

MATCH NOTES

2025 AUX · NINGBO OPEN

NINGBO, CHINA

October 13-19, 2025 | WTA 500 | \$1,064,510

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WTA FINALS WATCH FROM NINGBO

The 2025 Aux · Ningbo Open is the next event which will help determine the qualifiers for this year's WTA Finals Riyadh.

With six singles qualifiers settled after Wuhan, that leaves three players vying for the final two singles spots in Riyadh: **Mirra Andreeva**, **Jasmine Paolini** and **Elena Rybakina**. They are the top three seeds in Ningbo.

The Top 3-seeded players get underway in Ningbo in the second round, following their first-round byes. Here are the potential scenarios for WTA Finals qualification as things currently stand:

What it Takes for Andreeva to Qualify...

- Andreeva qualifies if Rybakina loses her first match
- Andreeva qualifies with quarterfinal if Rybakina does not reach final
- Andreeva qualifies with semifinal if Rybakina does not win title
- Andreeva qualifies with final if Rybakina is not her opponent in title match OR if Paolini loses her first match
- Andreeva qualifies with title (regardless of other results)

What it Takes for Paolini to Qualify...

- Paolini qualifies by reaching the semifinal if Rybakina is not her semifinal opponent
- Paolini qualifies with final (regardless of other results)

For Rybakina...

- As things currently stand, Rybakina cannot qualify this week
- A title run for Rybakina could move her ahead of Paolini if Paolini does not reach the SF, but Rybakina would still trail Andreeva

Additionally, six doubles teams have qualified for the WTA Finals Riyadh, leaving two doubles qualifiers yet to be determined. Five teams are still in contention for those two spots.

Three of the teams in contention for the remaining spots are playing today:

- Danilina/Krunic vs. Kenin/Siegemund (Danilina/Krunic are still in contention to qualify)
- Mihalikova/Nicholls vs. Guo/Panova (Both of these teams are still in contention to qualify)

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DAY 3 – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

[6] Belinda Bencic (SUI #14) vs. [Q] Yuliia Starodubtseva (UKR #131)

First meeting

Bencic:

- Making Ningbo tournament debut
- Holds 7-0 record this year vs. players ranked outside the Top 100
- Owns 6-1 record in 2025 against qualifiers, with only loss coming against Sakkari in Rome
- 7 of her 9 WTA titles have come on hard court: Abu Dhabi 2025 & 2023, Adelaide 500 2023, Tokyo Olympics 2021, Moscow 2019, Dubai 2019, Toronto 2015
- Has won 30 tour-level matches so far in 2025, with 22 of those on hard court including lifting the Abu Dhabi title and QF at Indian Wells
- Owns 6 WTA 500 titles, most recently Abu Dhabi this year (as a wild card, d. Krueger in final)

Starodubtseva:

- Making tournament main-draw debut, after falling in qualifying last year
- Successfully qualified for this year's main draw, then defeated Yulia Putintseva in opening round
- Owns 2 career wins over Top 20 players, defeating No.14 Kalinskaya at Beijing 2024 and No.20 Samsonova at Madrid 2025 (0-5 vs. Top 20 players since her Madrid victory over Samsonova)
- Best career tour-level result on hard court is QF twice: Beijing 2024 (l. eventual champion Gauff) and Monastir 2024 (l. eventual champion Kartal)
- Has won 9 tour-level matches so far in 2025 – the most tour-level matches she has won in a single season

[Q] Ajla Tomljanovic (AUS #104) vs. [Q] Zeynep Sonmez (TUR #76)

First meeting

Tomljanovic:

- Making 2nd appearance at Ningbo; on her previous showing in 2024 she fell in 1r (as qualifier, l. Yuan)
- Defeated Clara Tauson in the previous round here to register her first Top 20 win of 2025 – she had lost her previous 16 meetings with Top 20 players at WTA Tour events, dating back to 2022
- Best tour-level hard-court result is Runner-Up 3 times: Hua Hin 2019, Seoul 2018 and Pattaya City 2015
- Owns 2-4 record in 2025 against qualifiers, most recent was loss to Rodriguez in Sao Paulo

Sonmez:

- Making Ningbo debut – she is the first player from Turkey to ever compete in the Ningbo Open main draw
- Owns 3-2 tour-level record in 2025 vs. players outside the Top 100, including a win over fellow qualifier Sasnovich in 1r
- Holds 1 WTA title which came on hard court at Merida 2024
- So far during this year's Asian swing, reached 3r in Beijing (l. Potapova) and fell in qualifying at Wuhan (l. Wang Yafan)

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Karolina Muchova (CZE #20) vs. [7] Diana Shnaider (#19)

First meeting

Muchova:

- Making 2nd appearance at Ningbo, where she reached SF in 2024 (l. M. Andreeva via retirement)
- Defeated her fellow Czech Marketa Vondrousova in 1r, improving to 23-12 on hard courts this season
- Takes on fellow Top 20 player Shnaider in 2r today; Muchova owns 30 wins in career over Top 20 players (3-5 record vs. Top 20 players this year)
- Her one WTA singles title came on hard court during the Asian swing: Seoul in 2019
- Career-best results at WTA 500 events are SFs at Linz 2025, Ningbo 2024 & Moscow 2019

Shnaider:

- Making 3rd appearance at Ningbo, where she finished runner-up in 2023 (l. Jabeur)
- 2023 Ningbo was her first career WTA singles final - and still the only one she's ever lost (5-1 career record in WTA singles finals)
- Defeated Wang Xiyu in 1r to claim her 25th match-win of the season
- Owns 8 wins in career over Top 20 players, most recently No.14 Ekaterina Alexandrova in the 2025 Monterrey final (before that match, she was 0-4 this year vs. Top 20 players)
- Has won two WTA 500 singles titles in her career: 2024 Bad Homburg and 2025 Monterrey

[1] Mirra Andreeva (#6) vs. [WC] Zhu Lin (CHN #219)

Andreeva leads 1-0

Andreeva:

- Still in contention to qualify for the WTA Finals Riyadh; among other scenarios, Andreeva qualifies if she wins the Ningbo title, regardless of other results
- Making her 2nd appearance at Ningbo, where she was last year's runner-up (l. Kasatkina)
- Her 2024 Ningbo final appearance is her career-best showing at a WTA 500 event
- Andreeva is 1-2 this year vs. players ranked outside Top 100 (d. Zhu at Beijing; l. Boisson at Roland Garros and l. Townsend at US Open)
- 2 of her 3 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court: consecutive WTA 1000 titles at 2025 Dubai and Indian Wells (became youngest WTA 1000 champion since the WTA 1000 tier started in 2009)
- Has won 40 tour-level matches so far in 2025; 9th-most match-wins on tour this year

Zhu:

- Defeated Emma Raducanu in opening round for her 2nd Top 50 win of the year (also d. No.15 Alexandrova at 2025 Montreal)
- Matched her career-best WTA 500 result by making R16; she also reached R16 at 2024 Brisbane (l. eventual finalist Sabalenka)
- Faces Mirra Andreeva for the 2nd time during this year's Asian swing - Zhu lost her first career meeting with Andreeva last month in Beijing
- Owns 2 wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.7 Caroline Garcia at 2023 Cleveland (0-4 vs. Top 10 players since then)
- This is only her 7th tour-level hard-court main draw of 2025 after taking time away due to injury

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14 **BELINDA BENCIC (6)**
SWITZERLAND

(Q) STARODUBTSEVA **131**
UKRAINE

| | | |
|---|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1997-03-10 | Date of Birth | 2000-02-17 |
| Wollerau, Switzerland | Residence | |
| Right-handed (two-handed backhand) | Plays | Right-Handed |
| 5' 9" (1.75m) | Height | |
| 4 | Career-High Ranking | 63 |
| \$14,348,859 | Career Prize Money | \$1,407,675 |
| \$2,572,414 | Season Prize Money | \$825,851 |
| 1 / 9 | Singles Titles YTD / Career | 0 / 0 |
| 66-36 (Semi-Finalist: 2025 WIMBLEDON; 2019 US OPEN) | Grand Slam W-L (best) | 4-8 (Round of 32: 2025 ROLAND GARROS) |
| 1-0 / 1-0 (Round of 16: 2025) | YTD / Career NINGBO W-L (best) | 1-0 / 1-0 (Round of 16: 2025) |
| 30-16 / 284-180 | YTD / Career W-L | 9-15 / 16-23 |

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BENCIC

YULIIA
(Q) STARODUBTSEVA

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 |
|----------|----------|------|----------|----------|
| 17 | 913 | 2024 | 79 | 97 |
| 9 | 17 | 2023 | 160 | 160 |
| 11 | 12 | 2022 | - | - |
| 9 | 23 | 2021 | - | - |
| 4 | 12 | 2020 | - | - |
| 7 | 8 | 2019 | - | - |
| 37 | 37 | 2018 | 1144 | - |
| 42 | 165 | 2017 | 1082 | 1145 |
| 7 | 43 | 2016 | - | - |
| 12 | 14 | 2015 | - | - |

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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. M. LINETTE (#56) 6-3 6-2 (1h 34m)

Total time on court: 1h 34m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making tournament debut
- Faces No.131 Yuliia Starodubtseva in 2r today; Bencic is 7-0 this year vs. players ranked outside the Top 100
- Owns 10-3 career record against players from Ukraine, with record in 2025 standing at 1-1 (d. Yastremska in Miami, l. Svitolina in Miami)
- Owns 6-1 record in 2025 against qualifiers, with only loss coming against Sakkari in Rome
- 7 of her 9 WTA titles have come on hard court: Abu Dhabi 2025 & 2023, Adelaide 500 2023, Tokyo Olympics 2021, Moscow 2019, Dubai 2019, Toronto 2015
- Only player from Switzerland competing in this year's main draw
- Is currently ranked No.14, reached a career high of No.4 in February 2020
- During this year's Asian swing so far, reached R16 in Beijing (l. Gauff) and R16 in Wuhan (l. Swiatek)
- Has won 30 tour-level matches so far in 2025 with 22 of those on hard court including lifting the Abu Dhabi title and QF at Indian Wells
- Owns 6 WTA 500 titles: Abu Dhabi 2025 & 2023, Adelaide 2023, Charleston 2022, Moscow 2019, Eastbourne 2015
- Has been involved in 16 three-set matches in 2025 (11-5 record)

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. Y. PUTINTSEVA (#69) 6-4 6-2 (1h 39m)

Total time on court: 1h 39m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making tournament main-draw debut; lost in qualifying last year
- This year, defeated Priscilla Hon and Tamara Korpatsch to come through qualifying here, then went on to defeat Yulia Putintseva in the 1r
- Faces No.14 Belinda Bencic in 2r today; owns 2 career wins over Top 20 players (d. No.20 Samsonova at Madrid 2025 and No.14 Kalinskaya at Beijing 2024)
- First career tour-level meeting against a player from Switzerland
- Owns 2-6 record in 2025 against seeded players, with wins over 21st seed Frech in Montreal and 18th seed Samsonova in Madrid
- Best career result on hard court is QF twice: Beijing 2024 (l. eventual champion Gauff) and Monastir 2024 (l. eventual champion Kartal)
- Is currently ranked No.131; this time last year was ranked No.91. Reached a career-high ranking of No.63 in August this year
- During this year's Asian swing so far, fell in 1r of Beijing (l.Tomljanovic) and Q1 in Wuhan (l. P.Kudermetova)
- Has won 9 tour-level matches so far in 2025; this is the most tour-level matches she has won in a single season
- Has been involved in 7 three-set matches in 2025 (4-3 record)

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(Q) STARODUBTSEVA**

RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

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SEASON 2025 HISTORY

- Reached 4r at Wuhan (l. Swiatek)
- Made 4r at Beijing (l. Gauff)
- Played 2r at US Open (l. Li)
- Played 3r at Montreal (l. Muchova) and 2r at Cincinnati (l. V. Kudermetova)
- Reached SF at Wimbledon (l. eventual champion Swiatek)
- Fell in 1r at Bad Homburg (l. Alexandrova)
- Played 1r at Rome (l. Sakkari, retired due to neck injury)
- Reached 4r at Madrid (l. eventual R-Up Gauff)
- Played 2r at Charleston (l. eventual R-Up Kenin)
- Reached QF at Indian Wells (as WC, l. Keys) and 2r at Miami (l. Svitolina)
- Reached 2r at Dubai (l. Navarro)
- Won her 2nd Abu Dhabi title (d. Krueger in F), having also won the tournament in 2023
- Reached 2r at Adelaide (as qualifier, l. Samsonova) and 4r at Australian Open (l. Gauff)
- Opened 2025 representing Switzerland at United Cup with a 1-1 result in singles play (l. Paolini)

- Fell in 1r at Beijing (l. Tomljanovic)
- Played 1r at US Open (l. Blinkova)
- Fell in 1r at Cleveland (l. eventual R-Up Li)
- Played 1r at Cincinnati (l. Jeanjean)
- Made 3r at Montreal (l. Tauson)
- Fell in 1r at Washington DC (as qualifier, l. Frech)
- Made 2r at Wimbledon (l. Samsonova)
- Played 1r at Nottingham (as LL, l. Bucsa)
- Made 3r at Roland Garros (as LL, l. Paolini)
- Fell in 1r at Paris 125 (l. Anisimova)
- Made 4r at Madrid (as qualifier, l. M. Andreewa)
- Played 1r at La Bisbal d'Emporda 125 (l. Bandecchi)
- Played 1r at Miami (as qualifier, l. Osaka)
- Played qualifying at Indian Wells
- Played 1r at Merida (as LL, l. Cristian, retired due to knee injury)
- Fell in 1r at Singapore (l. Maria)
- Played 1r at Australian Open (l. L. Fernandez)
- Opened 2025 with R32 at Auckland (l. Cristian, retired)

| VALUE | WTA RANK | MATCH STATS | VALUE | WTA RANK |
|-------|----------|----------------------------------|-------|----------|
| 71 | 73 | Aces | 21 | 125 |
| 65.3% | 15 | First serve % | 61.5% | 0 |
| 65.3% | 33 | First Serve points won % | 58.8% | 0 |
| 46.1% | 38 | Second serve points won % | 44.4% | 0 |
| 58.6% | 24 | Overall service points won % | 53.3% | 0 |
| 69.1% | 26 | Service games won % | 56.1% | 0 |
| 56.5% | 34 | Break points saved % | 50.3% | 0 |
| 34.9% | 59 | First serve return points won % | 35.2% | 0 |
| 58.1% | 6 | Second serve return points won % | 55.3% | 0 |
| 47.6% | 26 | Break points converted % | 43.2% | 0 |
| 34.5% | 36 | Return games won % | 31.1% | 0 |
| 44.1% | 28 | Return points won % | 42.6% | 0 |

BELINDA
BENCIC

YULIIA
(Q) STARODUBTSEVA

TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (9)

2025 - ABU DHABI

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 | | SF | 2r | 2025 | 1r | 3r | 2r | 1r |
| | | | | 2024 | 1r | 1r | 2r | 1r |
| 4r | 1r | 4r | 4r | 2023 | | | | |
| 2r | 3r | 1r | 3r | 2022 | | | | |
| 3r | 2r | 1r | QF | 2021 | | | | |
| 3r | | | | 2020 | | | | |
| 3r | 3r | 3r | SF | 2019 | | | | |
| 2r | 2r | 4r | 1r | 2018 | | | | |
| 1r | | | | 2017 | | | | |
| 4r | | 2r | 3r | 2016 | | | | |
| 1r | 2r | 4r | 3r | 2015 | | | | |
| 2r | 1r | 3r | QF | 2014 | | | | |

**BELINDA
BENCIC**

**YULIIA
(Q) STARODUBTSEVA**

CAREER MILESTONES

- 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. Krejčíková)
- Captured gold medal for Switzerland at Tokyo Olympics in 2021 (d. Vondroušová in F); also claimed silver in doubles (w/Golubic)
- Other 2021 highlights included R-Up finish at Adelaide (l. Świątek) 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. Kvitová 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 300; reached QF at Linz as WC in first WTA event back after surgery
- A breakthrough year in 2024 saw her start the year at No.150, before climbing to a career high ranking of No.79 on Oct 7, 2024 after reaching QFs at WTA 250 Monastir (as a qualifier, l. eventual champion Kartal) and WTA 1000 Beijing (as a qualifier, l. eventual champion Gauff).
- She began 2024 by reaching her first Tour-level main draw as a qualifier at Australian Open and facing a Top 10 player for the first time (l. No.6 Jabeur in 1r).
- In 2024 as a qualifier, she reached the main draw of all four Slams for the first time, winning her first Tour-level main draw match at Wimbledon (l. Sun in 2r).
- Won four ITF circuit titles in 2023 including W60 events in Sumter, Dallas, and Rancho Santa Fe. Earned a spot in Grand Slam qualifying for the first time at 2023 US Open (l. Naef). Reached career high ranking of No. 151 on November 27, 2023.
- Played only one ITF tournament between 2018 and 2022, returning to the courts for the 2023 season.
- Made professional debut on ITF circuit in 2016 at 16 years of age.

- 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 ½ s-Hertogenbosch.
- Won first career titles in 2015 at Eastbourne (d. Radwanska in F) and Toronto (d. Halep in F); also reached final at ½ 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 ½ s-Hertogenbosch
- Made professional debut on ITF circuit in 2011; owns five career ITF titles

OTHER INFORMATION

- 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

- Coached by Pearse Dolan
- Favorite shot is forehand and favors playing on hardcourt
- At age of 17 went to Old Dominion University, Virginia
- Started playing tennis at 5 years old in Ukraine

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104 **AJLA TOMLJANOVIC (Q)**
AUSTRALIA

ZEYNEP SONMEZ (Q) **76**
TURKEY

| | | |
|---|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1993-05-07 | Date of Birth | 2002-04-30 |
| Brisbane, Australia | Residence | |
| Right-handed (two-handed backhand) | Plays | Right-Handed |
| 5' 11" (1.80 m) | Height | 170cm |
| 32 | Career-High Ranking | 74 |
| \$7,059,417 | Career Prize Money | \$1,034,627 |
| \$687,462 | Season Prize Money | \$783,967 |
| 0 / 0 | Singles Titles YTD / Career | 0 / 1 |
| 35-40 (Quarter-Finalist: 2022 US OPEN, WIMBLEDON; 2021 WIMBLEDON) | Grand Slam W-L (best) | 3-5 (Round of 32: 2025 WIMBLEDON) |
| 1-0 / 1-1 (Round of 16: 2025) | YTD / Career NINGBO W-L (best) | 1-0 / 1-0 (Round of 16: 2025) |
| 14-19 / 179-211 | YTD / Career W-L | 9-11 / 18-20 |

AJLA

TOMLJANOVIC (Q)

ZEYNEP

(Q) SONMEZ

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 |
|----------|----------|------|----------|----------|
| 81 | 85 | 2024 | 91 | 91 |
| 32 | 549 | 2023 | 146 | 159 |
| 33 | 33 | 2022 | 335 | 345 |
| 43 | 45 | 2021 | 530 | 531 |
| 51 | 68 | 2020 | 607 | 628 |
| 39 | 51 | 2019 | 652 | 663 |
| 43 | 43 | 2018 | 1211 | - |
| 150 | 151 | 2017 | 1208 | 1208 |
| 65 | 930 | 2016 | - | - |
| 47 | 66 | 2015 | - | - |

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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. C. TAUSON (#12) 1-6 7-6 6-3 (2h 19m)

Total time on court: 2h 19m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at Ningbo, on her previous showing in 2024 she fell in the 1r (l. Yue Yuan)
- Defeated Clara Tauson in the previous round here to register her first Top 20 win of the 2025 season
- Faces No.76 Zeynep Sonmez in 2r today; owns 12-8 record in 2025 vs. players ranked outside the Top 50 (most recently defeated No.86 Starodubtseva in Beijing)
- First tour-level career meeting against a player from Turkey
- Owns 2-4 record in 2025 against qualifiers, most recent was loss to Rodriguez in Sao Paulo
- Best career result on hard court is Runner-Up three times: Hua Hin 2019, Seoul 2018, Pattaya City 2015
- Only player from Australia competing in this year's main draw
- Is currently ranked No.104; this time last year was ranked No.85. Reached a career-high ranking of No.32 in April 2023
- So far during this year's Asian swing, reached 2r at Beijing (l. Pegula), and fell in Q1 in Wuhan (l. Gracheva)
- Has been involved in 15 three-set matches in 2025 (8-7 record)

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. A. SASNOVICH (#114) 2-6 7-5 6-3 (2h 10m)

Total time on court: 2h 10m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making tournament debut
- Defeated Aliaksandra Sasnovich in the previous round to register her 9th tour-level win of the 2025 season
- Faces No.104 Ajla Tomljanovic in 2r today; owns 3-2 tour-level record in 2025 vs. players outside the Top 100
- Owns 0-1 career tour-level record against players from Australia, with loss coming against Gibson at Australian Open 2025
- Owns 3-1 career record against qualifiers (2-0 in 2025)
- Owns 1 WTA title which came on hard court at Merida 2024
- Only player from Turkey competing in this year's main draw
- First player from Turkey to ever compete in the main draw of the Ningbo Open
- Is currently ranked No.76; this time last year was ranked No.152. Reached a career-high ranking of No.74 in July this year
- So far during this year's Asian swing, reached 3r in Beijing (l. Potapova), and fell in Q1 at Wuhan (l. Y. Wang)
- Has been involved in 5 three-set matches in 2025 (2-3 record)

AJLA

TOMLJANOVIC (Q)

ZEYNEP

(Q) SONMEZ

RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

| 2024 | Result | Rank: 85 | Seed: - |
|------|--------|---------------|---------|
| 1r | L | Y. YUAN (#46) | 6-4 6-2 |

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

AJLA

TOMLJANOVIC (Q)

ZEYNEP

(Q) SONMEZ

SEASON 2025 HISTORY

- Made 2r at Beijing (l. Pegula)
- Played 1r at Sao Paulo (l. Rodriguez, retired)
- Fell in 1r at US Open (l. Gauff)
- Played 2r at Monterrey (as WC, l. eventual R-Up Alexandrova)
- Made 2r at Cincinnati (l. Tauson)
- Fell in 1r at Montreal (l. Sevastova)
- Played 1r at Wimbledon (l. Pavlyuchenkova)
- Fell in 1r at Bad Homburg (as qualifier, l. Noskova)
- Played 1r at London (as qualifier, l. Boulter)
- Made 2r at Roland Garros (l. Paolini)
- Reached SF at Rabat (l. eventual champion Joint, retired)
- Played 1r at Rome (as qualifier, l. Gracheva)
- Fell in 1r at Vic 125 (l. Martinez Cirez)
- Played 1r at Madrid (l. Masarova)
- Reached 3r at Charleston (l. eventual champion Pegula)
- Played 1r at Miami (as WC, l. Pera)
- Fell in 1r at Indian Wells (as qualifier, l. McNally, retired due to right shoulder injury)
- Reached SF at Austin (as WC, l. eventual champion Pegula)
- Played in 1r at Singapore (l. Waltert)
- Opened 2025 reaching 2r at Australian Open (as a WC, l. Shnaider)

- Made 3r at Beijing (l. Potapova)
- Fell in 1r at Guadalajara (l. Maria)
- Played 2r at US Open (l. Kostyuk)
- Fell in 1r at Monterrey (l. Bouzkova)
- Made 3r at Wimbledon (l. Alexandrova)
- Played 1r at Roland Garros (l. Svitolina)
- Made 2r at Rabat (l. Sevastova)
- Competed in 1r at WTA 125 Parma (l. Teichmann)
- Made 1r at Madrid (as qualifier, l. Bencic)
- Reached QF at Merida (as WC, l. eventual champion Navarro)
- Fell in 1r at Doha (as a WC, l. Kostyuk)
- Played qualifying at Linz and Abu Dhabi
- Played 1r at Australian Open (l. Gibson)

| VALUE | WTA RANK | MATCH STATS | VALUE | WTA RANK |
|-------|----------|----------------------------------|-------|----------|
| 86 | 56 | Aces | 13 | 151 |
| 65.9% | 11 | First serve % | 54.3% | 0 |
| 63.1% | 54 | First Serve points won % | 62.6% | 0 |
| 42.2% | 75 | Second serve points won % | 43.2% | 0 |
| 56.0% | 57 | Overall service points won % | 53.8% | 0 |
| 62.1% | 69 | Service games won % | 58.9% | 0 |
| 50.4% | 80 | Break points saved % | 50.0% | 0 |
| 36.2% | 43 | First serve return points won % | 38.1% | 0 |
| 54.0% | 53 | Second serve return points won % | 51.5% | 0 |
| 44.0% | 53 | Break points converted % | 48.7% | 0 |
| 33.9% | 42 | Return games won % | 36.9% | 0 |
| 43.2% | 42 | Return points won % | 43.5% | 0 |

AJLA

TOMLJANOVIC (Q)

ZEYNEP

(Q) SONMEZ

TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Runner-Up (5)

2024 - BIRMINGHAM

2019 - HUA HIN

2018 - SEOUL, RABAT

2015 - PATTAYA CITY

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (1)

2024 - MÉRIDA

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

**AJLA
TOMLJANOVIC (Q)**

**ZEYNEP
(Q) SONMEZ**

CAREER MILESTONES

- Highlight of 2024 season was reaching the final at Birmingham and earning WTA 125 title at Hong Kong
- Began the 2023 season in August after undergoing minor knee surgery in January. Pulled out of her 2r match at US Open before ending the season on a high note winning Florianopolis WTA 125 (d. Capurro Taborda).
- Best performances of 2022 produced at Wimbledon and US Open with QF. Also reached QF at Istanbul, Rabat, Nottingham and Cincinnati.
- Produced Grand Slam breakthrough at 2021 Wimbledon, advancing to QF (l. eventual champion Barty)
- Other singles highlights last season were runs to R16 at Indian Wells and 3r at both US Open and Charleston
- Equaled best result at home Slam by advancing to 2r at 2020 Australian Open (l. Muguruza)
- Ended 2019 season by representing Australia in Perth final of Billie Jean King Cup vs. France - went 1-1 in singles (d. Parmentier, l. Mladenovic) as visitors prevailed 3-2
- Posted career-high ranking of No.39 on April 1, 2019 (following 3r run at Miami 3r)
- Four-time WTA singles finalist, most recently finishing runner-up at 2019 Hua Hin (l. Yastremska). Earlier finals came at 2015 Pattaya City (l. Hantuchova), 2018 Rabat (l. Mertens) and 2018 Seoul (l. Bertens)
- Posted two Top 10 wins in 2019, her first for almost five years, defeating No.10 Sabalenka (Miami) and No.8 Bertens (Zhengzhou). Other Top 10 defeat, and best win of career, came over No.3 A.Radwanska at 2014 Roland Garros
- Reached first Premier-level SF of career at 2019 Zhengzhou (l. eventual champion Ka.Pliskova)
- Underwent shoulder surgery in February 2016 and was sidelined for rest of season; returned at 2017 Acapulco, more than 12 months later
- Made Top 50 debut in 2015, rising as high as No.47 (week of February 23)
- Best Grand Slam result to date is R16 run at 2014 Roland Garros (d. No.32 seed Vesnina in 2r and No.3 seed A.Radwanska in 3r, l. Suarez Navarro)
- Announced in 2014 she would switch nationalities and start representing Australia (first did so at 2014 US Open)
- On ITF Circuit, winner of four singles titles and three doubles titles
- Made pro debut on ITF Circuit in Croatia in 2007 and WTA main draw debut at 2009 Indian Wells
- 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

(as WC, l. 1r)

- As a junior, achieved career-high ranking of No.4, won Australian Open junior doubles title in 2009 (w/McHale), and was a member of Croatia's victorious junior Fed Cup team in 2009

OTHER INFORMATION

- Currently working with Alessandro Bega
- Father is Ratko, mother is Emina; sister is Hana
- Started playing tennis at age 7 (introduced by sister). Favorite shot is backhand; favorite surface is hard
- Speaks Croatian, English, German
- Favorite movie is The Hangover; favorite actor is Brad Pitt; favorite type of music is hip hop; favorite artist is Rihanna; favorite city to visit is Charlotte, North Carolina (family)
- Likes watching basketball
- Pet peeve is loud chewing
- Best tennis memory was first time on court with Chris Evert

- Fitness and mental coach is Mehmet Bayraktar

MATCH NOTES

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2025-10-13 - 2025-10-19 | \$ 1,064,510



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KAROLINA
MUCHOVA
CZECH REPUBLIC

DIANA
(7) SHNAIDER 19

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| 1996-08-21 | Date of Birth | | 2004-04-02 |
| Prague, Czech Republic | Residence | | |
| Right-handed (double-handed backhand) | Plays | Left-handed (two-handed backhand) | |
| 5' 11" (1.80m) | Height | 5' 6" (1.70m) | |
| 8 | Career-High Ranking | 11 | |
| \$9,477,260 | Career Prize Money | \$3,819,802 | |
| \$2,399,155 | Season Prize Money | \$2,003,379 | |
| 0 / 1 | Singles Titles YTD / Career | 1 / 5 | |
| 48-25 (Runner-Up: 2023 ROLAND GARROS) | Grand Slam W-L (best) | 11-10 (Round of 16: 2024 US OPEN) | |
| 1-0 / 4-1 (Semi-Finalist: 2024) | YTD / Career NINGBO W-L (best) | 1-0 / 5-2 (Runner-Up: 2023) | |
| 24-15 / 144-75 | YTD / Career W-L | 25-23 / 83-55 | |

KAROLINA
MUCHOVA

DIANA
SHNAIDER

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 |
|----------|----------|------|----------|----------|
| 8 | 22 | 2024 | 12 | 13 |
| 8 | 8 | 2023 | 60 | 60 |
| 31 | 149 | 2022 | 182 | 182 |
| 19 | 32 | 2021 | 1054 | 1065 |
| 21 | 27 | 2020 | - | - |
| 21 | 21 | 2019 | - | - |
| 141 | 145 | 2018 | - | - |
| 210 | 272 | 2017 | - | - |
| 206 | 208 | 2016 | - | - |
| 419 | 419 | 2015 | - | - |

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MUCHOVA**

**DIANA
SHNAIDER**

TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. M. VONDROUSOVA (#36) 6-4 6-3 (1h 31m)

Total time on court: 1h 31m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at Ningbo where she made SF in 2024 (l. Andreeva via retirement)
- Best WTA 500 result is SF: Linz 2025, Ningbo 2024 & Moscow 2019
- Defeated her fellow Czech Marketa Vondrousova in 1r, improving to 23-12 on hard courts this season
- Faces No.19 Diana Shnaider in 2r today; owns 30 wins in career over Top 20 players (3-5 record vs. Top 20 players this year)
- Owns one hard-court WTA singles title: Seoul in 2019
- Only player from Czech Republic to reach 2r (Muchova defeated the only other Czech in the draw, Vondrousova)
- Best result by Czech Republic at Ningbo was her own SF result in 2024 and SF by Linda Fruhvirtova in 2023
- Is currently ranked No.20; this time last year was ranked No.30. Reached career-high ranking of No.8 in September of 2023
- In this year's Asian swing she has made R16 at Beijing (l. eventual champion Anisimova) and R32 at Wuhan
- During last year's Asian swing reached SF at Ningbo and was runner-up at Beijing
- Has won 24 matches so far in 2025, with a best result achieved at WTA 1000 Dubai with SF (l. Tauson); also made QF at US Open (l. Osaka)

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. X. WANG (#145) 7-5 6-3 (1h 51m)

Total time on court: 1h 51m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 3rd appearance at Ningbo, where she finished runner-up in 2023 (l. Jabeur)
- 2023 Ningbo was her first career WTA singles final - and still the only one she's ever lost (5-1 career record in WTA singles finals)
- Has won two WTA 500 singles titles (2024 Bad Homburg and 2025 Monterrey)
- Defeated Wang Xiyu in 1r to claim her 25th match-win of the season
- Faces No.20 Karolina Muchova in 2r today; owns 8 wins in career over Top 20 players, most recently No.14 Ekaterina Alexandrova in the 2025 Monterrey final (was 0-4 this year vs. Top 20 players before that win)
- Owns 6-5 career tour-level record against players from Czech Republic (2-4 in 2025)
- 3 of her 5 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court: 2024 Hua Hin, 2024 Hong Kong and 2025 Monterrey
- Is currently ranked No.19; this time last year was ranked No.16. Reached career-high ranking of No.11 in May
- During this year's Asian swing, reached Seoul 2r, then lost opening matches at Beijing and Wuhan
- Closed out last year's Asian swing by winning the title in Hong Kong; also made SF at Seoul and Tokyo, 3r at Beijing, 1r at Wuhan and Ningbo

KAROLINA
MUCHOVA

DIANA
SHNAIDER

RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

| 2024 | Result | Rank: 30 | Seed: - |
|------|--------|---------------------------------|---------|
| SF | L | M. ANDREEVA (#19) 6-2 1-0 | |
| QF | W | A. KALINSKAYA (#12) 2-6 6-2 6-3 | |
| 2r | W | J. CRISTIAN (#73) 6-2 6-1 | |
| 1r | W | O. GADECKI (#84) 6-3 7-5 | |

| 2024 | Result | Rank: 16 | Seed: - |
|------|--------|-----------------------------|---------|
| 1r | L | P. BADOSA (#15) 4-6 6-3 6-3 | |

| 2023 | Result | Rank: 85 | Seed: - |
|------|--------|-------------------------------|---------|
| F | L | O. JABEUR (#7) 6-2 6-1 | |
| SF | W | L. FRUHVIRTOVA (#117) 6-4 6-1 | |
| QF | W | P. KVITOVA (#14) 6-1 4-6 6-3 | |
| 2r | W | K. RAKHIMOVA (#77) 6-3 6-2 | |
| 1r | W | Z. BAI (#123) 6-4 1-6 6-2 | |

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MUCHOVA**

**DIANA
SHNAIDER**

SEASON 2025 HISTORY

- Made 4r at Beijing (l. eventual champion Anisimova) and 2r at Wuhan (ret. vs. Frech)
- Reached QF at US Open (l. Osaka)
- Made 4r at Montreal (l. Keys) and 3r at Cincinnati (l. Gracheva)
- Played 1r at Wimbledon (l. Xinyu Wang)
- Made 2r at London (l. eventual champion Maria)
- Fell in 1r at Roland Garros (l. Parks)
- Reached 4r at Indian Wells (l. Swiatek) and 3r at Miami (l. Svitolina)
- Made SF at Dubai (l. Tauson)
- Reached SF at Linz (as WC, l. eventual champion Alexandrova)
- Played 2r at Australian Open (l. Osaka)
- Opened 2025 representing Czech Republic at United Cup with a 2-2 result in singles play

- Played 2r at Beijing (l. Joint) and fell 1r at Wuhan (l. Siniakova)
- Made 2r at Seoul (l. Lamens)
- Fell in 1r at US Open (l. Siegemund)
- Became Champion at Monterrey (d. Alexandrova in F)
- Made 2r at Cincinnati (l. Yuan)
- Played 2r at Montreal (l. Bouzkova)
- Made 2r at Wimbledon (l. Parry)
- Fell in 1r at Bad Homburg (l. Vekic)
- Played 2r at Berlin (l. eventual champion Vondrousova)
- Reached QF at London (l. Keys)
- Made 2r at Roland Garros (l. Yastremska)
- Reached QF at Rome (l. eventual champion Paolini)
- Made 4r at Madrid (l. Swiatek)
- Played 2r at Stuttgart (l. Mertens)
- Reached 3r at Charleston (l. Alexandrova)
- Played 2r at Miami (l. Blinkova)
- Made 3r at Indian Wells (l. Bencic)
- Reached 2r at Austin (as WC, l. Cirstea)
- Made 2r at Dubai (l. Noskova)
- Played 1r at Doha (l. Parks)
- Made 3r at Australian Open (l. Vekic)
- Reached QF at Adelaide (l. Putintseva)
- Opened 2025 playing R32 at Brisbane (l. Kalinina)

KAROLINA
MUCHOVA

DIANA
SHNAIDER

SEASON 2025 STATS

| VALUE | WTA RANK | MATCH STATS | VALUE | WTA RANK |
|-------|----------|----------------------------------|-------|----------|
| 170 | 19 | Aces | 82 | 59 |
| 60.7% | 44 | First serve % | 64.2% | 20 |
| 67.1% | 21 | First Serve points won % | 63.1% | 55 |
| 49.9% | 4 | Second serve points won % | 48.3% | 14 |
| 60.3% | 13 | Overall service points won % | 57.8% | 33 |
| 73.7% | 11 | Service games won % | 67.4% | 35 |
| 61.1% | 6 | Break points saved % | 56.9% | 33 |
| 34.1% | 66 | First serve return points won % | 34.0% | 68 |
| 53.8% | 56 | Second serve return points won % | 57.2% | 14 |
| 38.1% | 83 | Break points converted % | 47.7% | 24 |
| 27.7% | 80 | Return games won % | 33.0% | 46 |
| 41.4% | 65 | Return points won % | 43.0% | 44 |

KAROLINA
MUCHOVA

DIANA
SHNAIDER

TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (1)
2019 - SEOUL
Runner-Up (5)
2024 - BEIJING, PALERMO
2023 - CINCINNATI, ROLAND GARROS
2019 - PRAGUE

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (5)
2025 - MONTERREY
2024 - HONG KONG 250, BUDAPEST, BAD
HOMBURG, HUA HIN

Runner-Up (1)
2023 - NINGBO

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (2)
2025 - MIAMI (w/Andreeva), BRISBANE
(w/Andreeva)

Runner-Up (2)
2025 - QUEENS (w/Danilina)
2024 - OLYMPICS (w/Andeeva)

| AUSTRALIAN OPEN | ROLAND GARROS | WIMBLEDON | US OPEN | | AUSTRALIAN OPEN | ROLAND GARROS | WIMBLEDON | US OPEN |
|--------------------|------------------|-----------|---------|------|--------------------|------------------|-----------|---------|
| 2r | 1r | 1r | QF | 2025 | 3r | 2r | 2r | 1r |
| | | 1r | SF | 2024 | 1r | 1r | 3r | 4r |
| 2r | RUP | 1r | SF | 2023 | 2r | 2r | | |
| | 3r | 1r | 1r | 2022 | | | | |
| SF | 3r | QF | 1r | 2021 | | | | |
| 2r | 1r | | 4r | 2020 | | | | |
| 1r | 2r | QF | 3r | 2019 | | | | |
| | | | 3r | 2018 | | | | |

**KAROLINA
MUCHOVA**

**DIANA
SHNAIDER**

CAREER MILESTONES

- Started 2024 season by reaching QF (l. Keys) at Eastbourne, her first event since US Open 2023. Reached two finals at Beijing (l. Gauff in F) and Palermo (l. Zheng in F). Made consecutive SF at US Open (l. Pegula) and reached another SF at Ningbo (l. M. Andreeva, retired in 2nd set).
- Enjoyed break-out season in 2023, reaching debut Slam final at Roland-Garros (l. Swiatek), debut WTA 1000 final at Cincinnati (l. Gauff) and made Top 10 debut in August. Also secured debut qualification for WTA Finals but did not compete due to injury.
- Best result in 2022 was QF showing at Tallinn (l. Kanepi). Also made 3r at Roland Garros and 2r at Ostrava.
- Back, abdominal and ankle injuries restricted her to just four tournaments in first half of 2022.
- Broke into Top 20 for first time in career in 2021, peaking at No.19 (May 17).
- Posted best result at the Grand Slams with SF run at Australian Open (l. Brady) and matched best return at Wimbledon by making QF (l. Kerber, made QF in 2019). Also made last eight at Madrid (l. Pavlyuchenkova).
- Defeated the World No.1 and No.2 during 2021, defeating No.1 Barty at Australian Open and No.2 Osaka at Madrid (only other player to manage this was Badosa).
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- Posted best result at US Open by reaching R16 in 2020 - handed V.Williams her first-ever opening round loss in New York in 22 appearances, then saved three MPs vs. Cirstea in 3r, before falling to eventual R-Up Azarenka.
- Finished 2019 season in rich vein of form, winning 18 of last 24 matches, including capturing maiden WTA title at Seoul (d. Linette in F), SFs at Zhuhai (l. eventual champion Sabalenka) and Moscow (l. Pavlyuchenkova) and maiden major QF at Wimbledon (l. Svitolina)
- During run to last eight at 2019 Wimbledon upset No.3 Ka.Pliskova in R16 to record her first
- Won first four titles of career in 2024 across all three surfaces; WTA 500 Bad Homburg and WTA 250s Hua Hin, Budapest and Hong Kong. Reached her first Grand Slam 3r at 2024 Wimbledon and advanced to R16 at 2024 US Open
- Cracked into the Top 20 on August 12, 2024, where she stayed for the rest of the year finishing the season at World No.13
- Also in 2024, won the Paris Olympic silver medal in women's doubles with Mirra Andreeva
- Reached 2r on Grand Slam debut at 2023 Australian Open (as qualifier, l. Sakkari in 3s) and Roland Garros 2023 (l. Haddad Maia)
- Won WTA 125K Series title in Montevideo, Uruguay last November to end 2022 just outside Top 100
- Overall win-loss record in 2022 was 56-17; reached four ITF Circuit finals, highlighted by a 15-match, three tournament winning streak, culminating with a W60 title in Istanbul
- Last season only Tour-level outing was qualifying exit at St. Petersburg
- Won first ITF Circuit tournament at W15 event in Antalya in late 2021
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2021 Moscow
- Owns four titles in singles and three in doubles on ITF Circuit
- Played first senior matches on ITF Circuit towards end of 2020
- As junior, made SF at Roland Garros in 2021 and US Open in 2022. Also won girls' doubles at three of the four majors and reached No.2 in the ITF rankings

Top 10 victory; following the tournament, broke into Top 50 at No.43 on July 15, 2019

- First WTA final appearance came during R-Up finish on home soil at 2019 Prague (l. Teichmann) - made Top 100 debut at No.74 following the tournament (May 6, 2019)
- Advanced to maiden WTA QF at 2019 Doha (as qualifier, l. Svitolina)
- Billie Jean King Cup debut came during 4-0 World Group play-off win over Canada in 2019
- Reached 3r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2018 US Open (as qualifier, d. No.12 Muguruza in 2r, l. Barty in 3r)
- Fell 1r on WTA main draw debut at 2017 Seoul (as qualifier, l. Hon)
- Won second - and most recent - career ITF Circuit title in 2016 and posted 39-18 win-loss record; at tour-level fell in qualifying at US Open
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in Croatia in 2013

OTHER INFORMATION

- Born in city of Olomouc in eastern Czech Republic, but moved to train in Prague in 2019
- Started playing tennis at aged seven with dad, a former professional footballer in Czech Republic
- Roger Federer was tennis idol growing up

- Started playing tennis in Tolyatti (Kasatkina's hometown), 40 kilometres from her home in Zhigulevsk and parents
- Moved to Moscow aged nine and is now studying at North Carolina State where she is majoring in exploratory studies
- Favorite movie is Never Back Down and favorite food is Asian

MATCH NOTES

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6 MIRRA
ANDREEVA (1)

(WC) LIN
ZHU 219
CHINA

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|---|--------------------------------|---|----------------|
| 2007-04-29 | Date of Birth | | 1994-01-28 |
| | Residence | | Beijing, China |
| Right-handed (two-handed backhand) | Plays | Right-handed (two-handed backhand) | |
| 5' 9" (1.75m) | Height | 5' 8" (1.73m) | |
| 5 | Career-High Ranking | 31 | |
| \$6,965,497 | Career Prize Money | \$3,760,204 | |
| \$4,590,056 | Season Prize Money | \$388,219 | |
| 2 / 3 | Singles Titles YTD / Career | | 0 / 1 |
| 28-11 (Semi-Finalist: 2024 ROLAND GARROS) | Grand Slam W-L (best) | 11-22 (Round of 16: 2023 AUSTRALIAN OPEN) | |
| 0-0 / 4-1 (Runner-Up: 2024) | YTD / Career NINGBO W-L (best) | 1-0 / 1-0 (Round of 16: 2025) | |
| 40-15 / 88-40 | YTD / Career W-L | 6-8 / 87-113 | |

MATCH NOTES

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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

| YEAR | TOURNAMENT | SURFACE | ROUND | WINNER | SCORE/ RESULT | TIME |
|------|------------|---------|-------|----------------|---------------|--------|
| 2025 | BEIJING | HARD | 2r | Mirra Andreeva | 6-2 6-2 | 1h 18m |

RANKING HISTORY

| TOP RANK | YEAR-END | YEAR | TOP RANK | YEAR-END |
|----------|----------|------|----------|----------|
| 16 | 16 | 2024 | 32 | 122 |
| 46 | 46 | 2023 | 31 | 36 |
| 405 | 405 | 2022 | 58 | 62 |
| - | - | 2021 | 88 | 140 |
| - | - | 2020 | 69 | 91 |
| - | - | 2019 | 83 | 83 |
| - | - | 2018 | 102 | 114 |
| - | - | 2017 | 104 | 104 |
| - | - | 2016 | 140 | 140 |
| - | - | 2015 | 107 | 173 |

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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Still in contention to qualify for the WTA Finals Riyadh; among other scenarios, Andreeva qualifies if she wins the Ningbo title, regardless of other results
- Making her 2nd appearance at Ningbo, where she was last year's runner-up (L. Kasatkina)
- Her 2024 Ningbo final is her career-best showing at a WTA 500 event
- After 1r bye, faces No.219 Zhu Lin in 2r today; Andreeva is 1-2 this year vs. players ranked outside Top 100 (d. Zhu at Beijing; l. Boisson at Roland Garros and l. Townsend at US Open)
- Owns 3-1 career tour-level record against players from China (1-0 in 2025: d. Zhu at Beijing)
- 2 of her 3 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court: consecutive WTA 1000 titles at 2025 Dubai and Indian Wells (at Dubai, became youngest WTA 1000 champion since the WTA 1000 tier started in 2009)
- Is currently ranked No.6; this time last year was ranked No.19. Reached career-high ranking of No.5 for the first time in July
- So far in this year's Asian swing, made R16 at Beijing, then lost Wuhan opener
- During last year's Asian swing, finished runner-up at Ningbo, made Beijing QF and Wuhan 2r
- Has won 40 tour-level matches so far in 2025; 9th-most match-wins on tour this year

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. E. RADUCANU (#29) 3-6 6-4 6-1 (2h 35m)

Total time on court: 2h 35m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making her 1st appearance at the Ningbo tour-level event
- Matched her career-best WTA 500 result by making R16; also reached R16 at 2024 Brisbane (l. eventual finalist Sabalenka)
- Defeated Emma Raducanu in 1r so far this week, earning her 5th tour-level hard-court win of the year (all since July)
- This is only her 7th tour-level hard-court main draw of 2025 after taking time away due to injury
- Faces No.6 Mirra Andreeva in 2r today; lost her first career meeting with Andreeva last month in Beijing
- Owns 2 wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.7 Caroline Garcia at 2023 Cleveland (0-4 vs. Top 10 players since then)
- Career-best result on hard court is her one WTA singles title at 2023 Hua Hin
- One of 2 players from China to reach 2r (also Yuan)
- Has matched the previous best results by China at Ningbo, which were R16 finishes last year by Wang Xiyu, Yuan Yue and Ma Ye-xin
- Best result by a wild card at Ningbo was Ons Jabeur's run to the title in 2023 as the No.1 seed
- Is currently ranked No.219; this time last year was ranked No.103. Reached career-high ranking of No.31 in 2023
- So far in this year's Asian swing on tour, played Beijing 2r (l. M. Andreeva) and Wuhan 1r (l. Joint)

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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

| 2024 | Result | Rank: 19 | Seed: - |
|------|--------|--------------------------------|---------|
| F | L | D. KASATKINA (#11) 6-0 4-6 6-4 | |
| SF | W | K. MUCHOVA (#30) 6-2 1-0 | |
| QF | W | B. KREJCIKOVA (#13) 7-6(5) 3-2 | |
| 2r | W | T. KORPATSCH (#129) 6-0 6-4 | |
| 1r | W | V. LEPCHENKO (#161) 6-2 6-0 | |

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

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SEASON 2025 HISTORY

- Fell 2r at Wuhan (after 1r bye, l. Siegemund)
- Made 4r at Beijing (l. Kartal)
- Played 3r at US Open (l. Townsend)
- Made 3r at Montreal (l. Kessler)
- Reached QF at Wimbledon (l. Bencic)
- Played 1r at Berlin (l. Frech), then made QF at Bad Homburg (l. Noskova)
- Reached QF at Roland Garros (l. Boisson)
- Reached consecutive QFs at Madrid and Rome (l. eventual R-Up Gauff both times)
- Played 2r at Stuttgart (l. Alexandrova)
- Made 3r at Miami (l. Anisimova)
- Won at Indian Wells (d. Sabalenka in F) for her second career WTA 1000 title
- Won her first career WTA 1000 title at Dubai (d. Tauson in F), defeating three Grand Slam champions Vondrousova, Swiatek and Rybakina en route to title
- Made 2r at Doha (l. Sramkova)
- Reached 4r at Australian Open (l. eventual R-Up Sabalenka)
- Opened 2025 with SF at Brisbane (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)

- Fell 1r at Wuhan (l. Joint)
- Made 2r at Beijing (as WC, l. Mirra Andreeva)
- Played 1r at US Open (l. Potapova)
- Fell in 1r at Cleveland (l. Jacquemot)
- Played 1r at Cincinnati (l. Bronzetti)
- Reached 4r at Montreal (l. Bouzas Maneiro)
- Fell in 1r at Wimbledon (Kudermetova)
- Played 2r at Nottingham (l. eventual champion Kessler)

| VALUE | WTA RANK | MATCH STATS | VALUE | WTA RANK |
|-------|----------|----------------------------------|-------|----------|
| 164 | 21 | Aces | 19 | 128 |
| 60.5% | 46 | First serve % | 67.1% | 0 |
| 68.6% | 12 | First Serve points won % | 58.9% | 0 |
| 47.9% | 22 | Second serve points won % | 47.2% | 0 |
| 60.4% | 12 | Overall service points won % | 55.0% | 0 |
| 74.8% | 5 | Service games won % | 55.3% | 0 |
| 61.5% | 5 | Break points saved % | 51.4% | 0 |
| 39.5% | 9 | First serve return points won % | 32.6% | 0 |
| 56.5% | 19 | Second serve return points won % | 56.9% | 0 |
| 51.5% | 5 | Break points converted % | 43.8% | 0 |
| 40.3% | 9 | Return games won % | 30.9% | 0 |
| 45.8% | 13 | Return points won % | 43.2% | 0 |

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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (3)
2025 - INDIAN WELLS, DUBAI
2024 - IASI 250
Runner-Up (1)
2024 - NINGBO

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (2)
2025 - MIAMI (w/Shnaider), BRISBANE (w/Shnaider)

Runner-Up (1)
2024 - OLYMPICS (w/Shnaider)

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (1)
2023 - HUA HIN

Runner-Up (2)
2024 - HUA HIN
2023 - OSAKA

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (1)
2019 - NANCHANG (w/Wang)

Runner-Up (2)
2023 - HUA HIN (w/Wang)
2022 - GUADALAJARA (w/Wang)

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

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CAREER MILESTONES

- Reached first two WTA finals of career in 2024 winning the title at Iasi and finishing runner-up at Ningbo
- Made first Grand Slam semifinal at 2024 Roland Garros beating World No.2 Aryna Sabalenka in the quarterfinals
- Made Top 20 debut on October 8, 2024 finishing the year at World No.16. Also won 2024 Paris Olympic silver medal in women's doubles with Diana Shnaider
- Opened 2023 season in April by winning 13 matches straight to claim back-to-back ITF titles in Switzerland; as WC, advanced to R16 at Madrid with wins over Fernandez, Haddad Maia and Linette (l. Sabalenka); subsequently made debut at Roland Garros (as qualifier, l. Gauff in 3r), Wimbledon (as qualifier, l. Keys in R16) and US Open (l. eventual champion Gauff in 2r)
- Also in 2023 reached R16 at Beijing (l. Rybakina), leading to Top 50 debut (started season just inside Top 300); voted WTA Newcomer of the Year
- In 2022, posted 39-9 win-loss record on ITF Circuit, winning first four titles at this level
- Fell 1r on WTA main-draw debut at 2022 Monastir (as WC, l. Potapova)
- Made professional debut at W15 ITF Circuit event at Sharm El-Sheikh in February 2022
- Owns six ITF Circuit singles titles
- As a junior, finished R-Up at 2023 Australian Open (l. Korneeva)

- In 2024 reached Hua Hin final for a second consecutive year (l. Shnaider in final) and posted her best Wimbledon result with 3r (l. Sun) before ending her season in July
- Earned maiden singles title in Hua Hin (d. Tsurenko), the same day achieving runner-up in doubles (w/Wang Xinyu). A strong 2023 season, also achieving runner-up at Osaka (l. Krueger) as well as semifinals at Monterrey (l. Vekic), Birmingham (l. Krejcikova), Cleveland (l. Alexandrova) and Zhuhai Elite Trophy as a wild card (l. Zheng).

In 2022, reached QF at Seoul (l. Maria) and 2r at four other WTA tournaments. Also won 13th, 14th and 15th career titles on ITF Circuit, including at W100 event in Landisville, PA

- Won biggest career title at end of 2021, at WTA 125K Series event at Seoul. Also in 2021 reached 2r at Australian Open and Wimbledon (l. Mertens at both tournaments)
- Ended 2020 ranked at No.91 for her second successive Top 100 finish, recording career-high ranking of No.69 on February 17. Season highlight was QF run at Acapulco
- Played primarily on the ITF Circuit in 2019, winning three titles and finishing runner-up at three further tournaments. First broke into Top 100 on February 25 and finished the season at No.83
- Won first Grand Slam main draw match of career at 2019 US Open, defeating compatriot Wang Xinyu in 1r before falling to Keys
- Lifted first WTA doubles title at 2019 Nanchang (w/Wang Xinyu)
- Highlight of 2018 season was second career WTA SF at Nanchang (l. Zheng). At tour level, also made 2r at Hiroshima (l. Tomljanovic) and fell 1r on four occasions (including Australian Open)
- Won two ITF Circuit titles in 2018, at \$60k Luan-CHN and \$60k Jinan-CHN
- Prior to 2018, best results on tour were SF at Kuala Lumpur in 2016 (l. Svitolina) and QF runs at Taipei City, Nanchang and Tianjin in 2017
- Notched first Top-20 win of career over No.17 Kvitova at 2017 Tianjin
- Won doubles title at WTA 125K Series event at Zhengzhou in 2017 (w/Han)
- Member of Chinese Bille Jean King Cup Team, 2017-18, 2022
- Was selected to participate in the 2015 WTA Rising Stars Invitational in Singapore
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2014 Hong Kong - as qualifier, l. Cepelova in 2r

- Winner of 15 singles and six doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in China in 2009

OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Conchita Martinez
- Sister Erika is also a professional player
- Originally from Krasnoyarsk and began playing aged six, but moved to Sochi and then Cannes, France, with sister to set up training base with coaches Jean-Rene Lisnard and Jean-Christophe Faurel
- Favorite surface is clay
- Represented by IMG

- Coached by Tim Nicholls; trains in Guangzhou
- Father is Zhu Jiangming (works in finance); mother is Chen Yunqi (travel agent); father introduced her to tennis at age 4
- Aggressive player; favorite shot is forehand; tennis idol growing up was Martina Hingis
- Enjoys shopping, watching movies and cooking
- If she was not a tennis player, would probably work in travel industry like her mother