



# 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 5 – Quarterfinals - Friday, February 9

### CLOSER LOOK AT THE QUARTERFINALISTS

PLAYER	RANK	AGE	YTD PRIZE \$^	YTD W/L*	YTD TITLES	CAREER PRIZE \$^	CAREER W/L*	CAREER TITLES
[1] Elena Rybakina	5	24	\$363,250	8-2	1	\$12,217,645	177-82	6
[2] Ons Jabeur	6	29	\$119,050	2-1	0	\$12,498,357	193-126	5
[4] Barbora Krejckikova	12	28	\$456,237	5-2	0	\$11,508,890	126-71	7
[6] Beatriz Haddad Maia	13	27	\$326,011	5-3	0	\$5,669,088	100-80	3
[7] Daria Kasatkina	14	26	\$257,755	7-3	0	\$11,030,829	255-174	6
[8] Liudmila Samsonova	15	25	\$110,056	2-3	0	\$4,486,102	93-72	4
Sorana Cirstea	26	33	\$114,132	2-3	0	\$9,096,223	299-303	2
[LL] Cristina Bucsa	74	26	\$164,486	4-3	0	\$1,639,121	19-37	0

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

#### [1] Elena Rybakina (KAZ #5) vs. [LL] Cristina Bucsa (ESP #74)

**Rybakina leads 1-0**

They met earlier this year at Adelaide in the R16... This is Rybakina's second time as the No.1 seed at a Tour-level draw (also 2024 Adelaide, where she reached the QF)... Rybakina earned her sixth career title at her 2024 opener in Brisbane (d. Sabalenka in F)... Bucsa entered as a lucky loser after Zhu Lin withdrew (GI Illness)... Bucsa scored 8th Top 50 win over Wang Xinyu in opening match... The last time a lucky loser reached the SF at a WTA 500 tournament was 2016 New Haven (Johanna Larsson, SF)

#### [2] Ons Jabeur (TUN #6) vs. [6] Beatriz Haddad Maia (BRA #12)

**Jabeur leads 2-1**

Jabeur won the first two meetings, including wins at an ITF event in 2016 and 2023 Stuttgart (QF); Haddad Maia won most recent meeting at 2023 Roland Garros (QF)... Haddad Maia has 9 career Top 10 wins, including 4 last season... A semifinalist here last year, Haddad Maia (l. eventual champion Bencic) is making her first QF of 2024 season... Haddad Maia owns 9 Top 10 wins in career, having lost her previous only meeting with a Top 10 opponent in 2024 to No.1 Swiatek at United Cup... Jabeur is making tournament debut... Jabeur owns 34 wins in career over Top 20 players, most recently No.6 Marketa Vondrousova at WTA Finals 2023

#### [4] Barbora Krejckikova (CZE #12) vs. [8] Liudmila Samsonova (#15)

**Tied 1-1**

After splitting their two meetings in 2023, this is their first meeting this year; Krejckikova won the match-up at 2023 Stuttgart, while Samsonova won at Abu Dhabi... Samsonova is through to her 16th quarterfinal at the Tour-level; this is her first QF of 2024 after reaching the QF stage (or better) 6 times in 2023... Krejckikova reached the QF at the Australian Open (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)... Samsonova reached the final last season at Abu Dhabi and held 3 championship points (l. Bencic in F)... Three of Samsonova's four career titles came on hard court (Tokyo, Cleveland and Washington DC in 2022)



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#### [7] Daria Kasatkina (#14) vs. Sorana Cirstea (ROU #33)

**Tied 1-1**

First meeting in nearly three years... Kasatkina won their first meeting at Madrid 2018 while Cirstea took the most recent win at Roland Garros 2021...Kasatkina is making her second consecutive QF here at Abu Dhabi, after losing to Zheng in QF at Abu Dhabi 2023...Kasatkina is making her third QF of 2024 season, having reached QF at Brisbane (I. Sabalenka) and Adelaide (R-Up)...Kasatkina has a 7-1 record against opponents outside Top 20 in 2024... Both of Cirstea's two wins of 2024 season have come here at Abu Dhabi, including her win over No.9 Sakkari, which is her 20th career Top 10 win and first in 2024... Cirstea's last QF appearance on the tour was at US Open 2023 (I. Muchova)...With a win today, would be her first SF since Miami 2023 (I. Kvitova)... Cirstea is through to her 57th Tour-level QF... Cirstea has reached the QF stage six times at WTA 500 level events; she is seeking her first SF appearance at a WTA 500 level since 2013 Stanford (SF)



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**5** **ELENA  
RYBAKINA (1)**  
KAZAKHSTAN

**CRISTINA  
BUCSA** **74**  
SPAIN

1999-06-17	Date of Birth	1998-01-01
	Residence	Cantabria, Spain
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-Handed
6' 0" (1.84m)	Height	5' 9" (1.76m)
3	Career-High Ranking	56
\$12,217,645	Career Prize Money	\$1,639,121
\$363,250	Season Prize Money	\$164,486
1 / 6	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 0
38-16 (Champion: 2022 WIMBLEDON)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	4-9 (Round of 32: 2023 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
1-0 / 2-1 (Quarter-Finalist: 2024, 2023)	YTD / Career ABU DHABI W-L (best)	2-0 / 2-0 (Quarter-Finalist: 2024)
8-2 / 177-82	YTD / Career W-L	4-3 / 19-37
8-2 / 117-57	YTD / Career Hard W-L	4-3 / 13-20
1-1 / 46-40	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L	2-0 / 12-8
1-1 / 50-39	YTD / Career TB W-L	1-0 / 6-4
1-0 / 10-11	YTD / Career TOP 5 W-L	0-1 / 0-5
Champion: BRISBANE	YTD Best Result	Quarter-Finalist: ABU DHABI



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## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2024	ADELAIDE	HARD	2r	Elena Rybakina	6-3 7-5	1h 30m

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
3	-	2024	56	-
3	4	2023	65	83
12	22	2022	104	107
14	14	2021	149	159
17	19	2020	154	161
37	37	2019	164	164
182	191	2018	331	346
420	425	2017	398	415
612	616	2016	747	798
-	-	2015	748	757



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. D. COLLINS (#71) 4-6 6-3 6-3 (2h 17m)

*Total time on court: 2h 17m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at Abu Dhabi, where her previous result was reaching QF in 2023
- Has beaten Danielle Collins so far this week to reach her first QF since winning Adelaide 2024
- Faces No.74 Cristina Bucsa in QF today
- Owns 6-4 career record against players from Spain, with record in 2024 standing at 1-0
- Record in WTA QF matches stands at 22-13
- Best career result on hard court is Champion which she has reached 3 times: Brisbane in 2024; Indian Wells in 2023; Hobart in 2020
- Is No.1 seed this week; has been top seed at 1 previous tournament in her career (Adelaide 2024)
- Is currently ranked No.5; this time last year was ranked No.10
- Best result in the Middle East is R-UP at Dubai 2020
- Has won 8 matches so far in 2024; she is ranked No.5 on tour for match wins, behind Aryna Sabalenka, Emma Navarro, Coco Gauff
- Has been involved in 2 three-set matches in 2024

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

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

2r: d. H. WATSON (#156) 7-6 7-5 (1h 43m)

*Total time on court: 3h 35m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 1st appearance at Abu Dhabi.
- Lost in final round of qualifying to Linda Noskova. Earned lucky loser position after Zhu Lin withdrew due to GI illness.
- Has beaten Xinyu Wang and Heather Watson so far this week to reach her first WTA QF
- Faces No.5 Elena Rybakina in QF today; owns 0 wins in career over Top 10 players (0-6)
- Has not beaten a seeded opponent this year (0-2)
- Best career result on hard court is Round of 16 which she has reached 4 times: Adelaide in 2024; Tokyo in 2023; Portoroz, Lyon in 2022
- First time a player from Spain reached QF at Abu Dhabi
- Ranked No.74, is the lowest ranked player to reach QF at Abu Dhabi
- Is currently on a 2-match winning streak; longest winning streak of her career was 3 matches in 2023
- Has been involved in 2 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	

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles



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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

- 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)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
63	4	Aces	7	92
66.2%	40	First serve %	64.3%	53
69.6%	23	First Serve points won %	67.5%	35
54.5%	3	Second serve points won %	48.5%	26
64.5%	3	Overall service points won %	60.8%	21
82.7%	2	Service games won %	72.2%	38
65.3%	13	Break points saved %	52.2%	79
35.4%	63	First serve return points won %	36.3%	55
62.0%	5	Second serve return points won %	54.9%	53
48.6%	35	Break points converted %	37.5%	94
39.1%	21	Return games won %	30.8%	68
44.9%	27	Return points won %	43.0%	52

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.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



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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)

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (1)

2023 - LYON (w/Schoofs)

Runner-Up (1)

2022 - PORTOROZ (w/Mihalikova)

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





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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)
- 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. WALTER), 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

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

## 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
- 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



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**13** **BEATRIZ  
HADDAD MAIA (6)**  
BRAZIL

**ONS** **(2) JABEUR** **6**  
TUNISIA

1996-05-30	Date of Birth		1994-08-28
Sao Paulo, Brazil	Residence		Tunis, Tunisia
Left-handed	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	
6' 0" (1.85m)	Height	5' 6" (1.67m)	
10	Career-High Ranking		2
\$5,669,088	Career Prize Money		\$12,498,357
\$326,011	Season Prize Money		\$119,050
0 / 3	Singles Titles YTD / Career		0 / 5
18-15 (Semi-Finalist: 2023 ROLAND GARROS)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	53-27 (Runner-Up: 2023 WIMBLEDON; 2022 US OPEN, WIMBLEDON)	
2-0 / 5-1 (Semi-Finalist: 2023)	YTD / Career ABU DHABI W-L (best)	1-0 / 1-0 (Quarter-Finalist: 2024)	
5-3 / 100-80	YTD / Career W-L	2-1 / 193-126	
5-3 / 62-55	YTD / Career Hard W-L	2-1 / 108-91	
2-0 / 41-31	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L	0-0 / 63-48	
3-2 / 35-29	YTD / Career TB W-L	0-0 / 42-41	
0-0 / 9-8	YTD / Career L Hand W-L	0-0 / 17-13	
0-1 / 9-12	YTD / Career TOP 10 W-L	0-0 / 16-24	
0-1 / 17-24	YTD / Career TOP 20 W-L	0-0 / 34-38	
Quarter-Finalist: ABU DHABI	YTD Best Result	Quarter-Finalist: ABU DHABI	



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2023	ROLAND GARROS	CLAY	QF	Beatriz Haddad Maia	3-6 7-6(5) 6-1	2h 29m
2023	STUTTGART	CLAY	QF	Ons Jabeur	6-3 6-0	1h 8m
2016	JOUE-LES-TOURS	HARD	1r	Ons Jabeur	6-4 6-4	0m

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
11	-	2024	6	-
10	11	2023	2	6
15	15	2022	2	2
80	82	2021	7	10
119	358	2020	31	31
95	120	2019	51	77
58	184	2018	62	62
58	65	2017	83	88
200	211	2016	170	193
148	198	2015	118	210



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### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. X. WANG (#60) 6-2 7-6 (2h 8m)  
2r: d. M. LINETTE (#55) 7-6 6-7 6-1 (3h 42m)

*Total time on court: 5h 50m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making her 2nd appearance at Abu Dhabi, where she made SF in 2023 (l. eventual champion Bencic)
- Has beaten Xiyu Wang and Magda Linette to reach her first QF of 2024 season; with a win would be her first SF of 2024 season and her consecutive SF at Abu Dhabi
- Faces No.6 Ons Jabeur in QF today; owns 9 wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently over today's opponent No.7 Ons Jabeur at Roland Garros 2023; having lost her previous only meeting with a Top 10 player in 2024 at United Cup (l. No.1 Swiatek)
- Owns 1-1 career record on WTA tour level against players from Tunisia, having defeated today's opponent Jabeur at Roland Garros 2023 while lost to her at Stuttgart 2023
- Owns 34-37 career record against seeded opponents (1-1 in 2024)
- Record in WTA QF matches stands at 9-11
- Owns one singles title on hard court at Zhuhai 2023
- Only player from Brazil to reach QF
- Is currently ranked No.13; this time last year was ranked No.14
- Longest winning streak of her career was 13 matches in 2022
- Has won 4 matches so far in 2024
- Has been involved in 2 three-set matches in 2024

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. E. RADUCANU (#296) 6-4 6-1 (1h 18m)

*Total time on court: 1h 18m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making tournament debut
- After 1r Bye, has beaten Emma Raducanu to reach her first QF since Zhengzhou 2023
- Faces No.13 Beatriz Haddad Maia in QF today; owns 34 wins in career over Top 20 players, most recently No.6 Marketa Vondrousova at WTA Finals 2023
- Owns 1-1 career record against players from Brazil on WTA tour level, both playing today's opponent Haddad Maia
- Owns 51-59 career record against seeded opponents (0-0 in 2024)
- Record in WTA QF matches stands at 19-18
- Owns one singles title on hard court at Ningbo 2023
- Only player from Tunisia in main draw
- First time a player from Tunisia reached QF at Abu Dhabi
- Received a wildcard into the doubles draw in Abu Dhabi (w/Osaka), having lost to Linette/Pera in 1r
- Is currently ranked No.6; this time last year was ranked No.3
- Longest winning streak of her career was 12 matches in 2022



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2023	Result	Rank: 14	Seed: 6
SF	L	B. BENCIC (#9)	6-2 6-3
QF	W	E. RYBAKINA (#10)	3-6 6-3 6-2
2r	W	Y. PUTINTSEVA (#45)	6-4 6-7(5) 7-6(4)
1r	W	M. BOUZKOVA (#26)	4-6 6-3 6-0

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles



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## SEASON 2024 HISTORY

- Made 3r at Australian Open (l. Timofeeva)
- Fell in opening round at Adelaide (l. Pavlyuchenkova)
- Opened season at United Cup as part of Team Brazil, going 1-1 in singles play (l. Swiatek, d. Sorribes Tormo)

- Played 2r at Australian Open (l. Andreeva)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
10	75	Aces	15	63
71.4%	8	First serve %	52.9%	109
63.7%	67	First Serve points won %	69.4%	25
52.5%	6	Second serve points won %	43.8%	71
60.5%	26	Overall service points won %	57.4%	61
77.1%	12	Service games won %	65.2%	70
61.2%	31	Break points saved %	42.9%	105
35.5%	61	First serve return points won %	43.9%	5
54.1%	61	Second serve return points won %	50.9%	87
50.0%	24	Break points converted %	45.8%	52
29.8%	76	Return games won %	45.8%	7
41.6%	74	Return points won %	46.1%	17

Best win by ranking: No.55 vs Linette in ABU DHABI 2r  
Longest match: 3h 42m vs Linette in ABU DHABI 2r  
Shortest match: 1h 20m vs Korneeva in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2r  
Match points saved:  
Most aces in a match: 4 vs Pavlyuchenkova in ADELAIDE 1r

Best win by ranking: No.150 vs Starodubtseva in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 1r  
Longest match: 1h 18m vs Raducanu in ABU DHABI 2r  
Shortest match: 54m vs Andreeva in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2r  
Match points saved:  
Most aces in a match: 8 vs Raducanu in ABU DHABI 2r



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## TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (3)  
2023 - ZHUHAI  
2022 - BIRMINGHAM, NOTTINGHAM  
Runner-Up (2)  
2022 - TORONTO  
2017 - SEOUL

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (7)  
2024 - ADELAIDE (w/Townsend)  
2023 - ZHUHAI (w/Kudermetova), MADRID (w/Azarenka)  
2022 - NOTTINGHAM (w/Zhang), SYDNEY (w/Danilina)  
2017 - BOGOTA (w/Podoroska)  
2015 - BOGOTA (w/Goncalves)  
  
Runner-Up (3)  
2023 - INDIAN WELLS (w/Siegemund)  
2022 - GUADALAJARA (w/Danilina), AUSTRALIAN OPEN (w/Danilina)

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (5)  
2023 - NINGBO, CHARLESTON  
2022 - BERLIN, MADRID  
2021 - BIRMINGHAM  
  
Runner-Up (8)  
2023 - WIMBLEDON  
2022 - US OPEN, WIMBLEDON, ROME, CHARLESTON  
2021 - CHICAGO 500, CHARLESTON 250  
2018 - MOSCOW

### DOUBLES FINALS

Runner-Up (1)  
2021 - BIRMINGHAM (w/Perez)

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





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## CAREER MILESTONES

- Broke into Top 10 in June 2023 after a strong clay season with SF at Roland Garros and QF at Rome and Stuttgart; ended year at No.11
- Also in 2023, won third career title at WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai (d. Q.Zheng) and reached SF at Abu Dhabi and QF at Adelaide 2, Doha and San Diego
- In doubles, won titles at Madrid w/Victoria Azarenka (d. Gauff/Pegula) and WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai w/Veronika Kudermetova (d. Kato/Sutjiadi)
- 2022 season highlighted by a stellar sequence of results on grass, when she became the first woman ever to win Nottingham and Birmingham back-to-back, her first career WTA titles
- Broke into the Top 20 following her run to the first WTA 1000 final at 2022 Toronto (l. Halep); also in 2022 advanced to SF at Monterrey and Eastbourne and three further QFs
- Also in 2022, won two titles at WTA 125K events in Saint Malo and Paris
- Won third doubles title at 2022 Nottingham w/Shuai Zhang (d. Dolehide/Niculescu), also reached final at Australian Open w/Anhelina Danilina (Krejcikova/Siniakova) and Guadalajara 1000 w/Danilina (l. Hunter/Stefani); earned spot at WTA Finals Fort Worth in doubles with Danilina going 1-2 in group play
- In 2021, peaked at No.80 in rankings; highlights where R16 at Indian Wells and falling 1r at Chicago 500; also played qualifying at Wimbledon and US Open and won five ITF Circuit titles in 2021
- Posted best win-by-ranking of career in 2021, defeating No.3 Karolina Pliskova during run to R16 as LL at Indian Wells. Played only on ITF Circuit in 2020 winning four titles and reaching one other final
- Highlights of 2019 were SF at Bogota and QF at Acapulco (both as qualifier); earned first Top 10 win of career over No.4 Sloane Stephens at Acapulco
- Ended 2018 at No.184, with season highlight reaching 3r at Miami (l. Ostapenko). Also made 2r at Hobart, Australian Open and Acapulco.
- Posted first Top 100 season in 2017, finishing at No.65
- Broke into Top 100 following first Grand Slam main draw appearance at 2017 Roland Garros, earning spot as a qualifier Reached first WTA singles final at 2017 Seoul while ranked No.71 (l. No.10 Ostapenko)
- Other 2017 highlights include QF at Prague (as qualifier) and first Grand Slam main draw win at
- Reached third Grand Slam final and second Wimbledon final in 2023 (l. Vondrousova). Also qualified for WTA Finals for second consecutive year to close out the season.
- In 2022, created history by becoming first African and Arab woman in Open Era to reach a Grand Slam final, finishing R-Up at first Wimbledon (l. Rybakina) and then US Open (l. Swiatek)
- Lifted biggest career title at WTA 1000 Madrid during 2022 clay-court season (d. Pegula in F)
- Broke into Top 10 on October 18, 2021, following SF run at Indian Wells (l. eventual champion Badosa)
- At 2021 Birmingham, became first Arab woman to win a WTA title (d. Kasatkina in F). Followed this with QF at Wimbledon (l. Sabalenka)
- In 2021, also finished R-Up at Charleston [250] (l. Sharma) and Chicago [500] (l. Muguruza)
- Reached maiden Grand Slam QF at 2020 Australian Open to become the first Arab woman to reach that stage at a major (l. eventual champion Kenin); made Top 50 debut at No.45 after breakthrough performance in Melbourne
- Made further QFs in 2020 at Doha (d. No.3 Ka.Pliskova, l. Kvitova), Lexington (l. Gauff), Western & Southern Open (l. eventual champion Azarenka) and Ostrava (l. Sakkari); posted career-high ranking of No.31 on August 31, 2020
- Season highlights in 2019 were 3r run at US Open and SF appearances at Eastbourne (l. eventual R-Up Kerber) and Tianjin (l. eventual champion Peterson)
- In 2018, defeated No.3 seed Stephens, No.8 seed Kontaveit and No.5 seed Sevastova en route to her first WTA final at 2018 Moscow, where she fell in three sets to No.6 seed Kasatkina. Was first Tunisian woman to advance beyond QF at a WTA tournament (Sfar was the only other Tunisian to reach a QF at this level)
- Scored first Top-10 win over No.7 Cibulkova at 2017 Roland Garros
- Reached maiden WTA QF at 2013 Baku. Also advanced to that stage at 2017 Taipei City and 2018 Bucharest
- Three-time member of Tunisian Olympic Team, first doing so at London games in 2012
- Contested first two WTA main draws in 2012, at Doha (as WC) and Olympics
- On ITF Circuit, has 11 singles and one doubles title
- Played first event of career at 2008 ITF/El Menzah-TUN

- Wimbledon; defeated No.19 Sam Stosur en route to Prague QF, the first Top 20 win of career
- In doubles, won second title at Bogota w/Nadia Podoroska (d. Cepede Royg/Linette)
- Played three WTA main draws in 2016 at Rio de Janeiro, Miami and Florianopolis falling in 1r in each appearance; also played qualifying at Roland Garros and US Open
- In 2015, reached first QF of career at Rio de Janeiro while ranked No.234 losing to No.16 Sara Errani, the first Top 20 match of career; result propelled her into Top 200 for first time in career
- Also in 2015, reached 2r at Bogota and played qualifying at Charleston, Roland Garros, Nottingham and Wimbledon
- Won first WTA doubles title at 2015 Bogota w/Paula Cristina Goncalves (d. Falconi/Rogers)
- In July 2015, suffered a shoulder injury at the Pan American Games in Toronto, was forced to have surgery and miss remainder of season
- Played two WTA events in 2014 at Rio de Janeiro and Florianopolis; falling in 1r at both events as a WC
- Won first WTA match at 2013 Florianopolis as WC (d. Hsu, I. Czink)
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2012 Québec City (l. El Tabakh)
- Owns 17 ITF Circuit singles titles; made professional debut on ITF circuit in 2010

- Became first North African woman to win a junior Slam at 2011 Roland Garros (d. Puig in F), having also reached the final in 2010 (l. Svitolina in F)

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Rafael Paciaroni
- Born in Sao Paulo, to Ayrton Elias Maia Filho and Lais Scaff Haddad
- Both her mother and grandmother Arlette Scaff Haddad were successful tennis players in Brazil
- Started playing tennis at the age of five

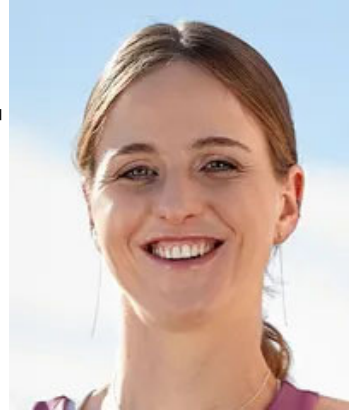
- Currently coached by Issam Jellali; fitness trainer is Karim Kammoun
- Mother's name is Samira; father's name is Ridha; has two brothers (Hatem and Marwen) and one sister (Yasmine)
- Started playing tennis at age 3; mother loved playing tennis and would take her with her to tennis club
- Favorite shots are forehand and volleys, likes slice and drop shots; likes all surfaces
- Speaks Arabic, English and French; learning Russian because husband is half-Russian
- Best tennis memory is winning Roland Garros juniors in 2011 (had operation on left wrist in November 2010 and missed five months, and was only her third or fourth event back)
- Favorite tournament is Roland Garros
- Player most admired is Andy Roddick for his serve and humor
- Supports Real Madrid and Juventus



**1**  
WIN

**2**  
MATCHES  
PLAYED

**1**  
WIN



**12** **BARBORA  
KREJČIKOVA (4)**  
CZECH REPUBLIC

**LIUDMILA  
(8) SAMSONOVA 15**

1995-12-18	Date of Birth	1998-11-11
Ivancice, Czech Republic	Residence	
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-Handed
5' 10" (1.78m)	Height	5' 11" (1.82m)
2	Career-High Ranking	12
\$11,508,890	Career Prize Money	\$4,486,102
\$456,237	Season Prize Money	\$110,056
0 / 7	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 4
34-15 (Champion: 2021 ROLAND-GARROS)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	13-15 (Round of 16: 2022 US OPEN; 2021 WIMBLEDON)
1-0 / 2-1 (Quarter-Finalist: 2024)	YTD / Career ABU DHABI W-L (best)	2-0 / 6-1 (Runner-Up: 2023)
5-2 / 126-71	YTD / Career W-L	2-3 / 93-72
5-2 / 82-42	YTD / Career Hard W-L	2-3 / 66-46
3-1 / 38-27	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L	0-1 / 24-26
0-0 / 20-19	YTD / Career TB W-L	1-0 / 25-27
0-1 / 19-33	YTD / Career TOP 20 W-L	0-0 / 18-17
Quarter-Finalist: AUSTRALIAN OPEN, ABU DHABI	YTD Best Result	Quarter-Finalist: ABU DHABI



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## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2023	STUTTGART	CLAY	1r	Barbora Krejcikova	6-2 6-0	1h 23m
2023	ABU DHABI	HARD	2r	Liudmila Samsonova	7-5 7-6(6)	2h 24m

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
10	-	2024	14	-
10	10	2023	12	16
2	21	2022	19	20
3	5	2021	39	39
65	65	2020	114	127
115	135	2019	123	139
125	203	2018	177	180
121	126	2017	520	552
179	251	2016	1076	1078
140	187	2015	837	-



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. S. SORRIBES TORMO (#54) 6-2 1-0 (47m)

*Total time on court: 47m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at Abu Dhabi, where her previous result was reaching 2r in 2023
- Has beaten Sara Sorribes Tormo so far this week to reach her first QF since reaching QF at Australian Open 2024
- Faces No.15 Liudmila Samsonova in QF today; owns 19 wins in career over Top 20 players, most recently No.12 Daria Kasatkina at Zhengzhou 2023
- Bidding to defeat a seeded opponent for the first time this season (0-1).
- Record in WTA QF matches stands at 13-8. Bidding to reach first WTA SF since Zhengzhou 2023
- Best career result on hard court is Champion which she has reached 5 times: San Diego, Dubai in 2023; Ostrava, Tallinn in 2022; Prague in 2021
- Only player from Czech Republic to reach QF
- First time a player from Czech Republic reached QF at Abu Dhabi
- Is currently ranked No.12; this time last year was ranked No.30
- Best result in Middle East is Champion at Dubai 2023. Also made final at Dubai 2021
- Has been involved in 4 three-set matches in 2024

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

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

2r: d. A. KALININA (#32) 6-1 6-3 (1h 8m)

*Total time on court: 1h 59m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at Abu Dhabi, where her previous result was reaching F in 2023
- Came into Abu Dhabi 0-3 on the season. Has beaten Lesia Tsurenko and Anhelina Kalinina so far this week to reach her first QF since finishing as R-UP at Beijing 2023
- Faces No.12 Barbora Krejckova in QF today; owns 18 wins in career over Top 20 players, most recently No.14 Petra Kvitova at Beijing 2023
- Owns 7-7 career record against players from Czech Republic, with record in 2024 standing at 0-0
- Facing a seeded opponent for the first time this season
- Record in WTA QF matches stands at 12-3
- Best career result on hard court is Champion which she has reached 3 times: Tokyo, Cleveland, Washington DC in 2022
- Is currently ranked No.15; this time last year was ranked No.19
- Best result in the Middle East is R-UP at Abu Dhabi 2023. Had three championship points vs. Belinda Bencic before losing 1-6, 7-6(8), 6-4
- Has been involved in 1 three-set match in 2024



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## 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	

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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SAMSONOVA**

## 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. 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
33	20	Aces	25	32
61.6%	71	First serve %	46.2%	114
67.7%	33	First Serve points won %	71.6%	12
46.7%	46	Second serve points won %	45.5%	57
59.6%	36	Overall service points won %	57.6%	58
71.1%	41	Service games won %	63.8%	74
52.9%	73	Break points saved %	46.9%	94
40.5%	13	First serve return points won %	41.0%	11
54.3%	58	Second serve return points won %	53.0%	69
50.0%	26	Break points converted %	45.0%	56
37.2%	35	Return games won %	37.5%	30
45.5%	19	Return points won %	45.0%	25

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

Best win by ranking: No.32 vs Kalinina in ABU DHABI 2r  
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



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## TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

### 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 (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
QF				2024	1r			
4r	1r	2r	1r	2023	2r	2r	1r	3r
QF	1r	3r	2r	2022	2r	1r		4r
2r	WON	4r	QF	2021	2r		4r	2r
2r	4r			2020	1r	1r		1r





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## 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, Gipsland 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
- 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

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

## 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.

- 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



**1**  
WIN

**2**  
MATCHES  
PLAYED

**1**  
WIN



**14** **DARIA KASATKINA (7)**

**SORANA CIRSTEA** **26**  
ROMANIA

1997-05-07	<b>Date of Birth</b>	1990-04-07
Togliatty, Russia	<b>Residence</b>	Targoviste, Romania
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 7" (1.70m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 9" (1.76m)
8	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	21
\$11,030,829	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$9,096,223
\$257,755	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$114,132
0 / 6	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	0 / 2
48-32 (Semi-Finalist: 2022 ROLAND GARROS)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	65-60 (Quarter-Finalist: 2023 US OPEN; 2009 FRENCH OPEN)
2-0 / 3-1 (Quarter-Finalist: 2024, 2023)	<b>YTD / Career ABU DHABI W-L (best)</b>	2-0 / 2-1 (Quarter-Finalist: 2024)
7-3 / 255-174	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	2-3 / 299-304
7-3 / 163-117	<b>YTD / Career Hard W-L</b>	2-3 / 176-182
3-1 / 93-58	<b>YTD / Career 3-Set W-L</b>	1-3 / 112-94
0-0 / 38-40	<b>YTD / Career TB W-L</b>	0-1 / 67-58
0-2 / 42-73	<b>YTD / Career TOP 20 W-L</b>	1-1 / 49-94
Runner-Up: ADELAIDE	<b>YTD Best Result</b>	Quarter-Finalist: ABU DHABI



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## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2021	ROLAND-GARROS	CLAY	3r	Sorana Cirstea	6-3 6-2	1h 24m
2018	MADRID	CLAY	2r	Daria Kasatkina	6-3 6-1	1h 2m

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
13	-	2024	25	-
8	18	2023	25	26
8	8	2022	24	38
24	26	2021	37	38
66	71	2020	69	86
10	69	2019	72	72
10	10	2018	33	86
24	24	2017	37	37
24	27	2016	81	81
71	72	2015	90	244



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### 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)

*Total time on court: 4h 7m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at Abu Dhabi, where her previous result was reaching QF in 2023 (l. Zheng)
- Has beaten Diane Parry and Ashlyn Krueger to reach her 3rd QF of 2024 season - Brisbane (l. Sabalenka), Adelaide (d. Siegemund en route to R-Up)
- Faces No.26 Sorana Cirstea in QF today; is 3-3 vs. Top 50 opponents in 2024, most recently No.48 Peyton Stearns at Australian Open 2024
- Record against opponents outside Top 20 stands at 7-1 in 2024, with the only loss coming against No.44 Stephens at Australian Open
- Owns 15-6 career record against players from Romania, having played today's opponent Cirstea at Roland Garros 2021 and Madrid 2018
- Record in WTA QF matches stands at 22-25 (1-1 in 2024)
- Five out of her six career singles titles have come on hard court - 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
- Longest winning streak of her career was 7 matches in 2021
- Has won 7 matches so far in 2024
- Has been involved in 4 three-set matches in 2024

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. C. GARCIA (#21) 6-7 6-4 6-4 (2h 40m)  
2r: d. M. SAKKARI (#9) 6-2 6-1 (1h 16m)

*Total time on court: 3h 56m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at Abu Dhabi, where her previous result was a 1r exit in 2023 (l. Kostyuk)
- Has beaten Caroline Garcia and Maria Sakkari to reach her first QF since QF at US Open 2023; with a win today would be her first SF since Miami 2023 (l. Kvitova)
- Faces No.14 Daria Kasatkina in QF today; owns 49 wins in career over Top 20 players, most recently against No.9 Maria Sakkari here in 2r at Abu Dhabi 2024 which is also her 20th Top 10 win of career and first in 2024
- Owns 79-141 career record against seeded opponents (1-1 in 2024)
- Record in WTA QF matches stands at 23-32
- Owns one singles title on hard court at Tashkent in 2008
- Only player from Romania in main draw
- First time a player from Romania reached QF at Abu Dhabi
- Is currently ranked No.26; this time last year was ranked No.63
- Has won 2 matches so far in 2024, both here at Abu Dhabi
- Has been involved in 4 three-set matches in 2024



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

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	

2023	Result	Rank: 63	Seed: -
1r	L	M. KOSTYUK (#57) 6-2 1-6 6-2	



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## SEASON 2024 HISTORY

- Made 2r at Australian Open (l. Stephens)
- Reached F at Adelaide (l. Ostapenko)
- Made QF at Brisbane (l. Sabalenka)

- Fell in opening round at Australian Open (l. Y. Wang)
- Made 1r at Adelaide (l. eventual champion Ostapenko)
- Opened the 2024 season making 2r at Brisbane (l. Noskova)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
18	51	Aces	24	33
66.8%	33	First serve %	64.3%	54
66.1%	42	First Serve points won %	70.2%	20
40.4%	94	Second serve points won %	45.7%	53
57.5%	58	Overall service points won %	61.5%	13
69.6%	48	Service games won %	78.1%	7
58.5%	43	Break points saved %	65.9%	14
37.6%	43	First serve return points won %	32.9%	91
58.1%	21	Second serve return points won %	55.5%	52
43.0%	62	Break points converted %	32.8%	105
36.4%	36	Return games won %	29.2%	77
44.6%	32	Return points won %	41.6%	75

Best win by ranking: No.22 vs Linette in BRISBANE 3r  
Longest match: 2h 51m vs Kalinskaya in ADELAIDE 2r  
Shortest match: 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

Best win by ranking: No.9 vs Sakkari in ABU DHABI 2r  
Longest match: 2h 40m vs Garcia in ABU DHABI 1r  
Shortest match: 1h 16m vs Sakkari in ABU DHABI 2r  
Match points saved:  
Most aces in a match: 10 vs Noskova in BRISBANE 2r



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## TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

### 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)

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (2)  
2021 - ISTANBUL  
2008 - TASHKENT  
Runner-Up (4)  
2021 - STRASBOURG  
2019 - TASHKENT  
2013 - TORONTO  
2007 - BUDAPEST

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (5)  
2019 - LUGANO (w/Mitu)  
2011 - DALLAS (w/Brianti)  
2010 - ESTORIL (w/Medina Garrigues)  
2008 - LUXEMBOURG (w/Erakovic), FES  
(w/Pavlyuchenkova)  
Runner-Up (5)  
2014 - TIANJIN (w/Klepac)  
2010 - BUDAPEST (w/Medina Garrigues)  
2009 - FES (w/Kirilenko), BARCELONA (w/Klepac)  
2008 - NEW HAVEN (w/Niculescu)

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





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## CAREER MILESTONES

- 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
- 2023 saw her best results achieved in the US. Advanced to Indian Wells QF for first time (l. Swiatek), then made SF at Miami (l. eventual champion Kvitova) and QF at US Open (l. Muchova)
- In 2022, reached SF on all three surfaces: hard court at Lyon (l. Yastremska), clay at Istanbul (l. Kudermetova), and grass at Birmingham (l. Zhang). Also enjoyed success at the Australian Open, where she fell in R16 (l. Swiatek)
- Highlight of 2021 was ending near-13-year wait for second WTA singles title, triumphing at Istanbul (d. Mertens in F)
- Also in 2021, finished R-Up at Strasbourg (l. Krejciakova), reached QFs at Grampians Trophy and Portoroz and R16 at Roland Garros
- Ended 2020 on a high, winning singles title at ITF/\$100k Dubai-UAE in December (d. Siniakova in F). Also in 2020, reached 3r at US Open and advanced to 2r at Australian Open
- Advanced to fourth career singles final in 2019 at Tashkent (l. Van Uytvanck) as a former champion in 2008
- Captured fifth career doubles title at 2019 Lugano (w/Mitu, d. Kudermetova/Voskoboeva in F)
- Other season highlights in 2019 were SF run at Nürnberg; previous appearance in last four at a WTA-level event came at the same tournament two years earlier. Also reached 3r at 2019 US Open (l. Townsend)
- Ended 2018 season at No.86, after a year highlighted by clay court QF runs at Nürnberg and Bucharest
- Reached R16 at 2017 Australian Open - first time advancing to that stage at a Slam since 2009 Roland Garros (QF, l. Stosur), her best Slam singles result
- In 2016 played a mix of WTA and ITF events, improving ranking by 163 ranking places to No.81 in 2016 on comeback from shoulder injury, with highlights being a SF run at Rio de Janeiro (l. Rogers) and making QF at Premier Mandatory Madrid (as wildcard, l. eventual R-Up Cibulkova) and Mallorca (as qualifier, l. Jankovic)
- Reached biggest singles final of career at 2013 Toronto - posted three Top 10 wins en route to final (No.10 Wozniacki, No.7 Kvitova and No.5 Li) before falling to No.1 S.Williams
- Following Toronto run, posted career-high ranking of No.21 on August 21, 2013
- Won only WTA singles title at 2008 Tashkent (d. Lisicki in F) having previously been R-Up at 2007 Budapest (l. Dulko)

- 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

- Owns four Top 5 victories: No.5 Jankovic (2009 Roland Garros), No.5 Stosur (2012 Australian Open), No.5 Li Na (2013 Toronto) and No.4 Ka.Pliskova (2017 Beijing)
- Member of Romania's Fed Cup team 2006, 2008-09, 2013-14 and 2017-18; also part of Romanian Olympic Team 2008 and 2012
- Fell 1r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2008 Australian Open (l. No.4 seed Ivanovic)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2006 Stockholm (l. Kanepi in 1r)
- On ITF Circuit owns eight singles and nine doubles titles
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in 2004

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Flavio Cipolla
- Parents are Sergey and Tatiana; brother is Alexsandr, 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

- Coached by Thomas Johansson
- Introduced to tennis at age 4 by mother, Liliana; father's name is Mihai; younger brother's name is Mihnea; full name is Sorana Mihaela Cirstea
- Speaks Romanian, English and Spanish and is studying French
- Likes all surfaces; favorite shot is forehand; most admires Steffi Graf
- Enjoys playing all ball sports, going shopping, watching movies, reading and doing crosswords
- Favorite cities are New York and London ("big cities with lots to do")
- Self-described as ambitious, stubborn and happy