



# MATCH NOTES

## CHINA OPEN

### BEIJING, CHINA



SEP 25 - OCT 6, 2024 | WTA 1000

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## MATCH NOTES – THURSDAY, 3 OCTOBER 2024

[WC] Shuai Zhang (CHN #595) vs. [15] Paula Badosa (ESP #19)

First meeting

### **Zhang:**

- Has tied best result at Beijing by reaching quarterfinals also doing so in 2016 and 2018
- With first round win over McCartney Kessler, broke a 24-match losing streak – second longest in the Open Era
- With second round win over No.6 seed Emma Navarro, earned her first Top 10 win since 2022 Tokyo and posted back-to-back wins for the first time since 2023 Australian Open
- Looking to tie best result at Beijing by a Chinese player and by a wildcard by reaching the semifinals
- Currently ranked No.595 on PIF WTA Rankings, is the lowest-ranked player to reach the China Open quarterfinals (record previously held by No.154 Lindsay Davenport in 2007)

### **Badosa:**

- Making main draw debut at Beijing; contested qualifying in 2019
- Owns one WTA 1000 career title at 2021 Indian Wells and has reached a further three WTA 1000 semifinals
- Has now reached the quarterfinals or better at last three events also doing so at Cincinnati (SF) and US Open (QF)
- Looking to reach third semifinal of the year after title run at Washington DC and final four at Cincinnati
- Is the first Spanish player to reach the quarterfinals here since Garbiñe Muguruza's title run in 2015
- Second on Tour in Break Points Saved at 64.1% behind only World No.1 Iga Swiatek (66.7%)



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[Q] Yuliia Starodubtseva (UKR #115) vs. [4] Coco Gauff (USA #6)

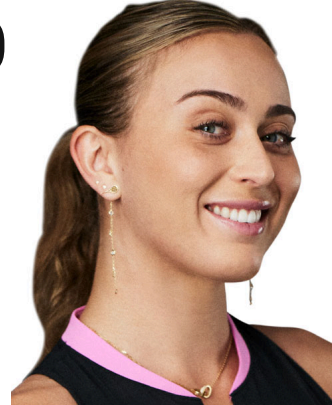
First meeting

**Starodubsteva:**

- Is into quarterfinals in first career WTA 1000 main draw appearance – through qualifying and main draw, has yet to drop a set through six matches
- Earned first Top 50 wins in career in past three matches including first Top 20 win over No.14 Anna Kalinskaya in last round
- Hold 0-1 record against Top 10 opponents after falling to No.6 Ons Jabeur at Australian Open earlier this year in her WTA main draw debut
- Looking to be second qualifier to reach the semifinals here after Monica Niculescu in 2011 and second Ukrainian player after Elina Svitolina in 2016
- Reached first quarterfinal last month at Monastir (l. eventual champion Kartal), would be first career semifinal should she win today

**Gauff:**

- Making second China Open appearance after reaching semifinals here last year
- Owns 11-1 record against qualifiers this year with only loss to Anna Kalinskaya at Dubai who today's opponent just beat in the previous round
- Has won 23 of her last 24 matches against players outside the Top 100 including all eight matches this year; only loss came to No.128 Sofia Kenin at 2023 Wimbledon
- Holds 6-2 record in quarterfinal matches this year
- Leads tour in Return Games Won (45.8%) and Return Points Won (48.3%); with a win would tie Emma Navarro for third most match wins this year (45) behind Iga Swiatek (57) and Sabalenka (49)
- Enters Beijing at No.6 on PIF Race to the WTA Finals behind Jessica Pegula and ahead of Emma Navarro; bidding to qualify for third consecutive WTA Finals



**595**

**SHUAI  
ZHANG (WC)**  
CHINA

**PAULA  
(15) BADOSA** **19**  
SPAIN

1989-01-21	<b>Date of Birth</b>	1997-11-15
Tianjin, China	<b>Residence</b>	Dubai, UAE
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 10" (1.77m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 11" (1.80m)
22	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	2
\$10,553,747	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$7,467,954
\$580,720	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$1,612,503
0 / 3	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	1 / 4
39-46 (Quarter-Finalist: 2019 WIMBLEDON; 2016 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	33-19 (Quarter-Finalist: 2024 US OPEN; 2021 ROLAND-GARROS)
4-0 / 15-12 (Quarter-Finalist: 2024, 2018, 2016)	<b>YTD / Career BEIJING W-L (best)</b>	3-0 / 3-0 (Quarter-Finalist: 2024)
4-8 / 209-260	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	33-16 / 144-85
4-6 / 150-170	<b>YTD / Career Hard W-L</b>	22-9 / 77-49
0-3 / 55-62	<b>YTD / Career 3-Set W-L</b>	12-8 / 50-25
2-0 / 58-55	<b>YTD / Career TB W-L</b>	3-3 / 38-23
1-2 / 23-71	<b>YTD / Career TOP 20 W-L</b>	5-7 / 26-31
Quarter-Finalist: BEIJING	<b>YTD Best Result</b>	Champion: WASHINGTON DC



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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
206	-	2024	20	-
22	208	2023	11	66
24	24	2022	2	13
35	63	2021	8	8
30	35	2020	69	70
31	46	2019	86	97
27	35	2018	143	143
23	36	2017	242	247
24	24	2016	222	314
61	186	2015	193	220



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. M. KESSLER (#65) 7-6 7-6 (2h 0m)  
2r: d. E. NAVARRO (#8) 6-4 6-2 (1h 15m)  
3r: d. G. MINNEN (#94) 6-2 6-3 (1h 15m)  
4r: d. M. FRECH (#31) 6-4 6-2 (1h 30m)

*Total time on court: 6h 0m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 13th appearance at Beijing where she is into the QF for a third time: advanced to final eight in 2016 (l. Konta) and 2018 (l. Osaka)
- Has beaten McCartney Kessler, Emma Navarro, Greet Minnen and Magdalena Frech reach her first QF since Tokyo 2022 (en route to SF)
- Snapped a 24-match losing streak with this 4-match winning streak, her first time winning four consecutive matches since finishing R-Up at 2022 Birmingham
- Faces No.19 Paula Badosa today; with a win would notch first SF across all WTA 1000 events
- Before win over No.6 Emma Navarro in 2r, had lost previous five matches against Top 20 players last defeating No.10 Caroline Garcia at 2022 Tokyo
- Owns 6-8 career record against players from Spain (0-0 in 2024); playing today's opponent for the first time
- Owns 39-99 career record against seeded opponents (2-1 in 2024)
- Record in WTA QF matches stands at 17-17 - looking to reach 18th career SF and 14th on hard courts
- All three WTA titles have come on hard court: Lyon in 2022 and Guangzhou in 2013 and 2017
- With Qinwen Zheng, one of two players from China to reach QF - the last time two players from China reached QF at Beijing was 2018
- Best result by a player from China at Beijing were SF runs by Wang Qiang in 2018, Li Na in 2012 and 2010, Zheng Jie in 2008, Peng Shuai in 2007 and 2006
- Only wildcard still competing in main draw
- Best result by a wildcard at Beijing was SF run by Qiang Wang in 2018 and Shuai Peng in 2006
- Previous lowest ranked player (No.154) to reach QF at Beijing was Lindsay Davenport in 2007
- Is currently ranked No.595 - has become the lowest ranked player to reach QF at Beijing; this time last year was ranked No.187

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. V. TOMOVA (#51) 6-3 6-2 (1h 24m)  
3r: d. R. SRAMKOVA (#61) 7-5 7-5 (1h 49m)  
4r: d. J. PEGULA (#3) 6-4 6-0 (1h 4m)

*Total time on court: 4h 17m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making main-draw debut at Beijing; contested qualifying here in 2019, losing to Heather Watson in 1r
- Owns one WTA 1000 title at Indian Wells 2021 (d. Azarenka in F); outside of that has reached three other WTA 1000 SFs at 2021 Madrid, 2022 Indian Wells and 2024 Cincinnati
- After 1r bye, has beaten Viktoriya Tomova, Rebecca Sramkova and Jessica Pegula reach QF without dropping a set - has now reached QF or better at last three events, also Cincinnati (SF) and US Open (QF)
- Faces No.595 Shuai Zhang in QF today looking to reach third SF of the year after Washington DC (WON) and Cincinnati (SF)
- A loss today would be worst by ranking at Tour-level and worst on any level since falling to No.841 Ines Ibbou at ITF W25 Las Palmas de Gran Canaria in 2019
- Owns 2-3 career record against players from China, with record in 2024 standing at 1-0, having defeated Yafan Wang at US Open 2024
- Owns 8-6 career record against wildcards (4-1 in 2024)
- Record in WTA QF matches stands at 14-13
- Three of her four career singles titles have come on hard court - Washington DC in 2024; Sydney 2022; Indian Wells in 2021
- Only player from Spain to reach QF and first since 2015
- Best result by Spain at Beijing was title run by Garbiñe Muguruza in 2015
- Is currently ranked No.19; this time last year was ranked No.56
- Second on Tour in break points saved at 64.1% behind only World No.1 Iga Swiatek (66.7%)



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2019	Result	Rank: 35	Seed: -
1r	L	A. KERBER (#13) 6-2 1-6 6-4	

2018	Result	Rank: 45	Seed: -
QF	L	N. OSAKA (#6) 3-6 6-4 7-5	
3r	W	A. KERBER (#3) 6-1 2-6 6-0	
2r	W	T. BABOS (#68) 6-1 6-2	
1r	W	E. MERTENS (#14) 6-1 3-6 6-3	

2017	Result	Rank: 26	Seed: -
2r	L	A. RADWANSKA (#11) 7-5 7-5	
1r	W	Y. PUTINTSEVA (#47) 6-4 6-4	

2016	Result	Rank: 36	Seed: -
QF	L	J. KONTA (#14) 6-4 6-0	
3r	W	S. HALEP (#5) 6-0 6-3	
2r	W	A. RISKE-AMRITRAJ (#60) 6-3 4-6 7-6(4)	
1r	W	S. STOSUR (#18) 6-1 6-2	

2015	Result	Rank: 191	Seed: -
1r	L	M. BARTHEL (#53) 6-3 6-2	

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

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## SEASON 2024 HISTORY

- Played 1r at Seoul (l. V. Kudermetova)
- Played 1r at US Open (l. Krueger)
- Fell in opening round at Cincinnati (l. Shnaider)
- Contested 1r at Wimbledon (l. Kasatkina)
- Suffered 1r defeats at Madrid (l. Rogers), Miami (l. Saville) and Indian Wells (l. Hontama)
- Opened 2024 season at Dubai, playing 1r (l. Ka. Pliskova)

- Made career first QF at US Open (l. Navarro)
- Reached 2r at Toronto (l. Ostapenko)
- Won career 4th singles title at Washington DC (d. Bouzkova in F)
- Reached 4r at Wimbledon (l. Vekic)
- Reached QF at Bad Homburg (l. eventual champion Shnaider)
- Made 3r at Roland Garros (l. Sabalenka)
- Reached 4r at Rome (l. Gauff)
- Contested 1r at Madrid (l. Bouzas Maneiro)
- Forced to retire in R16 at Stuttgart (l. Sabalenka)
- Fell in opening round at Charleston (l. eventual champion Collins)
- Made 2r at Miami (l. Sabalenka)
- Low back injury forced retirement in 1r at Dubai
- Played 2r at Doha (l. Fernandez)
- Retired in R16 match against Shnaider at Hua Hin with low back injury
- Made 3r at Australian Open (l. Anisimova)
- Opened the 2024 season playing 1r at Adelaide (l. Pera)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
19	128	<b>Aces</b>	232	9
65.9%	0	<b>First serve %</b>	57.0%	83
59.6%	0	<b>First Serve points won %</b>	69.1%	16
43.8%	0	<b>Second serve points won %</b>	47.4%	22
54.2%	0	<b>Overall service points won %</b>	59.8%	17
56.6%	0	<b>Service games won %</b>	73.6%	13
48.0%	0	<b>Break points saved %</b>	64.1%	3
38.1%	0	<b>First serve return points won %</b>	36.7%	50
50.6%	0	<b>Second serve return points won %</b>	57.1%	18
43.3%	0	<b>Break points converted %</b>	47.1%	27
34.1%	0	<b>Return games won %</b>	36.7%	38
42.9%	0	<b>Return points won %</b>	44.6%	33

Best win by ranking: No.8 vs Navarro in BEIJING 2r  
 Longest match: 2h 32m vs Saville in MIAMI 1r  
 Shortest match: 56m vs Shnaider in CINCINNATI 1r  
 Match points saved:  
 Most aces in a match: 4 vs Minnen in BEIJING 3r  
 4 vs Kudermetova in SEOUL 1r

Best win by ranking: No.3 vs Pegula in BEIJING 4r  
 Longest match: 2h 51m vs Kasatkina in WIMBLEDON 3r  
 Shortest match: 46m vs Samsonova in WASHINGTON DC 2r  
 Match points saved:  
 Most aces in a match: 11 vs Raducanu in WASHINGTON DC QF  
 11 vs Kenin in WASHINGTON DC 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 (13)

2023 - ABU DHABI (w/Stefani)  
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 (16)

2024 - SEOUL (w/Kato), US OPEN (w/Mladenovic),  
BIRMINGHAM (w/Kato)  
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 (4)

2024 - WASHINGTON DC  
2022 - SYDNEY  
2021 - INDIAN WELLS, BELGRADE





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## GRAND SLAMS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
		1r	1r	<b>2024</b>	3r	3r	4r	QF
4r	1r	1r		<b>2023</b>			2r	
3r	1r	3r	4r	<b>2022</b>	4r	3r	4r	2r
1r	1r	1r	2r	<b>2021</b>	1r	QF	4r	2r
3r	4r		1r	<b>2020</b>	2r	4r		1r
3r	2r	QF	3r	<b>2019</b>	1r		1r	1r
2r	2r	1r	1r	<b>2018</b>				
2r	3r	1r	3r	<b>2017</b>				
QF	2r	1r	3r	<b>2016</b>				
1r	1r			<b>2015</b>				
1r	1r	1r	1r	<b>2014</b>				
				<b>2013</b>				
1r	1r			<b>2012</b>				
1r	1r	1r	1r	<b>2011</b>				
	1r			<b>2010</b>				
				<b>2009</b>				
			1r	<b>2008</b>				

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## CAREER MILESTONES

- Reached R16 at 2023 Australian Open (l. Pliskova) taking her ranking to a high of No. 22. Zhang failed to win a singles match after Lyon in January and ended her season early after Montreal (l. Blinkova).
- In doubles, won the 2023 title at Abu Dhabi (w/Stefani) and reached semifinals at Doha (w/Olmos) and Wimbledon (w/Dolehide).

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 previous best career ranking of 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

- 2023 was a difficult season for Badosa; while she made the SF at Adelaide #2, reached back-to-back QF at Charleston and Stuttgart and an additional QF at Rome, she withdrew from Roland Garros with a back injury. Her last match of the year was at Wimbledon, where she fell in the R64. She ended her season afterwards due to continuing injury
- In 2022, Badosa rose to career-high ranking of No.2 (April 25), won one title, at Sydney and advanced to SF at Indian Wells, Stuttgart and San Jose
- Captured the first two WTA singles titles of her career in 2021 at Belgrade (d. Konjuh in F) and Indian Wells (d. Azarenka in F)
- Qualified for AKRON WTA Finals Guadalajara, where she advanced to the SF stage
- Broke into the WTA Top 20 on October 18, 2021 after winning the Indian Wells title and reached the Top 10 on November 8, 2021
- Nominated for 2021 WTA Most Improved Player of the Year (won by Krejcikova), as voted on by members of the media
- In 2021 also advanced to SF at Madrid, Charleston and Lyon and QFs at Roland-Garros, Cincinnati and Olympics
- At 2020 Roland Garros, upset former finalist Stephens and 2017 champion Ostapenko en route to reaching R16 for the first time at a major. That year also reached SF at Istanbul (l. Bouchard)
- Campaign in 2019 highlighted by SF run at Palermo (l. Bertens) and QF showing at Seoul (l. Y.Wang); also fell 1r on Grand Slam main draw debut at Australian Open (as qualifier, l. Birrell)
- Finished 2018 inside Top 200 for the first time (at No.143); picked up three ITF titles at \$25k ITF/Glasgow-UK, ITF/\$25k Les Franqueses del Valles - FRA and ITF/\$60k Valencia-ESP
- Fell in qualifying at 2018 Wimbledon, Madrid and US Open
- Claimed third title on ITF Circuit in 2017 at ITF/\$25k El Espinar; Fell 1r at Miami and in qualifying at Madrid
- In 2016, fell 1r at Miami, Madrid and Mallorca and in qualifying at Rio de Janeiro
- As wildcard, made breakthrough on WTA Tour with 3r run at 2015 Miami Open (l. Ka.Pliskova)
- Came through qualifying at 2015 Madrid, fell 1r to Errani via ret. w/left leg injury
- Continued at ITF Circuit level during 2013-2014 before playing second WTA qualifying draw at 2015 Antwerp, where she advanced to 2r (l. Bodarenko)

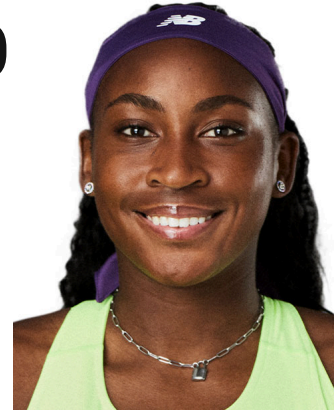
- qualifier (d. No.2 Halep and No.17 Key en route, l. Konta). Run also marked first time winning back-to-back main draw matches since semifinal run at 2014 Birmingham
- As a qualifier during 2016 Melbourne run, defeated No.2 Halep and No.17 Keys (l. Konta). Ranked No.133, became lowest-ranked player to advance to last eight in Melbourne since 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 WTA qualifying debut at 2013 Palermo, winning one match via retirement before falling in 2r (l.Gatto-Monticone) Won first title on ITF Circuit at \$10k ITF/Sant Jordi-ESP in 2012; now owns seven singles titles at this level
- Played first professional tournament of career at \$10k ITF/Gexto-ESP in 2012 (l. in 1r)
- Won girls' singles title at 2015 Roland Garros (d. Kalinskaya in F) and reached QF at Roland Garros and Wimbledon in 2014; finished 2015 as No.8 in ITF World Junior rankings

## OTHER INFORMATION

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

- Currently coached by Pol Todeo; Previously worked with Jorge García
- Born in New York City, often trains in Barcelona, near her hometown Begur in the Costa Brava, but lives in Dubai
- Aggressive baseliner whose favorite shot is serve. Favorite tournament is US Open
- Childhood idol was Maria Sharapova, whose dedication, work ethic and values inspired her to become a pro
- Enjoys reading, always travels with books and her favorite is Tuesdays with Morrie (Mitch Albom)
- Professional goals are to reach her full potential
- Speaks English, Spanish and Catalan, and would like to learn more languages



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STARODUBTSEVA**  
(Q)  
UKRAINE

**COCO  
(4) GAUFF** 6  
UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA

2000-02-17	<b>Date of Birth</b>	2004-03-13
	<b>Residence</b>	Delray Beach, FL, USA
	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
	<b>Height</b>	5' 9" (1.75m)
115	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	2
\$500,534	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$15,517,550
\$407,632	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$3,289,408
0 / 0	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	1 / 7
1-4 (Round of 64: 2024 WIMBLEDON)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	60-20 (Champion: 2023 US OPEN)
4-0 / 4-0 (Quarter-Finalist: 2024)	<b>YTD / Career BEIJING W-L (best)</b>	3-0 / 7-1 (Semi-Finalist: 2023)
7-6 / 7-6	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	44-15 / 190-83
6-3 / 6-3	<b>YTD / Career Hard W-L</b>	25-8 / 120-54
1-2 / 1-2	<b>YTD / Career 3-Set W-L</b>	10-7 / 53-29
1-2 / 1-2	<b>YTD / Career TB W-L</b>	8-7 / 43-25
0-1 / 0-1	<b>YTD / Career TOP 10 W-L</b>	5-6 / 21-29
Quarter-Finalist: MONASTIR, BEIJING	<b>YTD Best Result</b>	Champion: AUCKLAND



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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
118	-	2024	2	-
160	160	2023	3	3
-	-	2022	4	7
-	-	2021	19	22
-	-	2020	47	48
-	-	2019	68	68
1144	-	2018	874	875
1082	1145	2017	-	-



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. L. SIEGEMUND (#69) 6-4 7-6 (2h 27m)  
2r: d. K. SINIAKOVA (#37) 6-2 6-2 (1h 38m)  
3r: d. E. AVANESYAN (#47) 6-3 6-1 (1h 32m)  
4r: d. A. KALINSKAYA (#14) 7-5 6-0 (1h 35m)

*Total time on court: 7h 12m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making debut appearance at Beijing in first career WTA 1000 main draw
- Made WTA main draw debut at Australian Open this year; had previously contested San Diego and US Open qualifying 2023
- Came through qualifying here, defeating Carol Zhao and Su Jeong Jang
- In main draw action, defeated Laura Siegemund, Katerina Siniakova, Elina Avanesyan and Anna Kalinskaya to reach second career QF after advancing to final eight at Monastir this year (l. Kartal in QF)
- Win over No.37 Siniakova was first career Top 50 win (was previously 0-3) and win over No.14 Kalinskaya was first Top 20 win (was previously 0-2)
- Through qualifying and main draw, has yet to drop a set
- Faces No.6 Coco Gauff in QF today - is 0-1 against Top 10 players falling to No.6 Ons Jabeur in 1r of Australian Open earlier this year
- Looking to reach first career Tour-level SF
- Record in WTA QF matches stands at 0-1 (l. eventual champion, Kartal)
- Only player from Ukraine to reach QF
- Best result by Ukraine at Beijing was SF run by Elina Svitolina in 2016
- Last time a player from Ukraine reached QF at Beijing was 2019 (Elina Svitolina)
- Only qualifier to reach QF; best result by a qualifier at Beijing was SF run by Monica Niculescu in 2011
- Is currently ranked No.115; this time last year was ranked No.203

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. C. BUREL (#56) 7-5 6-3 (1h 40m)  
3r: d. K. BOULTER (#34) 7-5 6-2 (1h 24m)  
4r: d. N. OSAKA (#73) 3-6 6-4 (1h 28m)

*Total time on court: 4h 32m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making second appearance at Beijing, where she reached SF in 2023 (l. eventual champion Swiatek)
- Owns one career WTA 1000 title at 2023 Cincinnati - has reached a further five WTA 1000 events including two this year at Indian Wells (l. Sakkari) and Rome (l. Swiatek)
- After 1r bye here, beat Clara Burel, Katie Boulter and Naomi Osaka (via ret) to reach QF
- Faces No.115 Yuliia Starodubtseva in QF today looking to reach second consecutive SF
- Owns 8-2 career record against players from Ukraine, with record in 2024 standing at 5-1 (only loss came to Marta Kostyuk at Stuttgart)
- Owns 36-4 career record against qualifiers, with a record in 2024 standing at 11-1 (only loss came to Anna Kalinskaya at Dubai)
- Has won all eight matches against players outside the Top 100 this year and won 23 of her last 24 match-ups; last loss came to No.128 Sofia Kenin at Wimbledon last year
- Record in WTA QF matches stands at 22-16 and is 6-2 this year looking to reach seventh SF of the year and fourth on hard courts
- Six of her seven career titles have come on hard courts including one this year at Auckland
- Only player from the US to reach QF; the best result by the US at Beijing were Serena Williams' title runs in 2013 and 2004
- Is currently ranked No.6; this time last year was ranked No.3
- Has won 44 matches so far in 2024; she is ranked No.4 on tour for match wins behind Swiatek (57), Sabalenka (49) and Navarro (45)
- Leads Tour in Return Points Won % (48.3%) and Return Games Won % (45.8%)



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

2023	Result	Rank: 3	Seed: 3
SF	L	I. SWIATEK (#2)	6-2 6-3
QF	W	M. SAKKARI (#6)	6-2 6-4
3r	W	V. KUDERMETOVA (#16)	7-6(5) 6-2
2r	W	P. MARTIC (#48)	7-5 5-7 7-6(2)
1r	W	E. ALEXANDROVA (#20)	7-5 6-3



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## SEASON 2024 HISTORY

- Reached 3r at Monastir (l. eventual champion Kartal)
- Contested 1r at US Open (as qualifier, l. Azarenka)
- Contested 1r at Bastad 125 (l. Schmiedlova)
- Reached 2r at Wimbledon (as qualifier, l. Sun)
- Contested 1r at WTA 125 Bari (l. Oz)
- As a qualifier, reached 1r at Roland Garros (l. Bucsa) to make her second Grand Slam appearance after Australian Open this season
- Contested 1r at WTA 125 Paris (l. Cornet)
- Fell in opening round at Bogota (l. Errani)
- Played 1r at WTA 125 San Luis Potosi (l. Jones)
- Contested QF at WTA 125 Puerto Vallarta (l. Preston)
- Reached Australian Open 1r as a qualifier (l. Jabeur); her first ever Grand Slam main draw

- Made 4r at US Open (l. Navarro)
- After 1r bye played 2r at Cincinnati (l. Putintseva)
- Reached 3r at Toronto (l. Shnaider)
- Made 2r at Paris Olympics (l. Vekic)
- Reached R16 at Wimbledon (l. Navarro)
- Made SF at Berlin (l. eventual champion Pegula)
- Reached 3rd straight Grand Slam SF at Roland Garros (l. eventual champion Swiatek); also won maiden Grand Slam doubles title (w/Siniakova)
- Made SF at Rome (l. eventual champion Swiatek); also achieved R-Up in doubles w/Routliffe
- Contested 4r at Madrid (l. Keys)
- Reached QF at Stuttgart (l. eventual R-Up Kostyuk)
- Made R16 at Miami (l. Garcia)
- Reached SF at Indian Wells (l. Sakkari)
- Contested QF at Dubai (l. Kalinskaya)
- Following 1r bye, fell in 2r at Doha (l. Siniakova)
- Reached third Grand Slam SF of her career at Australian Open (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)
- Won the title in her opening tournament of the 2024 season and her seventh title overall at Auckland (d. Svitolina)





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## SEASON 2024 STATS

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
18	131	<b>Aces</b>	201	12
66.8%	0	<b>First serve %</b>	57.4%	80
58.7%	0	<b>First Serve points won %</b>	71.4%	6
44.0%	0	<b>Second serve points won %</b>	44.4%	59
53.8%	0	<b>Overall service points won %</b>	59.9%	15
59.5%	0	<b>Service games won %</b>	73.1%	16
60.4%	0	<b>Break points saved %</b>	60.1%	16
40.7%	0	<b>First serve return points won %</b>	41.5%	2
59.1%	0	<b>Second serve return points won %</b>	59.1%	5
52.4%	0	<b>Break points converted %</b>	51.5%	4
41.5%	0	<b>Return games won %</b>	45.8%	1
47.0%	0	<b>Return points won %</b>	48.3%	1

Best win by ranking: No.14 vs Kalinskaya in BEIJING 4r  
Longest match: 2h 27m vs Siegemund in BEIJING 1r  
Shortest match: 1h 7m vs Jabeur in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 1r  
Match points saved:  
Most aces in a match: 2 vs Avanesyan in BEIJING 3r  
2 vs Siniakova in BEIJING 2r  
2 vs Lamens in MONASTIR 1r  
2 vs Errani in BOGOTA 1r

Best win by ranking: No.7 vs Zheng in ROME QF  
Longest match: 3h 8m vs Kostyuk in AUSTRALIAN OPEN QF  
Shortest match: 51m vs Rus in MADRID 2r  
Match points saved:  
Most aces in a match: 10 vs Navarro in AUCKLAND SF



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## TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (7)

2024 - AUCKLAND

2023 - US OPEN, CINCINNATI, WASHINGTON DC, AUCKLAND

2021 - PARMA

2019 - LINZ

Runner-Up (1)

2022 - ROLAND GARROS

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (9)

2024 - ROLAND GARROS (w/Siniakova)

2023 - MIAMI (w/Pegula), DOHA (w/Pegula)

2022 - SAN DIEGO (w/Pegula), TORONTO

(w/Pegula), DOHA (w/Pegula)

2021 - PARMA (w/Mcnally)

2019 - LUXEMBOURG (w/Mcnally), WASHINGTON DC (w/Mcnally)

Runner-Up (6)

2024 - ROME (w/Routliffe)

2023 - ROME (w/Pegula), MADRID (w/Pegula)

2022 - ROLAND GARROS (w/Pegula), STUTTGART (w/Zhang)

2021 - US OPEN (w/Mcnally)

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
1r	1r	2r	1r	<b>2024</b>	SF	SF	4r	4r
				<b>2023</b>	4r	QF	1r	<b>WON</b>
				<b>2022</b>	1r	RUP	3r	QF
				<b>2021</b>	2r	QF	4r	2r
				<b>2020</b>	4r	2r		1r
				<b>2019</b>			4r	3r



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- Won four ITF circuit titles in 2023 including W60 events in Sumter, Dallas, and Rancho Sante Fe. Earned a spot in Grand Slam qualifying for the first time at 2023 US Open (l. Naef). Reached career high ranking of No. 151 on November 27, 2023.
- Played only one ITF tournament between 2018 and 2022, returning to the courts for the 2023 season.
- Made professional debut on ITF circuit in 2016 at 16 years of age.
- Won debut Grand Slam singles crown in 2023 lifting title on home soil at US Open (d. Sabalenka in F). Picked up another three titles in 2023, marking first WTA 1000 title at Cincinnati and debut WTA 500 title at Washington DC, in addition to WTA 250 Auckland. In doubles was co-ranked No.1 with Pegula after US Open.
- In 2022, reached maiden Grand Slam final at Roland-Garros (l. Swiatek); was the youngest major finalist since Sharapova won 2004 Wimbledon
- Made Top-10 debut on September 12, 2022, following QF run at US Open (l. Garcia)
- Highlight of 2021 campaign was completing singles-doubles title sweep at Parma; defeated Q.Wang in singles final and teamed up w/McNally to win doubles
- In 2021 also reached SF at Adelaide and Rome, while at the Slams made QF at Roland-Garros and R16 at Wimbledon
- Finished R-Up in doubles at 2021 US Open (w/McNally, l. Stosur/Zhang)
- First cracked the Top 50 on February 24, 2020 at No.49, following a R16 appearance at Australian Open to tie her career best Grand Slam result - during run, defeated V.Williams in 1r and her first Top-5 opponent in No.4 Osaka in 3r (l. eventual champion Kenin in 3s)
- Enjoyed breakout season in 2019, highlighted by maiden WTA singles title at Linz (as lucky loser, d. Ostapenko in F) - earned her first Top-10 win en route to title over No.8 Bertens in QF
- At 15y 214d, her title run in Linz made her youngest to win a WTA tour-level title since Vaidisova (15y 177d) won Tashkent in 2004
- Also claimed maiden WTA doubles titles at Washington, DC (w/McNally, d. Sanchez/Stollar in F) and Luxembourg (w/McNally, d. Christian/Guarachi in F)
- By winning the doubles title at Washington, DC at 15y 144d, became the youngest player to win a doubles title since May 1995 (Hingis won Hamburg at 14y 219d)
- Reached R16 at 2019 Wimbledon on Grand Slam main draw debut defeating V.Williams in 1r (l. eventual champion Halep) - followed with 3r showing at US Open (as WC, l. Osaka)
- Made WTA main draw debut as a wildcard at 2019 Miami where she earned her first WTA main draw win over good friend McNally (l. Kasatkina in 2r)
- Made professional debut in May 2018 as a qualifier into the \$25K ITF/Osprey, FL-USA

- Member of US Billie Jean King Cup team in 2022
- Former Junior World No.1 (July 2018); won 2018 Roland-Garros girls' title (d. McNally in F) and 2018 US Open doubles title (w/McNally), while finished R-Up at 2017 US Open girls' event (L. Anisimova) becoming the youngest girls' singles finalist in tournament history at 13-years-old

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Currently trains outside New York with her main coach Carl Thorsen
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  - Favorite shot is forehand and favors playing on hardcourt
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  - At age of 17 went to Old Dominion University, Virginia
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  - Started playing tennis at 5 years old in Ukraine
- Coached by Jean Christophe Faurel and Matt Daly
  - Father, Corey, played basketball at Georgia State; mother, Candi, excelled in gymnastics before competing in a track and field at Florida State University
  - Previously worked with Diego Moyano
  - Started playing tennis at six
  - Favorite surface is hard, describes her playing style as aggressive as possible with a big serve; depends on her quickness and athleticism to keep her in any point - describes herself as a "fighter"
  - Tennis idols growing up were the Williams sisters whose tenacity and fearlessness made her want to become a professional tennis player
  - Enjoys hanging out with her brother and family, watching superhero movies and making TikTok videos
  - Does not have any pets but has been trying to convince her mom to get a dog
  - Favorite city is Paris because of the history, food and architecture. Favorite celebrity is Beyonce because she is an incredible performer