

# Maria Sakkari (GRE)

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Current Ranking <b>9</b> <small>Oct 23 2023</small>	Singles Titles <b>1</b> <small>YTD 2023</small>	Prize Money <b>\$2,407,413</b> <small>YTD 2023</small>	W/L Singles <b>38/ 22</b> <small>YTD 2023</small>	Career High <b>3</b> <small>Mar 21 2022</small>	Singles Titles <b>2</b> <small>Career</small>	Prize Money <b>\$10,459,441</b> <small>Career</small>	W/L Singles <b>443/ 285</b> <small>Career</small>
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Reached two Tour-level singles finals this year, winning the title at WTA 1000 Guadalajara and finishing as runner-up at Washington DC... In total reached the semifinal stage nine times this year (including United Cup)... Entering the WTA Finals, has won 12 main draw matches in Mexico, more than the other seven WTA Finals qualifiers combined (11 in total)... Has maintained Top 10 ranking every week since September 27, 2021... After the US Open, stood at No.15 on the Race to WTA Finals Leaderboard; strong results in Tokyo (SF) and Beijing (QF), helped push her to No.9 in the Race... Moved into the field of eight after the withdrawal of Karolina Muchova

## CAREER FINALS

### SINGLES

Winner (2): 2023 - Guadalajara; 2019 - Rabat.

Finalist (7): 2023 - Washington DC; 2022 - St. Petersburg, Indian Wells, Parma, Guadalajara [1000]; 2021 - Ostrava; 2018 - San Jose.

### ADDITIONAL

Greek Billie Jean King Cup Team, 2012-16, 2018-19.

## 2023 SUMMARY

Contested R16 at Zhengzhou (l. Zheng)

Played SF at Tokyo (l. Pegula)

Reached R16 at Zhengzhou (l. Q. Zheng)

Fell in QF at Beijing (l. Gauff)

Won second title of career at WTA 1000 Guadalajara (d. Dolehide in F)

Contested QF at San Diego (l. Navarro)

Lost in the first round at three-straight Grand Slams: Wimbledon (l. Kostyuk), Roland Garros (l. eventual R-Up Muchova) and US Open (l. Masarova); best result at a Slam came at Australian Open (3r, l. Zhu)

Reached 3r at Cincinnati (l. eventual R-Up Muchova)

Defeated in 2r at Montreal (l. Collins)

Finished R-Up at Washington DC (l. Gauff in F)

Advanced to SF at Berlin (l. Vekic)

Reached 2r at Nottingham (l. Cornet)

Advanced to SF at Madrid (l. Sabalenka) and made 3r at Rome (l. Vondrousova)

Fell 1r at Stuttgart (l. Ka.Pliskova)

Advanced to SF at Indian Wells (l. Sabalenka), then suffered 2r defeat at Miami (after 1r bye, l. Andreescu)

Reached SF at Linz (l. Martic) and Doha (l. Pegula), then fell 2r at Dubai (l. Ka.Pliskova)

Helped Greece reach SF of inaugural United Cup; posted 6-1 record in singles and mixed doubles

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## CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

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Finished 2022 ranked No.6 for the second consecutive year; a four-time finalist in 2022 including runs to the final at two WTA 1000 tournaments – Indian Wells and Guadalajara [1000]; returned to the WTA Finals advancing to the semifinals, falling to eventual champion Caroline Garcia

Climbed as high as No.3 in the rankings (March 21, 2022), the highest ranking every achieved by a Greek woman

Historic 2021 season was highlighted by her becoming first Greek woman to break into the Top 10 (at No.10, September 27) as well as the first from her country to qualify for the WTA Finals

In 2021, also reached third WTA final at Ostrava (I. Kontaveit), while advanced to SF at Roland-Garros, US Open - defeating three Top-20 ranked opponents at both events - and WTA Finals in Guadalajara

Posted a Tour-leading nine Top-10 wins in 2021, including two over the World No.2 (Osaka at Miami and No.2 Sabalenka at WTA Finals)

Broke into Top 20 on February 24, 2020 for first time, at No.20

Scored third and fourth Top-5 wins of her career in 2020, over No.5 Svitolina at Ostrava and No.5 Bencic at St. Petersburg. Previous wins came over No.5 Ka.Pliskova (2018 Rome) and No.5 Kvitova (2019 Rome, via ret.)

Upset No.10 seed Keys to reach the R16 for the first time at one of the four Slams, at 2020 Australian Open (I. Kvitova)

Qualified for WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai in 2019 for first time in career (fell in RR stage). That season won maiden WTA title at Rabat, recovering from a set and break down to defeat Konta in final

Highlights of 2018 were reaching her first tour-level final at San Jose (I. Buzarnescu) and scoring maiden Top-5 win over No.5 Ka.Pliskova in 2r at Rome

Notched first Top-10 victory of career over No.6 Wozniacki en route to first WTA SF of career at 2017 Wuhan

Broke into Top 50 for first time at No.49 on October 9, 2017

At 2016 Australian Open, by reaching 2r (d. Y.Wang, I. Suárez Navarro) became the first woman from Greece to win a main draw match at a Slam since Daniilidou d. Ka.Pliskova at 2013 Australian Open

Reached first career WTA QF at 2016 Istanbul (as qualifier, I. Kovinic)

Fell 1r on WTA main draw debut at 2015 US Open (as qualifier, I. Q.Wang)

WTA qualifying debut came at 2012 Palermo

Made debut on ITF Circuit in 2010; owns seven ITF Circuit singles titles and five in doubles

## OTHER INFORMATION

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Coached by Tom Hill

Parents are Konstantinos and Angeliki; brother is Yannis (studies at Boston University) and sister is Amanda. Introduced to tennis by parents at age 6; mother played on WTA; achieved a Top 50 singles ranking

Born and raised in Athens; moved to Barcelona at age 18 to train

Favorite surfaces are hard and clay; favorite shot is serve

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Tennis idols are Serena Williams, Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer

During free time enjoys going back to Greece and seeing friends.

	AO	RG	WIM	USO
W/L	13/8	11/7	8/7	14/9
2023	R32	R128	R128	R128
2022	R16	R64	R32	R64
2021	R128	SF	R64	SF
2020	R16	R32	-	R16
2019	R32	R64	R32	R32
2018	R128	R32	R128	R64
2017	R32	R128	R32	R32
2016	R64	-	R64	R128
2015	-	-	-	R128

Date	Top Rank by Year	Year-end Ranking
2023	6	
2022	3	6
2021	6	6
2020	20	22
2019	22	23
2018	29	41
2017	48	52
2016	89	89
2015	168	188
2014	284	301
2013	544	610
2012	568	627
2011	698	702

SAKKARI vs. field	WIN	LOSS	TOTAL
GAUFF, COCO	4	3	7
JABEUR, ONS	2	2	4
PEGULA, JESSICA	5	4	9
RYBAKINA, ELENA	1	1	2
SABALENKA, ARYNA	3	6	9
SWIATEK, IGA	3	2	5
VONDROUSOVA, MARKETA	1	1	2
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>38</b>