



MATCH NOTES

MUBADALA ABU DHABI OPEN

ABU DHABI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Feb 5 – Feb 11, 2024 | WTA 500 | \$780, 637



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Mubadala Abu Dhabi Open – Day 7 – Singles Final - Sunday, February 11

[1] Elena Rybakina (KAZ #5) vs. [7] Daria Kasatkina (#14)

Series tied 2-2

All previous four meetings have also come on hard court, three of which went to three sets... Both players are through to their second final of the season... **Kasatkina** and **Rybakina** made the QFs here in 2023... This is **Rybakina's** second time as the No.1 seed at a Tour-level event (also 2024 Adelaide)... **Rybakina** has won the third-most matches on Tour this season, with ten... **Kasatkina** is hot on her heels with nine... **Kasatkina** owns a 14-18 record vs, Top 5 players (although has lost last five meetings with such players)... **Kasatkina's** last Top 5 win came over No.5 Garcia at 2023 Eastbourne... Both players bidding for their 7th singles title today... **Rybakina** has won her last two finals contested, at 2023 Rome and 2024 Brisbane... **Kasatkina** fell to Ostapenko in her last singles final, at 2024 Adelaide...

HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	RESULT	TIME
2023	MONTREAL	HARD	QF	Elena Rybakina	5-7 7-5 7-6(8)	3h 27m
2022	SAN JOSE	HARD	1r	Daria Kasatkina	1-6 6-2 6-0	1h 40m
2021	ABU DHABI	HARD	3r	Elena Rybakina	6-3 6-4	1h 8m
2020	OSTRAVA	HARD	1r	Daria Kasatkina	6-2 3-6 6-3	1h 52m

A CLOSER LOOK AT THE FINALISTS


PLAYER	RANK	AGE	YTD PRIZE \$^	YTD W/L*	YTD TITLES	CAREER PRIZE \$^	CAREER W/L*	CAREER TITLES
[1] Elena Rybakina	5	24	\$363,250	10-2	1	\$12,217,645	179-82	6
[7] Daria Kasatkina	14	26	\$257,755	9-3	0	\$11,030,829	257-174	6

*entering SF, main draw at Tour-level / ^Does not include current tournament

FINAL HISTORY


PLAYER	TOTAL FINALS*	F RECORD	LAST FINAL PLAYED
[1] Elena Rybakina	16	6-9	2024 Brisbane (d. Sabalenka)
[7] Daria Kasatkina	15	6-8	2024 Adelaide (l. Ostapenko)

*Figure includes 2024 Abu Dhabi F



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ELENA RYBAKINA (1)
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DARIA KASATKINA (7)

1999-06-17	Date of Birth	1997-05-07
	Residence	
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
6' 0" (1.84m)	Height	5' 7" (1.70m)
3	Career-High Ranking	8
\$12,217,645	Career Prize Money	\$11,030,829
\$363,250	Season Prize Money	\$257,755
1 / 6	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 6
38-16 (Champion: 2022 WIMBLEDON)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	48-32 (Semi-Finalist: 2022 ROLAND GARROS)
3-0 / 4-1 (Runner-Up: 2024)	YTD / Career ABU DHABI W-L (best)	4-0 / 5-1 (Runner-Up: 2024)
10-2 / 179-82	YTD / Career W-L	9-3 / 257-174
10-2 / 119-57	YTD / Career Hard W-L	9-3 / 165-117
2-1 / 47-40	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L	4-1 / 94-58
1-1 / 50-39	YTD / Career TB W-L	1-0 / 39-40
1-0 / 10-11	YTD / Career TOP 5 W-L	0-1 / 14-17
2-0 / 36-31	YTD / Career TOP 20 W-L	1-2 / 43-73
Champion: BRISBANE	YTD Best Result	Runner-Up: ADELAIDE, ABU DHABI



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RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
3	-	2024	13	-
3	4	2023	8	18
12	22	2022	8	8
14	14	2021	24	26
17	19	2020	66	71
37	37	2019	10	69
182	191	2018	10	10
420	425	2017	24	24
612	616	2016	24	27
-	-	2015	71	72



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. D. COLLINS (#71) 4-6 6-3 6-3 (2h 17m)
QF: d. C. BUCSA (#74) 6-1 6-4 (1h 3m)
SF: d. L. SAMSONOVA (#15) 6-0 4-6 6-2 (1h 51m)

Total time on court: 5h 11m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at ABU DHABI, and through to her first final here, bettering QF run in 2023 (l. Haddad Maia)
- Has beaten Danielle Collins, Cristina Bucsa and Liudmila Samsonova to reach her second final of the season - also WON at BRISBANE 2024
- Faces No.14 Daria Kasatkina in F today; owns 36 wins in career over Top 20 players, most recently over No.15 Liudmila Samsonova in the SF here
- Record in WTA F matches stands at 6-9
- Looking today to add to her 3 hard court titles: BRISBANE in 2024; INDIAN WELLS in 2023; HOBART in 2020
- Is No. 1 seed this week, second time in her career she's been the No.1 seed
- First time a player from Kazakhstan has reached the F at ABU DHABI
- Is currently ranked No.5; this time last year was ranked No.10
- During last year's Middle Eastern swing made 3r at DUBAI and QF at ABU DHABI
- Has won 10 matches so far in 2024; she is ranked No.3 on tour for match wins, behind Jelena Ostapenko, Aryna Sabalenka
- Has been involved in 3 three-set matches in 2024

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. D. PARRY (#59) 6-4 5-7 6-4 (2h 35m)
2r: d. A. KRUEGER (#82) 6-3 7-5 (1h 32m)
QF: d. S. CIRSTEAN (#26) 6-2 6-0 (1h 14m)
SF: d. B. HADDAD MAIA (#13) 6-3 4-6 7-6 (2h 58m)

Total time on court: 8h 19m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at ABU DHABI, and through to her first final here, bettering QF in 2023 (l. Qinwen Zheng)
- Has beaten Diane Parry, Ashlyn Krueger, Sorana Cirstea and Beatriz Haddad Maia to reach her second final of the season (RUP at ADELAIDE)
- Faces No.5 Elena Rybakina today; owns 20 wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.5 Caroline Garcia at EASTBOURNE 2023
- Owns a 14-18 record against Top 5 player - has lost her last five meetings though with such players
- Owns 3-2 career record against players from Kazakhstan
- Record in WTA F matches stands at 6-8
- Is a 5 time hard court champion: GRANBY, SAN JOSE in 2022; ST. PETERSBURG, MELBOURNE 250 in 2021; MOSCOW in 2018
- Is currently ranked No.14; this time last year was ranked No.8
- During last year's Middle Eastern swing made 2r at DUBAI, 2r at DOHA, QF at ABU DHABI
- Is currently on a 4-match winning streak; longest winning streak of her career was 7 matches in 2021
- Has won 9 matches so far in 2024; she is ranked No.6 on tour for match wins, behind Elena Rybakina, Emma Navarro, Coco Gauff
- Has been involved in 5 three-set matches in 2024



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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: 8	Seed: 1
QF	L	Q. ZHENG (#29) 6-1 6-2	
2r	W	J. TEICHMANN (#28) 1-6 6-0 6-2	



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SEASON 2024 HISTORY

- Played 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
- Reached F at Adelaide (l. Ostapenko)
 - Made QF at Brisbane (l. Sabalenka)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
79	2	Aces	20	43
66.2%	41	First serve %	68.3%	20
71.0%	15	First Serve points won %	65.0%	53
53.8%	6	Second serve points won %	41.5%	93
65.2%	3	Overall service points won %	57.5%	59
83.2%	2	Service games won %	70.1%	44
62.3%	25	Break points saved %	59.2%	40
36.4%	57	First serve return points won %	38.6%	29
62.2%	4	Second serve return points won %	60.5%	9
46.0%	53	Break points converted %	43.7%	61
41.1%	15	Return games won %	39.0%	25
45.9%	20	Return points won %	45.7%	21

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.13 vs Haddad Maia in ABU DHABI SF
Longest match: 2h 58m vs Haddad Maia in ABU DHABI SF
Shortest match: 1h 14m vs Cirstea in ABU DHABI QF
1h 14m vs Ostapenko in ADELAIDE F
Match points saved:
Most aces in a match: 4 vs Parry in ABU DHABI 1r
4 vs Linette in BRISBANE 3r



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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 (6)

2022 - GRANBY, SAN JOSE

2021 - ST. PETERSBURG, MELBOURNE 250

2018 - MOSCOW

2017 - CHARLESTON

Runner-Up (8)

2024 - ADELAIDE

2023 - EASTBOURNE, ADELAIDE #2

2021 - SAN JOSE, BIRMINGHAM

2018 - INDIAN WELLS, DUBAI

2017 - MOSCOW
- DOUBLES FINALS**

Champion (1)

2015 - MOSCOW (w/Vesnina)

Runner-Up (2)

2017 - TOKYO (w/Saville)

2016 - MOSCOW (w/Saville)

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



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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)
- Finished R-Up at two tournaments in 2023 at Adelaide 2 (l. Bencic) and Eastbourne (l. Keys); reached SFs at Charleston, Zhengzhou, and WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai
- In 2022, reached maiden Grand Slam SF at Roland Garros (l. eventual champion Swiatek) and won titles at San Jose (d. Rogers in F) and Granby (d. Saville in F); returned to Top 10 on August 8, after San Jose run
- Qualified for WTA Finals for the first time at Fort Worth in 2022 going 1-2 in group play
- Broke back into Top 50 in early 2021, after lifting first titles since 2018, at the Phillip Island Trophy in Melbourne (d. Bouzkova in F) and then St. Petersburg (d. Gasparyan in F)
- Reached two additional finals in 2021, at Birmingham (l. Jabeur) and San Jose (l. Collins)
- Highlight of truncated 2020 season was SF showing at Lyon (l. Friedsam) - her first run to the last four at a WTA event since lifting title at 2018 Moscow [500]
- Won consecutive matches only twice in difficult 2019 campaign, with best result a QF run at Beijing (l. Wozniacki) and St. Petersburg (l. Zvonareva)
- Ended 2018 season by lifting her second WTA singles title at Moscow [500] (d. Jabeur in F); broke into Top 10 following the tournament, on October 22, 2018
- Also finished R-Up at 2018 Dubai (l. Svitolina) and 2018 Indian Wells (l. Osaka); Indian Wells was biggest final of career having upset No.2 Caroline Wozniacki, No.10 Angelique Kerber and No.8 Venus Williams en route
- Made Top 20 debut on February 26, 2018, following R-Up finish at Dubai (d. No.3 Muguruza, l. Svitolina)
- Made first Grand Slam QFs at 2018 Roland Garros (l. Stephens) and 2018 Wimbledon (l. Kerber) and qualified for WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai going 1-1 in group play
- Upset No.1 Caroline Wozniacki during SF run at 2018 St. Petersburg
- Captured maiden WTA singles title in debut final at 2017 Charleston, defeating fellow teenager Jelena Ostapenko in the final - the first all-teenage final on tour since 2009 Linz (Wickmayer d. Kvitova)
- Also in 2017 reached final at Moscow (l. Goerges) and QF at Sydney, Doha and Beijing
- Ended 2016 as the highest-ranked teenager on tour, at No.27, after a campaign in which she reached SF, at St. Petersburg and QF at Indian Wells, Charleston, Montreal, Rio Olympics and

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

- Moscow. Made Top 50 debut on February 15, 2016 following St. Petersburg run
- Upset No.7 Venus Williams in opening match of 2016 season at Auckland to register first Top 10 win of career
- Reached first WTA SF at 2015 Moscow (as qualifier, L. Pavlyuchenkova) recorded first Top-20 win over No.14 Suárez Navarro in QF; following the tournament made Top-100 debut at No.73 (October 26, 2015)
- Reached 3r at 2015 US Open (as LL, L. Mladenovic) on Grand Slam debut (main draw and qualifying). reached QF at Bad Gastein (as qualifier, L. Errani)
- Also in 2015, won maiden WTA doubles title at 2015 Moscow (w/Vesnina), lifted five singles titles on ITF Circuit and was nominated for WTA Newcomer of the Year in 2015
- Fell 1r on WTA main draw debut at 2014 Moscow (as WC, L. Riske)
- Made professional debut at in qualifying debut at 2013 Moscow
- Owns seven titles on ITF circuit

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 Flavio Cipolla
- Parents are Sergey and Tatiana; brother is Aleksandr, who also serves as her fitness trainer; introduced to tennis by brother at age 6
- Baseline player whose favorite surface is clay; favorite shot is forehand
- Loves soccer (favorite team is FC Barcelona)
- Best tennis memory is winning Roland Garros juniors and 2015 US Open run