MATCH NOTES

THE CHAMPIONSHIPS, WIMBLEDON
LONDON, GREAT BRITAIN
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MATCH NOTES – DAY 9 – TUESDAY JULY 9, 2024

PLAYER	RANK	AGE	YTD PRIZE $^	YTD W/L*	YTD TITLES	CAREER PRIZE $^	CAREER W/L*	CAREER TITLES
[7] Jasmine Paolini	7	28	$2,853,510	28-12	1	$5,502,911	106-99	2
[19] Emma Navarro	17	23	$1,074,546	33-14	1	$1,847,241	52-36	1
Donna Vekic	37	28	$751,001	21-14	0	$7,620,717	213-199	4
[Q] Lulu Sun	123	23	$170,678	6-3	0	$313,832	8-6	0

*Tour level main draw matches - entering Wimbledon QF / ^Does not include current tournament

[7] Jasmine Paolini (ITA #7) vs. [19] Emma Navarro (USA #17)   Navarro leads 3-0

Navarro won all three previous encounters, with all of those matches in the last nine months… Competing in her seventh Grand Slam, Navarro is into the first Grand Slam quarterfinal of her career (previously reached R16 at Roland Garros)… This is the 56th edition of Wimbledon in the Open Era; Navarro is the 38th different American to reach the Wimbledon QF in the Open Era… Navarro equaled her best grass court career result last month by reaching SF at Bad Homburg for a second consecutive year (l. eventual champion Shnaider)… Navarro achieved her first Tour level career title this season at Hobart (d. Mertens in F)… Navarro has won 33 Tour-level matches in 2024, more than twice as many as she won last year (16); she is one of six players to win more than 30 matches on tour so far this year… Navarro is 3-6 against players in the Top 10, most recently defeating No.2 Coco Gauff in previous round at Wimbledon… Navarro is looking to join Serena Williams and Venus Williams as the only Americans to reach the SF at 23 years or younger this century

Paolini is looking to become the first Italian woman to make Wimbledon SF… Paolini has now equaled the best result by an Italian woman at Wimbledon in the Open Era; she joins Camila Giorgi (2018), Francesca Schiavone (2009), Silvia Farina Elia (2003) and Laura Golarsa (1989) as Wimbledon quarterfinalists… Paolini is playing at a career-high No.7 after making maiden Grand Slam final at Roland Garros this season… Paolini had not won a Tour-level main draw match on grass before this year… Paolini made her first grass semifinal last week at Eastbourne (l. eventual champion Kasatkina)… Paolini had not made a Slam QF before this season and is through to her second straight Grand Slam QF appearance this year (Roland Garros – F)… With a win Paolini would have a chance of making her Top 5 debut (*depending on Collins result*); the last Italian ranked in the Top 5 was Sara Errani the weeks of August 23, 2013

Best result by an Italian woman at a Grand Slam

Grand Slam	Best result	Player(s) (year)
Australian Open	QF	Adriana Serra Zanetti in 2002 Francesca Schiavone in 2011 Sara Errani in 2012 Flavia Pennetta in 2014
Roland Garros	Title	Francesca Schiavone in 2010
Wimbledon	QF	Laura Golarsa in 1989 Silvia Farina Elia in 2003 Francesca Schiavone in 2009 Camila Giorgi in 2018
US Open	Title	Flavia Pennetta in 2015

[Q] Lulu Sun (NZL #123) vs. Donna Vekic (CRO #37)   First meeting

Sun is the first player from New Zealand in the Open Era (since 1968) to reach Wimbledon quarterfinal… Sun is the second woman from New Zealand to reach a Grand Slam quarterfinal in the Open Era, following Belinda Cordwell who made the 1989 Australian Open semifinals... Sun is into just the second tour-level quarterfinal of her career (her first came at 2022 Seoul) and is seeking her first tour-level semifinal... Sun holds a 1-3 career record against Top 50 players, with her first Top 50 win coming in this fortnight's first round over No.8 Zheng Qinwen… Sun is the seventh player in the last 40 years to reach the Wimbledon quarterfinals while ranked outside the Top 100… By reaching the quarterfinal as a qualifier, Sun will become the first player from New Zealand to be ranked in the PIF WTA Ranking Top 100 since Marina Erakovic (week of August 31, 2015), moving into at least the Top 60

Vekic is into her third Grand Slam quarterfinal (after 2019 US Open and 2023 Australian Open) and is seeking her first Grand Slam semifinal berth… Vekic is aiming to become the second woman representing Croatia to make the Wimbledon semifinals, following Mirjana Lucic in 1999… Vekic has won one grass-court title (2017 Nottingham) and reached four other grass-court finals in her career, including a runner-up showing recently at Bad Homburg… Vekic is 4-2 against players ranked outside the Top 100 so far this year… Vekic's best career result across all Grand Slams is QF at the 2019 US Open and 2023 Australian Open… Vekic has a grass court match record of 9-3 so far in 2024 including a run to the Bad Homburg final in the week prior to Wimbledon (l. Shnaider in F)… Vekic could reach her first Grand Slam semifinal in her 43rd Major main draw appearance: in the Open Era, only Barbora Zahlavova Strycova (53), Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (52), Elena Likhovtseva (46) and Roberta Vinci (44) made their first SF after more Major appearances

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In the last 40 years, players ranked outside the Top 100 to reach Wimbledon QF:

Year	Player	Rank	Final result
1999	Jelena Dokic	129	QF
1999	Mirjana Lucic	134	SF
2006	Severine Beltrame	129	QF
2008	Jie Zheng	133	SF
2018	Serena Williams	181	F
2022	Tatjana Maria	103	SF
2024	Lulu Sun	123	?

Sun becomes the first qualifier to advance to the QF stage at Wimbledon since 2010 (Kaia Kanepi). Sun is the seventh qualifier in the Open Era to reach Wimbledon QF. The best result by a qualifier at Wimbledon came in 1999 when Alexandra Stevenson advanced to SF.

At the 2021 US Open, Emma Raducanu became the first qualifier, male or female, to win a major title in the Open Era. Before that, the deepest run by a qualifier at any Grand Slam was to the semifinals – achieved by Nadia Podoroska at 2020 Roland Garros, Alexandra Stevenson at 1999 Wimbledon and Christine Dorey at the 1978 Australian Open.

Best Results by Qualifier at Wimbledon	Round	Year
Alexandra Stevenson (USA)	SF	1999
Kaia Kanepi (EST)	QF	2010
Severine Beltrame-Bremond (FRA)	QF	2006
Jelena Dokic (AUS)	QF	1999
Molly Van Nostrand (USA)	QF	1985
Carina Karlsson (SWE)	QF	1984

Best Results by Qualifier All Grand Slams	Round	Grand Slam
Emma Raducanu (GBR)	WON	2021 US Open
Nadia Podoroska (ARG)	SF	2020 Roland Garros
Alexandra Stevenson (USA)	SF	1999 Wimbledon
Christine Dorey (AUS)	SF	1978 Australian Open

This is the 16th straight year with at least one unseeded quarterfinalist at Wimbledon:

Year	Player	Final result
2024	Lulu Sun (NZL)	?
2024	Donna Vekic (CRO)	?
2023	Elina Svitolina (UKR)	SF
2023	Marketa Vondrousova (CZE)	WON
2022	Jule Niemeier (GER)	QF
2022	Marie Bouzkova (CZE)	QF
2022	Ajla Tomljanovic (AUS)	QF
2022	Tatjana Maria (GER)	SF
2021	Ajla Tomljanovic (AUS)	QF
2021	Viktorija Golubic (SUI)	QF
2019	Karolina Muchova (CZE)	QF
2019	Alison Riske-Amritraj (USA)	QF
2019	Barbora Strycova (CZE)	SF
2019	Shuai Zhang (CHN)	QF
2018	Camila Giorgi (ITA)	QF
2018	Dominika Cibulkova (SVK)	QF
2017	Magdalena Rybarikova (SVK)	SF
2016	Elena Vesnina	SF
2016	Yaroslava Shvedova (KAZ)	QF
2015	Coco Vandeweghe (USA)	QF
2014	Barbora Strycova (CZE)	QF
2013	Kaia Kanepi (EST)	QF
2012	Tamira Paszek (AUT)	QF
2011	Tamira Paszek (AUT)	QF
2011	Sabine Lisicki (GER)	SF
2010	Tsvetana Pironkova (BUL)	SF
2010	Kaia Kanepi (EST)	QF
2010	Petra Kvitova (CZE)	SF
2009	Francesca Schiavone (ITA)	QF
2009	Sabine Lisicki (GER)	QF
2008	Zheng Jie (CHN)	SF
2008	Tamarine Tanasugarn (THA)	QF

Vekic is looking for her first SF across all Slams; Paolini is looking for her first SF at Wimbledon (reached F at 2024 Roland Garros)

Players to make their first SF in Wimbledon after turning 28 years old:

Year	Player
1968	Judy Tegart
1968	Ann Jones
1974	Virginia Wade
1977	Betty Stove
1994	Lori Mcneil
1994	Gigi Fernandez
1998	Nathalie Tauziat
2016	Elena Vesnina
2017	Magdalena Rybarikova
2018	Julia Goerges
2019	Barbora Zahlavova Strycova
2021	Karolina Pliskova
2022	Tatjana Maria

Players to make their first Grand Slam SF after turning 28 years old (since 2000):

Tournament	Year	Player
Roland Garros	2005	Elena Likhovtseva
Roland Garros	2010	Francesca Schiavone
US Open	2013	Flavia Pennetta
US Open	2014	Shuai Peng
US Open	2015	Roberta Vinci
Wimbledon	2016	Elena Vesnina
Wimbledon	2017	Magdalena Rybarikova
Wimbledon	2018	Julia Goerges
US Open	2018	Anastasija Sevastova
Wimbledon	2019	Barbora Zahlavova Strycova
Roland Garros	2021	Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova
US Open	2022	Caroline Garcia
Roland Garros	2022	Martina Trevisan
Australian Open	2023	Magda Linette
Wimbledon	2022	Tatjana Maria
Roland Garros	2024	Jasmine Paolini

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17 **EMMA NAVARRO (19)**
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

JASMINE (7) PAOLINI **7**
ITALY

Emma Navarro		Jasmine Paolini
2001-05-18	Date of Birth	1996-01-04
Charleston, SC, USA	Residence	Bagni di Lucca, Italy
Right-Handed	Plays	Right-Handed
5' 7'' (1.70m)	Height	5' 4" (1.63m)
17	Career-High Ranking	7
$1,847,241	Career Prize Money	$5,502,911
$1,074,546	Season Prize Money	$2,853,510
1 / 1	Singles Titles YTD / Career	1 / 2
10-6 (Quarter-Finalist: 2024 WIMBLEDON)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	17-18 (Runner-Up: 2024 ROLAND GARROS)
4-0 / 4-1 (Quarter-Finalist: 2024)	YTD / Career WIMBLEDON W-L (best)	4-0 / 4-3 (Quarter-Finalist: 2024)
33-14 / 52-36	YTD / Career W-L	28-12 / 106-99
7-2 / 10-4	YTD / Career Grass W-L	6-1 / 6-6
14-6 / 20-12	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L	7-6 / 44-29
3-3 / 8-7	YTD / Career TB W-L	5-2 / 20-16
2-5 / 3-6	YTD / Career TOP 10 W-L	3-2 / 6-14
5-8 / 7-9	YTD / Career TOP 20 W-L	6-5 / 13-26
Champion: HOBART	YTD Best Result	Champion: DUBAI

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JASMINE PAOLINI

HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2024	MIAMI	HARD	3r	Emma Navarro	6-2 3-6 6-0	1h 51m
2024	DOHA	HARD	1r	Emma Navarro	6-3 7-5	1h 30m
2023	SAN DIEGO	HARD	1r	Emma Navarro	7-5 6-0	1h 25m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
17	-	2024	7	-
38	38	2023	29	30
127	143	2022	44	59
233	233	2021	51	53
462	463	2020	93	95
412	486	2019	114	117
761	763	2018	130	190
-	-	2017	130	137
-	-	2016	244	245
-	-	2015	309	581

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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT	CURRENT TOURNAMENT
1r: d. Q. WANG (#479) 6-0 6-2 (49m)	1r: d. S. SORRIBES TORMO (#55) 7-5 6-3 (1h 37m)
2r: d. N. OSAKA (#113) 6-4 6-1 (59m)	2r: d. G. MINNEN (#80) 7-6 6-2 (1h 32m)
3r: d. D. SHNAIDER (#30) 2-6 6-3 6-4 (1h 56m)	3r: d. B. ANDREESCU (#176) 7-6 6-1 (1h 31m)
4r: d. C. GAUFF (#2) 6-4 6-3 (1h 14m)	4r: d. M. KEYS (#13) 6-3 6-7 5-5 (0m)

Total time on court: 4h 58m

Total time on court: 4h 40m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making her 2nd appearance at Wimbledon, where her previous result was reaching 1r in 2023 (l. Alexandrova)
- Making 7th Grand Slam appearance; this is the first time in her career reaching the QF stage at a Grand Slam
- Has defeated Qiang Wang, Naomi Osaka, Diana Shnaider and Coco Gauff (second Top 2 win of her career) so far this week
- Faces No.7 Jasmine Paolini in QF today; owns 3 wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.2 Coco Gauff here at Wimbledon
- Owns 6-0 career record against players from Italy, with record in 2024 standing at 4-0
- Record in WTA QF matches stands at 6-3
- Navarro equaled her best grass court careerresult last month by reaching SF at Bad Homburg for a second consecutive year(l. eventual champion Shnaider)
- One of two players from the United States of America left in the draw (Danielle Collins)
- The last American to win the title here was Serena Williams in 2016
- Is currently ranked No.17; this time last year was ranked No.55
- Has won 33 matches so far in 2024; she is 1 of 6 players to win 30+ matches this year
- Has been involved in a Tour-leading 20 three-set matches in 2024 and has won a Tour-leading 14 matches via 3-sets
- Navarro achieved her first Tour level careertitle this season at Hobart (d. Mertens in F)

PLAYER NOTES

- Making her 4th appearance at Wimbledon, where she has advanced past the 1r for the first time; fell in the opening round in 2021, 2022, and 2023
- Has defeated Sara Sorribes Tormo, Greet Minnen, Bianca Andreescu and Madison Keys to reach second straight Grand Slam QF; before this year had yet to advance past the 2r at a major in her career
- Faces No.17 Emma Navarro in her first Wimbledon QF today; owns 12 wins in career over Top 20 players, most recently No.13 Madison Keys here this week
- Owns 7-15 career record against players from United States of America, with record in 2024 standing at 3-2
- Record in WTA QF matches stands at 10-10
- Best career result on grass was her SF run at Eastbourne where she earned her first career main draw wins on the surface
- Only player from Italy to reach QF
- Has now equaled best result by an Italian player at Wimbledon: QF runs by Camila Giorgi in 2018, Francesca Schiavone in 2009, Silvia Farina Elia in 2003, Laura Golarsa in 1989
- Is currently ranked No.7; this time last year was ranked No.44
- Has won 28 matches so far in 2024; she is now 6-1 on grass this year

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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2023	Result	Rank: 55	Seed: -
1r	L	E. ALEXANDROVA (#22) 6-4 6-3	

2023	Result	Rank: 44	Seed: -
1r	L	P. KVITOVA (#9) 6-4 6-7(5) 6-1	

2022	Result	Rank: 72	Seed: -
1r	L	P. KVITOVA (#26) 2-6 6-4 6-2	

2021	Result	Rank: 88	Seed: -
1r	L	A. PETKOVIC (#130) 6-4 6-3	

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SEASON 2024 HISTORY

- Reached SF at Bad Homburg (l. eventual champion Shnaider)
- Played 1r at Berlin (l. Siniakova)
- Reached 4r at Roland Garros (l. Sabalenka)
- Made 2r at Strasbourg (l. Haddad Maia)
- Reached QF at WTA 125 Lleida (l. Sherif via walkover) and final of WTA 125 Paris (l. Shnaider in Final)
- On clay contested R16 at Charleston (l. Cristian) 3r at Madrid (l. Haddad Maia) and 2r at Rome (l. Badosa)
- Reached R16 at Miami (l. Pegula)
- Earned her highest career win in R16 at Indian Wells defeating No.2 Sabalenka. By reaching the QF (l. Sakkari), she achieved a career high WTA ranking of No.20
- Reached SF at San Diego (l. Boulter)
- Played 2r at Dubai (l. Sakkari)
- Contested R16 at Doha (l. eventual R-Up Rybakina)
- Achieved her best Grand Slam result to date with 3r at Australian Open (l. Yastremska)
- Won her first career title at Hobart defeating Mertens in the final
- Reached SF in her 2024 season opener at Auckland (l. eventual champion Gauff)

- Notched first career grass-court main draw match win at Eastbourne en route to SF (l. eventual champion Kasatkina)
- Reached first career Grand Slam final with wins over Bianca Andreescu, Elena Rybakina and Mirra Andreeva (R-Up, l. Swiatek in F); after Roland Garros made Top 10 debut, becoming fifth Italian to crack WTA Top 10
- After 1r bye, fell in 2r to Sherif at Rome; won her fourth career doubles title, w/Errani
- Made 4r at Madrid (l. M.Andreeva)
- Reached QF at Stuttgart (l. eventual champion Rybakina)
- Contested 3r at Miami (l. Navarro)
- Reached R16 at Indian Wells (l. Potapova)
- Won her second WTA singles career title after defeating Kalinskaya at Dubai; subsequently made her Top 20 debut at No.14
- Fell in opening round at Doha (l. Navarro)
- Contested 1r at Linz (l. Boulter)
- Reached R16 at Australian Open (l. Kalinskaya)
- Played 1r at Adelaide (l. Bucsa)
- Started the 2024 season representing Italy at the 2024 United Cup, going 1-1 in singles play (d. Kerber) (l. Garcia)

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SEASON 2024 STATS

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
58	45	**Aces**	46	65
66.3%	32	**First serve %**	69.2%	10
63.0%	46	**First Serve points won %**	62.4%	54
48.8%	9	**Second serve points won %**	47.9%	19
58.2%	32	**Overall service points won %**	57.9%	35
68.9%	28	**Service games won %**	67.9%	36
54.9%	49	**Break points saved %**	54.7%	51
39.9%	16	**First serve return points won %**	41.6%	6
56.5%	26	**Second serve return points won %**	56.5%	25
46.4%	28	**Break points converted %**	51.3%	7
41.1%	14	**Return games won %**	42.0%	10
46.0%	18	**Return points won %**	46.6%	10

Best win by ranking: No.2 vs Gauff in WIMBLEDON 4r
No.2 vs Sabalenka in INDIAN WELLS 4r
Longest match: 2h 54m vs Sakkari in INDIAN WELLS QF
Shortest match: 49m vs Wang in WIMBLEDON 1r
Match points saved:
Most aces in a match: 4 vs Stearns in BAD HOMBURG 2r
4 vs Yuan in HOBART SF

Best win by ranking: No.1 vs Swiatek in ROLAND GARROS F
Longest match: 2h 41m vs Sherif in ROME 2r
Shortest match: 33m vs Mertens in EASTBOURNE 2r
Match points saved: 1 vs Cirstea in DUBAI SF
Most aces in a match: 4 vs Boulter in EASTBOURNE QF

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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (1)
2024 - HOBART

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (2)
2024 - DUBAI
2021 - PORTOROZ

Runner-Up (4)

2024 - ROLAND GARROS
2023 - MONASTIR, PALERMO
2022 - CLUJ-NAPOCA

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (4)
2024 - ROME (w/Errani), LINZ (w/Errani)
2023 - MONASTIR (w/Errani)
2021 - HAMBURG (w/Teichmann)

Runner-Up (2)
2024 - ROLAND GARROS (w/Errani)
2022 - MELBOURNE 250 #1 (w/Errani)

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

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CAREER MILESTONES

- 2023 was a stand-out year, achieving a career best with semifinal at WTA 500 San Diego (l. Kenin) and ending season with a ranking of No. 32. Also reached two quarterfinals on clay; Strasbourg (l. Blinkova) and Palermo (l. eventual champion Zheng) and one semifinal on grass; Bad Homburg (l. Siniakova).
- In 2022, posted 31-18 win-loss record. At Tour-level, made 2r at Charleston (as WC, l. Jabeur), fell 1r at Monterrey (as WC, l. Zacarias) and Indian Wells (as WC, l. Anisimova), and contested qualifying at San Diego
- Elsewhere in 2022, reached three ITF Circuit finals, including lifting second career title at this level at W60 tournament in Liepaja, Latvia, while made SF at WTA 125K Series event in Vancouver
- Broke into Top 200 for the first time on March 7, 2022
- Lifted maiden ITF Circuit title at W25 event in Orlando in November 2021
- Won the NCAA division 1 women's singles title in May 2021 to earn a WC into US Open, where she fell 1r (l. McHale)
- In 2021, reached 2r at both Charleston [500] and Charleston [250]
- Fell 1r at 2020 Monterrey (l. Stephens)
- Only other events in 2020 came on ITF Circuit, ending year ranked No.463
- Owns three ITF Circuit titles in singles and one in doubles
- Fell 2r on professional debut at $10k Charleston, SC-USA (l. Di Lorenzo) in 2015
- Began her collegiate career by winning her first 14 NCAA singles matches and moving up to a No.6 ITA ranking
- Ended 2019 at No.3 in ITF Junior rankings, following a season that included a R-Up finish at Roland Garros (l. Fernandez), a SF run at Wimbledon and victory at the Adidas Easter Bowl
- Also R-Up in girls' doubles at 2019 Australian Open w/Beck

- Finished 2023 by breaking into Top 30 for first time, achieving No. 29 on Oct 23, 2023 after becoming runner-up at Monastir (l. Mertens). Also achieved runner-up at Palermo and SF at Zhengzhou (l. Zheng both times) as well as QFs at Lyon (l. Garcia) and Cincinnati as a qualifier (l. eventual champion Gauff). Enjoyed two Top 10 wins (No.10 Garcia and No.4 Rybakina).
- In 2022, finished R-Up at Cluj-Napoca (l. Blinkova), while made back-to-back SF at Palermo (l. Bronzetti) and Warsaw (l. eventual champion Garcia)
- Also reached QF at Lyon (l. Yastremska), Portoroz (l. eventual champion Siniakova) and Parma (l. Kovinic)
- Broke into Top 50 on January 31, 2021
- Posted near-Top 50 season finish in 2021 after capturing first WTA singles title of career at Portoroz (d. Riske in F)
- Strong season finish also brought SF run at Courmayeur(l. eventual champion Vekic) and QF effort at Linz (l. Halep); posted best win of season over No.18 Mertens en route to 3r at Indian Wells (l. Pegula)
- Also in 2021 won the WTA 125K event in Bol, Croatia (d. Rus in F) and was R-Up at the same level in Saint Malo (l. Golubic) Captured first WTA doubles title in 2021, at Hamburg(w/Teichmann)
- In 2021, for first time in career, contested the full suite of all four Grand Slam events; reached 2r at Roland Garros and USOpen, equalling best previous Slam result
- In 2020, reached 2r four times at WTA tournaments, including Roland Garros (l. Kvitova)
- Highlights of 2019 included QF showings at Guangzhou and Palermo, a SF run at the WTA 125K Series event at Karlsruhe, lifting seventh, eighth and ninth ITF Circuit titles of her career, at $60KBrescia-ITA, $25K ITF/Curtiba-BRA and $100K ITF/Tokyo-JPN, and qualifying for maiden Grand Slam main draw at Roland Garros (l. Kasatkina in 1r)
- Ended 2018 ranked No.180, with season highlight a maiden WTA singles QF at Prague (d. No.15 Kasatkina, l. Zhang)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2017 Bastad (l. Suarez Navarro in 1r) and also fell 1r at Guangzhou and in qualifying a further three times
- Part of Italy's Billie Jean King Cup team 2017-19
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2015 Rome

- Owns nine singles and one doubles title on ITF Circuit
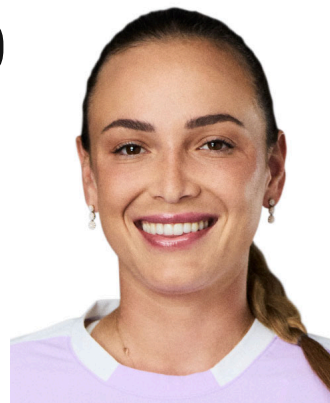- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in Italy in 2011

OTHER INFORMATION

- Currently coached by Peter Ayers
- Born in New York City and raised in Charleston, SC.
  Attended the University of Virginia where she is studied Arts & Science and played collegiate tennis
  2021 NCAA Singles Champion (freshman year)
  2019 Australian Open Junior Doubles Finalist
  2019 Roland-Garros Junior Doubles Champion and Singles Finalist
  2019 Wimbledon Junior Singles Semi-Finalist
  Is the daughter of businessman Ben Navarro and the grand-daughter of former American football player and coach Frank Navarro

- Currently coached by Renzo Furlan
- Resides in Bagni di Lucca and trains in Forte dei Marmi, Italy
- Father is Ugo Paolini, mother is Jacqueline Gardiner and brother is William Paolini. Grandmother lives in Lodz, Poland. Mother is of Ghanaian/Polish descent
- Idolizes Roger Federer
- Favorite shot is her forehand and favorite surface is clay
- Speaks Italian, English and Polish

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123 LULU SUN (Q)
NEW ZEALAND

DONNA VEKIC 37
CROATIA

LULU SUN		DONNA VEKIC
2001-04-14	Date of Birth	1996-06-28
	Residence	Monte Carlo, Monaco
Left-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
	Height	5' 10" (1.79m)
123	Career-High Ranking	19
$313,832	Career Prize Money	$7,620,717
$170,678	Season Prize Money	$751,001
0 / 0	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 4
4-1 (Quarter-Finalist: 2024 WIMBLEDON)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	44-42 (Quarter-Finalist: 2024 WIMBLEDON; 2023 AUSTRALIAN OPEN; 2019 US OPEN)
4-0 / 4-0 (Quarter-Finalist: 2024)	YTD / Career WIMBLEDON W-L (best)	4-0 / 12-9 (Quarter-Finalist: 2024)
6-3 / 8-6	YTD / Career W-L	21-14 / 213-199
4-0 / 4-0	YTD / Career Grass W-L	9-3 / 46-28
3-0 / 3-0	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L	10-6 / 65-69
0-0 / 2-1	YTD / Career TB W-L	2-6 / 46-61
0-0 / 0-1	YTD / Career L Hand W-L	1-3 / 13-21
Quarter-Finalist: WIMBLEDON	YTD Best Result	Runner-Up: BAD HOMBURG

MATCH NOTES

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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
			First career meeting			

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
123	-	**2024**	23	-
189	219	**2023**	20	23
247	250	**2022**	47	69
315	315	**2021**	29	67
1118	1123	**2020**	19	32
484	-	**2019**	19	19
613	684	**2018**	34	34
772	784	**2017**	45	56
1161	-	**2016**	90	101
1133	1173	**2015**	81	105

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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. Q. ZHENG (#8) 4-6 6-2 6-4 (1h 57m)
2r: d. Y. STARODUBTSEVA (#153) 4-6 6-3 6-2 (2h 13m)
3r: d. L. ZHU (#61) 7-6 7-6 (2h 1m)
4r: d. E. RADUCANU (#135) 6-2 5-7 6-2 (2h 50m)

Total time on court: 9h 1m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making Wimbledon main draw debut, and playing in only her second Grand Slam main draw (also 2024 Australian Open; l. Cocciaretto 1r as qualifier)
- Reached main draw via qualifying; in main-draw action has defeated Zheng Qinwen, Yuliia Starodubtseva, Zhu Lin and Emma Raducanu so far this fortnight
- Reached her second tour-level QF at this event (first came at 2022 Seoul); seeking her first career tour-level SF
- This is the first time in the Open Era (since 1968) a woman from New Zealand has reached the R16 and beyond at Wimbledon
- This is the second time in the Open Era a woman from New Zealand has reached a Grand Slam QF; the first was Belinda Cordwell's run to the 1989 Australian Open SF
- Sun is the seventh player in the last 40 years to reach the Wimbledon QF while ranked outside the Top 100
- Faces No.37 Donna Vekic in QF today; holds a 1-3 career record against Top 50 players, with her first Top 50 win coming in this fortnight's 1r over No.8 Zheng Qinwen
- This will be her first tour-level meeting with a player from Croatia
- Is currently ranked No.123; this time last year was ranked No.263. Projected to climb into at least the Top 60 following her R16 win over Raducanu
- After Wimbledon, Sun will become the first player from New Zealand to be ranked in the PIF WTA Ranking Top 100 since Marina Erakovic in the week of August 31, 2015

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. X. WANG (#54) 3-6 6-3 6-4 (1h 58m)
2r: d. E. ANDREEVA (#101) 6-2 6-3 (1h 32m)
3r: d. D. YASTREMSKA (#27) 7-6 6-7 6-1 (2h 54m)
4r: d. P. BADOSA (#93) 6-2 1-6 6-4 (1h 38m)

Total time on court: 8h 2m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 10th main-draw appearance at Wimbledon; before reaching this year's QF, her previous career-best Wimbledon showing was making the R16 in 2018 (l. Goerges)
- Has defeated Wang Xiyu, Erika Andreeva, Dayana Yastremska and Paula Badosa so far this fortnight to reach her third career Grand Slam QF (also 2019 US Open and 2023 Australian Open); seeking first Grand Slam SF
- Vekic is the 4th Croatian woman to reach the Wimbledon QF following Mirjana Lucic, Karolina Sprem and Iva Majoli; aiming to become the second Croatian woman to make the Wimbledon SF after Lucic in 1999
- Faces No.123 Lulu Sun in QF today; so far this year, she is 4-2 against players ranked outside the Top 100
- This will be her first tour-level match against a player from New Zealand
- Best career result on grass is her run to the title at 2017 Nottingham; she has also reached 4 other grass-court finals including Bad Homburg last week
- Is currently ranked No.37; this time last year was ranked No.21. Reached career-high ranking of No.19 in 2019
- Holds a 9-3 record on grass this year, also reaching the Bad Homburg final and posting 2r showings at 's-Hertogenbosch and Berlin
- Has won 21 matches on tour so far this year

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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

2023	Result	Rank: 21	Seed: 20
3r	L	M. VONDROUSOVA (#42) 6-1 7-5	
2r	W	S. STEPHENS (#39) 4-6 7-5 6-4	
1r	W	S. ZHANG (#38) 6-2 6-3	

2022	Result	Rank: 82	Seed: -
1r	L	J. PEGULA (#9) 6-3 7-6(2)	

2021	Result	Rank: 49	Seed: -
2r	L	K. PLISKOVA (#13) 6-2 6-2	
1r	W	A. POTAPOVA (#80) 6-1 6-4	

2019	Result	Rank: 22	Seed: 22
1r	L	A. RISKE-AMRITRAJ (#55) 3-6 6-3 7-5	

2018	Result	Rank: 55	Seed: -
4r	L	J. GOERGES (#13) 6-3 6-2	
3r	W	Y. WICKMAYER (#101) 7-6(2) 6-1	
2r	W	R. PETERSON (#78) 7-5 6-4	
1r	W	S. STEPHENS (#4) 6-1 6-3	

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SEASON 2024 HISTORY

- Contested 1r at Gaiba 125 (l. Bandecchi)
- Reached 2r at WTA 125 event Makarska(l. eventual champion Volynets)
- Played qualifying at Roland Garros
- Played 2r at Dubai (l. Ostapenko)
- Fell in opening round at Australian Open (l. Cocciaretto)
- Opened the 2024 season making R16 at Auckland (l. Gracheva)

- Finished R-Up at Bad Homburg (l. Shnaider in F)
- Reached 2r at 's-Hertogenbosch (l. Minnen) and Berlin (l. eventual champion Pegula)
- Made 3r at Roland Garros (l. Danilovic)
- Fell 1r at Rome (l. Tsurenko)
- Reached 2r at Madrid (l. Sakkari)
- Fell in opening round at Stuttgart (l. Vondrousova)
- Played 2r at Indian Wells (l. Wozniacki) and Miami (l. Alexandrova)
- Reached QF at San Diego (l. Boulter)
- Made R16 at Dubai (l. Cirstea)
- Played 1r at Doha (l. Siniakova)
- Reached SF at Linz (l. Alexandrova)
- Fell in opening round at Australian Open (l. Pavlyuchenkova)
- Started the 2024 season representing Croatia at the United Cup, going 2-0 in singles play (d. Helgo) (d. Rus)

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SEASON 2024 STATS

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
18	98	**Aces**	138	12
55.3%	0	**First serve %**	58.6%	71
72.8%	0	**First Serve points won %**	69.7%	12
49.6%	0	**Second serve points won %**	44.5%	53
62.4%	0	**Overall service points won %**	59.3%	18
78.0%	0	**Service games won %**	72.5%	15
71.0%	0	**Break points saved %**	54.3%	57
27.1%	0	**First serve return points won %**	36.9%	42
47.8%	0	**Second serve return points won %**	55.2%	45
28.6%	0	**Break points converted %**	43.9%	58
13.3%	0	**Return games won %**	34.3%	49
35.2%	0	**Return points won %**	43.9%	39

Best win by ranking: No.8 vs Zheng in WIMBLEDON 1r
Longest match: 2h 50m vs Raducanu in WIMBLEDON 4r
Shortest match: 49m vs Badosa in DUBAI 1r
Match points saved:
Most aces in a match: 6 vs Ostapenko in DUBAI 2r

Best win by ranking: No.2 vs Sabalenka in DUBAI 2r
Longest match: 3h 8m vs Danilovic in ROLAND GARROS 3r
Shortest match: 1h 4m vs Yastremska in LINZ 2r
Match points saved:
Most aces in a match: 14 vs Sabalenka in DUBAI 2r

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TITLES

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (4)

2023 - MONTERREY
2021 - COURMAYEUR
2017 - NOTTINGHAM
2014 - KUALA LUMPUR

Runner-Up (9)

2024 - BAD HOMBURG
2023 - BERLIN
2022 - SAN DIEGO
2019 - NOTTINGHAM, ST. PETERSBURG
2018 - WASHINGTON DC
2015 - TASHKENT
2013 - BIRMINGHAM
2012 - TASHKENT

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GRAND SLAMS

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

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CAREER MILESTONES

- Broke into Top 200 in 2023 for first time following title run at ITF Brasilia $80K
- Played two WTA 125 series main draw matches in 2023
- Made breakthrough at Seoul 2022, scoring her first career main draw win (d. Lizette Cabrera) en route to QF (l. eventual champion Ekaterina Alexandrova)
- Fell 1r at Granby 2022 (l. Parry)
- Played first career Grand Slam at Wimbledon 2022, falling last round of qualifying
- Made WTA main draw debut at Rabat 2022 (l. Rus in 1r)
- Played first WTA event at Bogota 2018 qualifying

- In 2023, posted best Australian Open result with QF (l. eventual champion Sabalenka), equalling best Grand Slam result (QF finish at 2019 US Open). Claimed fourth career title at Monterrey (d. Garcia) and runner-up at Berlin (l. Kvitova). Results brought ranking back into Top 20 for first time since 2019 and qualification for Zhuhai Elite Trophy.
- 2022's highlight was R-Up finish at San Diego (as qualifier, l. Swiatek). Elsewhere, made QF at Birmingham and Tallinn
- Lifted third WTA title of her career at Courmayeur in October 2021 (d. Tauson in F)
- Underwent knee surgery at start of 2021, but experienced some setbacks since her return to Tour last summer, tearing plantar fascia and suffering from knee and foot injuries in spring 2022
- Contested the first match of the WTA Tour's resumption following the hiatus, defeating Rus in the 1r at 2020 Palermo
- Ended 2019 ranked No.19 for career-best year-end finish (up from No.34 in 2018), having cracked the Top 20 for the first time on October 21, 2019
- Produced career best Grand Slam result at 2019 US Open, where she reached QF (l. Bencic)
- Also in 2019, finished R-Up at St. Petersburg (l. Bertens); en route to final, posted best win of career by ranking - and third over a Top 5 opponent - with defeat of No.2 Kvitova in QF, bettering victories over No.4 Stephens at 2018 Wimbledon and No.4 Garcia at 2018 Tokyo [PPO]
- Also made final at Nottingham (l. Garcia in third set tie-break) and ended 2019 by qualifying for WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai (fell RR)
- Ended 2018 at then-career-high ranking of No.34, after registering 31 tour-level wins. Campaign highlighted by R-Up finish at Washington, DC (l. Kuznetsova after holding 4mp) - her first finals appearance since winning 2017 Nottingham - and made SF showings at Nottingham and Tokyo [PPO], and reached Grand Slam R16 for first time at Wimbledon (l. Goerges)
- Enjoyed a resurgent year in 2017, breaking the Top 50 on July 24 and finishing campaign ranked No.54. Grass court season saw her lift a second WTA singles title of career, at Nottingham (d. No.8 Konta in final) - prior to this run had not posted back-to-back main draw wins since September 2015 (R-Up at Tashkent)

- Posted just four tour-level wins across 2016, but closed the campaign by reaching two ITF finals, winning her fifth and most recent title at this level at $100k ITF/Sharm El Sheikh-EGY
- Highlights in 2015 included reaching final at Tashkent (l. Hibino) and QF at Baku
- Ranked No.95, lifted maiden WTA singles title at 2014 Kuala Lumpur (d. No.10 Cibulkova in final); aged 17 y 10 m, became youngest player to win a WTA singles title since 2006 Bangkok (Vania King)
- Reached first WTA career final at 2012 Tashkent (l. Begu) on her WTA main draw debut, and in doing so became youngest WTA finalist since 15-year-old Paszek won Portoroz in 2005
- Broke into Top 100 (at No.93) on January 28, 2013 Has won five ITF Circuit singles and one doubles title
- Member of Croatian Fed Cup Team, 2012-15, 2017, 2019

OTHER INFORMATION

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- Currently coached by Nick Horvat and also working with Pam Shriver
- Both parents played professional sports: mother, Brankica (track hurdler) and father, Igor (soccer goalkeeper)
- Favorite surface is hard
- Speaks Croatian, English and Italian
- Self-described as strong-willed, determined and extremely competitive