



TRANSYLVANIA OPEN - CLUJ-NAPOCA, ROU 2024-02-05 - 2024-02-11 | \$ 267,082









KAROLINA PLISKOVA CZECH REPUBLIC

1992-11-25	Date of Birth	1992-03-21
Sinaia, Romania	Residence	Monte Carlo, Monaco
Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 7'' (1.71m)	Height	6' 1" (1.86m)
39	Career-High Ranking	1
\$2,935,738	Career Prize Money	\$25,464,851
\$124,834	Season Prize Money	\$108,627
0 / 0	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 16
13-24 (Round of 32: 2023 WIMBLEDON; 2021 ROLAND-GARROS; 2018 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	87-45 (Runner-Up: 2021 WIMBLEDON; 2016 US OPEN)
4-0 / 7-3 (Runner-Up: 2024)	YTD / Career CLUJ-NAPOCA W-L (best)	4-0 / 4-0 (Runner-Up: 2024)
5-3 / 73-95	YTD / Career W-L	5-3 / 392-222
5-3 / 35-51	YTD / Career Hard W-L	5-3 / 272-146
2-2 / 24-40	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L	1-1 / 133-74
2-0 / 18-28	YTD / Career TB W-L	2-1 / 80-93
Runner-Up: CLUJ-NAPOCA	YTD Best Result	Runner-Up: CLUJ-NAPOCA



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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2023	DOHA	HARD	Q	Karolina Pliskova	3-6 6-2 6-3	1h 43m
2018	US OPEN	HARD	2r	Karolina Pliskova	6-2 6-3	1h 5m
2014	BAD GASTEIN	CLAY	2r	Karolina Pliskova	6-2 7-5	1h 33m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
63	-	2024	37	-
39	67	2023	14	37
46	48	2022	4	32
91	112	2021	3	4
87	92	2020	2	6
75	129	2019	2	2
59	71	2018	4	8
104	115	2017	1	4
107	118	2016	5	6
146	161	2015	7	11



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. A. PARKS (#110) 7-5 7-5 (2h 4m) 2r: d. E. ANDREEVA (#112) 6-4 6-4 (1h 48m) QF: d. A. RUS (#45) 3-6 7-6 7-6 (3h 28m) SF: d. J. CRISTIAN (#81) 6-3 3-6 6-4 (2h 53m)

Total time on court: 10h 13m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making fourth appearance at Cluj-Napoca, and is through to the Final for the first time. Best previous result here was reaching QF in 2023 (l.Masarova)
- Has beaten Alycia Parks, Erika Andreeva, Arantxa Rus and Jaqueline Cristian so far this week to reach her first F since R-Up at Warsaw 2022
- Faces No.78 Karolina Pliskova in F today
- Owns 5-8 career record against players from Czech Republic, with record in 2024 standing at 0-1
- Record in WTA F matches stands at 0-1 (l.Garcia)
- Best career result on hardcourt is SF at Portoroz in 2022; Monterrey in 2018; Florianopolis in 2016
- Best result by Romanian player at Cluj-Napoca was Runner-Up run by Elena-gabriela Ruse in 2023, Simona Halep in 2021
- Is currently ranked No.65; this time last year was ranked No.72
- Longest winning streak of her career was 5 matches in 2022
- Has won 5 matches so far in 2024

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. S. KRAUS (#188) 6-4 7-6 (1h 38m) 2r: d. C. OSORIO (#101) 6-2 6-1 (56m) QF: d. S. ERRANI (#98) 6-2 6-0 (1h 1m) SF: d. H. DART (#103) 6-3 6-3 (1h 23m)

Total time on court: 4h 58m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making tournament debut
- Has beaten Sinja Kraus, Camila Osorio, Sara Errani and Harriet Dart so far this week to reach her first F since R-Up at Montreal 2021 (l.Giorgi)
- Faces No.65 Ana Bogdan in F today
- Owns 12-10 career record against players from Romania, with record in 2024 standing at 0-0
- Owns 95-106 career record against seeds, with a record in 2024 standing at 0-2
- Record in WTA F matches stands at 16-15
- Owns 10 titles on hardcourt at Brisbane in 2020;
 Zhenzghou, Brisbane in 2019; Tokyo in 2018;
 Doha, Brisbane in 2017; Cincinnati in 2016; Linz,
 Seoul in 2014; Kuala Lumpur in 2013
- Best result by player from the Czech Republic at Cluj-Napoca was R16 run by Nikola Bartunkova in 2023
- First time a player from Czech Republic reached F at Cluj-Napoca
- Is currently ranked No.78; this time last year was ranked No.20
- Longest winning streak of her career was 12 matches in 2016
- Has won 5 matches so far in 2024



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2023	Result	Rank: 73	Seed: 5
QF	L	R. MASAROVA	(#67) 3-6 7-6(4) 6-3
2r	W	N. BARTUNKO 7-5	VA (#289) 4-6 7-6(5)
1r	W	V. TOMOVA (#	98) 6-4 6-1
2022	Result	Rank: 46	Seed: 3
1r	L	J. NIEMEIER (#74) 7-6(5) 6-2
2021	Result	Rank: 106	Seed: -
2021 2r	Result	110111111111111111111111111111111111111	Seed: - (#23) 6-3 6-4

• Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles



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SEASON 2024 HISTORY

- Fell in opening round at Australian Open (l. Fruhvirtova)
- Made R16 at Adelaide (l. Siegemund)
- Opened the 2024 season making 1r at Brisbane (l. Kostyuk)
- Fell in opening round at Australian Open (l. Rybakina)
- Made 1r at Adelaide (l. Siniakova)
- Fell in R16 at Brisbane (d. Osaka, l. Ostapenko)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
26	32	Aces	60	6
64.5%	53	First serve %	62.6%	66
63.7%	66	First Serve points won %	73.8%	5
50.7%	14	Second serve points won %	40.2%	99
59.1%	46	Overall service points won %	61.3%	16
61.0%	87	Service games won %	66.7%	58
68.4%	7	Break points saved %	71.0%	3
33.1%	89	First serve return points won %	32.5%	98
55.2%	54	Second serve return points won %	51.1%	88
52.0%	16	Break points converted %	48.8%	30
25.7%	96	Return games won %	25.3%	100
41.1%	83	Return points won %	39.5%	102

Best win by ranking: No.45 vs Rus in CLUJ-NAPOCA QF Longest match: 3h 28m vs Rus in CLUJ-NAPOCA QF Shortest match: 1h 46m vs Boulter in ADELAIDE 1r Match points saved:

Most aces in a match: 8 vs Rus in CLUJ-NAPOCA QF

Best win by ranking: No.98 vs Errani in CLUJ-NAPOCA QF Longest match: 2h 17m vs Ostapenko in BRISBANE 3r Shortest match: 56m vs Osorio in CLUJ-NAPOCA 2r Match points saved:

Most aces in a match: 18 vs Ostapenko in BRISBANE 3r



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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Runner-Up (1) 2022 - WARSAW

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (16)

2020 - BRISBANE

2019 - ZHENGZHOU, EASTBOURNE, ROME,

BRISBANE

2018 - TOKYO, STUTTGART

2017 - EASTBOURNE, DOHA, BRISBANE

2016 - CINCINNATI, NOTTINGHAM

2015 - PRAGUE

2014 - LINZ, SEOUL

2013 - KUALA LUMPUR

Runner-Up (16)

2021 - MONTREAL, WIMBLEDON, ROME

2020 - ROME

2019 - MIAMI

2018 - TIANJIN

2016 - US OPEN, EASTBOURNE

2015 - ZHUHAI, STANFORD, BIRMINGHAM, DUBAI,

SYDNEY

2014 - HONG KONG, NÜRNBERG, PATTAYA CITY

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (5)

2016 - BIRMINGHAM (w/Strycova)

2014 - HONG KONG (w/Pliskova), BAD GASTEIN

(w/Pliskova), NÜRNBERG (w/Krajicek)

2013 - LINZ (w/Pliskova)

Runner-Up (2)

2016 - INDIAN WELLS (w/Goerges)

2013 - PALERMO (w/Pliskova)

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



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CAREER MILESTONES

- In 2023, reached QF at Cluj Napoca and Lausanne; also won titles at WTA 125 events Isai and Parma
- Advanced to maiden WTA singles final at 2022 Warsaw (l. Garcia)
- Last season, also reached SF at Portoroz (l. Rybakina) and Parma (l. eventual champion Sherif); broke into Top 50 on Cotober 3, 2022
- Closed out 2021 campaign by finishing R-Up at WTA 125K Series event at Limoges
- On clay last year, progressed to 3r at Roland Garros (l. Badosa, having held 1MP) and QF at Istanbul (l. Kudermetova)
- Best results in 2020 were QF run at Prague (l. Kr.Pliskova via ret.) and 2r showing at Roland Garros (l. Kenin in 3s)
- Ended 2019 by lifting 13th career singles titles on the ITF Circuit at \$100k ITF/Dubai-UAE
- Finished 2018 ranked No.71 to record first Top 100 finish of career; season highlights included 3r run at Australian Open (l. Keys) and SF runs at Monterrey (l. Muguruza) and Bogota (l. Schmeidlova)
- In 2017, reached SF at Bucharest and made 2r three times, including at Wimbledon, US Open
- Made first WTA SF at 2016 Florianopolis (upset former No.1 Jankovic in 2r, l. Babos)
- Also made Grand Slam debut in 2016 at US Open, reaching 2r (as qualifier, l. Niculescu)
- Owns three Top 20 wins in career, defeating No.17 Sevastova (2017 Bucharest), No.18 Vesnina (2017 New Haven) and No.11 Mladenovic (2018 Australian Open)
 - Transition from juniors to pro circuit was initially hampered by a series of injuries, notably quadriceps muscle rupture and a ski accident; more recently, problems with left Achilles tendon began in December 2015
- Winner of 14 singles titles and one doubles title on ITF Circuit
- Played first senior tournament at \$25k/ITF Bucharest in 2007 and first WTA main draw at 2014 Bad Gasten (l. Ka.Pliskova in 2r)

- In 2023, made only quarterfinals which she reached three times; Australian Open (l. Linette), Dubai (withdrew from match against Swiatek w/viral illness) and Stuttgart (l. Swiatek). Ended her 2023 season at Guadalajara due to left wrist injury.
- Best results of 2022 were SF runs at Strasbourg (l. Juvan) and Toronto (l. Haddad Maia) and QF showings at Berlin (l. Gauff) and US Open (l. Sabalenka). Was first time she failed to reach a Tour-level final since 2012
- Reached three finals across 2021, at Rome (l. Swiatek), her second Slam final at Wimbledon (l. Barty) and Montreal (l. Giorgi)
- Ended 2021 season by qualifying for WTA Finals for the fifth consecutive year - only four active players have qualified more than her
- Made Olympic debut, reaching R16 at Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games (l. Giorgi)
- Lifted a WTA-leading four titles across the 2019 season (tied with Barty) - triumphed at Brisbane, Rome, Eastbourne and Zhengzhou. Dropped 19 games across five matches during Eastbourne title win (d. Kerber in F) - most economic title run in 2019
- Also reached first Premier Mandatory final at 2019 Miami, losing to Barty in straight sets, and produced best Australian Open performance of career, reaching SF (l. eventual champion Osaka in 3s); saved four match points to beat S.Williams in QF
- Lost to twin sister Kr.Pliskova in 2r at Birmingham, in what was their first career maindraw encounter
- Helped the Czech Republic lift Billie Jean King Cup in 2015-16 and 2018
- Claimed No.1 ranking on July 17, 2017 despite making 2r exit at Wimbledon (l. Rybarikova). Was the first Czech woman to achieve the No.1 ranking since the computer rankings were introduced in 1975 (Martina Navratilova became No.1 on July 10, 1978 while representing USA)
- Is a Grand Slam finalist, reaching the title match at 2016 US Open (l. Kerber) and also 2021 Wimbledon (l. Barty)
- Made Top-10 debut after 2015 Stanford R-Up finish; was first time in WTA history that three Czech women ranked inside Top 10 at the same time (also Kvitova and Safarova)
- Scored first Top-20 win of her career over No.16 Petrova in 1r at 2013 Wimbledon
- Won first career WTA title at 2013 Kuala Lumpur (d. Mattek-Sands in F)

- At 2013 Linz, with sister Kristyna, became first set of twins to ever win a tour-level doubles
- Reached first WTA QF as WC at 2008 Prague (l. Azarenka)
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in 2006

OTHER INFORMATION

- · Coached by Bogdan Nitescu
- · Father is Ion; mother is Monica
- Began playing at age 4; favorite surface is hard; favorite shot is crosscourt backhand; favorite tournaments are Rio Open, Bad Gastein, all the Grand Slams
- Enjoys skiing and snowboarding, horse riding, swimming, travelling
- · Would like to get into interior design after tennis
- Formerly worked with Sascha Bajin; fitness coach is Martin Nosko and Ivan Trebaticka; trains at and plays for Sparta Praha tennis club
- Married Michal Hrdlicka after 2018 Wimbledon
- Away from the court, enjoys fresh-water fishing, as well as contributing to her foundation which benefits various causes, including pediatric oncology and children battling cancer in her native Czech Republic
- Enjoys listening to Czech pop music and watching movies (favorites is Public Enemies).
 Favorite author is Paulo Coelho