



MATCH NOTES

AUSTRALIAN OPEN MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA



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

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MONDAY, JANUARY 23 – FOURTH ROUND

MAGDA LINETTE (POL #45)

Head-to-Head

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[4] CAROLINE GARCIA (FRA #4)

Garcia won their only previous meeting at 2017 Strasbourg... Since June 2022 Garcia has won 40 Tour-level matches ... Garcia began last season ranked No.74.... Linette recorded back-to-back Top 20 wins to arrive in the R16, defeating No.19 Kontaveit and No.18 Alexandrova... Linette (30) is one of four 30-year-olds to reach the R16 joining Zhang Shuai (34), Azarenka (33) and Ka.Pliskova (30)... Among those in the fourth round, Garcia (43) has the second most Grand Slam appearances; only Azarenka (59) has made more appearances

[5] ARYNA SABALENKA (#5)

Head-to-Head

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[12] BELINDA BENCIC (SUI #10)

They split their first two meetings with Bencic winning the most recent match-up in 3-sets at 2019 Dubai; Sabalenka won the first meeting in 2018 New Haven... Both players started the season by winning titles – Sabalenka at Adelaide 1 and Bencic at Adelaide 2... The winner will advance to the quarterfinal stage of the Australian Open for the first time... On Monday, Bencic returned to Top 10 for first time since 2021... Sabalenka is yet to drop a set this year

[23] ZHANG SHUAI (CHN #22)

Head-to-Head

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[30] KAROLINA PLISKOVA (CZE #31)

This is their eighth meeting and Pliskova remains undefeated having won the first seven meetings with their most recent meeting coming at 2018 Indian Wells; Pliskova only has more wins against Muguruza (9) and Riske-Amritraj (8)... Of those who reached R16, only Azarenka (59) and Garcia (43) have made more Grand Slam appearances than Zhang (42) and Pliskova (41)

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... Pliskova has reached the SF at all four Slams, including 2019 Australian Open... Pliskova owns a 10-3 record in R16 at the Slams, including 3-0 at the Australian Open

Zhang celebrated her 34th birthday on January 21; she is the oldest player remaining in the draw and one of four 30-year-olds to reach the R16... Zhang is playing this week on a career-high ranking... Zhang lost in the first round in her first 14 Grand Slam appearances; after 0-14 start at the Slams, has 39-27 record; had Slam breakthrough at 2016 Australian Open, reaching QF as a qualifier



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LINDA FRUHVIRTOVA (CZE #82)

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DONNA VEKIC (CRO #64)

*This is their first meeting... **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... Since 2007, **Fruhvirtova** is the fifth player 17 or younger to reach the R16 at Australian Open joining: Coco Gauff (2020), Amanda Anisimova (2019), Caroline Wozniacki (2008) and Nicole Pietrangeli (2007)... **Fruhvirtova** would be the youngest to reach the QF at Australian Open since 1998 – Hingis (Won at 17y 124d) and V. Williams (QF at 17y 229d)... **Vekic** has reached the R16 at all four Slams; her best Slam result came at 2019 US Open (QF)... **Vekic** has won her first six matches of 2023 having won three matches at United Cup*



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4 **CAROLINE
GARCIA**
FRANCE

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

1993-10-16	Date of Birth	1992-02-12
Lyon, France	Residence	Poznan, Poland
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 10" (1.77m)	Height	5' 7" (1.71m)
4	Career-High Ranking	33
\$15,371,676	Career Prize Money	\$4,301,282
\$307,535	Season Prize Money	\$149,300
0 / 11	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 2
56-42 (Semi-Finalist: 2022 US OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	21-29 (Round of 16: 2023 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
3-0 / 15-11 (Round of 16: 2023, 2018)	YTD / Career AUSTRALIAN OPEN W-L (best)	3-0 / 6-6 (Round of 16: 2023)
6-1 / 284-219	YTD / Career W-L	6-2 / 136-144
6-1 / 166-145	YTD / Career Hard W-L	6-2 / 102-96
2-1 / 101-74	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L	2-1 / 46-54
1-0 / 76-71	YTD / Career TB W-L	0-0 / 45-25
0-0 / 10-32	YTD / Career TOP 5 W-L	0-0 / 2-9
Quarter-Finalist: ADELAIDE #2	YTD Best Result	Round of 16: AUSTRALIAN OPEN



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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2017	STRASBOURG	CLAY	2r	Caroline Garcia	6-3 6-3	1h 23m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
4	4	2022	45	49
43	74	2021	40	57
43	43	2020	33	40
19	45	2019	41	42
4	19	2018	55	83
8	8	2017	70	71
23	23	2016	81	96
25	35	2015	64	89
34	38	2014	106	117
69	75	2013	148	148



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. K. SEBOV (#190) 6-3 6-0 (1h 5m)
2r: d. L. FERNANDEZ (#40) 7-6 7-5 (1h 52m)
3r: d. L. SIEGEMUND (#158) 1-6 6-3 6-3 (2h 10m)

Total time on court: 5h 7m

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 before defeating Laura Siegemund in 3r despite dropping the first set 6-1
- Faces No.45 Magda Linette in 4r today as she tries to advance to the QF stage of the Australian Open for the first time
- Owns 3-7 career record against players from Poland
- While ranked in the Top 10, holds a 11-4 match record at Grand Slams
- Since last June, has won 40 WTA-level main-draw matches, at least 12 more than any other player on Tour
- Has won five titles on hardcourts including two last year at Cincinnati and the WTA Finals
- Is currently ranked No.4; this time last year was ranked No.70
- Only player from France to reach 4r; best result by France at Australian Open were title runs by Amélie Mauresmo in 2006 and Mary Pierce in 1995
- 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)

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)
3r: d. E. ALEXANDROVA (#18) 6-3 6-4 (1h 16m)

Total time on court: 4h 33m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making seventh main-draw appearance at the Australian Open, where her previous best results was a 3r run in 2018 (l. Allertova)
- Overall this is her 30th Grand Slam main draw and first time advancing to the R16; previously had reached the R32 six times
- This fortnight has beaten Mayar Sherif in 1r, Anett Kontaveit in 2r and Ekaterina Alexandrova in 3r bringing her Grand Slam match win tally to 21
- Faces No.4 Caroline Garcia in 4r today; is 2-9 vs. Top 5 opponents in career with both wins coming in 2021 at Grand Slams: def. No.1 Barty (2021 Roland Garros, via retirement) and No.5 Svitolina (2021 Wimbledon)
- Owns 9-4 career record against players from France
- Joined by Swiatek in R16 at the Australian Open marking only the second time in the Open Era (also 2008) two Polish women reached the R16 at the Australian Open
- Best results by Polish players here are SF runs from Agnieszka Radwanska (2014 and 2016) and Swiatek (2022)
- Owns two hard-court titles in her career at the Bronx in 2019 and Hua Hin in 2020
- Is currently ranked No.45; this time last year was ranked No.53



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

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

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



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SEASON 2023 HISTORY

- 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
- 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
25	11	Aces	1	80
67.8%	23	First serve %	65.3%	39
73.3%	13	First Serve points won %	57.1%	71
43.6%	53	Second serve points won %	46.2%	42
63.7%	12	Overall service points won %	53.3%	63
75.9%	24	Service games won %	64.3%	55
36.4%	80	Break points saved %	16.7%	91
26.9%	75	First serve return points won %	34.0%	49
47.8%	68	Second serve return points won %	62.5%	10
54.5%	12	Break points converted %	35.7%	59
21.4%	66	Return games won %	38.5%	14
35.3%	75	Return points won %	44.7%	18

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

Best win by ranking: No.18 vs Alexandrova in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 3r
 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

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)

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)



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GRAND SLAMS

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



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CAREER MILESTONES

- 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
- 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

- 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

- 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
- 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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5 **ARYNA
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**BELINDA
BENCIC** **10**
SWITZERLAND

1998-05-05	Date of Birth	1997-03-10
	Residence	Wollerau, Switzerland
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 11" (1.82m)	Height	5' 9" (1.75m)
2	Career-High Ranking	4
\$12,302,010	Career Prize Money	\$10,891,079
\$127,100	Season Prize Money	\$270,675
1 / 11	Singles Titles YTD / Career	1 / 7
39-19 (Semi-Finalist: 2022 US OPEN; 2021 US OPEN, WIMBLEDON)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	51-29 (Semi-Finalist: 2019 US OPEN)
3-0 / 11-5 (Round of 16: 2023, 2022, 2021)	YTD / Career AUSTRALIAN OPEN W-L (best)	3-0 / 15-9 (Round of 16: 2023, 2016)
7-0 / 201-96	YTD / Career W-L	8-1 / 227-150
7-0 / 144-62	YTD / Career Hard W-L	8-1 / 146-99
0-0 / 67-50	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L	1-0 / 86-52
3-0 / 45-33	YTD / Career TB W-L	0-1 / 56-36
0-0 / 11-12	YTD / Career TOP 5 W-L	1-1 / 14-10
0-0 / 21-21	YTD / Career TOP 10 W-L	2-1 / 30-27
Champion: ADELAIDE #1	YTD Best Result	Champion: ADELAIDE #2



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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2019	DUBAI	HARD	3r	Belinda Bencic	6-4 2-6 7-6(7)	2h 27m
2018	NEW HAVEN	HARD	QF	Aryna Sabalenka	6-3 6-2	1h 4m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
2	5	2022	11	12
2	2	2021	9	23
10	10	2020	4	12
9	11	2019	7	8
11	11	2018	37	37
76	78	2017	42	165
154	159	2016	7	43
539	548	2015	12	14
-	-	2014	33	33
-	-	2013	212	212



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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)
3r: d. E. MERTENS (#32) 6-2 6-3 (1h 14m)

Total time on court: 3h 50m

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)
- Has defeated Tereza Martincova, Shelby Rogers and Elise Mertens to improve to 7-0 in 2023 and is yet to drop a set this season
- Faces No.10 Belinda Bencic in 4r; owns 21 wins in career over Top 10 players; this is her first Top 10 meeting of 2023 after posting a 5-6 record vs. Top 10 opponents last year
- Is 2-1 vs. Top 10 ranked opponents at the Slams with both wins coming at the US Open - 2018 d. No.8 Kvitova and 2021 d. No.9 Krejckikova
- Has 3-3 record at the R16 stage of the Slams, but is 0-2 at the Australian Open having fallen in this round in her last two appearances at the tournament (2021, 2022)
- Owns 4-2 career record against players from Switzerland
- Coming off winning her 11th career title at Adelaide 1 where she didn't drop a set through four matches; holds 10 career titles onhardcourts, tied for 7th amongst active players
- Is currently ranked No.5; this time last year was ranked No.2
- Is currently on a 7-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 withtitle in Abu Dhabi

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. V. TOMOVA (#91) 6-1 6-2 (1h 7m)
2r: d. C. LIU (#62) 7-6 6-3 (1h 51m)
3r: d. C. GIORGI (#70) 6-2 7-5 (1h 40m)

Total time on court: 4h 38m

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, thus far defeating Viktoriya Tomova (1r), Claire Liu (2r) and Camila Giorgi (3r), bringing her Grand Slam match win tally to 51
- Started the year by winning the title at Adelaide 2, including a pair of Top 10 wins en route - d. No.4 Garcia (QF) and No.8 Kasatkina (F)
- After claiming Adelaide 2 title last week, has now won seven straight matches on hard courts, her longest run since 2021 when she won theOlympics (six matches) and then reached QF at Cincinnati (three matches)
- Faces No.5 Aryna Sabalenka in 4r today; has 16 career Top 5 wins (including BJK Cup level) and is 2-4 vs. Top 5 at the Slams winning her last two Top 5 matches at the Slams after an 0-4 start; those wins came over No.1 Osaka (2019 US Open) and No.5 V.Williams (2018 Australian Open); at the Australian Open alone is 1-3 vs. Top 5 opponents
- Is 3-3 at the R16 stage of the Slams with all 3 wins coming at the US Open
- Only woman representing Switzerland to reach 3r from three instarting field. Lone Swiss to lift this title was Martina Hingis(1997-99)
- Returned to the Top 10 on Monday for the first time since 2021 (at No.10); this time last year was ranked No.22
- 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: 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: 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. KVITOVA (#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



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SEASON 2023 HISTORY

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

- 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
35	2	Aces	28	7
58.6%	76	First serve %	63.1%	53
73.6%	12	First Serve points won %	82.5%	1
54.5%	13	Second serve points won %	51.3%	21
65.7%	8	Overall service points won %	71.0%	1
88.4%	4	Service games won %	89.7%	3
79.2%	3	Break points saved %	55.6%	48
31.8%	57	First serve return points won %	36.8%	29
59.1%	22	Second serve return points won %	59.8%	20
34.4%	62	Break points converted %	61.5%	6
27.5%	47	Return games won %	41.0%	9
42.5%	33	Return points won %	44.7%	17

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.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 (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)

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
4r	3r		SF	2022	2r	3r	1r	3r
4r	3r	SF	SF	2021	3r	2r	1r	QF
1r	3r		2r	2020	3r			
3r	2r	1r	2r	2019	3r	3r	3r	SF
1r	1r	1r	4r	2018	2r	2r	4r	1r
		2r		2017	1r			
				2016	4r		2r	3r
				2015	1r	2r	4r	3r
				2014	2r	1r	3r	QF



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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 3r run at 2019 Australian Open
 - Ended 2019 at No.2 in WTA doubles rankings after capturing first Grand Slam doubles trophy at US Open (w/Mertens, d. Azarenka/Barty in F). Earlier in the season, the pair claimed the 'Sunshine Double' by winning back-to-back titles at Indian Wells (d. Krejčíková/Siniakova in F) and Miami (d. Stosur/ Zhang in F)
 - Qualified for WTA Finals Shenzhen in doubles (w/Mertens), going 1-2 in the round-robin stage
 - Enjoyed breakthrough season in 2018, lifting two titles, at New Haven (d. Suárez Navarro in F) and Wuhan (d. Kontaveit in F), winning 46 matches and finishing at No.11 in the rankings
 - Also in 2018, was R-Up at Lugano (l. Mertens) and Eastbourne (l. Wozniacki), made SF at Cincinnati, reached five QFs and produced a career-best Grand Slam run to R16 at US Open
 - Entered Top 50 on April 16, 2018, after Lugano run, and Top 20 on August 27 of the same year, following New Haven title
 - Broke into Top 100 at No.76 on October 16, 2017 after reaching first Tour-level final at Tianjin (l. Sharapova). Also in 2017 made SF at Tashkent (l.
- 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. Vondroušová 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. Kvitová 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
 - Equaled 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

- Babos) and lifting WTA 125k Series title at Mumbai (d. Jakupovic)
- Made Grand Slam main draw debut 2017 Wimbledon, falling in 2r (as qualifier, d. Khromacheva, l. Witthoeft)
- 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

- their 19th birthday
- 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

- 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 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



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ZHANG**
CHINA

**KAROLINA
PLSKOVA** **31**
CZECH REPUBLIC

1989-01-21	Date of Birth	1992-03-21
Tianjin, China	Residence	Monte Carlo, Monaco
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 10" (1.77m)	Height	6' 1" (1.86m)
22	Career-High Ranking	1
\$9,326,655	Career Prize Money	\$24,308,845
\$15,635	Season Prize Money	\$14,250
0 / 3	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 16
39-41 (Quarter-Finalist: 2019 WIMBLEDON; 2016 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	85-40 (Runner-Up: 2021 WIMBLEDON; 2016 US OPEN)
3-0 / 15-11 (Quarter-Finalist: 2016)	YTD / Career AUSTRALIAN OPEN W-L (best)	3-0 / 25-9 (Semi-Finalist: 2019)
3-1 / 204-235	YTD / Career W-L	3-2 / 373-202
3-1 / 145-155	YTD / Career Hard W-L	3-2 / 256-132
1-1 / 55-55	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L	0-0 / 127-66
0-0 / 55-53	YTD / Career TB W-L	0-0 / 77-83
Round of 16: AUSTRALIAN OPEN	YTD Best Result	Round of 16: AUSTRALIAN OPEN



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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2018	INDIAN WELLS	HARD	3r	Karolina Pliskova	7-5 5-7 6-3	2h 27m
2017	WUHAN	HARD	2r	Karolina Pliskova	6-4 3-6 6-4	2h 2m
2017	US OPEN	HARD	3r	Karolina Pliskova	3-6 7-5 6-4	2h 20m
2017	DOHA	HARD	QF	Karolina Pliskova	6-2 6-0	55m
2015	FRENCH OPEN	CLAY	1r	Karolina Pliskova	7-6(4) 6-4	1h 33m
2014	DUBAI	HARD	Q	Karolina Pliskova	7-6(5) 6-1	1h 16m
2012	NANTES	HARD	1r	Karolina Pliskova	6-4 3-6 7-5	0m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
24	24	2022	4	32
35	63	2021	3	4
30	35	2020	2	6
31	46	2019	2	2
27	35	2018	4	8
23	36	2017	1	4
24	24	2016	5	6
61	186	2015	7	11
30	62	2014	24	24
51	51	2013	63	67



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PLISKOVA**

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)
3r: d. K. VOLYNETS (#113) 6-3 6-2 (1h 3m)

Total time on court: 4h 26m

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)
- Lost in the first round in her first 14 Grand Slam appearances; after 0-14 start at the Slams, has 39-27 record; had Slam breakthrough at 2016 Australian Open, reaching QF as a qualifier
- 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, Petra Martic and Katie Volynets to reach R16
- Opened 2023 season falling 1r at Adelaide 1 (l. Samsonova) and falling in qualifying at Adelaide 2 (l. Bogdan)
- Faces No.31 Karolina Pliskova in 4r today; trying to reach the QF at a Slam for the third time in her career
- Owns 7-21 career record against players from Czech Republic
- Has won three titles on hard courts at Guangzhou in 2013 and 2017 and Lyon in 2022
- With Zhu Lin, one of 2 players from China to reach 4r
- Best result by a Chinese woman at Australian Open was Li Na's title run in 2014
- Is currently ranked No.22; this time last year was ranked No.74
- Celebrated her 34th birthday on Saturday (Jan 21) is the oldest player who reached the R16

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. X. WANG (#53) 6-1 6-3 (1h 4m)
2r: d. Y. PUTINTSEVA (#47) 6-0 7-5 (1h 17m)
3r: d. V. GRACHEVA (#97) 6-4 6-2 (1h 17m)

Total time on court: 3h 38m

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 enroute
- 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 Xiyu Wang (1r), Yulia Putintseva (2r) and Varvara Gracheva (3r) this week; prior to beating Putintseva, had lost seven matches in a row against Top-50 opponents
- Faces No.22 Shuai Zhang in 4r today; has lost last five matches vs. Top 25 ranked opponents; last Top 25 win came at 2022 US Open, defeating No.13 Bencic
- Owns a 10-3 record in R16 at the Slams, including 3-0 at the Australian Open
- Owns 15-4 career record against players from China, with record in 2023 standing at 1-0
- Best results by a Czech woman at Australian Open were Hana Mandlikova's title runs in 1980 and 1987
- One of 3 players from Czech Republic to reach 4r, the most of any nation
- Is currently ranked No.31; this time last year was ranked No.5
- Owns 10 singles titles on hard courts, most recently 2020 Brisbane



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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

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



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**KAROLINA
PLISKOVA**

SEASON 2023 HISTORY

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

- 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
2	65	Aces	9	37
62.0%	58	First serve %	68.2%	21
55.1%	77	First Serve points won %	58.7%	67
50.0%	26	Second serve points won %	22.9%	90
53.2%	65	Overall service points won %	47.3%	87
53.8%	73	Service games won %	41.2%	85
53.8%	52	Break points saved %	37.5%	79
34.5%	43	First serve return points won %	27.7%	72
41.5%	79	Second serve return points won %	48.8%	66
42.9%	36	Break points converted %	50.0%	26
21.4%	65	Return games won %	17.6%	73
37.5%	66	Return points won %	36.1%	73

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 3m vs Volynets in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 3r
 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 Gracheva in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 3r
 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 (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)

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
3r	1r	3r	4r	2022		2r	2r	QF
1r	1r	1r	2r	2021	3r	2r	RUP	QF
3r	4r		1r	2020	3r	2r		2r
3r	2r	QF	3r	2019	SF	3r	4r	4r
2r	2r	1r	1r	2018	QF	3r	4r	QF
2r	3r	1r	3r	2017	QF	SF	2r	QF
QF	2r	1r	3r	2016	3r	1r	2r	RUP
1r	1r			2015	3r	2r	2r	1r
1r	1r	1r	1r	2014	2r	2r	2r	3r
				2013	1r	1r	2r	1r
1r	1r			2012		1r	1r	
1r	1r	1r	1r	2011				
	1r			2010				
				2009				
			1r	2008				



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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 Key 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
- 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)

- unranked Henin reached final in 2010, and first qualifier to do so since Gavaldon in 1990
- 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)

- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in 2006

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 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



FIRST
MEETING



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**LINDA
FRUHVIRTOVA**
CZECH REPUBLIC

**DONNA
VEKIC**
CROATIA

64

2005-05-01	Date of Birth	1996-06-28
	Residence	Monte Carlo, Monaco
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 8" (1.72m)	Height	5' 10" (1.79m)
74	Career-High Ranking	19
\$409,895	Career Prize Money	\$5,665,590
\$2,675	Season Prize Money	\$128,600
0 / 1	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 3
4-1 (Round of 16: 2023 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	34-36 (Quarter-Finalist: 2019 US OPEN)
3-0 / 3-0 (Round of 16: 2023)	YTD / Career AUSTRALIAN OPEN W-L (best)	3-0 / 12-10 (Round of 16: 2023, 2021)
3-1 / 16-11	YTD / Career W-L	6-0 / 166-165
3-1 / 13-7	YTD / Career Hard W-L	6-0 / 117-117
1-1 / 7-1	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L	1-0 / 44-56
0-0 / 0-3	YTD / Career TB W-L	0-0 / 34-46
Round of 16: AUSTRALIAN OPEN	YTD Best Result	Round of 16: AUSTRALIAN OPEN



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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

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

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
74	78	2022	47	69
296	296	2021	29	67
780	793	2020	19	32
-	-	2019	19	19
-	-	2018	34	34
-	-	2017	45	56
-	-	2016	90	101
-	-	2015	81	105
-	-	2014	63	84
-	-	2013	62	86



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. J. FOURLIS (#160) 6-0 6-4 (1h 14m)
2r: d. K. BIRRELL (#167) 6-3 6-2 (1h 24m)
3r: d. M. VONDROUSOVA (#86) 7-5 2-6 6-3 (2h 17m)

Total time on court: 4h 55m

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, and fellow Czech Marketa Vondrousova in 3r
- One of three players through to R16 for first time in their career (also Zhu Lin, Magda Linette)
- Faces No.64 Donna Vekic in R16 today, their first meeting
- Owns 1-1 career record against players from Croatia; previously won against Ana Konjuh at 2022 Charleston, and lost to Petra Martic at 2022 Monastir
- Owns one singles title on hard courts at Chennai in 2022 (d. Magda Linette)
- Bidding to win four Tour-level matches in a row for the second time, having done so previously during title run at 2022 Chennai
- One of three players from Czech Republic to reach R16 (also Barbora Krejčíková, Karolina Plisková); last time three player from Czech Republic reached R16 at Australian Open was 2018
- Best result by Czech Republic at Australian Open was R-Up run by Petra Kvitová in 2019, Jana Novotná in 1991, Helena Suková in 1989, Helena Suková in 1984
- Is currently ranked No.82; this time last year was ranked No.277
- The youngest of two teenagers to reach R16 (also Coco Gauff)
- At 17y 273d would be the youngest to reach the QF at AO since 1998 - Hingis (Won at 17y 124d) and V.Williams (QF at 17y, 229d)

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)
3r: d. N. PARRIZAS DIAZ (#75) 6-2 6-3 (1h 4m)

Total time on court: 5h 4m

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), followed by straight-set win against Nuria Parrizas-Diaz in 3r
- After going 3-0 in singles at United Cup has now won opening six matches of the season, and 15 of the last 18 in a run stretching back to last September
- Bidding to win seven Tour-level main-draw matches in a row for the first time in her career
- Faces No.82 Linda Fruhvirtova in the only R16 match-up between unseeded players
- Owns 10-20 career record against players from Czech Republic
- Best career results on hard court have been title runs at Courmayeur in 2021 and Kuala Lumpur in 2014
- Only player from Croatia to reach R16 from two in starting field (Petra Martic l. Zhang Shuai in 2r)
- Also made R16 at 2021 Australian Open, only Croatian to go this far at Australian Open
- Is currently ranked No.64, having slipped out of Top 100 at the start of last season



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

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	



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SEASON 2023 HISTORY

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

- Represented Croatia in the inaugural staging of United Cup, where she set a 3-0 win record (d. Cornet, Papamichail and Carle)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
5	52	Aces	0	0
67.6%	25	First serve %	0.0%	0
67.1%	33	First Serve points won %	0.0%	0
34.3%	81	Second serve points won %	0.0%	0
56.5%	53	Overall service points won %	0.0%	0
64.3%	56	Service games won %	0.0%	0
61.5%	34	Break points saved %	0.0%	0
35.1%	41	First serve return points won %	0.0%	0
53.3%	43	Second serve return points won %	0.0%	0
42.9%	38	Break points converted %	0.0%	0
21.4%	67	Return games won %	0.0%	0
41.4%	43	Return points won %	0.0%	0

Best win by ranking: No.86 vs Vondrousova in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 3r
 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

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 Parrizas Diaz in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 3r
 1h 4m vs Papamichail in UNITED CUP
 Match points saved:
 Most aces in a match: 4 vs Cornet in UNITED CUP



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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (1)
2022 - CHENNAI

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
		2r	2022		1r	2r	1r	1r
			2021		4r	1r	2r	1r
			2020		3r	1r		3r
			2019		2r	4r	1r	QF
			2018		2r	2r	4r	1r
			2017		2r	1r	2r	3r
			2016		1r	1r	1r	
			2015		1r	3r		
			2014		1r	1r	2r	1r
			2013		2r	1r	1r	2r



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CAREER MILESTONES

- 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
- 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 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

- 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

- 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