



# MATCH NOTES

## AUSTRALIAN OPEN MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA



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

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## THURSDAY, JANUARY 26 – SEMIFINALS

[22] ELENA RYBAKINA (KAZ #25) Head-to-Head [24] VICTORIA AZARENKA (#24)  
**1-0**

**RYBAKINA:** *Won in straight sets when they met at 2022 Indian Wells... Appearing in SF at Melbourne Park for the first time... Struck 35 aces in her five matches so far... Facing third former major champion in a row after beating Swiatek and Ostapenko... Last time two Slam winners met at this stage of Australian Open was Osaka versus S.Williams in 2021*

**AZARENKA:** *Is the last woman to defend this title after triumphing in 2012-13... Has now won 47 matches here, level with Graf in sixth place on the all-time list... Fourth-oldest woman to contest an Australian Open SF in Open Era... Owns 2-0 career record in SFs at Melbourne Park*

MAGDA LINETTE (POL #45) Head-to-Head [5] ARYNA SABALENKA (#5)  
**0-2**

**LINETTE:** *All four career Top-10 wins have come at Slams including over No.4 Garcia this fortnight... Is eighth woman in Open Era to make Grand Slam SF debut after turning 30... Projected to move to career-high No.22 in the rankings... Is third Polish woman to reach Australian Open SF in Open Era*

**SABALENKA:** *Dropped seven games in their two previous encounters at 2018 Tianjin and Tokyo Olympics... Contesting first SF at Melbourne Park... This fortnight has struck 163 winners and 114 unforced errors... Opened season with title run at Adelaide 1 and is now on a nine-match unbeaten streak... Has won all nine matches this season in straight sets*

## CLOSER LOOK AT THE SEMIFINALISTS

PLAYER	RANK	AGE	YTD PRIZE \$^	YTD W/L*	YTD TITLES	CAREER PRIZE \$^	CAREER W/L*	CAREER TITLES
[5] Aryna Sabalenka	5	24	127,100	9-0	1	12,302,010	203-96	11
[22] Elena Rybakina	25	23	28,895	6-2	0	6,389,853	130-67	3
[24] Victoria Azarenka	24	33	27,215	7-2	0	34,927,538	525-207	21
Magda Linette	45	30	149,300	8-2	0	4,301,282	138-144	2

\*entering Australian Open SF / ^Does not include current tournament



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### AUSTRALIAN OPEN AND GRAND SLAM RECORDS

PLAYER	AO W-L*	AO BEST RESULT*	GS W-L*	GS BEST RESULT*
[5] Aryna Sabalenka	13-5	SF (2023)	41-19	SF (4): Australian Open (2023), Wimbledon (2021), US Open (2021-22)
[22] Elena Rybakina	9-3	SF (2023)	29-12	WON (1): Wimbledon (2022)
[24] Victoria Azarenka	47-12	WON (2012-13)	153-155	WON (2): Australian Open (2012-13)
Magda Linette	8-6	SF (2023)	23-29	SF (1): Australian Open (2023)

\*entering Australian Open SF

### GRAND SLAM SEMIFINAL HISTORIES

PLAYER	TOTAL GS SF*	LAST GRAND SLAM SF PLAYED (RESULT)	W-L IN GS SF	W-L IN GS F
[5] Aryna Sabalenka	4	2022 US Open (l. Swiatek)	0-3	-
[22] Elena Rybakina	2	2022 Wimbledon (d. Halep)	1-0	1-0
[24] Victoria Azarenka	9	2020 US Open (d. S.Williams)	5-3	2-3
Magda Linette	1	-	-	-

\*entering Australian Open SF

### CAREER GRAND SLAM RECORDS – BY ROUND

PLAYER	R128	R64	R32	R16	QF	SF*	F	W	TOTAL*
[5] Aryna Sabalenka	5	4	4	3	-	4	-	-	20
[22] Elena Rybakina	3	4	3	1	1	1	-	1	14
[24] Victoria Azarenka	10	7	14	10	9	4	3	2	59
Magda Linette	17	6	6	-	-	1	-	-	30

\*includes 2023 Australian Open appearance in total figure

### POTENTIAL AUSTRALIAN OPEN FINAL HEAD-TO-HEADS

	LINETTE	SABALENKA
RYBAKINA	Rybakina leads 1-0	Sabalenka leads 3-0
AZARENKA	Azarenka leads 2-0	Sabalenka leads 3-1



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## SEMIFINAL QUICK-HITS

- Two Grand Slam champions remain in the draw, **Victoria Azarenka** (2) and **Elena Rybakina**. **Aryna Sabalenka** has reached this stage three times before, while **Magda Linette** is appearing in her maiden major semifinal
- Azarenka is contesting her third semifinal at Melbourne Park, 11 years after her first. Only four women have had a longer gap between first and last Australian Open semifinals: Serena Williams (18), Venus Williams (16), Chris Evert (14) and Martina Navratilova (13)
- Sabalenka brings a nine-match, 18-set winning streak into the final four
- Games dropped en route to semifinals: Sabalenka (26), Azarenka (36), Rybakina (36), Linette (44)
- Time spent on court: Sabalenka (7h6m), Rybakina (7h14m), Linette (7h55m) and Azarenka (8h57m)
- Most aces struck among semifinalists: Rybakina (35), Sabalenka (23), Linette (20) and Azarenka (12). Rybakina has also hit the joint-fastest serve of the tournament (level with Coco Gauff), firing a 121mph delivery against Elisabetta Cocciaretto
- The youngest player remaining is Rybakina (23y, 226d), while Azarenka is the oldest (33y, 182d). Azarenka is the fourth-oldest woman in the Open Era to reach an Australian Open semifinal, behind only Serena Williams (2016, 2017, 2021) Venus Williams (2017) and Mirjana Lucic-Baroni (2017)
- Linette is the eighth woman in the Open Era to make her Grand Slam semifinal debut, following in the footsteps of Betty Stove (1977 Wimbledon), Gigi Fernandez (1994 Wimbledon), Nathalie Tauziat (1998 Wimbledon), Flavia Pennetta (2013 US Open), Roberta Vinci (2015 US Open), Barbora Strycova (2019 Wimbledon) and Tatjana Maria (2022 Wimbledon). Should she beat Sabalenka, she will become the fourth oldest first-time Slam finalist, after Stove at 1977 Wimbledon (32y, 9d) and Pennetta (33y, 199d) and Vinci (32y, 206d) at 2015 US Open

## RANKING PROJECTIONS

- Linette is projected to move to a career-best No.22 in the rankings, going as high as No.13 or No.14 by reaching the final and No.9 with the title
- Azarenka's progress ensures she will rise to either No.16 or No.17. By making the finals she will go to No.11 or No.9 should she lift the Daphne Akhurst Memorial Cup for a third time
- Sabalenka will move to No.4 if she falls in the semifinals or No.2 by reaching the championship match
- Rybakina can secure a Top-10 debut if she beats Azarenka and Linette fails to make the final. With victory in the final, she would move as high as No.8



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**24** **VICTORIA  
AZARENKA (24)**

**ELENA  
(22) RYBAKINA 25**  
KAZAKHSTAN

1989-07-31	<b>Date of Birth</b>	1999-06-17
Monte Carlo, Monaco	<b>Residence</b>	Moscow, Russia
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
6' 0" (1.83m)	<b>Height</b>	6' 0" (1.84m)
1	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	12
\$34,927,538	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$6,389,853
\$27,215	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$28,895
0 / 21	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	0 / 3
153-55 (Champion: 2013 AUSTRALIAN OPEN; 2012 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	29-12 (Champion: 2022 WIMBLEDON)
5-0 / 47-12 (Champion: 2013, 2012)	<b>YTD / Career AUSTRALIAN OPEN W-L (best)</b>	5-0 / 9-3 (Semi-Finalist: 2023)
7-2 / 525-207	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	6-2 / 130-67
7-2 / 365-127	<b>YTD / Career Hard W-L</b>	6-2 / 84-46
2-2 / 106-85	<b>YTD / Career 3-Set W-L</b>	2-1 / 35-30
3-2 / 82-51	<b>YTD / Career TB W-L</b>	1-0 / 34-33
Semi-Finalist: AUSTRALIAN OPEN	<b>YTD Best Result</b>	Semi-Finalist: AUSTRALIAN OPEN



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## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2022	INDIAN WELLS	HARD	3r	Elena Rybakina	6-3 6-4	1h 34m

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
15	27	2022	12	22
13	27	2021	14	14
13	13	2020	17	19
38	50	2019	37	37
51	51	2018	182	191
13	208	2017	420	425
5	13	2016	612	616
19	22	2015	-	-
2	32	2014	-	-
1	2	2013	-	-



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. S. KENIN (#203) 6-4 7-6 (2h 4m)  
2r: d. N. PODOROSKA (#191) 6-1 6-0 (57m)  
3r: d. M. KEYS (#13) 1-6 6-2 6-1 (1h 39m)  
4r: d. L. ZHU (#87) 4-6 6-1 6-4 (2h 40m)  
QF: d. J. PEGULA (#3) 6-4 6-1 (1h 37m)

*Total time on court: 8h 57m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 15th appearance at Australian Open, where she is a two-time champion, lifting the title in 2012 (d. Sharapova in F) and 2013 (d. Li in F), marking the last time the title was successfully defended
- Has also reached QF on three occasions and R16 four times
- One of two Grand Slam champions remaining in the draw (also today's opponent Rybakina)
- Defeated 2020 champion Kenin in 1r, Podoroska in 2r, Keys in 3r, Zhu in R16 and Pegula in QF; upset of No.3 Pegula was only second Top-10 win at a Slam in the past eight years (overall record is now 11-28 and 6-7 at Australian Open)
- Results improve record to 47-12 at Australian Open; owns the most wins at Melbourne Park of any player in the draw, placing her level with Graf in sixth place on the all-time list
- Quick-fire win over Podoroska on Wednesday saw her become 14th woman in Open Era to score 150 main-draw Grand Slam victories. Overall Slam record is now 153-55, equalling Hingis in 13th place on the all-time list for main-draw wins at this level
- Faces No.25 Rybakina in SF today; record in WTA SF matches stands at 40-20 (5-3 at Slams)
- One of two thirtysomethings to reach SF (also Linette); the last woman over 30 to win a major was 35-year-old S.Williams here in 2017
- Has become the fourth-oldest woman in Open Era to reach a Australian Open SF, after S.Williams (2016-17, 2021), V.Williams (2017) and Lucic-Baroni (2017)
- Projected to move to No.16 or No.17 by reaching SF, No.11 should she advance to final and at No.9 with the title; was last ranked in Top 10 on September 11, 2016
- Twenty of her 21 career titles have come on hard courts, most recently at 2020 Cincinnati (NYC); owns second-most hard court titles amongst active players behind V.Williams

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. E. COCCIARETTO (#48) 7-5 6-3 (1h 23m)  
2r: d. K. JUVAN (#104) 6-2 6-1 (58m)  
3r: d. D. COLLINS (#11) 6-2 5-7 6-2 (2h 5m)  
4r: d. I. SWIATEK (#1) 6-4 6-4 (1h 29m)  
QF: d. J. OSTAPENKO (#17) 6-2 6-4 (1h 19m)

*Total time on court: 7h 14m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making fourth main-draw appearance at Australian Open (fifth overall)
- Best previous result was 3r run on debut in 2020 (l. Barty), also reached 2r in 2021 and 2022
- One of two Grand Slam champions remaining in the draw, having won Wimbledon in 2022 (d. Jabeur in F), along with today's opponent Azarenka
- Defeated Cocciaretto in 1r, Juvan in 2r, last year's finalist Collins in 3r, then upset No.1 Swiatek in R16, and Ostapenko in QF, firing a tournament-leading 35 aces across the five matches - followed by Ka.Pliskova (31)
- Since start of 2022, has hit a Tour-leading 115 aces in Grand Slam matches
- Victory over Swiatek in R16 was 10th Top-10 win of her career and third at a Slam, having previously beaten No.8 S.Williams (2021 Roland Garros) and No.2 Jabeur (at 2022 Wimbledon)
- Also first win over a reigning WTA World No.1, having previously lost to Barty at 2020 Australian Open and 2022 Adelaide
- Faces No.24 Azarenka in SF today; including victories over Swiatek and Ostapenko this fortnight, record against Slam champions stands at 5-2 in the majors
- Only previous Grand Slam SF was a 6-3 6-3 win over Halep at 2022 Wimbledon. Overall record in WTA SF matches stands at 10-6
- Is the first woman representing Kazakhstan to progress beyond 3r at Australian Open
- Currently ranked No.25 and seeded for the 12th time in 14 Slam outings; this time last year was No.12
- Will break into Top 10 should she win today and Linette loses. Can move as high as No.8 by winning the title
- Holds one career title on hard courts, which came on Australian soil at 2020 Hobart



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2022	Result	Rank: 25	Seed: 24
4r	L	B. KREJCIKOVA (#4)	6-2 6-2
3r	W	E. SVITOLINA (#17)	6-0 6-2
2r	W	J. TEICHMANN (#34)	6-1 6-2
1r	W	P. UDVARDY (#95)	6-3 6-1
2021	Result	Rank: 13	Seed: 12
1r	L	J. PEGULA (#61)	7-5 6-4
2019	Result	Rank: 53	Seed: -
1r	L	L. SIEGEMUND (#110)	6-7(5) 6-4 6-2
2016	Result	Rank: 16	Seed: 14
QF	L	A. KERBER (#6)	6-3 7-5
4r	W	B. STRYCOVA (#48)	6-2 6-4
3r	W	N. OSAKA (#127)	6-1 6-1
2r	W	D. KOVINIC (#54)	6-1 6-2
1r	W	A. VAN UYTVANCK (#43)	6-0 6-0
2015	Result	Rank: 44	Seed: -
4r	L	D. CIBULKOVA (#10)	6-2 3-6 6-3
3r	W	B. STRYCOVA (#23)	6-4 6-4
2r	W	C. WOZNIACKI (#8)	6-4 6-2
1r	W	S. STEPHENS (#32)	6-3 6-2
2014	Result	Rank: 2	Seed: 2
QF	L	A. RADWANSKA (#5)	6-1 5-7 6-0
4r	W	S. STEPHENS (#13)	6-3 6-2
3r	W	Y. MEUSBURGER (#49)	6-1 6-0
2r	W	B. STRYCOVA (#84)	6-1 6-4
1r	W	J. LARSSON (#91)	7-6(2) 6-2
2013	Result	Rank: 1	Seed: 1
F	W	N. LI (#6)	4-6 6-4 6-3
SF	W	S. STEPHENS (#25)	6-1 6-4
QF	W	S. KUZNETSOVA (#75)	7-5 6-1
4r	W	E. VESNINA (#47)	6-1 6-1
3r	W	J. HAMPTON (#63)	6-4 4-6 6-2
2r	W	E. DANILIDOU (#94)	6-1 6-0

2022	Result	Rank: 12	Seed: 12
2r	L	S. ZHANG (#74)	6-4 1-0
1r	W	Z. DIYAS (#104)	6-7(3) 7-6(3) 6-1
2021	Result	Rank: 21	Seed: 17
2r	L	F. FERRO (#46)	6-4 6-4
1r	W	V. ZVONAREVA (#145)	4-6 6-4 6-4
2020	Result	Rank: 26	Seed: 29
3r	L	A. BARTY (#1)	6-3 6-2
2r	W	G. MINNEN (#119)	6-3 6-4
1r	W	B. PERA (#65)	6-3 6-2



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## SEASON 2023 HISTORY

- Contested both Adelaide events reaching QF in week 1 (l. eventual R-Up Noskova) and falling 1r in week 2 (l. Kudermetova, having held MPs)

- Made 2r at Adelaide 1 (l. Kostyuk) and fell 1r at Adelaide 2 (l. Kvitova)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
28	8	Aces	28	6
66.8%	31	First serve %	55.9%	83
68.5%	22	First Serve points won %	78.3%	3
47.3%	37	Second serve points won %	47.7%	33
61.4%	18	Overall service points won %	64.8%	9
77.8%	18	Service games won %	79.5%	12
70.0%	12	Break points saved %	50.0%	57
31.2%	61	First serve return points won %	26.2%	79
56.6%	29	Second serve return points won %	49.0%	64
38.5%	54	Break points converted %	18.5%	82
27.8%	46	Return games won %	12.5%	80
40.5%	50	Return points won %	34.8%	77

Best win by ranking: No.3 vs Pegula in AUSTRALIAN OPEN QF  
Longest match: 2h 58m vs Kudermetova in ADELAIDE #2 1r  
2h 58m vs Noskova in ADELAIDE #1 QF  
Shortest match: 57m vs Podoroska in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2r  
Match points saved:  
Most aces in a match: 15 vs Noskova in ADELAIDE #1 QF

Best win by ranking: No.1 vs Swiatek in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 4r  
Longest match: 2h 21m vs Kostyuk in ADELAIDE #1 2r  
Shortest match: 58m vs Juvan in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2r  
Match points saved:  
Most aces in a match: 7 vs Kvitova in ADELAIDE #2 1r  
7 vs Kostyuk in ADELAIDE #1 2r





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## TITLES

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (21)

2020 - CINCINNATI (NYC)  
2016 - MIAMI, INDIAN WELLS, BRISBANE  
2013 - CINCINNATI, DOHA, AUSTRALIAN OPEN  
2012 - LINZ, BEIJING, INDIAN WELLS, DOHA,  
AUSTRALIAN OPEN, SYDNEY  
2011 - LUXEMBOURG, MARBELLA, MIAMI  
2010 - MOSCOW, STANFORD  
2009 - MIAMI, MEMPHIS, BRISBANE

Runner-Up (20)

2021 - INDIAN WELLS  
2020 - OSTRAVA, US OPEN  
2019 - MONTERREY  
2015 - DOHA  
2014 - BRISBANE  
2013 - US OPEN, CARLSBAD, ROME  
2012 - US OPEN, MADRID, STUTTGART  
2011 - WTA CHAMPIONSHIPS, MADRID  
2010 - EASTBOURNE, DUBAI  
2008 - PRAGUE, GOLD COAST  
2007 - TASHKENT, ESTORIL

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (9)

2021 - BERLIN (w/Sabalenka)  
2019 - ROME (w/Barty), ACAPULCO (w/Zheng)  
2011 - STANFORD (w/Kirilenko), MADRID  
(w/Kirilenko)  
2010 - CINCINNATI (w/Kirilenko)  
2009 - INDIAN WELLS (w/Zvonareva), MEMPHIS  
(w/Wozniacki)  
2006 - TASHKENT (w/Poutchek)

Runner-Up (11)

2019 - US OPEN (w/Barty)  
2011 - TORONTO (w/Kirilenko), AUSTRALIAN OPEN  
(w/Kirilenko)  
2009 - FRENCH OPEN (w/Vesnina)  
2008 - AMELIA ISLAND (w/Vesnina), AUSTRALIAN  
OPEN (w/Peer)  
2007 - MOSCOW (w/Poutchek), LUXEMBOURG  
(w/Peer), SAN DIEGO (w/Chakvetadze), STANFORD  
(w/Chakvetadze)  
2006 - MEMPHIS (w/Wozniacki)

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (3)

2022 - WIMBLEDON  
2020 - HOBART  
2019 - BUCHAREST

Runner-Up (7)

2022 - PORTOROZ, ADELAIDE 500  
2020 - STRASBOURG, DUBAI, ST. PETERSBURG,  
SHENZHEN  
2019 - NANCHANG

### DOUBLES FINALS

Runner-Up (2)

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



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## GRAND SLAMS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
4r	3r		4r	<b>2022</b>	2r	3r	WON	1r
1r	4r	2r	3r	<b>2021</b>	2r	QF	4r	3r
	2r		RUP	<b>2020</b>	3r	2r		2r
1r	2r	3r	1r	<b>2019</b>		1r		1r
	1r	2r	3r	<b>2018</b>				
		4r		<b>2017</b>				
QF	1r			<b>2016</b>				
4r	3r	QF	QF	<b>2015</b>				
QF		2r	QF	<b>2014</b>				
WON	SF	2r	RUP	<b>2013</b>				
WON	4r	SF	RUP	<b>2012</b>				
4r	QF	SF	3r	<b>2011</b>				
QF	1r	3r	2r	<b>2010</b>				
4r	QF	QF	3r	<b>2009</b>				
3r	4r	3r	3r	<b>2008</b>				
3r	1r	3r	4r	<b>2007</b>				
1r	1r	1r	3r	<b>2006</b>				



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- Standout result last season was SF in last tournament, at Guadalajara (l. eventual champion Pegula). Also reached QFs at Washington DC and Adelaide, while made R16 at Australian Open and US Open
- Best result in 2021 came in final event when she finished R-Up at Indian Wells (l. Badosa on third set tie-break). Also made SFs at Doha and Bad Homburg
- One of five players to reach three or more finals in 2020, lifting one trophy at the Western & Southern Open - her first title since 2016. Finished year ranked No.13 - her best season-end ranking since 2013 (No.2)
- Advanced to her fifth career Grand Slam final at 2020 US Open, which helped her return to the Top 20 for the first time since March 2017
- Winner of the 2020 WTA Comeback Player of the Year Award, as voted on by members of the international media
- Last tournament of 2019 was the US Open, where she fell to Sabalenka in 1r; also reached the doubles final w/Barty (l. Mertens/Sabalenka)
- Highlight of 2019 was 37th singles final at Monterrey (l. Muguruza in F via ret. w/leg injury). On February 2, 2019 returned to Top 50 for first time following the birth of her child, Leo
- Made return to tennis in June 2017 following birth of first child in December 2016, reaching 2r of comeback event at Mallorca (d. Ozaki, l. Konjuh)
- Ended 2016 ranked No.13, despite missing second half of season after going on maternity leave (announced pregnancy mid-July). Lifting three titles, at Brisbane and 'Sunshine Double' of Indian Wells and Miami - third woman to achieve feat after Graf in 1994 and 1996 and Clijsters in 2005
- Posted 26-3 record for first six months of 2016 with losses coming at the Australian Open (QF, l. Kerber), Rome (2r, l. Begu) and Roland Garros (ret. vs. Knapp w/right knee injury)
- Limited to total of 23 events over 2014-15 seasons due to variety of injuries
- Posted five consecutive Top-10 finishes between 2009 and 2013, qualifying for the WTA Finals on each occasion (l. Kvitova in 2011 final in Istanbul)
- Ascended to World No.1 after 2012 Australian Open and held top spot for a total of 51 weeks
- Began 2012 with 26-match win streak - best start since Hingis went 37-0 in 1997. Went on to win Tour-leading 69 matches in 2012, season
- Lifting maiden major at 2022 Wimbledon (d. Jabeur in F)
- Last season also finished R-Up at Adelaide (l. Barty) and Portoroz (l. Siniakova)
- Best result of 2021 were SFs at Eastbourne, Olympics and Chicago [500], and QFs at Abu Dhabi, Roland Garros, San Jose and Ostrava
- Opened 2020 season by reaching the championship match at four of her first five tournaments, including a title run at Hobart (d. Zhang in F)
- Made first final appearance at a Premier-level tournament with R-Up finish at St. Petersburg (l. Bertens); was rewarded with Top 20 debut at No.19 following run in Russia (February 17, 2020)
- First win over a Top-5 ranked opponent came over No.3 Ka.Pliskova during R-Up finish at 2020 Dubai
- Won back-to-back Slam matches for the first time during 3r showing at 2020 Australian Open (l. Barty)
- Won maiden WTA singles title at 2019 Bucharest (d. Tig in F), breaking into Top 100 for the first time in the following week's rankings at No.65 (July 22, 2019)
- Also in 2019, went on to make Top 50 debut on September 16, 2019, after reaching second career final at Nanchang (l. Peterson), produced SF appearances at Luxembourg and 's-Hertogenbosch, and made Grand Slam main draw debut at 2019 Roland Garros, falling 1r (as qualifier, l. Siniakova)
- Finished 2019 campaign with 57-21 win-loss record (across all levels) to end season at No.37, up from 2018's final ranking of No.191. On the ITF Circuit in 2019, lifted silverware on three occasions: back-to-back at \$25k Moscow-RUS and \$25k Kazan-RUS, and at \$60k ITF/Launceston-AUS
- Highlights of 2018 included reaching maiden WTA QF at St. Petersburg (l. Goerges) and clinching title at \$15k ITF/Kazan-RUS
- First Top 10 win came over No.7 Garcia at 2018 St. Petersburg
- Made WTA qualifying and main draw debut at 2017 Moscow (as qualifier, l. Begu in 1r)
- Professional debut came at \$10k ITF/Antalya-TUR in 2014

highlighted by six titles, finishing as WTA's year-end No.1

- Belarusian Fed Cup Team, 2005, 2007, 2009-11, 2015-16, 2019; Belarusian Olympic Team, 2008, 2012
- Won two medals for Belarus at 2012 Olympics - bronze in singles and mixed doubles gold (w/Mirnyi)
- Made her Top 100 debut on July 10, 2006 (No.99) and Top 50 debut on May 14, 2007 (No.49)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2005 Kolkata
- ITF Junior World Champion for 2005 - reached first tour-level semifinal at Guangzhou the same year

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Maxime Tchoutakian
- Mother's name is Alla; father's name is Fedor; has one brother, Max
- Introduced to tennis at age 7 by her mother. Favorite shot is her backhand; favorite surface is hardcourts
- Speaks Belarusian, English and Russian
- Enjoys music (rock, club hip-hop, R&B), seeing friends, surfing, paddle boarding, cooking, comedy and karaoke
- Has a young son named Leo
- Favorite cities are hometown of Minsk and New York City
- Admires Roger Federer for his professionalism on and off of the court

- Coached by Stefano Vukov
- Trained at Spartak Club in Moscow as a junior; previous coaches included Andrei Cheshnokov (Elena Vesnina's former coach) and Evgenia Kulikovskaya
- Nominated for 2019 WTA Newcomer of the Year Award
- Started playing tennis aged five and favorite surface is hard



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POLAND

1998-05-05	<b>Date of Birth</b>	1992-02-12
Belarus	<b>Residence</b>	Poznan, Poland
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 11" (1.82m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 7" (1.71m)
2	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	33
\$12,302,010	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$4,301,282
\$127,100	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$149,300
1 / 11	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	0 / 2
41-19 (Semi-Finalist: 2023 AUSTRALIAN OPEN; 2022 US OPEN; 2021 US OPEN, WIMBLEDON)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	23-29 (Semi-Finalist: 2023 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
5-0 / 13-5 (Semi-Finalist: 2023)	<b>YTD / Career AUSTRALIAN OPEN W-L (best)</b>	5-0 / 8-6 (Semi-Finalist: 2023)
9-0 / 203-96	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	8-2 / 138-144
9-0 / 146-62	<b>YTD / Career Hard W-L</b>	8-2 / 104-96
0-0 / 67-50	<b>YTD / Career 3-Set W-L</b>	2-1 / 46-54
3-0 / 45-33	<b>YTD / Career TB W-L</b>	0-0 / 45-25
0-0 / 11-12	<b>YTD / Career TOP 5 W-L</b>	1-0 / 3-9
Champion: ADELAIDE #1	<b>YTD Best Result</b>	Semi-Finalist: AUSTRALIAN OPEN



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## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2021	OLYMPICS	HARD	1r	Aryna Sabalenka	6-2 6-1	0m
2018	TIANJIN	HARD	2r	Aryna Sabalenka	6-1 6-3	1h 14m

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
2	5	2022	45	49
2	2	2021	40	57
10	10	2020	33	40
9	11	2019	41	42
11	11	2018	55	83
76	78	2017	70	71
154	159	2016	81	96
539	548	2015	64	89
-	-	2014	106	117
-	-	2013	148	148
-	-	2012	231	296
-	-	2011	163	248
-	-	2010	187	194
-	-	2009	1008	1008



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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)  
4r: d. B. BENCIC (#10) 7-5 6-2 (1h 27m)  
QF: d. D. VEKIC (#64) 6-3 6-2 (1h 49m)

*Total time on court: 7h 6m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making sixth main draw appearance at Australian Open, where best previous results were R16 showings in 2021 (l. S.Williams) and 2022 (l. Kanepi)
- Also reached 3r at Melbourne Park in 2019 (l. Anisimova)
- Crowned Australian Open doubles champion in 2021 (w/Mertens, d. Krejckova/Siniakova in F)
- This fortnight beat Martincova in 1r, Rogers in 2r, Mertens in 3r, Bencic in R16 and Vekic in QF to stretch her current winning streak to nine matches and 18 sets
- Career-best unbeaten run spanned 15 matches at the end of 2020 and start of 2021 seasons, bringing hard-court titles at Ostrava, Linz and Abu Dhabi
- Coming off winning her 11th career title at Adelaide 1; holds 10 career titles on hard courts, tied for seventh amongst active players
- Faces No.45 Linette in SF today; lost three previous Grand Slam SF matches in three sets to Ka.Pliskova (2021 Wimbledon), Fernandez (2021 US Open) and Swiatek (2022 US Open)
- Overall career record in WTA SF matches stands at 19-12 (13-8 on hard courts)
- Is currently ranked No.5 and seeded for the 16th Slam in a row; this time last year was No.2
- Projected to move to No.2 should she reach the final and No.4 if she loses today
- Results at 2023 Australian Open maintain her record of never falling before 3r while ranked in the Top 10

### 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)  
4r: d. C. GARCIA (#4) 7-6 6-4 (1h 57m)  
QF: d. K. PLISKOVA (#31) 6-3 7-5 (1h 27m)

*Total time on court: 7h 57m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making seventh main-draw appearance at the Australian Open, where her best previous results was 3r run in 2018 (l. Allertova)
- Overall is contesting her 30th Grand Slam main draw, and this fortnight has beaten Sherif in 1r, Kontaveit in 2r, Alexandrova in 3r, Garcia in R16 and Ka.Pliskova in QF; had never previously been beyond 3r at a Slam
- Upsets of No.19 Kontaveit, No.18 Alexandrova and No.4 Garcia take her total career Top-20 wins to nine, with seven coming at the majors (previously beat No.1 Barty via ret. at 2021 Roland Garros, No.5 Svitolina at 2021 Wimbledon and No.6 Jabeur at 2022 Roland Garros)
- Faces No.5 Sabalenka in SF today; owns four Top-10 wins in her career, all coming at Slams
- Bidding to win six matches in a row for the first time since 2020 (Billie Jean King Cup - three, Hua Hin - five)
- Career record in WTA SF matches stands at 5-6 (5-5 on hard courts)
- Has become eighth woman to make a Grand Slam SF debut after turning 30, joining Stove (1977 Wimbledon), Fernandez (1994 Wimbledon), Tauziat (1998 Wimbledon), Pennetta (2013 US Open), Vinci (2015 US Open), Strycova (2019 Wimbledon) and Maria (2022 Wimbledon)
- Is the third Polish woman in Open Era to reach Australian Open SF, joining A.Radwanska (2014 and 2016) and Swiatek (2022)
- Currently ranked No.45; at least one unseeded player has reached SF at Melbourne Park in eight of the past nine years
- Projected to move to a career-high No.22, and No.13 or No.14 by reaching the final. She will make her Top-10 debut at No.9 should she lift the title
- 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: 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: 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

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

- 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
35	2	<b>Aces</b>	1	80
58.6%	76	<b>First serve %</b>	65.3%	39
73.6%	12	<b>First Serve points won %</b>	57.1%	71
54.5%	13	<b>Second serve points won %</b>	46.2%	42
65.7%	8	<b>Overall service points won %</b>	53.3%	63
88.4%	4	<b>Service games won %</b>	64.3%	55
79.2%	3	<b>Break points saved %</b>	16.7%	91
31.8%	57	<b>First serve return points won %</b>	34.0%	49
59.1%	22	<b>Second serve return points won %</b>	62.5%	10
34.4%	62	<b>Break points converted %</b>	35.7%	59
27.5%	47	<b>Return games won %</b>	38.5%	14
42.5%	33	<b>Return points won %</b>	44.7%	18

Best win by ranking: No.10 vs Bencic in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 4r  
 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 AUSTRALIAN OPEN 4r  
 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 (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 (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
4r	3r		SF	2022	2r	2r	2r	1r
4r	3r	SF	SF	2021		3r	3r	1r
1r	3r		2r	2020	1r	1r		3r
3r	2r	1r	2r	2019	1r	2r	3r	2r
1r	1r	1r	4r	2018	3r	1r	1r	1r
		2r		2017	1r	3r	1r	1r
				2016	1r	1r	1r	1r
				2015		1r	1r	2r



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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. Krejciakova/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. Kvitova 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. Krejciakova/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)
- 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

- 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

## 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"
- 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