Mubadala Abu Dhabi Open – Day 4 – Thursday, February 8

[4] Barbora Krejcikova (CZE #12) vs. [LL] Sara Sorribes Tormo (ESP #54)   Krejcikova leads 1-0

Krejcikova and Sorribes Tormo have met only once before which was ten years ago at Luxembourg qualifying… Krejcikova is No.4 seed for the second time in 2024, also at Adelaide… Krejcikova enters Abu Dhabi off the back of a QF finish at the Australian Open (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)… Sorribes Tormo entered the main draw as a lucky loser and defeated Linda Noskova to reach the 2r today… Sorribes Tormo's two career titles were both achieved on hard court (Cleveland 2023; Guadalajara 2021)… Sorribes Tormo owns five Top 20 career wins, most recently No.16 Kudermetova at Cleveland last season

Anhelina Kalinina (UKR #32) vs. [8] Liudmila Samsonova (#15)   First meeting

Samsonova reached the final last season at Abu Dhabi (l. Bencic in F)… Both Samsonova and Kalinina fell in their opening matches at Brisbane, Adelaide and Australian Open, each posting their only 2024 match win in the 1r here in Abu Dhabi… A win today for Kalinina would equal her career best result on hard court, also reaching QF at Zhengzhou and Hobart in 2023 and Cluj-Napoca in 2022 and 2021… Three of Samsonova's four career titles came on hard court (Tokyo, Cleveland and Washington DC in 2022)

[1] Elena Rybakina (KAZ #5) vs. [Q] Danielle Collins (USA #71)   Rybakina leads 2-1

Rybakina defeated Collins in their two most recent encounters in 2023 (3r at Australian Open; 1r at Adelaide 1)… Rybakina is No.1 seed for the second time in her career (also at Adelaide this season)… Rybakina earned her sixth career title at her 2024 opener in Brisbane (d. Sabalenka in F)… As a qualifier, Collins defeated Naomi Osaka to reach 2r today… Collins owns 12 career wins over Top 10 players, most recently over Caroline Garcia at San Diego 2023… One of Collins two career titles came on hard court (San Jose 2021)

[LL] Cristina Busca (ESP #74) vs. [Q] Heather Watson (GBR #156)   First meeting

Both players are making their Abu Dhabi debuts… Busca entered as a lucky loser while Watson won her way through qualifying, both matches going three sets… Watson scored first Top 20 win in almost two years courtesy of triumph over No.16 Kudermetova in 1r… Busca scored 8th Top 50 win over Wang Xinyu in opening match… Watson owns four hard court titles, most recently at 2020 Acapulco

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1 MATCHES PLAYED

12 BARBORA KREJCIKOVA (4)
CZECH REPUBLIC

SARA SORRIBES TORMO 54
SPAIN

1995-12-18	**Date of Birth**	1996-10-08
Ivancice, Czech Republic	**Residence**	Vall de Uxó, Spain
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	**Plays**	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 10" (1.78m)	**Height**	5' 9" (1.76m)
2	**Career-High Ranking**	32
$11,508,890	**Career Prize Money**	$4,463,649
$456,237	**Season Prize Money**	$136,147
0 / 7	**Singles Titles YTD / Career**	0 / 2
34-15 (Champion: 2021 ROLAND-GARROS)	**Grand Slam W-L (best)**	13-25 (Round of 16: 2023 ROLAND GARROS)
0-0 / 1-1 (Round of 16: 2023)	**YTD / Career ABU DHABI W-L (best)**	1-0 / 1-0 (Round of 16: 2024)
4-2 / 125-71	**YTD / Career W-L**	1-4 / 120-122
4-2 / 81-42	**YTD / Career Hard W-L**	1-4 / 65-66
3-1 / 38-27	**YTD / Career 3-Set W-L**	1-2 / 41-37
0-0 / 20-19	**YTD / Career TB W-L**	0-1 / 24-21
0-1 / 19-33	**YTD / Career TOP 20 W-L**	0-2 / 5-29
Quarter-Finalist: AUSTRALIAN OPEN	**YTD Best Result**	Round of 16: ABU DHABI

BARBORA KREJCIKOVA (4)

SARA SORRIBES TORMO

HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2014	LUXEMBOURG	HARD	Q	Barbora Krejcikova	6-0 6-3	1h 20m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
10	-	2024	47	-
10	10	2023	50	50
2	21	2022	32	66
3	5	2021	34	36
65	65	2020	65	66
115	135	2019	64	82
125	203	2018	83	87
121	126	2017	79	99
179	251	2016	107	107
140	187	2015	140	164

BARBORA KREJCIKOVA (4)

SARA SORRIBES TORMO

TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at Abu Dhabi, (not including the 2021 tournament) where her previous result was reaching R16 in 2023 (l. eventual R-Up, Samsonova)
- After 1r bye as No.4 seed, faces No.54 Sara Sorribes Tormo in 2r today
- Faced Sorribes Tormo only once before which was ten years ago at Luxembourg qualifying (Krejcikova won)
- Owns 4-5 career record against players from Spain, most recently defeating Bucsa in 1r at Birmingham last season
- Five of her seven career titles came on hard court: San Diego, Dubai in 2023; Ostrava, Tallinn in 2022; Prague in 2021
- Only player from Czech Republic to reach 2r after Bouzkova and Noskova were defeated in 1r
- Best result by Czech Republic at Abu Dhabi was R16 run by Karolina Pliskova in 2023, Barbora Krejcikova in 2023
- Is currently ranked No.12; this time last year was ranked No.30; reached a career high ranking of No.2 on Feb 28, 2022
- Is No.4 seed for the second time in 2024, also at Adelaide
- Has a match record of 4-2 so far in 2024, including reaching QF at Australian Open (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. L. NOSKOVA (#31) 6-3 3-6 6-3 (2h 9m)

Total time on court: 2h 9m

PLAYER NOTES

- Played the 2021 WTA 500 tournament in Abu Dhabi, reaching QF (l. Kostyuk)
- Was defeated in qualifying by Pera and entered the main draw as a lucky loser. Beat Linda Noskova in the main draw to reach the 2r
- Faces No.12 Barbora Krejcikova in 2r today; owns 5 wins in career over Top 20 players, most recently No.16 Veronika Kudermetova at Cleveland 2023
- Owns 9-6 career record against players from Czech Republic, with record in 2024 standing at 1-0 (over Noskova in 1r match)
- Owns 27-61 career record against seeded players
- Owns two career titles, both achieved on hard court: Cleveland in 2023; Guadalajara in 2021
- One of two players from Spain to reach 2r, along with fellow lucky loser Bucsa
- Lowest ranked player (No.57) to reach 2r at Abu Dhabi was Marta Kostyuk in 2023
- Is currently ranked No.54; this time last year was ranked No.78; reached career high ranking of No.32 on Feb 7, 2022
- Has a match record of 2-5 so far in 2024, with both wins achieved in Abu Dhabi

BARBORA KREJCIKOVA (4)

SARA SORRIBES TORMO

RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2023	Result	Rank: 30	Seed: -
2r	L	L. SAMSONOVA (#19) 7-5 7-6(6)	
1r	W	E. RUSE (#148) 6-1 6-4	

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

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BARBORA KREJCIKOVA (4)

SARA SORRIBES TORMO

SEASON 2024 HISTORY

- Contested QF at Australian Open (l. Sabalenka)
- Opened 2024 season at Adelaide, falling in 1r (l. Kalinskaya)

- Fell in opening round at Australian Open (l. Korneeva)
- Made 1r at Hobart (l. Frech)
- Started the 2024 season representing Spain at the 2024 United Cup, going 0-2 in singles play (l. Haddad Maia) (l. Swiatek)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
32	20	**Aces**	6	101
60.9%	73	**First serve %**	71.0%	7
66.6%	38	**First Serve points won %**	56.5%	98
46.8%	43	**Second serve points won %**	37.5%	103
58.8%	44	**Overall service points won %**	51.0%	105
69.2%	50	**Service games won %**	56.4%	97
52.9%	71	**Break points saved %**	42.9%	99
39.5%	18	**First serve return points won %**	40.5%	12
54.2%	61	**Second serve return points won %**	45.9%	106
47.3%	41	**Break points converted %**	39.5%	79
35.6%	38	**Return games won %**	29.8%	71
44.9%	24	**Return points won %**	42.3%	62

Best win by ranking: No.47 vs Andreeva in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 4r
Longest match: 2h 52m vs Kalinskaya in ADELAIDE 1r
Shortest match: 1h 11m vs Sabalenka in AUSTRALIAN OPEN QF
Match points saved:
Most aces in a match: 11 vs Kalinskaya in ADELAIDE 1r

Best win by ranking: No.31 vs Noskova in ABU DHABI 1r
Longest match: 2h 46m vs Frech in HOBART 1r
Shortest match: 2h 9m vs Noskova in ABU DHABI 1r
Match points saved:
Most aces in a match: 4 vs Noskova in ABU DHABI 1r

BARBORA KREJCIKOVA (4)

SARA SORRIBES TORMO

TITLES

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (7)

2023 - SAN DIEGO, DUBAI
2022 - OSTRAVA, TALLINN
2021 - PRAGUE, ROLAND-GARROS, STRASBOURG

Runner-Up (5)

2023 - ZHENGZHOU, BIRMINGHAM
2022 - SYDNEY
2021 - DUBAI
2017 - NÜRNBERG

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (18)

2023 - SAN DIEGO (w/Siniakova), BIRMINGHAM
(w/Kostyuk), INDIAN WELLS (w/Siniakova),
AUSTRALIAN OPEN (w/Siniakova)
2022 - US OPEN (w/Siniakova), WIMBLEDON
(w/Siniakova), AUSTRALIAN OPEN (w/Siniakova)
2021 - WTA FINALS (w/Siniakova), OLYMPICS
(w/Siniakova), ROLAND-GARROS (w/Siniakova),
MADRID (w/Siniakova), MELBOURNE 500
GIPPSLAND TROPHY (w/Siniakova)
2020 - SHENZHEN (w/Siniakova)
2019 - LINZ (w/Siniakova), TORONTO (w/Siniakova)
2018 - WIMBLEDON (w/Siniakova), ROLAND
GARROS (w/Siniakova)
2015 - QUEBEC CITY (w/Mestach)

Runner-Up (10)

2022 - WTA FINALS (w/Siniakova)
2021 - AUSTRALIAN OPEN (w/Siniakova)
2020 - DUBAI (w/Zheng)
2019 - INDIAN WELLS (w/Siniakova)
2018 - WTA FINALS (w/Siniakova), MIAMI
(w/Siniakova), SHENZHEN (w/Siniakova)
2017 - BASTAD (w/Irigoyen)
2016 - ST. PETERSBURG (w/Dushevina)
2014 - LUXEMBOURG (w/Hradecka)

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (2)

2023 - CLEVELAND
2021 - GUADALAJARA

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (4)

2023 - BEIJING (w/Bouzkova)
2022 - ISTANBUL (w/Bouzkova)
2019 - RABAT (w/Martinez Sanchez)
2018 - MONTERREY (w/Broady)

Runner-Up (1)

2019 - MALLORCA (w/Martinez Sanchez)

BARBORA KREJCIKOVA (4)

SARA SORRIBES TORMO

GRAND SLAMS

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

BARBORA KREJCIKOVA (4)

SARA SORRIBES TORMO

CAREER MILESTONES

- Reached four finals across 2023, winning first WTA 1000 title at Dubai (d. No.1 Swiatek in F) in addition to San Diego (d. Kenin in F), and finishing R-Up at Birmingham (l. Ostapenko) and Zhengzhou (l. Zheng Qinwen).
- Ended 2022 season in fine form, lifting back-to-back titles at Tallinn (d. Kontaveit) and Ostrava (d. Swiatek). Also completed career doubles Slam by winning US Open w/Siniakova.
- Made strong start to 2022, finishing R-Up at Sydney (l. Badosa) and reaching QF at Australian Open (l. Keys) before missing several months w/arm injury.
- Lifted maiden WTA title at 2021 Strasbourg, followed by sweep of singles and doubles titles at Roland-Garros. Roland Garros was just her fifth Slam main draw in singles; only two women have won a major with fewer main draw appearances to their name.
- Also won Prague title (d. Martincova in F), reached final at Dubai (l. Muguruza) and qualified for WTA Finals in singles for the first time. Recorded best results at US Open (QF) and Wimbledon (R16) last year
- Posted another record-breaking year in doubles across 2021 - in addition to singles title at Roland Garros, won doubles title too in Paris, along with Madrid, Gippsland Trophy, WTA Finals and the gold medal at Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games (all w/Siniakova)
- Enjoyed breakout year in singles in 2020, posting career-high ranking of No.65 (November 16) and making R16 at Roland Garros and reaching second WTA SF at Linz
- Also reached two doubles finals last year, finishing R-Up at Dubai (w/Zheng) and winning Shenzhen (w/Siniakova)
- In Mixed Doubles, defended Australian Open title (w/Pavic), having triumphed in Melbourne a year earlier with w/Ram
- In 2019, advanced to QF at Bucharest in addition to winning four ITF Circuit singles titles on clay in North America and Europe, winning 20 of her 21 matches during this stretch
- Also in 2019, posted second Top 20 doubles season highlighted by titles at Toronto and Linz, and R-Up finish at Indian Wells (all w/Siniakova). Won Australian Open mixed doubles title w/Ram
- In 2018, won first two Grand Slam trophies at Roland Garros (d. Hozumi/ Ninomiya in F) and Wimbledon (d. Melichar/Peschke in F) both w/Siniakova, the first pairing to complete the Roland Garros-Wimbledon double since Kim Clijsters and Ai Sugiyama in 2003; also became

- Won second career singles title at Cleveland 2023 – qualified and defeated three seeds (No.3 Kudermetova, No.9 Stephens and No.4 Alexandrova) en route to the title.

  Missed start of 2023 season with a left foot injury before returning at Bogota in April. Made R16 at Roland Garros (l. Haddad Maia) in best Grand Slam of the season.
- Best result in 2022 was SF at Palermo (l. eventual champion Begu). Also made QF at Guadalajara [250], Monterrey, Istanbul, Madrid and Lausanne
- Reached career-high ranking of No.32 on February 7, 2022
- Posted first Top-50 finish in 2021 at No.36 after her breakout season, winning her maiden WTA singles title at Guadalajara (d. Bouchard in F)
- Other notable results in 2021 included reaching the QF at Miami (l. Andreescu), Montreal(l. Ka.Pliskova) and Abu Dhabi (l. Kostyuk); made SF runs at Monterrey (l. Fernandez), Parma (l. Siniakova) and Cleveland (l. Kontaveit)
- Made her best Grand Slam run in 2021 by reaching the 3r at US Open (l. eventual champion Raducanu)
- Won ITF/$80k title in Cagnes-Sur-Mer-FRA in September 2020; overall owns 10 singles titles and five doubles titles on the ITF Circuit
- Also in 2020, made QFs at Ostrava and Prague, and 2r at Australian Open and US Open - has now reached this stage at all four majors
- Has lifted two career doubles titles - at 2018 Monterrey (w/Broady) and 2019 Rabat (w/Martinez Sanchez); also reached final at 2019 Mallorca (w/Martinez Sanchez). Career-high doubles ranking of No.40 (February 3, 2020)
- Made 2r for the first time at a major in 2018, as a qualifier at Wimbledon (l. compatriot Suarez Navarro)
- Reached first career WTA SFs in 2017, at first Bogotá and then Gstaad
- Fell 1r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2016 Roland Garros (as qualifier, l. Pavlyuchenkova)
- In 2016, reached maiden tour-level QF at Seoul
- Also in 2016 made QF at WTA 125k Series event at Honolulu (l. eventual champion Bellis) and won two titles on the ITF Circuit at $25K ITF/Sao Paulo-BRA (d. Mitu in F) and $50K ITF/Essen-GER (d. Muchova in F). Finished as R-Up at $100K ITF/Sharm El Sheikh-EGY (l. Vekic in F)
- Scored first WTA main draw win over Pavlyuchenkova (via ret.) at 2015 Charleston

- the first team ever to win the girls' (2013) and ladies' doubles title at SW19
- Rose to WTA doubles World No.1 on October 22, 2018
- Highlight of 2017 was R-Up finish in first WTA singles final at Nürnberg (l. Bertens in F). Also made QF as qualifier at Bastad (l. Garcia). Only other tour-level appearances were 1r exits at Bucharest and Québec City
- Contested five WTA main draws in 2016, progressing to 2r at two events: Kuala Lumpur and Prague
- Lifted maiden WTA doubles title at 2015 Québec City (w/Mestach)
- Advanced to first WTA doubles final at 2014 Luxembourg (w/Hradecka, l. Bacsinszky/Barrois)
- Reached 2r on WTA debut as qualifier at 2014 Québec City (l. Hradecka)
- On ITF Circuit, owns 14 singles and 19 doubles titles
- Made professional debut at $10K ITF/Piestany-SVK in 2010

- Has represented Spain in Fed Cup in 2015-17 and 2019-20; best win came over No.10 Osaka (straight sets) in qualifying tie vs. Japan in February 2020
- Played first WTA main draw event at 2015 Rio de Janeiro (as qualifier, l. Ormaechea)
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2012 Barcelona (l. 1r)
- Played first professional event at $10k ITF/Vallduxo-ESP in 2010

OTHER INFORMATION

- Previously coached by Ales Kartus
- Started playing tennis aged 6 and was later coached and mentored by WTA legend Jana Novotna
- Highly ranked junior, won the Roland Garros, Wimbledon and US Open girls' doubles titles with Katerina Siniakova.

- Coached by Sílvia Soler Espinosa, formerly worked with German Puentes
- Mother owns souvenir shop (used to be tennis instructor); father works in real estate (used to play pro soccer); also has one brother, Pablo
- Introduced to sport at age 6 by mother. Favorite shot is volley; favorite surface is clay; favorite tournament is Roland Garros
- Tennis idol growing up was Justine Henin, Sara Errani and David Ferrer
- Likes to hang out with brother and friends.

0 WIN

FIRST MEETING

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32 ANHELINA KALININA
UKRAINE

LIUDMILA **(8)** SAMSONOVA **15**

1997-02-07	**Date of Birth**	1998-11-11
Kyiv, Ukraine	**Residence**	
Right-Handed (two-handed backhand)	**Plays**	Right-Handed
5' 11' (1.80m)	**Height**	5' 11" (1.82m)
25	**Career-High Ranking**	12
$3,092,244	**Career Prize Money**	$4,486,102
$114,132	**Season Prize Money**	$110,056
0 / 0	**Singles Titles YTD / Career**	0 / 4
9-12 (Round of 32: 2023 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	**Grand Slam W-L (best)**	13-15 (Round of 16: 2022 US OPEN; 2021 WIMBLEDON)
1-0 / 1-0 (Round of 16: 2024)	**YTD / Career ABU DHABI W-L (best)**	1-0 / 5-1 (Runner-Up: 2023)
1-3 / 60-61	**YTD / Career W-L**	1-3 / 92-72
1-3 / 33-40	**YTD / Career Hard W-L**	1-3 / 65-46
0-0 / 21-19	**YTD / Career 3-Set W-L**	0-1 / 24-26
1-1 / 11-13	**YTD / Career TB W-L**	1-0 / 25-27
0-0 / 9-19	**YTD / Career TOP 20 W-L**	0-0 / 18-17
Round of 16: ABU DHABI	**YTD Best Result**	Round of 16: ABU DHABI

MATCH NOTES

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LIUDMILA SAMSONOVA

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
27	-	2024	14	-
25	27	2023	12	16
34	52	2022	19	20
52	52	2021	39	39
136	162	2020	114	127
107	181	2019	123	139
108	110	2018	177	180
154	157	2017	520	552
150	527	2016	1076	1078
148	148	2015	837	-

ANHELINA KALININA	LIUDMILA SAMSONOVA

TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. L. BRONZETTI (#53) 6-1 7-6 (1h 44m)

Total time on court: 1h 44m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making debut appearance at Abu Dhabi
- Has beaten lucky loser, Lucia Bronzetti so far this week to 2r
- Faces No.15 Liudmila Samsonova in 2r today; owns 9 wins in career over Top 20 players, most recently No.8 Marketa Vondrousova at Beijing 2023
- Owns 18-27 career record against seeded players, most recently defeated by Garcia in 3r at Beijing 2023
- Best career result on hard court is QF which she has reached 4 times: Zhengzhou, Hobart in 2023; Cluj-Napoca in 2022 and 2021
- Only player from Ukraine to reach 2r, after Tsurenko was defeated by Samsonova in the 1r
- Best result by Ukraine at Abu Dhabi was R16 run by Marta Kostyuk in 2023
- Lowest ranked player (No.57) to reach 2r at Abu Dhabi was Marta Kostyuk in 2023
- Is currently ranked No.32; this time last year was ranked No.31; reached a career high ranking of No.25 on May 22, 2023
- Has a 1-3 match record so far in 2024 following early exits at Brisbane, Adelaide and Australian Open
- Has won 1 match so far in 2024; she is ranked No.76 on tour for match wins, behind Ashlyn Krueger, Camila Giorgi, Alina Korneeva

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. L. TSURENKO (#37) 6-0 6-1 (51m)

Total time on court: 51m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at Abu Dhabi, where her previous result was R-Up in 2023 (l. Bencic in F)
- Has beaten Lesia Tsurenko so far this week to reach 2r
- Faces No.32 Anhelina Kalinina in 2r today; owns 43 wins in career over Top 50 players, most recently No.37 Lesia Tsurenko in 1r this week
- Owns 4-0 career record against players from Ukraine, with record in 2024 standing at 1-0 (Tsurenko in 1r)
- Three of her four career titles came on hard court: Tokyo, Cleveland, Washington DC in 2022
- Is currently ranked No.15; this time last year was ranked No.19; reached a career high of No.12 on Feb 27, 2023
- Has a 1-3 match record so far in 2024, after early exits at Brisbane, Adelaide and Australian Open
- Winner today will face either Krejcikova or Sorribes Tormo in QF

MATCH NOTES

ANHELINA KALININA

LIUDMILA 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	

ANHELINA KALININA

LIUDMILA SAMSONOVA

SEASON 2024 HISTORY

- Made 1r at Australian Open (l. Rus)
- Fell in opening round at Adelaide (l. Kostyuk)
- Opened the 2024 season playing 2r at Brisbane after 1r bye (l. Burel)

- 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. Andreeva)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
6	101	**Aces**	20	37
66.2%	35	**First serve %**	49.0%	110
53.1%	108	**First Serve points won %**	69.5%	25
36.5%	106	**Second serve points won %**	42.3%	85
47.5%	110	**Overall service points won %**	55.6%	73
48.6%	109	**Service games won %**	59.0%	89
37.9%	104	**Break points saved %**	42.9%	99
35.1%	61	**First serve return points won %**	39.0%	25
52.6%	74	**Second serve return points won %**	51.2%	81
21.1%	110	**Break points converted %**	43.3%	59
24.2%	96	**Return games won %**	32.5%	55
41.4%	73	**Return points won %**	42.9%	53

Best win by ranking: No.53 vs Bronzetti in ABU DHABI 1r
Longest match: 1h 44m vs Bronzetti in ABU DHABI 1r
Shortest match: 1h 21m vs Burel in BRISBANE 2r
Match points saved:
Most aces in a match: 3 vs Bronzetti in ABU DHABI 1r

Best win by ranking: No.37 vs Tsurenko in ABU DHABI 1r
Longest match: 2h 53m vs Siegemund in ADELAIDE 1r
Shortest match: 51m vs Tsurenko in ABU DHABI 1r
Match points saved:
Most aces in a match: 8 vs Siegemund in ADELAIDE 1r

ANHELINA KALININA

LIUDMILA SAMSONOVA

TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Runner-Up (2)
2023 - ROME
2021 - BUDAPEST

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)

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

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ANHELINA KALININA

LIUDMILA SAMSONOVA

CAREER MILESTONES

- In 2023, made 3r at Australian Open, achieving best Grand Slam result (l. Krejcikova). Finished runner-up at Rome (l. Rybakina via ret. w/left leg injury), equalling her best Tour result (also runner-up at Budapest in 2021). 2023 ranking peaked at No. 25 on May 22 and closed out the season with QF at Zhengzhou (l. eventual champion Zheng).
- In 2022, reached four QF, at Charleston (l. Jabeur), Madrid (l. Teichmann), Eastbourne (l. Ostapenko) and Cluj-Napoca (l. eventual champion Blinkova). Also won WTA 125 tournament at Limoges in December
- Posted first Top 100 season in 2021, finishing on a career-high ranking of No.52
- Reached first WTA singles final at 2021 Budapest (l. Putintseva) and was a quarterfinalist at the Transylvania Open (l. eventual champion Kontaveit)
- Ranking was further boosted in 2021 by five ITF Circuit titles, taking career haul to 15 at that level
- Upset Kerber in 1r at 2021 Roland Garros to advance to 2r (l. Collins); also reached 2r at the US Open, where she was defeated by Kerber
- Broke into Top 100 on July 12, 2021, following title run at $100k ITF/Contrexeville-FRA
- Best result of 2020 was R-Up finish at $100k ITF/Midland-MI, USA. At WTA level, fell 1r twice (including US Open) and in qualifying three times (including the year's other two majors)
- Highlight of 2019 was reaching 2r at Jurmala (d. Siniakova, l. Tig) and winning ITF Circuit title at $25k Perov-CZE
- Made her Grand Slam main draw debut at 2018 US Open - came through qualifying to make 2r (l. Stephens)
- Also in 2018 made second tour-level appearance of her career, falling 1r at Washington DC (as qualifier, l. Bonaventure)
- Sidelined for 10 months at the end of 2015 w/shoulder injury, playing only 12 matches in 2016 season
- As a junior was runner-up in girls' singles at 2014 US Open (l. Bouzkova) and doubles champion at 2014 Australian Open (w/Kulichkova)

- 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 Anton Korchevskyi
- Formerly trained in Trnava, Slovakia at the Empire Academy, under the tutelage of Vladimir Platenik; formerly worked with Daria Safina
- Started playing tennis aged six
- Favorite surface is hard

- 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

2 WIN

3 MATCHES PLAYED

1 WIN

ELENA RYBAKINA (1)
KAZAKHSTAN
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DANIELLE COLLINS
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
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1999-06-17	Date of Birth	1993-12-13
	Residence	St. Petersburg, FL, USA
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed
6' 0'' (1.84m)	Height	5' 10" (1.78m)
3	Career-High Ranking	7
$12,217,645	Career Prize Money	$6,856,163
$363,250	Season Prize Money	$154,290
1 / 6	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 2
38-16 (Champion: 2022 WIMBLEDON)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	35-25 (Runner-Up: 2022 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
0-0 / 1-1 (Quarter-Finalist: 2023)	YTD / Career ABU DHABI W-L (best)	1-0 / 1-1 (Round of 16: 2024)
7-2 / 176-82	YTD / Career W-L	3-3 / 123-91
7-2 / 116-57	YTD / Career Hard W-L	3-3 / 91-64
0-1 / 45-40	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L	2-2 / 38-38
1-1 / 50-39	YTD / Career TB W-L	0-1 / 28-22
1-0 / 10-11	YTD / Career TOP 5 W-L	0-1 / 5-13
Champion: BRISBANE	YTD Best Result	Round of 16: ABU DHABI

ELENA RYBAKINA (1)

DANIELLE COLLINS

HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2023	AUSTRALIAN OPEN	HARD	3r	Elena Rybakina	6-2 5-7 6-2	2h 5m
2023	ADELAIDE #1	HARD	1r	Elena Rybakina	5-7 6-2 6-3	2h 21m
2021	SAN JOSE	HARD	QF	Danielle Collins	7-6(5) 7-6(4)	1h 55m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
3	-	**2024**	52	-
3	4	**2023**	11	55
12	22	**2022**	7	14
14	14	**2021**	25	29
17	19	**2020**	25	45
37	37	**2019**	23	31
182	191	**2018**	35	36
420	425	**2017**	153	167
612	616	**2016**	299	299
-	-	**2015**	903	-

ELENA RYBAKINA (1)

DANIELLE COLLINS

TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Reached QF last season (l. Haddad Maia) and also reached QF at the Abu Dhabi WTA Women's Tennis Open which was a WTA 500 tournament held in January 2021 (l. Sabalenka)
- After 1r bye as No.1 seed, faces No.71 Danielle Collins in 2r today
- Owns 22-11 career record against players from United States of America,most recently defeated by Pegula at WTA Finals last season
- Owns 30-6 career record against qualifiers, with a record in 2024 standing at 1-0 (d. Gadecki in 2r at Brisbane)
- Three of her six titles came on hard court: Brisbane in 2024; Indian Wells in 2023; Hobart in 2020
- Is No. 1 seed this week for the second time in her career (also at Adelaide this season)
- Only player from Kazakhstan in the main draw
- Is currently ranked No.5; this time last year was ranked No.10; reached a career high ranking of No.3 on Jun 12, 2023
- Has a match record of 7-2 so far in 2024 after lifting the title in her season opening tournament at Brisbane (d. Sabalenka in F)
- Also reached QF at Adelaide already this season (l. Alexandrova)
- Has been involved in only 1 three-set match so far in 2024, which her Australian Open 2r loss to Blinkova
- Winner today will play either Bucsa or Watson in QF

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. N. OSAKA (#757) 7-5 6-0 (1h 23m)

Total time on court: 1h 23m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at Abu Dhabi, where her previous result was playing 1r in 2023 (l. Ostapenko)
- Progressed through qualifying and has beaten Naomi Osaka in the main draw to reach 2r
- Faces No.5 Elena Rybakina in 2r today; owns 12 wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.10 Caroline Garcia at San Diego 2023
- Owns 3-4 career record against players from Kazakhstan, most recently defeated by Rybakina in 3r at Australian Open 2023
- Owns 30-49 career record against seeds, with a record in 2024 standing at 0-3 (most recently defeated by Swiatek in 2r at Australian Open)
- One of her two titles came on hard court: San Jose in 2021
- One of 2 players from United States of America to reach 2r, along with Krueger
- Best result by United States of America at Abu Dhabi was QF run by Shelby Rogers in 2023
- One of 3 qualifiers to reach 2r, along with Watson and Krueger
- Best result by a qualifier at Abu Dhabi was QF by Shelby Rogers in 2023
- Lowest ranked player (No.57) to reach 2r at Abu Dhabi was Marta Kostyuk in 2023
- Is currently ranked No.71; this time last year was ranked No.42; reached career high ranking of No.7 on Jun 11, 2022
- Has a match record of 5-3 so far in 2024, also playing main draw at Brisbane, Hobart and Australian Open

ELENA RYBAKINA (1)

DANIELLE COLLINS

RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2023	Result	Rank: 10	Seed: 3
QF	L	B. HADDAD MAIA (#14) 3-6 6-3 6-2	
2r	W	K. PLISKOVA (#20) 6-4 6-2	

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

ELENA RYBAKINA (1)

DANIELLE COLLINS

SEASON 2024 HISTORY

- Fell in 2r at Australian Open (l. Blinkova)
- Made QF at Adelaide (l. Alexandrova)
- Won first title of the 2024 season and her sixth title overall at Brisbane after defeating No.1 seed Aryna Sabalenka in the final

- 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
60	5	**Aces**	22	35
66.1%	38	**First serve %**	58.8%	90
71.2%	13	**First Serve points won %**	64.3%	60
53.8%	5	**Second serve points won %**	43.2%	75
65.3%	2	**Overall service points won %**	55.6%	73
84.5%	2	**Service games won %**	65.3%	70
67.5%	11	**Break points saved %**	59.7%	33
34.6%	65	**First serve return points won %**	35.6%	54
63.4%	4	**Second serve return points won %**	64.6%	3
48.4%	35	**Break points converted %**	49.2%	28
38.5%	23	**Return games won %**	44.3%	12
44.9%	22	**Return points won %**	46.5%	13

Best win by ranking: No.2 vs Sabalenka in BRISBANE F
Longest match: 2h 46m vs Blinkova in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2r
Shortest match: 32m vs Potapova in BRISBANE QF
Match points saved:
Most aces in a match: 11 vs Bucsa in ADELAIDE 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

ELENA RYBAKINA (1)

DANIELLE COLLINS

TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (6)

2024 - BRISBANE
2023 - ROME, INDIAN WELLS
2022 - WIMBLEDON
2020 - HOBART
2019 - BUCHAREST

Runner-Up (9)

2023 - MIAMI, AUSTRALIAN OPEN
2022 - PORTOROZ, ADELAIDE 500
2020 - STRASBOURG, DUBAI, ST. PETERSBURG, SHENZHEN
2019 - NANCHANG

DOUBLES FINALS

Runner-Up (2)

2023 - ADELAIDE #2 (w/Pavlyuchenkova)
2021 - INDIAN WELLS (w/Kudermetova)

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
2r				**2024**	2r			
RUP	3r	QF	3r	**2023**	3r	1r	2r	2r
2r	3r	WON	1r	**2022**	RUP	2r	1r	4r
2r	QF	4r	3r	**2021**	2r	3r	2r	3r
3r	2r		2r	**2020**	2r	QF		1r
	1r		1r	**2019**	SF	2r	3r	2r
				2018		1r	1r	1r
				2017				
				2016				1r
				2015				
				2014				1r

ELENA RYBAKINA (1)

DANIELLE COLLINS

CAREER MILESTONES

- Reached second Grand Slam final at 2023 Australian Open (l. Sabalenka in 3s); made Top-10 debut following tournament (January 30, 2023). Also in 2023 won first WTA 1000 title at Indian Wells, and finished R-Up at two further WTA 1000 finals at Miami and Rome. Qualified for first WTA Finals, going 1-2 in Group Stage.
- Lifted maiden major at 2022 Wimbledon (d. Jabeur in F)
- Last season also finished R-Up at Adelaide (l. Barty) and Portoroz (l. Siniakova)
- Best result of 2021 were SFs at Eastbourne, Olympics and Chicago [500], and QFs at Abu Dhabi, Roland Garros, San Jose and Ostrava
- Opened 2020 season by reaching the championship match at four of her first five tournaments, including a title run at Hobart (d. Zhang in F)
- Made first final appearance at a Premier-level tournament with R-Up finish at St. Petersburg (l. Bertens); was rewarded with Top 20 debut at No.19 following run in Russia (February 17, 2020)
- First win over a Top-5 ranked opponent came over No.3 Ka.Pliskova during R-Up finish at 2020 Dubai
- Won back-to-back Slam matches for the first time during 3r showing at 2020 Australian Open (l. Barty)
- Won maiden WTA singles title at 2019 Bucharest (d. Tig in F), breaking into Top 100 for the first time in the following week's rankings at No.65 (July 22, 2019)
- Also in 2019, went on to make Top 50 debut on September 16, 2019, after reaching second career final at Nanchang (l. Peterson), produced SF appearances at Luxembourg and 's-Hertogenbosch, and made Grand Slam main draw debut at 2019 Roland Garros, falling 1r (as qualifier, l. Siniakova)
- Finished 2019 campaign with 57-21 win-loss record (across all levels) to end season at No.37, up from 2018's final ranking of No.191. On the ITF Circuit in 2019, lifted silverware on three occasions: back-to-back at $25k Moscow-RUS and $25k Kazan-RUS, and at $60k ITF/Launceston-AUS
- Highlights of 2018 included reaching maiden WTA QF at St. Petersburg (l. Goerges) and clinching title at $15k ITF/Kazan-RUS
- First Top 10 win came over No.7 Garcia at 2018 St. Petersburg
- Made WTA qualifying and main draw debut at 2017 Moscow (as qualifier, l. Begu in 1r)

- 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
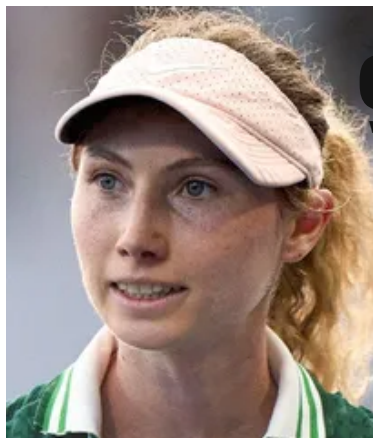- Won first title at WTA125K event in Newport Beach in 2018 (d. Zhuk in F)

- Professional debut came at $10k ITF/Antalya-TUR in 2014

- 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

- Coached by Stefano Vukov
- Trained at Spartak Club in Moscow as a junior; previous coaches included Andrei Cheshnokov (Elena Vesnina's former coach) and Evgenia Kulikovskaya
- Nominated for 2019 WTA Newcomer of the Year Award
- Started playing tennis aged five and favorite surface is hard

- 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.

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FIRST MEETING

74 CRISTINA BUCSA		156 HEATHER WATSON
SPAIN		UNITED KINGDOM

1998-01-01	Date of Birth	1992-05-19
Cantabria, Spain	Residence	Guernsey & Bradenton, FL, USA
Right-Handed	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 9" (1.76m)	Height	5' 7" (1.70m)
56	Career-High Ranking	38
$1,639,121	Career Prize Money	$5,389,971
$164,486	Season Prize Money	$0
0 / 0	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 4
4-9 (Round of 32: 2023 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	23-44 (Round of 16: 2022 WIMBLEDON)
1-0 / 1-0 (Round of 16: 2024)	YTD / Career ABU DHABI W-L (best)	1-0 / 1-0 (Round of 16: 2024)
3-3 / 18-37	YTD / Career W-L	1-0 / 142-189
3-3 / 12-20	YTD / Career Hard W-L	1-0 / 91-116
2-0 / 12-8	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L	0-0 / 56-68
0-0 / 5-4	YTD / Career TB W-L	0-0 / 41-56
Round of 16: ADELAIDE, ABU DHABI	YTD Best Result	Round of 16: ABU DHABI

MATCH NOTES

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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
56	-	**2024**	137	-
65	83	**2023**	134	169
104	107	**2022**	72	133
149	159	**2021**	56	73
154	161	**2020**	49	59
164	164	**2019**	88	92
331	346	**2018**	68	101
398	415	**2017**	71	74
747	798	**2016**	50	77
748	757	**2015**	38	54

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HEATHER WATSON

TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. X. WANG (#41) 5-7 6-0 6-3 (1h 52m)

Total time on court: 1h 52m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making debut appearance at ABU DHABI, entering the main draw as a Lucky Loser
- Defeating Kolke in 1r qualies before falling to Noskova, however replaced Zhu Lin in the draw
- In 1r defeated No.41 Wang Xinyu for her eighth Top 50 win in career and second of 2024, after also defeating No.30 Paolini at Adelaide
- Faces fellow qualifier No.156 Heather Watson in 2r today - owns 4-2 career record against QUALIFIERS
- Owns 1-0 career record against players from United Kingdom in main draw matches, defeating Swan at 2023 Indian Wells
- One of 2 players from Spain to reach 2r (also Sorribes Tormo)
- Is currently ranked No.74; this time last year was ranked No.87
- Has been involved in 2 three-set matches in 2024

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. V. KUDERMETOVA (#16) 6-3 7-5 (1h 43m)

Total time on court: 1h 43m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making debut appearance at ABU DHABI, entering the main draw as a qualifier
- Defeated Masarova and Grand Slam champion Kenin, both in three sets, to reach main draw
- In 1r overcame No.16 Veronika Kudermetova to score her 11th Top 20 win of career, and first for almost t wo years (d. No.15 Svitolina at 2022 Miami)
- Was also first straight sets win over a Top 20 player since 2017 Wimbledon (d. No.19 Sevastova 6-0 6-4)
- Faces fellow qualifier No.74 Cristina Bucsa in 2r with a 3-5 career record against players from Spain (also defeated Masarova in qualifying here)
- Kudermetova win was first main draw win of season, and first outright since QF run at Warsaw in July of 2023
- Is a four-time hard court champions: ACAPULCO in 2020; MONTERREY in 2016; HOBART in 2015; OSAKA in 2012
- One of 2 players from United Kingdom to reach 2r (also Raducanu)
- Best result by QUALIFIER at ABU DHABI was Quarter-Finalist run by Shelby Rogers in 2023
- Is currently ranked No.156; this time last year was ranked No.147

CRISTINA BUCSA

HEATHER WATSON

RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

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HEATHER WATSON

SEASON 2024 HISTORY

- Fell in opening round at Australian Open (l. Blinkova)
- Made R16 at Adelaide (l. Rybakina)
- Opened the 2024 season making 2r at Brisbane (l. Linette)

- Fell in qualifying at Brisbane and Australian Open

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
5	106	**Aces**	5	109
64.3%	51	**First serve %**	71.2%	0
65.8%	45	**First Serve points won %**	63.5%	0
48.6%	25	**Second serve points won %**	61.9%	0
59.7%	35	**Overall service points won %**	63.0%	0
70.1%	43	**Service games won %**	90.9%	0
52.4%	75	**Break points saved %**	80.0%	0
36.9%	47	**First serve return points won %**	24.2%	0
55.9%	44	**Second serve return points won %**	60.9%	0
38.2%	89	**Break points converted %**	100.0%	0
31.8%	61	**Return games won %**	30.0%	0
43.6%	45	**Return points won %**	39.3%	0

Best win by ranking: No.30 vs Paolini in ADELAIDE 1r
Longest match: 2h 10m vs Minnen in BRISBANE 1r
Shortest match: 1h 17m vs Blinkova in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 1r
Match points saved:
Most aces in a match: 3 vs Minnen in BRISBANE 1r

Best win by ranking: No.16 vs Kudermetova in ABU DHABI 1r
Longest match: 1h 43m vs Kudermetova in ABU DHABI 1r
Shortest match: 1h 43m vs Kudermetova in ABU DHABI 1r
Match points saved:
Most aces in a match: 5 vs Kudermetova in ABU DHABI 1r

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CRISTINA BUCSA | HEATHER WATSON

TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (1)
2023 - LYON (w/Schoofs)

Runner-Up (1)
2022 - PORTOROZ (w/Mihalikova)

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)

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

MATCH NOTES

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HEATHER WATSON

CAREER MILESTONES

- Made third round of Grand Slam for first time at 2023 Australian Open after qualifying (l. Swiatek). As a qualifier, notched first Top 20 victory over Belinda Bencic at 2023 Cincinnati (l. Paolini).
- Also in 2023, lifted maiden title at WTA 125 Limoges (d. Jacquemot)
- In 2022, made 2r at Lyon (as qualifier, l. Yastremska), Lausanne (as qualifier, l. Waltert), US Open (as qualifier. l. Collins) and Portoroz (as qualifier, l. Haddad Maia). Also made SF at WTA 125K Series events in Contrexeville and Andorra
- Appeared in main draw at a major for the first time at 2021 US Open, falling 1r (as qualifier, l. Teichmann)
- Scored first Tour-level win during 2r showing at 2021 Belgrade (d. Kovinic, l. Sasnovich)
- Fell 1r on WTA main-draw debut at 2021 Bogota (l. Parrizas Diaz)
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2019 Wimbledon
- Won first ITF Circuit title in 2017, at W15 event in Santarem, Portugal
- Owns four titles in singles and seven in doubles on ITF Circuit

- 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)

OTHER INFORMATION

- Currently coached by Ion Bucsa (Father)
- Trains and lives in Cantabria, Spain
- Hobbies include reading books and enjoying walks through nature
- Idolizes Serena Williams and Kim Clijsters
- Favorite surface is grass

- 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.