



# MATCH NOTES

## KOREA OPEN

SEOUL, KOREA

September 16 - 22, 2024 | WTA 500



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## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 – DAY 1

### [Q] E. Ruse (ROU) vs [8] Y. Yuan (CHN)

### First Meeting

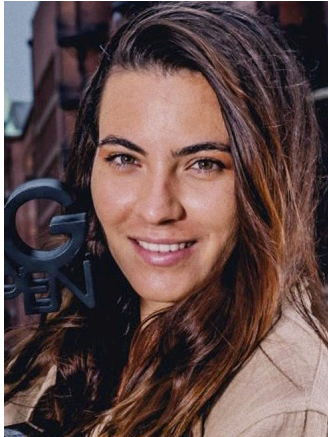
- **Ruse** is making her debut appearance at Seoul...**Ruse** has beaten Okamura and Hozumi so far this week in qualifying to reach main draw...last time a Romanian player reached 1r at Seoul was 2019... Faces No.38 **Yuan** in 1r today in their first meeting...**Ruse** is looking for her 9<sup>th</sup> career win over a Top 50 player (most recently defeated No.8 Barbora Krejckova at the US Open 2024)... **Yuan** is making her 2nd appearance at Seoul... **Yuan's** previous result was reaching the final in 2023, where she fell to No.1 seed Pegula 62 63... **Yuan's** runner-up result was the best result by a Chinese player at the tournament...she is looking for her 4<sup>th</sup> career win over a qualifier today...



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**100** **ELENA-GABRIELA RUSE**  
ROMANIA

**YUE YUAN** **38**  
CHINA

1997-11-06	<b>Date of Birth</b>	1998-09-25
Bucharest, Romania	<b>Residence</b>	Yangzhou, China
Right-Handed (double-handed backhand)	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 8" (1.73m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 10" (1.78 m)
51	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	36
\$2,124,772	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$1,734,080
\$467,072	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$800,133
0 / 1	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	1 / 1
4-10 (Round of 32: 2024 US OPEN)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	2-8 (Round of 32: 2022 US OPEN)
0-0 / 0-0	<b>YTD / Career SEOUL W-L (best)</b>	0-0 / 4-1 (Runner-Up: 2023)
5-5 / 35-49	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	21-20 / 30-36
2-2 / 17-23	<b>YTD / Career Hard W-L</b>	17-10 / 26-22
2-3 / 15-17	<b>YTD / Career 3-Set W-L</b>	8-5 / 10-14
1-1 / 10-9	<b>YTD / Career TB W-L</b>	8-6 / 12-9
Quarter-Finalist: ROUEN	<b>YTD Best Result</b>	Champion: AUSTIN



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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
100	-	2024	36	-
103	125	2023	74	108
51	104	2022	74	74
83	85	2021	229	312
166	177	2020	205	229
171	182	2019	222	233
182	243	2018	334	378
209	265	2017	424	429
254	254	2016	929	931
642	642	2015	-	-



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

#### PLAYER NOTES

- Making her debut appearance at Seoul
- Faces No.38 Yue Yuan in 1r today; owns 8 wins in career over Top 50 players, most recently the Wimbledon 2024 champion, No.8 Barbora Krejčíková at the US Open 2024
- Owns 1-3 career record against players from China, with record in 2024 standing at 0-0
- Owns 11-29 career record against seeds, with a record in 2024 standing at 2-4
- Best career result on hard is Runner-Up which she has reached once: Cluj-Napoca in 2023
- Only player from Romania to reach 1r
- Best result by Romania at Seoul was the Champion run by Irina-camelia Begu in 2015
- Last time a player from Romania reached 1r at Seoul was 2019
- One of 6 qualifiers to reach 1r
- Best result by a qualifier at Seoul was the Runner-Up run by Aliaksandra Sasnovich in 2015
- Is currently ranked No.100; this time last year was ranked No.185
- During last year's Asian swing reached 1r at Abu Dhabi, 1r at Hua Hin
- Is currently on a 0-match winning streak; longest winning streak of her career was 9 matches in 2021
- Has won 5 matches so far in 2024; she is ranked No.106 on tour for match wins, behind Nadia Podoroska, McCartney Kessler, Martina Trevisan
- Has been involved in 5 three-set matches in 2024

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

#### PLAYER NOTES

- Making her 2nd appearance at Seoul, where her previous result was reaching the final in 2023 (l. Pegula)
- Faces No.100 Elena-gabriela Ruse in 1r today in their first career meeting
- Owns 1-0 career record against players from Romania, with record in 2024 standing at 0-0
- Owns 3-2 career record against qualifiers, with a record in 2024 standing at 2-1
- Best career result on hard is Champion which she has reached once: Austin in 2024
- One of 3 players from China to reach 1r
- Best result by a Chinese player at Seoul was her own Runner-Up run last season
- Is currently ranked No.38; this time last year was ranked No.137
- During last year's Asian swing reached the final at Seoul, 2r at Beijing, 1r at Ningbo, 2r at Guangzhou, 1r at Osaka
- Is currently on a 0-match winning streak; longest winning streak of her career was 10 matches in 2024
- Has won 21 matches so far in 2024; she is ranked No.29 on tour for match wins, behind Donna Vekic, Magdalena Frech, Madison Keys
- Has been involved in 12 three-set matches in 2024



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

2023	Result	Rank: 128	Seed: -
F	L	J. PEGULA (#4)	6-2 6-3
SF	W	E. BEKTAS (#116)	6-7(3) 6-4 6-2
QF	W	M. BOUZKOVA (#29)	7-5 7-6(7)
2r	W	K. JUVAN (#99)	6-4 4-1
1r	W	A. HARTONO (#165)	6-1 6-2



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## SEASON 2024 HISTORY

- Made 3r at US Open (as qualifier, l. Badosa)
- Reached SF at Hamburg 125 (l. Rus)
- Made 2r at Lasi (l. Cristian)
- Contested 1r at Wimbledon (as qualifier, l. Rybakina)
- Played qualifying at Roland Garros
- Made SF at WTA 125 Paris (l. Navarro)
- Reached QF at Rouen (l. Garcia)
- Played R16 at WTA 125 La Bisbal (l. Danilovic)
- Reached 1r at WTA 125 Antalya as a qualifier (l. Kawa)
- Opened the 2024 season making 1r at Auckland (as qualifier, l. Raducanu)

- Contested 1r at US Open (l. E. Andreeva)
- Reached QF at Monterrey (l. Alexandrova)
- Fell in opening round at Cincinnati (l. Fernandez)
- Reached 2r at Toronto (l. Sabalenka)
- Contested 2r at Paris Olympics (l. Sakkari)
- Contested 1r at Wimbledon (l. Rus)
- Made 2r at Eastbourne (l. eventual champion Kasatkina)
- Fell 1r at Birmingham (l. Stephens)
- Reached 2r at 's-Hertogenbosch (l. Andreescu)
- Fell in opening round at Roland Garros (l. Sherif)
- Played 1r at Rabat (l. Rosatello)
- Fell in opening round at both Madrid (l. Putintseva) and Rome (l. Wang Xinyu)
- Reached QF at Rouen (l. eventual champion Stephens)
- Contested 2r at Miami (l. Sakkari)
- After defeating No.8 Zheng for first Top 10 win and No.12 Kasatkina, reached QF at Indian Wells (l. Gauff)
- Won her first WTA singles career title at Austin after defeating Wang Xiyu in first all Chinese final outside Asia since Estoril in 2006 (Zheng Jie defeated Li Na)
- Contested 1r at Hua Hin (l. Rodionova)
- Fell in opening round at Australian Open (l. Boulter)
- As a qualifier, reached SF at Hobart (l. eventual champion Navarro)
- Opened the 2024 season making R16 at Auckland (l. Martic)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
29	103	<b>Aces</b>	95	45
58.2%	0	<b>First serve %</b>	60.6%	60
64.5%	0	<b>First Serve points won %</b>	62.3%	56
46.2%	0	<b>Second serve points won %</b>	47.8%	14
56.8%	0	<b>Overall service points won %</b>	56.6%	49
65.8%	0	<b>Service games won %</b>	64.5%	56
48.7%	0	<b>Break points saved %</b>	55.4%	54
35.6%	0	<b>First serve return points won %</b>	37.1%	40
59.4%	0	<b>Second serve return points won %</b>	55.1%	47
44.3%	0	<b>Break points converted %</b>	41.0%	80



36.8% 0

45.2% 0


Return games won % 32.8% 61

Return points won % 43.5% 49

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## TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (1)  
 2021 - HAMBURG  
 Runner-Up (2)  
 2023 - CLUJ-NAPOCA  
 2021 - PALERMO

### DOUBLES FINALS

Runner-Up (1)  
 2019 - BUCHAREST (w/Cristian)

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (1)  
 2024 - AUSTIN  
 Runner-Up (1)  
 2023 - SEOUL

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
		1r	3r	<b>2024</b>	1r	1r	1r	1r
			1r	<b>2023</b>	1r		1r	
2r	1r	1r	2r	<b>2022</b>			1r	3r
			1r	<b>2021</b>				
				<b>2020</b>				
		1r		<b>2019</b>				
		1r		<b>2018</b>				



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- 2023 highlight was reaching third WTA singles final of career, on home soil at Cluj-Napoca (l. Korpatsch)
- In 2022, reached 2r on nine occasions, including Australian Open (l. Kudermetova) and US Open (l. Gauff)
- During 2021 season, captured maiden WTA title at Hamburg (d. Petkovic in F) and finished R-Up at Palermo (l. Collins) - entered both tournaments as a qualifier
- Made Top 100 debut at No.99 on September 20, 2021
- Ended 2020 with her deepest ITF Circuit run of the season, at \$100k Dubai-UAE. Also reached two QFs at this level and fell in final round of qualifying at both Australian Open and Roland Garros
- Advanced to maiden WTA QF at 2019 Nottingham (as qualifier, l. Garcia)
- Fell 1r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2018 Wimbledon (as qualifier, l. A.Radwanska in 3s)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2016 Bucharest and scored first Tour-level win of career at 2017 Bucharest (d. Shinikova, l. Suarez Navarro)
- WTA qualifying debut came at 2015 Bucharest
- Owner of six singles and 10 doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Played first professional events of career in Romania on ITF circuit in 2012
- In the 2023 season reached her first Hologic WTA Tour final at Seoul (l. Pegula)
- Debuted in the main draw of Australian Open in 2023 without having to play qualification rounds for the first time, however fell in 1r (l. Sakkari)
- In 2023 season lifted an ITF \$100k Takasaki title
- Ended her 2023 singles season ranked at No. 87
- Jumped more than 100 spots in ranking during 2022, breaking Top 100 in October after winning ITF W60 Las Vegas NV
- Started off the year with a title win at W60+H Traralgon; also made F at W60 Liepaja (l. Navarro) and W60 Berkeley CA (l. Brengle)
- Qualified for the main draw at Miami and Wimbledon and made 3r at US Open (l. Pegula)

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Calin Ciorbagiu
- Formerly worked with Andrei Lulian Vespan
- Currently lives in Bucharest
- Her father has been a football player and her mom is a former gymnast
- Enjoys reading, movies, some times cooking desserts, listening to music on her phone handsets is relaxing
- Considers herself to be very ambitious
- Coached by Nan Yang
- Started playing tennis at the age of 10
- Favorite player is Roger Federer