



MATCH NOTES

MUBADALA ABU DHABI OPEN PRESENTED BY ABU DHABI SPORTS COUNCIL - ABU DHABI, UAE
2025-02-03 - 2025-02-08 | \$ 1,064,510



54 **YUE YUAN**
CHINA

WAKANA (Q) SONOBE **834**
JAPAN

1998-09-25	Date of Birth	2008-01-17
Yangzhou, China	Residence	null
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	null
5' 10" (1.78 m)	Height	null
36	Career-High Ranking	786
\$2,069,704	Career Prize Money	\$13,572
\$181,725	Season Prize Money	\$0
0 / 1	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 0
2-9 (Round of 32: 2022 US OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	0-0
0-0 / 0-0	YTD / Career ABU DHABI W-L (best)	0-0 / 0-0
2-3 / 39-45	YTD / Career W-L	0-0 / 0-0



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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
36	47	2024	786	860
74	108	2023	1076	1088
74	74	2022	-	-
229	312	2021	-	-
205	229	2020	-	-
222	233	2019	-	-
334	378	2018	-	-
424	429	2017	-	-
929	931	2016	-	-



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 1st appearance at Abu Dhabi
- Faces No.834 Wakana Sonobe in 1r today
- Owns 1-0 career record against players from Japan in main draw Tour-level matches; defeated Nao Hibino at 2024 Hong Kong
- First time facing a qualifier in 2025
- Owns one hard court title: Austin in 2024
- Only player from China to feature in the main draw here this week
- Best result by China at Abu Dhabi was SF by Qinwen Zheng in 2023
- Is currently ranked No.54; this time last year was ranked No.67
- Has won 2 matches so far in 2025, both at Brisbane where she reached R16
- Winner today will face Jabeur or Ostapenko in 2r

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making main draw debut at Abu Dhabi
- Played qualifying here last season, lost in her first match against Bernarda Pera
- Has defeated Baptiste and Bucsa so far this week in qualifying to reach 1r
- Playing in her first ever Tour-level main draw match today
- Faces No.54 Yue Yuan in 1r
- Has faced a player from China once before at ITF level (l. Tian Fangran in 2024 at W35 Arcadia)
- Only player from Japan to feature in the main draw
- Best result by Japan at Abu Dhabi was R32 by Naomi Osaka in 2024
- Lowest ranked player (No.757) to reach 1r at Abu Dhabi was Naomi Osaka in 2024
- Is currently ranked No.834; this time last year was ranked No.1083



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

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SEASON 2025 HISTORY

- Fell in 1r at Australian Open (l. Pavlyuchenkova)
 - Played 1r at Hobart (l. Osorio)
 - Reached R16 at Brisbane (l. Kalinina)
- Opens 2025 season at Abu Dhabi

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
11	71	Aces	0	0
62.7%	55	First serve %	0.0%	0
61.5%	74	First Serve points won %	0.0%	0
47.5%	39	Second serve points won %	0.0%	0
56.3%	67	Overall service points won %	0.0%	0
63.3%	73	Service games won %	0.0%	0
58.1%	43	Break points saved %	0.0%	0
34.4%	67	First serve return points won %	0.0%	0
56.9%	27	Second serve return points won %	0.0%	0
40.0%	75	Break points converted %	0.0%	0
31.4%	62	Return games won %	0.0%	0
42.0%	60	Return points won %	0.0%	0



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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (1)
2024 - AUSTIN
Runner-Up (1)
2023 - SEOUL

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (1)
2024 - NINGBO (w/Schuurs)

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



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CAREER MILESTONES

- Enjoyed best season of career in 2024, capturing her first Hologic WTA Tour title at Austin and made her first WTA 1000 QF at Indian Wells. Achieved a new career-high ranking of No.36 in May
- In the 2023 season reached her first Hologic WTA Tour final at Seoul (l. Pegula)
- Debuted in the main draw of Australian Open in 2023 without having to play qualification rounds for the first time, however fell in 1r (l. Sakkari)
- In 2023 season lifted an ITF \$100k Takasaki title
- Ended her 2023 singles season ranked at No. 87
- Jumped more than 100 spots in ranking during 2022, breaking Top 100 in October after winning ITF W60 Las Vegas NV
- Started off the year with a title win at W60+H Traralgon; also made F at W60 Liepaja (l. Navarro) and W60 Berkeley CA (l. Brengle)
- Qualified for the main draw at Miami and Wimbledon and made 3r at US Open (l. Pegula)
- Played a handful of ITF tournaments in 2023 and competed in her first Tour-level event in qualifying at 2024 Abu Dhabi (l. Pera)
- Began on the ITF circuit in 2022 reaching the final at W15 Cancun as a wild card

OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Nan Yang
- Started playing tennis at the age of 10
- Favorite player is Roger Federer
- No notes have been added for this player



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FIRST MEETING

52

**MCCARTNEY
KESSLER (Q)**

UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA

**ASHLYN
KRUEGER**

50

UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA

1999-07-08	Date of Birth	2004-05-07
	Residence	Dallas, TX, USA
Right-handed	Plays	Right-Handed
5' 9" (1.75m)	Height	6'1" (1.85m)
47	Career-High Ranking	50
\$788,712	Career Prize Money	\$1,857,353
\$200,600	Season Prize Money	\$219,860
1 / 2	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 1
1-4 (Round of 64: 2024 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	2-8 (Round of 32: 2024 US OPEN)
0-0 / 0-0	YTD / Career ABU DHABI W-L (best)	0-0 / 1-1 (Round of 16: 2024)
6-2 / 14-12	YTD / Career W-L	5-3 / 28-40



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First career meeting

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
63	68	2024	51	65
231	231	2023	73	81
948	948	2022	178	178
994	1009	2021	534	536
1217	1273	2020	-	-
775	1224	2019	-	-
896	1020	2018	-	-
938	939	2017	-	-



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PLAYER NOTES

- Making 1st appearance at Abu Dhabi
- Faces No.50 Ashlyn Krueger in 1r today; owns 8 wins in career over Top 50 players, including four on her way to claiming the Hobart title this season; No.49 Sramkova, No.33 Yastremska, No.44 Avanesyan and No. 24 Mertens
- Owns 1-0 career record against players from United States of America, defeating Katrina Scott at 2024 Cleveland
- Owns two hard court titles:Hobart in 2025; Cleveland in 2024
- One of 4 players from United States of America to feature in 1r along with Krueger, Volynets and Kenin
- Best result by United States of America at Abu Dhabi was QF by Shelby Rogers in 2023
- Is currently ranked No.52; this time last year was ranked No.152
- Has won 6 main draw matches so far in 2025 with five of those achieved at Hobart
- Winner today will face No.3 seed Daria Kasatkina in 2r

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at Abu Dhabi, previously reaching 2r as a qualifier in 2024 (l. Kasatkina)
- Faces No.52 McCartney Kessler in 1r today
- Owns 1-6 career record against players from United States of America, with record in 2025 standing at 0-1 (defeated by Pegula at Adelaide)
- Has been defeated once so far in 2025 by a qualifier; Polina Kudermetova at Brisbane
- Owns one hard court title: Osaka in 2023
- One of 4 players from United States of America to feature in 1r along with Kessler, Volynets and Kenin
- Best result by United States of America at Abu Dhabi was QF by Shelby Rogers in 2023
- Is currently ranked No.50; this time last year was ranked No.82
- Has won 5 main draw matches so far in 2025, including reaching QF at Brisbane and Adelaide



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

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2024	Result	Rank: 82	Seed: -
2r	L	D. KASATKINA (#14)	6-3 7-5
1r	W	B. PERA (#89)	6-2 5-7 6-3



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SEASON 2025 HISTORY

- Played 1r at Australian Open (l. S. Zhang)
- Won at Hobart (d. Mertens in F)
- Opened 2025 reaching 2r at Brisbane (l. Putintseva)

- Played 1r at Australian Open (l. Tomljanovic)
- Opened 2025 with QF finish at Brisbane (l. eventual R-Up P.Kudermetova) and another QF at Adelaide (as LL, l. eventual R-Up Pegula via ret.)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
14	63	Aces	35	14
62.9%	54	First serve %	65.8%	24
62.3%	65	First Serve points won %	67.3%	33
54.3%	7	Second serve points won %	48.2%	35
59.3%	30	Overall service points won %	60.8%	19
70.9%	34	Service games won %	76.1%	17
50.0%	77	Break points saved %	52.2%	69
37.7%	34	First serve return points won %	34.4%	68
59.4%	18	Second serve return points won %	53.8%	58
55.7%	6	Break points converted %	53.7%	10
39.5%	21	Return games won %	32.2%	56
45.3%	24	Return points won %	42.0%	61



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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (2)
2025 - HOBART
2024 - CLEVELAND

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (1)
2023 - OSAKA

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (1)
2024 - CHARLESTON (w/Stephens)

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



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CAREER MILESTONES

- 2024 saw a breakthrough year, making her Tour-level main draw debut at Auckland (as a qualifier, l. Lulu Sun), winning her first Tour-level main draw match at the Australian Open and claiming her maiden title at Cleveland. She also claimed her first WTA 125 title at Puerto Vallarta and entered the Top 100 for the first time, peaking at No.63 on August 26, 2024.
 - Reached WTA 125 series QF at Angers in 2023 (l. Yastremaska)
 - Lifted first ITF title in 2023 at Rome \$60K
 - Played first Tour level matches as a wild card at 2023 US Open, where she won two qualifying matches before falling in the third and failed to make the main draw
 - Reached first ITF final in 2021 at Lubbock \$15K
 - Made ITF debut in 2016 at Charleston \$10K at the age of 17
- In 2024 made main draw at all four majors for the first time, posting her best career Slam result at US Open with 3r (l. Samsonova). Further notable results were reaching 3r at WTA 1000s Madrid, Toronto and Beijing and peaking at a career high of No.51 in September. Also claimed first career doubles title at WTA 500 Charleston with Sloane Stephens.
 - In 2023, captured first career singles title in Osaka; did not drop a set en route to the title, defeating World No.35 and top seed Zhu Lin in the final. As a result of the title run, made Top 100 debut (week of September 18, 2023).
 - Also reached tour level QF at 2023 S'Hertogenbosch (l. Hrucakova).
 - Highlight of 2022 season was playing main draw Indian Wells, Miami, San Jose and US Open
 - On ITF circuit in 2022, won title at W60 Evansville, IN, USA and reached final at W25 Sarasota, FL, USA
 - In 2021, also received WC to Indian Wells, where she was defeated in 1r (l. Martincova)
 - Fell 1r on Tour-level debut at 2021 US Open (as WC, l. Schmiedlova in 3s)
 - Also made 2r as WC in doubles at 2021 US Open (w/Montgomery, l. Fernandez/Routliffe) WTA qualifying debut came at 2021 San Jose
 - Earned wild cards into the singles and doubles draws at 2021 US Open after sweeping the USTA National Championships
 - Best career result on ITF Circuit was coming through qualifying to reach SF on professional debut in 2019 at W15 event in Carson, CA, USA
 - As a junior won 2020 Orange Bowl tournament as a wildcard. Also lifted girls' doubles title at 2021 US Open (w/Montgomery)

OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by McClain Kessler
- Currently coached by Michael Joyce
- Resides in Dallas, Texas
- Favorite players growing up were Kim Clijsters and Maria Sharapova
- Off the court, likes to draw and read poetry



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FIRST MEETING

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CAROLINE GARCIA (WC)
FRANCE

LULU SUN

45

NEW ZEALAND

1993-10-16	Date of Birth	2001-04-14
Lyon, France	Residence	
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Left-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 10" (1.77m)	Height	
4	Career-High Ranking	39
\$18,415,326	Career Prize Money	\$1,112,409
\$132,000	Season Prize Money	\$157,950
0 / 11	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 0
62-51 (Semi-Finalist: 2022 US OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	4-4 (Quarter-Finalist: 2024 WIMBLEDON)
0-0 / 0-1 (Round of 32: 2024)	YTD / Career ABU DHABI W-L (best)	0-0 / 0-0
0-1 / 334-262	YTD / Career W-L	0-3 / 13-15



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First career meeting

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
19	51	2024	39	40
4	20	2023	189	219
4	4	2022	247	250
43	74	2021	315	315
43	43	2020	1118	1123
19	45	2019	484	-
4	19	2018	613	684
8	8	2017	772	784
23	23	2016	1161	-
25	35	2015	1133	1173



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

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PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at Abu Dhabi, where she previously played 1r in 2024 (l. Cirstea)
- Faces No.45 Lulu Sun in 1r today; owns 118 wins in career over Top 50 players, most recently No.42 Xinyu Wang at Madrid 2024
- Owns 1-2 career record against players from New Zealand, with each meeting against Marina Erakovic in 2011, 2014 and 2017
- Owns five hard court titles: WTA Finals, Cincinnati in 2022; Tianjin in 2018; Beijing, Wuhan in 2017
- Only player from France to feature in the main draw
- One of 4 main draw wild cards along with Raducanu, Vondrousova and Bencic
- Is currently ranked No.76; this time last year was ranked No.21
- Is looking for her first match win on 2025 after falling in 1r at Australian Open (l. Osaka)
- Winner today will face Fernandez or Alexandrova in 2r

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 1st appearance at Abu Dhabi
- Faces No.76 Caroline Garcia in 1r today
- Owns 1-2 career record against players from France, most recently defeating Chloe Paquet at 2024 Monterrey
- Has been defeated by a wild card already this season, losing to Sofia Kenin at Hobart
- Best career result on hard court is R-Up which she has reached once: Monterrey in 2024
- Only player from New Zealand to feature in the main draw
- Is currently ranked No.45; this time last year was ranked No.201
- Is looking for her first match win of 2025 after falling in the 1r at Auckland, Hobart, Australian Open and Linz
- Has been involved in 2 three-set matches in 2025



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2024	Result	Rank: 21	Seed: -
1r	L	S. CIRSTEANU (#26)	6-7(4) 6-4 6-4

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles



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CAROLINE GARCIA (WC)

LULU SUN

SEASON 2025 HISTORY

- Opened 2025 playing 1r at Australian Open (l. Osaka)

- Played 1r at Linz (l. Sorribes Tormo)
- Fell in 1r at Australian Open (l. Kovinic)
- Played 1r at Hobart (l. Kenin)
- Opened 2025 with R32 at Auckland (l. Marino)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
6	96	Aces	15	59
69.9%	0	First serve %	57.3%	98
60.3%	0	First Serve points won %	65.8%	42
56.0%	0	Second serve points won %	40.9%	86
59.0%	0	Overall service points won %	55.1%	78
71.4%	0	Service games won %	65.2%	60
33.3%	0	Break points saved %	60.0%	32
22.0%	0	First serve return points won %	27.3%	102
47.5%	0	Second serve return points won %	45.0%	100
33.3%	0	Break points converted %	44.4%	51
15.4%	0	Return games won %	16.7%	104
34.6%	0	Return points won %	34.3%	105



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TITLES

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (11)

2022 - WTA FINALS, CINCINNATI, WARSAW, BAD
HOMBURG
2019 - NOTTINGHAM
2018 - TIANJIN
2017 - BEIJING, WUHAN
2016 - MALLORCA , STRASBOURG
2014 - BOGOTA

Runner-Up (5)

2023 - MONTERREY, LYON
2019 - STRASBOURG
2015 - MONTERREY, ACAPULCO

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (8)

2023 - BERLIN (w/Stefani)
2022 - ROLAND GARROS (w/Mladenovic)
2016 - FRENCH OPEN (w/Mladenovic), MADRID
(w/Mladenovic), STUTTGART (w/Mladenovic),
CHARLESTON (w/Mladenovic)
2015 - EASTBOURNE (w/Srebotnik)
2014 - BOGOTA (w/Arruabarrena)

Runner-Up (11)

2024 - ADELAIDE (w/Mladenovic)
2016 - BEIJING (w/Mladenovic), US OPEN
(w/Mladenovic), DUBAI (w/Mladenovic), SYDNEY
(w/Mladenovic)
2015 - TORONTO (w/Srebotnik), STUTTGART
(w/Srebotnik), BRISBANE (w/Srebotnik)
2014 - MOSCOW (w/Parra Santonja), LINZ
(w/Beck), WUHAN (w/Black)

SINGLES FINALS

Runner-Up (1)

2024 - MONTERREY



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GRAND SLAMS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
1r				2025	1r			
2r	2r	2r	1r	2024	1r		QF	1r
4r	2r	3r	1r	2023				
1r	2r	4r	SF	2022				
2r	2r	1r	2r	2021				
2r	4r		3r	2020				
3r	2r	1r	1r	2019				
4r	4r	1r	3r	2018				
3r	QF	4r	3r	2017				
1r	2r	2r	3r	2016				
3r	1r	1r	1r	2015				
1r	1r	3r	1r	2014				
1r	2r	2r	2r	2013				
	1r			2012				
2r	2r			2011				



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LULU SUN

CAREER MILESTONES

- 2024 season highlight was making SF at Guadalajara (l. eventual champion Frech). Also reached QF at Miami (l. eventual champion Collins)
- Opened 2023 well with two R-Up performances on hard court at Lyon (l. Parks) and Monterrey (l. Vekic), as well as QFs at Adelaide and Doha. Went on to reach a further seven QFs throughout the season across all three surfaces, bringing a total of nine QFs (Stuttgart, Berlin, Eastbourne, Cleveland, San Diego, Tokyo and Beijing).

Her strongest WTA 1000 result of 2023 came with SF at Guadalajara (l. eventual winner Sakkari), and qualified for year ending Zhuhai Elite Trophy for a third time (also in 2016 & 2018), defeated by eventual champion Haddad Maia in group stage.

- Served highest number of aces of all players in 2023, with a total of 462 (nearest challenger was Rybakina with 455).
- Returned to form in second half of 2022, winning four tournaments, including a run through qualifying to Cincinnati title (d. Kvitova in F) and victory at WTA Finals in Fort Worth (d. Sabalenka in F)
- Only player to win titles on all three surfaces in 2022, having also triumphed on grass at Bad Homburg (d. Andreescu in F) and on clay at Warsaw (d. Bogdan in F). Summer form saw her return to Top 10 on September 12, following US Open SF
- Best win of her career came over No.1 Swiatek in QF at 2022 Warsaw
- At 2022 Roland-Garros, won first doubles title in almost six years (w/Mladenovic, d. Gauff/Pegula in F)
- Highlights in 2021 came on clay, with SF at Lausanne and QF at Parma
- Best results in 2020 were at Slams, reaching R16 at Roland-Garros (l. Svitolina) and 3r at US Open (l. Brady); defeated No.3 Ka.Pliskova in 2r at Flushing Meadows to record her first Top-10 win since late 2018
- Highlights of 2019 campaign include capturing her seventh career WTA singles title at Nottingham (d. Vekic in F) and finishing R-Up at Strasbourg (l. Yastremska)
- Member of French Billie Jean King Cup team that won the 2019 competition final vs. Australia, teaming up with Mladenovic to win the decisive doubles runner against

- A breakthrough season in 2014 saw her climb from No.214 to a career high of No.39 by September. At Wimbledon she reached the quarterfinals as a qualifier and became the first New Zealand woman to reach that stage in the Open Era. Her first round Wimbledon win over No.8 Zheng Qinwen marked her first Top 10 win, as well as her first completed victory over any Top 100 player, her first main draw win at a Grand Slam and first main draw win on grass.
- She then went on to reach her first Tour level final in 2024 at WTA 500 Monterrey (l. Noskova) and was voted WTA Newcomer of the Year
- Broke into Top 200 in 2023 for first time following title run at ITF Brasilia \$80K
- Played two WTA 125 series main draw matches in 2023
- Made breakthrough at Seoul 2022, scoring her first career main draw win (d. Lizette Cabrera) en route to QF (l. eventual champion Ekaterina Alexandrova)
- Fell 1r at Granby 2022 (l. Parry)
- Played first career Grand Slam at Wimbledon 2022, falling last round of qualifying
- Made WTA main draw debut at Rabat 2022 (l. Rus in 1r)
- Played first WTA event at Bogota 2018 qualifying

- Barty/Stosur. Also took part in the team that advanced to final vs. Czech Republic in 2016
- Fell out of the Top 20 on March 18, 2019 after holding her position there since August 14, 2017
 - In 2018, won sixth career title at Tianjin; also made SF at Stuttgart and Madrid
 - Broke into the Top 5 on August 13, 2018 and reached a career-high of No.4 on September 10, 2018
 - Became first player to win Wuhan and Beijing back-to-back in 2017. As a result, qualified for WTA Finals. Was ranked No.30 on the Race to Singapore leaderboard in May 2017
 - Made Top-10 debut on October 9, 2017, following completion of Wuhan-Beijing title double
 - Won a career-best 48 main draw matches in 2017 (48-22 record, two titles), including reaching maiden major QF at Roland-Garros (l. Ka.Pliskova)
 - Qualifying for WTA Finals in 2017, became the first Frenchwoman to compete at WTA Finals in singles since Mauresmo in 2006 (l. Henin in F)
 - At 2016 Roland Garros w/Mladenovic, won first major doubles title. They were the first French pair to win in Paris since 1971, when Gail Chanfreau and Françoise Durr triumphed
 - Represented France at 2016 Rio Olympics in singles and doubles
 - Played 2015 WTA Finals Rising Stars Invitational in Singapore (l. Osaka in F)
 - Made professional debut at 13 on ITF Circuit in France in 2007
 - In juniors, singles runner-up at 2011 US Open (l. Min) and reached SF at the other three Slams

OTHER INFORMATION

- Recently worked with Bertrand Perret
 - Worked with Juan Pablo Guzman and Emiliano Redondi. Was also previously coached by father Louis Paul Garcia
 - Mother is Marylene
 - Played many sports when she was younger and chose tennis because it was the one she enjoyed the most
 - Enjoys reading and spending time with family, and a big sports fan
 - Best tennis memories are winning Limoges, Strasbourg, and the 2016 Roland Garros doubles title
- Coached by Vladimir Platenik



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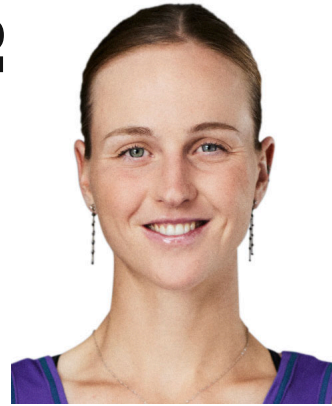
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51 **VERONIKA KUDERMETOVA (LL)**

LIUDMILA (5) SAMSONOVA 21

1997-04-24	Date of Birth	1998-11-11
Moscow, Russia	Residence	
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-Handed
5' 8" (1.75m)	Height	5' 11" (1.82m)
9	Career-High Ranking	12
\$8,307,443	Career Prize Money	\$6,147,847
\$471,240	Season Prize Money	\$300,400
0 / 2	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 5
21-23 (Quarter-Finalist: 2022 ROLAND GARROS)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	21-19 (Round of 16: 2024 US OPEN; 2022 US OPEN; 2021 WIMBLEDON)
0-0 / 1-2 (Quarter-Finalist: 2023)	YTD / Career ABU DHABI W-L (best)	0-0 / 7-2 (Runner-Up: 2023)
5-3 / 172-132	YTD / Career W-L	4-3 / 121-96



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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2024	SEOUL	HARD	2r	Veronika Kudermetova	6-4 6-2	1h 40m
2024	BERLIN	GRASS	1r	Veronika Kudermetova	3-6 6-4 6-4	2h 16m
2023	ZHUHAI	HARD		Veronika Kudermetova	6-4 3-6 7-5	2h 53m
2023	ABU DHABI	HARD	QF	Liudmila Samsonova	6-3 6-3	1h 23m
2022	BERLIN	GRASS	2r	Veronika Kudermetova	6-3 6-7(5) 6-1	2h 9m
2021	INDIAN WELLS	HARD	2r	Veronika Kudermetova	6-2 6-3	1h 11m
2021	BERLIN	GRASS	2r	Liudmila Samsonova	6-4 6-3	1h 20m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
16	77	2024	13	27
9	19	2023	12	16
9	9	2022	19	20
28	31	2021	39	39
38	46	2020	114	127
41	41	2019	123	139
112	115	2018	177	180
174	257	2017	520	552
208	210	2016	1076	1078
282	400	2015	837	-



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 3rd appearance at Abu Dhabi, where she was a finalist in 2021 (l. Sabalenka) and reached QF in 2023 (l. Samsonova)
- Faces No.21 Liudmila Samsonova in 1r today; with a match record of 5-2, she has defeated no other player on more occasions in her career
- Owns 71 wins in career over Top 50 players, most recently No.17 Beatriz Haddad Maia at Australian Open 2025
- Has a 2-2 record against seeded players in 2025, most recently falling to No.28 seed Elina Svitolina at Australian Open
- Owns one hard court title: Tokyo in 2023
- Is currently ranked No.51; this time last year was ranked No.16
- Has won 5 main draw matches so far in 2025, including posted her career best Australian Open result with 4r and QF at Hobart
- Winner today will face Bencic or Sramkova in 2r

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 3rd appearance at Abu Dhabi, where she previously made the final in 2023 (l. Bencic) and also reaching SF in 2024 (l. Rybakina)
- Faces No.51 Veronika Kudermetova in 1r today; her most recent win over today's opponent was in the quarterfinal at Abu Dhabi in 2023
- Has a 2-2 match record against players outside the Top 50 so far this season (lost to No.55 Danilovic at Australian Open and No.107 P.Kudermetova at Brisbane; defeated No. 62 Rakhimova at Australian Open and No.421 Bencic at Adelaide)
- Owns three hard court titles: Tokyo, Cleveland, Washington DC in 2022
- Is currently ranked No.21; this time last year was ranked No.15
- Has won 4 matches so far in 2025 including a run to the semifinal at Adelaide (l. Keys via retirement)
- Has been involved in 4 three-set matches in 2025



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2024	Result	Rank: 16	Seed: 9
1r	L	H. WATSON (#156) 6-3 7-5	

2023	Result	Rank: 11	Seed: 4
QF	L	L. SAMSONOVA (#19) 6-3 6-3	
2r	W	E. MERTENS (#32) 6-1 7-5	

2024	Result	Rank: 15	Seed: 8
SF	L	E. RYBAKINA (#5) 6-0 4-6 6-2	
QF	W	B. KREJCIKOVA (#12) 7-5 6-4	
2r	W	A. KALININA (#32) 6-1 6-3	
1r	W	L. TSURENKO (#37) 6-0 6-1	

2023	Result	Rank: 19	Seed: 8
F	L	B. BENCIC (#9) 1-6 7-6(8) 6-4	
SF	W	Q. ZHENG (#29) 6-4 1-6 6-4	
QF	W	V. KUDERMETOVA (#11) 6-3 6-3	
2r	W	B. KREJCIKOVA (#30) 7-5 7-6(6)	
1r	W	C. LIU (#56) 3-6 6-2 6-0	



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SEASON 2025 HISTORY

- Reached 4r at Australian Open (l. Svitolina)
- Opened 2025 with QF finish at Hobart (l. eventual R-Up Mertens)

- Made 2r at Australian Open (l. Danilovic)
- Reached SF at Adelaide (l. eventual champion Keys, retired due to abdominal injury)
- Opened year with R32 at Brisbane (l. eventual R-Up P.Kudermetova)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
29	21	Aces	28	22
62.6%	56	First serve %	59.2%	82
65.6%	44	First Serve points won %	69.7%	16
45.3%	50	Second serve points won %	41.2%	85
57.9%	40	Overall service points won %	58.1%	38
66.2%	55	Service games won %	67.9%	49
51.0%	75	Break points saved %	54.2%	63
40.3%	15	First serve return points won %	32.7%	79
56.4%	33	Second serve return points won %	51.0%	79
45.8%	40	Break points converted %	42.3%	68
43.4%	10	Return games won %	27.2%	78
46.6%	11	Return points won %	39.8%	85



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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (2)
2023 - TOKYO
2021 - CHARLESTON
Runner-Up (5)
2023 - 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH
2022 - ISTANBUL, DUBAI, MELBOURNE 250 #1
2021 - ABU DHABI

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (8)
2024 - STUTTGART (w/Chan)
2023 - ZHUHAI (w/Haddad Maia), DUBAI (w/Samsonova)
2022 - WTA FINALS (w/Mertens), ROME (w/Pavlyuchenkova), DUBAI (w/Mertens)
2021 - ISTANBUL (w/Mertens)
2019 - WUHAN (w/Duan)

Runner-Up (10)
2024 - BEIJING (w/Chan), BAD HOMBURG (w/Chan), BERLIN (w/Chan)
2022 - 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH (w/Mertens), MIAMI (w/Mertens), DOHA (w/Mertens)
2021 - INDIAN WELLS (w/Rybakina), WIMBLEDON (w/Vesnina)
2019 - LUGANO (w/Voskoboeva), CHARLESTON (w/Khromacheva)

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (5)
2024 - 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH
2022 - TOKYO, CLEVELAND, WASHINGTON DC
2021 - BERLIN

Runner-Up (3)
2023 - BEIJING, MONTREAL, ABU DHABI

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (2)
2024 - SEOUL (w/Melichar-martinez)
2023 - DUBAI (w/Kudermetova)

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



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CAREER MILESTONES

- Best results of 2024 came at Seoul with semifinal (l. Haddad Maia) and quarterfinal at Charleston (l. Sakkari). Also claimed her eighth career doubles title at Stuttgart w/Hao-Ching Chan
 - Won second career title at 2023 Tokyo (d. Pegula in F) and finished R-Up at 2023 's-Hertogenbosch (l. Alexandrova in F); ended year at No.19 for second straight Top 20 year-end ranking
 - Also in 2023, reached SF at Adelaide 2, Doha, Madrid and Rome; qualified for WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai going 1-1 in group play
 - In doubles, won titles in 2023 at Dubai with Liudmila Samsonova and Zhuhai with Beatriz Haddad Maia
 - Made Top 10 debut in singles on October 24, 2022, following QF run at Guadalajara 1000 and Top 10 debut in doubles on January 31, 2022 ending the year at No.2
 - Singles highlights in 2022 were R-Up finishes at Melbourne Summer Set 1 (l. Halep), Dubai (l. Ostapenko) and Istanbul (l. Potapova), and reached maiden Grand Slam QF at Roland Garros (l. Kasatkina)
 - Won doubles title at 2022 WTA Finals in Fort Worth with partner Elise Mertens; also won title at Dubai and 's-Hertogenbosch with Mertens as well as Rome with Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova
 - Appeared in maiden WTA final at Abu Dhabi in opening event of 2021 (l. Sabalenka) before securing first title at Charleston (d. Kovinic)
 - In doubles won title at Istanbul with Elise Mertens and made final at Wimbledon (w/Vesnina) and Indian Wells (w/Rybakina) Scored first win over a Top-3 ranked opponent by upsetting No.3 Karolina Pliskova at 2020 Cincinnati. Other highlights in 2020 included SF run at Hobart and closing out season with back-to-back QFs at Ostrava and Linz
 - Won 27 main-draw matches during 2019 – had previously won six across entire career - to rise over 60 places in the WTA rankings, making Top-100 debut on February 4 and Top-50 debut on September 9
 - Singles highlights in 2019 included reaching SF at 's-Hertogenbosch, Hiroshima and Tianjin and 3r at Roland Garros where she defeated No.13 Caroline Wozniacki in 1r - her maiden Grand Slam main draw win and first over a Top-20 opponent)
 - Also in 2019, won WTA 125K Series title at Guadalajara (d. Bouzkova in F) and entered Top
 - In 2024, won one title at 's-Hertogenbosch (d. Andreescu in final); also reached SF at Abu Dhabi (l. eventual champion Rybakina); notably reached the QF at Cincinnati (l. eventual champion Sabalenka) and 4r at US Open (l. Swiatek)
 - Won one doubles title in 2024 at Seoul (w/ partner Melichar-Martinez)
- Ended 2023 ranked No.16; reached three finals at Abu Dhabi (l. Bencic in F), Montreal (l. Pegula in F) and Beijing (l. Swiatek)
- Also in 2023, reached SF at Washington DC and qualified for WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai going 1-1 in group play
 - In doubles in 2023, won title at Dubai w/Veronika Kudermetova
 - Lifted three titles in 2022, at Washington DC (d. Kanepi in F), Cleveland (d. Sasnovich in F) and Tokyo (d. Q.Zheng in F) ending year at No.20, her first Top 20 year-end ranking
 - Also made SF at Stuttgart, QF at Adelaide 250, R16 at US Open and made Top-20 debut on October 24
 - Earned first Top 10 win of career over No.7 Karolina Pliskova at Stuttgart
 - Highlight of 2021 was coming through qualifying to lift maiden WTA title at Berlin (d. Bencic in F) and breaking into Top 50 on September 13 finishing the year at No.39, her first year-end Top 100 ranking
 - Reached two further SFs in 2021, at Luxembourg and Courmayeur and reached R16 at Wimbledon
 - Earned first Top 20 win of career over No.11 Kiki Bertens at 2021 Miami
 - In 2020 reached 2r at Brisbane (as qualifier, d.No.24 Stephens, l. No.7 Kvitova) and Palermo (as qualifier, l. Martic), and fell 1r four times (including Australian Open, US Open and Roland Garros)
 - Appeared in the first WTA main draws of her career in 2019, highlighted by SF run at Palermo (as LL, l. eventual champion Teichmann), 2r showing at Lausanne (l. Han) and falling 1r on Grand Slam main draw debut at Roland Garros (as qualifier, l. Vekic)
 - Contested qualifying at a WTA event for the first time at 2019 Australian Open
 - Made professional debut on ITF circuit in 2013; owns four singles titles on the ITF Circuit

50 on Sept 9, 2019

- Posted first two Top 10 wins of career in final weeks of 2019, over No.10 Belinda Bencic at Wuhan and No.4 Elina Svitolina at Moscow
- Fell 1r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2019 Australian Open (as qualifier, l. Kenin)
- Won career first WTA doubles title at 2019 Wuhan with Yíngyíng Duan (d. Mertens/Sabalenka in F); also in 2019 was R-Up at Charleston (w/Khromacheva) and Lugano (w/Voskoboeva)
- Posted maiden career WTA QF runs in 2018, first at 's-Hertogenbosch (l. eventual champion Krunić) and then Gstaad (l. Bouchard)
- Reached 2r on WTA main draw debut at 2018 Stuttgart as qualifier (d. No.25 Suárez Navarro, l. eventual champion Ka.Pliskova)
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2014 Moscow
- Made professional debut on ITF circuit in 2011; on ITF Circuit, owns four singles titles

OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by husband Sergey Demekhine
- Born in Kazan, Russia, now based in Moscow and trains at CSKA club
- Father, Eduard, was a Russian national ice hockey champion; teenage sister, Polina, is on the junior circuit
- She started playing tennis at the age of eight
- Off the court, has a passion for cooking and her specialty is roasted chicken with potatoes and garlic

- Current coach is Danilo Pizzorno; Previously trained in Rome with Alessandro Dumitrache and worked with Alessandro Piccari
- Parents are Dmitry Samsonov and Svetlana Samsonova
- Hobbies include listening to and playing music, attending concerts and watching films
- Idolizes Maria Sharapova
- Favorite shot is her forehand and favorite surface to play on is hard court