

Mérida Open Akron Mérida, Mexico



Feb 24 - Mar 2, 2025 | WTA 500 | \$1,064,510

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MATCH NOTES - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

[Q] Daria Saville (AUS #121) vs. Anhelina Kalinina (UKR #52)

Kalinina leads 1-0

Saville:

- Former World No.20 making first appearance at Merida
- As a qualifier, defeated Kostyuk in first round to make first second round since 2024 Nottingham
- Victory over No.19 Kostyuk in first round was her first Top 20 win since 2022 Washington (d. Pegula), snapping five-match streak vs. Top 20 opposition
- Best result by a qualifier at Merida was runner-up run by Rebecca Peterson in 2023

Kalinina:

- Making tournament debut at Merida
- Won their sole prior meeting at 2023 Beijing in straight sets
- Undefeated against Australian opponents in her career (4-0)
- Has lost twice this season to players ranked outside the Top 100: I. No.107 Polina Kudermetova (Brisbane SF), I. No.128 Aliaksandra Sasnovich (Cluj-Napoca QF)

Jessica Bouzas Maneiro (ESP #66) vs. Elina Avanesyan (ARM #45) Tied 1-1

Bouzas Maneiro:

- Making first appearance at Merida
- Defeated Renata Jamrichova in first by coming from 4-1 down in the third set to end three-match losing streak
- Bidding to make first quarterfinal of the season and first since Guangzhou 2024
- Winner of today's match will play either Donna Vekic or Maya Joint in the quarterfinals

Avanesyan:

- Making second appearance at Merida, where her previous result was reaching first round in 2023 (I. Wang Xinyu)
- Earned best career hard-court result (by round) earlier this year with semifinal showing at Hobart
- Highest-ranked Armenian player in WTA history after switching citizenship last year; upon the switch, became first player representing Armenia to play in a WTA main draw or be ranked in the WTA Top 100

[5] Donna Vekic (CRO #20) vs. [Q] Maya Joint (AUS #103)

First meeting

Vekic:

- Making tournament debut at Merida
- Has won her last 5 matches against sub-100-ranked opponents, with last loss coming to No.125 Olga Danilovic at 2024 Roland Garros
- Bidding to snap a 3-match losing streak after losing in first round at Doha and Dubai earlier this month
- Has won 3 of her 4 WTA titles on hard court: Monterrey in 2023; Courmayeur in 2021; Kuala Lumpur in 2014



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Joint:

- 18-year-old Australian is making 2nd appearance at Merida; lost in first round last year in tournament debut (I. Stakusic)
- Bidding for first Top 20 win and second quarterfinal of the season after making Hobart semifinal
- Entered 2025 with just one tour-level win in her career (2024 US Open 1r, d. Siegemund)
- Reached best result on hard court in January by making first WTA semifinal at Hobart (I. eventual champion Mertens)

Jaqueline Cristian (ROU #85) vs. [2] Paula Badosa (ESP #11)

Cristian leads 1-0

Cristian:

- Making first appearance at Merida
- Owns 4 wins in career over Top 20 players, most recently No.10 Barbora Krejcikova at Beijing 2024
- Only player from Romania to reach second round
- Winner of today's match will play either Daria Saville or Anhelina Kalinina in the quarterfinals

Badosa:

- Former World No.2 making first appearance at Merida
- One of 2 players from Spain to reach second round (alongside Bouzas Maneiro)
- Has won three of her four titles on hard courts at Washington DC in 2024; Sydney in 2022; Indian Wells in 2021
- Season-best result is making her first Grand Slam semifinal at Australian Open; after that event, returned to Top 10 for first time since October of 2022
- Earned the Comeback Player of the Year award at the end of 2024



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1994-03-05	Date of Birth	1997-02-07
Melbourne, Australia	Residence	Kyiv, Ukraine
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-Handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 5" (1.66 m)	Height	5' 11' (1.80m)
20	Career-High Ranking	25
\$5,949,724	Career Prize Money	\$4,103,560
\$129,443	Season Prize Money	\$222,013
0 / 1	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 0
22-34 (Round of 16: 2017 AUSTRALIAN OPEN; 2016 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	10-16 (Round of 32: 2023 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
1-0 / 1-0 (Round of 16: 2025)	YTD / Career MÉRIDA W-L (best)	1-0 / 1-0 (Round of 16: 2025)
1-3 / 155-153	YTD / Career W-L	7-6 / 86-88



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DARIA SAVILLE [Q] ANHELINA KALININA

HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2023	BEIJING	HARD	2r	Anhelina Kalinina	6-2 7-6(5)	1h 46m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
77	120	2024	27	57
53	206	2023	25	27
50	53	2022	34	52
309	419	2021	52	52
235	446	2020	136	162
34	237	2019	107	181
23	38	2018	108	110
20	25	2017	154	157
24	25	2016	150	527
35	36	2015	148	148



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DARIA SAVILLE [Q] ANHELINA KALININA

TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. M. KOSTYUK (#19) 6-4 7-6 (2h 8m)

Total time on court: 2h 8m

PLAYER NOTES

- Former World No.20 making 1st appearance at Merida
- Came through qualifying with wins over Ellen Perez and Varvara Lepchenko and defeated Marta Kostyuk in 1r to make first 2r since 2024 Nottingham
- Victory over No.19 Kostyuk in 1r was her 1st Top 20 win since 2022 Washington (d. Pegula), snapping five-match skid vs. Top 20 opposition
- Faces No.52 Anhelina Kalinina in 2r today
- 1-0 vs. players from Ukraine in 2025
- Sole WTA title came on hard court at 2017 New Haven
- Along with Maya Joint, 1 of 2 players from Australia to reach 2r
- Best result by Australia at Merida was QF run by Kimberly Birrell in 2023
- Best result by a qualifier at Merida was R-up run by Rebecca Peterson in 2023
- Lowest ranked player (No.560) to reach 2r at Merida was Nina Stojanovic in 2024
- Is currently ranked No.121; this time last year was ranked No.148
- Reached career-high ranking in 2017 but has been beset by injuries in recent years, including a torn ACL in 2022
- Winner of today's match will face either No.2 seed Paula Badosa or Jaqueline Cristian in the quarterfinals

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. L. JEANJEAN (#129) 6-4 1-6 6-1 (2h 6m)

Total time on court: 2h 6m

PLAYER NOTES

- · Making 1st appearance at Merida
- · Defeated Leolia Jeanjean in 1r
- Faces No.121 Daria Saville in 2r today; won their sole prior meeting at 2023 Beijing
- Undefeated against Australian opponents in her career (4-0)
- Has lost twice this season to players ranked outside the Top 100: l. No.107 Polina Kudermetova (Brisbane SF), l. No.128 Aliaksandra Sasnovich (Cluj-Napoca QF)
- Best career result on hard court is SF which she has reached 2 times: Brisbane in 2025; Austin in 2024
- Best result by Ukraine at Merida was Round of 32 runs by Lesia Tsurenko in 2024, 2023
- Is currently ranked No.52; this time last year was ranked No.35
- Has won 7 matches so far in 2025; she is ranked No.21 on tour for match wins, behind Anna Blinkova, Karolina Muchova, Yulia Putintseva
- Today's winner will play either No.2 seed Paula Badosa or Jaqueline Cristian in the quarterfinals



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DARIA SAVILLE [G]

ANHELINA KALININA

RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles
- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles



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DARIA SAVILLE [Q]

ANHELINA KALININA

SEASON 2025 HISTORY

- Fell in 1r at Singapore (l. eventual R-Up A. Li)
- Played 1r at Australian Open (as a WC, l. Blinkova)
- Opened 2025 playing R32 at Hobart (as a WC, l. Anisimova)
- Played 1r at Dubai (l. Azarenka)
- Played 1r at Doha (l. Sramkova)
- Reached QF at Cluj-Napoca (l. Sasnovich)
- Fell in 1r at Linz (l. Tauson)
- Played 1r at Australian Opén (l. Jabeur)
- Opened 2025 with SF at Brisbane (l. eventual R-UP Kudermetova)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
6	116	Aces	32	34
70.9%	11	First serve %	61.2%	73
64.9%	46	First Serve points won %	68.6%	21
36.4%	112	Second serve points won %	40.0%	98
56.6%	56	Overall service points won %	57.5%	46
62.5%	75	Service games won %	61.7%	80
50.0%	96	Break points saved %	50.0%	92
31.1%	102	First serve return points won %	34.2%	76
45.0%	115	Second serve return points won %	58.3%	18
22.7%	118	Break points converted %	48.0%	32
16.1%	117	Return games won %	32.9%	57
36.6%	112	Return points won %	43.8%	42



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DARIA SAVILLE [Q] **ANHELINA KALININA**

TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (1)

2017 - NEW HAVEN

Runner-Up (4)

2022 - GRANBY

2017 - HONG KONG, STRASBOURG

2016 - MOSCOW

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (3)

2022 - STRASBOURG (w/Melichar-martinez)

2019 - STRASBOURG (w/Perez)

2015 - ISTANBUL (w/Svitolina)

Runner-Up (2)

2017 - TOKYO (w/Kasatkina)

2016 - MOSCOW (w/Kasatkina)

SINGLES FINALS

Runner-Up (2)

2023 - ROME

2021 - BUDAPEST

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
1r				2025	1r			
1r	1r	2r	1r	2024	1r	1r	1r	2r
		1r	2r	2023	3r	1r	2r	1r
1r	3r	1r	1r	2022	1r	2r	2r	2r
2r				2021		2r		2r
	2r			2020				1r
1r	1r	1r	1r	2019				
2r	3r	3r	2r	2018				2r
4r	1r	1r	2r	2017				
4r	1r	2r	1r	2016				
1r	2r	1r	1r	2015				
				2014				
2r				2013				



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DARIA SAVILLE [Q] ANHELINA KALININA

CAREER MILESTONES

- Finished 2024 ranked No.120 in the WTA yearend Rankings; season-highlighted by SF finish at Hobart (l. Mertens n 3s) and QF run at San Diego, her first WTA 500 QF appearance since 2022
- Returned from ACL injury at 2023 Birmingham qualifying and first main draw at Wimbledon
- Highlight of 2023 season was SF at Hamburg as a qualifier; also reached 2r at US Open, Guangzhou and Beijing
- Broke back into the Top 100 in 2022 ending year at No.53 although suffered a torn ACL at Tokyo during match against Naomi Osaka
- Reached fifth career final at 2022 Granby (l.Kasatkina) and reached SF at Washington DC
- Opened 2021 season with 2r showings at Yarra Valley Classic and Australian Open. Achilles injury sidelined her until Billie Jean King Cup in November, when she won her sole singles rubber over Minnen
- Battled chronic foot injuries for 18 months before returning to action with a QF run at \$60k ITF/Cagnes-sur-Mer-FRA in September 2020. Only other tournament last season ended in 2r exit at Roland Garros (d. No.28 Yastremska, l. Bouchard)
- Best results of 2019 were QF at Strasbourg (l. Paquet) and 3r at Indian Wells (l. Svitolina); also won doubles at Strasbourg (w/Perez)
- Highlight of 2018 were SF runs at Sydney (l. Barty) and Acapulco (l. eventual champion Tsurenko), and QF at Hong Kong (l. S.Zhang)
- Owns five career Top 5 wins d. No.2 Sharapova (2015 Miami), No.5 Halep (2016 Rome), No.1 Kerber (2016 Hong Kong), No.3 Muguruza (2018 Rome) and No.4 Kvitova (2018 Beijing)
- Posted second straight Top 30 season in 2017, finishing at No.25 for the second consecutive year, winning a career-best 33 main draw matches
- Captured maiden tour-level singles title at 2017
 New Haven in her second career Premier-level
 final (d. No.1 seed A.Radwanska in SF, d. No.2
 seed Cibulkova in F). Also finished R-Up at
 Strasbourg (l. Stosur) and Hong Kong (l.
 Pavlyuchenkova) in 2017
- Achieved career-high singles ranking of No.20 on August 28, 2017 and became Australia's No.1 on June 12, 2017 for a total of 19 weeks
- Advanced to first WTA singles final at 2016
 Moscow (l. Kuznetsova), which followed SF run
 at Hong Kong where she recorded first win over
 a reigning World No.1 Kerber, in QF

- In 2024, reached the semifinal stage on three occasions; Austin (l. Wang Xiyu), Rouen (l. Linette) and Strasbourg (l. Collins)
- In 2023, made 3r at Australian Open, achieving best Grand Slam result (l. Krejcikova). Finished runner-up at Rome (l. Rybakina via ret. w/left leg injury), equalling her best Tour result (also runner-up at Budapest in 2021). 2023 ranking peaked at No. 25 on May 22 and closed out the season with QF at Zhengzhou (l. eventual champion Zheng).
- In 2022, reached four QF, at Charleston (l. Jabeur), Madrid (l. Teichmann), Eastbourne (l. Ostapenko) and Cluj-Napoca (l. eventual champion Blinkova). Also won WTA 125 tournament at Limoges in December
- Posted first Top 100 season in 2021, finishing on a career-high ranking of No.52
- Reached first WTA singles final at 2021 Budapest (l. Putintseva) and was a quarterfinalist at the Transylvania Open (l. eventual champion Kontaveit)
- Ranking was further boosted in 2021 by five ITF Circuit titles, taking career haul to 15 at that level
- Upset Kerber in 1r at 2021 Roland Garros to advance to 2r (l. Collins); also reached 2r at the US Open, where she was defeated by Kerber
- Broke into Top 100 on July 12, 2021, following title run at \$100k ITF/Contrexeville-FRA
- Best result of 2020 was R-Up finish at \$100k ITF/Midland-MI, USA. At WTA level, fell 1r twice (including US Open) and in qualifying three times (including the year's other two majors)
- Highlight of 2019 was reaching 2r at Jurmala (d. Siniakova, l. Tig) and winning ITF Circuit title at \$25k Perov-CZE
- Made her Grand Slam main draw debut at 2018 US Open - came through qualifying to make 2r (l. Stephens)
- Also in 2018 made second tour-level appearance of her career, falling 1r at Washington DC (as qualifier, l. Bonaventure)
- Sidelined for 10 months at the end of 2015 w/shoulder injury, playing only 12 matches in 2016 season
- As a junior was runner-up in girls' singles at 2014 US Open (l. Bouzkova) and doubles champion at 2014 Australian Open (w/Kulichkova)

- Reached first tour-level SF at 2015 Rome, as a qualifier (d. No.7 Ivanovic in 2r, l. champion Sharapova)
- Made Top 100 singles debut at No.96 on March 23, 2015
- Won maiden WTA doubles title at 2015 Istanbul (w/Svitolina) in first final
- Catapulted from No.233 at end of 2014 season to No.36 at end of 2015 named WTA's Most Impressive Newcomer for 2015 (media vote)
- Secured permanent residence in Australia in 2013 and has represented the country in Grand Slam play since 2014 US Open. Australian passport came through in December 2015 and now represents Australia at WTA events as well
- Watched 2014 Australian Open on crutches; she tore ACL in right knee at WTA 125k Series event in Taipei in November 2013; following surgery, did not play a tournament until July 2014, at ITF level
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2012 s'Hertogenbosch, scoring first career Top 40 win over No.35 Wickmayer in 1r before losing to Flipkens in 2r
- First WTA qualifying event at 2009 Moscow and first pro event of career on ITF Circuit in Russia in 2008
- As a junior won Youth Olympics in Singapore and US Open juniors (d. Putintseva in F) in 2010 to become ITF Junior World No.1

OTHER INFORMATION

- · Coached by Nicole Pratt
- Father's name is Alexey; mother's name is Natalia; younger brother is Stepan; has a pet dog (beagle); introduced to tennis at age 6 by parents
- Switched nationality (and representation) from Russia to Australia in December 2015
- Announced engagement to Australian tennis player Luke Saville in December 2018
- Favorite shot is forehand; favorite surface is hard; idols when growing up were the Williams sisters and Kim Clijsters
- Likes sushi, cheese, ramen, and SpongeBob SquarePants

- · Working with Anton Korchevskyi
- Formerly trained in Trnava, Slovakia at the Empire Academy, under the tutelage of Vladimir Platenik
- Started playing tennis aged six
- · Favorite surface is hard



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1 WIN



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2002-09-24	Date of Birth	2002-09-17
	Residence	Alicante, Spain
Right-handed (two-handed backhand) Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
1.70m	Height	5' 8" (1.72m)
52	Career-High Ranking	41
\$1,180,724	Career Prize Money	\$1,939,635
\$309,238	Season Prize Money	\$167,086
0 / 0	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 0
5-5 (Round of 32: 2024 US OPEN, WIMBLEDON)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	10-8 (Round of 16: 2024 ROLAND GARROS; 2023 ROLAND GARROS)
1-0 / 1-0 (Round of 16: 2025)	YTD / Career MÉRIDA W-L (best)	1-0 / 1-1 (Round of 16: 2025)
3-5 / 15-19	YTD / Career W-L	7-6 / 45-44



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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2022	SAN BARTOLOME DE TIRAJANA 2	CLAY	3r	Jessica Bouzas Maneiro	7-6(11) 7-6(4)	0m
2021	SAN BARTOLOME DE TIRAJANA (GRAN CANARIA)	CLAY	QF	Elina Avanesyan	6-4 7-6(3)	0m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
55	55	2024	43	44
125	152	2023	62	75
205	206	2022	122	134
352	352	2021	260	261
932	932	2020	703	720
-	-	2019	735	743



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JESSICA <u>BOUZAS M</u>ANEIRO ELINA AVANESYAN

TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. R. JAMRICHOVA (#310) 7-5 5-7 7-5 (2h 35m)

Total time on court: 2h 35m

PLAYER NOTES

- · Making 1st appearance at Merida
- Defeated Renata Jamrichova in 1r by coming from 4-1 down in the third set to end threematch losing streak
- Faces No.45 Elina Avanesyan in 2r today; owns 3 career wins over Top 50 players, most recently No.32 Maria Sakkari at United Cup 2025
- Best result on hard court was achieved last fall with QF run at Guangzhou 2024
- Bidding to make 1st QF of the season and 1st since Guangzhou 2024
- Best result by Spain at Merida was QF run by Sara Sorribes Tormo in 2024
- Is currently ranked No.66; this time last year was ranked No.124; made Top 100 debut in April 2024
- Winner of today's match will play either Donna Vekic or Maya Joint in the quarterfinals

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. M. FRECH (#31) 4-6 6-3 6-3 (2h 12m)

Total time on court: 2h 12m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at Merida, where her previous result was reaching 1r in 2023 (l. Wang Xinyu)
- Defeated No.7 seed Magdalena Frech in three sets in 1r
- Faces No.66 Jessica Bouzas Maneiro in 2r today; first tour-level meeting and first ever meeting on hard court -- both prior meetings came on clay at ITF level
- Owns 3-0 career record against players from Spain, with record in 2025 standing at 1-0 after beating Spanish No.1 Paula Badosa at Brisbane
- Earned best career hard-court result (by round) earlier this year with SF at Hobart
- First time a player from Armenia reached 2r at Merida
- Is currently ranked No.45, four off career-high No.41; this time last year was ranked No.63
- Highest-ranked Armenian player in WTA history after switching citizenship last year; upon the switch, became first player representing Armenia to play in a WTA main draw or be ranked in the WTA Top 100
- Today's winner will play either Donna Vekic or Maya Joint in the quarterfinals



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

• Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

2023	Result	Rank: 170 Seed: -
1r	L	X. WANG (#67) 1-6 6-2 6-3



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SEASON 2025 HISTORY

- Played 1r at Cluj-Napoca (l. Sasnovich)
- Played 1r at Linz (l. Tomova)
- Made 2r at Australian Open (l. eventual R-Up Sabalenka)
- Fell in R32 at Hobart (l. Carle)
- Opened 2025 representing Spain at United Cup, with a 1-1 result in singles (l. Rybakina)
- Played 1r at Dubai (l. eventual champion M. Andreeva)
- Played 2r at Doha (as qualifier, l. Kasatkina)
- Played qualifying at Abu Dhabi
- Made 2r at Linz (l. Martic)
- Played 1r at Australian Open (l. Putintseva)
- Reached SF at Hobart (l. Kessler)
- Made R16 at Brisbane (l. Jabeur)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
8	95	Aces	10	91
56.9%	104	First serve %	66.3%	24
56.9%	110	First Serve points won %	59.8%	97
44.9%	62	Second serve points won %	44.7%	64
51.7%	110	Overall service points won %	54.7%	83
43.5%	116	Service games won %	55.7%	98
41.4%	113	Break points saved %	53.7%	60
41.5%	8	First serve return points won %	39.2%	20
53.7%	72	Second serve return points won %	54.8%	58
39.2%	89	Break points converted %	42.9%	69
32.3%	60	Return games won %	33.6%	50
45.4%	19	Return points won %	44.9%	26



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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Runner-Up (1) 2024 - IASI 250

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
2r				2025	1r			
	1r	3r	3r	2024	3r	4r	2r	1r
		1r		2023		4r		2r
				2022				1r



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CAREER MILESTONES

- In 2024 posted best career Grand Slam results with R32 at Wimbledon and US Open (at Wimbledon, she beat the defending champion Marketa Vondrousova in the opening round, before falling to the eventual 2024 champion Barbora Krejcikova in R32
- In 2024, also claimed first WTA 125 title at Antalya.
- In 2023, won one ITF W60 in Rome. Earned a spot at Grand Slam qualifying for the first time at 2023 US Open (l. Babos) and 2023 Roland Garros (l. Ferro).
- Earned first ITF title at Madrid \$15K in 2020 on clay.
- Made professional debut in January 2018 at \$15K ITF/Hammamet 2, Tunisia.

- Posted first Top 50 season finish in 2024, after reaching first WTA final at Iasi (ret. vs. M.Andreeva in F); in Grand Slam play, recorded career-first Top 10 win over Sakkari at Australian Open, and reached R16 at Roland Garros for second year in a row.
- During a breakthrough 2023 season, reached a new career-high ranking of No.63 and was nominated for the WTA Newcomer of the Year Award.
- Advanced to the R16 at Roland Garros 2023 (l. Muchova), her best Grand Slam performance to date. Also reached three Tour-level quarterfinals at Berlin (l. Vekic), Budapest (l. Podoroska), and Lausanne (l. eventual champion Cocciaretto).
- Reached maiden WTA QF at 2022 Bogota (l. Osorio). In 2022, also reached 2r at Palermo (l. Bronzetti) and fell 1r on four occasions (including US Open)
- In 2021, posted 47-19 win-loss record, reaching seven finals on ITF Circuit.
- Lifted maiden ITF Circuit title at a W25 event in Shymkent, Kazakhstan in September 2019
- Owns five titles in singles and nine in doubles on ITF Circuit
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in Russia in 2017

OTHER INFORMATION

- · Currently coached by Roberto Ortega Olmedo
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- Previously worked with María José Llorca Pons
- Working with fitness coach Jorge Simo Frechina
- Favorite surface is hard, favorite shot is backhand
- Started playing tennis aged six
- Mother is Narine Avanesyan, father is Ararat Avanesyan
- Likes to spend time with family and listen to music
- · Partnerships with Head and Adidas



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1996-06-28	Date of Birth	2006-04-16
Monte Carlo, Monaco	Residence	
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed
5' 10" (1.79m)	Height	
17	Career-High Ranking	102
\$9,179,194	Career Prize Money	\$439,832
\$539,083	Season Prize Money	\$139,004
0 / 4	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 0
51-45 (Semi-Finalist: 2024 WIMBLEDON)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	1-2 (Round of 64: 2024 US OPEN)
0-0 / 0-0	YTD / Career MÉRIDA W-L (best)	1-0 / 1-1 (Round of 16: 2025)
3-6 / 227-211	YTD / Career W-L	6-4 / 7-6



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DONNA VEKIC [5]

AYAM TNIOC [Q]

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
18	19	2024	110	119
20	23	2023	773	773
47	69	2022	-	-
29	67	2021	-	-
19	32	2020	-	-
19	19	2019	-	-
34	34	2018	-	-
45	56	2017	-	-
90	101	2016	-	-
81	105	2015	-	-



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DONNA VEKIC [5] MAYA TOINT

TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- · Making 1st appearance at Merida
- Faces No.103 Maya Joint in 2r today; has won her last 5 matches against sub-100-ranked opponents, with last loss coming to No.125 Olga Danilovic at 2024 Roland Garros
- Owns 4-5 career record against players from Australia
- Owns 31-20 career record against qualifiers
- Has won 3 of 4 WTA titles on hard court: Monterrey in 2023; Courmayeur in 2021; Kuala Lumpur in 2014
- Is currently No.20 on PIF WTA Rankings; this time last year was ranked No.28
- Has won 3 matches so far in 2025; bidding to snap a 3-match losing streak after losing in 1r at Doha and Dubai earlier this month
- Winner of today's match will play either Jessica Bouzas Maneiro or Elina Avanesyan in the quarterfinals

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. J. GRABHER (#387) 6-3 6-2 (1h 30m)

Total time on court: 1h 30m

PLAYER NOTES

- 18-year-old Australian is making 2nd appearance at Merida; lost in 1r last year in tournament debut (l. Stakusic)
- After successfully qualifying with wins over Emina Bektas and Solana Sierra, beat Julia Grabher in 1r to notch 6th main-draw win of 2025; entered 2025 with just 1 tour-level win in her career (2024 US Open 1r, d. Siegemund)
- Faces No.20 Donna Vekic in 2r today; bidding for 1st Top 20 win and 2nd QF of the season after making Hobart SF
- Owns a 1-4 record vs. seeded players in 2025
- Reached best result on hard court in January by making 1st WTA semifinal at Hobart (l. eventual champion Mertens)
- Best result by Australia at Merida was QF run by Kimberly Birrell in 2023
- Best result by a qualifier at Merida was R-up by Rebecca Peterson in 2023
- Lowest ranked player (No.560) to reach 2r at Merida was Nina Stojanovic in 2024
- Is currently ranked No.103 and closing in on Top 100 debut; this time last year was ranked No.336
- Leads the tour so far this season in Second Serve Points Won (56.2%) ahead of former No.1 Naomi Osaka (56.1%)
- Born in Michigan to an Australian father and opted to represent Australia in 2023
- Made her WTA main draw debut last fall after qualifying at the US Open
- Previously committed to play collegiate tennis at the University of Texas but announced intention to turn pro in December
- Winner of today's match will play either Jessica Bouzas Maneiro or Elina Avanesyan in the quarterfinals



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DONNA VEKIC [5]

AYA TOINT

RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

• Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

2024	Result	Rank: 110 Seed: -	
1r	L	M. STAKUSIC (#116) 2-6 7-6(2) 7-6(2)	



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DONNA VEKIC [5] AYAM TNIOC [Q]

SEASON 2025 HISTORY

- Played 1r at Dubai (l.Kenin)
- Played 1r at Doha (l. Noskova)
- Reached 4r at Australian Open (l. Pavlyuchenkova)
- Played 1r at Adelaide (l. Putintseva)
- Opened 2025 representing Croatia at United Cup, with a 0-2 result in singles (l. Gauff & Fernandez)
- Reached SF at Cancun 125 (l. Branstine)
- Made 2r at Singapore (l. Xinyu Wang)
- Played 1r at Australian Open (as a WC, l. Pegula)
- Reached SF at Hobart (as a WC, l. eventual R-Up Mertens)
- Opened 2025 with 2r at Brisbane (l. Azarenka)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
36	26	Aces	10	88
55.0%	116	First serve %	62.5%	61
67.3%	30	First Serve points won %	58.4%	104
47.1%	41	Second serve points won %	56.2%	1
58.2%	39	Overall service points won %	57.5%	45
67.7%	43	Service games won %	62.9%	71
55.7%	50	Break points saved %	50.9%	81
31.3%	99	First serve return points won %	38.8%	22
50.2%	96	Second serve return points won %	51.9%	91
43.5%	65	Break points converted %	48.4%	29
21.1%	110	Return games won %	31.6%	66
37.9%	107	Return points won %	43.1%	51



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DONNA VEKIC [5]

AYAM TNIOC [Q]

TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (4)

2023 - MONTERREY

2021 - COURMAYEUR

2017 - NOTTINGHAM

2014 - KUALA LUMPUR

Runner-Up (10)

2024 - OLYMPICS, BAD HOMBURG

2023 - BERLIN

2022 - SAN DIEGO

2019 - NOTTINGHAM, ST. PETERSBURG

2018 - WASHINGTON DC

2015 - TASHKENT

2013 - BIRMINGHAM

2012 - TASHKENT

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
4r				2025	1r			
1r	3r	SF	4r	2024				2r
QF	2r	3r	1r	2023				
1r	2r	1r	1r	2022				
4r	1r	2r	1r	2021				
3r	1r		3r	2020				
2r	4r	1r	QF	2019				
2r	2r	4r	1r	2018				
2r	1r	2r	3r	2017				
1r	1r	1r		2016				
1r	3r			2015				
1r	1r	2r	1r	2014				
2r	1r	1r	2r	2013				



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DONNA VEKIC [5] MAYA TOINT

CAREER MILESTONES

- In 2024, achieved best Grand Slam result reaching SF at Wimbledon (l. Paolini). Won Silver Medal at Paris Olympics (l. Zheng in F), the first Olympic medal in women's singles for Croatia. Finished runner-up at Bad Homburg (l. Shnaider in F), reached SF at Linz (l. Alexandrova). Reached her career best ranking at No.18 on Oct 7, 2024.
- 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 yearend 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)

- Made Tour-level main draw debut as a qualifier at 2024 US Open (d. Siegemund for first career main draw win before falling to No.14 seed Keys); also played at Merida (lost in opening round); finished the season ranked No.119
- 2024 season also included six appearances at WTA 125 events, including a runner-up finish at 2024 Warsaw 125; made her first WTA 125 appearance in January at Canberra, advancing to QF (l. Tauson)
- In 2024 reached first ITF semifinal at W60 Sydney
- Began on the ITF circuit in 2021 and 2022

- 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 15year-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

- Currently coached by Sascha Bajin and 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
- Currently coached by Chris Mahony
- Started playing in kindergarten, her local playground was next to the tennis courts. Dad, Michael Joint, was a pro squash player, so they used to take squash rackets to hit on the tennis courts.
- Preferred surfaces are hard court and clay.
 Believes her game suits hard courts, and likes to slide on clay courts.
- Looks up to Roger Federer and Ash Barty. Has met Ash, but not Roger.
- Looks forward to playing Roland Garros and Wimbledon. Hobbies include reading, drawing and watching Netflix. Favourite TV shows are Friends, Seinfeld, Psych, How to Get Away with Murder, The Good Place.



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1998-06-05	Date of Birth	1997-11-15
	Residence	Dubai, UAE
Right-Handed	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 11'' (1.82m)	Height	5' 11'' (1.80m)
57	Career-High Ranking	2
\$1,980,436	Career Prize Money	\$8,670,770
\$226,168	Season Prize Money	\$809,561
0 / 0	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 4
4-9 (Round of 32: 2025 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	38-20 (Semi-Finalist: 2025 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
1-0 / 1-0 (Round of 16: 2025)	YTD / Career MÉRIDA W-L (best)	0-0 / 0-0
4-3 / 50-54	YTD / Career W-L	9-6 / 157-93



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JAQUELINE CRISTIAN PAULA BADOSA [2]

HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2019	CHIASSO	CLAY	2r	Jaqueline Cristian	4-6 6-3 6-4	0m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
57	73	2024	11	12
97	98	2023	11	66
58	148	2022	2	13
71	71	2021	8	8
162	167	2020	69	70
201	205	2019	86	97
201	284	2018	143	143
254	254	2017	242	247
359	363	2016	222	314
808	827	2015	193	220



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JAQUELINE CRISTIAN

PAULA BADOSA [2]

TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. Y. STARODUBTSEVA (#109) 6-4 4-1 (1h 30m)

Total time on court: 1h 30m

PLAYER NOTES

- · Making 1st appearance at Merida
- Has defeated Yuliia Starodubtseva so far this week
- Faces No.11 Paula Badosa in 2r today; owns 4 wins in career over Top 20 players, most recently No.10 Barbora Krejcikova at Beijing 2024
- Owns 1-0 career record against players from Spain, with record in 2025 standing at 0-0
- Owns 14-30 career record against seeds, with a record in 2025 standing at 0-1
- Best career result on hard court is R-Up run at Linz in 2021 (l. Riske-Armritraj)
- · Only player from Romania to reach 2r
- Is currently ranked No.85; this time last year was ranked No.75
- Winner of today's match will play either Daria Saville or Anhelina Kalinina in the quarterfinals

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- · Making 1st appearance at Merida
- Faces No.85 Jaqueline Cristian in 2r today
- Owns 6-3 career record against players from Romania, with record in 2025 standing at 0-0
- Has won three of her four titles on hard courts at Washington DC in 2024 (d. Bouzkova in F); Sydney in 2022 (d. Krejcikova in F); Indian Wells in 2021 (d. Azarenka in F)
- One of 2 players from Spain to reach 2r (alongside Bouzas Maneiro)
- Best result by Spanish player at Merida was QF run by Sara Sorribes Tormo in 2024
- Is currently ranked No.11; this time last year was ranked No.72
- Reached her first Grand Slam semifinal earlier this season at Australian Open (l. Sabalenka)
- Earned the Comeback Player of the Year award at the end of 2024



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JAQUELINE CRISTIAN

PAULA BADOSA [2]

RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles
- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles



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JAQUELINE CRISTIAN

PAULA BADOSA [2]

SEASON 2025 HISTORY

- Played 1r at Cluj-Napoca (l. Seidel)
- Made 3r at Australian Open (l. Lys)
- Opened 2025 playing 2r at Auckland (l. Keys)
- Reached R16 at Dubai (l. Rybakina)
- Played 2r at Doha (l. eventual champion Anisimova)
- Reached 2r at Abu Dhabi (l. Noskova)
- Reached SF at Australian Open (l. eventual R-Up Sabalenka)
- Made 2r at Adelaide (l. Krueger)
- Opened season playing R32 at Brisbane (l. Avanesyan)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
19	67	Aces	70	9
56.8%	108	First serve %	59.1%	92
60.4%	93	First Serve points won %	69.0%	19
52.7%	7	Second serve points won %	48.2%	29
57.1%	52	Overall service points won %	60.5%	19
66.2%	51	Service games won %	73.0%	22
55.6%	54	Break points saved %	59.1%	37
32.3%	96	First serve return points won %	35.9%	59
53.3%	76	Second serve return points won %	55.1%	58
42.3%	75	Break points converted %	40.0%	87
31.4%	72	Return games won %	34.5%	47
40.4%	93	Return points won %	43.3%	54



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JAQUELINE CRISTIAN

PAULA BADOSA [2]

TITLES

SINGLES FINALS

Runner-Up (1) 2021 - LINZ

DOUBLES FINALS

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

Champion (4)

2024 - WASHINGTON DC

2022 - SYDNEY

2021 - INDIAN WELLS, BELGRADE



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JAQUELINE CRISTIAN

PAULA BADOSA [2]

GRAND SLAMS

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



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JAQUELINE CRISTIAN

PAULA BADOSA [2]

CAREER MILESTONES

- 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

- Voted 2024 WTA Comeback Player of the Year after finishing the year at No.12 (after finishing 2023 at No.66); won 4th career title at Washington DC and also reached SF at Cincinnati, Beijing and Ningbo; also advanced to QF at US Open
- 2023 was a difficult season for Badosa; while she made the SF at Adelaide #2, reached backto-back QF at Charleston and Stuttgart and an additional QF at Rome, she withdrew from Roland Garros with a back injury. Her last match of the year was at Wimbledon, where she fell in the R64. She ended her season afterwards due to continuing injury
- In 2022, Badosa rose to career-high ranking of No.2 (April 25), won one title, at Sydney and advanced to SF at Indian Wells, Stuttgart and San Jose
- Captured the first two WTA singles titles of her career in 2021 at Belgrade (d. Konjuh in F) and Indian Wells (d. Azarenka in F
- Qualified for AKRON WTA Finals Guadalajara, where she advanced to the SF stage
- Broke into the WTA Top 20 on October 18, 2021 after winning the Indian Wells title and reached the Top 10 on November 8, 2021
- Nominated for 2021 WTA Most Improved Player of the Year (won by Krejcikova), as voted on by members of the media
- In 2021 also advanced to SF at Madrid, Charleston and Lyon and QFs at Roland-Garros, Cincinnati and Olympics
- At 2020 Roland Garros, upset former finalist Stephens and 2017 champion Ostapenko en route to reaching R16 for the first time at a major. That year also reached SF at Istanbul (l. Bouchard)
- Campaign in 2019 highlighted by SF run at Palermo (l. Bertens) and QF showing at Seoul (l. Y.Wang); also fell 1r on Grand Slam main draw debut at Australian Open (as qualifier, l. Birrell)
- Finished 2018 inside Top 200 for the first time (at No.143); picked up three ITF titles at \$25k ITF/Glasgow-UK, ITF/\$25k Les Franqueses del Valles - FRA and ITF/\$60k Valencia-ESP
- Fell in qualifying at 2018 Wimbledon, Madrid and US Open
- Claimed third title on ITF Circuit in 2017 at ITF/\$25k El Espinar; Fell 1r at Miami and in qualifying at Madrid
- In 2016, fell 1r at Miami, Madrid and Mallorca and in qualifying at Rio de Janeiro
- As wildcard, made breakthrough on WTA Tour with 3r run at 2015 Miami Open (l. Ka.Pliskova)

- Came through qualifying at 2015 Madrid, fell 1r to Errani via ret. w/left leg injury
- Continued at ITF Circuit level during 2013-2014 before playing second WTA qualifying draw at 2015 Antwerp, where she advanced to 2r (l. Bodarenko)
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2013 Palermo, winning one match via retirement before falling in 2r (l.Gatto-Monticone) Won first title on ITF Circuit at \$10k ITF/Sant Jordi-ESP in 2012; now owns seven singles titles at this level
- Played first professional tournament of career at \$10k ITF/Gexto-ESP in 2012 (l. in 1r)
- Won girls' singles title at 2015 Roland Garros (d. Kalinskaya in F) and reached QF at Roland Garros and Wimbledon in 2014; finished 2015 as No.8 in ITF World Junior rankings

OTHER INFORMATION

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

- Currently coached by Pol Toledo; Previously worked with Jorge García
- Born in New York City, often trains in Barcelona, near her hometown Begur in the Costa Brava, but lives in Dubai
- Aggressive baseliner whose favorite shot is serve. Favorite tournament is US Open
- Childhood idol was Maria Sharapova, whose dedication, work ethic and values inspired her to become a pro
- Enjoys reading, always travels with books and her favorite is Tuesdays with Morrie (Mitch Albom)
- · Professional goals are to reach her full potential
- Speaks English, Spanish and Catalan, and would like to learn more languages