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7 **QINWEN
ZHENG (1)**
CHINA

**KAROLINA
(2) MUCHOVA** **35**
CZECH REPUBLIC

2002-10-08	Date of Birth	1996-08-21
Barcelona, Spain	Residence	Prague, Czech Republic
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (double-handed backhand)
5' 10" (1.78m)	Height	5' 11" (1.80m)
7	Career-High Ranking	8
\$4,628,089	Career Prize Money	\$6,594,455
\$1,881,171	Season Prize Money	\$84,910
0 / 2	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 1
22-11 (Runner-Up: 2024 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	38-20 (Runner-Up: 2023 ROLAND GARROS)
4-0 / 10-1 (Champion: 2023)	YTD / Career PALERMO W-L (best)	4-0 / 4-0 (Runner-Up: 2024)
23-12 / 81-51	YTD / Career W-L	6-1 / 105-54
10-4 / 26-12	YTD / Career Clay W-L	4-0 / 27-12
9-3 / 34-18	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L	1-0 / 34-27
1-3 / 17-14	YTD / Career TB W-L	3-1 / 32-20
1-4 / 6-13	YTD / Career TOP 10 W-L	0-0 / 11-15
Runner-Up: AUSTRALIAN OPEN, PALERMO	YTD Best Result	Runner-Up: PALERMO



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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2022	MADRID	CLAY	1r	Karolina Muchova	1-6 6-3 6-4	2h 25m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
7	-	2024	8	-
15	15	2023	8	8
25	25	2022	31	149
143	143	2021	19	32
324	324	2020	21	27
633	649	2019	21	21
933	933	2018	141	145
-	-	2017	210	272
-	-	2016	206	208
-	-	2015	419	419



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. S. ERRANI (#96) 6-3 6-2 (1h 13m)
2r: d. P. MARTIC (#99) 6-4 6-4 (1h 34m)
QF: d. J. CRISTIAN (#66) 6-1 6-1 (1h 12m)
SF: d. D. PARRY (#58) 7-5 6-4 (1h 38m)

Total time on court: 5h 37m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making third appearance at Palermo, where she is the defending champion (d. Paolini in F)
- As a wildcard, has defeated Sara Errani, Petra Martic, Jaqueline Cristian and Diane Parry so far this week to reach her first F since R-Up run at Australian Open 2024
- Zheng has booked a spot in her second final of the year (Australian Open) and second consecutive final at Palermo without dropping a set all week
- Faces No.35 Karolina Muchova in F today; owns 27 wins in career over Top 50 players, most recently No.29 Linda Noskova at Rome 2024
- Owns 4-5 career record against players from Czech Republic, with record in 2024 standing at 3-1
- Owns 1-1 career record against wildcards
- Record in WTA F matches stands at 2-2
- Best career result on clay is title run at Palermo 2023
- Is No. 1 seed this week for the first time in her career
- Best result by Chinese player at Palermo was Champion run by Qinwen Zheng in 2023
- Best result by wildcard at Palermo was Champion run by Qinwen Zheng in 2023
- Is currently ranked No.7; this time last year was ranked No.26
- Has won 21 matches so far in 2024
- Has been involved in 11 three-set matches in 2024

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. K. KAWA (#192) 7-6 5-1 (1h 46m)
2r: d. N. NOHA AKUGUE (#197) 6-7 6-2 6-3 (2h 37m)
QF: d. A. SHARMA (#151) 7-6 7-6 (2h 10m)
SF: d. I. BEGU (#142) 6-1 6-1 (1h 13m)

Total time on court: 7h 46m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making tournament debut at Palermo
- As a wildcard, has defeated Katarzyna Kawa, Noma Noha Akugue, Astra Sharma and Irina-camelia Begu so far this week to reach her first final since R-Up run at Cincinnati 2023
- Muchova is looking to win her second career title and first since 2019 Seoul
- Faces No.7 Qinwen Zheng in F today; owns 11 wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.2 Aryna Sabalenka at Cincinnati 2023
- Owns 9-0 career record against players from China
- Owns 0-2 career record against wildcards
- Record in WTA F matches stands at 1-3
- Best career result on clay is Runner-Up at Roland Garros in 2023 and Prague in 2019
- Best result by player from the Czech Republic at Palermo was title run by Radka Bobkova in 1993
- Best result by wildcard at Palermo was Champion run by Qinwen Zheng in 2023
- Is currently ranked No.35; this time last year was ranked No.18
- Palermo is Muchova's third tournament of the year after wrist surgery left her sidelined since the US Open



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2023	Result	Rank: 26	Seed: 2
F	W	J. PAOLINI (#52)	6-4 1-6 6-1
SF	W	M. SHERIF (#38)	6-4 4-6 6-1
QF	W	E. NAVARRO (#57)	6-4 6-2
2r	W	D. PARRY (#82)	7-5 3-6 6-3
1r	W	S. ERRANI (#112)	6-0 6-0

2021	Result	Rank: 171	Seed: -
2r	L	J. CRISTIAN (#159)	6-1 6-4
1r	W	L. SAMSONOVA (#54)	6-3 6-2

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles



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SEASON 2024 HISTORY

- Suffered 1r exit at Wimbledon (l. Sun)
- Reached 2r at Berlin (l. Siniakova)
- Made 3r at Roland Garros (l. Avanesyan)
- Reached QF at Rome for the second consecutive season (l. Gauff)
- Retired during 2r match at Madrid due to injury (l. Putintseva)
- Reached R16 at Stuttgart (l. eventual R-Up, Kostyuk)
- Contested 3r at Miami (l. Azarenka)
- After 1r bye, fell in 2r at Indian Wells (l. Yuan)
- Made QF at Dubai (l. Swiatek)
- Contested R16 at Doha (l. Fernandez)
- Reached her first Grand Slam final at the Australian Open (l. Sabalenka)
- Started the 2024 season representing China in the 2024 United Cup, reaching the QF and going 2-1 in singles play (d. Vondrousova) (d. Danilovic) (l. Swiatek)

- Contested 1r at Wimbledon (l. Badosa)
- Played first event since US Open 2023 at Eastbourne and reached QF (l. Keys)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
194	5	Aces	21	101
51.8%	90	First serve %	65.0%	0
75.5%	1	First Serve points won %	66.4%	0
46.6%	33	Second serve points won %	52.3%	0
61.6%	6	Overall service points won %	61.5%	0
76.5%	5	Service games won %	77.0%	0
56.4%	39	Break points saved %	61.1%	0
35.8%	61	First serve return points won %	41.0%	0
56.0%	33	Second serve return points won %	52.6%	0
49.4%	12	Break points converted %	54.2%	0
34.4%	44	Return games won %	41.9%	0
43.2%	49	Return points won %	45.5%	0

Best win by ranking: No.29 vs Noskova in ROME 3r
 No.29 vs Cirstea in STUTTGART 1r
 Longest match: 2h 52m vs Avanesyan in ROLAND GARROS 3r
 Shortest match: 59m vs Dodin in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 4r
 Match points saved:
 Most aces in a match: 23 vs Osaka in BERLIN 1r

Best win by ranking: No.46 vs Linette in EASTBOURNE 2r
 Longest match: 2h 37m vs Noha Akugue in PALERMO 2r
 Shortest match: 19m vs Avanesyan in EASTBOURNE 1r
 Match points saved:
 Most aces in a match: 6 vs Kawa in PALERMO 1r



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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (2)
2023 - ZHENGZHOU, PALERMO
Runner-Up (3)
2024 - AUSTRALIAN OPEN
2023 - ZHUHAI
2022 - TOKYO

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (1)
2019 - SEOUL
Runner-Up (3)
2023 - CINCINNATI, ROLAND GARROS
2019 - PRAGUE

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



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CAREER MILESTONES

- Earned 2023 WTA Most Improved Player of year ending the season at No.15 and inside the Top 20 for the first time
- Won maiden WTA titles in 2023 at Palermo (d. Paolini in F) and Zhengzhou (d. Krejčíková in F); also reached final at WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai (l. Haddad Maia), SF at Abu Dhabi and first career Grand Slam QF at US Open (l. Sabalenka)
- Broke into Top 20 for the first time on May 22, 2023
- Won WTA Newcomer of the Year in 2022; reached first WTA final at Tokyo (l. Samsonova) and also made SF at Melbourne Summer Set 1, as qualifier, QF at Toronto and R16 at Roland Garros
- Broke into Top 50 at No.46 after run to fourth round in Paris that year
- Scored first Top 20 win over No.19 Simona Halep at 2022 Roland Garros then earned two Top 10 wins over No.5 Ons Jabeur at Toronto and No.4 Paula Badosa at Tokyo
- Broke into Top 100 on January 31, 2022, following run through qualifying to 2r at Australian Open
- Also won title at WTA 125K event in Valencia in June 2022
- Ended 2021 at No.143, her first Top 150 finish
- Reached 2r on WTA main draw debut in 2021 at Palermo (as qualifier, l. Cristian)
- Made further main draw appearances in 2021 at Moscow (as qualifier, l. Tsurenko in 1r) and Courmayeur (as qualifier, l. Vekić in 1r); also contested qualifying in Strasbourg
- Made WTA debut in 2019, appearing in qualifying at Miami, Tianjin and Wuhan
- Made ITF debut in 2018; gone on to amass nine ITF singles titles with 9-0 record in finals
- Enjoyed break-out season in 2023, reaching debut Slam final at Roland-Garros (l. Świątek), debut WTA 1000 final at Cincinnati (l. Gauff) and made Top 10 debut in August. Also secured debut qualification for WTA Finals but did not compete due to injury.
- Best result in 2022 was QF showing at Tallinn (l. Kanepi). Also made 3r at Roland Garros and 2r at Ostrava.
- Back, abdominal and ankle injuries restricted her to just four tournaments in first half of 2022.
- Broke into Top 20 for first time in career in 2021, peaking at No.19 (May 17).
- Posted best result at the Grand Slams with SF run at Australian Open (l. Brady) and matched best return at Wimbledon by making QF (l. Kerber, made QF in 2019). Also made last eight at Madrid (l. Pavlyuchenkova).
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- Posted best result at US Open by reaching R16 in 2020 - handed V. Williams her first-ever opening round loss in New York in 22 appearances, then saved three MPs vs. Cirstea in 3r, before falling to eventual R-Up Azarenka.
- Finished 2019 season in rich vein of form, winning 18 of last 24 matches, including capturing maiden WTA title at Seoul (d. Linette in F), SFs at Zhuhai (l. eventual champion Sabalenka) and Moscow (l. Pavlyuchenkova) and maiden major QF at Wimbledon (l. Svitolina)
- During run to last eight at 2019 Wimbledon upset No.3 Ka.Pliskova in R16 to record her first Top 10 victory; following the tournament, broke into Top 50 at No.43 on July 15, 2019
- First WTA final appearance came during R-Up finish on home soil at 2019 Prague (l. Teichmann) - made Top 100 debut at No.74 following the tournament (May 6, 2019)

- Advanced to maiden WTA QF at 2019 Doha (as qualifier, l. Svitolina)
- Billie Jean King Cup debut came during 4-0 World Group play-off win over Canada in 2019
- Reached 3r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2018 US Open (as qualifier, d. No.12 Muguruza in 2r, l. Barty in 3r)
- Fell 1r on WTA main draw debut at 2017 Seoul (as qualifier, l. Hon)
- Won second - and most recent - career ITF Circuit title in 2016 and posted 39-18 win-loss record; at tour-level fell in qualifying at US Open
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in Croatia in 2013

OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Pere Riba; previously coached by Wim Fissette
- Trains in Barcelona
- Parents encouraged her to play multiple sports in her childhood, including table tennis
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- Tennis idol is Roger Federer

- Currently coached by Emil Miske, formerly with David Kotyza
- Born in city of Olomouc in eastern Czech Republic, but moved to train in Prague in 2019
- Started playing tennis at aged seven with dad, a former professional footballer in Czech Republic
- Roger Federer was tennis idol growing up