

MATCH NOTES

TORAY PAN PACIFIC OPEN TENNIS

TOKYO, JAPAN

October 20-26, 2025 | WTA 500 | \$1,064,510

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DAY 4 – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

[5] Belinda Bencic (SUI #13) vs. [Q] Varvara Gracheva (FRA #82)

First meeting

Bencic:

- Making 6th appearance at Tokyo, previous best result here is R-UP run in 2015 (l. Radwanska)
- Owns 6 WTA 500 titles: Abu Dhabi 2025 & 2023; Adelaide 2023; Charleston 2022; Moscow 2019; Eastbourne 2015
- Owns 16-2 record in 2025 vs. players outside the Top 50
- Seeking 5th WTA Tour QF of the year (Abu Dhabi, Indian Wells, Wimbledon and Ningbo)
- Is currently ranked No.13, started the 2025 season ranked No.421 after taking 2024 away for maternity leave. Reached a career high of No.4 in February 2020

Gracheva:

- Making 2nd appearance at Tokyo, on her previous showing in 2024, reached 2r (l. Fernandez)
- Only qualifier through to the 2r
- Owns 5 career wins over Top 20 players, most recently No.14 Karolina Muchova at Cincinnati 2025
- Seeking 3rd WTA Tour QF of the year (Eastbourne SF and Cincinnati QF)
- Best career result came on hard court - R-UP at Austin 2023 (l. Kostyuk in F)

Leylah Fernandez (CAN #22) vs. [2] Elena Rybakina (KAZ #7)

Fernandez leads 2-1

Fernandez:

- Leads Rybakina 2-1, winning most recent meeting during title run at Washington DC
- Coming off title run in Osaka last week (d. Valentova in F), marking her fifth career title and second of 2025
- Making 2nd appearance at Tokyo, where her previous result was reaching QF in 2024 (l. Q.Zheng)
- Owns 7 wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.4 Pegula during title run at Washington DC
- Seeking 5th WTA Tour QF of the year (Abu Dhabi QF, Nottingham QF, Washington champion and Osaka champion)

Rybakina:

- Must reach the semifinals here this week to qualify for the WTA Finals
- Coming off title run in Ningbo last week (d. Alexandrova in F); this marks her 10th career title and second of 2025
- Making 2nd appearance at Tokyo, on her previous showing in 2022, fell in 1r (l. Samsonova)
- Five of her 10 WTA titles have come on hard court: Ningbo 2025, Abu Dhabi 2024, Brisbane 2024, Indian Wells 2023, Hobart 2020

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- Has won 49 matches so far in 2025; she is ranked No.4 on tour for match wins behind Swiatek (61), Sabalenka (59) and Pegula (50)

[3] Ekaterina Alexandrova (#10) vs. Jaqueline Cristian (ROU #42)

First meeting

Alexandrova:

- Making 2nd appearance at Tokyo, where her previous result was reaching QF in 2023 (I. Pavlyuchenkova)
- Career-best result at a WTA 500 event is winning the title at Linz this year, has also reached 3 WTA 500 finals in 2025 (Monterrey, Seoul, and Ningbo just last week)
- 3 of her 5 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court: 2020 Shenzhen, 2022 Seoul and 2025 Linz
- Made her Top 10 debut in the PIF WTA Singles Rankings on October 13; third player to make Top 10 debut this year (following M. Andreeva and Anisimova)

Cristian:

- Making Tokyo tournament debut
- Seeking 3rd WTA 500 QF of career; she also posted QF finishes at 2021 St. Petersburg and 2024 Charleston
- Is 1-11 vs. Top 10 players, with her one Top 10 win coming over No.10 Barbora Krejčíková at 2024 Beijing
- Career-best result on hard court is her runner-up finish at 2021 Linz (I. Riske-Amritraj)
- Made Top 50 debut in the PIF WTA Singles Rankings on June 9 of this year, and peaked at No.41 in September

[WC] Wakana Sonobe (JPN #263) vs. [10] Sofia Kenin (USA #25)

First meeting

Sonobe:

- 17-year-old wild card is making her tournament debut this week
- Defeated fellow teenage wild card Nikola Bartunkova in 1r to register 2nd career tour-level match-win (her first was over No.55 Yuan Yue at 2025 Abu Dhabi)
- Seeking first WTA Tour QF of career today
- Best results by a wild card at this event are runner-Up finishes by today's opponent Sofia Kenin in 2024, Naomi Osaka in 2016, Martina Hingis in 2006
- Won this year's Australian Open junior singles title

Kenin:

- Making 3rd appearance at Tokyo, where she was last year's runner-up as a WC (I. Zheng Qinwen)
- Career-best WTA 500 results are 3 runner-up finishes: 2023 San Diego, 2024 Tokyo and 2025 Charleston
- Seeking 4th WTA Tour QF of the year (Charleston final, Dubai QF and Hobart QF)
- 4 of her 5 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court, including her Grand Slam title at the 2020 Australian Open
- Is currently ranked No.25; this time last year was ranked No.155. Broke into the Top 5 (No.4) for the first time in 2020

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13 **BELINDA BENCIC (5)**
SWITZERLAND

VARVARA (Q) GRACHEVA 82
FRANCE

1997-03-10	Date of Birth	2000-08-02
Wollerau, Switzerland	Residence	
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed
5' 9" (1.75m)	Height	5' 10" (1.78m)
4	Career-High Ranking	39
\$14,348,859	Career Prize Money	\$3,906,676
\$2,600,354	Season Prize Money	\$704,913
1 / 9	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 0
66-36 (Semi-Finalist: 2025 WIMBLEDON; 2019 US OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	19-20 (Round of 16: 2024 ROLAND GARROS)
0-0 / 6-5 (Runner-Up: 2015)	YTD / Career TOKYO W-L (best)	1-0 / 2-1 (Round of 16: 2025, 2024)
31-17 / 285-181	YTD / Career W-L	14-18 / 80-109

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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
17	913	2024	39	66
9	17	2023	40	44
11	12	2022	59	95
9	23	2021	77	79
4	12	2020	89	93
7	8	2019	105	105
37	37	2018	447	447
42	165	2017	875	882
7	43	2016	-	-
12	14	2015	-	-

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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 6th appearance at Tokyo, her previous best result here is R-UP run in 2015 (l. Radwanska)
- Owns 6 WTA 500 titles: Abu Dhabi 2025 & 2023, Adelaide 2023, Charleston 2022, Moscow 2019, Eastbourne 2015
- Reached the quarterfinal at Ningbo last week, her fourth QF of the 2025 season
- Faces No.82 Varvara Gracheva in 2r today; owns 16-2 record in 2025 vs. players outside the Top 50, most recently defeated No.131 Starodubtseva at Ningbo last week
- Owns 12-4 career record against players from France, 1-0 in 2025 with win over Jacquemot at Wimbledon
- Owns 7-1 record in 2025 against qualifiers, with only loss coming against Sakkari in Rome
- 7 of her 9 WTA titles have come on hard court: Abu Dhabi 2025 & 2023; Adelaide #2 2023; Tokyo Olympics 2021; Moscow 2019, Dubai 2019; Toronto 2015
- Only player from Switzerland to reach the 2r after Viktorija Golubic's 1r exit
- Best result by Switzerland at Tokyo was R-UP run by Belinda Bencic herself in 2015
- Is currently ranked No.13, started the 2025 season ranked No.421 after taking 2024 away for maternity leave. Reached a career high of No.4 in February 2020
- During this year's Asian swing so far, reached R16 in Beijing (l. Gauff), R16 in Wuhan (l. Swiatek) and QF in Ningbo (l. Paolini)

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. X. WANG (#59) 4-6 6-3 6-4 (2h 16m)

Total time on court: 2h 16m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at Tokyo, on her previous showing in 2024, reached 2r (l. Fernandez)
- Defeated China's Xinyu Wang in the 1r to claim 9th tour-level win in 2025 over a Top 100 player
- Faces No.13 Belinda Bencic in 2r today; owns 5 career wins over Top 20 players, most recently No.14 Karolina Muchova at Cincinnati 2025
- First tour-level meeting against a player from Switzerland
- Owns 5-7 record in 2025 against seeded players, most recent was loss to 7th seed Li at Osaka last week
- Best career result on hard court is R-UP at Austin 2023 (l. Kostyuk in F)
- Only player from France competing in this year's main draw
- Best result by a player from France at Tokyo was R-UP run by Sandrine Testud in 2000
- Only qualifier through to the 2r
- Best result by a qualifier at Tokyo was SF run by Slovenia's Katarina Srebotnik in 2008
- Is currently ranked No.82; this time last year was ranked No.68. Reached a career-high ranking of No.39 in January 2024
- During this year's Asian swing, played Q1 Seoul, Q1 Beijing, and qualified for 1r Wuhan (l. Bouzas Maneiro) and 1r Osaka (l. Li)
- Has won 14 matches so far in 2025; her career-best is 24 match wins in 2023

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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2018	Result	Rank: 39	Seed: -
1r	L	G. MUGURUZA (#14) 6-2 6-4	
2016	Result	Rank: 26	Seed: -
1r	L	C. WOZNIACKI (#28) 6-2 5-7 6-1	
2015	Result	Rank: 15	Seed: 8
F	L	A. RADWANSKA (#13) 6-2 6-2	
SF	W	C. WOZNIACKI (#6) 6-2 6-4	
QF	W	G. MUGURUZA (#8) 7-6(1) 6-1	
2r	W	S. STOSUR (#22) 6-7(5) 6-3 6-4	
1r	W	Y. XU (#200) 6-0 6-0	
2014	Result	Rank: 34	Seed: -
2r	L	L. SAFAROVA (#15) 3-6 6-4 6-2	
1r	W	S. KUZNETSOVA (#23) 6-3 6-0	
2013	Result	Rank: 326	Seed: -
2r	L	P. KVITOVA (#11) 7-5 6-4	
1r	W	D. SAVILLE (#140) 6-2 5-7 7-5	

2024	Result	Rank: 68	Seed: -
2r	L	L. FERNANDEZ (#35) 6-0 3-6 7-5	
1r	W	M. HONTAMA (#137) 6-1 7-6(4)	

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SEASON 2025 HISTORY

- Reached QF at Ningbo (l. Paolini)
 - Played R16 at Wuhan (l. Swiatek)
 - Made 4r at Beijing (l. Gauff)
 - Played 2r at US Open (l. Li)
 - Played 3r at Montreal (l. Muchova) and 2r at Cincinnati (l. V. Kudermetova)
 - Reached SF at Wimbledon (l. eventual champion Swiatek)
 - Fell in 1r at Bad Homburg (l. Alexandrova)
 - Played 1r at Rome (l. Sakkari, retired due to neck injury)
 - Reached 4r at Madrid (l. eventual R-Up Gauff)
 - Played 2r at Charleston (l. eventual R-Up Kenin)
 - Reached QF at Indian Wells (as WC, l. Keys) and 2r at Miami (l. Svitolina)
 - Reached 2r at Dubai (l. Navarro)
 - Won her 2nd Abu Dhabi title (d. Krueger in F), having also won the tournament in 2023
 - Reached 2r at Adelaide (as qualifier, l. Samsonova) and 4r at Australian Open (l. Gauff)
 - Opened 2025 representing Switzerland at United Cup with a 1-1 result in singles play (l. Paolini)
- Played 1r at Osaka (as qualifier, l. Li)
 - Fell in 1r at Wuhan (as qualifier, l. Bouzas Maneiro)
 - Reached QF at Cincinnati (as qualifier, l. V. Kudermetova)
 - Fell in 1r at Montreal (as qualifier, l. Zhu)
 - Made 2r at Iasi (l. Cirstea)
 - Played 1r at Wimbledon (l. Sasnovich)
 - Reached SF at Eastbourne (as qualifier, l. eventual R-Up Eala)
 - Played 1r at Roland Garros (l. Kenin)
 - Reached SF at Paris 125 (l. eventual champion Boulter)
 - Made 2r at Rome (l. Keys)
 - Played 1r at Madrid (l. Sun)
 - Played 2r at Rouen (l. Bouzas Maneiro)
 - Made 2r at Charleston (l. Mertens)
 - Played 1r at Miami (l. Parks)
 - Made 2r at Indian Wells (l. eventual champion M. Andreeva)
 - Reached 2r at Austin (l. Dolehide)
 - Played 1r at Cluj-Napoca (l. Stearns)
 - Made 2r at Australian Open (l. Lys)
 - Opened 2025 playing R32 at Hobart (l. Linette)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
80	63	Aces	73	73
64.7%	17	First serve %	59.9%	51
65.6%	34	First Serve points won %	60.9%	72
46.0%	39	Second serve points won %	46.9%	30
58.7%	24	Overall service points won %	55.3%	68
70.5%	22	Service games won %	63.5%	58
57.3%	30	Break points saved %	51.3%	72
35.1%	55	First serve return points won %	36.8%	36
57.9%	8	Second serve return points won %	55.3%	27
46.4%	32	Break points converted %	40.4%	78
35.2%	34	Return games won %	35.1%	36
44.2%	27	Return points won %	43.4%	40

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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (9)
2025 - ABU DHABI
2023 - ABU DHABI, ADELAIDE #2
2022 - CHARLESTON
2021 - OLYMPICS
2019 - MOSCOW, DUBAI
2015 - TORONTO, EASTBOURNE

Runner-Up (10)
2023 - CHARLESTON
2022 - BERLIN
2021 - BERLIN, ADELAIDE 500
2019 - MALLORCA
2018 - LUXEMBOURG
2016 - ST. PETERSBURG
2015 - TOKYO, 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH
2014 - TIANJIN

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (2)
2015 - WASHINGTON DC (w/Mladenovic), PRAGUE (w/Siniakova)

Runner-Up (1)
2021 - OLYMPICS (w/Golubic)

SINGLES FINALS

Runner-Up (1)
2023 - AUSTIN

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
4r		SF	2r	2025	2r	1r	1r	
				2024	2r	4r	2r	1r
4r	1r	4r	4r	2023	3r	2r	2r	1r
2r	3r	1r	3r	2022	1r	3r		1r
3r	2r	1r	QF	2021	2r	3r	1r	3r
3r				2020		1r		3r
3r	3r	3r	SF	2019				
2r	2r	4r	1r	2018				
1r				2017				
4r		2r	3r	2016				
1r	2r	4r	3r	2015				
2r	1r	3r	QF	2014				

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CAREER MILESTONES

- After giving birth to daughter Bella, returned to the courts in October 2024 to play a handful of ITF matches, as well as winning her Billie Jean King Cup Playoff match for Switzerland over Serbia's Lola Radivojevic in November
- Played last tournament of 2023 at San Diego before taking maternity leave
- In 2023, won two titles at Adelaide 2 (d. Kasatkina in F) and Abu Dhabi (d. Samsonova in F); also finished R-Up at Charleston (l. Jabeur)
- Won sixth career title in 2022, triumphing at Charleston, while finishing R-Up at Berlin (l. Jabeur) and helped Switzerland lift Billie Jean King Cup Finals in Glasgow; also reached SF at Miami (l. Osaka) and Tallinn (l. Krejčíková)
- Captured gold medal for Switzerland at Tokyo Olympics in 2021 (d. Vondroušová in F); also claimed silver in doubles (w/Golubic)
- Other 2021 highlights included R-Up finish at Adelaide (l. Świątek) and Berlin (l. Samsonova), and six further QFs (including US Open)
- Across a disrupted 2020 reached three QFs, at Adelaide, St. Petersburg and Doha
- Was voted WTA Comeback Player of the Year in 2019 - lifted two titles at Dubai (d. Kvitová in F) and Moscow (d. Pavlyuchenkova in F) and posted a career-best 49 Tour-level match wins in 2019 fourth most among all players and breaking back into Top 10 on September 9
- Earned spot at WTA Finals in Shenzhen becoming first Swiss player to compete in singles at the WTA Finals since Hingis in 2006, going on to reach SF at the season-ending showpiece (l. Svitolina)
- Also in 2019, marked 20th Grand Slam main draw by reaching her maiden major SF at US Open (l. eventual champion Andreescu) and finished R-Up at Mallorca (l. Kenin)
- Led the WTA with six victories over Top 5 players in 2019, including upsets over No.1 Naomi Osaka at Indian Wells, Madrid and US Open
- Standout result in 2018 was R-Up finish at Luxembourg (as qualifier, l. Goerges)
- In first round at 2018 Australian Open, defeated No.5 Venus Williams. Having also upset then-No.1 Serena Williams in SF at 2015 Toronto is one of seven women to defeat both Williams sisters before their 21st birthday (also Hingis, Sharapova, Clijsters, Henin, Chakvetadze and Osaka)
- Underwent left wrist surgery in spring 2017, missing five months - ranking fell outside Top 300; reached QF at Linz as WC in first WTA event back after surgery
- Began the year at a career high ranking of No.39 and a strong opening result at Auckland with quarterfinal (l. Gauff). Posted her best Grand Slam result to date with R16 at Roland Garros (l. M.Andreeva) and reached semifinals at WTA 125s Paris (l. Shnaider) and Hong Kong (l. Tauson)
- Stand out results of 2023 were achieving runner-up at Austin and two quarterfinals, firstly on clay at Strasbourg (l. Svitolina) and then on grass at Bad Homburg (l. Bronzetti). Also advanced to R16 at both Indian Wells (as qualifier, l. eventual champion Rybakina) and Miami (as qualifier, l. eventual champion Kvitová). Top ranking of the season of No. 40 was achieved on August 7, 2023.
- Best results of 2022 were runs to QF at Chennai (l. eventual champion Fruhvirtová) and 3r at Roland Garros (l. Mertens). Also reached 2r on four occasions
- Second Top 100 season in 2021 finishing the year at No.79, in a season highlighted by making her WTA SF debut at Chicago 250 and posting a career-best 14 main draw match wins
- Highlight of 2020 campaign was 3r showing at US Open (l. Martić); in 2r recovered from 6-1 5-1 down, saving 4MP to upset No.44 Mladenovic
- Ended 2019 at No.105, nearly 300 places up from her 2018 finish after a campaign in which she posted a 70-26 win-loss record, lifting five titles on the ITF Circuit, including at \$60K Valencia and \$60K Saint-Malo
- Recorded first WTA victory during 2r run at 2019 Washington DC (as qualifier, d. Blinkova, l. Hsieh)
- Fell 1r on WTA debut (main draw and qualifying) at 2019 Lausanne (as qualifier, l. X.Han), while made Grand Slam qualifying debut at US Open later that summer
- During 2018 season, won second ITF Circuit title of career at \$15k/Antalya-TUR and reached three other QFs at this level
- On ITF Circuit, winner of seven singles titles
- Played first professional events of career on ITF Circuit in Egypt in 2016
- Contested Roland Garros, Wimbledon and US Open as a junior, with best result a 3r run at 2016 Wimbledon

- Run to 2016 St. Petersburg final (l. Vinci in F) saw her break into Top 10 at No.9 for the first time in her career. Also in 2016, reached SF at Sydney and ½ s-Hertogenbosch.
- Won first career titles in 2015 at Eastbourne (d. Radwanska in F) and Toronto (d. Halep in F); also reached final at ½ s-Hertogenbosch (l. Giorgi) and Tokyo (l. Radwanska)
- At Toronto, beat four Top 10 players en route to the title including World No.1 Serena Williams
- Qualified for 2015 WTA Elite Trophy in Zhuhai however withdrew due to hand injury
- Won second WTA doubles title of career in 2015 at Washington, DC (w/Mladenovic), the first coming earlier in the year at Prague(w/Siniakova)
- Voted 2014 WTA Newcomer of the Year after a campaign highlighted by R-Up finish at Tianjin (l. Riske), SF at Charleston and QF run at 2014 US Open (defeated No.7 Kerber in 3r, No.10 Jankovic in R16); at 17 years of age, was youngest player through to last eight at Flushing Meadows since 1997 when Hingis won the title and broke into Top 50 on Sept 8, 2014
- Won junior singles titles at Roland Garros and Wimbledon in 2013; was named ITF Junior World Champion for 2013
- Played first WTA qualifying event at Luxembourg in October 2011, and first WTA main draw 12 months later at same event as WC (l. V.Williams, 1r); only 15 years, 7 months at the time
- Also in 2022, played qualifying at Brussels and ½ s-Hertogenbosch
- Made professional debut on ITF circuit in 2011; owns five career ITF titles

OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Iain Hughes
- Father, Ivan, sometimes serves as her tennis coach, and Martin Hromkovic as her fitness coach. Mother is Dana; younger brother is Brian who also plays and coaches tennis; father emigrated to Switzerland from then-Czechoslovakia in 1968
- Started playing at Melanie Molitor's (mother of Martina Hingis) tennis school at age 3 until age 19 (started daily training with her from age 6 for eight years)
- Also visit the Nick Bollettieri and Evert Tennis Academy as a Junior
- Enjoys watching movies, reading, playing with dogs, baking, painting, and seeing friends

- Working with Maxime Tchoutakian
- Currently based mainly in France, at the ETC Academy in Cannes, where she trains alongside several touring pros, including Daniil Medvedev
- Introduced to tennis by her mother Natalia Kazakova, who was her coach until the age of 14
- Studied at the meteor sports center in Zhukovsky, before moving to Germany to train with Nina Bratchikova
- Favorite hobby is drawing, and her favorite artist is Vincent Van Gogh - particularly 'self-portrait with a severed ear'
- She owns two dogs - a Yorkshire Terrier and a Parson Russell - named Tutsi and Enya, and a parrot called Boy
- Also likes to listen to alternative rock music, particularly the band Skillet

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(2) RYBAKINA 7
KAZAKHSTAN

2002-09-06	Date of Birth		1999-06-17
Boynton Beach, Florida, USA	Residence		
Left-Handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	
5' 6" (1.68m)	Height	6' 0" (1.84m)	
13	Career-High Ranking	3	
\$6,900,649	Career Prize Money	\$18,426,967	
\$1,720,306	Season Prize Money	\$3,573,882	
2 / 5	Singles Titles YTD / Career		2 / 10
27-22 (Runner-Up: 2021 US OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	59-22 (Champion: 2022 WIMBLEDON)	
1-0 / 3-1 (Quarter-Finalist: 2024)	YTD / Career TOKYO W-L (best)	0-0 / 0-1 (Round of 32: 2022)	
28-22 / 134-103	YTD / Career W-L	49-19 / 260-110	

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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2025	WASHINGTON DC	HARD	SF	Leylah Fernandez	6-7(2) 7-6(3) 7-6(3)	3h 12m
2024	CINCINNATI	HARD	2r	Leylah Fernandez	3-6 7-6(3) 6-4	2h 35m
2024	DOHA	HARD	QF	Elena Rybakina	6-4 6-2	1h 34m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
23	31	2024	3	6
32	35	2023	3	4
13	40	2022	12	22
24	24	2021	14	14
88	88	2020	17	19
209	209	2019	37	37
451	487	2018	182	191
727	728	2017	420	425
-	-	2016	612	616

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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. M. SAKKARI (#54) 7-6 6-4 (2h 0m)

Total time on court: 2h 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at Tokyo, where her previous result was reaching QF in 2024 (l. Q.Zheng)
- Coming off title run in Osaka last week (d. Valentova in F); this marks her fifth career title and second of 2025
- Faces No.7 Elena Rybakina in 2r today; owns 7 wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.4 Jessica Pegula during title run at Washington DC
- Owns 2-1 career record against players from Kazakhstan, 1-0 in 2025 with win over today's opponent Rybakina in SF at Washington DC
- All five of her WTA career titles have come on hard court, at Osaka and Washington DC in 2025; Hong Kong in 2023; Monterrey in 2022-21
- Her Washington DC title this year is her career-best result at a WTA 500 event
- One of 2 players from Canada remaining in this year's draw alongside Victoria Mboko
- Best result by Canada at Tokyo was QF run by Leylah Fernandez in 2024, Bianca Andreescu in 2024, Eugenie Bouchard in 2013, Jana Nejedly in 1994
- Is currently ranked No.22; this time last year was ranked No.35. Reached a career-high ranking of No.13 in August 2022
- During this year's Asian swing so far, won at Osaka (d. Valentova in F), fell 2r at Beijing (l. Gauff), and 1r at Wuhan (l. Osaka)

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

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- Coming off title run in Ningbo last week (d. Alexandrova in F); this marks her 10th career title and second of 2025
- Faces No.22 Leylah Fernandez in 2r today; owns 26 wins in 2025 over Top 50 players, most recently No.10 Ekaterina Alexandrova in Ningbo final
- Owns 5-4 career record against players from Canada, 2-3 in 2025 with wins coming against Mboko at Washington DC and Andreescu at Madrid
- Five of her 10 WTA titles have come on hard court: Ningbo 2025, Abu Dhabi 2024, Brisbane 2024, Indian Wells 2023, Hobart 2020
- Title in Ningbo last week was her fifth WTA 500 title
- Only player from Kazakhstan in this year's main draw
- Best result by Kazakhstan at Tokyo was QF run by Yulia Putintseva in 2019
- Is currently ranked No.7; this time last year was ranked No.5. Reached a career-high ranking of No.3 in June 2023
- So far in the Asian swing this year, won at Ningbo (d. Alexandrova in F), and made QF at Wuhan (l. Sabalenka) and R32 at Beijing (l. Lys)
- Has won 49 matches so far in 2025; she is ranked No.4 on tour for match wins behind Swiatek (61), Sabalenka (59) and Pegula (50)
- A win today will keep her in contention for WTA Finals qualification (must reach SF here to qualify)

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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2024	Result	Rank: 35	Seed: 8
QF	L	Q. ZHENG (#7) 6-0 1-6 6-3	
2r	W	V. GRACHEVA (#68) 6-0 3-6 7-5	
1r	W	A. SASNOVICH (#143) 5-7 6-2 5-2	

2022	Result	Rank: 22	Seed: 8
1r	L	L. SAMSONOVA (#30) 6-2 6-4	

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SEASON 2025 HISTORY

- Champion finish at Osaka (d. R-Up Valentova in F)
- Fell in 1r at Wuhan (l. Osaka)
- Played 3r at Beijing (l. Gauff)
- Made 3r at US Open (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)
- Played 2r at Monterrey (l. Sramkova)
- Made 2r at Cincinnati (l. Bouzas Maneiro)
- Fell in 1r at Montreal (l. Joint)
- Champion run at Washington DC (d. R-Up Kalinskaya in F)
- Played 2r at Wimbledon (l. Siegemund)
- Made 2r at Bad Homburg (l. Paolini)
- Reached QF at Nottingham (l. eventual R-Up Yastremska)
- Played 1r at London (l. eventual champion Maria)
- Fell in 1r at Roland Garros (l. Danilovic)
- Played 1r at Strasbourg (l. Parry)
- Made 3r at Rome (l. Kostyuk)
- Played 2r at Vic 125 (l. Sasnovich)
- Played 2r at Madrid (l. Li)
- Reached 3r at Miami (l. Krueger)
- Made 2r at Indian Wells (l. Cristian)
- Played 1r at Dubai (l. Mertens)
- Made 3r at Doha (l. eventual champion Anisimova)
- Reached QF at Abu Dhabi (l. eventual R-Up Krueger)
- Reached 3r at Australian Open (l. Gauff)
- Opened 2025 representing Canada at United Cup, with a 1-1 result in singles (l. Gauff)

- Became Champion at Ningbo (d. Alexandrova in F)
- Reached QF at Wuhan (l. Sabalenka)
- Played 3r at Beijing (l. Lys)
- Made 4r at US Open (l. Vondrousova)
- Reached SF at Cincinnati (l. eventual champion Swiatek)
- Reached SF at Montreal (l. eventual champion Mboko)
- Reached SF at Washington DC (l. eventual champion Fernandez)
- Reached 3r at Wimbledon (l. Tauson)
- Made consecutive QFs at London (l. eventual champion Maria) and Berlin (l. Sabalenka)
- Won at Strasbourg (d. Samsonova in F), then made 4r at Roland Garros (l. Swiatek)
- Reached 3r at both Madrid (l. Svitolina) and Rome (l. Andreescu)
- Made Indian Wells 4r (l. eventual champion M. Andreeva) and Miami 2r (l. Krueger)
- Reached QF at Doha (l. Swiatek) and SF at Dubai (l. eventual champion M. Andreeva)
- As defending champion and No.1 seed, reached SF at Abu Dhabi (l. eventual champion Bencic)
- Reached 4r at Australian Open (l. eventual champion Keys)
- Opened 2025 representing Kazakhstan at United Cup, with a 3-1 result in singles (l. Swiatek)

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SEASON 2025 STATS

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
122	37	Aces	457	1
63.1%	24	First serve %	57.4%	70
66.1%	29	First Serve points won %	74.4%	1
48.4%	14	Second serve points won %	49.8%	5
59.6%	16	Overall service points won %	63.9%	1
71.8%	16	Service games won %	81.6%	1
57.9%	27	Break points saved %	64.5%	2
35.1%	55	First serve return points won %	35.4%	51
54.0%	55	Second serve return points won %	55.5%	26
44.4%	51	Break points converted %	42.0%	67
31.7%	54	Return games won %	33.0%	48
42.5%	52	Return points won %	43.3%	43

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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (5)
2025 - OSAKA, WASHINGTON DC
2023 - HONG KONG
2022 - MONTERREY
2021 - MONTERREY
Runner-Up (3)
2024 - EASTBOURNE
2021 - US OPEN
2020 - ACAPULCO

DOUBLES FINALS

Runner-Up (4)
2024 - CINCINNATI (w/Putintseva)
2023 - ROLAND GARROS (w/Townsend), MIAMI (w/Townsend), AUCKLAND (w/Mattek-sands)

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (10)
2025 - NINGBO, STRASBOURG
2024 - STUTTGART, ABU DHABI, BRISBANE
2023 - ROME, INDIAN WELLS
2022 - WIMBLEDON
2020 - HOBART
2019 - BUCHAREST

Runner-Up (11)
2024 - MIAMI, DOHA
2023 - MIAMI, AUSTRALIAN OPEN
2022 - PORTOROZ, ADELAIDE 500
2020 - STRASBOURG, DUBAI, ST. PETERSBURG, SHENZHEN
2019 - NANCHANG

DOUBLES FINALS

Runner-Up (2)
2023 - ADELAIDE #2 (w/Pavlyuchenkova)
2021 - INDIAN WELLS (w/Kudermetova)

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
3r	1r	2r	3r	2025	4r	4r	3r	4r
2r	3r	2r	1r	2024	2r	QF	SF	2r
2r	2r	2r	1r	2023	RUP	3r	QF	3r
1r	QF		2r	2022	2r	3r	WON	1r
1r	2r	1r	RUP	2021	2r	QF	4r	3r
1r	3r		2r	2020	3r	2r		2r
				2019		1r		1r

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CAREER MILESTONES

- 2024 season highlights were reaching first final on grass finishing R-Up at Eastbourne (l. Kasatkina) and as part of title defence made SF at Hong Kong. Also reached final of Cincinnati in doubles w/ Putintseva
- In 2023, earned third career title at Hong Kong (d. Siniakova). Prevented from a consecutive title run by Siniakova who defeated her in Nanchang SF. Other notable results where quarterfinals at Guadalajara (l. Kenin), Cleveland (l. Maria) and Auckland (l. Bonaventure). Also defeated Paolini at Billie Jean King Cup Finals to lift title with Canada.
- Broke into the Top 20 in doubles in 2023, after reaching final at Roland Garros, Miami (both w/Townsend) and Auckland (w/Mattek-Sands) as well as QF at US Open (w/Townsend).

In 2022 won her second title at Monterrey (d. Osorio in F; saved 5MP), and reached the QF at Roland Garros (l. Trevisan); missed grass-court season due to grade three stress fracture in her right foot suffered during match vs. Trevisan in Paris

- Enjoyed a memorable 2021 campaign, lifting first career title in Monterrey and advancing to maiden Grand Slam final, at US Open (l. Raducanu)
- En route to the final at Flushing Meadows in 2021, upset defending champion and No. 3 Osaka in 3r, 2016 winner Kerber in R16, No.5 Svitolina in QF and No. 2 Sabalenka in SF, becoming the youngest woman to beat multiple Top-5 opponents at the same major since S. Williams at 1999 US Open
- Breakout year in 2020 saw her crack Top 100 for the first time on September 14 and finish campaign by reaching 3r at Roland Garros
- Earned first career Grand Slam win at 2020 US Open (d. Zvonareva, l. Kenin in 2r) and made Grand Slam debut at 2020 Australian Open as qualifier (l. Davis in 1r)
- Reached first career WTA final and notched first tour-level back-to-back wins at 2020 Acapulco as qualifier (l. Watson in F); at 17y, 177d, she was the youngest Canadian to reach a WTA singles final in 34 years (since Helen Kelesi at 1986 Tokyo [Japan Open] won at 16y, 338d)
- Also in 2020, earned first Top-100 win over No.5 Bencic in Billie Jean King Cup
- Owns one singles title and two doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Won 2019 Roland Garros junior's title (d. Navarro) becoming first Canadian to win a junior

- Won three titles from five finals in 2024, tasting success at Brisbane, Abu Dhabi and Stuttgart and finishing R-Up at Doha and Miami. Qualified for her second WTA Finals and defeated WTA World No.1 Sabalenka in the group stage
- Reached second Grand Slam final at 2023 Australian Open (l. Sabalenka in 3s); made Top-10 debut following tournament (January 30, 2023). Also in 2023 won first two WTA 1000 title at Indian Wells and Rome and finished R-Up at Miami. Qualified for first WTA Finals, going 1-2 in group stage.
- Lifted maiden major at 2022 Wimbledon (d. Jabeur in F)
- In 2022 also finished R-Up at Adelaide (l. Barty) and Portoroz (l. Siniakova)
- Best result of 2021 were SFs at Eastbourne, Olympics and Chicago [500], and QFs at Abu Dhabi, Roland Garros, San Jose and Ostrava
- Opened 2020 season by reaching the championship match at four of her first five tournaments, including a title run at Hobart (d. Zhang in F)
- Made first final appearance at a Premier-level tournament with R-Up finish at St. Petersburg (l. Bertens); was rewarded with Top 20 debut at No.19 following run in Russia (February 17, 2020)
- First win over a Top-5 ranked opponent came over No.3 Ka.Pliskova during R-Up finish at 2020 Dubai
- Won back-to-back Slam matches for the first time during 3r showing at 2020 Australian Open (l. Barty)
- Won maiden WTA singles title at 2019 Bucharest (d. Tig in F), breaking into Top 100 for the first time in the following week's rankings at No.65 (July 22, 2019)
- Also in 2019, went on to make Top 50 debut on September 16, 2019, after reaching second career final at Nanchang (l. Peterson), produced SF appearances at Luxembourg and 's-Hertogenbosch, and made Grand Slam main draw debut at 2019 Roland Garros, falling 1r (as qualifier, l. Siniakova)
- Finished 2019 campaign with 57-21 win-loss record (across all levels) to end season at No.37, up from 2018's final ranking of No.191. On the ITF Circuit in 2019, lifted silverware on three occasions: back-to-back at \$25k Moscow-RUS and \$25k Kazan-RUS, and at \$60k ITF/Launceston-AUS
- Highlights of 2018 included reaching maiden WTA QF at St. Petersburg (l. Goerges) and clinching title at \$15k ITF/Kazan-RUS

- Grand Slam since Bouchard in 2012
- Played first WTA main draw and earned first main draw win of career at 2018 Quebec City defeating countrywoman Dabrowski in 1r (L. Watson in 2r)
- Member of Canadian Billie Jean King Cup Team 2019, 2021-22
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in USA in 2016

- First Top 10 win came over No.7 Garcia at 2018 St. Petersburg
- Made WTA qualifying and main draw debut at 2017 Moscow (as qualifier, L. Begu in 1r)
- Professional debut came at \$10k ITF/Antalya-TUR in 2014

OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Jorge Fernandez
Born in Montréal, and resides and trains in Miami, FL with mother, Irene, father, Jorge and younger sister, Bianca Jolie who also plays tennis. Older sister, Jodeci and husband Jacques live in Ohio
- Current sponsors are: lululemon, Easy Post, Morgan Stanley, Google Canada, Gatorade Canada, Babolat and Youth Athletes United
- Trilingual: French, Spanish and English
- 2020 Summer Olympic Games Participant for Canada and BJK Cup Team Member
- Hobbies include: taking dancing lessons, currently learning Salsa with her younger sister; loves to solve puzzles and Rubiks Cubes during match rain delays or in her free time at the hotel
- Loves dessert but specifically enjoys molten lava chocolate cake

- Trained at Spartak Club in Moscow as a junior; previous coaches included Andrei Cheshnokov (Elena Vesnina's former coach) and Evgenia Kulikovskaya
- Nominated for 2019 WTA Newcomer of the Year Award
- Started playing tennis aged five and favorite surface is hard



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ALEXANDROVA (3)

JAQUELINE
CRISTIAN
ROMANIA

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1994-11-15	Date of Birth	1998-06-05
Prague, Czech Republic	Residence	
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-Handed
5' 9" (1.75m)	Height	5' 11" (1.82m)
10	Career-High Ranking	41
\$8,735,803	Career Prize Money	\$2,567,404
\$2,451,826	Season Prize Money	\$1,120,612
1 / 5	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 0
39-34 (Round of 16: 2025 US OPEN, WIMBLEDON, ROLAND GARROS; 2023 WIMBLEDON)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	8-12 (Round of 32: 2025 US OPEN, ROLAND GARROS, AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
0-0 / 2-1 (Quarter-Finalist: 2023)	YTD / Career TOKYO W-L (best)	1-0 / 1-0 (Round of 16: 2025)
46-23 / 229-171	YTD / Career W-L	26-21 / 72-72

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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
15	28	2024	57	73
16	21	2023	97	98
19	19	2022	58	148
30	33	2021	71	71
25	33	2020	162	167
35	35	2019	201	205
73	93	2018	201	284
69	73	2017	254	254
132	133	2016	359	363
228	269	2015	808	827

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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at Tokyo, where her previous result was reaching QF in 2023 (l. Pavlyuchenkova)
- Career-best result at a WTA 500 event is winning the title at Linz this year (d. Yastremska in F)
- Has also reached 5 additional WTA 500 finals in her career, including 3 this year (Monterrey, Seoul, and Ningbo just last week)
- Faces No.42 Jaqueline Cristian in 2r today; Alexandrova is 23-18 vs. Top 50 players this year
- Owns 4-9 career tour-level record against players from Romania (0-0 in 2025)
- 3 of her 5 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court: 2020 Shenzhen, 2022 Seoul and 2025 Linz
- Is currently ranked at a career-high No.10; this time last year was ranked No.28
- Made her Top 10 debut in the PIF WTA Singles Rankings on October 13; third player to make Top 10 debut this year (following M. Andreeva and Anisimova)
- So far in this year's Asian swing, finished runner-up at both Seoul (l. Swiatek) and Ningbo (l. Rybakina); also played Wuhan R16 and Beijing 2r
- Has won 46 tour-level matches so far in 2025, 6th-most on tour this year

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. A. CHARAEVA (#150) 6-2 6-3 (1h 34m)

Total time on court: 1h 34m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making her Tokyo tournament debut
- Seeking her 3rd WTA 500 QF of career; she also posted QF finishes at 2021 St. Petersburg and 2024 Charleston
- Defeated qualifier Alina Charaeva in 1r for her 4th win in her last 6 matches (made WTA 250 Osaka SF last week, l. eventual runner-up Valentova)
- Faces No.10 Ekaterina Alexandrova in 2r today; Cristian is 1-11 vs. Top 10 players (0-4 this year), with her one Top 10 win coming over No.10 Barbora Krejcikova at 2024 Beijing
- Career-best result on hard court is her runner-up finish at 2021 Linz (l. Riske-Amritraj)
- Only player from Romania in this week's main draw
- Last time a player from Romania reached the Tokyo R16 was 2013 (both Halep and Cirstea)
- Is currently ranked No.42; this time last year was ranked No.74
- Made her Top 50 debut in the PIF WTA Singles Rankings on June 9 of this year, and peaked at No.41 in September
- So far in this year's Asian swing, lost openers at Seoul and Beijing, then made Wuhan 2r and Osaka SF

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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2023	Result	Rank: 21	Seed: -
QF	L	A. PAVLYUCHENKOVA (#86) 6-2 7-5	
2r	W	L. SAMSONOVA (#22) 6-4 6-2	
1r	W	A. KALINSKAYA (#80) 6-7(7) 6-1 7-5	

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

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CRISTIAN**

SEASON 2025 HISTORY

- R-Up finish at Ningbo (l. Rybakina in F)
- Reached 3r at Wuhan (l. eventual R-Up Pegula)
- Played 2r at Beijing (l. Krejckikova)
- Became R-Up at Seoul (l. champion Swiatek in F)
- Reached 4r at US Open (l. Swiatek)
- R-Up finish at Monterrey (l. champion Shnaider in F)
- Played 2r at Montreal (l. Zhu), then reached 4r at Cincinnati (l. Kalinskaya)
- Reached QF at Hamburg (as WC, l. eventual R-Up Bondar)
- Made 4r at Wimbledon (l. Bencic)
- Made 's-Hertogenbosch SF (l. eventual champion Mertens) and Bad Homburg QF (l. eventual R-Up Swiatek)
- Reached 4r at both Madrid (l. Uchijima) and Roland Garros (l. eventual champion Gauff)
- Made SF at Stuttgart (l. eventual champion Ostapenko)
- Reached SF at Charleston (l. eventual champion Pegula)
- Played 2r at both Indian Wells (l. P. Kudermetova) and Miami (l. Linette)
- Reached Doha SF (l. eventual champion Anisimova), then fell 1r at Dubai (l. V. Kudermetova)
- Champion run at Linz (d. Yastremska in F)
- Opened 2025 with Brisbane 2r (l. Jabeur), Adelaide 2r (l. Navarro) and Australian Open 1r (l. Raducanu)

- Reached SF at Osaka (l. eventual R-Up Valentova)
- Made 2r at Wuhan (l. Rybakina)
- Fell in 1r at Beijing (l. Bouzas Maneiro)
- Played 1r at Seoul (l. Raducanu)
- Made 3r at US Open (l. eventual R-Up Anisimova)
- Fell in 1r at Monterrey (l. Fernandez)
- Played 1r at Cincinnati (l. Vondrousova)
- Made 3r at Montreal (l. Rybakina)
- Reached SF at Iasi (l. eventual champion Begu)
- Fell in 1r at Wimbledon (l. Sonmez)
- Played 1r at Eastbourne (l. Sramkova)
- Made 3r at Roland Garros (l. Swiatek)
- Finished R-Up at Rabat (l. champion Joint in F)
- Made 3r at Rome (l. Shnaider)
- Played 1r at Madrid (l. Kartal)
- Played 2r at Rouen (l. Rakotomanga Rajaonah)
- Made 3r at Indian Wells (l. Paolini)
- Reached 2r at Merida (l. Badosa)
- Played 1r at Cluj-Napoca (l. Seidel)
- Made 3r at Australian Open (l. Lys)
- Opened 2025 playing 2r at Auckland (l. Keys)

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SEASON 2025 STATS

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
318	4	Aces	119	38
62.6%	30	First serve %	59.3%	55
69.2%	9	First Serve points won %	63.7%	50
45.8%	41	Second serve points won %	47.7%	22
60.5%	11	Overall service points won %	57.2%	41
74.2%	10	Service games won %	67.1%	42
61.2%	6	Break points saved %	53.4%	51
39.1%	10	First serve return points won %	36.6%	37
55.6%	23	Second serve return points won %	53.7%	58
46.4%	34	Break points converted %	42.1%	64
39.7%	14	Return games won %	33.7%	43
45.5%	17	Return points won %	42.8%	49

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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (5)
2025 - LINZ
2023 - 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH
2022 - SEOUL, 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH
2020 - SHENZHEN
Runner-Up (7)
2025 - NINGBO, SEOUL, MONTERREY
2024 - LINZ
2023 - CLEVELAND
2021 - MOSCOW
2018 - LINZ

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (1)
2019 - BUDAPEST (w/Zvonareva)

Runner-Up (1)
2025 - STUTTGART (w/Zhang)

SINGLES FINALS

Runner-Up (2)
2025 - RABAT
2021 - LINZ

DOUBLES FINALS

Runner-Up (2)
2025 - CLUJ-NAPOCA (w/Moratelli)
2019 - BUCHAREST (w/Ruse)

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
1r	4r	4r	4r	2025	3r	3r	1r	3r
1r	1r		3r	2024	1r	1r	1r	1r
3r	3r	4r	3r	2023	1r		2r	
1r	2r		2r	2022	2r			1r
3r	2r	2r	2r	2021				
3r	3r		2r	2020				
1r	3r	1r	2r	2019				
2r	1r	1r	1r	2018				
1r	2r	1r	2r	2017				
		2r		2016				

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CAREER MILESTONES

- In 2024, highlights included reaching the final at Linz (l. Ostapenko in Final) and semifinals at Adelaide (l. eventual champion Ostapenko), Miami (l. eventual champion Collins), 's-Hertogenbosch (l. eventual champion Samsonova) and Monterrey (l. Sun); also made quarterfinals at Wuhan (l. Xin. Wang) and her best Grand Slam result of the season came during a 3r run at US Open (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)
- In 2023, won fourth career singles title at 's-Hertogenbosch, successfully defending the title and defeating top seed, Kudermetova in the final. A run of successful results followed with SF at Berlin (l. eventual champion, Kvitova), 4r at Wimbledon (l. Sabalenka) - a career best result at any of the majors and runner-up at Cleveland (l. Sorribes Tormo).
- Reached a 2023 peak ranking of No. 16 on February 20, 2023 following a 3r finish at Australian Open (l. Linette), before posting two QF results at Miami (l. eventual champion Kvitova) and Charleston (l. Bencic). Another QF then came in the Asian Swing at Tokyo (l. Pavlyuchenkova).
- In 2022, won titles at 's-Hertogenbosch (d. Sabalenka in F) and Seoul (d. Ostapenko in F). Also advanced to SF at Charleston, Madrid and Ostrava, making Top-20 debut on October 10, 2022
- Reached third WTA singles final in 2021, enjoying run to final at home tournament of Moscow (l. Kontaveit). Other key result was SF run at Gippsland Trophy (l. Kanepi)
- Posted two best wins-by-ranking of career in 2021, defeating No.2 Halep (Gippsland Trophy) and No.2 Sabalenka (Moscow)
- Reached 2r on Olympic debut at Tokyo 2020
- Opened 2020 season by lifting her maiden WTA singles title, at Shenzhen (d. Rybakina in F)
- Won both singles rubbers on Billie Jean King Cup debut in 3-2 win over Romania in February 2020
- Made Top-50 debut on June 17, 2019 after QF run at 's-Hertogenbosch
- Registered 30 Tour-level match wins during 2019, in which she reached SF at Budapest, Seoul and Linz and made QF at St. Petersburg, 's-Hertogenbosch, Eastbourne and Moscow. Also advanced to 3r at a major for the first time, at Roland Garros
- Won sole WTA doubles title at 2019 Budapest (w/Zvonareva)
- A strong 2024 season began with semifinal at Cluj-Napoca followed by a further three quarterfinals at Charleston, Palermo and Iasi taking her ranking to a career high of No.57 in July
- 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, 2021
- Advanced 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

- Came through qualifying to make maiden WTA final appearance at 2018 Linz (l. Giorgi)
- Advanced to first WTA QF at 2018 Seoul, scoring maiden Top 10 win of her career en route, over No.10 Ostapenko
- Made Top-100 debut at No.93 on March 20, 2017 after winning title at \$60K ITF/Shenzhen-CHN
- At 2016 Wimbledon, ranked No.223, won her way through qualifying on her maiden Slam appearance, going on to reach 2r (upset No.23 seed Ivanovic in 1r)
- Won WTA 125K Series title at Limoges in 2016, 2018-19
- Reached 2r on WTA main draw debut at 2016 Katowice (as qualifier, l. eventual R-Up Giorgi)
- Contested qualifying for the first time at a WTA-level tournament at 2014 Bad Gastein
- Played first professional events of career on ITF Circuit in Europe in 2011

OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Igor Andreev
- Worked with her father, Evgeny. Was previously coached by Vojta Flegl
- Mother is Julia, also has sister, Anna, and brother Jury. Began playing tennis at age 6
- Favorite shot is forehand; favorite surface is hard
- Speaks Russian, English and Czech
- Likes to cook, especially making cakes
- Admires Serena Williams

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



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WAKANA SONOBE (WC)

JAPAN

SOFIA (10) KENIN

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

2008-01-17	Date of Birth	1998-11-14
	Residence	Pembroke Pines, Florida, USA
Left-Handed	Plays	Right-Handed
	Height	5' 7" (1.70m)
262	Career-High Ranking	4
\$64,560	Career Prize Money	\$11,418,009
\$56,440	Season Prize Money	\$1,424,738
0 / 0	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 5
0-0	Grand Slam W-L (best)	41-29 (Champion: 2020 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
1-0 / 1-0 (Round of 16: 2025)	YTD / Career TOKYO W-L (best)	1-0 / 5-2 (Runner-Up: 2024)
2-2 / 2-2	YTD / Career W-L	25-24 / 167-135

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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
786	860	2024	33	86
1076	1088	2023	30	33
-	-	2022	12	235
-	-	2021	4	12
-	-	2020	4	4
-	-	2019	12	14
-	-	2018	48	52
-	-	2017	110	113
-	-	2016	205	212
-	-	2015	620	620

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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. N. BARTUNKOVA (#132) 6-4 6-3 (2h 0m)

Total time on court: 2h 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- 17-year-old wild card is making her tournament debut this week
- Defeated fellow teenage wild card Nikola Bartunkova in 1r for her 2nd career tour-level match-win (her first was over No.55 Yuan Yue at 2025 Abu Dhabi)
- Faces No.25 Sofia Kenin in 2r today; this is her 2nd career meeting vs. a Top 25 player (l. No.16 Osaka in Osaka 1r last week)
- Seeking her first WTA Tour QF of career today
- First tour-level meeting vs. a player from the United States
- She has matched her R16 run at Abu Dhabi for her career-best tour-level results on hard court
- One of 2 players from Japan in this week's main draw, and the only one to reach 2r (wild card Uchijima lost to Kenin in 1r)
- The most recent Japanese player to win this title is Naomi Osaka in 2019
- Best results by a wild card at this event are runner-Up finishes by Sofia Kenin in 2024, Naomi Osaka in 2016, Martina Hingis in 2006
- Is currently ranked No.263; this time last year was ranked No.823. Reached career-high ranking of No.262 last month
- Won this year's Australian Open junior singles title

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. M. UCHIJIMA (#81) 6-1 6-3 (1h 10m)

Total time on court: 1h 10m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 3rd appearance at Tokyo, where she was last year's runner-up as a WC (l. Zheng Qinwen)
- Career-best WTA 500 results are 3 runner-up finishes: 2023 San Diego, 2024 Tokyo and 2025 Charleston
- Defeated Moyuka Uchijima so far this week for her 25th tour-level win of the year
- Faces No.263 Wakana Sonobe in 2r today; Kenin is 2-3 this year vs. players ranked outside the Top 100 (in main-draw matches)
- Seeking her 4th WTA Tour QF of the year (Charleston final, Dubai QF and Hobart QF)
- Owns 3-3 career tour-level record against players from Japan (1-0 in 2025: her win over Uchijima in the previous round)
- 4 of her 5 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court, including her Grand Slam title at the 2020 Australian Open
- One of 2 players from the United States in this week's main draw (Kessler lost 2r)
- Most recent American to win this title is Lindsay Davenport in 2004
- Is currently ranked No.25; this time last year was ranked No.155. Reached career-high ranking of No.4 for the first time in 2020
- So far in this year's Asian swing, made 2r at Seoul, 3r at Beijing, 2r at Wuhan and 1r at Ningbo

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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

2024	Result	Rank: 155	Seed: -
F	L	Q. ZHENG (#7) 7-6(5) 6-3	
SF	W	K. BOULTER (#33) 6-4 6-4	
QF	W	D. KASATKINA (#9) 6-3 6-4	
2r	W	C. TAUSON (#53) 6-7(8) 6-4 7-6(6)	
1r	W	X. WANG (#39) 6-1 6-4	
2022	Result	Rank: 315	Seed: -
1r	L	F. CONTRERAS (#182) 7-6(7) 6-4	

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SEASON 2025 HISTORY

- Fell in 1r at Osaka (as WC, l. Osaka)
- Played first WTA event at Abu Dhabi (as qualifier, l. Jabeur in 2r)

- Fell in 1r at Ningbo (l. Kessler)
- Played 2r at Wuhan (l. Samsonova)
- Made 3r at Beijing (l. Paolini)
- Played 2r at Seoul (l. Joint)
- Fell in 1r at US Open (l. Krueger)
- Made 2r at Cincinnati (l. Gracheva)
- Played 2r at Montreal (l. eventual champion Mboko)
- Played 2r at Washington DC (l. Townsend)
- Made 2r at Wimbledon (l. Bouzas Maneiro)
- Fell in 1r at Eastbourne (l. Birrell)
- Played 1r at Berlin (as qualifier, l. Masarova)
- Made 3r at Roland Garros (l. Keys)
- Fell in 1r at Strasbourg (l. Collins)
- Made 3r at Rome (l. Sabalenka)
- Reached 3r at Madrid (l. Potapova)
- Played 2r at Miami (l. Gauff)
- Made 2r at Indian Wells (l. Kasatkina)
- Reached QF at Dubai (l. Rybakina)
- Reached 3r at Doha (l. Jabeur)
- Played 1r at Abu Dhabi (as qualifier, l. Pavlyuchenkova)
- Played 1r at Australian Open (l. Gauff)
- Reached QF at Hobart (as a WC, l. Joint)
- Opened 2025 playing 2r at Auckland (l. eventual champion Tauson)

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SEASON 2025 STATS

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
7	167	Aces	98	49
58.2%	0	First serve %	66.3%	10
62.5%	0	First Serve points won %	64.1%	45
49.6%	0	Second serve points won %	47.2%	29
57.1%	0	Overall service points won %	58.4%	27
66.7%	0	Service games won %	69.8%	24
61.3%	0	Break points saved %	57.9%	26
30.1%	0	First serve return points won %	30.9%	83
55.0%	0	Second serve return points won %	55.1%	29
32.3%	0	Break points converted %	44.8%	44
27.8%	0	Return games won %	29.0%	73
40.8%	0	Return points won %	40.5%	80

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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (5)

2020 - LYON, AUSTRALIAN OPEN

2019 - GUANGZHOU, MALLORCA, HOBART

Runner-Up (5)

2025 - CHARLESTON

2024 - TOKYO

2023 - SAN DIEGO

2020 - ROLAND GARROS

2019 - ACAPULCO

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (4)

2024 - MIAMI (w/Mattek-sands), ABU DHABI (w/Mattek-sands)

2019 - BEIJING (w/Mattek-sands), AUCKLAND (w/Bouchard)

Runner-Up (1)

2025 - WASHINGTON DC (w/Dolehide)

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
				2025	1r	3r	2r	1r
				2024	1r	3r	1r	2r
				2023	1r		3r	2r
				2022	1r			1r
				2021	2r	4r	2r	
				2020	WON	RUP		4r
				2019	2r	4r	2r	3r
				2018	1r	1r	2r	3r
				2017				3r
				2016				1r
				2015				1r

MATCH NOTES

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CAREER MILESTONES

- Played a handful of ITF tournaments in 2023 and competed in her first Tour-level event in qualifying at 2024 Abu Dhabi (l. Pera)
- Began on the ITF circuit in 2022 reaching the final at W15 Cancun as a wild card

- Achieved best result of 2024 at Tokyo with runner-up (l. Zheng in final). In doubles claimed her third and fourth career titles at Abu Dhabi and Miami w/Bethanie Mattek-Sands.
- Strongest result of 2023 was runner-up at San Diego (l. Krejčíková). Also reached SF at Hobart (l. Cocciaretto) and Guadalajara (l. Dolehide). As a qualifier, posted her best Wimbledon result with 3r (l. Svitolina). Moved 202 positions up the ranking from her 2022 year-end position (from No. 235 to No.33).
- Best results of 2022 were QF at Adelaide (l. eventual champion Barty) and Cleveland (l. Pera). Missed clay and grass swings w/right ankle injury
- Missed second half of 2021 season due to ongoing foot injury and then testing positive for COVID-19
- In opening half of the 2021 campaign, standout results were QFs at Abu Dhabi and Yarra Valley Classic, and a R16 showing at Roland Garros
- Ended 2020 at career high of No.4 which she first hit on March 9, 2020 and came away with the 2020 WTA Player of the Year Award
- In last tournament of the season, finished R-Up at Roland Garros (l. Swiatek) for her first final appearance on clay
- Reached R16 at US Open and was one of only two players (also Kvitová) to reach second week of all three Slams in 2020
- Lifted fifth WTA singles title at Lyon (d. Friedsam in F) becoming the first player in 2020 to win a second title
- Won maiden major at 2020 Australian Open (d. Muguruza in F) to become the youngest champion (21y, 80d) in Melbourne since Sharapova (20y, 283d) in 2008. Defeated No.1 Barty and home favorite in SF for third career win over a reigning World No.1
- Australian Open run helped her break into the Top 10 for the first time at No.7 on February 3, 2020
- Won 2019 WTA Most Improved Player of the Year award after winning three WTA titles at Hobart (d. Schmiedlova in F), Mallorca (d. Bencic in F) and Guangzhou (d. Stosur in F)
- Finished 2019 at No.14 as US No.2 (behind No.9 S.Williams) and leader in hard court wins (38-tied w/Barty)
- Registered back-to-back SF runs at Toronto (l. eventual champion Andreescu) and Cincinnati (l. eventual champion Keys), subsequently leading to Top 20 debut at No.20 on August 19, 2019

- During this run, defeated No.1 Barty (Toronto) and No.1 Osaka (Cincinnati) to become first player since October 2001 to defeat World No.1s in consecutive weeks (Davenport); also became youngest American to defeat reigning No.1 in eight years (after McHale)
- Advanced to R16 at 2019 Roland Garros (d. S.Williams, l. eventual champion Barty) - became first American to defeat Serena at the majors since Stephens at 2013 Australian Open QF
- Also won maiden doubles titles in 2019 at Auckland (w/Bouchard) and Beijing (w/Mattek-Sands)
- Broke into the Top 100 on March 19, 2018 and Top 50 on October 8, 2018
- Member of US Billie Jean King Cup team from 2018-20
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2015 US Open as a wildcard (l. Duque-Marino in 1r)
- Owns four ITF singles titles and two doubles titles
- Played first matches of career on ITF Circuit in 2013, climbing to No.2 in ITF World Junior Rankings
- Represented the USA at the 2014 Youth Olympic Games and competed at the 2016 ITF Junior Masters, both held in China

OTHER INFORMATION

- Won 2025 Junior Australian Open singles title
- Finished singles R-Up at 2024 Junior US Open

- Current coach is her father, Alex Kenin; Previously worked with Michael Joyce
- Trains at ProWorld Academy in Delray Beach, Florida
- Father is Alex and mother is Lena
- Born in Moscow, moved to New York as a baby before family settled in Florida. Now resides in Pembroke Pines, Florida, where she was home-schooled
- Good friends with CiCi Bellis and Katie Swan
- Likes rap music, especially Drake
- Treat food is Froyo - cookies and cream with Hershey's on top