



MATCH NOTES

Mubadala Abu Dhabi Open
presented by Abu Dhabi Sports Council
ABU DHABI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
FEBRUARY 3 - 8, 2025 | WTA 500



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SEMIFINALS – FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2025

[1] Elena Rybakina (KAZ #5) vs. [WC] Belinda Bencic (SUI #157)

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Rybakina:

- Making 3rd appearance at Abu Dhabi, where she won the tournament in 2024 (d. Kasatkina in F)
- Has also won two other singles titles at WTA 500 events at Brisbane 2024 (d. Sabalenka) and Stuttgart 2024 (d. Kostyuk)
- This is her 30th Tour level SF – owns a 19-10 record at this stage
- Is No. 1 seed this week; has been top seed at 2 tournaments in her career - last time also at Abu Dhabi in 2024
- Through to her first semifinal since 2024 Wimbledon (SF) and first hardcourt semifinal since 2024 Miami (R-Up)

Bencic:

- Won the title here in 2023 (d. Samsonova in final)
- Looking for her first Top 5 win in 2025, having fallen to No.4 Paolini at United Cup and No. 3 Gauff at Australian Open
- Is through to first semifinal at a Tour-level main draw since reaching the final at 2023 Charleston (R-Up), having spent 18 months away from the court due to pregnancy
- Owns six hard court titles: Abu Dhabi, Adelaide in 2023; Tokyo Olympics in 2021; Moscow, Dubai in 2019; Toronto in 2015
- Was ranked No.1213 in November; is playing this week at No.157 and is projected to move inside the Top 120 with SF

Ashlyn Krueger (USA #51) vs. Linda Noskova (CZE #39)

First meeting

Krueger:

- Through to her first WTA 500 SF, bettering four previous QFs at this level
- Owns one singles title, which came on hard court at Osaka in 2023 (d. Zhu in F)
- Is currently ranked No.51, with career-high No.50 achieved in Jan 2025 – will break into the Top 45 following Abu Dhabi SF

Noskova:

- Making second appearance at Abu Dhabi, with 2025 being a great improvement on opening match exit in 2024
- Owns one hard court title, also at WTA 500 level, at Monterrey in 2024
- Owns a career-high ranking of No.25 (August 2024)



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**ASHLYN
KRUEGER**
UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA

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**LINDA
NOSKOVA**
CZECH REPUBLIC

2004-05-07	Date of Birth	2004-11-17
Dallas, TX, USA	Residence	Prerov, Czech Republic
Right-Handed	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
6'1" (1.85m)	Height	5' 10" (1.79m)
50	Career-High Ranking	25
\$1,857,353	Career Prize Money	\$2,475,844
\$219,860	Season Prize Money	\$182,940
0 / 1	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 1
2-8 (Round of 32: 2024 US OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	8-10 (Quarter-Finalist: 2024 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
3-0 / 4-1 (Semi-Finalist: 2025)	YTD / Career ABU DHABI W-L (best)	3-0 / 3-1 (Semi-Finalist: 2025)
8-3 / 31-40	YTD / Career W-L	4-3 / 57-40
8-3 / 24-32	YTD / Career Hard W-L	4-3 / 45-25
6-1 / 12-14	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L	0-1 / 17-15
1-3 / 6-10	YTD / Career TB W-L	0-0 / 22-13
Semi-Finalist: ABU DHABI	YTD Best Result	Semi-Finalist: ABU DHABI



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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
51	65	2024	25	26
73	81	2023	40	41
178	178	2022	87	91
534	536	2021	315	317
-	-	2020	1019	1027



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. M. KESSLER (#57) 6-3 6-7 6-3 (2h 18m)
2r: d. D. KASATKINA (#11) 1-6 7-5 6-4 (2h 20m)
QF: d. L. FERNANDEZ (#27) 7-5 4-6 6-2 (2h 24m)

Total time on court: 7h 2m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at Abu Dhabi, where her previous result was reaching 2r in 2024
- Has beaten McCartney Kessler, Daria Kasatkina and Leylah Fernandez to reach SF, which is her best result at a WTA-500 event
- Faces No.39 Linda Noskova in SF today; owns 13 wins in career over Top 50 players, most recently No.27 Leylah Fernandez and No.11 Daria Kasatkina here at Abu Dhabi 2025
- Owns 0-4 career record against players from Czech Republic (0-0 in 2025), playing today's opponent Noskova for the first time
- Record in WTA SF matches stands at 1-0 (en route to title at Osaka 2023)
- Her sole career singles title has come on hard court at Osaka 2023 (d. Zhu in F)
- First player from United States of America to reach SF at Abu Dhabi
- Previous Best result by United States of America at Abu Dhabi was QF run by Shelby Rogers in 2023
- Is currently ranked No.51, close to her peak rank No.50 achieved in Jan 2025; this time last year was ranked No.82

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. M. FRECH (#28) 6-0 6-3 (1h 1m)
2r: d. P. BADOSA (#10) 6-4 6-1 (1h 7m)
QF: d. M. LINETTE (#38) 6-4 6-3 (1h 19m)

Total time on court: 3h 27m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at Abu Dhabi, where her previous result was reaching 1r in 2024
- Best result at a WTA-500 event was title run at Monterrey 2024 (d. Sun in F)
- Has beaten Magdalena Frech, Paula Badosa and Magda Linette to reach SF
- Faces No.51 Ashlyn Krueger in SF today
- Owns 9-2 career record against players from United States of America (0-0 in 2025), playing today's opponent Krueger for the first time
- Record in WTA SF matches stands at 3-3
- Her sole career singles title has come on hard court at Monterrey 2024
- The first player from Czech Republic to reach SF at Abu Dhabi
- Previous best result by Czech Republic at Abu Dhabi was QF run by Barbora Krejcikova in 2024
- Is currently ranked No.39; this time last year was ranked No.31



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

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	

2024	Result	Rank: 31	Seed: -
1r	L	S. SORRIBES TORMO (#54) 6-3 3-6 6-3	



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SEASON 2025 HISTORY

- Reached 2r at Abu Dhabi (L. Kasatkina)
- 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.)

- Fell in 1r at Australian Open (L. Tauson)
- Played 1r at Adelaide (L. Sakkari)
- Made R16 at Brisbane (L. M. Andreeva)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
51	6	Aces	28	26
63.2%	52	First serve %	56.9%	103
67.2%	29	First Serve points won %	71.9%	7
46.5%	49	Second serve points won %	55.3%	5
59.6%	24	Overall service points won %	64.8%	2
72.5%	23	Service games won %	78.5%	9
51.9%	73	Break points saved %	41.7%	105
36.7%	51	First serve return points won %	34.4%	73
55.8%	44	Second serve return points won %	52.1%	81
50.0%	24	Break points converted %	54.1%	11
36.1%	38	Return games won %	29.9%	80
43.8%	42	Return points won %	41.5%	73

Best win by ranking: No.11 vs Kasatkina in ABU DHABI 2r
Longest match: 2h 28m vs Badosa in ADELAIDE 2r
Shortest match: 49m vs Pegula in ADELAIDE QF
Match points saved:
Most aces in a match: 8 vs Fernandez in ABU DHABI QF

Best win by ranking: No.10 vs Badosa in ABU DHABI 2r
Longest match: 2h 4m vs Tauson in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 1r
Shortest match: 1h 1m vs Frech in ABU DHABI 1r
Match points saved:
Most aces in a match: 6 vs Todoni in BRISBANE 2r



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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (1)
2023 - OSAKA

DOUBLES FINALS

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

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (1)
2024 - MONTERREY

Runner-Up (2)
2023 - PRAGUE, ADELAIDE #1

DOUBLES FINALS

Runner-Up (1)
2024 - ABU DHABI (w/Watson)

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



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CAREER MILESTONES

- 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)
- In 2024, achieved first Grand Slam singles quarterfinal at the Australian Open (l. Yastremska), where she also defeated then-World No.1 Iga Swiatek in the 3r; won her first singles title at Monterrey (d. Sun in F); reached SF at Prague (l. eventual champion Linette) and Brisbane (l. eventual champion Rybakina); earned a new career-high ranking of No.25 on August 26, 2024
- Breakthrough year in 2023, achieving runner-up twice; Adelaide 1 (as qualifier, l. Sabalenka) and Prague (l. Hibino). Also reached quarterfinals at Lyon (l. Osorio) and 3r at Indian Wells (l. Gauff) and Cincinnati (as qualifier, l. Gauff). Broke into Top 40 on October 9, 2023.
- Made Top-100 debut on August 1, 2022, following SF run at Prague (l. eventual champion Bouzkova); overtook Gauff at the youngest player in Top 100
- Also reached 2r at Tallinn (as qualifier, l. Haddad Maia) and fell 1r at both Roland Garros (as qualifier, l. Raducanu) and US Open (as qualifier, l. Bouzkova). On ITF Circuit, lifted fifth and sixth titles at this level, winning W60 tournament in Croissy-Beaubourg, France and W100 event in Versmold, Germany
- Finished 2021 campaign with 38-9 win-loss record, winning four ITF Circuit titles, including at W60 event in Prerov, Czech Republic
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2020 Prague
- On ITF Circuit, owns six titles in singles and one in doubles
- As a junior, won 2021 girls' singles at Roland Garros.

OTHER INFORMATION

- 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
- Currently coached by Tomas Kupa
- Mother's name is Ivana Noskova; Father's name is Drahos Nosek
- Like listening to Maneskin, Lil Nas X, Lizzo
- Enjoys watching Wrestling and streaming Netflix
- Also like to swim, run, and spend time with pets
- Favorite player is Serena Williams



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5 **ELENA RYBAKINA (1)**
KAZAKHSTAN

(WC) BELINDA BENCIC 157
SWITZERLAND

1999-06-17	Date of Birth	1997-03-10
	Residence	Wollerau, Switzerland
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
6' 0" (1.84m)	Height	5' 9" (1.75m)
3	Career-High Ranking	4
\$16,576,340	Career Prize Money	\$12,853,140
\$1,262,700	Season Prize Money	\$777,970
0 / 8	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 8
51-19 (Champion: 2022 WIMBLEDON)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	60-34 (Semi-Finalist: 2019 US OPEN)
2-0 / 7-1 (Champion: 2024)	YTD / Career ABU DHABI W-L (best)	3-0 / 7-0 (Champion: 2023)
11-3 / 222-94	YTD / Career W-L	9-4 / 263-168
11-3 / 144-65	YTD / Career Hard W-L	9-4 / 175-114
2-1 / 62-46	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L	1-2 / 96-59
1-2 / 56-49	YTD / Career TB W-L	3-1 / 69-44
0-2 / 12-16	YTD / Career TOP 5 W-L	0-3 / 15-17
Semi-Finalist: UNITED CUP, ABU DHABI	YTD Best Result	Semi-Finalist: ABU DHABI



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**BELINDA
(WC) BENCIC**

HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2021	CHICAGO 500	HARD	QF	Elena Rybakina	6-4 3-1	1h 8m
2021	OLYMPICS	HARD	SF	Belinda Bencic	7-6(2) 4-6 6-3	0m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
3	6	2024	17	913
3	4	2023	9	17
12	22	2022	11	12
14	14	2021	9	23
17	19	2020	4	12
37	37	2019	7	8
182	191	2018	37	37
420	425	2017	42	165
612	616	2016	7	43
-	-	2015	12	14



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. K. VOLYNETS (#68) 2-6 6-4 6-4 (2h 27m)
QF: d. O. JABEUR (#33) 6-2 4-6 7-6 (2h 13m)

Total time on court: 4h 40m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 3rd appearance at Abu Dhabi, where she won the tournament in 2024 (d. Kasatkina in F), which was Kazakhstan's best result at Abu Dhabi
- Has also won two other singles titles at WTA 500 events at Brisbane 2024 (d. Sabalenka) and Stuttgart 2024 (d. Kostyuk)
- Seeded as No.1, after 1r bye, has beaten Katie Volynets and Ons Jabeur to reach her 2nd SF of the season after United Cup 2025
- Faces No.157 Belinda Bencic in SF today; last time she lost to an opponent outside Top 100 was against No. 143 Ponchet at US Open 2024
- Owns 4-3 career record against players from Switzerland (0-0 in 2025), having played today's opponent Bencic twice - won at Chicago 500 in 2021 and lost at Tokyo Olympics 2021
- Owns 16-1 career record against wildcards (2-0 in 2025)
- Record in WTA SF matches stands at 19-10; with a win today would be her first final since Stuttgart 2024 (d. Kostyuk in F)
- Owns four singles titles on hard court - Abu Dhabi, Brisbane in 2024; Indian Wells in 2023; Hobart in 2020
- Is No.1 seed this week; has been top seed at 2 tournaments in her career - last time also at Abu Dhabi in 2024
- Only player from Kazakhstan to reach SF
- Is currently ranked No.5; this time last year was ranked No.5

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. R. SRAMKOVA (#44) 6-2 3-6 6-1 (2h 2m)
2r: d. V. KUDERMETOVA (#52) 6-0 6-0 (1h 4m)
QF: d. M. VONDROUSOVA (#37) 7-5 6-3 (1h 44m)

Total time on court: 4h 50m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at Abu Dhabi, winning the title in 2023 (d. Samsonova in final)
- Also owns three other titles at WTA 500 events at Eastbourne 2015, Charleston 2022 and Adelaide #2 in 2023
- Has beaten Rebecca Sramkova, Veronika Kudermetova and Marketa Vondrousova to reach her first SF since R-Up at Charleston 2023
- Faces No.5 Elena Rybakina in SF today, looking for her first Top 10 win in 2025, having failed in both of previous attempts against No.4 Paolini at United Cup and No. 3 Gauff at Australian Open; owns 32 wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.9 Petra Kvitova at Montreal 2023
- Owns 7-4 career record against players from Kazakhstan (0-0 in 2025), having played today's opponent Rybakina twice - won at Tokyo Olympics in 2021 (en route to Gold Medal) and lost at Chicago 500 in 2021
- Owns 62-79 career record against seeded opponents (3-2 in 2025)
- Record in WTA SF matches stands at 18-9; with a win today would be her first final since Charleston 2023 (l. Jabeur in F)
- Owns six hard court titles: Abu Dhabi, Adelaide #2 in 2023; Tokyo Olympics in 2021; Moscow, Dubai in 2019; Toronto in 2015
- First time a player from Switzerland reached SF at Abu Dhabi
- First time a wildcard player to reach SF at Abu Dhabi; previous best result by a wildcard at Abu Dhabi was R16 run by Emma Raducanu in 2024, Marta Kostyuk in 2023
- Is currently ranked No.157 - becoming the lowest ranked player to reach SF at Abu Dhabi; this time last year was ranked No.22



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2024	Result	Rank: 5	Seed: 1
F	W	D. KASATKINA (#14) 6-1 6-4	
SF	W	L. SAMSONOVA (#15) 6-0 4-6 6-2	
QF	W	C. BUCSA (#74) 6-1 6-4	
2r	W	D. COLLINS (#71) 4-6 6-3 6-3	

2023	Result	Rank: 10	Seed: 3
QF	L	B. HADDAD MAIA (#14) 3-6 6-3 6-2	
2r	W	K. PLISKOVA (#20) 6-4 6-2	

2023	Result	Rank: 9	Seed: 2
F	W	L. SAMSONOVA (#19) 1-6 7-6(8) 6-4	
SF	W	B. HADDAD MAIA (#14) 6-2 6-3	
QF	W	S. ROGERS (#46) 7-6(5) 6-2	
2r	W	M. KOSTYUK (#57) 6-4 7-5	



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SEASON 2025 HISTORY

- Reached 4r at Australian Open (l. eventual champion Keys)
- Opened 2025 representing Kazakhstan at United Cup, with a 3-1 result in singles (l. Swiatek)

- Reached 4r at Australian Open (l. Gauff)
- Played 2r at Adelaide (as qualifier, l. Samsonova)
- Opened 2025 representing Switzerland at United Cup with a 1-1 result in singles play (l. Paolini)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
44	7	Aces	16	62
59.7%	84	First serve %	63.0%	56
72.1%	5	First Serve points won %	65.8%	39
49.6%	24	Second serve points won %	46.7%	46
63.1%	6	Overall service points won %	58.7%	32
82.9%	3	Service games won %	68.6%	44
70.5%	3	Break points saved %	52.2%	71
40.0%	16	First serve return points won %	36.2%	56
55.0%	53	Second serve return points won %	64.5%	2
42.5%	72	Break points converted %	48.5%	30
37.0%	31	Return games won %	44.8%	8
45.8%	18	Return points won %	48.1%	6

Best win by ranking: No.33 vs Jabeur in ABU DHABI QF
No.33 vs Yastremaska in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 3r
Longest match: 2h 27m vs Volynets in ABU DHABI 2r
Shortest match: 53m vs Jones in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 1r
Match points saved:
Most aces in a match: 7 vs Volynets in ABU DHABI 2r

Best win by ranking: No.14 vs Kalinskaya in ADELAIDE 1r
Longest match: 2h 59m vs Samsonova in ADELAIDE 2r
Shortest match: 53m vs Kalinskaya in ADELAIDE 1r
Match points saved:
Most aces in a match: 4 vs Samsonova in ADELAIDE 2r
4 vs Kalinskaya in ADELAIDE 1r



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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (8)

2024 - STUTTGART, ABU DHABI, BRISBANE
2023 - ROME, INDIAN WELLS
2022 - WIMBLEDON
2020 - HOBART
2019 - BUCHAREST

Runner-Up (11)

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

DOUBLES FINALS

Runner-Up (2)

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

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (8)

2023 - ABU DHABI, ADELAIDE #2
2022 - CHARLESTON
2021 - OLYMPICS
2019 - MOSCOW, DUBAI
2015 - TORONTO, EASTBOURNE

Runner-Up (10)

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

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (2)

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

Runner-Up (1)

2021 - OLYMPICS (w/Golubic)

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



MATCH NOTES

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**ELENA
RYBAKINA**

**BELINDA
(WC) BENCIC**

CAREER MILESTONES

- Won three titles from five finals in 2024, tasting success at Brisbane, Abu Dhabi and Stuttgart and finishing R-Up at Doha and Miami. Qualified for her second WTA Finals and defeated WTA World No.1 Sabalenka in the group stage
- Reached second Grand Slam final at 2023 Australian Open (l. Sabalenka in 3s); made Top-10 debut following tournament (January 30, 2023). Also in 2023 won first two WTA 1000 title at Indian Wells and Rome and finished R-Up at Miami. Qualified for first WTA Finals, going 1-2 in group stage.
- Lifted maiden major at 2022 Wimbledon (d. Jabeur in F)
- In 2022 also finished R-Up at Adelaide (l. Barty) and Portoroz (l. Siniakova)
- Best result of 2021 were SFs at Eastbourne, Olympics and Chicago [500], and QFs at Abu Dhabi, Roland Garros, San Jose and Ostrava
- Opened 2020 season by reaching the championship match at four of her first five tournaments, including a title run at Hobart (d. Zhang in F)
- Made first final appearance at a Premier-level tournament with R-Up finish at St. Petersburg (l. Bertens); was rewarded with Top 20 debut at No.19 following run in Russia (February 17, 2020)
- First win over a Top-5 ranked opponent came over No.3 Ka.Pliskova during R-Up finish at 2020 Dubai
- Won back-to-back Slam matches for the first time during 3r showing at 2020 Australian Open (l. Barty)
- Won maiden WTA singles title at 2019 Bucharest (d. Tig in F), breaking into Top 100 for the first time in the following week's rankings at No.65 (July 22, 2019)
- Also in 2019, went on to make Top 50 debut on September 16, 2019, after reaching second career final at Nanchang (l. Peterson), produced SF appearances at Luxembourg and 's-Hertogenbosch, and made Grand Slam main draw debut at 2019 Roland Garros, falling 1r (as qualifier, l. Siniakova)
- Finished 2019 campaign with 57-21 win-loss record (across all levels) to end season at No.37, up from 2018's final ranking of No.191. On the ITF Circuit in 2019, lifted silverware on three occasions: back-to-back at \$25k Moscow-RUS and \$25k Kazan-RUS, and at \$60k ITF/Launceston-AUS
- Highlights of 2018 included reaching maiden WTA QF at St. Petersburg (l. Goerges) and
- After giving birth to daughter Bella, returned to the courts in October 2024 to play a handful of ITF matches, as well as winning her Billie Jean King Cup Playoff match for Switzerland over Serbia's Lola Radivojevic in November
- Played last tournament of 2023 at San Diego before taking maternity leave
- In 2023, won two titles at Adelaide 2 (d. Kasatkina in F) and Abu Dhabi (d. Samsonova in F); also finished R-Up at Charleston (l. Jabeur)
- Won sixth career title in 2022, triumphing at Charleston, while finishing R-Up at Berlin (l. Jabeur) and helped Switzerland lift Billie Jean King Cup Finals in Glasgow; also reached SF at Miami (l. Osaka) and Tallinn (l. Krejciakova) Captured gold medal for Switzerland at Tokyo Olympics in 2021 (d. Vondrousova in F); also claimed silver in doubles (w/Golubic)
- Other 2021 highlights included R-Up finish at Adelaide (l. Swiatek) and Berlin (l. Samsonova), and six further QFs (including US Open)
- Across a disrupted 2020 reached three QFs, at Adelaide, St. Petersburg and Doha
- Was voted WTA Comeback Player of the Year in 2019 - lifted two titles at Dubai (d. Kvitova in F) and Moscow (d. Pavlyuchenkova in F) and posted a career-best 49 Tour-level match wins in 2019 fourth most among all players and breaking back into Top 10 on September 9
- Earned spot at WTA Finals in Shenzhen becoming first Swiss player to compete in singles at the WTA Finals since Hingis in 2006, going on to reach SF at the season-ending showpiece (l. Svitolina)
- Also in 2019, marked 20th Grand Slam main draw by reaching her maiden major SF at US Open (l. eventual champion Andreescu) and finished R-Up at Mallorca (l. Kenin)
- Led the WTA with six victories over Top 5 players in 2019, including upsets over No.1 Naomi Osaka at Indian Wells, Madrid and US Open
- Standout result in 2018 was R-Up finish at Luxembourg (as qualifier, l. Goerges)
- In first round at 2018 Australian Open, defeated No.5 Venus Williams. Having also upset then-No.1 Serena Williams in SF at 2015 Toronto is one of seven women to defeat both Williams sisters before their 21st birthday (also Hingis, Sharapova, Clijsters, Henin, Chakvetadze and Osaka)
- Underwent left wrist surgery in spring 2017, missing five months - ranking fell outside Top

- clinching title at \$15k ITF/Kazan-RUS
- First Top 10 win came over No.7 Garcia at 2018 St. Petersburg
- Made WTA qualifying and main draw debut at 2017 Moscow (as qualifier, l. Begu in 1r)
- Professional debut came at \$10k ITF/Antalya-TUR in 2014

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

OTHER INFORMATION

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

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