Mubadala Abu Dhabi Open – Day 2 – Tuesday, February 6

[WC] Alexandra Eala (PHI #187) vs. Magda Linette (POL #55)   First meeting

Eala is seeking her second career main draw match win at a Tour-level event; her first win came at 2021 Cluj-Napoca (d. Ormaechea in 1r)… Her meeting against No.55 Linette is Eala's fifth career meeting vs a Top 60 opponent (previously 0-4)… 13 of the 14 semifinals reached by Linette have come on hardcourts

[WC] Naomi Osaka (JPN #757) vs. [Q] Danielle Collins (USA #71)   Osaka leads 3-1

Osaka is making tournament debut at Abu Dhabi…The former WTA World No.1 returned to play on Tour in 2024…Osaka has one win in her return, 20winning her opening match at Brisbane…All of her career singles titles have come on hard court including four Grand Slam champions at Australian Open and US Open …Collins, as a qualifier, is making 2nd main-draw appearance …Collins owns one singles title on hard court, winning at San Jose 2021…Collins defeated today's opponent Osaka in their most recent meeting 1r at US Open 2022

[Q] Heather Watson (GBR #156) vs. Veronica Kudermetova (#16)   Tied 1-1

Watson is making tournament debut having reached main draw as a qualifier…Watson is playing her first main draw event of 2024 and looking for her first main draw win of 2024 season… With a win today would be Watson's first Top 20 win since Miami 2022 (d. No.20 Svitolina)… All four of Watson's career singles titles have come on hard court… Kudermetova is making 2nd appearance at Abu Dhabi after reaching QF in 2023 (l. eventual R-Up Samsonova)… Kudermetova owns one singles title on hard court at Tokyo 2023

Lesia Tsurenko (UKR #37) vs. [8] Liudmila Samsonova (#15)   Samsonova leads 1-0

Samsonova was a finalist at Abu Dhabi last season (R-Up, l. Bencic in F)… Samsonova defeated Tsurenko in their only previous meeting at Australian Open qualifying in 2021… Samsonova is yet to win a match in the 2024 season after losses at Brisbane, Adelaide and Australian Open… Tsurenko is making her Abu Dhabi debut… All four of Tsurenko's career titles came on hard court (Acapulco in 2018 and 2017; Guangzhou in 2016; Istanbul in 2015)… Tsurenko owns 20 career wins over Top 20 players most recently over No.13 Krejcikova in 1r at 2023 Roland Garros

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FIRST MEETING

187 ALEXANDRA EALA
PHILIPPINES

MAGDA LINETTE 55
POLAND

2005-05-23	**Date of Birth**	1992-02-12
	Residence	Poznan, Poland
Left-handed (two-handed backhand)	**Plays**	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 9'' (1.75m)	**Height**	5' 7" (1.71m)
184	**Career-High Ranking**	19
$187,810	**Career Prize Money**	$6,116,277
$0	**Season Prize Money**	$118,177
0 / 0	**Singles Titles YTD / Career**	0 / 2
0-0	**Grand Slam W-L (best)**	26-34 (Semi-Finalist: 2023 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
0-0 / 0-0	**YTD / Career ABU DHABI W-L (best)**	0-0 / 0-0
0-0 / 1-8	**YTD / Career W-L**	1-4 / 158-171
0-0 / 0-6	**YTD / Career Hard W-L**	1-4 / 116-115
0-0 / 0-0	**YTD / Career 3-Set W-L**	0-2 / 55-62
0-0 / 0-0	**YTD / Career TB W-L**	0-1 / 50-36
0-0 / 0-0	**YTD / Career L Hand W-L**	0-1 / 11-16
	YTD Best Result	Round of 16: BRISBANE

MATCH NOTES

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MAGDA LINETTE

HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
		First career meeting				

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
184	-	2024	22	-
189	205	2023	19	24
214	219	2022	45	49
505	529	2021	40	57
-	-	2020	33	40
-	-	2019	41	42
-	-	2018	55	83
-	-	2017	70	71
-	-	2016	81	96
-	-	2015	64	89

ALEXANDRA EALA

MAGDA LINETTE

TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 1st appearance at Abu Dhabi
- Faces No.55 Magda Linette in 1r today
- First time facing a Polish woman head-to-head
- Seeking second career main draw win
- Only player from Philippines to reach 1r
- Is currently ranked No.187; this time last year was ranked No.217

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 1st appearance at Abu Dhabi
- Faces No.187 Alexandra Eala in 1r today
- Owns 14-8 career record against wildcard, with a record in 2024 standing at 0-1
- Has won two hardcourt titles: 2020 Hua Hin and 2019 Bronx
- Has reached the semifinal stage at Tour-level events 14 times, with 13 on hardcourts
- Is currently ranked No.55; this time last year was ranked No.22

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MAGDA LINETTE

RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

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ALEXANDRA EALA

MAGDA LINETTE

SEASON 2024 HISTORY

- After Australian Open, competed in back-to-back ITF Circuit events in India reaching the quarterfinals once and semifinals
- Fell in opening round of qualifying at Australian Open
- Opened her 2024 campaign at the WTA 125 event in Canberra (lost in qualifying)

- Contested 1r at Thailand (l. Shnaider)
- Fell in opening round at Australian Open (l. Wozniacki)
- Made 1r at Adelaide (l. Alexandrova)
- Opened the 2024 season making R16 at Brisbane (l. Kasatkina)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
0	0	**Aces**	19	40
0.0%	0	**First serve %**	59.9%	84
0.0%	0	**First Serve points won %**	63.5%	70
0.0%	0	**Second serve points won %**	42.5%	78
0.0%	0	**Overall service points won %**	55.1%	77
0.0%	0	**Service games won %**	64.2%	71
0.0%	0	**Break points saved %**	55.8%	59
0.0%	0	**First serve return points won %**	29.4%	102
0.0%	0	**Second serve return points won %**	55.6%	50
0.0%	0	**Break points converted %**	39.5%	79
0.0%	0	**Return games won %**	28.3%	77
0.0%	0	**Return points won %**	39.5%	92

Best win by ranking:
Longest match:
Shortest match:
Match points saved:
Most aces in a match:

Best win by ranking: No.61 vs Bucsa in BRISBANE 2r
Longest match: 2h 43m vs Alexandrova in ADELAIDE 1r
Shortest match: 1h 26m vs Bucsa in BRISBANE 2r
Match points saved:
Most aces in a match: 9 vs Alexandrova in ADELAIDE 1r

ALEXANDRA EALA

MAGDA LINETTE

TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (2)

2020 - HUA HIN
2019 - BRONX

Runner-Up (4)

2023 - GUANGZHOU
2022 - CHENNAI
2019 - SEOUL
2015 - TOKYO INTERNATIONAL

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (2)

2022 - EASTBOURNE (w/Krunic), CHARLESTON (w/Klepac)

Runner-Up (3)

2017 - BOGOTA (w/Cepede Royg)
2016 - TIANJIN (w/Xu)
2014 - GUANGZHOU (w/Cornet)

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
				2024	1r			
				2023	SF	1r	3r	2r
				2022	2r	2r	2r	1r
				2021		3r	3r	1r
				2020	1r	1r		3r
				2019	1r	2r	3r	2r
				2018	3r	1r	1r	1r
				2017	1r	3r	1r	1r
				2016	1r	1r	1r	1r
				2015		1r	1r	2r

ALEXANDRA EALA

MAGDA LINETTE

CAREER MILESTONES

- Entered first Grand Slam in 2023 at Australian Open qualifying (l. Doi in Q1). As a qualifier reached main draw at Hua Hin (l. Maria), Osaka (l. Sakatsume), Guangzhou (l. Maria) and Monastir (l. Mertens) taking her ranking into Top 200 for first time.
- Claimed first ITF title in 2022 at Chiang Rai $25K and also played WTA Miami opening main draw match (l. Brengle) and qualifying at Madrid (l. Bondar).
- In 2021 played first Tour level match at Miami qualifying (l. Kuzmova) and reached 2r at Cluj Napoca on clay (l. Sherif).
- Best result of 2021 was reaching QF at Grenoble $25K.
- Began on the ITF circuit in 2020 at the age of 14.

- Opened 2023 by going 3-1 in singles for Poland in the City Final in Sydney at inaugural United Cup (l. Keys), then achieved best Grand Slam result with SF at Australian Open (l. eventual champion Sabalenka). Broke into Top 20 for first time reaching No. 19 on March 20, 2023.
- Reached final at Guangzhou (l. Wang Xiyu) and ended 2023 by qualifying for Zhuhai Elite Trophy (0-2 in group stage).
- 2022 season highlight was R-Up finish at Chennai (l. Fruhvirtova). Also won two doubles titles, at Charleston (w/Klepac) and Eastbourne (w/Krunic)
- Posted seventh successive Top 100 season in 2021, finishing at No.57 after starting her season at Miami in March, due to a knee injury
- Reached two semifinals in 2021, at Strasbourg (l. Cirstea) and Cleveland (l. Begu)
- Matched previous best results at Grand Slams in 2021 with 3r runs at Roland Garros (d. World No.1 Barty via ret. in 2r; l. Jabeur) and Wimbledon (d. No.5 Svitolina in 2r for best win of career in a completed match, before falling to Badosa)
- Won second WTA singles title at Hua Hin in 2020 (d. Kung in F), rising to new career-high ranking of No.33 (on February 17)
- Posted best result at US Open by advancing to 3r (l. Kontaveit); now has reached this stage at all four Grand Slams
- Winner of 2020 WTA Shot of the Year; became the third Polish woman to win this award (after A.Radwanska and Swiatek)
- Her 2019 campaign was highlighted by lifting maiden WTA title at the Bronx and finished R-Up at Seoul (l. Muchova); broke into Top 50 on September 9, 2019
- Season highlights in 2018 included QF run at Washington DC (l. Vekic); win over No.17 Osaka in 2r was first Top 20 victory - previous career-best win came over No.21 Gavrilova at 2017 Tokyo [PPO]
- Posted first career victories at 2018 Australian Open during 3r run (d. Brady in 1r and No.22 seed Kasatkina in 2r, l. Allertova)
- Highlight of 2017 campaign was SF at Kuala Lumpur (l. Hibino). Also made QF at Bogotá and reached 3r at major for first time at Roland Garros
- In 2016 enjoyed run to first Premier-level quarterfinal of career at Tokyo [PPO] (as qualifier, l. eventual champion Wozniacki); also advanced to QF at Katowice (l. Parmentier)
- Reached maiden WTA singles final at 2015 Tokyo [Japan Open] (l. Wickmayer)

- Broke into Top 100 on June 15, 2015
- Played first two WTA main draws in 2013: 2r at Strasbourg (l. Cornet) and SF at Baku (l. Peer)
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in Poland in 2007; owns 12 singles titles and eight doubles titles on ITF Circuit

OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Daniel Gomez
- .Started playing tennis aged 4.... Competed in the WTA Future Stars event in 2016 and 2017 in Singapore... made WTA Tour debut at 2021 Miami in qualifying...Short term goal is to play at Wimbledon... Trains at the Rafael Nadal Academy in Mallorca... Preferred surface is hard... Parents are Mike and Rizza (who was a professional swimmer who competed at the 1985 Southeast Asian Games); brother is also a budding tennis player... Enjoys upbeat Spanish music and watching comedy and horror movies... Loves ice cream, rice and milk tea

- Coached by Mark Gellard. Previously worked with Nikola Horvat and Izo Zunic
- Parents are Tomasz and Beata; sister is Dagmara
- Started playing at age 6, favorite shot is backhand; favorite surfaces are hard and grass, and favorite tournament is Roland Garros
- Tennis idol growing up was Monica Seles

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757 **NAOMI OSAKA**
JAPAN

DANIELLE COLLINS **71**
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

1997-10-16	**Date of Birth**	1993-12-13
Boca Raton, FL, USA	**Residence**	St. Petersburg, FL, USA
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	**Plays**	Right-handed
5' 11" (1.80 m)	**Height**	5' 10" (1.78m)
1	**Career-High Ranking**	7
$21,270,619	**Career Prize Money**	$6,856,163
$93,367	**Season Prize Money**	$154,290
0 / 7	**Singles Titles YTD / Career**	0 / 2
57-19 (Champion: 2021 AUSTRALIAN OPEN; 2020 US OPEN; 2019 AUSTRALIAN OPEN; 2018 US OPEN)	**Grand Slam W-L (best)**	35-25 (Runner-Up: 2022 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
0-0 / 0-0	**YTD / Career ABU DHABI W-L (best)**	0-0 / 0-1 (Round of 32: 2023)
1-2 / 169-89	**YTD / Career W-L**	2-3 / 122-91
1-2 / 137-63	**YTD / Career Hard W-L**	2-3 / 90-64
0-1 / 48-24	**YTD / Career 3-Set W-L**	2-2 / 38-38
1-2 / 29-31	**YTD / Career TB W-L**	0-1 / 28-22
Round of 32: BRISBANE	**YTD Best Result**	Round of 32: HOBART, BRISBANE

NAOMI OSAKA

DANIELLE COLLINS

HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2022	US OPEN	HARD	1r	Danielle Collins	7-6(5) 6-3	1h 34m
2022	MIAMI	HARD	QF	Naomi Osaka	6-2 6-1	1h 0m
2019	INDIAN WELLS	HARD	3r	Naomi Osaka	6-4 6-2	1h 23m
2018	BEIJING	HARD	2r	Naomi Osaka	6-1 6-0	53m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
759	-	**2024**	52	-
41	-	**2023**	11	55
13	42	**2022**	7	14
2	13	**2021**	25	29
3	3	**2020**	25	45
1	3	**2019**	23	31
4	5	**2018**	35	36
44	68	**2017**	153	167
40	40	**2016**	299	299
156	203	**2015**	903	-

NAOMI OSAKA

DANIELLE COLLINS

TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making tournament debut
- Faces No.71 Danielle Collins in 1r today
- Owns 26-21 career record against players from United States of America (0-0 in 2024); last time meeting a player from America was a loss to today's opponent Collins in 1r at US Open 2022 but have won their first three meetings at Miami 2022, Indian Wells 2019 and Beijing 2018
- Owns 21-6 career record against qualifiers (0-0 in 2024)
- All of her seven career singles titles have come on hard court - Australian Open 2021; US Open 2020; Beijing, Osaka, Australian Open in 2019; US Open, Indian Wells in 2018
- Only player from Japan in main draw
- One of 4 wildcards in the field (along with Eala, Raducanu, Xiyu Wang)
- Best result by a wildcard at Abu Dhabi was Round of 16 run by Marta Kostyuk in 2023
- Previous lowest ranked player (No.148) to play main draw at Abu Dhabi was Elena-gabriela Ruse in 2023
- The former world No.1 is currently ranked No.757, coming back to play from maternity leave
- Has won 1 match so far in 2024 at Brisbane, defeating Korpatsch in opening match

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at Abu Dhabi, where her previous result was failing 1r in 2023 (l. Ostapenko)
- As qualifier, has beaten Papamichail and Fruhvirtova to make main draw; faces No.757 Naomi Osaka in 1r today
- Owns 3-3 career record against players from Japan (0-0), having defeated today's opponent Osaka at US Open 2022
- Owns 11-5 career record against wildcards (0-0 in 2024)
- Owns one singles title on hard court at San Jose 2021
- One of 3 players from United States of America in main draw (Krueger and Pera)
- Best result by United States of America at Abu Dhabi was QF run by Shelby Rogers in 2023
- Best result by a qualifier at Abu Dhabi was QF run by Shelby Rogers in 2023
- Is currently ranked No.71; this time last year was ranked No.42

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DANIELLE COLLINS

RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

2023	Result	Rank: 42	Seed: –
1r	L	J. OSTAPENKO (#12) 7-5 1-6 7-5	

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DANIELLE COLLINS

SEASON 2024 HISTORY

- Fell in opening round at Australian Open (l. Garcia)
- Returned from maternity leave to open 2024 season at Brisbane, reaching 2r (l. Ka.Pliskova)

- Played 2r at Australian Open (l. Swiatek)
- Made 1r at Hobart (l. eventual R-Up Mertens)
- Opened the 2024 season making 2r at Brisbane (l. Zhu)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
30	21	**Aces**	17	49
61.3%	70	**First serve %**	59.1%	89
78.0%	1	**First Serve points won %**	61.4%	85
51.7%	9	**Second serve points won %**	42.5%	82
67.8%	1	**Overall service points won %**	53.7%	89
86.5%	2	**Service games won %**	60.3%	87
28.6%	110	**Break points saved %**	55.4%	64
19.4%	108	**First serve return points won %**	36.9%	46
58.6%	22	**Second serve return points won %**	64.4%	3
30.0%	107	**Break points converted %**	47.4%	36
16.2%	107	**Return games won %**	44.3%	12
34.6%	107	**Return points won %**	46.5%	13

Best win by ranking: No.83 vs Korpatsch in BRISBANE 1r
Longest match: 2h 14m vs Pliskova in BRISBANE 2r
Shortest match: 1h 26m vs Garcia in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 1r
Match points saved: 2 vs Korpatsch in BRISBANE 1r
Most aces in a match: 14 vs Pliskova in BRISBANE 2r

Best win by ranking: No.129 vs Baptiste in BRISBANE 1r
Longest match: 3h 14m vs Swiatek in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2r
Shortest match: 1h 14m vs Mertens in HOBART 1r
Match points saved:
Most aces in a match: 9 vs Zhu in BRISBANE 2r

NAOMI OSAKA

DANIELLE COLLINS

TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (7)

2021 - AUSTRALIAN OPEN
2020 - US OPEN
2019 - BEIJING, OSAKA, AUSTRALIAN OPEN
2018 - US OPEN, INDIAN WELLS

Runner-Up (4)

2022 - MIAMI
2020 - CINCINNATI (NYC)
2018 - TOKYO
2016 - TOKYO

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (2)
2021 - SAN JOSE, PALERMO

Runner-Up (1)
2022 - AUSTRALIAN OPEN

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (1)
2023 - CHARLESTON (w/Krawczyk)

Runner-Up (1)
2023 - SAN DIEGO (w/Vandeweghe)

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
1r				**2024**	2r			
				2023	3r	1r	2r	2r
3r	1r		1r	**2022**	RUP	2r	1r	4r
WON	2r		3r	**2021**	2r	3r	2r	3r
3r			WON	**2020**	2r	QF		1r
WON	3r	1r	4r	**2019**	SF	2r	3r	2r
4r	3r	3r	WON	**2018**		1r	1r	1r
2r	1r	3r	3r	**2017**				
3r	3r		3r	**2016**				1r
				2015				
				2014				1r

NAOMI OSAKA

DANIELLE COLLINS

CAREER MILESTONES

- Played 2022 Tokyo in September before taking a 15 month break to give birth to daughter Shai in early July 2023.

  In 2022 had success at Miami, where she fell to Swiatek in the final, her first final since the 2021 Australian Open. Also reached the semifinals at Melbourne 250 #1 (withdrew before semifinal with Kudermetova w/abdominal injury)
- Won 2021 Australian Open (d. Brady in F) to become first woman since Seles in the early 1990s to win each of her first four Grand Slam finals - is the 16th woman to win four or more majors in the Open Era
- At 2020 US Open, came from a set and a break down to Azarenka and win third Grand Slam title of career
- Also last season was R-Up at Western & Southern Open - withdrew w/left hamstring injury before final against Azarenka
- Won second Grand Slam at Australian Open (d. Kvitova in F); became first Japanese player to reach World No.1 ranking following the tournament
- In addition, won back-to-back titles for first time in her career at Osaka (d. Pavlyuchenkova in F) and Beijing (d. Barty in F); defeated No.1 Barty in Beijing final for second career victory over world No.1 (also beat Halep at 2018 Indian Wells)
- Enjoyed break-out season in 2018, posting a 40-20 record resulting in a No.5 (first Top 10 season), up from No.68 in 2017
- Won the first two titles of her career in 2018, at Indian Wells (d. Kasatkina in F) and debut Grand Slam crown at US Open (d. S.Williams in F)
- En route to the Indian Wells title, defeated five-time major champion Sharapova, and A.Radwanska, Ka.Pliskova and Halep. Only set dropped all fortnight was against Sakkari in R16
- Reached one further final in 2018, at Tokyo [PPO] (l. Ka.Pliskova)
- In reaching R16 at 2018 Australian Open, became youngest Japanese player to reach R16 at a Slam since Sugiyama at 1995 Roland Garros (19y, 342d) and the youngest player from Japan to reach R16 in Melbourne since Date in 1990 (197, 122d)
- Book-ended 2017 season with QF showings at Auckland and Hong Kong; other highlights included 3r runs at Wimbledon and US Open
- Scored first Top 5 win of career when she defeated No.5 V.Williams at 2017 Hong Kong. Upset win over defending champion and No.6-

- 2023 season highlighted by SF runs at both Austin (l. eventual champion Kostyuk) and San Diego (l. eventual champion Krejcikova); also qualified at reached QF at Montreal (l. Swiatek).
- Made Top-10 debut on January 31, 2022, following run to final at Australian Open (l. Barty)
- Other highlights last season were SF at San Diego (l. Vekic) and QF at Miami (l. Osaka)
- Closed out 2021 campaign with QF at Chicago [500] (l. Vondrousova), 3r at Indian Wells (l. Jabeur) and SF at Linz (l. eventual champion Riske). Posted first Top-30 year-end finish at No.29
- Extended winning streak to 12 matches with title run at San Jose (d. Kastkina in F) and then 3r showing at Montreal
- Produced impressive second half of 2022, which started with QF showing at Hamburg (l. eventual champion Ruse), SF at Budapest (l. Kalinina via ret. w/right elbow injury) and then maiden WTA title at Palermo (d. Ruse in F)
- Made QF at 2020 Roland Garros for first time upsetting No.15 Muguruza and No.35 Jabeur en route (l. eventual R-Up Kenin)
- Began 2020 with SF at Adelaide (l. eventual champion Barty) and QF at Brisbane (l. Keys) - scored third and fourth career Top 10 wins over No.5 Svitolina (Brisbane) and No.7 Bencic (Adelaide)
- Produced Grand Slam breakthrough at 2019 Australian Open, advancing to SF (l. Kvitova); had never won a major match in five previous Grand Slam appearances
- Scored first Top 5 win of her career against No.2 Kerber in R16 at 2019 Australian Open
- Rose to career-high No.23 following Melbourne run (January 28, 2019)
- Posted five Top 20 wins in 2019, over No.13 Goerges, No.19 Garcia and No.2 Kerber (all at Australian Open), No.12 Wozniacki (Rome) and No.12 Sevastova (Wimbledon)
- Season highlight in 2018 was at Miami where she became first qualifier to reach SF (l. Ostapenko), scoring first Top 10 win over No.8 V.Williams en route. Earned USD$327,965 by reaching the last four in Miami, more than doubling her career earnings at the time
- Posted first tour-level wins during R16 run at 2018 Indian Wells (l. Suárez Navarro), including first Top 50 win over No.15 Keys in 2r
- Won first title at WTA125K event in Newport Beach in 2018 (d. Zhuk in F)

- ranked Kerber at 2017 US Open marked first career Top 10 win
- Voted 2016 WTA Newcomer of the Year; highlight was career-first WTA final at Tokyo [PPO] (l. Wozniacki). Also reached QF on three occasions and 3r at Australian Open, Roland Garros and US Open
- Ranked No.406, made WTA main draw debut at 2014 Stanford. As an alternate, won through qualifying (achieving first WTA qualifying wins), and came from match point down to shock No.19 Stosur in 1r of main draw, before losing to No.18 Petkovic in 2r
- Made WTA qualifying debut at Québec City in 2013 (l. Dabrowski)

- Fell 1r at WTA main draw debut at 2014 US Open (l. Halep)
- Owns four singles titles on ITF Circuit
- Part of US Billie Jean King Cup team in 2019
- Played collegiate tennis at the University of Virginia (transferred from the University of Florida after her freshman year) winning the NCAA singles title twice in 2014 and 2016

OTHER INFORMATION

- Currently working with Wim Fissette
- Father is from Haiti, mother is from Japan; older sister is Mari (also plays tennis)
- Was born in Osaka, Japan, and moved to USA when she was three years old
- Sponsorship deals include Nike, Citizen, broadcaster Wowow, Nissin, Nissan, ANA Airlines, Shiseido and bareMinerals
- Hobbies include fashion, gaming and photography

- Coached by Jared Jacobs; working part time with Ben Maxwell
- Played collegiate tennis at the University of Virginia (transferred from the University of Florida after her freshman year) winning the NCAA singles title twice in 2014 and 2016
- Parents are Walter and Cathy; older brother is Joel
- Started playing tennis at age 3; introduced to the sport by her dad (who played recreationally and used to coach her). Favorite surface is hard
- Enjoys going to the beach, fishing and running.

1 WIN   **1** WIN

2 MATCHES PLAYED

156 HEATHER WATSON
UNITED KINGDOM

VERONIKA KUDERMETOVA 16

Heather Watson		Veronika Kudermetova
1992-05-19	**Date of Birth**	1997-04-24
Guernsey & Bradenton, FL, USA	**Residence**	
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	**Plays**	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 7" (1.70m)	**Height**	5' 8" (1.75m)
38	**Career-High Ranking**	9
$5,389,971	**Career Prize Money**	$6,670,650
$0	**Season Prize Money**	$135,723
0 / 4	**Singles Titles YTD / Career**	0 / 2
23-44 (Round of 16: 2022 WIMBLEDON)	**Grand Slam W-L (best)**	18-19 (Quarter-Finalist: 2022 ROLAND GARROS)
0-0 / 0-0	**YTD / Career ABU DHABI W-L (best)**	0-0 / 1-1 (Quarter-Finalist: 2023)
0-0 / 141-189	**YTD / Career W-L**	2-3 / 153-106
0-0 / 90-116	**YTD / Career Hard W-L**	2-3 / 92-71
0-0 / 56-68	**YTD / Career 3-Set W-L**	0-2 / 60-35
0-0 / 41-56	**YTD / Career TB W-L**	1-1 / 44-37
0-0 / 10-42	**YTD / Career TOP 20 W-L**	0-0 / 23-36
	YTD Best Result	Round of 16: ADELAIDE, BRISBANE

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VERONIKA KUDERMETOVA

HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/RESULT	TIME
2021	MELBOURNE 500 GRAMPIANS TROPHY	HARD	1r	Veronika Kudermetova	6-2 6-2	1h 20m
2019	TIANJIN	HARD	SF	Heather Watson	6-1 6-4	1h 14m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
137	-	**2024**	16	-
134	169	**2023**	9	19
72	133	**2022**	9	9
56	73	**2021**	28	31
49	59	**2020**	38	46
88	92	**2019**	41	41
68	101	**2018**	112	115
71	74	**2017**	174	257
50	77	**2016**	208	210
38	54	**2015**	282	400

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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT	CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making tournament debut
- As qualifier, has beaten Kenin and Masarova to make main draw, her first main draw event of 2024
- Faces No.16 Veronika Kudermetova in 1r today, looking for her first main draw win of 2024 season; owns 10 wins in career over Top 20 players, most recently No.20 Elina Svitolina at Miami 2022
- Owns 37-77 career record against seeded opponents (0-0 in 2024)
- All of her four career singles title have come on hard court at Acapulco 2018, Monterrey 2016, Hobart 2016 and Osaka 2012
- One of 2 players from United Kingdom in main draw (along with wildcard Raducanu)
- Best result by a qualifier at Abu Dhabi was QF run by Shelby Rogers in 2023
- Previouly lowest ranked player (No.148) to reach 1r at Abu Dhabi was Elena-gabriela Ruse in 2023
- Is currently ranked No.156; this time last year was ranked No.147
- Longest winning streak of her career was 7 matches in 2016

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at Abu Dhabi, where her previous result was reaching QF in 2023 (l. eventual R-Up Samsonova)
- Faces No.156 Heather Watson in 1r today
- Owns 3-1 career record against players from United Kingdom, having played today's opponent Watson twice, a win at Grampians Trophy 2021 and loss at Tianjin 2019
- Owns 20-9 career record against qualifieres(0-0)
- Best career result on hard court is Champion run at Tokyo 2023 (d. Pegula in F)
- Is currently ranked No.16 (career best at No. 9 in Oct 2022); this time last year was ranked No.11
- Longest winning streak of her career was 10 matches in 2021
- Has won 2 matches so far in 2024

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VERONIKA KUDERMETOVA

RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

2023	Result	Rank: 11	Seed: 4
QF	L	L. SAMSONOVA (#19) 6-3 6-3	
2r	W	E. MERTENS (#32) 6-1 7-5	

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HEATHER WATSON	VERONIKA KUDERMETOVA

SEASON 2024 HISTORY

- No notes have been added for this player

- 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)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
0	0	**Aces**	32	18
0.0%	0	**First serve %**	64.3%	50
0.0%	0	**First Serve points won %**	69.6%	22
0.0%	0	**Second serve points won %**	48.2%	31
0.0%	0	**Overall service points won %**	62.0%	11
0.0%	0	**Service games won %**	79.3%	7
0.0%	0	**Break points saved %**	61.3%	28
0.0%	0	**First serve return points won %**	30.9%	97
0.0%	0	**Second serve return points won %**	57.6%	29
0.0%	0	**Break points converted %**	38.5%	87
0.0%	0	**Return games won %**	25.4%	87
0.0%	0	**Return points won %**	39.8%	87

Best win by ranking:
Longest match:
Shortest match:
Match points saved:
Most aces in a match:

Best win by ranking: No.73 vs Schmiedlova in BRISBANE 2r
Longest match: 3h 25m vs Potapova in BRISBANE 3r
Shortest match: 1h 14m vs Schmiedlova in BRISBANE 2r
Match points saved:
Most aces in a match: 12 vs Schmiedlova in BRISBANE 2r

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VERONIKA KUDERMETOVA

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 (8)

2024 - 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 (2)

2023 - TOKYO
2021 - CHARLESTON

Runner-Up (5)

2023 - S'HERTOGENBOSCH
2022 - ISTANBUL, DUBAI, MELBOURNE 250 #1
2021 - ABU DHABI

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (7)

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 (7)

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)

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
				2024	1r			
	1r			**2023**	2r	1r	2r	1r
2r	1r	4r		**2022**	3r	QF		4r
2r	1r	1r	1r	**2021**	3r	2r	1r	1r
2r	1r		1r	**2020**	1r	2r		1r
1r		2r		**2019**	1r	3r	2r	1r
1r	2r	1r	1r	**2018**				
2r		3r	1r	**2017**				
1r	2r	1r	1r	**2016**				
1r	2r	3r	1r	**2015**				
1r	2r	2r	1r	**2014**				

MATCH NOTES

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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)

- 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)

- 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 Krunic) 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 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
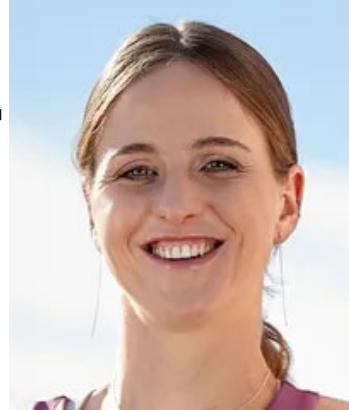- Ambassador for UK Tennis Charity 'Give it Your Max.

- 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

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1 MATCHES PLAYED

1 WIN

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UKRAINE

LIUDMILA (8) SAMSONOVA 15

1989-05-30	**Date of Birth**	1998-11-11
Kyiv, Ukraine	**Residence**	
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	**Plays**	Right-Handed
5' 9" (1.74m)	**Height**	5' 11" (1.82m)
23	**Career-High Ranking**	12
$6,392,839	**Career Prize Money**	$4,486,102
$172,329	**Season Prize Money**	$110,056
0 / 4	**Singles Titles YTD / Career**	0 / 4
38-42 (Quarter-Finalist: 2018 US OPEN)	**Grand Slam W-L (best)**	13-15 (Round of 16: 2022 US OPEN; 2021 WIMBLEDON)
0-0 / 0-0	**YTD / Career ABU DHABI W-L (best)**	0-0 / 4-1 (Runner-Up: 2023)
3-2 / 171-176	**YTD / Career W-L**	0-3 / 91-72
3-2 / 114-110	**YTD / Career Hard W-L**	0-3 / 64-46
1-1 / 53-46	**YTD / Career 3-Set W-L**	0-1 / 24-26
0-0 / 34-37	**YTD / Career TB W-L**	1-0 / 25-27
0-1 / 20-52	**YTD / Career TOP 20 W-L**	0-0 / 18-17
Round of 16: AUCKLAND	**YTD Best Result**	Round of 32: ADELAIDE, BRISBANE

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LIUDMILA (8) SAMSONOVA

HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2021	AUSTRALIAN OPEN	HARD	Q	Liudmila Samsonova	7-6(1) 6-2	1h 23m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
31	-	**2024**	14	-
31	31	**2023**	12	16
84	130	**2022**	19	20
113	119	**2021**	39	39
72	146	**2020**	114	127
23	70	**2019**	123	139
26	27	**2018**	177	180
29	42	**2017**	520	552
33	58	**2016**	1076	1078
33	33	**2015**	837	-

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LIUDMILA (8) SAMSONOVA

TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making debut at Abu Dhabi
- Faces No.15 Liudmila Samsonova in 1r today; owns 20 wins in career over Top 20 players, most recently No.13 Barbora Krejcikova at Roland Garros 2023
- Owns 47-79 career record against seeded players, with a record in 2024 standing at 0-1 (l. Sabalenka in 3r at Australian Open)
- All four of her career titles came on hard court: Acapulco in 2018 and 2017; Guangzhou in 2016; Istanbul in 2015
- Played her most recent WTA 500 at Zhengzhou last season, reaching QF (l. Krejcikova)
- One of 2 players from Ukraine to feature in 1r along with Kalinina
- Best result by Ukraine at Abu Dhabi was Round of 16 run by Marta Kostyuk in 2023
- Is currently ranked No.37; this time last year was ranked No.100; reached career high ranking of No.23 on Feb 18, 2019
- Winner today will face either Kalinina or lucky loser Bronzetti in 2r

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at Abu Dhabi after achieving R-Up in 2023 (l. Bencic in F)
- Faces No.37 Lesia Tsurenko in 1r today; owns 42 wins in career over Top 50 players, most recently No.43 Alycia Parks at Beijing 2023
- Defeated Tsurenko in their only previous meeting in Australian Open qualifying in 2021
- Owns 3-0 career record against players from Ukraine, most recently defeating Kostyuk in 3r at Beijing 2023
- Three of her four career titles came on hard court champion: Tokyo, Cleveland, Washington DC in 2022 (also Berlin on grass in 2021)
- Most recent WTA 500 results were falling in 2r at 2024 Brisbane after a 1r bye (l. Andreeva) and reaching R16 at Zhengzhou last season (l. Siegemund)
- Is currently ranked No.15; this time last year was ranked No.19; reached career high ranking of No.12 on Feb 27, 2023
- Has yet to win a match in 2024 after losses at Brisbane, Adelaide and Australian Open

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LIUDMILA (8) SAMSONOVA

RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

2023	Result	Rank: 19	Seed: 8
F	L	B. BENCIC (#9) 1-6 7-6(8) 6-4	
SF	W	Q. ZHENG (#29) 6-4 1-6 6-4	
QF	W	V. KUDERMETOVA (#11) 6-3 6-3	
2r	W	B. KREJCIKOVA (#30) 7-5 7-6(6)	
1r	W	C. LIU (#56) 3-6 6-2 6-0	

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LIUDMILA (8) SAMSONOVA

SEASON 2024 HISTORY

- Made 3r at Australian Open (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)
- Opened the 2024 season making R16 at Auckland (l. Parry)

- Fell in opening round at Australian Open (l. Anisimova)
- Made 1r at Adelaide (l. Siegemund)
- Opened the 2024 season falling in 2r exit after a 1r bye at Brisbane (l. Andreeva)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
0	0	Aces	16	53
67.8%	22	First serve %	46.4%	110
55.2%	103	First Serve points won %	66.7%	38
50.9%	14	Second serve points won %	40.5%	89
53.8%	87	Overall service points won %	52.7%	95
56.6%	95	Service games won %	51.5%	104
54.0%	68	Break points saved %	40.7%	101
39.6%	17	First serve return points won %	34.0%	67
57.9%	26	Second serve return points won %	46.3%	104
43.1%	61	Break points converted %	33.3%	98
40.0%	17	Return games won %	21.2%	103
46.9%	11	Return points won %	37.9%	98

Best win by ranking: No.55 vs Bronzetti in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 1r
Longest match: 2h 38m vs Bronzetti in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 1r
Shortest match: 52m vs Sabalenka in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 3r
Match points saved:
Most aces in a match:

Best win by ranking:
Longest match: 2h 53m vs Siegemund in ADELAIDE 1r
Shortest match: 1h 5m vs Andreeva in BRISBANE 2r
Match points saved:
Most aces in a match: 8 vs Siegemund in ADELAIDE 1r

LESIA TSURENKO

LIUDMILA (8) SAMSONOVA

TITLES

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (4)

2018 - ACAPULCO
2017 - ACAPULCO
2016 - GUANGZHOU
2015 - ISTANBUL

Runner-Up (2)

2023 - HUA HIN
2019 - BRISBANE

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (4)

2022 - TOKYO, CLEVELAND, WASHINGTON DC
2021 - BERLIN

Runner-Up (3)

2023 - BEIJING, MONTREAL, ABU DHABI

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (1)

2023 - DUBAI (w/Kudermetova)

LESIA TSURENKO — LIUDMILA (8) SAMSONOVA

GRAND SLAMS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
3r				**2024**	1r			
1r	4r	4r	2r	**2023**	2r	2r	1r	3r
1r	1r	3r	1r	**2022**	2r	1r		4r
				2021	2r		4r	2r
1r				**2020**	1r	1r		1r
2r	3r	1r		**2019**		1r		
2r	4r	2r	QF	**2018**				
1r	3r	3r	1r	**2017**				
1r	1r	1r	4r	**2016**				
1r	1r	2r	2r	**2015**				
1r		2r	1r	**2014**				
3r	1r	2r	1r	**2013**				
2r	1r	1r	1r	**2012**				
2r		1r		**2011**				

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LIUDMILA (8) SAMSONOVA

CAREER MILESTONES

- Climbed up ranking in 2023 kicked off by runner-up showing at Hua Hin (l. Zhu Lin). Progressed to 3r at Indian Wells as a qualifier (withdrew prior to match against Sabalenka) and reached 4r at Roland Garros (l. eventual champion Swiatek) and Wimbledon (l. Pegula). Ending strongly with QF at Zhengzhou (l. Krejcikova) and SF at Monastir (l. Paolini), with her ranking rising from No. 84 to No. 31 over course of 2023.
- Highlights of 2022 were QF at Eastbourne, Budapest and Portoroz. Also enjoyed 3r run at Wimbledon
- Best result in 2021 was run through qualifying to QF at Cluj-Napoca. Also made 2r four times
- Ended 2019 ranked No.70, down from No.27 in 2018, however did post new career-high ranking of No.23 (February 18)
- Advanced to maiden Grand Slam QF at 2018 US Open (l. eventual champion Osaka); upset No.2 seed Wozniacki in 2r
- Defended Acapulco title in 2018 (d. Voegele in F)
- Enjoyed breakthrough season in 2015, finishing year at a career-high ranking of No.33, having started at No.88. Won title at Istanbul (d. U.Radwanska in F) and finished season with SF run at Moscow (l. eventual champion Kuznetsova); marked third Premier-level SF appearance of career (after 2013 Brisbane and 2015 New Haven)
  Posted first two Top-10 wins of her career over No.10 Petkovic and No.7 Bouchard during QF run at 2015 Indian Wells
- Made Top-100 debut at on May 28, 2012; rose from No.105 to No.94 following 2r showing at Brussels (as LL, l. A.Radwanska)
- Reached maiden WTA QF at 2012 Memphis
- Member of Ukrainian Billie Jean King Cup Team, 2011-13, 2015-19 and 2021
- Winner of six singles and eight doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in 2007; made WTA main draw debut at 2009 Tashkent

- 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

OTHER INFORMATION

- Working with Mykyta Vlasov

- Current coach is Danilo Pizzorno; Previously trained in Rome with Alessandro Dumitrache

- Father, Viktor, used to work in international relations for a nuclear power plant (now retired); mother, Larisa, is an economist; older sister, Oxana, is lawyer
- Started playing tennis at age 6 when parents introduced her to the sport
- Moved to Kyiv at age 17 and studied at Physical Education & Sports in Ukraine for 1.5 years (no longer studying; hopes to return one day)
- Favorite shot is backhand and admires Martina Hingis for her playing style; also liked watching Yevgeny Kafelnikov
- Speaks Russian, Ukrainian and English
- Enjoys watching sports, playing pool and hanging out with friends
- Favorite city is Kyiv; favorite tournaments are Australian Open, Wimbledon and Madrid
- 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