

MÉRIDA OPEN AKRON MÉRIDA, MEXICO FEB 24-MARCH 2, 2025 | WTA 500 | \$1,064,510



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MATCH NOTES - QUARTERFINALS - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

[Q] Maya Joint (AUS # 103) vs. Elina Avanesyan (ARM # 45)

First career meeting

Joint:

- Through to her second QF of the season (also Hobart, SF); this is her 7th Tour-level main draw appearance and third time as a qualifier
- Owns two wins in career over Top 50 players, including win earlier this week over No.20 Donna Vekic
- At 18-years-old, became the fourth teenager since 2020 to defeat a Top 20 player while conceding three games or fewer joining Iga S wiatek, C oco Gauff, and Mirra Andreeva
- Bidding to be the second qualifier to reach SF at a WTA 500 event this year also Polina Kudermetova (R-Up at Brisbane)
- With a win would become the third player ranked outside the Top 100 to reach a WTA 500 SF this year also No.157 Belinda Bencic (Abu Dhabi, Won) and No.107 Polina Kudermetova (Brisbane, R-Up)
- Will make Top 100 debut on Monday when the PIF WTA Rankings are updated; could move into the Top 50 if she wins the title
- This is the third time two Australians have reached the QF at a WTA 500 also 2018 Sydney and 2017 Birmingham

Avanes yan:

- Through to QF for the 8th time in her career; record in WTA QF matches stands at 15 (advanced to SF at Hobart 2025 via walkover)
- Bidding to reach SF for the third time in her career having finished SF at Hobart 2025 and R-Up at lasi 250 in 2024
- With win today would surpass her career-high ranking of No.41(J an 13, 2025)

[Q] Emiliana Arango (COL # 133) vs. Rebecca Sramkova (SVK # 40)

First career meeting

Arango:

- Is into fourth QF of career and first since 2023; looking to earn a spot in first WTA Tour-level semifinal
- Owns three Top 50 wins in career, most recently over No.48 Tatjana Maria at 2024 Miami
- Has won three main draw matches in a row one other time when she advanced to QF at 2023 Guadalajara
- Bidding to be the second qualifier to reach SF at a WTA 500 event this year also Polina Kudermetova (R-Up at Brisbane)
- With a win would become the third player ranked outside the Top 100 to reach a WTA 500 SF this year also No.157 Belinda Bencic (Abu Dhabi, Won) and No.107 Polina Kudermetova (Brisbane, R-Up)

Sramkova:

- Win over No. 17 Beatriz Haddad Maia in previous round earned her a spot in the QF of a WTA 500 level event or higher for first time in career
- The win was also her fifth career Top 20 win and second of the year after beating No.15 Mirra Andreeva in Doha
- Looking for a spot in fourth career SF; all three previous appearances (Monastir, Hua Hin 2 and Jiujiang) came last fall in breakout 2024 season reaching the final each time she advanced to the final four



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[1] Emma Navarro (USA # 10) vs. [WC] Zeynep Sonmez (TUR #88)

Navarro leads 1-0

Navarro:

- Playing a tournament as No.1 seed for the first time in career
- Won their only career meeting at 2024 Roland Garros
- Looking to reach first SF of the year with 0-2 record so far this season at this stage
- Has gone 2-2 against players outside the Top 50 this year with losses to No.113 Kimberly Birrell at Brisbane and No.89 Sorana Cirstea at Dubai

Sonmez:

- Defending champion currently on a seven-match win streak in Merida
- Won the title here last October for maiden WTA title (d. Li in F) which boosted her into Top 100 for first time
- Facing a Top 10 opponent today for the first time in career; best win by-ranking of career was over No.24 Magdalena Frech at Tokyo last year
- Looking to reach second SF of career after winning the title here last year

[Q] Daria Saville (AUS #121) vs. [2] Paula Badosa (ESP #11)

First career meeting

Saville:

- Through to first QF since San Diego 2024 (QF)
- Owns 28 wins in career over Top 20 players, including a win this week over No.19 Marta Kostyuk
- This is her 7th QF appearance at the WTA 500 level; she has won one WTA 500 title 2017 New Haven (also her best result on hardcourts)
- Record in WTA QF matches stands at 11-11
- First time two players from Australia reached QF at Merida this is the third time two Australians have reached the QF at a WTA 500; also 2018 Sydney and 2017 Birmingham

Badosa:

- Record in WTA QF matches stands at 17-13
- Owns three hardcourt titles winning at Washington DC in 2024; Sydney in 2022; Indian Wells in 2021
- Is currently ranked No.11; this time last year was ranked No.72; will return to the Top 10 after the tournament; could move as high as No.8 this week

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2006-04-16	Date of Birth	2002-09-17
	Residence	Alicante, Spain
Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
	Height	5' 8" (1.72m)
102	Career-High Ranking	41
\$439,832	Career Prize Money	\$1,939,635
\$139,004	Season Prize Money	\$167,086
0 / 0	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 0
1-2 (Round of 64: 2024 US OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	10-8 (Round of 16: 2024 ROLAND GARROS; 2023 ROLAND GARROS)
2-0 / 2-1 (Quarter-Finalist: 2025)	YTD / Career MÉRIDA W-L (best)	2-0 / 2-1 (Quarter-Finalist: 2025)
7-4 / 8-6	YTD / Career W-L	8-6 / 46-44

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MAYA JOINT (Q)

ELINA AVANESYAN

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
110	119	2024	43	44
773	773	2023	62	75
-	-	2022	122	134
-	-	2021	260	261
-	-	2020	703	720
_	-	2019	735	743

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MAYA JOINT (Q) ELINA AVANESYAN

TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. D. VEKIC (#20) 6-1 6-2 (1h 27m) 1r: d. J. GRABHER (#387) 6-3 6-2 (1h 30m)

Total time on court: 2h 57m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making second appearance at Merida, where her previous result was falling 1r in 2024
- After reaching main draw via qualifying, has defeated Julia Grabher and Donna Vekic to reach her second QF this year - also SF at Hobart
- This is her 7th Tour-level main draw appearance
 3rd time as a qualifier
- Faces No.45 Elina Avanesyan in QF today; owns two wins in career over Top 50 players, including earlier this week by defeating No.20 Donna Vekic
- Record in WTA QF matches stands at 1-0
- Best career result on hardcourt is semifinalist run at 2025 Hobart
- First time two players from Australia reached QF at Merida - this is the third time two Australians have reached the QF at a WTA 500 - also 2018 Sydney and 2017 Birmingham
- Best result by a qualifier at the tournamet has been a Runner-Up run by Rebecca Peterson in 2023
- Bidding to be the second qualifier to reach the SF at a WTA 500 event this year - also Polina Kudermetova (R-Up at Brisbane)
- Bidding to be the third player ranked outside the Top 100 to reach a WTA 500 SF this year - also No.157 Belinda Bencic (Abu Dhabi, Won) and No.107 Polina Kudermetova (Brisbane, R-Up)
- Is currently ranked No.103; this time last year was ranked No.336; will make her Top 100 debut on Monday when the PIF WTA Rankings are updated; could move into the Top 50 if she wins the title

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. J. BOUZAS MANEIRO (#66) 6-1 6-4 (1h 20m) 1r: d. M. FRECH (#31) 4-6 6-3 6-3 (2h 12m)

Total time on court: 3h 32m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making second appearance at the tournament, where her previous result was falling 1r in 2023
- Defeated Magdalena Frech and Jessica Bouzas Maneiro to reach her first QF since SF at Hobart 2025
- Faces No.103 Maya Joint in QF today
- Through to the QF for the 8th time in her career; record in WTA QF matches stands at 1-5 (advanced to SF at Hobart 2025 via walkover)
- Best career result on hardcourts is Semi-Finalist run which she has reached at Hobart 2025
- · Only player from Armenia to reach QF
- Bidding to reach SF for the third time in her career having finsihed as SF at Hobart 2025 and R-Up at lasi 250 in 2024
- Is currently ranked No.45; this time last year was ranked No.63; with win today would surpass her career-high ranking of No.41 (Jan 13, 2025)

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MAYA JOINT (Q)

ELINA AVANESYAN

RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

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

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

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SEASON 2025 HISTORY

- 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)
- 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
11	87	Aces	13	86
62.2%	64	First serve %	65.6%	28
59.7%	100	First Serve points won %	60.1%	96
55.1%	2	Second serve points won %	45.0%	63
57.9%	43	Overall service points won %	54.9%	80
70.1%	34	Service games won %	62.0%	78
50.8%	81	Break points saved %	55.2%	55
38.9%	22	First serve return points won %	39.5%	20
54.4%	66	Second serve return points won %	54.6%	61
47.3%	37	Break points converted %	44.9%	56
36.8%	33	Return games won %	37.5%	32
44.1%	41	Return points won %	45.0%	21

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MAYA JOINT (Q)

ELINA AVANESYAN

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
1r				2025	1r			
			2r	2024	3r	4r	2r	1r
				2023		4r		2r
				2022				1r

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MAYA JOINT (Q) ELINA AVANESYAN

CAREER MILESTONES

- 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

- 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 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.

- 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 Avanesvan
- Likes to spend time with family and listen to music
- · Partnerships with Head and Adidas

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2000-11-28	Date of Birth	1996-10-19
Bradenton, FL, USA	Residence	Bratislava, Slovakia
Right-handed (two-handed backhand) Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
	Height	5' 10" (1.79 m)
109	Career-High Ranking	40
\$611,524	Career Prize Money	\$1,463,816
\$0	Season Prize Money	\$244,235
0 / 0	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 1
0-0	Grand Slam W-L (best)	1-5 (Round of 64: 2025 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
2-0 / 2-0 (Quarter-Finalist: 2025)	YTD / Career MÉRIDA W-L (best)	2-0 / 2-0 (Quarter-Finalist: 2025)
2-0 / 14-16	YTD / Career W-L	6-7 / 31-23

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EMILIANA ARANGO (Q)

REBECCA SRAMKOVA

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
109	180	2024	43	43
112	112	2023	121	129
220	377	2022	163	316
249	249	2021	167	167
475	493	2020	170	203
401	599	2019	140	171
345	437	2018	227	233
455	494	2017	111	324
826	826	2016	119	119
-	-	2015	272	312

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EMILIANA ARANGO (Q) REBECCA SRAMKOVA

TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. M. CARLE (#100) 6-2 6-3 (1h 49m) 2r: d. F. JONES (#136) 3-6 6-3 3-4 (2h 6m)

Total time on court: 3h 55m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making main draw debut at Merida (contested qualifying in 2023)
- Best career result at a WTA 500 or higher level was reaching QF at WTA 1000 Guadalajara in 2023 (l. Sakkari)
- Playing first Tour-level main draw of the year this week
- After qualifying, beat Maria Lourdes Carle and Francesca Jones so far this week to reach her first QF 2023 Cluj-Napoca
- Faces No.40 Rebecca Sramkova in QF today; owns three wins in career over Top 50 players, most recently No.48 Tatjana Maria at 2024 Miami
- Owns 0-1 career record against players from Slovakia
- Record in WTA QF matches stands at 0-3; looking to reach first career SF
- Only player from Colombia to reach QF
- One of three qualifiers to reach QF
- Best result by a qualifier at Merida was Runner-Up run by Rebecca Peterson in 2023

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. L. SUN (#48) 6-3 6-1 (1h 6m) 2r: d. B. HADDAD MAIA (#17) 7-6 6-3 (2h 18m)

Total time on court: 3h 24m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making debut appearance at Merida
- Has beaten Lulu Sun and No.17 Beatriz Haddad Maia to reach first QF of the year
- Win over Haddad Maia was her fifth career Top 20 win and second of the year after beating No.15 Mirra Andreeva in Doha
- · Faces No.133 Emiliana Arango in QF today
- Looking for a spot in fourth career SF and first at a WTA 500 level event or higher; all three previous appearances (Monastir, Hua Hin 2 and Jiujiang) came last fall in breakout 2024 season and she reached the final each time she advanced to the final four
- Has lost her last two matches against players outside the Top 100 to No.168 Viktorija Golubic at 2024 Jiujiang and No.157 Belinda Bencic at 2025 Abu Dhabi
- Owns 3-1 career record against qualifiers
- Record in WTA QF matches stands at 3-2 however has won her last three QF matches
- Sole career title came on hard courts at Hua Hin #2 in 2024 (d. Siegemund in F)
- · Only player from Slovakia to reach QF
- Is currently ranked No.40; this time last year was ranked No.127

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EMILIANA ARANGO (Q)

REBECCA SRAMKOVA

RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

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

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EMILIANA ARANGO (Q)

REBECCA SRAMKOVA

SEASON 2025 HISTORY

- Won Cancun 125 (d. Branstine in F)
- Played qualifying at Australian Open
- Played qualifying at Brisbane

- Played 1r at Dubai (l. Tauson)
- Reached 3r at Doha (l. Rybakina)
- Played 1r at Abu Dhabi (l. eventual champion Bencic)
- Reached 2r at Linz (l. Potapova)
- Made 2r at Australian Open (l. Światek)
- Fell in R32 at Hobart (l. eventual champion Kessler)
- Opened 2025 playing 1r at Brisbane (l. Avanesyan).

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
2	138	Aces	43	23
65.3%	0	First serve %	61.4%	74
57.3%	0	First Serve points won %	62.2%	67
47.1%	0	Second serve points won %	47.3%	42
53.7%	0	Overall service points won %	56.4%	56
61.9%	0	Service games won %	66.9%	49
66.7%	0	Break points saved %	47.1%	108
49.5%	0	First serve return points won %	33.5%	87
59.2%	0	Second serve return points won %	55.0%	58
75.0%	0	Break points converted %	47.3%	38
54.5%	0	Return games won %	30.9%	75
52.8%	0	Return points won %	41.7%	81

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EMILIANA ARANGO (Q) REBECCA SRAMKOVA

TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (1) 2024 - HUA HIN #2

Runner-Up (2) 2024 - JIUJIANG, MONASTIR

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

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EMILIANA ARANGO (Q) REBECCA SRAMKOVA

CAREER MILESTONES

- In 2024 won main draw matches at WTA 1000 events Miami and Madrid as a qualifier; also made the final at WTA 125 Santa Cruz and semifinal at WTA 125 Guadalajara
- Moved into Top 150 for first time in 2023 with breakthrough QF performances at Guadalajara (l. eventual champion Sakkari) and Cluj Napoca (l. Ruse).
- Missed first half of 2022 campaign. Best result on return was SF showing at W60 ITF Circuit event at Caldas da Rainha
- Posted 38-20 win-loss record in 2021, lifting two ITF Circuit titles
- Won maiden ITF Circuit title at W15 Antalya in 2017
- Fell 1r on WTA debut at 2016 Bogota
- Owns three ITF Circuit singles titles
- On the ITF Junior Circuit, posted career-high ranking of No.8 in January 2018, having reached SF at previous year's US Open (l. eventual champion Anisimova)

- Reached first three WTA finals of career in 2024, at Monastir, Hua Hin (defeated Siegemund for maiden title) and Jiujiang; finished season by guiding Slovakia to Billie Jean King Cup finals for first time since 2002; ended year in Top 50 for first time
- Standout performance of 2023 was reaching QF at Warsaw (l. Maria). Also achieved R-Up at WTA 125 Bari on clay (l. Zidansek).
- Best result in 2022 was making 1r as a qualifier at Roland Garros (as LL, l. Kasatkina).
- Continued on ITF circuit from 2019 2021, also making 2r at Tour level at Prague 2020 (l. Jones) and again at Prague 2021 (as qualifier, l. Kuzmova).
- Reached Grand Slam main draw in 2017 at Australian Open (as qualifier, l. Duan) and won first WTA main draw match at Gstaad over Nina Stojanovic.
- Broke into Top 200 for first time in 2016 following title run at ITF Rome \$25K and also made Grand Slam debut at US Open that season (l. Karatantcheva in Q1).
- Played first WTA match in qualifying at Nottingham in 2015 (l. Zhu).
- Won first ITF title in 2013 on clay at Vrnjacka Banja \$10K.
- Began on professional circuit in 2012 at Velenje \$10K at the age of 15.

OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Felipe Mantilla
- Trains at IMG in Bradenton FL
- Favorite surface is clay
- Started playing tennis aged three
- Turned pro at 17 in 2018
- Loves animals. Hobbies include walking and kayaking with her toy Australian shepherd, Oreo
- · Growing up her tennis idol was Nadal
- · Sponsored by Colsanitas and Wilson

· Coached by Milan Martinec

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2001-05-18	Date of Birth	2002-04-30
Charleston, SC, USA	Residence	
Right-Handed	Plays	
5' 7" (1.70m)	Height	170cm
8	Career-High Ranking	88
\$4,053,445	Career Prize Money	\$603,945
\$525,071	Season Prize Money	\$125,570
0 / 1	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 1
19-9 (Semi-Finalist: 2024 US OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	0-2 (Round of 128: 2025 AUSTRALIAN OPEN; 2024 ROLAND GARROS)
1-0 / 1-0 (Quarter-Finalist: 2025)	YTD / Career MÉRIDA W-L (best)	2-0 / 7-0 (Champion: 2024)
7-5 / 71-49	YTD / Career W-L	2-2 / 11-11

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EMMA NAVARRO ZEYNEP (WC) SONMEZ

HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2024	ROLAND GARROS	CLAY	1r	Emma Navarro	6-2 6-0	50m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
8	8	2024	91	91
38	38	2023	146	159
127	143	2022	335	345
233	233	2021	530	531
462	463	2020	607	628
412	486	2019	652	663
761	763	2018	1211	-
-	-	2017	1208	1208

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EMMA <u>Nava</u>rro ZEYNEP (WC) SONMEZ

TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. P. MARTIC (#124) 6-1 6-2 (1h 6m)

Total time on court: 1h 6m

PLAYER NOTES

- · Making debut appearance at Merida
- After Ir bye, beat Petra Martic to reach third QF of the year
- Faces No.88 Zeynep Sonmez in QF today; has gone 2-2 against players outside the Top 50 this year with losses to No.113 Kimberly Birrell at Brisbane and No.89 Sorana Cirstea at Dubai
- Owns 1-0 career record against players from Turkey
- Owns 5-8 career record against wildcards, with a record in 2025 standing at 0-2
- Record in WTA QF matches stands at 9-6 and is 0-2 this year looking for first SF of the year
- Sole career title came on hard courts at 2024 Hobart
- · Is No. 1 seed this week for first time in career
- Only player from United States to reach QF
- Best result by United States was Runner-Up run by Ann Li in 2024
- Is currently ranked No.10; this time last year was ranked No.26

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. M. SAKKARI (#30) 7-5 6-2 (1h 42m) 2r: d. M. LINETTE (#37) 6-3 3-1 (59m)

Total time on court: 2h 41m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making second appearance at Merida where she won the title last October for maiden WTA title (d. Li in F)
- The title here last year boosted her into the Top 100 for the first time in career
- Currently on a seven-match win streak in Merida
- Beat Maria Sakkari in 1r for first match win of the year then Magda Linette to reeach QF
- Faces No.10 Emma Navarro in QF in first Top 10 match of career
- Best win by-ranking of career was over No.24 Magdalena Frech at Tokyo last year
- Owns 1-2 career record against players from United States
- Record in WTA QF matches stands at 1-1
- · Only player from Turkey to reach QF
- Only WC to reach QF; is now the first WC to reach the final eight here
- Is currently ranked No.88; this time last year was ranked No.178

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EMMA NAVARRO

ZEYNEP (WC) SONMEZ

RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

• Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

2024	Result	Rank: 127 Seed: -
F	W	A. LI (#111) 6-2 6-1
SF	W	A. KORNEEVA (#254) 7-6(5) 6-2
QF	W	R. ZARAZUA (#62) 3-6 6-3 6-4
2r	W	E. JACQUEMOT (#148) 7-6(3) 6-3
1r	W	M. CARLE (#90) 5-7 6-1 6-2

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EMMA NAVARRO

SEASON 2025 HISTORY

- Reached R16 at Dubai (l. Cirstea)
- Played 2r at Doha (after 1r bye, l. Fernandez)
- Reached QF at Australian Open (l. Swiatek)
 Reached QF at Adelaide (l. Samsonova)
- Opened 2025 with 2r at Brisbane (l. Birrell)

- Played 1r at Doha (as a WC, l. Kostyuk)
 Played qualifying at Abu Dhabi
 Played qualifying at Linz
 Opened 2025 playing 1r at Australian Open (l. Cibara) Gibson)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
22	60	Aces	5	120
63.7%	48	First serve %	58.1%	101
61.5%	74	First Serve points won %	63.2%	61
41.6%	92	Second serve points won %	36.5%	116
54.3%	92	Overall service points won %	52.0%	113
58.3%	96	Service games won %	57.1%	101
45.7%	110	Break points saved %	57.1%	47
37.9%	32	First serve return points won %	39.5%	21
58.1%	20	Second serve return points won %	51.2%	94
47.6%	34	Break points converted %	44.4%	61
39.3%	16	Return games won %	38.7%	19
45.3%	20	Return points won %	44.2%	41

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EMMA NAVARRO ZEYNEP (WC) SONMEZ

TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (1) 2024 - HOBART **SINGLES FINALS**

Champion (1) 2024 - MÉRIDA

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

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EMMA NAVARRO ZEYNEP (WC) SONMEZ

CAREER MILESTONES

- Voted 2024 WTA Most Improved Player of the Year Award, finished the year ranked No.8 with a singles record of 54-24, winning her first career title at 2024 Hobart; climbed to a year-end ranking at No.8 after finishing 2023 at No.38 (and No.143 in 2022)
- 2023 was a stand-out year, achieving a career best with semifinal at WTA 500 San Diego (l. Kenin) and ending season with a ranking of No. 32. Also reached two quarterfinals on clay; Strasbourg (l. Blinkova) and Palermo (l. eventual champion Zheng) and one semifinal on grass; Bad Homburg (l. Siniakova).
- In 2022, posted 31-18 win-loss record. At Tour-level, made 2r at Charleston (as WC, l. Jabeur), fell 1r at Monterrey (as WC, l. Zacarias) and Indian Wells (as WC, l. Anisimova), and contested qualifying at San Diego
- Elsewhere in 2022, reached three ITF Circuit finals, including lifting second career title at this level at W60 tournament in Liepaja, Latvia, while made SF at WTA 125K Series event in Vancouver
- Broke into Top 200 for the first time on March 7, 2022
- Lifted maiden ITF Circuit title at W25 event in Orlando in November 2021
- Won the NCAA division 1 women's singles title in May 2021 to earn a WC into US Open, where she fell 1r (l. McHale)
- In 2021, reached 2r at both Charleston [500] and Charleston [250]
- Fell 1r at 2020 Monterrey (l. Stephens)
- Only other events in 2020 came on ITF Circuit, ending year ranked No.463
- Owns three ITF Circuit titles in singles and one in doubles
- Fell 2r on professional debut at \$10k Charleston, SC-USA (l. Di Lorenzo) in 2015
- Began her collegiate career by winning her first 14 NCAA singles matches and moving up to a No.6 ITA ranking
- Ended 2019 at No.3 in ITF Junior rankings, following a season that included a R-Up finish at Roland Garros (l. Fernandez), a SF run at Wimbledon and victory at the Adidas Easter
- Also R-Up in girls' doubles at 2019 Australian Open w/Beck

- Earned first career title in 2024 at Merida. Also made QF at Monastir and entered the Top 100 for the first time, ending the year at a career high of No.89
- In 2023 reached her career-high ranking of No.146 on Sept 18, 2023
- Made her tour level debut in 2023 at 's-Hertogenbosch with a 1r (l. Andreescu) and followed up with a 1r at Hamburg (l. Pera)
- Contested qualifying for the first time at a Grand Slam in 2023 at Wimbledon and US Open
- In 2023 reached her first WTA final at WTA 125
 Ljubljana (l. Bassols Ribera) and further reached
 a SF at Kozerki (l. Yastermska)
- In 2022 lifted two ITF titles at 15K Monastir and 25K Sozopol
- In 2020 lifted one ITF title at 15K Antalya

- · Currently coached by Peter Ayers
- .
- Born in New York City and raised in Charleston, SC.

Attended the University of Virginia where she is studied Arts & Science and played collegiate tennis

2021 NCAA Singles Champion (freshman year) 2019 Australian Open Junior Doubles Finalist 2019 Roland-Garros Junior Doubles Champion and Singles Finalist

2019 Wimbledon Junior Singles Semi-Finalist Is the daughter of businessman Ben Navarro and the grand-daughter of former American football player and coach Frank Navarro

- · Coached by Marin Bradaric and Izudin Zunic.
- · Fitness and mental coach is Mehmet Bayraktar

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PAULA 111 (2) BADOSA SPAIN

1994-03-05	Date of Birth	1997-11-15
Melbourne, Australia	Residence	Dubai, UAE
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	2
\$5,949,724	Career Prize Money	\$8,670,770
\$129,443	Season Prize Money	\$809,561
0 / 1	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 4
22-34 (Round of 16: 2017 AUSTRALIAN OPEN; 2016 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	38-20 (Semi-Finalist: 2025 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
2-0 / 2-0 (Quarter-Finalist: 2025)	YTD / Career MÉRIDA W-L (best)	1-0 / 1-0 (Quarter-Finalist: 2025)
2-3 / 156-153	YTD / Career W-L	10-6 / 158-93

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DARIA SAVILLE (Q)

PAULA BADOSA

HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR TOURNAMENT SURFACE ROUND WINNER SCORE/ RESULT TIME

First career meeting

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RAI	NK YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
77	120	2024	11	12
53	206	2023	11	66
50	53	2022	2	13
309	419	2021	8	8
235	446	2020	69	70
34	237	2019	86	97
23	38	2018	143	143
20	25	2017	242	247
24	25	2016	222	314
35	36	2015	193	220

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DARIA SAVILLE (Q)

PAULA BADOSA

TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. A. KALININA (#52) 4-6 6-2 6-2 (2h 42m) 1r: d. M. KOSTYUK (#19) 6-4 7-6 (2h 8m)

Total time on court: 4h 50m

PLAYER NOTES

- · Making tournament debut
- Reached main draw via qualifying; has defeated Marta Kostyuk and Anhelina Kalinina in main draw to reach her first QF since San Diego 2024 (OF)
- Faces No.11 Paula Badosa in QF today; owns 28 wins in career over Top 20 players, including a win this week over No.19 Marta Kostyuk
- This is her 7th QF appearance at the WTA 500 level; she has won one WTA 500 title - 2017 New Haven (also her best result on hardcourts)
- Owns 37-70 career record against seeds, with a record in 2025 standing at 1-1
- Record in WTA QF matches stands at 11-11
- · One of two players from Australia to reach QF
- First time two players from Australia reached QF at Merida - this is the third time two Australians have reached the QF at a WTA 500 - also 2018 Sydney and 2017 Birmingham
- Is currently ranked No.121; this time last year was ranked No.148

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. J. CRISTIAN (#85) 6-2 6-1 (1h 7m)

Total time on court: 1h 7m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making tournament appearance
- Has beaten Jaqueline Cristian in opening match following first round bye
- Faces No.121 Daria Saville in QF today
- Owns 5-3 career record against players from Australia, with record in 2025 standing at 1-0
- Owns 20-8 career record against qualifiers, with a record in 2025 standing at 1-0
- Record in WTA QF matches stands at 17-13
- Owns three hardcourt titles winning at Washington DC in 2024; Sydney in 2022; Indian Wells in 2021
- · Only player from Spain to reach QF
- Is currently ranked No.11; this time last year was ranked No.72; will return to the Top 10 when the PIF WTA Rankings are updated on Monday

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DARIA SAVILLE (Q)

PAULA BADOSA

RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles
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DARIA SAVILLE (Q)

PAULA BADOSA

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)
- 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
6	116	Aces	70	9
71.1%	12	First serve %	59.1%	93
61.4%	76	First Serve points won %	69.0%	19
42.9%	84	Second serve points won %	48.2%	30
56.0%	63	Overall service points won %	60.5%	19
60.5%	85	Service games won %	73.0%	22
50.0%	96	Break points saved %	59.1%	39
35.8%	65	First serve return points won %	35.9%	61
47.7%	112	Second serve return points won %	55.1%	56
34.4%	107	Break points converted %	40.0%	86
26.2%	98	Return games won %	34.5%	48
40.4%	91	Return points won %	43.3%	52

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PAULA BADOSA

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

Champion (4)

2024 - WASHINGTON DC

2022 - SYDNEY

2021 - INDIAN WELLS, BELGRADE

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
1r				2025	SF			
1r	1r	2r	1r	2024	3r	3r	4r	QF
		1r	2r	2023			2r	
1r	3r	1r	1r	2022	4r	3r	4r	2r
2r				2021	1r	QF	4r	2r
	2r			2020	2r	4r		1r
1r	1r	1r	1r	2019	1r		1r	1r
2r	3r	3r	2r	2018				
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) PAULA BADOSA

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

- 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)

- 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 layer
- 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

- 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 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

- 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