



MATCH NOTES

KOREA OPEN

SEOUL, KOREA

September 16 - 22, 2024 | WTA 500



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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2024 – DAY 3

[7] Ekaterina Alexandrova (#31) vs. [Q] Polina Kudermetova [#164]

First meeting

Alexandrova:

- A former champion here, lifting the title in 2022 (d. Jelena Ostapenko in final)
- Has also reached the SF here in 2019 and QF in 2018
- Has won her last four matches against players outside the Top 100
- Won both her hard court titles in Asia (Seoul 2022, Shenzhen 2020)
- Currently ranked sixth on Tour in aces struck (248)

P. Kudermetova:

- Made QF here in 2023 (l. Wickmayer)
- She defeated Hon here in 1r to record first WTA main draw win since Seoul last year
- Bidding for her first Top 50 win of career (owns two Top 100 wins)
- Older sister Veronika is also competing at Seoul in 2r today

[4] Diana Shnaider (#17) vs. [Q] Carol Zhao [CAN #265]

First meeting

Shnaider:

- Currently one spot off a career-high ranking of No.16
- Making her debut appearance at Seoul
- Won her first hard court title earlier this year at Hua Hin
- Has won her last nine matches against players outside the Top 100

Zhao:

- Defeated three South Korean players this week, Grael and Park in qualifying and Back in 1r
- Won her first WTA main draw match for over year on Monday (since 2023 's-Hertogenbosch)
- Bidding for first Top 20 win today



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[Q] Heather Watson (GBR #183) vs. [5] Marta Kostyuk (UKR #18)

Kostyuk leads 1-0

Watson:

- Competing in the second round at Seoul for the first time in five appearances
- Defeated Boyoung Jeong and Yeonwoo Ku in qualifying in straight sets
- Made the second round at a Tour-level tournament for the first time since Nottingham 2024
- Also competed in doubles here with partner Bethanie Mattek Sands (fell in 1r)

Kostyuk:

- Making debut appearance at Seoul
- Defeated Watson in their only prior matchup at Brisbane 2019 in qualifying rounds
- First time a Ukrainian player has reached 2r at Seoul since 2016 (Kateryna Baindl)
- Tied for first on Tour (with Coco Gauff) in double faults (331)

Veronika Kudermetova (#44) vs. [2] Liudmila Samsonova (#15)

Kudermetova leads 4-2

V. Kudermetova:

- Making debut appearance at Seoul
- Won the last two matches against Samsonova, at Berlin 2024 and Zhuhai Elite Trophy 2023
- Seeking her first QF appearance since Charleston 2024
- Younger sister Polina is also competing at Seoul in 2r

Samsonova:

- Seeking first win over Kudermetova since Abu Dhabi 2023
- Won her most recent hard court title at Tokyo in 2022
- Coming off a successful North American hard court swing, where she reached the QF at Toronto and Cincinnati and 4r at US Open
- Ranked ninth on Tour in aces struck (221)



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**EKATERINA
ALEXANDROVA (7)**

**POLINA
KUDERMETOVA (Q)**

164

1994-11-15	Date of Birth	2003-06-04
Prague, Czech Republic	Residence	
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 9" (1.75m)	Height	
15	Career-High Ranking	139
\$6,839,196	Career Prize Money	\$359,774
\$1,231,684	Season Prize Money	\$151,642
0 / 4	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 0
30-30 (Round of 16: 2023 WIMBLEDON)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	0-1 (Round of 128: 2023 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
1-0 / 13-4 (Champion: 2022)	YTD / Career SEOUL W-L (best)	1-0 / 3-1 (Quarter-Finalist: 2023)
23-21 / 180-145	YTD / Career W-L	1-1 / 4-7
17-11 / 115-87	YTD / Career Hard W-L	1-0 / 3-2
8-8 / 54-53	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L	0-1 / 1-2
8-8 / 43-53	YTD / Career TB W-L	0-0 / 0-0
Runner-Up: LINZ	YTD Best Result	Round of 16: SEOUL



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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
15	-	2024	158	-
16	21	2023	139	157
19	19	2022	218	218
30	33	2021	564	571
25	33	2020	774	791
35	35	2019	946	958
73	93	2018	-	-
69	73	2017	-	-
132	133	2016	-	-
228	269	2015	-	-



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. V. LEPCHENKO (#159) 7-5 3-6 6-0 (2h 2m)

Total time on court: 2h 2m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making her sixth appearance at Seoul, where she is a former champion, winning the title in 2022 (d. Ostapenko in final)
- Has also reached the SF here in 2019 (l. Linette) and QF in 2018 (l. Hsieh Su-Wei)
- Won opening match here at 2024 Seoul on Monday, defeating qualifier Varava Lepchenko in three sets
- Faces No.164 Polina Kudermetova in 2r today - has now her last four matches against players outside the Top 100, last tasting defeat to No.113 Sasnovich at 2024 Rome
- Two-time chard court champion: Seoul in 2022; Shenzhen in 2020
- Is currently ranked No.31; this time last year was ranked No.20
- During last year's Asian swing reached QF at Tokyo, 2r at Seoul, 1r at Beijing
- Has won 22 matches so far in 2024; she is ranked No.28 on tour for match wins
- Has been involved in 14 three-set matches in 2024

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. P. HON (#195) 7-5 6-4 (1h 54m)

Total time on court: 1h 54m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making her second appearance at Seoul, where her previous result was reaching QF in 2023 (l. Wickmayer)
- Won through qualifying to reach main draw and defeated Priscilla Hon in 1r - marks first WTA main draw win since 2023 Seoul
- Faces No.31 Ekaterina Alexandrova in 2r today, bidding for first Top 50 win of career
- Owns two wins over Top 100 players in career, over No.53 Parks (2023 Seoul) and No.97 Paquet (WTA 125 Montreux in 2024)
- Owns 1-3 career record against seeds; first time facing a seed in 2024
- Is currently ranked No.164; this time last year was ranked No.170
- During last year's Asian swing reached QF at Seoul
- Has been involved in 1 three-set matches in 2024



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2023	Result	Rank: 22	Seed: 3
2r	L	Y. WICKMAYER (#83)	6-3 7-6(6)
1r	W	M. HONTAMA (#120)	6-3 6-1
2022	Result	Rank: 24	Seed: 2
F	W	J. OSTAPENKO (#19)	7-6(4) 6-0
SF	W	T. MARIA (#80)	6-2 6-4
QF	W	L. SUN (#340)	7-5 7-6(6)
2r	W	N. HAN (#212)	6-1 6-3
1r	W	A. MUHAMMAD (#142)	6-1 3-6 6-1
2019	Result	Rank: 39	Seed: 2
SF	L	M. LINETTE (#48)	7-6(5) 7-6(7)
QF	W	K. AHN (#93)	6-7(0) 6-4 6-4
2r	W	K. PLISKOVA (#81)	3-6 6-3 6-4
1r	W	G. MINNEN (#122)	6-4 6-3
2018	Result	Rank: 122	Seed: -
QF	L	S. HSIEH (#29)	6-0 6-1
2r	W	J. OSTAPENKO (#10)	6-3 6-2
1r	W	J. LARSSON (#68)	6-1 6-2
2017	Result	Rank: 75	Seed: -
2r	L	L. KUMKHUM (#155)	6-3 6-3
1r	W	L. ARRUABARRENA (#61)	6-3 7-5

2023	Result	Rank: 170	Seed: -
QF	L	Y. WICKMAYER (#83)	6-3 6-1
2r	W	K. VON DEICHMANN (#343)	6-3 6-1
1r	W	A. PARKS (#53)	3-6 6-1 6-0

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SEASON 2024 HISTORY

- Made 3r at US Open (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)
- Reached SF at Monterrey (l. Sun)
- Contested 1r at Cincinnati (l. Kasatkina)
- Played 1r at Paris Olympics (l. Yuan)
- Made 2r at Bad Homburg (l. Vekic)
- Reached 2r at Berlin (l. Gauff)
- Made SF at 's-Hertogenbosch (l. eventual champion Samsonova)
- Fell in opening round at Roland Garros (l. Tomova)
- Reached 2r at Strasbourg (l. Linette)
- On clay, suffered opening match losses at Rome (l. Sasnovich), Madrid (l. Krueger), Stuttgart (l. Jabeur) and Charleston (l. Townsend)
- Reached SF at Miami (l. eventual champion, Collins)
- Played 2r at Indian Wells (l. Putintseva)
- Fell in opening round at Dubai (l. Frech)
- Contested R16 at Doha (l. eventual champion, Swiatek)
- Finished Runner-Up at Linz (l. Ostapenko)
- Fell in opening round at Australian Open (l. Siegemund)
- Reached SF at Adelaide (l. eventual champion, Ostapenko)
- Fell in her 2024 season opening match in 2r at Brisbane (l. Riera)

- Reached QF at Montreux 125 (l. eventual champion Begu)
- Played qualifying at US Open
- Made QF at Hamburg 125 (l. Rus)
- Contested 1r at Contrexeville 125 (l. Sherif)
- Played qualifying at Wimbledon
- Failed 1r at WTA 125 Makarska(l. Noha Akugue)
- Played qualifying at Roland Garros
- Played 1r at WTA 125 Saint Malo (l. Saville)
- Made 1r at Rouen as a qualifier (l. Ka. Pliskova)
- Reached QF at WTA 125 Antalya (l. Bouzas Maneiro)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
248	6	Aces	10	150
59.3%	68	First serve %	53.6%	0
70.1%	12	First Serve points won %	73.5%	0
42.5%	73	Second serve points won %	50.6%	0
58.9%	26	Overall service points won %	62.8%	0
71.3%	24	Service games won %	85.2%	0
58.1%	30	Break points saved %	63.6%	0
35.1%	68	First serve return points won %	24.8%	0
50.8%	87	Second serve return points won %	56.9%	0
43.8%	58	Break points converted %	54.5%	0
28.9%	83	Return games won %	23.1%	0
41.0%	84	Return points won %	38.2%	0



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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (4)

2023 - 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH

2022 - SEOUL, 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH

2020 - SHENZHEN

Runner-Up (4)

2024 - LINZ

2023 - CLEVELAND

2021 - MOSCOW

2018 - LINZ

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (1)

2019 - BUDAPEST (w/Zvonareva)

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
1r	1r		3r	2024				
3r	3r	4r	3r	2023	1r			
1r	2r		2r	2022				
3r	2r	2r	2r	2021				
3r	3r		2r	2020				
1r	3r	1r	2r	2019				
2r	1r	1r	1r	2018				
1r	2r	1r	2r	2017				
		2r		2016				



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CAREER MILESTONES

- In 2023, won fourth career singles title at 's-Hertogenbosch, successfully defending the title and defeating top seed, Kudermetova in the final. A run of successful results followed with SF at Berlin (l. eventual champion, Kvitova), 4r at Wimbledon (l. Sabalenka) - a career best result at any of the majors and runner-up at Cleveland (l. Sorribes Tormo).
- Reached a 2023 peak ranking of No. 16 on February 20, 2023 following a 3r finish at Australian Open (l. Linette), before posting two QF results at Miami (l. eventual champion Kvitova) and Charleston (l. Bencic). Another QF then came in the Asian Swing at Tokyo (l. Pavlyuchenkova).
- In 2022, won titles at 's-Hertogenbosch (d. Sabalenka in F) and Seoul (d. Ostapenko in F). Also advanced to SF at Charleston, Madrid and Ostrava, making Top-20 debut on October 10, 2022
- Reached third WTA singles final in 2021, enjoying run to final at home tournament of Moscow (l. Kontaveit). Other key result was SF run at Gippsland Trophy (l. Kanepi)
- Posted two best wins-by-ranking of career in 2021, defeating No.2 Halep (Gippsland Trophy) and No.2 Sabalenka (Moscow)
- Reached 2r on Olympic debut at Tokyo 2020
- Opened 2020 season by lifting her maiden WTA singles title, at Shenzhen (d. Rybakina in F)
- Won both singles rubbers on Billie Jean King Cup debut in 3-2 win over Romania in February 2020
- Made Top-50 debut on June 17, 2019 after QF run at 's-Hertogenbosch
- Registered 30 Tour-level match wins during 2019, in which she reached SF at Budapest, Seoul and Linz and made QF at St. Petersburg, 's-Hertogenbosch, Eastbourne and Moscow. Also advanced to 3r at a major for the first time, at Roland Garros
- Won sole WTA doubles title at 2019 Budapest (w/Zvonareva)
- Came through qualifying to make maiden WTA final appearance at 2018 Linz (l. Giorgi)
- Advanced to first WTA QF at 2018 Seoul, scoring maiden Top 10 win of her career en route, over No.10 Ostapenko
- Made Top-100 debut at No.93 on March 20, 2017 after winning title at \$60K ITF/Shenzhen-CHN
- At 2016 Wimbledon, ranked No.223, won her way through qualifying on her maiden Slam appearance, going on to reach 2r (upset No.23 seed Ivanovic in 1r)
- 2023 saw her compete in first Tour-level main draw reaching 1r at Australian Open (as qualifier, l. Gadecki) - also her Grand Slam debut. Strongest result was quarterfinal achieved at Seoul (l. Wickmayer) and also made 2r at 's-Hertogenbosch (l. Samsonova).
- Began competing in \$25K - \$80K ITF tournaments in 2022, reaching the final at San Bartolome \$60K (l. Rus) and breaking into Top 200.
- Continued on ITF circuit in 2020 and 2021 claiming two further titles at Antalya \$15K and Kazan \$15K.
- In 2019, played first WTA Tour matches in qualifying at Moscow (l. Gracheva in Q2). Won her first ITF title that year at Antalya \$15K.
- Made ITF circuit debut in 2018, reaching QF at Kazan \$15K.

- Won WTA 125K Series title at Limoges in 2016, 2018-19
- Reached 2r on WTA main draw debut at 2016 Katowice (as qualifier, l. eventual R-Up Giorgi)
- Contested qualifying for the first time at a WTA-level tournament at 2014 Bad Gastein
- Played first professional events of career on ITF Circuit in Europe in 2011

OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by her father, Evgeny. Was previously coached by Vojta Flegl
 - Mother is Julia, also has sister, Anna, and brother Jury. Began playing tennis at age 6
 - Favorite shot is forehand; favorite surface is hard
 - Speaks Russian, English and Czech
 - Likes to cook, especially making cakes
 - Admires Serena Williams
- Younger sister of Veronika Kudermetova
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17 **DIANA SHNAIDER**

CAROL ZHAO **265**
CANADA

2004-04-02	Date of Birth	1995-06-20
	Residence	Richmond Hill, Canada
Left-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed
	Height	5' 6" (1.68 m)
16	Career-High Ranking	131
\$1,758,980	Career Prize Money	\$705,873
\$1,330,746	Season Prize Money	\$101,170
3 / 3	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 0
7-6 (Round of 16: 2024 US OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	0-1 (Round of 128: 2023 WIMBLEDON)
0-0 / 0-0	YTD / Career SEOUL W-L (best)	1-0 / 1-0 (Round of 16: 2024)
33-16 / 49-27	YTD / Career W-L	1-1 / 5-19
16-8 / 25-15	YTD / Career Hard W-L	1-1 / 3-12
10-5 / 14-7	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L	0-1 / 1-7
6-1 / 7-2	YTD / Career TB W-L	0-1 / 4-3
1-2 / 4-5	YTD / Career L Hand W-L	0-0 / 1-0
5-6 / 7-9	YTD / Career TOP 20 W-L	0-0 / 0-3
Champion: BUDAPEST, BAD HOMBURG, HUA HIN	YTD Best Result	Round of 16: SEOUL



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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

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First career meeting

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
17	-	2024	197	-
60	60	2023	163	199
182	182	2022	163	163
1054	1065	2021	291	325
-	-	2020	517	544
-	-	2019	295	442
-	-	2018	131	210
-	-	2017	221	221
-	-	2016	314	489
-	-	2015	247	344



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making her debut appearance at Seoul, entering as the No.4 seed
- Following 1r bye, faces No.265 Carol Zhao in 2r today - hasn't lost to an opponent her rank or lower since 2024 Stuttgart, falling to No. 265 Zvonareva
- Overall has won her last nine matches against player outside the Top 100
- Owns 1-1 career record against players from Canada, with record in 2024 standing at 0-1 (L. Fernandez at Cincinatti)
- Owns 6-2 career record against qualifiers, with a record in 2024 standing at 4-1
- Owns one hard court title, at Hua Hin in 2024
- Is currently ranked No.17; this time last year was ranked No.83
- During last year's Asian swing reached runner-up at Ningbo, SF at Nanchang, 2r and Guangzhou, and 1r at Zhengzhou and Osaka
- Has won 29 matches so far in 2024; she is ranked No.11 on tour for match wins
- Has been involved in 14 three-set matches in 2024

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. D. BACK (#319) 6-4 6-1 (1h 31m)

Total time on court: 1h 31m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making her debut appearance at Seoul
- Won through qualifying to reach main draw before defeating Back in 1r in straight sets
- Has defeated three South Korean players this week - Guel and Park in qualifying and Back in 1r
- Defeat of Back was first WTA main draw win since 's-Hertogenbosch in 2023 (d. Dmitruk, l. Bonaventure)
- Faces No.17 Diana Shnaider in 2r today; bidding for first Top 20 and indeed Top 50 win today (currently 0-3 vs. Top 20)
- Owns eight Top 100 wins in career, highest of which was over No.65 Wickmayer at 2014 Stanford
- Best career result on hard is Round of 16 which she has reached 2 times: Chennai in 2022; Stanford in 2014
- Best result by a Canadian at Seoul was Round of 16 run by Rebecca Marino in 2022 and Stéphanie Dubois in 2008
- Best result by qualifier at Seoul was Runner-Up run by Aliaksandra Sasnovich in 2015
- Is currently ranked No.265; this time last year was ranked No.242
- Has been involved in 1 three-set matches in 2024



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

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SEASON 2024 HISTORY

- Reached first 4r at Grand Slams on her US Open debut (l. Pegula)
- Made 3r at Cincinnati (l. Fernandez)
- Reached SF at Toronto (l. Pegula)
- Contested 2r in singles(l. Xiyu Wang) and won silver medal in women's doubles at Paris Olympics (w/M. Andreeva)
- Won her third singles title of 2024 season (also career) at Budapest (d. Sasnovich)
- Made 3r at Wimbledon (l. Navarro)
- Won second career singles title at Bad Homburg (d. Vekic in F)
- Reached QF at Birmingham (l. Cocciaretto)
- Fell in opening round at Roland Garros (l. Paquet)
- Claimed WTA 125 title at Paris (d. top seed Navarro in final)
- Made 3r at Rome (l. Badosa)
- Contested 1r at Madrid (l. Potapova)
- Reached 1r at Stuttgart as a qualifier (l. Badosa)
- Made 2r at Miami (l. Keys)
- Achieved R-Up at WTA 125 Charleston (l. Cocciaretto in F)
- Reached 2r at Indian Wells (l. eventual R-Up, Sakkari)
- Reached 1r at Doha as a qualifier (l. E.Andreeva)
- Won her first career title after defeating Zhu Lin at Hua Hin
- Contested opening round at Australian Open (l. Paolini)
- Opened the 2024 season playing 1r at Brisbane (l. M.Andreeva)

- Played 1r at Monterrey (as qualifier, l. Martice)
- Played qualifying at Toronto
- On grass, playing qualifying at Wimbledon and Nottingham
- Played qualifying at Roland Garros
- Played qualifying at Bogota and Austin
- Played qualifying at Australian Open and Auckland

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
94	49	Aces	7	165
63.5%	41	First serve %	68.0%	0
64.8%	35	First Serve points won %	67.8%	0
51.1%	3	Second serve points won %	29.8%	0
59.8%	15	Overall service points won %	55.6%	0
72.6%	18	Service games won %	69.6%	0
56.5%	45	Break points saved %	61.1%	0
35.7%	65	First serve return points won %	37.9%	0
55.9%	33	Second serve return points won %	64.5%	0
45.7%	40	Break points converted %	58.8%	0



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SINGLES FINALS

Champion (3)

2024 - BUDAPEST, BAD HOMBURG, HUA HIN

Runner-Up (1)

2023 - NINGBO

DOUBLES FINALS

Runner-Up (1)

2024 - OLYMPICS (w/Andeeva)

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
1r	1r	3r	4r	2024				
2r	2r			2023			1r	



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CAREER MILESTONES

- Reached 2r on Grand Slam debut at 2023 Australian Open (as qualifier, l. Sakkari in 3s) and Roland Garros 2023 (l. Haddad Maia)
- Won WTA 125K Series title in Montevideo, Uruguay last November to end 2022 just outside Top 100
- Overall win-loss record in 2022 was 56-17; reached four ITF Circuit finals, highlighted by a 15-match, three tournament winning streak, culminating with a W60 title in Istanbul
- Last season only Tour-level outing was qualifying exit at St. Petersburg
- Won first ITF Circuit tournament at W15 event in Antalya in late 2021
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2021 Moscow
- Owns four titles in singles and three in doubles on ITF Circuit
- Played first senior matches on ITF Circuit towards end of 2020
- As junior, made SF at Roland Garros in 2021 and US Open in 2022. Also won girls' doubles at three of the four majors and reached No.2 in the ITF rankings
- In 2023 reached WTA main draw four times including 2r at Bogota (l. Jones) and s'Hertongenbosch (as qualifier, l. Kudermetova).
- At Tour level in 2022, played main draw at Rabat (as qualifier, Parrizas Diaz), Toronto (l. Anisimova) and Chennai (l. Gracheva in 2r).
- In 2021, reached two ITF \$25k finals at Potchefstroom and Salines and made 3r of qualifying at Roland Garros (l. Arruabarrena).
- Contested qualifying at 2019 Guangzhou
- WTA main draw ended in 1r exit at 2018 Montreal (as WC, l. Bertens)
- In 2018 contested qualifying at all four majors
- Won first ITF Circuit title at \$25k Nanao-JPN in 2017
- Registered first WTA main draw match during 2r showing at 2014 Stanford (d. Wickmayer, l. Ivanovic)
- Fell 1r on WTA main draw debut at 2013 Toronto (l. Pavlyuchenkova)
- Owns two singles and six doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- As a junior, won girls' doubles title at 2013 Australian Open w/Konjuh

OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Igor Andreev
- Started playing tennis in Tolyatti (Kasatkina's hometown), 40 kilometres from her home in Zhigulevsk and parents
- Moved to Moscow aged nine and is now studying at North Carolina State where she is majoring in exploratory studies
- Favorite move is Never Back Down and favorite food is Asian
- Born in Chongqing, China to Ping and Lily Zhao
- Started playing tennis at the age of five after being encouraged by school teacher
- At the age of seven, emigrated to Canada and settled in the city of Richmond Hill, Ontario
- Played college tennis at Stanford University, ending her career with a 76-16 record and leading the team to the 2016 NCAA championship



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**HEATHER
WATSON (Q)**
UNITED KINGDOM

**MARTA
(5) KOSTYUK** **18**
UKRAINE

1992-05-19	Date of Birth	2002-06-28
Guernsey & Bradenton, FL, USA	Residence	Chaiky, Ukraine
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-Handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 7" (1.70m)	Height	5' 9" (1.75m)
38	Career-High Ranking	16
\$5,653,990	Career Prize Money	\$4,879,704
\$328,557	Season Prize Money	\$1,681,909
0 / 4	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 1
23-45 (Round of 16: 2022 WIMBLEDON)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	25-19 (Quarter-Finalist: 2024 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
1-0 / 1-4 (Round of 16: 2024)	YTD / Career SEOUL W-L (best)	1-0 / 1-0 (Round of 16: 2024)
3-4 / 144-193	YTD / Career W-L	32-17 / 97-85
2-1 / 92-117	YTD / Career Hard W-L	22-9 / 69-53
1-1 / 57-69	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L	15-5 / 38-33
0-1 / 41-57	YTD / Career TB W-L	10-5 / 29-20
1-0 / 11-42	YTD / Career TOP 20 W-L	7-11 / 12-36
Round of 16: NOTTINGHAM, ABU DHABI, SEOUL	YTD Best Result	Runner-Up: STUTTGART, SAN DIEGO



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**MARTA
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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2019	BRISBANE	HARD	Q	Marta Kostyuk	6-7(3) 6-2 6-3	2h 6m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
125	-	2024	16	-
134	169	2023	32	39
72	133	2022	49	70
56	73	2021	50	50
49	59	2020	97	98
88	92	2019	116	155
68	101	2018	118	118
71	74	2017	491	518
50	77	2016	-	-
38	54	2015	-	-



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KOSTYUK**

TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. J. LU (#274) 6-4 6-4 (1h 36m)

Total time on court: 1h 36m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making fifth appearance at Seoul, where she previously never advanced past the 1r until this year
- Has beaten Jia-jing Lu so far this week to reach her first 2r since 2r at Nottingham 2024
- Faces No.18 Marta Kostyuk in 2r today; owns 11 wins in career over Top 20 players, most recently No.16 Veronika Kudermetova at Abu Dhabi 2024
- Owns 6-5 career record against players from Ukraine
- Owns 38-79 career record against seeds, with a record in 2024 standing at 1-2
- Has won four hard court titles: Acapulco in 2020; Monterrey in 2016; Hobart in 2015; Osaka in 2012
- One of two players from United Kingdom to reach 2r (w/ Raducanu)
- Best result by United Kingdom at Seoul was a Semi-Finalist run by Emma Raducanu in 2022
- First time two players from United Kingdom reached 2r at Seoul
- Best result by a qualifier at Seoul was a Runner-Up run by Aliaksandra Sasnovich in 2015
- Is currently ranked No.183; this time last year was ranked No.145
- During last year's Asian swing reached QF at Hua Hin
- Fell in doubles in 1r at Seoul w/ partner Bethanie Mattek-Sands

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. A. RUS (#84) 6-3 6-1 (1h 18m)

Total time on court: 1h 18m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making debut appearance at Seoul
- Has beaten Arantxa Rus so far this week to reach the 2r
- Faces No.183 Heather Watson in 2r today; won their only prior matchup in qualification at Brisbane 2019
- Owns 3-3 career record against players from United Kingdom, with record in 2024 standing at 1-1
- Owns 10-6 career record against qualifiers, with a record in 2024 standing at 5-0
- Won her only title on hard courts at Austin in 2023 (d. Gracheva in final)
- Only player from Ukraine to reach 2r
- Previous best result by Ukraine at Seoul was Round of 16 run by Kateryna Baindl in 2016
- Last time a player from Ukraine reached 2r at Seoul was 2016
- Is currently ranked No.18; this time last year was ranked No.42. Reached a career-high ranking at World No.16
- During last year's Asian swing reached 3r at Beijing, and 1r at Tokyo



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2017	Result	Rank: 78	Seed: -
1r	L	S. SORRIBES TORMO (#93) 6-3 0-6 6-1	

2015	Result	Rank: 59	Seed: -
1r	L	E. KULICHKOVA (#102) 6-4 3-6 6-3	

2014	Result	Rank: 46	Seed: 8
1r	L	N. GIBBS (#101) 7-5 6-2	

2013	Result	Rank: 78	Seed: -
1r	L	K. DATE (#63) 3-6 6-3 6-4	

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles



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SEASON 2024 HISTORY

- Contested 1r at Wimbledon (as WC, l. Minnen)
- Failed 1r at Birmingham (l. Bouzkova)
- Made 2r at Nottingham (l. Ka. Pliskova)
- Played qualifying at Roland Garros
- Played 1r at WTA 125 Paris (l. Jacquemot)
- Reached 2r at Abu Dhabi as a qualifier (l. Bucsa)

- Made 3r at US Open (l. Navarro)
- Contested 3r at Cincinnati (l. Swiatek)
- Made 3r at Toronto (l. Navarro)
- Reached QF at Paris Olympics (l. Vekic)
- Made 3r at Wimbledon (l. Keys)
- Failed 1r at Nottingham (l. Snigur) and Berlin (l. Kasatkina)
- Reached 2r at Roland Garros (l. Vekic)
- After a 1r bye, fell in 2r at Madrid (l. Sherif) and 2r at Rome (l. Osaka)
- Finished R-Up at Stuttgart (l. Rybakina); earned three victories over Top 10 players, beating No.7 Zheng, No.3 Gauff, and No.8 Vondrousova
- Reached her first WTA 1000 SF at Indian Wells (l. eventual champion Swiatek)
- Achieved R-Up at San Diego (l. Boulter in F); also earning her first victory over a Top 5 player, beating No.5 Pegula in the semifinal
- Retired during 2r match at Doha against Pavlychenkova through illness
- Achieved her best Grand Slam career result to date with QF at Australian Open (l. Gauff)
- Made QF at Adelaide (l. eventual champion Ostapenko)
- Opened her season with a 2r run at Brisbane (l. Kasatkina)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
19	125	Aces	140	22
58.7%	0	First serve %	59.2%	69
69.1%	0	First Serve points won %	64.7%	36
47.1%	0	Second serve points won %	43.4%	69
60.0%	0	Overall service points won %	56.0%	59
75.6%	0	Service games won %	64.8%	55
57.4%	0	Break points saved %	56.8%	38
33.2%	0	First serve return points won %	39.9%	14
52.8%	0	Second serve return points won %	57.4%	18
43.1%	0	Break points converted %	45.7%	40
26.8%	0	Return games won %	40.7%	12
40.4%	0	Return points won %	46.6%	6



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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (4)

2020 - ACAPULCO
2016 - MONTERREY
2015 - HOBART
2012 - OSAKA

Runner-Up (1)

2019 - TIANJIN

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (5)

2023 - WARSAW (w/Wickmayer)
2018 - ACAPULCO (w/Maria)
2014 - BAKU (w/Panova)
2012 - DALLAS (w/Erakovic), STANFORD (w/Erakovic)

Runner-Up (9)

2024 - ABU DHABI (w/Noskova), BRISBANE (w/Minnen)
2023 - NOTTINGHAM (w/Dart)
2021 - MONTERREY (w/Zheng)
2019 - BUDAPEST (w/Stollar)
2018 - NOTTINGHAM (w/Buzarnescu)
2016 - HONG KONG (w/Broady)
2012 - OSAKA (w/Date), QUEBEC CITY (w/Rosolska)

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (1)

2023 - AUSTIN

Runner-Up (2)

2024 - STUTTGART, SAN DIEGO

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (2)

2023 - BIRMINGHAM (w/Krejciikova)
2022 - PORTOROZ (w/Martincova)

Runner-Up (1)

2021 - TENERIFE (w/Kichenok)

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
		1r		2024	QF	2r	3r	3r
		1r		2023	3r	1r	3r	1r
2r	1r	4r		2022	3r	1r	2r	2r
2r	1r	1r	1r	2021	1r	4r	2r	1r
2r	1r		1r	2020		1r		3r
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1r	2r	1r	1r	2018	3r			
2r		3r	1r	2017				
1r	2r	1r	1r	2016				
1r	2r	3r	1r	2015				
1r	2r	2r	1r	2014				
3r	1r	1r	1r	2013				



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CAREER MILESTONES

- 2023 season highlighted by SF run at Nottingham – qualified but lost to eventual champion Boulter in SF. Also had QF runs at Hua Hin (l. Wang Xinyu) and Warsaw (l. Wickmayer).
- Best results of the 2022 season were runs to R16 at Wimbledon (l. Niemeier) and 3r at Miami (l. Bencic)
- At 2021 Birmingham became only the third British woman to make SF at the tournament (l. eventual champion Jabeur)
- Broke back into Top 50 at No.49 (March 2, 2020) - her highest ranking since June 15, 2015 (No.47) - after a campaign in which she lifted her fourth career title and first since 2016 at Acapulco (d. Fernandez in F)
- Highlight of 2019 was R-Up finish at Tianjin (l. Peterson)
- Won mixed doubles title at Wimbledon in 2016 (w/Kontinen, d. Farah/Groenefeld in F) and finished R-Up in 2017 (w/Kontinen, l. Hingis/Murray)
- Represented Great Britain at 2016 Rio Olympics, reaching 2r in singles (l. Svitolina), 2r in doubles (w/ Konta, l. H.Chan/Y.Chan) and QF in mixed doubles (w/A.Murray, l. Bopanna/Mirza)
- Hit career-high singles ranking of No.38 on January 19, 2015 after title run at Hobart
- Two Top-10 wins of her career came over against No.8 A.Radwanska (2015 Indian Wells) and No.9 Cibulkova (2017 Eastbourne)
- Struggled throughout 2014 season with a right rib injury and missed two months in 2013 due to glandular fever (Miami to Roland Garros)
- Enjoyed a breakthrough 2012 season, winning Osaka to become first British woman to win a WTA singles title since Sara Gomer in 1988
- Broke into Top 100 on June 6, 2011 and made Top 50 debut on October 15, 2012
- Made WTA main draw debut as a wildcard at 2010 Miami and recorded first main draw match win at 2010 Eastbourne
- Played first professional event on ITF Circuit at 2009 ITF/Jersey-GBR
- Member of Great Britain Billie Jean King Cup Team, 2011-22 and Great Britain Olympic Team, 2012, 2016
- Won US Open junior singles title in 2009 (d. Buchina in F)
- In 2023, won maiden singles title at Austin (d. Gracheva) and doubles title at Birmingham (w/Krejciikova).
- Reached QF at two WTA 500 events; Adelaide 1 (l. Jabeur) and Washington (l. Samsonova). Achieved a peak singles ranking of No. 32 on August 7, 2023 and No. 27 in doubles on May 8, 2023
- Best result of 2022 was SF showing at Granby (l. Saville). Also made 3r at Australian Open and Eastbourne
- Highlights of second half of 2021 were QF at Chicago [250] (l. Gracheva) and SF at Cluj-Napoca (l. Halep); broke into Top 50 on November 1, 2021, after Cluj-Napoca
- On clay, enjoyed career-best R16 run at Roland Garros (l. Swiatek) and advanced to SF at Istanbul (l. eventual champion Cirstea)
- Opened 2021 by reaching first career WTA SF, at Abu Dhabi (l. Kudermetova)
- Broke into Top 100 at No.97 on November 2, 2020, after reaching back-to-back finals on ITF Circuit in US
- Made 3r at 2020 US Open (l. eventual champion Osaka in 3s)
- In February 2020, picked up third ITF singles title of career, at a \$60k event in Cairo
- Season highlight in 2019 was reaching first WTA QF, at Strasbourg (l. Garcia)
- Made Grand Slam main draw debut at 2018 Australian Open and reached 3r, having received a WC into the qualifying event by virtue of winning the junior title there in 2017 (d. Masarova in F). Was first player born in 2002 to play in a Grand Slam main draw. Was also youngest player to reach the 3r at a major since 1997 US Open when Mirjana Lucic-Baroni (15 years, 182 days) reached this stage
- Scored two Top 50 wins in 2018, over No.27 Peng (Australian Open), No.26 Gavrilova (Fed Cup)
- Won first ITF Circuit title of career at \$25k ITF/Dunakeszi-HUN in 2017 (d. Pera in F)
- Played first WTA qualifying at 2017 Mallorca (l. Kalinskaya in 1r)
- Ukrainian Fed Cup Team 2018-20
- Won 2017 Australian Open girls' singles title (d. Masarova in F) and ITF Junior Masters event in Chengdu, China in October 2017; rose as high as No.3 in junior rankings in June 2017
- Played first professional event at \$10k ITF/Kharkhiv-UKR in August 2016 (fell in 1r)

OTHER INFORMATION

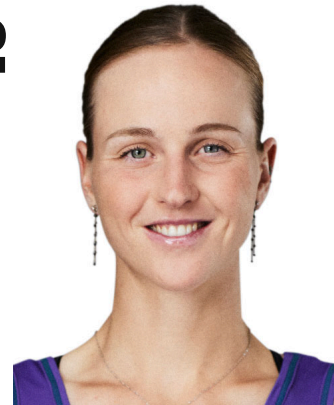
- Coached by Diego Veronelli
 - Mother's name is Michelle; father's name is Ian; siblings are Adam, Stephanie and Julie
 - Born on Channel Island of Guernsey. Started playing at age 7; moved to Bollettieri Academy in Florida at age 12 (still trains there)
 - Graduated top of class from Pendleton high school in 2009
 - Favorite surface is hard
 - Enjoys spending time with friends and family, dancing and going for cliff walks in Guernsey. Also loves cooking at home, especially asian dishes
 - Ambassador for UK Tennis Charity 'Give it Your Max.
- Currently coached by Sandra Zaniewska. Previously coached by Andrea Volpini. Consistently works with her mother Talina (a former professional)
 - Currently trains in both Monaco and Kiev
 - Father is Oleg; has two sisters, Zoryana and Mariya. Began playing tennis at age five
 - One of first coaches was her uncle Taras Beyko, a respected player for the USSR and Ukraine in the late 1980s and early 1990s
 - Currently managed by former ATP player Ivan Ljubicic
 - Favorite shot is her serve



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**VERONIKA
KUDERMETOVA**

**LIUDMILA
(2) SAMSONOVA**

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1997-04-24	Date of Birth	1998-11-11
	Residence	
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-Handed
5' 8" (1.75m)	Height	5' 11" (1.82m)
9	Career-High Ranking	12
\$7,413,776	Career Prize Money	\$5,697,231
\$879,794	Season Prize Money	\$1,313,933
0 / 2	Singles Titles YTD / Career	1 / 5
18-22 (Quarter-Finalist: 2022 ROLAND GARROS)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	20-18 (Round of 16: 2024 US OPEN; 2022 US OPEN; 2021 WIMBLEDON)
1-0 / 1-0 (Round of 16: 2024)	YTD / Career SEOUL W-L (best)	0-0 / 0-0
12-20 / 163-124	YTD / Career W-L	26-20 / 117-90
6-11 / 96-80	YTD / Career Hard W-L	12-12 / 76-56
4-8 / 64-41	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L	8-7 / 32-33
4-3 / 47-40	YTD / Career TB W-L	5-5 / 29-32
2-3 / 25-39	YTD / Career TOP 20 W-L	3-7 / 21-24
Quarter-Finalist: CHARLESTON	YTD Best Result	Champion: 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH



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**LIUDMILA
SAMSONOVA**

TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. S. ZHANG (#601) 6-4 6-3 (1h 26m)

Total time on court: 1h 26m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making debut appearance at Seoul
- Has beaten Zhang Shuai so far this week to reach the 2r
- Faces No.15 Liudmila Samsonova in 2r today; owns 25 wins in career over Top 20 players, most recently over No.15 Samsonova at Berlin 2024
- Has not advanced past the 2r at any tournament since Charleston 2024, where she was a quarterfinalist
- Owns 42-57 career record against seeds, with a record in 2024 standing at 1-6
- Has won one hard court title at Tokyo 2023 (d. Pegula in final)
- Is currently ranked No.44; this time last year was ranked No.19
- During last year's Asian swing she won Tokyo and reached the group stage at Zhuhai Elite Trophy, 3r at Beijing, and 1r at Zhengzhou

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making debut appearance at Seoul
- Faces No.44 Veronika Kudermetova in 2r today; owns 54 wins in career over Top 50 players, most recently No.45 Marie Bouzkova at US Open 2024
- Has won three hard court tournaments: Washington DC, Cleveland, and Tokyo (all in 2022)
- Is currently ranked No.15; this time last year was ranked No.17
- During last year's Asian swing was runner-up at Beijing, and reached the group stage at at Zhuhai Elite Trophy, 2r at Zhengzhou and Tokyo
- Won her fifth career title this year at 's-Hertogenbosch
- Recently had a successful American hard court swing that saw her reach QF at Toronto and Cincinnati and 4r at US Open
- Longest winning streak of her career was 14 matches in 2022



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SAMSONOVA**

RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

**VERONIKA
KUDERMETOVA**

**LIUDMILA
SAMSONOVA**

SEASON 2024 HISTORY

- Contested 1r at US Open (l. Mertens)
- Played 1r at Monterrey (l. Carle)
- Contested 1r at Wimbledon (l. eventual champion Krejčíková)
- Made 2r at Bad Homburg (l. Wozniacki)
- Made 2r at 's-Hertogenbosch (l. Galfi) and Berlin (l. Rybakina)
- Fell in opening round at Roland Garros (l. Bouzková)
- After a 1r bye, fell in 2r at both Madrid (l. Carle) and Rome (l. Kerber)
- Reached R16 at Stuttgart (l. eventual champion Rybakina)
- Made QF at Charleston (l. Sakkari)
- Contested 2r at Miami (l. Wang Xinyu)
- Made 3r at Indian Wells (l. Kerber)
- Played 2r at Dubai (l. Cirstea)
- Contested 1r at Abu Dhabi (l. Watson) and Doha (l. Collins)
- Fell in opening round at Australian Open (l. Golubic)
- Made R16 at Adelaide (l. Alexandrova)
- Opened the 2024 season making R16 at Brisbane (l. Potapova)

- Made 4r at US Open (l. Swiatek)
- Reached QF at Cincinnati (l. Sabalenka) and Toronto (l. Shnaider)
- Contested 2r at Washington DC (l. eventual champion Badosa, RET)
- Reached 3r at Wimbledon (l. Kalinskaya)
- Made 2r at Bad Homburg (l. Siniakova)
- Failed 1r at Berlin (l. Kudermetova)
- Won fifth career singles title at 's-Hertogenbosch (d. Andreescu in F)
- Reached 3r at Roland Garros (l. Cocchiaretto)
- Played 2r at Rome (l. Shnaider)
- After 1r bye, reached 3r at Madrid (l. Keys)
- Fell in opening round at Stuttgart (l. Potapova)
- After 1r byes, fell in 2r at Indian Wells (l. Osaka) and Miami (l. Putintseva)
- Made R16 at Dubai (l. Vondrousova)
- Contested 1r at Doha (l. Fernandez)
- Won her first matches of the 2024 season at Abu Dhabi, reaching SF (l. eventual champion, Rybakina)
- Fell in opening round at Australian Open (l. Anisimova)
- Played 1r at Adelaide (l. Siegemund)
- Opened the 2024 season falling in 2r after 1r bye at Brisbane (l. M.Andreeva)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
122	29	Aces	221	9
61.7%	52	First serve %	50.8%	91
64.4%	40	First Serve points won %	70.9%	7
46.0%	42	Second serve points won %	48.1%	12
57.3%	41	Overall service points won %	59.7%	16
66.2%	48	Service games won %	71.5%	23
50.0%	82	Break points saved %	57.5%	33
34.5%	74	First serve return points won %	36.2%	57
55.8%	35	Second serve return points won %	54.5%	61
47.0%	25	Break points converted %	46.4%	31
31.9%	67	Return games won %	33.6%	52
42.5%	64	Return points won %	42.9%	59



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**LIUDMILA
SAMSONOVA**

TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (2)

2023 - TOKYO

2021 - CHARLESTON

Runner-Up (5)

2023 - 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH

2022 - ISTANBUL, DUBAI, MELBOURNE 250 #1

2021 - ABU DHABI

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (8)

2024 - STUTTGART (w/Chan)

2023 - ZHUHAI (w/Haddad Maia), DUBAI (w/Samsonova)

2022 - WTA FINALS (w/Mertens), ROME (w/Pavlyuchenkova), DUBAI (w/Mertens)

2021 - ISTANBUL (w/Mertens)

2019 - WUHAN (w/Duan)

Runner-Up (9)

2024 - BAD HOMBURG (w/Chan), BERLIN (w/Chan)

2022 - 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH (w/Mertens), MIAMI (w/Mertens), DOHA (w/Mertens)

2021 - INDIAN WELLS (w/Rybakina), WIMBLEDON (w/Vesnina)

2019 - LUGANO (w/Voskoboeva), CHARLESTON (w/Khromacheva)

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (5)

2024 - 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH

2022 - TOKYO, CLEVELAND, WASHINGTON DC

2021 - BERLIN

Runner-Up (3)

2023 - BEIJING, MONTREAL, ABU DHABI

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (1)

2023 - DUBAI (w/Kudermetova)

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
1r	1r	1r	1r	2024	1r	3r	3r	4r
2r	1r	2r	1r	2023	2r	2r	1r	3r
3r	QF		4r	2022	2r	1r		4r
3r	2r	1r	1r	2021	2r		4r	2r
1r	2r		1r	2020	1r	1r		1r
1r	3r	2r	1r	2019		1r		



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SAMSONOVA**

CAREER MILESTONES

- Won second career title at 2023 Tokyo (d. Pegula in F) and finished R-Up at 2023 's-Hertogenbosch (l. Alexandrova in F); ended year at No.19 for second straight Top 20 year-end ranking
- Also in 2023, reached SF at Adelaide 2, Doha, Madrid and Rome; qualified for WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai going 1-1 in group play
- In doubles, won titles in 2023 at Dubai with Liudmila Samsonova and Zhuhai with Beatriz Haddad Maia
- Made Top 10 debut in singles on October 24, 2022, following QF run at Guadalajara 1000 and Top 10 debut in doubles on January 31, 2022 ending the year at No.2
- Singles highlights in 2022 were R-Up finishes at Melbourne Summer Set 1 (l. Halep), Dubai (l. Ostapenko) and Istanbul (l. Potapova), and reached maiden Grand Slam QF at Roland Garros (l. Kasatkina)
- Won doubles title at 2022 WTA Finals in Fort Worth with partner Elise Mertens; also won title at Dubai and 's-Hertogenbosch with Mertens as well as Rome with Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova
- Appeared in maiden WTA final at Abu Dhabi in opening event of 2021 (l. Sabalenka) before securing first title at Charleston (d. Kovinic)
- In doubles won title at Istanbul with Elise Mertens and made final at Wimbledon (w/Vesnina) and Indian Wells (w/Rybakina) Scored first win over a Top-3 ranked opponent by upsetting No.3 Karolina Pliskova at 2020 Cincinnati. Other highlights in 2020 included SF run at Hobart and closing out season with back-to-back QFs at Ostrava and Linz
- Won 27 main-draw matches during 2019 – had previously won six across entire career – to rise over 60 places in the WTA rankings, making Top-100 debut on February 4 and Top-50 debut on September 9
- Singles highlights in 2019 included reaching SF at 's-Hertogenbosch, Hiroshima and Tianjin and 3r at Roland Garros where she defeated No.13 Caroline Wozniacki in 1r – her maiden Grand Slam main draw win and first over a Top-20 opponent)
- Also in 2019, won WTA 125K Series title at Guadalajara (d. Bouzkova in F) and entered Top 50 on Sept 9, 2019
- Posted first two Top 10 wins of career in final weeks of 2019, over No.10 Belinda Bencic at Wuhan and No.4 Elina Svitolina at Moscow
- Fell 1r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2019 Australian Open (as qualifier, l. Kenin)
- Ended 2023 ranked No.16; reached three finals at Abu Dhabi (l. Bencic in F), Montreal (l. Pegula in F) and Beijing (l. Swiatek)
- Also in 2023, reached SF at Washington DC and qualified for WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai going 1-1 in group play
- In doubles in 2023, won title at Dubai w/Veronika Kudermetova
- Lifted three titles in 2022, at Washington DC (d. Kanepi in F), Cleveland (d. Sasnovich in F) and Tokyo (d. Q.Zheng in F) ending year at No.20, her first Top 20 year-end ranking
- Also made SF at Stuttgart, QF at Adelaide 250, R16 at US Open and made Top-20 debut on October 24
- Earned first Top 10 win of career over No.7 Karolina Pliskova at Stuttgart
- Highlight of 2021 was coming through qualifying to lift maiden WTA title at Berlin (d. Bencic in F) and breaking into Top 50 on September 13 finishing the year at No.39, her first year-end Top 100 ranking
- Reached two further SFs in 2021, at Luxembourg and Courmayeur and reached R16 at Wimbledon
- Earned first Top 20 win of career over No.11 Kiki Bertens at 2021 Miami
- In 2020 reached 2r at Brisbane (as qualifier, d.No.24 Stephens, l. No.7 Kvitova) and Palermo (as qualifier, l. Martic), and fell 1r four times (including Australian Open, US Open and Roland Garros)
- Appeared in the first WTA main draws of her career in 2019, highlighted by SF run at Palermo (as LL, l. eventual champion Teichmann), 2r showing at Lausanne (l. Han) and falling 1r on Grand Slam main draw debut at Roland Garros (as qualifier, l. Vekic)
- Contested qualifying at a WTA event for the first time at 2019 Australian Open
- Made professional debut on ITF circuit in 2013; owns four singles titles on the ITF Circuit

- Won career first WTA doubles title at 2019 Wuhan with Yingying Duan (d. Mertens/Sabalenka in F); also in 2019 was R-Up at Charleston (w/Khromacheva) and Lugano (w/Voskoboeva)
- Posted maiden career WTA QF runs in 2018, first at 's-Hertogenbosch (l. eventual champion Krunić) and then Gstaad (l. Bouchard)
- Reached 2r on WTA main draw debut at 2018 Stuttgart as qualifier (d. No.25 Suárez Navarro, l. eventual champion Ka.Pliskova)
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2014 Moscow
- Made professional debut on ITF circuit in 2011; on ITF Circuit, owns four singles titles

OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by husband Sergey Demekhine
- Born in Kazan, Russia, now based in Moscow and trains at CSKA club
- Father, Eduard, was a Russian national ice hockey champion; teenage sister, Polina, is on the junior circuit
- She started playing tennis at the age of eight
- Off the court, has a passion for cooking and her specialty is roasted chicken with potatoes and garlic

- Current coach is Danilo Pizzorno; Previously trained in Rome with Alessandro Dumitrache and worked with Alessandro Piccari
- Parents are Dmitry Samsonov and Svetlana Samsonova
- Hobbies include listening to and playing music, attending concerts and watching films
- Idolizes Maria Sharapova
- Favorite shot is her forehand and favorite surface to play on is hard court