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## **MATCH NOTES – SEMIFINALS – SATURDAY, MARCH 1**

[1] Emma Navarro (USA # 10) vs. Elina Avanesyan (ARM # 45)

Navarro leads 1-0

### ***Navarro:***

- Playing a tournament as No.1 seed for the first time in career
- Won their only career meeting in straight sets at 2024 Auckland
- Record in Tour-level semifinal matches stands at 1-8, her only victory came at Hobart 2024 where she won her sole career title (d. Mertens in final)
- Has gone 4-3 against Top 50 players this year with her most recent win against No.10 Daria Kasatkina at Australian Open

### ***Avanesyan:***

- Record in Tour-level semifinal matches stands at 1-1 (d. Paquet at Iasi 2024; l. Kessler at Hobart 2025)
- Is undefeated against Top 10 players with a record of 3-0 record; defeated No.8 Zheng.Q at Roland Garros, No.6 Jabeur at Miami and No.8 Sakkari at Australian Open - all in 2024
- Looking for her maiden career title
- By reaching the semifinal will surpass her career-high ranking of No.41 (Jan 13, 2025)

[Q] Emiliana Arango (COL # 133) vs. [Q] Daria Saville (AUS # 121)

First meeting

### ***Arango:***

- Competing in her first WTA Tour-level semifinal
- Faces a player from Australia in a Tour-level main draw match for the first time
- Has won three main draw matches so far in Merida; she achieved this once before when she advanced to QF at 2023 Guadalajara
- Arango or Saville will become the second qualifier to reach the final at a WTA 500 event this year - also Polina Kudermetova (R-Up at Brisbane)
- Arango and Saville become the third and fourth players 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)
- By reaching semifinal will make her Top 100 debut in the PIF WTA Rankings next week

### ***Saville:***

- Reaches her first semifinal since 2024 Hobart (l. Mertens)
- Owns one WTA 500 title - 2017 New Haven (also her best result on hard court)
- Record in WTA SF matches stands at 4-7, with a 3-5 record on hard court
- By reaching the semifinal has achieved the best result by a player from Australia – previously quarterfinal by Birrell in 2023

## SEMIFINAL FACTS

- This is the first time two qualifiers are in a WTA 500 semifinal
- This is the second time two ranked outside the top 100 are in a WTA 500 SF, after St Petersburg 2021
- This is the sixth WTA 500 in a row where the No. 1 seed has reached the semifinal
- The No. 1 seed lost the last two WTA 500 semifinals
- This is the third WTA semifinal this year where there has been the No. 1 seed and 3 unseeded players (Adelaide & Abu Dhabi)
- The last WTA 500 (Abu Dhabi) had an unseeded final
- Just once before has there been back-to-back unseeded WTA 500 finals - Charleston and Stuttgart in 2017

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	QUALIFIER IN WTA 500 FINAL	RANK	RESULT
2025	BRISBANE	KUDERMETOVA, POLINA	107	R-UP
2024	GUADALAJARA 500	GADECKI, OLIVIA	152	R-UP
2023	ADELAIDE #1	NOSKOVA, LINDA	102	R-UP
2022	SAN DIEGO	VEKIC, DONNA	77	R-UP
2021	BERLIN	SAMSONOVA, LIUDMILA	106	WON
2018	MOSCOW	JABEUR, ONS	101	R-UP
2018	BRISBANE	SASNOVICH, ALIAKSANDRA	88	R-UP
2016	STUTTGART	SIEGEMUND, LAURA	71	R-UP
2016	CHARLESTON	VESNINA, ELENA	85	R-UP
2016	SYDNEY	PUIG, MONICA	94	R-UP
2014	SYDNEY	PIRONKOVA, TSVETANA	107	WON
2013	EASTBOURNE	HAMPTON, JAMIE	41	R-UP
2011	NEW HAVEN	CETKOVSKA, PETRA	40	R-UP
2010	EASTBOURNE	MAKAROVA, EKATERINA	100	WON
2009	WARSAW	DULGHERU, ALEXANDRA	201	WON

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10 **EMMA  
NAVARRO (1)**  
UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA

**ELINA  
AVANESYAN** 45  
ARMENIA

2001-05-18	Date of Birth	2002-09-17
Charleston, SC, USA	Residence	Alicante, Spain
Right-Handed	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 7" (1.70m)	Height	5' 8" (1.72m)
8	Career-High Ranking	41
\$4,053,445	Career Prize Money	\$1,939,635
\$525,071	Season Prize Money	\$167,086
0 / 1	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 0
19-9 (Semi-Finalist: 2024 US OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	10-8 (Round of 16: 2024 ROLAND GARROS; 2023 ROLAND GARROS)
2-0 / 2-0 (Semi-Finalist: 2025)	YTD / Career MÉRIDA W-L (best)	3-0 / 3-1 (Semi-Finalist: 2025)
8-5 / 72-49	YTD / Career W-L	9-6 / 47-44

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## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2024	AUCKLAND	HARD	2r	Emma Navarro	6-1 6-2	1h 12m

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
8	8	2024	43	44
38	38	2023	62	75
127	143	2022	122	134
233	233	2021	260	261
462	463	2020	703	720
412	486	2019	735	743
761	763	2018	-	-

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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. P. MARTIC (#124) 6-1 6-2 (1h 6m)  
QF: d. Z. SONMEZ (#88) 6-4 6-2 (1h 17m)

*Total time on court: 2h 23m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making debut appearance at Merida
- After 1r bye, has beaten Petra Martic and Zeynep Sonmez so far this week to reach her first SF since US Open 2024
- Faces No.45 Elina Avanesyan in SF today; owns 27 wins in career over Top 50 players, most recently No.10 Daria Kasatkina at Australian Open 2025
- Owns 1-0 career record against players from Armenia, defeating Avanesyan at 2024 Auckland in straight sets
- Record in WTA SF matches stands at 1-8, her only victory came at Hobart 2024 where she won the tournament - also her best result on hard court
- Is No. 1 seed this week for the first time in her career
- Only player from United States of America to reach SF after Sloane Stephens was defeating in the first round
- Best result by United States of America was Runner-Up run by Ann Li in 2024

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. M. FRECH (#31) 4-6 6-3 6-3 (2h 12m)  
2r: d. J. BOUZAS MANEIRO (#66) 6-1 6-4 (1h 20m)  
QF: d. M. JOINT (#103) 4-6 6-2 6-0 (1h 47m)

*Total time on court: 5h 19m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making second appearance at the tournament, where her previous result was reaching 1r as a qualifier (l. Wang Xinyu) in 2023
- Has beaten Magdalena Frech, Jessica Bouzas Maneiro and Maya Joint so far this week to reach her second semifinal this season after Hobart (l. Kessler)
- Faces No.10 Emma Navarro in SF today; has a 3-0 record against Top 10 players, defeating No.8 Zheng.Q at Roland Garros, No.6 Jabeur at Miami and No.8 Sakkari at Australian Open - all in 2024
- Owns 3-5 career record against players from United States of America, with record in 2025 standing at 0-1, falling to Kessler in Hobart semifinal
- Owns 12-19 career record against seeds, with a record in 2025 standing at 2-3
- Record in WTA SF matches stands at 1-1 (d. Paquet at Iasi 2024; l. Kessler at Hobart 2025)
- Only player from Armenia to reach SF
- Is currently ranked No.45; this time last year was ranked No.63; by reaching the SF will surpass her career high ranking of No.41 (Jan 13, 2025)

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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

- 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 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
22	63	Aces	15	81
64.2%	45	First serve %	66.9%	20
61.2%	80	First Serve points won %	60.5%	91
41.4%	96	Second serve points won %	44.7%	68
54.1%	95	Overall service points won %	55.2%	72
58.1%	97	Service games won %	63.1%	69
44.6%	114	Break points saved %	54.8%	61
38.9%	25	First serve return points won %	40.9%	12
58.5%	16	Second serve return points won %	55.5%	52
49.3%	25	Break points converted %	47.0%	43
41.5%	12	Return games won %	40.7%	14
46.2%	11	Return points won %	46.2%	12

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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS	SINGLES FINALS
Champion (1)	Runner-Up (1)
2024 - HOBART	2024 - IASI 250

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



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## 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 Bowl
- Also R-Up in girls' doubles at 2019 Australian Open w/Beck
- 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 Peter Ayers
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- 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

- 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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**EMILIANA  
ARANGO (Q)**  
COLOMBIA

**DARIA  
(Q) SAVILLE** 121  
AUSTRALIA

2000-11-28	Date of Birth		1994-03-05
Bradenton, FL, USA	Residence		Melbourne, Australia
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	
	Height	5' 5" (1.66 m)	
109	Career-High Ranking	20	
\$611,524	Career Prize Money	\$5,949,724	
\$0	Season Prize Money	\$129,443	
0 / 0	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 1	
0-0	Grand Slam W-L (best)	22-34 (Round of 16: 2017 AUSTRALIAN OPEN; 2016 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	
3-0 / 3-0 (Semi-Finalist: 2025)	YTD / Career MÉRIDA W-L (best)	3-0 / 3-0 (Semi-Finalist: 2025)	
3-0 / 15-16	YTD / Career W-L	3-3 / 157-153	

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## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

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

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
109	180	2024	77	120
112	112	2023	53	206
220	377	2022	50	53
249	249	2021	309	419
475	493	2020	235	446
401	599	2019	34	237
345	437	2018	23	38
455	494	2017	20	25
826	826	2016	24	25
-	-	2015	35	36

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**DARIA  
(Q) SAVILLE**

## 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)  
QF: d. R. SRAMKOVA (#40) 5-7 6-3 6-0 (1h 56m)

*Total time on court: 5h 51m*

### 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, has beaten Maria Lourdes Carle, Francesca Jones and Rebecca Sramkova so far this week to reach her first Tour level semifinal
- Faces No.121 Daria Saville in SF today
- First time facing a player from Australia
- Best previous result on hard court was QF which she reached twice: Cluj-Napoca, Guadalajara in 2023
- Only player from Colombia in the main draw
- One of two qualifiers to reach the semifinal along with Saville
- Best result by a qualifier at Merida was Runner-Up run by Rebecca Peterson in 2023
- Is currently ranked No.133; this time last year was ranked No.121; her Merida performance will take her ranking into the Top 100 for the first time in her career

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. M. KOSTYUK (#19) 6-4 7-6 (2h 8m)  
2r: d. A. KALININA (#52) 4-6 6-2 6-2 (2h 42m)  
QF: d. P. BADOSA (#11) 1-6 5-3 (1h 14m)

*Total time on court: 6h 4m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making tournament debut
- After qualifying, has beaten Marta Kostyuk, Anhelina Kalinina and Paula Badosa (via retirement) so far this week to reach her first SF since Hobart 2024 (l. Mertens)
- Faces No.133 Emiliana Arango in SF today
- Owns 0-1 career record against players from Colombia (l. Duque Marino at 2016 Roland Garros)
- Record in WTA SF matches stands at 4-7
- Owns one WTA 500 title - 2017 New Haven (also her best result on hard court)
- Only player from Australia to reach SF after Maya Joint was defeated in QF
- Best previous result by Australia at Merida was QF by Kimberly Birrell in 2023
- Is currently ranked No.121; this time last year was ranked No.148

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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

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SEASON 2025 HISTORY

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

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
3	131	Aces	8	101
64.0%	47	First serve %	69.2%	14
58.2%	108	First Serve points won %	60.6%	89
44.9%	64	Second serve points won %	43.3%	81
53.4%	98	Overall service points won %	55.3%	70
60.0%	90	Service games won %	60.3%	86
66.7%	3	Break points saved %	45.7%	110
49.3%	1	First serve return points won %	36.9%	49
66.2%	1	Second serve return points won %	52.0%	96
72.4%	1	Break points converted %	43.8%	69
60.0%	1	Return games won %	33.3%	58
54.8%	1	Return points won %	42.3%	70

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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)

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



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## 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)

- Finished 2024 ranked No.120 in the WTA year-end 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

- 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 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 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