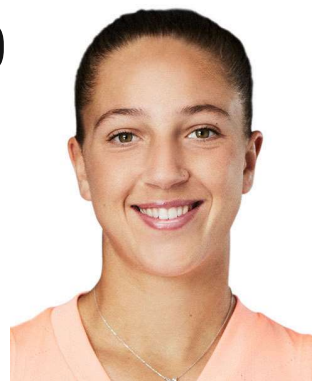


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7 **QINWEN
ZHENG (1)**
CHINA

**(4) DIANE
PARRY** **58**
FRANCE

2002-10-08	Date of Birth	2002-09-01
Barcelona, Spain	Residence	
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-Handed (one-handed backhand)
5' 10" (1.78m)	Height	5' 7" (1.70m)
7	Career-High Ranking	49
\$4,628,089	Career Prize Money	\$2,176,300
\$1,881,171	Season Prize Money	\$590,069
0 / 2	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 0
22-11 (Runner-Up: 2024 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	10-15 (Round of 32: 2024 AUSTRALIAN OPEN; 2022 WIMBLEDON, ROLAND GARROS)
3-0 / 9-1 (Champion: 2023)	YTD / Career PALERMO W-L (best)	3-0 / 6-2 (Semi-Finalist: 2024)
22-12 / 80-51	YTD / Career W-L	17-13 / 37-40
9-4 / 25-12	YTD / Career Clay W-L	4-4 / 14-15
9-3 / 34-18	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L	8-10 / 14-18
1-3 / 17-14	YTD / Career TB W-L	5-4 / 9-11
1-4 / 6-13	YTD / Career TOP 10 W-L	0-1 / 1-4
Runner-Up: AUSTRALIAN OPEN	YTD Best Result	Semi-Finalist: NOTTINGHAM, PALERMO



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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2023	PALERMO	CLAY	2r	Qinwen Zheng	7-5 3-6 6-3	2h 46m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
7	-	2024	49	-
15	15	2023	73	105
25	25	2022	58	76
143	143	2021	141	141
324	324	2020	297	305
633	649	2019	311	331
933	933	2018	730	739



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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)

Total time on court: 3h 59m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making third appearance at Palermo, where she is the defending champion (d. Paolini in F)
- As a wildcard, has beaten Sara Errani, Petra Martic and Jaqueline Cristian so far this week to reach her first SF since R-Up run at Australian Open 2024
- Faces No.58 Diane Parry in SF today
- Owns 5-0 career record against players from France, with record in 2024 standing at 2-0
- Owns 23-27 career record against seeds, with a record in 2024 standing at 4-5
- Record in WTA SF matches stands at 4-2
- Best career result on clay is Champion at Palermo in 2023
- Is No. 1 seed this week for the first time in her career
- Only player from China to reach SF
- 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 20 matches so far in 2024
- Has been involved in 11 three-set matches in 2024

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. O. GADECKI (#168) 4-6 6-4 6-4 (2h 37m)
2r: d. J. TEICHMANN (#211) 6-2 6-7 6-2 (2h 40m)
QF: d. C. PAQUET (#115) 7-5 1-6 6-4 (2h 50m)

Total time on court: 8h 7m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making third appearance at Palermo, where her previous result was reaching 2r in 2023 (l. Zheng); best result was reaching QF in 2022 (l. eventual champion Begu)
- Has beaten Olivia Gadecki, Jil Teichmann and Chloe Paquet so far this week to reach her first SF since reaching SF at Nottingham 2024
- Faces No.7 Qinwen Zheng in SF today; owns 1 wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.2 Barbora Krejckikova at Roland Garros 2022
- Owns 1-3 career record against players from China, with record in 2024 standing at 1-1
- Owns 0-4 career record against wildcards, with a record in 2024 standing at 0-0
- Record in WTA SF matches stands at 0-3
- Best career result on clay is SF run at Lausanne in 2023
- Only player from France to reach SF
- Best result by French player at Palermo was Champion run by Fiona Ferro in 2020, Sandrine Testud in 1997, Mary Pierce in 1992 and 1991
- Is currently ranked No.58; this time last year was ranked No.82
- Has won 17 matches so far in 2024
- Has been involved in 18 three-set matches in 2024



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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

2023	Result	Rank: 82	Seed: -
2r	L	Q. ZHENG (#26)	7-5 3-6 6-3
1r	W	A. ZANTEDESCHI (#603)	6-4 6-3

2022	Result	Rank: 86	Seed: -
QF	L	I. BEGU (#45)	6-1 6-3
2r	W	Y. PUTINTSEVA (#39)	6-3 6-4
1r	W	L. DAVIS (#98)	7-6(5) 6-2



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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)

- Made QF at Bastad 125 (l. eventual champion Trevisan)
- Contested 1r at Wimbledon (l. Osaka)
- Contested 1r at Bad Homburg (as qualifier, l. Kudermetova)
- Posted best grass court result to date reaching SF at Nottingham (Ka. Pliskova)
- Achieved her first clay court win of the season at Roland Garros reaching 2r (l. Svitolina)
- Contested 1r at Strasbourg (l. Svitolina)
- Made 2r at WTA 125 Paris (l. E.Andreeva)
- Played 1r at Rome (l. Blinkova)
- Retired in 1r at Rouen through injury (l. Schmiedlova)
- Made 2r at Miami (l. Haddad Maia)
- Reached 4r at Indian Wells (l. Sakkari)
- Played QF at Austin (l. Kalinina)
- Contested 1r at Abu Dhabi (as a qualifier, l. Kasatkina)
- Made 3r at Australian Open (l. Andreeva)
- Opened the 2024 season making QF at Auckland (l. Wang Xiyu)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
191	5	Aces	154	13
51.6%	90	First serve %	55.0%	86
75.2%	1	First Serve points won %	68.3%	20
46.3%	35	Second serve points won %	49.4%	7
61.2%	6	Overall service points won %	59.8%	16
76.0%	5	Service games won %	72.7%	17
56.0%	43	Break points saved %	55.8%	44
35.9%	59	First serve return points won %	35.3%	66
56.3%	29	Second serve return points won %	53.4%	69
49.2%	12	Break points converted %	39.6%	82
34.6%	43	Return games won %	31.1%	67
43.4%	47	Return points won %	42.0%	69

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

Best win by ranking: No.32 vs Tsurenko in AUCKLAND 2r
 Longest match: 3h 4m vs Wang in AUCKLAND QF
 Shortest match: 56m vs Bucsa in NOTTINGHAM 1r
 Match points saved:

Match points saved:
Most aces in a match: 23 vs Osaka in BERLIN 1r

Most aces in a match: 13 vs Bektas in AUCKLAND 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

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (2)
2023 - LAUSANNE (w/Bondar), MÉRIDA (w/Mcnally)
Runner-Up (1)
2024 - NOTTINGHAM (w/Dart)

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



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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. Krejckikova 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. Vekic 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
- The 2023 Grand Slam season included two 2r runs at Roland Garros (l. Andreeva) and Wimbledon (l. Martic); fell in 1r at Australian Open (l. Townsend) and US Open (l. Boulter)
- Best Tour level showing in 2023 was a SF run at Lausanne (l. Burel)
- In 2022, lifted the WTA 125 Paris title (d. McNally via W/O) and further reached another WTA 125 final at Colina (l. Bejlek)
- Broke into Top 100 on February 28, 2022 and continued steady progress for remainder of season
- First notable 2022 performance was 3r run at Roland Garros (l. Stephens) beating defending champion Krejckikova in 1r
- In the 2022 grass season, made SF at Gaiba 125 and 3r at Wimbledon (l. Jabeur)
- Series of impressive performances in 2022 started from QF at Palermo (l. Camelia Begu) followed by SF at Granby (l. Kasatkina), QF at Portoroz (l. Lena Friedsam), and QF at Monastir before 1r exits at Cluj Napoca, Rouen 125, and W80 Poitiers
- Finished 2021 in fine form, winning 18 of last 20 matches, highlighted by two WTA 125K Series finals, winning title in Montevideo, Uruguay and finishing R-Up at Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Overall, compiled 50-23 win-loss record last year, lifting three ITF Circuit titles and rising nearly 200 places in the rankings during second half of campaign. Also fell 1r at Roland Garros (as WC, l. Sasnovich) and Strasbourg (as qualifier, l. Niemeier)
- Lifted first ITF Circuit title in 2020, at W15 tournament in Antalya, Turkey
- Reached 2r on WTA main-draw debut at 2019 Roland Garros (as WC, d. Lapko, l. Mertens)
- First contested WTA qualifying at 2018 Roland Garros
- Owns four titles in singles and three in doubles on ITF Circuit
- Made professional debut at W15 ITF Circuit event in Le Havre in 2017

OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Pere Riba; previously coached by Wim Fissette
- Trains in Barcelona
- Current Coach is Martin Vilar
- Started playing tennis aged five
- Favorite surface is hard

- Parents encouraged her to play multiple sports in her childhood, including table tennis
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- Tennis idol is Roger Federer



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142 **IRINA-CAMELIA BEGU**
ROMANIA

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

1990-08-26	Date of Birth	1996-08-21
Bucharest, Romania	Residence	Prague, Czech Republic
Right-Handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (double-handed backhand)
5' 11" (1.81m)	Height	5' 11" (1.80m)
22	Career-High Ranking	8
\$8,202,839	Career Prize Money	\$6,594,455
\$331,573	Season Prize Money	\$84,910
0 / 5	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 1
41-49 (Round of 16: 2022 ROLAND GARROS; 2016 FRENCH OPEN; 2015 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	38-20 (Runner-Up: 2023 ROLAND GARROS)
3-0 / 14-5 (Champion: 2022)	YTD / Career PALERMO W-L (best)	3-0 / 3-0 (Semi-Finalist: 2024)
9-4 / 234-221	YTD / Career W-L	5-1 / 104-54
9-3 / 117-78	YTD / Career Clay W-L	3-0 / 26-12
1-0 / 85-68	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L	1-0 / 34-27
0-2 / 55-57	YTD / Career TB W-L	3-1 / 32-20
Semi-Finalist: PALERMO	YTD Best Result	Semi-Finalist: PALERMO



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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2023	ROLAND GARROS	CLAY	3r	Karolina Muchova	6-3 6-2	1h 33m
2023	MADRID	CLAY	2r	Irina-camelia Begu	6-4 7-5	1h 53m
2019	ROLAND GARROS	CLAY	2r	Irina-camelia Begu	1-6 6-3 6-4	1h 54m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
74	-	2024	8	-
27	76	2023	8	8
33	34	2022	31	149
54	60	2021	19	32
70	76	2020	21	27
66	99	2019	21	21
33	66	2018	141	145
28	43	2017	210	272
22	29	2016	206	208
25	31	2015	419	419



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. M. BASSOLS RIBERA (#121) 6-0 6-0 (58m)
2r: d. A. RUS (#62) 6-2 7-5 (1h 54m)
QF: d. A. LI (#127) 6-3 6-4 (1h 45m)

Total time on court: 4h 37m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making seventh appearance at Palermo, where her previous and best result was winning the title in 2022 (d. Bronzetti in F)
- Has defeated Marina Bassols Ribera, Arantxa Rus and Ann Li so far this week to reach her first SF since reaching the SF at Adelaide #1 2023
- Faces No.35 Karolina Muchova in SF today; owns 71 wins in career over Top 50 players, most recently No.29 Linda Noskova at Roland Garros 2024
- Owns 15-23 career record against players from Czech Republic, with record in 2024 standing at 2-0
- Owns 2-2 career record against wildcards
- Record in WTA SF matches stands at 9-14
- Best career result on clay is Champion at Palermo in 2022 and Bucharest in 2017
- Only player from Romania to reach SF
- Best result by Romanian player at Palermo was Champion run by Irina-camelia Begu in 2022, Irina Spirlea in 1995 and 1994
- Lowest ranked player (No.144) to reach SF at Palermo was Liudmila Samsonova in 2019
- Is currently ranked No.142; this time last year was ranked No.31
- Has won 9 matches so far in 2024
- Has been involved in 1 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)

Total time on court: 6h 33m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making tournament debut at Palermo
- Has beaten Katarzyna Kawa, Noma Noha Akugue and Astra Sharma so far this week to reach her first SF since reaching SF at US Open 2023
- Faces No.142 Irina-camelia Begu in SF today
- Owns 6-4 career record against players from Romania
- Record in WTA SF matches stands at 4-3
- Best career result on clay is R-Up at Roland Garros in 2023 and Prague in 2019
- Only player from Czech Republic to reach SF
- Best result by Czech Republic at Palermo was Champion 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
- Has won 5 matches so far in 2024
- Has been involved in 1 three-set matches in 2024



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2022	Result	Rank: 45	Seed: 6
F	W	L. BRONZETTI (#78) 6-2 6-2	
SF	W	S. SORRIBES TORMO (#41) 3-6 6-3 6-4	
QF	W	D. PARRY (#86) 6-1 6-3	
2r	W	O. DODIN (#77) 1-6 6-2 6-4	
1r	W	M. BASSOLS RIBERA (#211) 6-3 4-6 6-3	

2020	Result	Rank: 82	Seed: -
1r	L	L. SIEGEMUND (#65) 6-3 6-4	

2019	Result	Rank: 100	Seed: -
2r	L	J. PAOLINI (#142) 6-4 5-7 7-6(4)	
1r	W	T. MRDEZA (#210) 7-5 6-2	

2013	Result	Rank: 59	Seed: 6
1r	L	R. VORACOVA (#193) 7-5 6-2	

2012	Result	Rank: 73	Seed: -
SF	L	S. ERRANI (#9) 6-4 6-1	
QF	W	E. CABEZA CANDELA (#162) 5-7 6-4 6-4	
2r	W	L. DOMÍNGUEZ LINO (#80) 3-6 6-1 6-4	
1r	W	P. HERCOG (#63) 6-1 7-6(8)	

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles



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SEASON 2024 HISTORY

- Reached 2r at Palermo (l. Begu)
- Contested 1r at Wimbledon (l. Zhu)
- Reached 2r at Valencia 125 (l. Semenistaja)
- Made 3r at Roland Garros (l. Gracheva)
- Contested 4r at Rome (l. Collins)
- Reached 2r at Madrid (l. Keys)
- Opened her 2024 season in March, reaching the final at WTA 125 Antalya (l. Bouzas Maneiro)

- 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
25	96	Aces	17	113
67.8%	0	First serve %	64.0%	0
66.4%	0	First Serve points won %	65.1%	0
48.8%	0	Second serve points won %	52.1%	0
60.7%	0	Overall service points won %	60.4%	0
74.1%	0	Service games won %	74.1%	0
61.5%	0	Break points saved %	60.0%	0
38.9%	0	First serve return points won %	39.0%	0
55.8%	0	Second serve return points won %	51.3%	0
49.0%	0	Break points converted %	50.0%	0
40.3%	0	Return games won %	38.2%	0
45.7%	0	Return points won %	43.9%	0

Best win by ranking: No.29 vs Noskova in ROLAND GARROS 2r
 Longest match: 2h 50m vs Masarova in ROME 1r
 Shortest match: 26m vs Dodin in ROME 2r
 Match points saved:
 Most aces in a match: 5 vs Collins in ROME 4r

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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MUCHOVA**

TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (5)

2022 - PALERMO
2017 - BUCHAREST
2016 - FLORIANOPOLIS
2015 - SEOUL
2012 - TASHKENT

Runner-Up (4)

2021 - CLEVELAND
2014 - MOSCOW
2011 - BUDAPEST, MARBELLA

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (9)

2019 - HUA HIN (w/Niculescu)
2018 - BUCHAREST (w/Mitu), SHENZHEN (w/Halep)
2017 - TIANJIN (w/Errani), BUCHAREST (w/Olaru)
2014 - SEOUL (w/Arruabarrena), RIO DE JANEIRO (w/Irigoyen)
2013 - 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH (w/Medina Garrigues)
2012 - HOBART (w/Niculescu)

Runner-Up (7)

2018 - TASHKENT (w/Olaru), EASTBOURNE (w/Buzarnescu)
2015 - MOSCOW (w/Niculescu), WUHAN (w/Niculescu), RIO DE JANEIRO (w/Irigoyen)
2012 - LUXEMBOURG (w/Niculescu), FES (w/Cadantu-ignatik)

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



MATCH NOTES

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**IRINA-CAMELIA
BEGU**

**KAROLINA
MUCHOVA**

CAREER MILESTONES

- Opened 2023 by reaching SF at Adelaide 1 (l. eventual champion Sabalenka). Also made QF at Madrid (l. Sakkari in 3s) in fourth overall QF at a WTA 1000, followed by third round showing at Roland Garros. (l. Muchova)
- Won fifth WTA title at 2022 Palermo (d. Bronzetti in F). Last season also made SF at St. Petersburg and lifted title at WTA 125K Series event in Bucharest
- In 2021, finished R-Up at Cleveland (l. Kontaveit) - her first singles final since 2017 Bucharest
- Other key results from 2021 were QF runs at Gippsland Trophy (l. Osaka), Phillip Island Trophy (l. Andreescu) and Tenerife (l. Li)
- Defeated No.14 Konta at 2021 Gippsland Trophy for first Top-20 win since overcoming No.5 Ostapenko at 2018 Madrid
- Shortly after Tour's resumption in August 2020, made first WTA SF in over two years at Prague (l. eventual champion Halep); win over No.43 Sevastova in 1r was first over a Top 50 player since 2018 Roland Garros; also reached 2r at Roland Garros in September (l. Halep)
- Prior to tour's hiatus was in good form, winning the title at WTA 125K Series event at Indian Wells and another title at \$100K ITF/Cairo-EGY
- Best results of 2019 were 3r run at Roland Garros (l. Anisimova) and three QF runs at Hobart (l. Schmiedlova), Budapest (l. Vondrousova) and Bucharest (l. Siegemund)
- Reached two singles SFs - Shenzhen and Istanbul - and one QF in 2018. Also defeated No.5 Ostapenko at 2018 Madrid for second Top 5 win of career having also beaten No.4 Muguruza at 2016 Madrid
- Won two doubles titles in 2018 - Shenzhen and Bucharest - finishing the year at a career-best No.23 in the WTA Doubles Rankings. Reached SF stage of 2018 Australian Open doubles event w/Niculescu
- Highlight of 2017 was lifting fourth singles title of her career at Bucharest without dropping a set (d. Goerges in F); also took home the doubles trophy without dropping a set w/Olaru
- Also in 2017 reached two SFs: Istanbul (l. Mertens) and Moscow (l. Kasatkina), and one QF at Charleston (l. eventual champion Kasatkina)
- Represented Romania at 2016 Rio Olympics, making 1r exits in singles (l. Hibino) and doubles (w/Niculescu, l. Chan/Chan)
- Posted career-best singles ranking at No.22 (August 22, 2016)
- Other notable results in 2016 included SF at Rome (l. S.Williams), QF at Charleston (l. Kerber)
- Enjoyed break-out season in 2023, reaching debut Slam final at Roland-Garros (l. Swiatek), 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.
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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)

- and QF at Madrid (l. Halep)
- In run to QF at 2016 Madrid was one of four Romanians for reach QF - which was first time this had occurred at a Premier Mandatory event (also Halep, Cirstea and Tig). Secured two milestones during Madrid: career-best win vs. No.4 Muguruza, and 300th match win of career (all levels) with 3r defeat of McHale
- Struggled with right shoulder injury in 2013 - first felt pain at 2013 Australian Open and missed three months of action
- Lifted maiden WTA title at 2012 Tashkent (d. Vekic in F)
- Reached 2r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2011 Roland Garros (d. Rezaï, l. Kuznetsova)
- Appeared in first two WTA finals in 2011, at Mallorca (l. Azarenka) and then Budapest (l. Vinci). Voted WTA Newcomer of the Year in 2011 (media vote)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2009 Budapest (fell in 1r to Peer)
- Holds 12 singles titles and 19 doubles titles on ITF Circuit

- 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 Victor Crivoi
- Mother's name is Steluta (civil servant); father's name is Paul (electrician); brother is Andrei
- Started playing tennis at age 3 with aunt, who was a coach
- Did gymnastics and played handball when younger
- Idol growing up was Martina Hingis
- Best early tennis memory was winning European 16 & Under title in 2006
- Favorite city is New York; favorite tournament was Marbella

- 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