: -
3r	L	E. MERTENS (#26)	6-2 6-2
2r	W	E. RYBAKINA (#12)	6-4 1-0
1r	W	V. GOLUBIC (#40)	6-3 6-4
2021	Result	Rank: 35	Seed: 31
1r	L	A. LI (#69)	6-2 6-0
2020	Result	Rank: 35	Seed: -
3r	L	S. KENIN (#15)	7-5 7-6(7)
2r	W	C. MCNALLY (#116)	6-2 6-4
1r	W	S. STEPHENS (#27)	2-6 7-5 6-2
2019	Result	Rank: 42	Seed: -
3r	L	E. SVITOLINA (#7)	4-6 6-4 7-5
2r	W	K. PLISKOVA (#101)	6-3 7-5
1r	W	D. CIBULKOVA (#25)	6-2 4-6 6-2
2018	Result	Rank: 34	Seed: -
2r	L	D. SATRALOVA (#130)	6-4 7-6(5)
1r	W	S. STEPHENS (#13)	2-6 7-6(2) 6-2

2022	Result	Rank: 176	Seed: -
1r	L	B. HADDAD MAIA (#83)	3-6 6-2 6-3



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## SEASON 2023 HISTORY

- Fell 1r at Adelaide 1 (l. Samsonova) and contested qualifying at Adelaide 2

- Fell 1r at Auckland (as qualifier, l. V.Williams)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
7	65	<b>Aces</b>	5	74
62.0%	58	<b>First serve %</b>	67.1%	30
55.1%	77	<b>First Serve points won %</b>	65.3%	41
50.0%	26	<b>Second serve points won %</b>	29.2%	87
53.2%	65	<b>Overall service points won %</b>	53.4%	62
53.8%	73	<b>Service games won %</b>	60.0%	59
53.8%	52	<b>Break points saved %</b>	63.6%	26
34.5%	43	<b>First serve return points won %</b>	20.0%	88
41.5%	79	<b>Second serve return points won %</b>	65.0%	5
42.9%	36	<b>Break points converted %</b>	100.0%	1
21.4%	65	<b>Return games won %</b>	20.0%	69
37.5%	66	<b>Return points won %</b>	35.0%	76

Best win by ranking: No.37 vs Martic in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2r  
 Longest match: 2h 10m vs Tig in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 1r  
 Shortest match: 1h 13m vs Martic in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2r  
 Match points saved:  
 Most aces in a match: 3 vs Tig in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 1r

Best win by ranking: No.9 vs Kudermetova in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2r  
 Longest match: 2h 8m vs Kudermetova in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2r  
 Shortest match: 1h 25m vs Rodina in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 1r  
 Match points saved:  
 Most aces in a match: 4 vs Rodina in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 1r



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## TITLES

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (3)

2022 - LYON  
2017 - GUANGZHOU  
2013 - GUANGZHOU

Runner-Up (4)

2022 - BIRMINGHAM  
2021 - NOTTINGHAM  
2020 - HOBART  
2016 - ZHUHAI

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (12)

2022 - NOTTINGHAM (w/Haddad Maia)  
2021 - OSTRAVA (w/Mirza), US OPEN (w/Stosur),  
CINCINNATI (w/Stosur)  
2019 - AUSTRALIAN OPEN (w/Stosur)  
2018 - HONG KONG (w/Stosur), HIROSHIMA  
(w/Hozumi), ISTANBUL (w/Liang)  
2014 - PATTAYA CITY (w/Peng)  
2012 - GUANGZHOU (w/Tanasugarn), ESTORIL  
(w/Chuang)  
2011 - OSAKA (w/Date)

Runner-Up (13)

2022 - WIMBLEDON (w/Mertens), BIRMINGHAM  
(w/Mertens), STUTTGART (w/Gauff)  
2021 - COURMAYEUR (w/Hozumi)  
2020 - HOBART (w/Peng)  
2019 - NANCHANG (w/Peng), MIAMI (w/Stosur)  
2017 - ZHUHAI (w/Lu), BIRMINGHAM (w/Chan)  
2014 - HOBART (w/Raymond)  
2013 - OSAKA (w/Stosur), KUALA LUMPUR  
(w/Husarova)  
2012 - MONTERREY (w/Date)



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## GRAND SLAMS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
3r	1r	3r	4r	<b>2022</b>	1r	2r		
1r	1r	1r	2r	<b>2021</b>			1r	1r
3r	4r		1r	<b>2020</b>				
3r	2r	QF	3r	<b>2019</b>				1r
2r	2r	1r	1r	<b>2018</b>				
2r	3r	1r	3r	<b>2017</b>				
QF	2r	1r	3r	<b>2016</b>				
1r	1r			<b>2015</b>				
1r	1r	1r	1r	<b>2014</b>				
				<b>2013</b>				
1r	1r			<b>2012</b>				
1r	1r	1r	1r	<b>2011</b>				
	1r			<b>2010</b>				
				<b>2009</b>				
			1r	<b>2008</b>				



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- Won third career singles title at Lyon (d. Yastremska in F) and 12th doubles title in Nottingham (w/Haddad Maia) in 2022
- Finished the season at No. 24, very close to best career ranking No. 23(Nov 14, 2016); in doubles climbed as high as No. 2 on July 11, 2022
- Reached fourth singles final of career in 2021, finishing R-Up at Nottingham (l. Konta). Also advanced to SF at Palermo and QF at San Jose
- Enjoyed strong campaign in doubles in 2021 winning three titles, at Cincinnati and US Open (w/Stosur) and Ostrava (w/Mirza). Qualified for WTA Finals for first time (w/Stosur) however failed to progress from group stage
- Season highlight in 2020 was reaching third career WTA singles final (l. Rybakina in F) and finished R-Up in doubles at Hobart (w/Peng), which marks the first time she made it through to the championship match in both singles and doubles at the same tour-level event
- Also in 2020, made R16 at Roland Garros for the first time; now has advanced to second week in three Grand Slams across hard, grass and clay
- Standout results of 2019 season were reaching second Grand Slam singles QF of career at Wimbledon (l. eventual champion Halep), finishing R-Up at WTA125K Series event in Anning, China (l. S.Zheng) and closing out season by winning \$100k ITF/Tokyo-JPN (d.Paolini in F)
- Registered first Top 10 doubles season in 2019- finished at No.10 while posted career-high ranking at No.9 on May 20
- Won first Grand Slam title in doubles at 2019 Australian Open (w/Stosur; d. Babos/Mladenovic in F); also reached final at Miami w/Stosur (l. Mertens/Sabalenka). Team qualified for WTA Finals in Shenzhen (Zhang's debut at the season finale) where they advanced to SF (l. eventual champions Babos/Mladenovic)
- First Top 30 season in 2016, posted career-high ranking of No.23 on November 14
- Enjoyed Grand Slam breakthrough at 2016 Australian Open, where she advanced to QF as qualifier (d. No.2 Halep and No.17 Keys en route, l. Konta). Run also marked first time winning back-to-back main draw matches since semifinal run at 2014 Birmingham
- As a qualifier during 2016 Melbourne run, defeated No.2 Halep and No.17 Keys (l. Konta). Ranked No.133, became lowest-ranked player to advance to last eight in Melbourne since unranked Henin reached final in 2010, and first qualifier to do so since Gavaldon in 1990
- Ended 2022 with highest year-end ranking of career at No.110
- Played first Australian Open in 2022 reaching 1r as a qualifier (l. Haddad Maia); also reached 2r at Indian Wells (l. Kasatkina) and QF at WTA 125K event in Concord
- Earned first career Grand Slam main draw win over No.53 Viktorija Golubic (l. Rybakina in 2r); contested qualifying at Wimbledon and US Open
- On ITF Circuit, won title at W100 Palm Harbor, FL, USA and reached SF at W100 Ilkley, GBR; W100 Bonita Springs, FL, USA; and W60 Macon, GA, USA
- Won first ITF Circuit title in 2021, at W100 Bonita Springs, FL, USA
- Fell 1r on Grand Slam debut at 2019 US Open (l. eventual champion Andreescu)
- Ended 2018 ranked No.743 after posting 21-5 record from five tour outings
- Best results in 2018 came in October and November when she came through qualifying to reach SFs at \$25k ITF/Florence-SC, USA and \$25k ITF/Norman-OK, USA
- Achieved career-high ranking of No.387 on July 29, 2019
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2019 San Jose
- As a junior, contested three of the four majors and reached No.21 in the rankings

- Contemplated retirement after ending 2015 ranked No.186, her lowest year-end finish since 2008 (No.212) and down from No.62 in 2014
- Winner of two WTA singles titles, at 2013 Guangzhou (d. King in F) and 2017 Guangzhou (d. Krunic in F); also won WTA 125K Series events at Nanjing in 2013 and Honolulu in 2017
- Scored first Top 10 win over then top ranked Safina in 1r at 2009 Beijing; at No.226, was the lowest-ranked player ever to beat a World No.1
- First broke into Top 100 on August 9, 2010 and Top 50 on February 3, 2014
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2006 Beijing; made WTA main draw debut at 2006 Guangzhou
- Winner of 21 singles titles and eight doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Member of Chinese Fed Cup team in 2007, 2009-10, 2012, 2014-15, 2019-20. Chinese Olympic Team, 2012, 2016
- In mixed doubles, reached SF at 2018 US Open (w/Peers)

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Liu Shuo
- Father, Zhang Zhi Qiang, was a soccer player; mother, Wang Feng Qin, was a basketball player. Started playing tennis aged five when parents took her to local club
- Started working with Chinese Tennis Association at age 12
- Idolized Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal
- Best tennis memory was playing mixed doubles with Pete Sampras in 2011, winning Australian Open doubles champion in 2019 with best friend Sam Stosur, and quarterfinalists at 2016 Australian Open and 2019 Wimbledon
- Relaxes by listening to music, taking photos and exploring the places she travels to

- Currently coached by Henner Nehles
- Born in Walnut Creek, California
- Favorite surface is hard