

MATCH NOTES INTERNAZIONALI BNL D'ITALIA ROME, ITALY May 7-19, 2024 | WTA 1000 | €3,572,618



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### MATCH NOTES - DAY 5 - SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024

#### [1] Iga Swiatek (POL #1) vs Yulia Putintseva (KAZ #41)

During Rome, Swiatek will be spending her 102nd and 103rd atop the WTA Rankings; she holds a 3,412 point advantage over No.2 ranked Aryna Sabalenka... Swiatek has won the previous three meetings, all in straight-sets... Swiatek won her 20th career singles title (9th at WTA 1000 level) last week in Madrid; the last time a player won Rome and Madrid in the same year was 2013 (Serena Williams)... Since the format's introduction in 2009, Swiatek (87.5%, 28-4) only trails Serena Williams (88%, 44-6) for winning percentage on clay at WTA-1000 events... In her previous seven WTA-1000 main draws on clay, Swiatek has only been eliminated before the R16 once, losing to Arantxa Rus - Rome R64 2020... Swiatek has won her past 24 matches against opponents ranked outside the WTA Top 10 on clay, with her last such defeat coming to Caroline Garcia - Warsaw QF 2022; of those 24 victories, 19 have come in straight sets... Swiatek (31) is one of two players on the WTA Tour with 30+ match wins so far this year, along with Elena Rybakina (30-5)... Putintseva holds a career winloss record of 4-12 on clay against WTA top 10 opponents, with her last win coming against Qinwen Zheng at 2024 Madrid... Putintseva could become only the second Asian player in the past four decades to defeat the WTA World No.1 on clay after compatriot Elena Rybakina, whose victories both came against Iga Swiatek... Since the start of the 2020 season, Yulia Putintseva is 3-17 against opponents ranked in the WTA Top 10

#### [3] Coco Gauff (USA #3) vs [LL] J. Cristian (ROU #68)

For the second consecutive tournament, Gauff has a chance to move to WTA World No.2 this week but will need to reach at least the semifinals to have a chance at moving to No.2... With a win, Gauff could surpass Caroline Wozniacki (14) for the outright most WTA-1000 match wins on clay before turning 21, since the format's introduction in 2009... Since losing to Sofia Kenin in the opening round at Wimbledon last year, Coco Gauff has won 16 consecutive matches against opponents ranked outside the Top 50 (with 13 coming in straight sets)... Gauff holds a career win-loss record of 6-1 against lucky losers at WTA events on clay... Since the WTA 1000 introduction in 2009, only four American players could have more WTA-1000 wins on clay than Coco Gauff - Serena Williams (44), Venus Williams (23), Sloane Stephens and Madison Keys (20 each)... Since 2009, only two lucky losers have defeated a Top 5 opponent at a WTA-1000 event, after Madison Keys (Li Na in Madrid 2013) and Beatriz Haddad Maia (Karolina Pliskova in Indian Wells 2021)... Cristian is 0-4 against opponents ranked in the Top 10, with all four of those prior defeats coming on hard court

#### [10] Daria Kasatkina (#11) vs Naomi Osaka (JPN #173)

Osaka won the only previous meetings against Kasatkina at 2018 Indian Wells final... Kasatkina is 1-4 in 2024 against former Grand Slam Champions - with only win against Sloane Stephens in Indian Wells... Kasatkina lost her last six clay court meetings against former Grand Slam Champions - her last such win was back at the Roland Garros 2018, against Caroline Wozniacki... With a win, Kasatkina could make the R16 at Rome for the 7th time in her career - the sixth time over the last seven years (she lost in R64 in 2021 to Jessica Pegula)... In the previous round against Marta Kostyuk, Osaka claimed her first career victory on clay over an opponent ranked in the WTA's top 20 (previously 0-8 on the surface)... Osaka has claimed consecutive wins at a single WTA event on clay for the first time since 2012 Roland Garros in 2019... With a win, Osaka could win three matches in a single clay court WTA event for the third time in her career after Stuttgart 2017 and Madrid 2019... Only Elena Rybakina (121) has made more aces in WTA-1000 events this season than Osaka (95).

#### Swiatek leads 3-0

First meeting

Osaka leads 1-0



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#### [28] Sorana Cirstea (ROU #32) vs. [6] Marketa Vondrousova (CZE #6)

Cirstea is making seventh appearance at Rome, where her best result is R16 run in 2012... Vondrousova is making fifth appearance at Rome, where her best result was SF run in 2020... Cirstea owns 21 wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently over No.8 Marketa Vondrousova at Dubai 2024... Vondrousova best career result on clays is R-Up at Roland Garros and Istanbul 2019... Best result by Romania player at Rome was title run by Simona Halep in 2020... Best result by Czech player at Rome was title run by Karolina Pliskova in 2019

#### [29] Linda Noskova (CZE #29) vs. [7] Qinwen Zheng (CHN #7)

Noskova is playing this week ranked No.29; she reached a career-high of No.28 earlier this year (week of Feb 11, 2024)... Noskova is the highest ranked teenager... Zheng is making second appearance at Rome, where her best result was QF run in 2023 (I.Kudermetova)... Noskova is making second appearance at Rome... Noskova's best career result on clay came earlier this season at Stuttgart 2024 where she reached R16 (I.Raducanu)... Zheng owns 26 wins in career over Top 50 players, most recently No.29 Sorana Cirstea at Stuttgart 2024... Noskova owns six wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.10 Jelena Ostapenko at Stuttgart 2024... Zheng is the only player from China to reach 3r

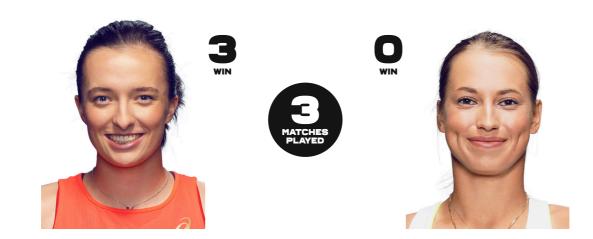
#### Zheng leads 1-0

Cirstea leads 3-1



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2001-05-31	Date of Birth	1995-01-07
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Raszyn, Poland	Residence	
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 9'' (1.76m)	Height	5' 4" (1.63m)
1	Career-High Ranking	27
\$27,213,597	Career Prize Money	\$7,313,815
\$2,620,834	Season Prize Money	\$408,345
2 / 20	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 2
70-16 (Champion: 2023 ROLAND GARROS; 2022 US OPEN, ROLAND GARROS; 2020 ROLAND GARROS)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	41-40 (Quarter-Finalist: 2020 US OPEN; 2018 ROLAND GARROS; 2016 FRENCH OPEN)
1-0 / 15-2 (Champion: 2022, 2021)	YTD / Career ROME W-L (best)	2-0 / 10-6 (Quarter-Finalist: 2020)



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## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	ТІМЕ
2024	INDIAN WELLS	HARD	4r	lga Swiatek	6-1 6-2	1h 11m
2023	UNITED CUP	HARD	1r	lga Swiatek	6-1 6-3	1h 5m
2021	OSTRAVA	HARD	2r	lga Swiatek	6-4 6-4	1h 47m

## **RANKING HISTORY**

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
1	-	2024	41	-
1	1	2023	40	69
1	1	2022	32	51
4	9	2021	28	42
17	17	2020	27	28
49	61	2019	28	34
174	175	2018	45	45
587	690	2017	27	53
903	903	2016	33	34
-	-	2015	70	74



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## **TOURNAMENT HISTORY**

#### **CURRENT TOURNAMENT**

2r: d. B. PERA (#79) 6-0 6-2 (1h 17m)

#### Total time on court: 1h 17m

#### PLAYER NOTES

- Two-time champion in Rome, making her 5th appearance. Reached quarterfinal (l. Rybakina by ret.) last year.
- After first-round bye, beat Bernarda Pera in second-round opener on Thursday
- Faces No.41 Yulia Putintseva on clay for the first time today; 2nd meeting between the two this season. Is a perfect 6-0 in sets vs. Putintseva
- Has won 8 of her 20 career titles on clay: Madrid in 2024; Roland Garros, Stuttgart in 2023; Roland Garros, Rome, Stuttgart in 2022; Rome in 2021; Roland Garros in 2020
- Trying to become the first three-time champion in Rome since 4-time champion Serena Williams (2002, 2013, 2014, 2016)
- Trying to become the 3rd woman to sweep Madrid and Rome, after Dinara Safina (2009) and Serena Williams (2013)
- Bidding for her 10th career WTA 1000 title. Has won 31% (9/29) of WTA 1000 main draws entered

   the highest percentage of any player sincethe format's introduction in 2009
- Will spend her 102nd and 103rd weeks at No.1 during Rome; this time last year was ranked No.1
- Is No.1 seed this week; has been top seed at 34 tournaments in her career
- During last year's European clay swing, won third Roland Garros, QF at Rome, RUP at Madrid, won second Stuttgart title
- Is currently on a 7-match winning streak after winning Madrid last week
- Has won 31 matches so far in 2024; she is ranked No.1 on tour for match wins and tied for No.1 in titles (3 - tied with Rybakina)
- Has been involved in 7 three-set matches in 2024, with a 5-2 record
- Winner of today's match will face either Angelique Kerber or Aliaksandra Sasnovich in 4R

#### **CURRENT TOURNAMENT**

1r: d. M. TREVISAN (#76) 6-3 6-4 (1h 42m) 2r: d. S. STEPHENS (#33) 6-3 6-2 (1h 14m)

Total time on court: 2h 56m

#### **PLAYER NOTES**

- Making 7th appearance at Rome, where her previous result was reaching 2r in 2023. Best result came in QF run in 2020 (l. Halep by ret.)
- Has beaten Martina Trevisan and Sloane Stephens in straight sets so far this week
- Faces No.1 Iga Swiatek in 3r today in 2nd meeting of the season; owns 11 wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.8 Zheng Qinwen in Madrid 2024
- Has an 8-5 record in 2024 against seeded opponents
- Is a 2-time champion on clay: Budapest in 2021; Nurnberg in 2019
- Is currently ranked No.41; this time last year was ranked No.51
- During last year's European clay swing reached 2r at Hamburg, 2r at Budapest, 3r at Roland Garros, 2r at Rome, 2r at Madrid
- After starting the season 5-7, has posted an 11-3 record since the start of Indian Wells (excluding BJK Cup)
- Made back-to-back QF at WTA 1000 tournaments in Miami and Madrid; held 2 MPs vs. Rybakina in Madrid QF before losing in three sets
- Winner of today's match will face either Angelique Kerber or Aliaksandra Sasnovich in 4R



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## **RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY**

2023	Result	Rank: 1 Seed: 1
QF	L	E. RYBAKINA (#6) 2-6 7-6(3) 2-2
4r	W	D. VEKIC (#24) 6-3 6-4
3r	W	L. TSURENKO (#68) 6-2 6-0
2r	W	A. PAVLYUCHENKOVA (#506) 6-0 6-0
2022	Result	Rank: 1 Seed: 1
F	W	O. JABEUR (#7) 6-2 6-2
SF	W	A. SABALENKA (#8) 6-2 6-1
QF	W	B. ANDREESCU (#90) 7-6(2) 6-0
3r	W	V. AZARENKA (#16) 6-4 6-1
2r	W	E. RUSE (#57) 6-3 6-0
2.		
2021	Result	Rank: 15 Seed: 15
	<b>Result</b> W	Rank: 15 Seed: 15 K. PLISKOVA (#9) 6-0 6-0
2021		
<b>2021</b> F	W	K. PLISKOVA (#9) 6-0 6-0
2021 F SF	W W	K. PLISKOVA (#9) 6-0 6-0 C. GAUFF (#35) 7-6(3) 6-3
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2023	Result	Rank: 51 Seed: -
2r	L	C. GAUFF (#5) 6-0 6-1
1r	W	V. TOMOVA (#76) 6-7(5) 7-6(3) 6-0
2022	Result	Rank: 40 Seed: -
3r	L	O. JABEUR (#7) 6-3 6-2
2r	W	G. MUGURUZA (#10) 3-6 7-6(4) 6-1
1r	W	K. JUVAN (#85) 7-5 4-6 7-5
2021	Result	Rank: 34 Seed: -
1r	L	C. GAUFF (#35) 7-5 4-6 6-4
2020	Result	Rank: 30 Seed: -
QF	L	S. HALEP (#2) 6-2 2-0
3r	W	E. RYBAKINA (#18) 4-6 7-6(3) 6-2
2r	W	P. MARTIC (#16) 6-3 6-7(2) 6-4
1r	W	R. PETERSON (#49) 6-2 6-4
2019	Result	Rank: 38 Seed: -
2r	L	P. KVITOVA (#5) 6-0 6-1
1r	W	L. TSURENKO (#26) 6-4 6-2



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## SEASON 2024 HISTORY

- Won 20th career title and 3rd WTA 1000 title of the 2024 season after saving 3 Championship Points to beat No.2 Sabalenka in the Madrid final
- After a three-set contest, fell in SF at Stuttgart (l. eventual champion Rybakina)
- Made R16 at WTA 1000 Miami (l. Alexandrova)
- Won her second title in 2024 after defeating Sakkari in the final at WTA 1000 Indian Wells
- Contested SF at Dubai (l. Kalinskaya)
- Won her first title of the 2024 season after defeating Rybakina at Doha
- Made 3r at Australian Open (l. Noskova)
- Started the 2024 season representing Poland at the 2024 United Cup, reaching the F round with an overall record of 5-0 in singles play (d. Haddad Maia) (d. Sorribes Tormo) (d. Zheng) (d. Garcia) (d. Kerber)

- Earned 1st Top 10 win of the season (d. Zheng Qinwen) in Madrid; made second straight WTA 1000 QF and held match points vs. Rybakina before losing
- Defeated No.32 A. Kalinina, then fell in QF at WTA 1000 Miami (l. Azarenka)
- Made R16 at WTA 1000 Indian Wells (l. Swiatek)
- Contested QF at Hua Hin (l. Wang Xinyu)
- Fell in opening round at Australian Open (l.
- Zakharova)
- Reached QF at Hobart (l. Yuan)
- Opened the 2024 season making 1r at Auckland (l. Wang Xinyu)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
54	36	Aces	22	75
67.2%	22	First serve %	72.3%	7
68.6%	18	First Serve points won %	59.9%	69
54.8%	1	Second serve points won %	50.2%	4
64.1%	2	Overall service points won %	57.2%	42
82.5%	1	Service games won %	66.5%	44
69.5%	1	Break points saved %	61.2%	16
43.0%	3	First serve return points won %	39.3%	20
59.9%	4	Second serve return points won %	57.8%	17
47.1%	27	Break points converted %	51.6%	8
47.5%	2	Return games won %	42.3%	11
49.5%	2	Return points won %	46.4%	12

Best win by ranking: No.2 vs Sabalenka in MADRID F Longest match: 3h 14m vs Collins in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2r Shortest match: 1h 1m vs Cirstea in DOHA 2r Match points saved: 3 vs Sabalenka in MADRID F Most aces in a match: 5 vs Kalinskaya in DUBAI SF 5 vs Alexandrova in DOHA 3r Best win by ranking: No.8 vs Zheng in MADRID 2r Longest match: 2h 55m vs Azarenka in MIAMI QF Shortest match: 1h 7m vs Dolehide in MADRID 3r Match points saved: 1 vs Cocciaretto in HOBART 1r Most aces in a match: 5 vs Azarenka in MIAMI QF



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## TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

#### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (20) 2024 - MADRID, INDIAN WELLS, DOHA 2023 - WTA FINALS, BEIJING, WARSAW, ROLAND GARROS, STUTTGART, DOHA 2022 - SAN DIEGO, US OPEN, ROLAND GARROS, ROME, STUTTGART, MIAMI, INDIAN WELLS, DOHA 2021 - ROME, ADELAIDE 500 2020 - ROLAND GARROS Runner-Up (5)

2024 - UNITED CUP 2023 - MADRID, DUBAI 2022 - OSTRAVA 2019 - LUGANO

#### DOUBLES FINALS

Runner-Up (1) 2021 - ROLAND-GARROS (w/Mattek-sands)

#### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (2) 2021 - BUDAPEST 2019 - NÜRNBERG

Runner-Up (3) 2021 - NUR-SULTAN 2018 - GUANGZHOU 2017 - ST. PETERSBURG

#### **DOUBLES FINALS**

Runner-Up (1) 2023 - OSAKA (w/Kalinskaya)

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



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## **CAREER MILESTONES**

- Won six titles across 2023, including winning fourth Grand Slam title at Roland-Garros (d. Muchova in F) and going undefeated at the WTA Finals in Cancun (d. Pegula in F). Finished season as WTA World No.1 player for second consecutive year.
- In 2022, lifted second and third Grand Slam titles, at Roland-Garros (d. Gauff in F) and US Open (d. Jabeur in F)
- Triumph in Paris was the last of six straight titles during 37-match winning streak joint-longest unbeaten run on Tour since 1990
- Won two titles in 2021, at Adelaide and Rome. Other highlights included QF at Roland-Garros and SF at Ostrava and qualifying for WTA Finals Guadalajara (fell in group stage)
- Also finished doubles R-Up at 2021 Roland-Garros (w/Mattek-Sands, l. Krejcikova/Siniakova)
- Won her maiden Tour-level title at 2020 Roland-Garros without dropping a set, becoming the first player from Poland - man or woman - to win a Grand Slam singles title and first from her country to reach a major final since A.Radwanska at 2012 Wimbledon
- Ranked No.54, she became the lowest-ranked woman to win the Roland-Garros title in the Open Era and the lowest-ranked finalist since 1977 (No.56 Mihai). At 19y 132d, is the youngest champion in Paris since Monica Seles (18y 187d) in 1992
- Also became the first player to win her debut Tour-level title at a Grand Slam since Jelena Ostapenko at 2017 Roland-Garros
- Won WTA Most Improved Player of the Year for 2020, as voted on by members of the media. Also won the 2020 WTA Fan Favorite Award
- Ended 2019 season ranked No.61 after a campaign highlighted by R-Up finish at Lugano (l. Hercog) and R16 run at Roland-Garros (l. Halep). That year also reached 3r at Toronto (l. Osaka) and made 2r five times (incl. Australian and US Open)
- Broke into Top 100 at No.88 after R-Up finish at 2019 Lugano
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2019 Auckland
- Ended 2018 season ranked No.175 (up from No.690 in 2017), after posting 42-6 record and winning four titles on ITF Circuit
- Member of Poland's Billie Jean King Cup team, 2018-20, 2021-22
- On professional debut, came through qualifying to win title at \$10k ITF/Stockholm-SWE in 2016; owns seven singles titles at this level

- 2023 saw Putintseva reach SF at Guangzhou (l. Linette) and QF at Rabat (l. Riera) and Hobart (l. Blinkova)
- Reached two SFs in 2022, at Istanbul (l. eventual champion Potapova) and Budapest (l. Krunic), while made QF at Toronto (l. Pegula)
- Highlight of 2021 campaign was lifting second career title, at Budapest (d. Kalinina in F)
- Also last season was R-Up at Nur-Sultan (l. Van Uytvanck), advanced to SF at Portoroz and made QFs at Charleston [500], Strasbourg and San Jose
- Recorded 300th career win (at all levels) with 1r triumph over Flipkens at 2020 Roland Garros
- Standout results of 2020 were QF runs at US Open (l. Brady) - first Kazakh woman to reach last eight in New York - and Rome (l. Halep)
- Owns one win over a reigning World No.1, upsetting Osaka on grass at 2019 Birmingham
- Won first career title at 2019 Nürnberg (d. Zidansek in F); afterwards rose to No.28 in rankings - one spot off career best No.27 (achieved February 6, 2017)
- Best result of 2018 was QF run at Roland Garros (l. Keys)
- Reached maiden WTA final in 2017 at St Petersburg (l. Mladenovic) after notching two Top 10 wins over No.8 Kuznetsova and No.5 Cibulkova - first over a Top 5 player - (l. Mladenovic in F); first woman from Kazakhstan to reach a WTA final since Shvedova at 2015 Bogotá (l. Pereira)
- Rose to new career-high ranking of No.27 on February 6, 2017 following St Petersburg
- In 2016 became first Kazakh to reach the quarterfinals at Roland Garros - or at any major - since Shvedova in 2012, eventually losing to S.Williams in 3s
- Defeated No.14 V.Williams en route to first Premier-level quarterfinal of career at 2016 Charleston
- First Top 10 win came over No.10 Petkovic at 2015 Nürnberg (via ret.)
- Progressed to maiden WTA SF at 2015 Bastad (l. eventual champion Larsson)
- In 2014, reached first two WTA QFs, first on clay at Bastad (as qualifier, l. Cepelova) and then on hard at Osaka (l. eventual champion Stosur). Between these two results, scored first Top 20 win - over No.14 Pennetta - during run through qualifying to 2r at Montréal
- Made it through to 2r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2013 Australian Open (d. McHale, l. Suárez Navarro)

- Enjoyed stellar junior career, including winning girls' singles at 2018 Wimbledon (d. Küng in F) and leading Poland to Junior Fed Cup in 2016
- Advanced to 2r on WTA main draw debut at 2012 Copenhagen (as WC, d. Barbat, l. Jankovic)
- On ITF Circuit, winner of six singles titles and six doubles titles
- Kazakhstan Billie Jean King Cup Team, 2014-19, 2021-22
- Professional debut at 2009 Luxembourg ended with defeat to Flipkens in final round of qualifying

### **OTHER INFORMATION**

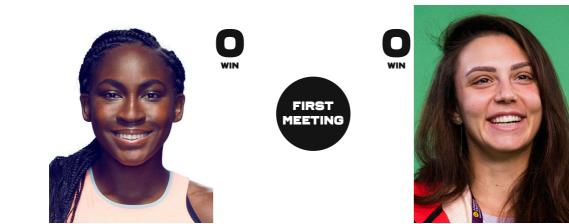
- Coached by Tomasz Wiktorowski. previously worked with Piotr Sierzputowski
- Father is former Olympic rower Tomasz Swiatek, who competed in the men's quadruple sculls event at the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul
- In summer 2022 organised 'Iga Swiatek and friends for Ukraine' event in Krakow, which featured a mixed doubles match between Agnieszka Radwanska, Sergiy Stakhovsky, Polish junior Martyn Pawelski and herself, and was attended by Poland's First Lady, Agata Kornhauser-Duda, Elina Svitolina and Andriy Shevchenko. The occasion was watched by almost 15,000 people live and a further one million on television, raising more than half a million Euros for Ukrainian children and teenagers affected by the war
- Started playing tennis because her older sister was playing and wanted to beat her
- Enjoys rock music, including AC/DC and Pink Floyd
- Includes PZU, On, Tecnifibre, Rolex and Xiaomi in her endorsement portfolio

- Coached by Matteo Donati
- Father's name is Anton; mother's name is Anna; younger brother's name is Ilya (plays ice hockey). Introduced to sport by father; liked it and was soon practicing at Spartak Club in Moscow
- Moved to Paris to attend Mouratoglou Academy after winning a big Under 14s event; has trained there ever since
- Baseliner whose favorite shot is forehand; favorite surface is clay. Australian Open and US Open are favorite tournaments
- Tennis idols were Martina Hingis and Justine Henin - still watches videos of Henin on YouTube
- Also enjoys dancing, music, singing, Sudoku, playing cards and chess
- Person she would most like to meet is Eminem
- Changed representation from Russia to Kazakhstan in May 2012



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### COCO GAUFF (3) UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



2004-03-13	Date of Birth	1998-06-05
Delray Beach, Fl. USA	Residence	
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-Handed
5' 9'' (1.75m)	Height	5' 11'' (1.82m)
3	Career-High Ranking	58
\$13,605,942	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$1,303,479
\$1,386,229	Season Prize Money	\$222,323
1/7	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 0
49-17 (Champion: 2023 US OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	2-5 (Round of 64: 2023 WIMBLEDON; 2022 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
1-0 / 9-4 (Semi-Finalist: 2021)	YTD / Career ROME W-L (best)	1-0 / 1-0 (Round of 32: 2024)



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### JAQUELINE [LL] CRISTIAN

#### COCO GAUFF

## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
		Firs	st career mee	eting		

## **RANKING HISTORY**

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
3	-	2024	68	-
3	3	2023	97	98
4	7	2022	58	148
19	22	2021	71	71
47	48	2020	162	167
68	68	2019	201	205
874	875	2018	201	284
-	-	2017	254	254
-	-	2016	359	363
-	-	2015	808	827



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### JAQUELINE [LL] CRISTIAN

## **TOURNAMENT HISTORY**

#### **CURRENT TOURNAMENT**

2r: d. M. FRECH (#51) 6-3 6-3 (1h 28m)

Total time on court: 1h 28m

#### PLAYER NOTES

- Semifinalist in 2021, making 5th appearance at Rome, where her previous result was reaching 3r in 2023.
- Has the chance to leave Rome at a new careerhigh ranking of No.2
- After a first-round bye, defeated Magdalena Frech in second-round opener
- Win over Frech was her 14th clay-court win at the WTA 1000 level, tied with Caroline Wozniacki for the joint-most before turning 21 since the format was introduced in 2009. Can stand alone with the most if she wins her 15th today
- Faces No.68 Jaqueline Cristian for the first time today
- Best career result on clay is Champion at Parma 2021; also made Roland Garros final in 2022
- Bidding to become first American champion in Rome since Serena Williams in 2016 and fourth overall, joining S. Williams, M. Seles and V. Williams
- Is currently ranked No.3; this time last year was ranked No.5
- During last year's European Clay swing reached QF at Roland Garros, 3r at Rome, 3r at Madrid, 2r at Stuttgart
- The winner of today's match will face either Paula Badosa or Diana Shnaider in 4r
- Playing doubles this week with Erin Routliffe

#### **CURRENT TOURNAMENT**

2r: d. E. AVANESYAN (#65) 5-7 6-2 6-2 (2h 50m)

Total time on court: 2h 50m

#### **PLAYER NOTES**

- Making 1st appearance at Rome
- After falling in the final round of qualifying to Varvara Gracheva, entered main draw as a lucky loser after 25th seed Barbora Krejcikova withdrew due to illness
- Defeated Elina Avanesyan in 2R to reach 3R at second straight WTA 1000
- Faces No.3 Coco Gauff in 3r today; bidding for 1st Top 10 win of her career
- Holds a 3-1 record against Americans in 2024; all 3 wins came in quarterfinal run at Charleston, beating Sachia Vickery, Madison Keys and Emma Navarro
- Including qualifying, is 10-3 on clay this season
- Holds a 4-3 record vs. seeded players this season
- Best career result on clay is quarterfinalist which she has reached 2 times: Charleston in 2024; Palermo in 2021
- Best result by Romania at Rome was Champion run by Simona Halep in 2020
- Last time 3 players from Romania reached 3r at Rome was 2015
- Is currently ranked No.68; this time last year was ranked No.159
- The winner of today's match will face either Paula Badosa or Diana Shnaider in 4r



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## **RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY**

2023	Result	Rank: 5 Seed: 6
3r	L	M. BOUZKOVA (#38) 4-6 6-2 6-2
2r	W	Y. PUTINTSEVA (#51) 6-0 6-1
2022	Result	Rank: 15 Seed: 15
3r	L	M. SAKKARI (#4) 6-4 7-5
2r	W	M. BRENGLE (#61) 6-2 6-4
1r	W	A. KERBER (#19) 6-1 6-4
2021	Result	Rank: 35 Seed: -
SF	L	I. SWIATEK (#15) 7-6(3) 6-3
QF	W	A. BARTY (#1) 4-6 1-2
3r	W	A. SABALENKA (#4) 7-5 6-3
2r	W	M. SAKKARI (#19) 6-1 1-6 6-1
1r	W	Y. PUTINTSEVA (#34) 7-5 4-6 6-4
2020	Result	Rank: 53 Seed: -
2r	L	G. MUGURUZA (#17) 7-6(3) 3-6 6-3
1r	W	O. JABEUR (#34) 6-4 6-3

• Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles



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### COCO GAUFF

### JAQUELINE [LL] CRISTIAN

## **SEASON 2024 HISTORY**

- Made R16 at WTA 1000 Madrid (l. Keys)
- After a three-set contest, fell in QF at Stuttgart (l. Kostyuk)
- Made R16 at WTA 1000 Miami (l. Garcia)
- Reached SF at WTA 1000 Indian Wells (l. Sakkari)
- Contested QF at Dubai (l. Kalinskaya)
- Following 1r bye, fell in 2r at Doha (l. Siniakova)
- Reached third Grand Slam SF of her career at Australian Open (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)
- Won the title in her opening tournament of the 2024 season and her seventh title overall at Auckland (d. Svitolina)

- Successfully qualified for WTA 1000 Madrid and made 3r (l. Collins)
- After defeating No.10 E. Navarro, fell in QF at Charleston (l. Kasatkina)
- Contested 1r at Miami (l. Parry)
- Fell in R16 at Charleston (l. Shnaider)
- Made SF at Cluj-Napoca (l. Bogdan)
- Contested R16 at Linz (l. Burrage)
- Fell in opening round at Australian Open (l. Siniakova)
- Opened the 2024 season making 1r at Auckland (l. X. Wang)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
106	11	Aces	46	44
59.8%	63	First serve %	58.2%	72
69.9%	12	First Serve points won %	69.8%	13
42.1%	75	Second serve points won %	44.4%	49
58.7%	22	Overall service points won %	59.2%	17
69.6%	26	Service games won %	71.1%	20
60.5%	18	Break points saved %	61.4%	14
44.1%	2	First serve return points won %	38.0%	30
62.1%	1	Second serve return points won %	55.4%	42
55.8%	1	Break points converted %	43.2%	55
51.3%	1	Return games won %	36.6%	34
50.9%	1	Return points won %	44.5%	33

Best win by ranking: No.25 vs Svitolina in AUCKLAND F Longest match: 3h 8m vs Kostyuk in AUSTRALIAN OPEN QF Shortest match: 51m vs Rus in MADRID 2r Match points saved:

Most aces in a match: 10 vs Navarro in AUCKLAND SF

Best win by ranking: No.18 vs Keys in CHARLESTON 2r Longest match: 2h 53m vs Bogdan in CLUJ-NAPOCA SF Shortest match: 1h 18m vs Bassols Ribera in CLUJ-NAPOCA 1r Match points saved: Most aces in a match: 6 vs Sevastova in CLUJ-NAPOCA QF



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## TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

#### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (7) 2024 - AUCKLAND 2023 - US OPEN, CINCINNATI, WASHINGTON DC, AUCKLAND 2021 - PARMA 2019 - LINZ Runner-Up (1) 2022 - ROLAND GARROS

#### **DOUBLES FINALS**

Champion (8) 2023 - MIAMI (w/Pegula), DOHA (w/Pegula) 2022 - SAN DIEGO (w/Pegula), TORONTO (w/Pegula), DOHA (w/Pegula) 2021 - PARMA (w/Mcnally) 2019 - LUXEMBOURG (w/Mcnally), WASHINGTON DC (w/Mcnally)

Runner-Up (5) 2023 - ROME (w/Pegula), MADRID (w/Pegula) 2022 - ROLAND GARROS (w/Pegula), STUTTGART (w/Zhang) 2021 - US OPEN (w/Mcnally)

#### SINGLES FINALS

Runner-Up (1) 2021 - LINZ

#### **DOUBLES FINALS**

Runner-Up (1) 2019 - BUCHAREST (w/Ruse)

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



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### COCO GAUFF

### JAQUELINE [LL] CRISTIAN

## **CAREER MILESTONES**

- Won debut Grand Slam singles crown in 2023 lifting title on home soil at US Open (d. Sabalenka in F). Picked up another three titles in 2023, marking first WTA 1000 title at Cincinnati and debut WTA 500 title at Washington DC, in addition to WTA 250 Auckland. In doubles was co-ranked No.1 with Pegula after US Open.
- In 2022, reached maiden Grand Slam final at Roland-Garros (l. Swiatek); was the youngest major finalist since Sharapova won 2004 Wimbledon
- Made Top-10 debut on September 12, 2022, following QF run at US Open (l. Garcia)
- Highlight of 2021 campaign was completing singles-doubles title sweep at Parma; defeated Q.Wang in singles final and teamed up w/McNally to win doubles
- In 2021 also reached SF at Adelaide and Rome, while at the Slams made QF at Roland-Garros and R16 at Wimbledon
- Finished R-Up in doubles at 2021 US Open (w/McNally, l. Stosur/Zhang)
- First cracked the Top 50 on February 24, 2020 at No.49, following a R16 appearance at Australian Open to tie her career best Grand Slam result during run, defeated V.Williams in 1r and her first Top-5 opponent in No.4 Osaka in 3r (l. eventual champion Kenin in 3s)
- Enjoyed breakout season in 2019, highlighted by maiden WTA singles title at Linz (as lucky loser, d. Ostapenko in F) - earned her first Top-10 win en route to title over No.8 Bertens in QF
- At 15y 214d, her title run in Linz made her youngest to win a WTA tour-level title since Vaidisova (15y 177d) won Tashkent in 2004
- Also claimed maiden WTA doubles titles at Washington, DC (w/McNally, d. Sanchez/Stollar in F) and Luxembourg (w/McNally, d. Christian/Guarachi in F)
- By winning the doubles title at Washington, DC at 15y 144d, became the youngest player to win a doubles title since May 1995 (Hingis won Hamburg at 14y 219d)
- Reached R16 at 2019 Wimbledon on Grand Slam main draw debut defeating V.Williams in 1r (l. eventual champion Halep) - followed with 3r showing at US Open (as WC, l. Osaka)
- Made WTA main draw debut as a wildcard at 2019 Miami where she earned her first WTA main draw win over good friend McNally (l. Kasatkina in 2r)
- Made professional debut in May 2018 as a qualifier into the \$25K ITF/Osprey, FL-USA

- In 2023 reached semifinal at Prague (l. Hibino) and also WTA 125 semifinals at Bucharest and Rouen.
- Suffered knee injury in 2r match at Doha 2022 against Kasatkina and took the next six months off.
- Ended 2021 campaign in fine form, reaching SF at Nur-Sultan (l. eventual champion Van Uytvanck), QF at Cluj-Napoca (l. Halep) before finishing R-Up at Linz (l. Riske)
- Broke into Top 100 on November 8, 2021Advanced to maiden WTA QF at 2021 St.
- Petersburg (l. Kuznetsova)
  Season highlight in 2020 was 2r run at Lyon (as qualifier, l. Kenin)
- Made debut for Romania in Billie Jean King Cup in 2020, winning singles rubber against Kudermetova during 3-2 qualifying defeat to Russia
- In 2019, posted 2r showing at Bucharest (l. Rybakina), also fell 1r at Nanchang (as qualifier, l. Golubic)
- Reached 2r on WTA main draw debut at 2017 Bucharest (d. Kozlova. l. eventual champion Begu)
- In 2016, compiled a 46-18 win-loss record, lifting five titles on ITF Circuit and rising 400 places in rankings
- Contested maiden WTA qualifying at 2015 Bucharest
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in Europe in 2012

- Member of US Billie Jean King Cup team in 2022
- Former Junior World No.1 (July 2018); won 2018 Roland-Garros girls' title (d. McNally in F) and 2018 US Open doubles title (w/McNally), while finished R-Up at 2017 US Open girls' event (l. Anisimova) becoming the youngest girls' singles finalist in tournament history at 13-years-old

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

- Coached by Brad Gilbert
- Father, Corey, played basketball at Georgia State; mother, Candi, excelled in gymnastics before competing in a track and field at Florida State University
- Previously worked with Diego Moyano
- Started playing tennis at six
- Favorite surface is hard, describes her playing style as aggressive as possible with a big serve; depends on her quickness and athleticism to keep her in any point - describes herself as a "fighter"
- Tennis idols growing up were the Williams sisters whose tenacity and fearlessness made her want to become a professional tennis player
- Enjoys hanging out with her brother and family, watching superhero movies and making TikTok videos
- Does not have any pets but has been trying to convince her mom to get a dog
- Favorite city is Paris because of the history, food and architecture. Favorite celebrity is Beyonce because she is an incredible performer

- Coached by Javier Marti
- Favorite surface is clay
- Started playing tennis aged five



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## 11 DARIA KASATKINA (10)



1997-05-07	Date of Birth	1997-10-16
	Residence	Boca Raton, FL, USA
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 7" (1.70m)	Height	5' 11" (1.80 m)
8	Career-High Ranking	1
\$11,395,859	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$21,476,686
\$622,785	Season Prize Money	\$299,434
0 / 6	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 7
48-32 (Semi-Finalist: 2022 ROLAND GARROS)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	57-19 (Champion: 2021 AUSTRALIAN OPEN; 2020 US OPEN; 2019 AUSTRALIAN OPEN; 2018 US OPEN)
1-0 / 15-8 (Semi-Finalist: 2022)	YTD / Career ROME W-L (best)	2-0 / 5-3 (Quarter-Finalist: 2019)
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### DARIA KASATKINA



## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2018	INDIAN WELLS	HARD	F	Naomi Osaka	6-3 6-2	1h 11m

## **RANKING HISTORY**

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
11	-	2024	173	-
8	18	2023	41	-
8	8	2022	13	42
24	26	2021	2	13
66	71	2020	3	3
10	69	2019	1	3
10	10	2018	4	5
24	24	2017	44	68
24	27	2016	40	40
71	72	2015	156	203



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### DARIA KASATKINA



## **TOURNAMENT HISTORY**

#### **CURRENT TOURNAMENT**

2r: d. T. MARIA (#67) 7-5 6-1 (1h 35m)

Total time on court: 1h 35m

#### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 9th appearance at Rome, where her previous result was reaching 4r in 2023. Best result is SF in 2022
- After first-round bye, beat Tatjana Maria in second round
- Faces No.173 Naomi Osaka in 3r today in first meeting since 2018 Indian Wells final
- Won 1 title on clay at Charleston 2017
- Is currently ranked No.11; this time last year was ranked No.9
- During last year's European clay swing reached QF at Palermo, 4r at Roland Garros, 4r at Rome, 4r at Madrid, 1r at Stuttgart
- Has made 3 WTA 500 finals in the first 4 months of the season: Adelaide (l. Ostapenko), Abu Dhabi (l. Rybakina), Charleston (l. Collins)
- Winner of today's match plays No.7 seed Zheng Qinwen or No.29 Linda Noskova

#### **CURRENT TOURNAMENT**

1r: d. C. BUREL (#44) 7-6 6-1 (1h 24m) 2r: d. M. KOSTYUK (#21) 6-3 6-2 (1h 11m)

Total time on court: 2h 35m

#### **PLAYER NOTES**

- Returned from maternity leave in January at Brisbane 2024
- Playing in Rome for the first time since 2021; making 5th appearance overall. Best result came with QF run in 2019
- Has beaten Clara Burel and Marta Kostyuk so far this week to earn first back-to-back wins on clay since 2019
- First-round win over Burel was her first at Rome in nearly five years
- Win over No.20 Kostyuk in 2R was the 1st Top 20 win on clay of Osaka's career; was previously 0-8
- Faces No.11 Daria Kasatkina for the first time on clay; won only prior meeting in the final at Indian Wells 2018 to win her first career title
- Owns a 5-4 record vs. seeded players in 2024
- Best career result on clay is SF at Stuttgart 2019
- Best result by Japan at Rome was Semi-Finalist run by Ai Sugiyama in 2003
- Is currently ranked No.197; this time last year was ranked No.395
- Winner of today's match plays No.7 seed Zheng Qinwen or No.29 Linda Noskova



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### DARIA KASATKINA

### NAOMI Osaka

## **RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY**

2023	Result	Rank: 9 Seed: 8
4r	L	J. OSTAPENKO (#20) 6-4 4-6 6-0
3r	W	J. GRABHER (#89) 7-5 4-6 7-6(2)
2r	W	L. PIGATO (#483) 6-1 6-2
2022	Result	Rank: 23 Seed: -
SF	L	O. JABEUR (#7) 6-4 1-6 7-5
QF	W	J. TEICHMANN (#29) 6-4 3-2
3r	W	P. BADOSA (#3) 6-4 6-4
2r	W	L. FERNANDEZ (#18) 4-6 6-3 7-6(2)
1r	W	T. ZIDANSEK (#24) 6-4 6-3
2021	Result	Rank: 37 Seed: -
1r	L	J. PEGULA (#31) 7-5 6-3
1r 2020	L Result	J. PEGULA (#31) 7-5 6-3 Rank: 74 Seed: -
	-	
2020	Result	Rank: 74 Seed: -
<b>2020</b> 3r	Result	<b>Rank: 74 Seed: -</b> V. AZARENKA (#14) 6-6
<b>2020</b> 3r 2r	Result L W	Rank: 74         Seed: -           V. AZARENKA (#14) 6-6
<b>2020</b> 3r 2r 1r	Result L W W	Rank: 74       Seed: -         V. AZARENKA (#14) 6-6         K. SINIAKOVA (#61) 6-2 6-3         V. ZVONAREVA (#181) 6-2 6-2
2020 3r 2r 1r 2019	Result L W W Result	Rank: 74       Seed: -         V. AZARENKA (#14) 6-6         K. SINIAKOVA (#61) 6-2 6-3         V. ZVONAREVA (#181) 6-2 6-2         Rank: 21       Seed: -         M. VONDROUSOVA (#44) 7-5 2-6

2021	Result	Rank: 2	Seed: 2
2r	L	J. PEGULA (#	31) 7-6(2) 6-2
2019	Result	Rank: 1	Seed: 1
3r	W	M. BUZARNES	SCU (#29) 6-3 6-3
2r	W	D. CIBULKOV	A (#33) 6-3 6-3
2018	Result	Rank: 21	Seed: -
<b>2018</b> 2r	<b>Result</b>	<b>Rank: 21</b> S. HALEP (#1)	
		S. HALEP (#1)	
2r	L	S. HALEP (#1)	6-1 6-0



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### DARIA KASATKINA



## **SEASON 2024 HISTORY**

- Reached R16 at WTA 1000 Madrid (l. Putintseva)
- Reached her third final of the 2024 season at Charleston (l. Collins)
- Made 3r at WTA 1000 Miami Open (l. Cirstea)
- Made R16 at WTA 1000 Indian Wells (l. Yuan)
- Fell in opening round at Doha (l. Pavlyuchenkova) and Dubai (l. Bronzetti)
- Contested her second F of the 2024 season at Abu Dhabi (l. Rybakina)
- Played 2r at Australian Open (l. Stephens)
- Reached final at Adelaide (l. Ostapenko)
- Made QF at Brisbane (l. Sabalenka)

- Reached 2r at WTA1000 Madrid (l. Samsonova)
- Fell in opening round at Rouen (l. Trevisan)
- After defeating No.15 E. Svitolina, fell in 3r at WTA 1000 Miami Open (l. Garcia)
- Played 3r at Indian Wells (l. Mertens)
- Made QF at Doha (l. Ka. Pliskova)
- Contested 1r at Abu Dhabi (l. Collins)
- Fell in opening round at Australian Open (l. Garcia)
- Returned from maternity leave to open 2024 season at Brisbane, reaching 2r (l. Ka.Pliskova)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
40	54	Aces	137	5
68.3%	16	First serve %	53.8%	85
59.7%	71	First Serve points won %	75.7%	1
42.6%	73	Second serve points won %	51.0%	3
54.3%	66	Overall service points won %	64.3%	1
61.0%	68	Service games won %	79.8%	3
54.0%	59	Break points saved %	60.2%	19
40.0%	12	First serve return points won %	31.1%	86
59.1%	10	Second serve return points won %	52.8%	70
47.9%	18	Break points converted %	38.8%	80
43.2%	7	Return games won %	26.5%	84
46.7%	7	Return points won %	39.4%	84

Best win by ranking: No.5 vs Pegula in CHARLESTON SF Longest match: 2h 58m vs Haddad Maia in ABU DHABI SF Shortest match: 1h 1m vs Liu in MIAMI 2r Match points saved:

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.15 vs Samsonova in INDIAN WELLS 2r Longest match: 2h 22m vs Samsonova in MADRID 2r Shortest match: 1h 9m vs Errani in INDIAN WELLS 1r Most aces in a match: 16 vs Garcia in MIAMI 3r



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### DARIA KASATKINA



## **TITLES & GRAND SLAMS**

#### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (6) 2022 - GRANBY, SAN JOSE 2021 - ST. PETERSBURG, MELBOURNE 250 2018 - MOSCOW 2017 - CHARLESTON Runner-Up (10) 2024 - CHARLESTON, ABU DHABI, 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 (7) 2021 - AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2020 - US OPEN 2019 - BEIJING, OSAKA, AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2018 - US OPEN, INDIAN WELLS

Runner-Up (4) 2022 - MIAMI 2020 - CINCINNATI (NYC) 2018 - TOKYO 2016 - TOKYO

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



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### DARIA KASATKINA

### NAOMI OSAKA

## **CAREER MILESTONES**

- Finished R-Up at two tournaments in 2023 at Adeliade 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 allteenage 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

• Played 2022 Tokyo in September before taking a 15 month break to give birth to daughter Shai in early July 2023.

In 2022 had success at Miami, where she fell to Swiatek in the final, her first final since the 2021 Australian Open. Also reached the semifinals at Melbourne 250 #1 (withdrew before semifinal with Kudermetova w/abdominal injury)

- Won 2021 Australian Open (d. Brady in F) to become first woman since Seles in the early 1990s to win each of her first four Grand Slam finals - is the 16th woman to win four or more majors in the Open Era
- At 2020 US Open, came from a set and a break down to Azarenka and win third Grand Slam title of career
- Also last season was R-Up at Western & Southern Open - withdrew w/left hamstring injury before final against Azarenka
- Won second Grand Slam at Australian Open (d. Kvitova in F); became first Japanese player to reach World No.1 ranking following the tournament
- In addition, won back-to-back titles for first time in her career at Osaka (d. Pavlyuchenkova in F) and Beijing (d. Barty in F); defeated No.1 Barty in Beijing final for second career victory over world No.1 (also beat Halep at 2018 Indian Wells)
- Enjoyed break-out season in 2018, posting a 40-20 record resulting in a No.5 (first Top 10 season), up from No.68 in 2017
- Won the first two titles of her career in 2018, at Indian Wells (d. Kasatkina in F) and debut Grand Slam crown at US Open (d. S.Williams in F)
- En route to the Indian Wells title, defeated fivetime major champion Sharapova, and A.Radwanska, Ka.Pliskova and Halep. Only set dropped all fortnight was against Sakkari in R16
- Reached one further final in 2018, at Tokyo [PPO] (l. Ka.Pliskova)
- In reaching R16 at 2018 Australian Open, became youngest Japanese player to reach R16 at a Slam since Sugiyama at 1995 Roland Garros (19y, 342d) and the youngest player from Japan to reach R16 in Melbourne since Date in 1990 (197, 122d)
- Book-ended 2017 season with QF showings at Auckland and Hong Kong; other highlights included 3r runs at Wimbledon and US Open
- Scored first Top 5 win of career when she defeated No.5 V.Williams at 2017 Hong Kong. Upset win over defending champion and No.6-

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 fi ve 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

ranked Kerber at 2017 US Open marked first career Top 10 win

- Voted 2016 WTA Newcomer of the Year; highlight was career-first WTA final at Tokyo [PPO] (l. Wozniacki). Also reached QF on three occasions and 3r at Australian Open, Roland Garros and US Open
- Ranked No.406, made WTA main draw debut at 2014 Stanford. As an alternate, won through qualifying (achieving first WTA qualifying wins), and came from match point down to shock No.19 Stosur in 1r of main draw, before losing to No.18 Petkovic in 2r
- Made WTA qualifying debut at Québec City in 2013 (l. Dabrowski)

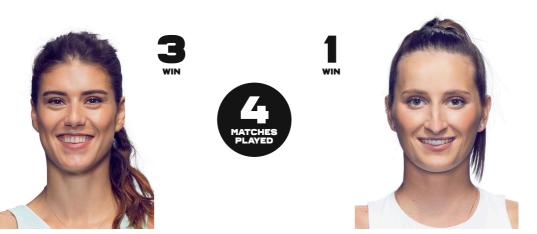
## **OTHER INFORMATION**

- 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
- Baseliner 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
- Currently working with Wim Fissette
- Father is from Haiti, mother is from Japan; older sister is Mari (also played tennis)
- Was born in Osaka, Japan, and moved to USA when she was three years old
- Hobbies include fashion, gaming and photography



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### **MARKETA** (6) VONDROUSOVA CZECH REPUBLIC

**SORANA CIRSTEA (28)** ROMANIA

1990-04-07	Date of Birth	1999-06-28
Targoviste, Romania	Residence	Sokolov, CZE
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Left-handed, two-handed backhand
5' 9" (1.76m)	Height	5' 6" (1.72m)
21	Career-High Ranking	6
\$9,513,262	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$9,890,008
\$531,171	Season Prize Money	\$629,937
0 / 2	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 2
65-60 (Quarter-Finalist: 2023 US OPEN; 2009 FRENCH OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	37-22 (Champion: 2023 WIMBLEDON)
1-0 / 4-6 (Round of 16: 2012)	YTD / Career ROME W-L (best)	1-0 / 11-4 (Semi-Finalist: 2020)



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### MARKETA VONDROUSOVA

## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2024	DUBAI	HARD	QF	Sorana Cirstea	2-6 7-6(1) 6-2	2h 41m
2023	MIAMI	HARD	4r	Sorana Cirstea	7-6(3) 6-4	1h 35m
2022	ST. PETERSBURG	HARD	1r	Sorana Cirstea	7-5 3-6 6-4	2h 26m
2021	AUSTRALIAN OPEN	HARD	3r	Marketa Vondrousova	6-2 6-4	1h 25m

## **RANKING HISTORY**

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
22	-	2024	7	-
25	26	2023	6	7
24	38	2022	32	99
37	38	2021	20	35
69	86	2020	16	21
72	72	2019	14	16
33	86	2018	50	67
37	37	2017	61	67
81	81	2016	286	376
90	244	2015	429	429



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#### MARKETA VONDROUSOVA

## **TOURNAMENT HISTORY**

#### **CURRENT TOURNAMENT**

2r: d. B. FRUHVIRTOVA (#106) 7-5 6-0 (1h 32m)

Total time on court: 1h 32m

#### PLAYER NOTES

- Making seventh appearance at Rome (8th overall), where her best result was reaching R16 in 2012 (l.Kvitova)
- After 1r bye, has defeated Brenda Fruhvirtova to reach 2r
- Faces No.7 Marketa Vondrousova in 3r today; owns 21 wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.8 Marketa Vondrousova at Dubai 2024
- Owns 21-28 career record against players from Czech Republic, with record in 2024 standing at 2-1
- Best career result on clay is title run at Istanbul in 2021 (d.Mertens in F)
- One of 3 players from Romania to reach 3r
- Best result by Romanian player at Rome was title run by Simona Halep in 2020
- Is currently ranked No.32; this time last year was ranked No.34
- During last year's European clay swing reached 1r at Roland Garros and Strasbroug, 2r at Rome and Madrid

#### **CURRENT TOURNAMENT**

2r: d. A. BOGDAN (#64) 6-2 3-6 6-4 (2h 26m)

Total time on court: 2h 26m

#### **PLAYER NOTES**

- Making fifth appearance at Rome, where her best result was SF run in 2020 (l.Ka.Pliskova)
- After 1r bye, has defeated Ana Bogdan to reach 2r
- Faces No.30 Sorana Cirstea in 3r today; owns 68 wins in career over Top 50 players, most recently No.37 Donna Vekic at Stuttgart 2024
- Owns 8-5 career record against players from Romania, with record in 2024 standing at 1-1
- Best career result on clay is R-Up at Roland Garros and Istanbul in 2019
- One of 2 players from Czech Republic to reach 3r
- Best result by player from Czech Republic at Rome was title run by Karolina Pliskova in 2019
- Is currently ranked No.6; this time last year was ranked No.70
- During last year's European clay swing reached 2r at Roland Garros and Madrid and 4r at Rome



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## **RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY**

2023	Result	Rank: 34 Seed: -
2r	L	J. OSTAPENKO (#20) 6-3 3-6 6-2
1r	W	K. VOLYNETS (#102) 2-6 6-3 6-4
2022	Result	Rank: 26 Seed: -
1r	L	O. JABEUR (#7) 6-0 7-6(1)
2018	Result	Rank: 43 Seed: -
1r	L	D. COLLINS (#47) 6-3 4-6 6-4
2014	Result	Rank: 27 Seed: -
1r	L	C. MCHALE (#63) 6-3 4-6 6-1
2013	Result	Rank: 26 Seed: -
1r	L	A. MORITA (#45) 6-1 6-3

2023	Result	Rank: 70 Seed: -
4r	L	E. RYBAKINA (#6) 6-3 6-3
3r	W	M. SAKKARI (#8) 7-5 6-3
2r	W	B. ANDREESCU (#31) 6-0 6-1
1r	W	K. KANEPI (#71) 6-0 4-6 6-2
2021	Result	Rank: 21 Seed: -
1r	L	A. TOMLJANOVIC (#80) 6-4 6-2
2020	Result	Rank: 19 Seed: 12
SF	L	K. PLISKOVA (#4) 6-2 6-4
QF	W	E. SVITOLINA (#6) 6-3 6-0
3r	W	P. HERCOG (#50) 1-6 6-1 7-6(5)
2r	W	A. RUS (#71) 6-3 6-3
1r	W	M. DOI (#80) 6-1 4-6 6-4
2019	Result	Rank: 44 Seed: -
QF	L	J. KONTA (#42) 6-3 3-6 6-1
3r	W	D. KASATKINA (#21) 7-5 2-6 6-2
2r	W	S. HALEP (#2) 2-6 7-5 6-3
1r	W	B. STRYCOVA (#40) 1-6 6-4 7-6(4)



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#### MARKETA VONDROUSOVA

## **SEASON 2024 HISTORY**

- Reached 3r at WTA1000 Madrid (l.eventual champion Swiatek)
- Fell in opening round at Stuttgart (l. Zheng)
- Reached 3r at Miami (l. eventual champion Collins)
- After 1r bye, played 2r at Indian Wells (l. Stephens)
- Reached SF at Dubai (l. eventual champion Paolini) after saving six match points in her QF match against Vondrousova
- Made 2r at Doha (l. eventual champion Swiatek)
- Reached QF at Abu Dhabi (l. eventual R-Up Kasatkina)
- Began the 2024 season with opening match losses at Brisbane (l. Noskova), Adelaide (l. eventual champion Ostapenko) and Australian Open (l. Wang Yafan)

- Reached 3r at WTA1000 Madrid (l.M.Andreeva)
- Defeated seed No.2 A. Sabalenka, then fell in SF at Stuttgart (l. Kostyuk)
- After reaching 3r at Indian Wells retired for personal reasons prior to match against Kostyuk
- Reached QF at Dubai (l. Cirstea)
- Contested R16 at Doha (l. Pavlyuchenkova)
  Fell in opening round at Australian Open (l.
- Yastremska)
- Started the season representing Czech Republic at the 2024 United Cup, going 1-1 in singles play (d. Danilovic) (l. Zheng)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
82	16	Aces	54	36
62.2%	53	First serve %	62.9%	49
64.5%	34	First Serve points won %	61.8%	57
44.3%	53	Second serve points won %	44.7%	46
56.9%	45	Overall service points won %	55.5%	61
66.2%	45	Service games won %	63.7%	60
57.4%	37	Break points saved %	55.7%	50
38.5%	26	First serve return points won %	41.2%	5
54.5%	53	Second serve return points won %	55.9%	38
40.3%	76	Break points converted %	53.3%	6
33.5%	51	Return games won %	42.7%	7
44.2%	38	Return points won %	46.9%	6

Best win by ranking: No.8 vs Vondrousova in DUBAI QF Longest match: 2h 41m vs Vondrousova in DUBAI QF Shortest match: 52m vs Stephens in MIAMI 2r Match points saved: 6 vs Vondrousova in DUBAI QF Most aces in a match: 18 vs Kenin in DUBAI 1r Best win by ranking: No.2 vs Sabalenka in STUTTGART QF Longest match: 2h 41m vs Cirstea in DUBAI QF Shortest match: 1h 4m vs Pera in INDIAN WELLS 2r Match points saved: Most aces in a match: 9 vs Stearns in DUBAI 2r



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### TITLES

#### 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)

#### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (2) 2023 - WIMBLEDON 2017 - BIEL

Runner-Up (4) 2021 - OLYMPICS 2019 - ROLAND GARROS, ISTANBUL, BUDAPEST

#### **DOUBLES FINALS**

Runner-Up (3) 2023 - BERLIN (w/Siniakova) 2022 - ADELAIDE 250 (w/Martincova) 2021 - ROME (w/Mladenovic)



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## **GRAND SLAMS**

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
1r				2024	1r			
1r	1r	3r	QF	2023	3r	2r	WON	QF
4r	2r	2r	2r	2022	3r			
3r	4r	3r	2r	2021	4r	4r	2r	2r
2r	1r		3r	2020	1r	1r		2r
1r	2r	1r	3r	2019	2r	RUP	1r	
2r	1r	2r	2r	2018	2r	1r	1r	4r
4r	2r	3r	2r	2017		2r	1r	1r
	1r	1r	1r	2016				
1r				2015				
1r	3r	1r	2r	2014				
3r	3r	2r	2r	2013				
3r	1r	3r	2r	2012				
2r	3r	1r	1r	2011				
2r	1r	1r	1r	2010				
1r	QF	3r	3r	2009				
1r	2r	2r	2r	2008				



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### SORANA CIRSTEA

### MARKETA VONDROUSOVA

## **CAREER MILESTONES**

- 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. Krejcikova), 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)

- Following injury issues in second half of 2022, bounced back in 2023 for best-ever season, winning debut Slam title at Wimbledon (d. Jabeur in F - becoming the first unseeded player in the open era to claim the Wimbledon title), making Top 10 debut and qualifying for first WTA Finals.
- Best result of 2022 season was SF run at Dubai (withdrew prior to match vs. w/right adductor injury). Missed most of second half of the season due to left wrist injury, returning in October to play a few ITF Circuit events and Billie Jean King Cup Finals
- Finished 2021 with SF runs at Luxembourg, Chicago [500] and Moscow
- Won silver medal in singles at Olympics in Tokyo (l. Bencic)
- Opened 2021 campaign with SF at Yarra Valley Classic before R16 showing at Australian Open
- Highlights of 2020 include defeating No.6 Svitolina to reach SFs at Rome (l. Ka.Pliskova) as well as a QF run to kick off the season at Adelaide (l. No.1 Barty)
- Enjoyed break-out season in 2019, reaching three finals across the year and posting careerhigh ranking of No.14 on July 1, 2019
- Finished R-Up at Budapest (l. Van Uytvanck) and Istanbul (l. Martic) before reaching championship match at Roland Garros (l. Barty); did not drop a set en route to final in Paris
- Ranked No.38, was joint-third lowest-ranked woman to reach Roland Garros final, and aged 19, was first teenager to reach title match there since Ivanovic in 2007
- Posted first win of career over a Top 2 player in 2019, defeating No.2 Halep at Indian Wells and then Rome
- Forced to end 2019 season down early due to left wrist injury - did not play again following 1r exit at Wimbledon
- In doubles, has reached SF at 2019 Australian Open (w/Strycova) and QF at 2017 Wimbledon (w/Bellis)
- At 2018 US Open, became the first teenager to reach the last 16 at Flushing Meadows since 2016 (Konjuh, QF - 18) and the youngest Czech player to advance to this stage in New York since 2005 (Vaidisova, R16 - 16)
- Was the biggest ranking mover on tour in 2017, moving from No.376 to No.67 (309 places)
- Made WTA breakthrough by winning International-level title at 2017 Biel/Bienne (d. Kontaveit in F), in just her second WTA main draw. At No.233, was the lowest-ranked title

- 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

winner in 2017 and aged 17 years, 293 days was the youngest since Konjuh (17 years, 169 days) at 2015 Nottingham

- Advanced to 2r on tour-level debut at 2016 Prague - as wildcard
- Made professional debut at 2014 \$100k ITF/Prague-CZE (d. Suk, l. Brengle in 2r); on ITF Circuit, winner of seven singles and four doubles titles
- In juniors won doubles at Australian Open and Roland Garros in 2015 (both w/Kolodziejova). In singles, was semifinalist at both Roland Garros and Wimbledon and rose to No.1 on ITF junior rankings in 2015

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

- Recently parted ways with coach 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

- Coached by Jan Hernych
- Lives and trains in Prague; moved to the city on her own to train at 15 years old
- Began playing tennis at 4 years old with her father, David Voundrous, and by 10-years-old she was practicing in Prague. Mother, Jindriska Anderlova played volleyball in the top Czech league
- Married partner Stepan Simek in the summer of 2022
- Favorite surface is clay because she grew up on it, but believes her game is more suited for hard courts
- Chose tennis over soccer because she prefers the individual nature of the sport
- Tennis idol is Roger Federer
- Has a Sphynx cat named Frankie
- Describes herself as "quiet" and "calm"



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2004-11-17	Date of Birth	2002-10-08
Prerov, Czech Republic	Residence	Barcelona, Spain
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 10'' (1.79m)	Height	5' 10'' (1.78m)
28	Career-High Ranking	7
\$1,698,097	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$4,299,106
\$760,988	Season Prize Money	\$1,552,188
0 / 0	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 2
6-6 (Quarter-Finalist: 2024 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	20-9 (Runner-Up: 2024 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
1-0 / 2-1 (Round of 32: 2024)	YTD / Career ROME W-L (best)	1-0 / 4-1 (Quarter-Finalist: 2023)



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### linda Noskova

#### QINWEN ZHENG

## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	ТІМЕ
2021	STARE SPLAVY	CLAY	SF	Qinwen Zheng	7-5 6-4	0m

## **RANKING HISTORY**

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
28	-	2024	7	-
40	41	2023	15	15
87	91	2022	25	25
315	317	2021	143	143
1019	1027	2020	324	324
-	-	2019	633	649
-	-	2018	933	933



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### LINDA Noskova



## **TOURNAMENT HISTORY**

#### **CURRENT TOURNAMENT**

2r: d. L. STEFANINI (#159) 6-3 7-6 (1h 55m)

Total time on court: 1h 55m

#### PLAYER NOTES

- Making second appearance at Rome, where her previous result was reaching 2r in 2023 (l.Linette)
- After 1r bye, has deafeated Lucrezia Stefanini to reach 2r this week
- Faces No.8 Qinwen Zheng in 3r today; owns 6 wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.10 Jelena Ostapenko at Stuttgart 2024
- Best career result on clay is R16 at Stuttgart in 2024 (l.Raducanu)
- One of 2 players from Czech Republic to reach 3r
- Best result by player from Czech Republic at Rome was title run by Karolina Pliskova in 2019
- Is currently ranked No.29; this time last year was ranked No.54
- During last year's European clay swing reached 2r at Roland Garros and Rome
- Playing in her 10th career WTA 1000 main draw; has reached two WTA 1000 R16s in her career (2023 Cincinnati and 2024 Doha)

#### **CURRENT TOURNAMENT**

2r: d. S. ROGERS (#352) 6-2 6-0 (1h 14m)

Total time on court: 1h 14m

#### **PLAYER NOTES**

- Making second appearance at Rome, where her previous result was reaching QF in 2023 (l.Kudermetova)
- After 1r bye, has defeated Shelby Rogers to reach 2r
- Faces No.31 Linda Noskova in 3r today; owns 26 wins in career over Top 50 players, most recently No.29 Sorana Cirstea at Stuttgart 2024
- Owns 3-4 career record against players from Czech Republic, with record in 2024 standing at 2-0
- Best career result on clay is title run at Palermo in 2023 (d.Paolini in F)
- Only player from China to reach 3r
- Best result by Chinese player at Rome was R-Up run by Na Li in 2012
- Is currently ranked No.7; this time last year was ranked No.21
- During last year's European clay swing won Palermo, QF at Rome, 3r at Madrid, and 2r at Roland Garros and Stuttgart



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### LINDA Noskova

#### QINWEN ZHENG

## **RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY**

2023	Result	Rank: 54 Seed: -
2r	L	M. LINETTE (#19) 7-6(4) 6-1
1r	W	S. ROGERS (#33) 4-6 6-1 6-4

2023	Result	Rank: 21 Seed: 22
QF	L	V. KUDERMETOVA (#12) 3-6 6-3 6- 4
4r	W	X. WANG (#75) 6-4 3-6 6-1
3r	W	A. BONDAR (#93) 7-6(2) 6-4
2r	W	A. CORNET (#64) 6-3 7-6(2)



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### QINWEN ZHENG

## **SEASON 2024 HISTORY**

- After a 1r bye, fell in 2r at WTA1000 Madrid (l. M. Andreeva)
- After defeating No.8 J. Ostapenko, fell in R16 at Stuttgart (l. Raducanu)
- Reached 3r at Miami and Indian Wells, defeated by Swiatek both times
- Made R16 at Doha (l. Ka. Pliskova)
- As a qualifier, made 1r at Abu Dhabi (l. Sorribes Tormo)
- Achieved her best career Grand Slam result to date on her Australian Open debut with QF (l. Yastremska)
- Opened the 2024 season with SF run at Brisbane (l. eventual champion Rybakina)

- After a 1r bye, retired during the match in 2r at WTA1000 Madrid due to injury (l. Putintseva)
- Reached R16 at Stuttgart (l. Kostyuk)
- Contested 3r at WTA 1000 Miami Open (l. Azarenka)
- After a first round bye, fell against Yuan Yue in 2r at WTA 1000 Indian Wells
- Made QF at Dubai (l. Swiatek)
- Contested R16 at Doha (l. Fernandez)
- Reached her first Grand Slam F 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)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
107	9	Aces	122	7
61.2%	58	First serve %	52.4%	88
68.7%	17	First Serve points won %	74.4%	2
46.5%	30	Second serve points won %	44.7%	44
60.1%	11	Overall service points won %	60.3%	10
73.7%	13	Service games won %	73.8%	12
60.0%	20	Break points saved %	57.6%	35
35.2%	60	First serve return points won %	36.8%	40
50.9%	79	Second serve return points won %	55.2%	44
42.0%	63	Break points converted %	47.9%	18
27.6%	78	Return games won %	34.2%	47
40.8%	77	Return points won %	43.6%	46

Best win by ranking: No.1 vs Swiatek in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 3r Longest match: 3h 6m vs Babos in BRISBANE 1r Shortest match: 1h 3m vs Rybakina in BRISBANE SF Match points saved: 1 vs Sakkari in DOHA 2r 3 vs Pera in DOHA 1r 1 vs Babos in BRISBANE 1r Most aces in a match: 11 vs Pera in DOHA 1r Best win by ranking: No.29 vs Cirstea in STUTTGART 1r Longest match: 2h 40m vs Kostyuk in STUTTGART 2r 2h 40m vs Wang in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 3r Shortest match: 59m vs Dodin in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 4r Match points saved: Most aces in a match: 7 vs Azarenka in MIAMI 3r 7 vs Linette in DOHA 2r



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### linda Noskova



## TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

#### SINGLES FINALS

Runner-Up (2) 2023 - PRAGUE, ADELAIDE #1

**DOUBLES FINALS** 

Runner-Up (1) 2024 - ABU DHABI (w/Watson)

#### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (2) 2023 - ZHENGZHOU, PALERMO

Runner-Up (3) 2024 - AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2023 - ZHUHAI 2022 - TOKYO

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



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### QINWEN ZHENG

## **CAREER MILESTONES**

- Breakthrough year in 2023, achieving runner-up twice; Adelaide 1 (as qualifier, l. Sabalenka) and Prague (l. Hibino). Also reached quarterfinals at Lyon (l. Osorio) and 3r at Indian Wells (l. Gauff) and Cincinnati (as qualifier, l. Gauff). Broke into Top 40 on October 9, 2023.
- Made Top-100 debut on August 1, 2022, following SF run at Prague (l. eventual champion Bouzkova); overtook Gauff at the youngest player in Top 100
- Also reached 2r at Tallinn (as qualifier, l. Haddad Maia) and fell 1r at both Roland Garros (as qualifier, l. Raducanu) and US Open (as qualifier, l. Bouzkova). On ITF Circuit, lifted fifth and sixth titles at this level, winning W60 tournament in Croissy-Beaubourg, France and W100 event in Versmold, Germany
- Finished 2021 campaign with 38-9 win-loss record, winning four ITF Circuit titles, including at W60 event in Prerov, Czech Republic
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2020 Prague
- On ITF Circuit, owns six titles in singles and one in doubles
- As a junior, won 2021 girls' singles at Roland Garros.

- 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. Krejcikova 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

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

- Currently coached by Tomas Kupa
- Mother's name is Ivana Noskova; Father's name is Drahos Nosek
- Like listening to Maneskin, Lil Nas X, Lizzo
- Enjoys watching Wrestling and streaming Netflix
- Also like to swim, run, and spend time with pets
- Favorite player is Serena Williams

- 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
- Short-term goal is to break into Top 30 by end of 2022
- Tennis idol is Roger Federer