

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

Looking ahead to Friday's matches in Ningbo, what we can learn:

Rybakina wins

*Race continues

Rybakina loses

*Andreeva qualifies

Alexandrova wins + Bencic Loses

*Alexandrova confirmed as an alternate

Paolini wins + Rybakina loss

*Andreeva Qualifies

*Paolini Qualifies

*Rybakina alternate

Paolini wins + Rybakina loss + Alexandrova win

*Andreeva Qualifies

*Paolini Qualifies

*Rybakina, Alexandrova alternates

NOTE: Order of seeds 6-8 and alternates still TBD

Danilina/Krunic lose

*Muhammad/Schuurs qualify

QUARTERFINALS – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

[6] Belinda Bencic (SUI #14) vs. [2] Jasmine Paolini (ITA #8)

Bencic leads 2-1

Bencic:

- Making Ningbo tournament debut
- Is 3-8 against Top 10 players in 2025 posting wins over No.5 Rybakina at Abu Dhabi, No.3 Gauff at Indian Wells and No.7 M.Andreeva at Wimbledon
- This is her fourth quarterfinal of the season after Abu Dhabi (won), Indian Wells (QF) and Wimbledon (SF)
- Seven 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
- Owns six WTA 500 titles, most recently Abu Dhabi this year (as a wild card, d. Krueger in final)

Paolini:

- One of 3 players still in contention for the two remaining singles spots at the 2025 WTA Finals Riyadh (along with Andreeva and Rybakina)
- Making her Ningbo tournament debut
- Won the most recent meeting against Bencic at United Cup at the beginning of the 2025 season
- Her best career WTA 500 results are semifinals at 2025 Bad Homburg (grass), 2025 Stuttgart (clay), 2024 Eastbourne (grass) and 2023 Zhengzhou (hard)
- In this year's Asian swing she has made QF at Beijing (l. eventual champion Anisimova) and SF at Wuhan (l. eventual champion Gauff)
- With a win would reach her 7th semifinal of the season
- Has equalled the best result by an Italian player at Ningbo with QF by Lucia Bronzetti in 2023

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[4] Ekaterina Alexandrova (#10) vs. McCartney Kessler (USA #33)

First meeting

Alexandrova:

- Making tournament debut at Ningbo where she has beaten Yue Yuan so far this week to reach her first QF since her Runner-Up finish at Seoul 2025 (l. Iga Swiatek in F)
- Overall, this is her 10th QF appearance of 2025, which is the most she has had in a calendar year (eight QF appearances in 2019 is her next best)
- Looking for her 22nd win of 2025 against a Top 50 opponent, previously her most such wins in a single season were 14 in 2022
- Currently holds a career-best No.10 ranking; this time last year was ranked No.27
- Owns three career hard-court titles: Linz in 2025, Seoul in 2022 and Shenzhen in 2020

Kessler:

- In her tournament debut, has defeated Sofia Kenin and Liudmila Samsonova so far this week to reach her first QF since her Champion run at Nottingham 2025 (d. Dayana Yastremska in F)
- Looking to improve to 5-0 in Tour-level QF matches; has been ranked lower than her opponent in three of her previous four QF appearances
- Seeking her third career win against a Top 10 player; both of her previous victories came in 2025 (d. No.5 Mirra Andrejeva at Montreal, d. No.3 Coco Gauff at Dubai)
- After defeating No.18 Samsonova in the 2r, seeking second career win against Top 20 opponents in consecutive matches (d. No.18 Amanda Anisimova and No. 3 Gauff at Dubai 2025)
- Has won a career-best 30 Tour-level matches in 2025; won eight Tour-level matches in 2024

[Q] Ajla Tomljanovic (AUS #104) vs. [3] Elena Rybakina (KAZ #9)

Rybakina leads 2-0

Tomljanovic:

- Playing at Ningbo for the second time, where she has surpassed her previous best result of reaching 1r in 2024
- Has beaten Clara Tauson and Zeynep Sonmez so far this week to reach her first QF since SF at Rabat 2025 (retired due to injury against Maya Joint)
- Third time in her Tour-level career playing in a QF as a qualifier; has yet to appear in a SF as a qualifier
- Owns six wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.4 Paula Badosa at Cincinnati 2022
- Seeking her first career Tour-level title; finished Runner-Up four times: Birmingham 2024, Hua Hin 2019, Seoul 2018 and Rabat 2018

Rybakina:

- Making tournament debut at Ningbo where she beaten Dayana Yastremska so far this week to reach her first QF since QF at Wuahn 2025
- Contesting her 12th Tour-level QF of 2025; had previously never appeared in more than 10 QFs in a single season (2024)
- Holds a 2-0 career record in matches against Tomljanovic, winning their most recent meeting in QF at Wimbledon 2022
- Owns 7-1 record in 2025 against Qualifiers (l. eventual champion Tatjana Maria at Queen's)
- Seeking her fifth career WTA 500 title: Strasbourg 2025, Stuttgart 2024, Abu Dhabi 2024 and Brisbane 2024

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[WC] Zhu Lin (CHN #219) vs. [7] Diana Shnaider (#19)

Shnaider leads 2-0

Zhu:

- Enters her first WTA 500 quarterfinal, previously reaching R16 at 2024 Brisbane (I. Sabalenka)
- 2r win over No.6 Mirra Andrejeva was third Top 10 win of career and first since 2023 (d. No. 7 Garcia at Cleveland)
- Has achieved the best result by China at Ningbo, previously held by Wang Xiyu, Yuan Yue and Ma Ye-xin who reached R16
- Is the only player from China and only wild card to reach the quarterfinals at Ningbo this year
- Best result by a wild card was by Ons Jabeur who claimed the title here in 2023 as No.1 seed
- With a win today would be through to her first semifinal since Hua Hin 2024

Shnaider:

- Has qualified for WTA Finals in doubles with Mirra Andrejeva
- Making 3rd appearance at Ningbo, where she finished runner-up in 2023 (I. 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)
- This is her fifth quarterfinal of 2025 with a record of 1-3; her only win was claiming the Monterrey title
- A win today would be her second semifinal of the season after her Monterrey title run
- The last time she was defeated by a player ranked outside the Top 200 was by No.207 Noma Noha Akugue in the semifinal at 2023 Hamburg
- Has won two WTA 500 singles titles in her career: 2024 Bad Homburg and 2025 Monterrey

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14

BELINDA
BENCIC (6)
SWITZERLAND

JASMINE
(2) PAOLINI
ITALY

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1997-03-10	Date of Birth	1996-01-04
Wollerau, Switzerland	Residence	Bagni di Lucca, Italy
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-Handed
5' 9" (1.75m)	Height	5' 4" (1.63m)
4	Career-High Ranking	4
\$14,348,859	Career Prize Money	\$12,825,142
\$2,572,414	Season Prize Money	\$5,074,697
1 / 9	Singles Titles YTD / Career	1 / 3
66-36 (Semi-Finalist: 2025 WIMBLEDON; 2019 US OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	30-24 (Runner-Up: 2024 WIMBLEDON, ROLAND GARROS)
2-0 / 2-0 (Quarter-Finalist: 2025)	YTD / Career NINGBO W-L (best)	1-0 / 1-0
31-16 / 285-180	YTD / Career W-L	42-17 / 160-124

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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2025	UNITED CUP	HARD		Jasmine Paolini	6-1 6-1	59m
2022	BJK CUP FINALS - GROUP A	HARD	1r	Belinda Bencic	7-5 6-3	0m
2018	LAS VEGAS	HARD	1r	Belinda Bencic	6-3 6-3	0m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
17	913	2024	4	4
9	17	2023	29	30
11	12	2022	44	59
9	23	2021	51	53
4	12	2020	93	95
7	8	2019	114	117
37	37	2018	130	190
42	165	2017	130	137
7	43	2016	244	245
12	14	2015	309	581

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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. Y. STARODUBTSEVA (#131) 5-7 6-4 7-5 (3h 33m)
1r: d. M. LINETTE (#56) 6-3 6-2 (1h 34m)

Total time on court: 5h 7m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making tournament debut
- Owns 6 WTA 500 titles: Abu Dhabi 2025 & 2023, Adelaide 2023, Charleston 2022, Moscow 2019, Eastbourne 2015
- This is her fourth quarterfinal of the season after Abu Dhabi (won), Indian Wells (QF) and Wimbledon (SF)
- Has beaten Magda Linette and Yuliia Starodubtseva so far this week to reach QF
- Faces No.8 Jasmine Paolini in QF today; owns 35 wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.7 Mirra Andrejeva in QF at Wimbledon 2025
- Is 1-1 against players from Italy so far in 2025 (l. Paolini at United Cup; d. Cocciaretto at Wimbledon)
- 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 to compete in the 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)
- Winner today will face No.3 seed Rybakina or qualifier Tomljanovic in SF

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. V. KUDERMETOVA (#31) 6-2 7-5 (1h 29m)

Total time on court: 1h 29m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making tournament debut
- Her best career WTA 500 results are semifinals at 2025 Bad Homburg (grass), 2025 Stuttgart (clay), 2024 Eastbourne (grass) and 2023 Zhengzhou (hard)
- Has beaten Veronika Kudermetova so far this week to reach QF
- Faces No.14 Belinda Bencic in QF today; owns 21 wins in career over Top 20 players, most recently No.2 Iga Swiatek at Wuhan 2025
- Is 1-0 against players from Switzerland in 2025, defeating Bencic at United Cup
- Owns two hard court titles: Dubai in 2024; Portoroz in 2021
- Only player from Italy to feature in the main draw
- Best result by Italy at Ningbo was QF by Lucia Bronzetti in 2023
- Is currently ranked No.8 - this time last year was ranked No.6; reached her peak ranking of No.4 in June this year
- In this year's Asian swing she has made QF at Beijing (l. eventual champion Anisimova) and SF at Wuhan (l. eventual champion Gauff)
- Has claimed 42 WTA main draw wins in 2025 - surpassing her best career season (40 in 2024)
- Her strongest results of the season came with her title run at Rome (d. Gauff in F) and reaching final at Cincinnati (l. Swiatek in F)

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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

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SEASON 2025 HISTORY

- Reached R16 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)

- Reached SF at Wuhan (l. eventual champion Gauff)
- Reached QF at Beijing (l. eventual champion Anisimova)
- Made 3r at US Open (l. Vondrousova)
- Finished as R-Up at Cincinnati (l. Swiatek in F)
- Played 2r at Montreal (l. Ito)
- Made 2r at Wimbledon (l. Rakhimova)
- Fell in Berlin opener (l. Jabeur), then made Bad Homburg SF (l. eventual R-Up Swiatek)
- Made 4r at Roland Garros (l. Svitolina)
- Champion run at Rome (d. Gauff in F)
- Made SF at Stuttgart (l. Sabalenka) and 3r at Madrid (l. Sakkari)
- Reached SF at Miami (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)
- Reached 4r at Indian Wells (l. Samsonova)
- Made 3r at both Doha (l. Ostapenko) and Dubai (l. Kenin)
- Reached 3r at Australian Open (l. Svitolina)
- Opened 2025 representing Italy at United Cup with a 2-1 result in singles play (l. Muchova)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
73	70	Aces	73	69
65.3%	15	First serve %	67.6%	6
65.7%	33	First Serve points won %	62.0%	67
46.0%	39	Second serve points won %	49.5%	6
58.8%	22	Overall service points won %	57.9%	32
70.9%	22	Service games won %	69.0%	28
57.5%	27	Break points saved %	54.2%	46
34.9%	58	First serve return points won %	39.9%	6
58.3%	6	Second serve return points won %	55.3%	24
47.7%	23	Break points converted %	48.8%	13
35.1%	35	Return games won %	41.2%	8
44.2%	28	Return points won %	45.8%	11

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TITLES

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)

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (3)
2025 - ROME
2024 - DUBAI
2021 - PORTOROZ
Runner-Up (6)
2025 - CINCINNATI
2024 - WIMBLEDON, ROLAND GARROS
2023 - MONASTIR, PALERMO
2022 - CLUJ-NAPOCA

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (10)
2025 - BEIJING (w/Errani), ROLAND GARROS (w/Errani), ROME (w/Errani), DOHA (w/Errani)
2024 - BEIJING (w/Errani), OLYMPICS (w/Errani), ROME (w/Errani), LINZ (w/Errani)
2023 - MONASTIR (w/Errani)
2021 - HAMBURG (w/Teichmann)
Runner-Up (3)
2025 - BERLIN (w/Errani)
2024 - ROLAND GARROS (w/Errani)
2022 - MELBOURNE 250 #1 (w/Errani)

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GRAND SLAMS

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

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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
- Breakout 2024 season saw her win the biggest title of her career at WTA 1000 Dubai and also reach her first Grand Slam finals, finishing R-Up at Roland-Garros and Wimbledon. Qualified for her first WTA Finals in singles and doubles, broke into the Top 10 for the first time in her career and finished the season as the World No.4
- Finished 2023 by breaking into Top 30 for first time, achieving No. 29 on Oct 23, 2023 after becoming runner-up at Monastir (l. Mertens). Also achieved runner-up at Palermo and SF at Zhengzhou (l. Zheng both times) as well as QFs at Lyon (l. Garcia) and Cincinnati as a qualifier (l. eventual champion Gauff). Enjoyed two Top 10 wins (No.10 Garcia and No.4 Rybakina).
- In 2022, finished R-Up at Cluj-Napoca (l. Blinkova), while made back-to-back SF at Palermo (l. Bronzetti) and Warsaw (l. eventual champion Garcia)
- Also reached QF at Lyon (l. Yastremska), Portoroz (l. eventual champion Siniakova) and Parma (l. Kovinic)
- Broke into Top 50 on January 31, 2021
- Posted near-Top 50 season finish in 2021 after capturing first WTA singles title of career at Portoroz (d. Riske in F)
- Strong season finish also brought SF run at Courmayeur (l. eventual champion Vekic) and QF effort at Linz (l. Halep); posted best win of season over No.18 Mertens en route to 3r at Indian Wells (l. Pegula)
- Also in 2021 won the WTA 125K event in Bol, Croatia (d. Rus in F) and was R-Up at the same level in Saint Malo (l. Golubic) Captured first WTA doubles title in 2021, at Hamburg (w/Teichmann)
- In 2021, for first time in career, contested the full suite of all four Grand Slam events; reached 2r at Roland Garros and US Open, equalling best previous Slam result
- In 2020, reached 2r four times at WTA tournaments, including Roland Garros (l. Kvitová)
- Highlights of 2019 included QF showings at Guangzhou and Palermo, a SF run at the WTA 125K Series event at Karlsruhe, lifting seventh, eighth and ninth ITF Circuit titles of her career, at \$60KBrescia-ITA, \$25K ITF/Curitiba-BRA and \$100K ITF/Tokyo-JPN, and qualifying for maiden Grand Slam main draw at Roland Garros (l. Kasatkina in 1r)
- Ended 2018 ranked No.180, with season highlight a maiden WTA singles QF at Prague (d. No.15

- 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

- Kasatkina, l. Zhang)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2017 Bastad (l. Suarez Navarro in 1r) and also fell 1r at Guangzhou and in qualifying a further three times
- Part of Italy's Billie Jean King Cup team 2017-19
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2015 Rome
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in Italy in 2011

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

- Resides in Bagni di Lucca and trains in Forte dei Marmi, Italy
- Father is Ugo Paolini, mother is Jacqueline Gardiner and brother is William Paolini. Grandmother lives in Lodz, Poland. Mother is of Ghanaian/Polish descent
- Idolizes Roger Federer
- Favorite shot is her forehand and favorite surface is clay
- Speaks Italian, English and Polish

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10 **EKATERINA
ALEXANDROVA (4)**

**MCCARTNEY
KESSLER** **33**
**UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA**

1994-11-15	Date of Birth	1999-07-08
Prague, Czech Republic	Residence	Chattanooga, Tennessee
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed
5' 9" (1.75m)	Height	5' 9" (1.75m)
10	Career-High Ranking	30
\$8,735,803	Career Prize Money	\$1,529,804
\$2,350,826	Season Prize Money	\$1,229,220
1 / 5	Singles Titles YTD / Career	2 / 3
39-34 (Round of 16: 2025 US OPEN, WIMBLEDON, ROLAND GARROS; 2023 WIMBLEDON)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	2-7 (Round of 64: 2025 US OPEN; 2024 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
1-0 / 1-0 (Quarter-Finalist: 2025)	YTD / Career NINGBO W-L (best)	2-0 / 2-0 (Quarter-Finalist: 2025)
44-22 / 227-170	YTD / Career W-L	30-21 / 38-31

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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
15	28	2024	63	68
16	21	2023	231	231
19	19	2022	948	948
30	33	2021	994	1009
25	33	2020	1217	1273
35	35	2019	775	1224
73	93	2018	896	1020
69	73	2017	938	939
132	133	2016	-	-
228	269	2015	-	-

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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. Y. YUAN (#108) 6-3 6-3 (1h 28m)

Total time on court: 1h 28m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making tournament debut at Ningbo
- Has beaten Yue Yuan so far this week to reach her first QF since R-Up at Seoul 2025 (l. Iga Swiatek in F)
- Faces No.33 McCartney Kessler in QF today; owns 90 wins in career over Top 50 players, most recently No.46 Ann Li at Wuahn 2025
- Owns 32-24 career record against players from United States of America, with record in 2025 standing at 4-5
- Record in Tour-level QF matches stands at 28-15 (20-7 on hard court)
- Best career result on hard court is Champion which she has reached three times: Linz in 2025, Seoul in 2022 and Shenzhen in 2020
- Is currently ranked No.10; this time last year was ranked No.27
- During last year's Asian swing reached QF at Wuahn, 2r at Beijing and 2r at Seoul
- Has won 44 matches so far in 2025

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. L. SAMSONOVA (#18) 7-6 6-1 (1h 42m)
1r: d. S. KENIN (#26) 6-1 6-0 (53m)

Total time on court: 2h 35m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making tournament debut at Ningbo
- Has beaten Sofia Kenin and Liudmila Samsonova so far this week to reach her first QF since her Champion run at Nottingham 2025 (d. Dayana Yastremska in F)
- Faces No.10 Ekaterina Alexandrova in QF today; owns two wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.5 Mirra Andreeva at Montreal 2025
- Owns 14-9 career record against seeds, with a record in 2025 standing at 11-6
- Record in Tour-level QF matches stands at 4-0 (3-0 on hard court)
- Best career result on hard court is Champion which she has reached twice: Hobart in 2025 and Cleveland in 2024
- Only player from United States of America to reach QF
- Her current run is the best result but United States of America at Ningbo
- Is currently ranked No.33; this time last year was ranked No.76
- During last year's Asian swing reached 2r at Tokyo, 2r at Osaka and 1r at Beijing
- Has won 30 matches so far in 2025

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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

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SEASON 2025 HISTORY

- Played 2r at Beijing (l. Krejčíková)
- Became R-Up at Seoul (l. champion Swiatek in F)
- Reached 4r at US Open (l. Swiatek)
- R-Up finish at Monterrey (l. champion Shnaider in F)
- Played 2r at Montreal (l. Zhu), then reached 4r at Cincinnati (l. Kalinskaya)
- Reached QF at Hamburg (as WC, l. eventual R-Up Bondar)
- Made 4r at Wimbledon (l. Bencic)
- Made 's-Hertogenbosch SF (l. eventual champion Mertens) and Bad Homburg QF (l. eventual R-Up Swiatek)
- Reached 4r at both Madrid (l. Uchijima) and Roland Garros (l. eventual champion Gauff)
- Made SF at Stuttgart (l. eventual champion Ostapenko)
- Reached SF at Charleston (l. eventual champion Pegula)
- Played 2r at both Indian Wells (l. P. Kudermetova) and Miami (l. Linette)
- Reached Doha SF (l. eventual champion Anisimova), then fell 1r at Dubai (l. V. Kudermetova)
- Champion run at Linz (d. Yastremska in F)
- Opened 2025 with Brisbane 2r (l. Jabeur), Adelaide 2r (l. Navarro) and Australian Open 1r (l. Raducanu)

- Made 4r at Beijing (l. Lys)
- Played 2r at US Open (l. Vondrousova)
- Made 3r at Cincinnati (l. Seidel)
- Reached 4r at Montreal (l. Kostyuk)
- Fell in 1r at Washington DC (l. Dolehide)
- Played 1r at Wimbledon (l. Vondrousova)
- Champion run at Nottingham (d. R-Up Yastremska in F)
- Made 2r at London (l. Zheng)
- Fell in 1r at Roland Garros (l. Ruse)
- Played 1r at Strasbourg (as qualifier, l. Krueger)
- Fell in 1r at Rome (l. Sramkova)
- Made QF at Saint Malo 125 (as WC, l. Golubic)
- Played 1r at Madrid (l. Andreescu)
- Played 1r at Rouen (l. Ferro)
- Played 3r at Miami (l. Raducanu, retired)
- Made 2r at Indian Wells (l. eventual R-Up Sabalenka)
- R-Up finish at Austin (l. champion Pegula in F)
- Reached R16 at Dubai (l. Muchova)
- Played 1r at Doha (l. Jabeur)
- Played 1r at Abu Dhabi (as qualifier, l. eventual R-Up Krueger)
- Played 1r at Australian Open (l. S. Zhang)
- Won at Hobart (d. Mertens in F)
- Opened 2025 reaching 2r at Brisbane (l. Putintseva)

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SEASON 2025 STATS

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
296	5	Aces	94	51
62.4%	31	First serve %	62.1%	34
69.4%	8	First Serve points won %	62.7%	60
45.6%	42	Second serve points won %	47.5%	26
60.5%	11	Overall service points won %	57.0%	47
74.0%	12	Service games won %	66.5%	45
60.4%	9	Break points saved %	52.3%	59
39.3%	9	First serve return points won %	37.2%	32
55.5%	23	Second serve return points won %	54.8%	39
46.7%	29	Break points converted %	45.9%	33
40.1%	10	Return games won %	36.2%	28
45.7%	15	Return points won %	44.0%	32

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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (5)
2025 - LINZ
2023 - 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH
2022 - SEOUL, 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH
2020 - SHENZHEN
Runner-Up (6)
2025 - SEOUL, MONTERREY
2024 - LINZ
2023 - CLEVELAND
2021 - MOSCOW
2018 - LINZ

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (1)
2019 - BUDAPEST (w/Zvonareva)

Runner-Up (1)
2025 - STUTTGART (w/Zhang)

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (3)
2025 - NOTTINGHAM, HOBART
2024 - CLEVELAND

Runner-Up (1)
2025 - AUSTIN

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (1)
2025 - MONTREAL (w/Gauff)

Runner-Up (1)
2025 - AUSTIN (w/Zhang)

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

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CAREER MILESTONES

- In 2024, highlights included reaching the final at Linz (l. Ostapenko in Final) and semifinals at Adelaide (l. eventual champion Ostapenko), Miami (l. eventual champion Collins), 's-Hertogenbosch (l. eventual champion Samsonova) and Monterrey (l. Sun); also made quarterfinals at Wuhan (l. Xin. Wang) and her best Grand Slam result of the season came during a 3r run at US Open (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)
- In 2023, won fourth career singles title at 's-Hertogenbosch, successfully defending the title and defeating top seed, Kudrmetova in the final. A run of successful results followed with SF at Berlin (l. eventual champion, Kvitova), 4r at Wimbledon (l. Sabalenka) - a career best result at any of the majors and runner-up at Cleveland (l. Sorribes Tormo).
- Reached a 2023 peak ranking of No. 16 on February 20, 2023 following a 3r finish at Australian Open (l. Linette), before posting two QF results at Miami (l. eventual champion Kvitova) and Charleston (l. Bencic). Another QF then came in the Asian Swing at Tokyo (l. Pavlyuchenkova).
- In 2022, won titles at 's-Hertogenbosch (d. Sabalenka in F) and Seoul (d. Ostapenko in F). Also advanced to SF at Charleston, Madrid and Ostrava, making Top-20 debut on October 10, 2022
- Reached third WTA singles final in 2021, enjoying run to final at home tournament of Moscow (l. Kontaveit). Other key result was SF run at Gippsland Trophy (l. Kanepi)
- Posted two best wins-by-ranking of career in 2021, defeating No.2 Halep (Gippsland Trophy) and No.2 Sabalenka (Moscow)
- Reached 2r on Olympic debut at Tokyo 2020
- Opened 2020 season by lifting her maiden WTA singles title, at Shenzhen (d. Rybakina in F)
- Won both singles rubbers on Billie Jean King Cup debut in 3-2 win over Romania in February 2020
- Made Top-50 debut on June 17, 2019 after QF run at 's-Hertogenbosch
- Registered 30 Tour-level match wins during 2019, in which she reached SF at Budapest, Seoul and Linz and made QF at St. Petersburg, 's-Hertogenbosch, Eastbourne and Moscow. Also advanced to 3r at a major for the first time, at Roland Garros
- Won sole WTA doubles title at 2019 Budapest (w/Zvonareva)
- 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. Yastremska)
- 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

- Came through qualifying to make maiden WTA final appearance at 2018 Linz (l. Giorgi)
- Advanced to first WTA QF at 2018 Seoul, scoring maiden Top 10 win of her career en route, over No.10 Ostapenko
- Made Top-100 debut at No.93 on March 20, 2017 after winning title at \$60K ITF/Shenzhen-CHN
- At 2016 Wimbledon, ranked No.223, won her way through qualifying on her maiden Slam appearance, going on to reach 2r (upset No.23 seed Ivanovic in 1r)
- Won WTA 125K Series title at Limoges in 2016, 2018-19
- Reached 2r on WTA main draw debut at 2016 Katowice (as qualifier, l. eventual R-Up Giorgi)
- Contested qualifying for the first time at a WTA-level tournament at 2014 Bad Gastein
- Played first professional events of career on ITF Circuit in Europe in 2011

OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Igor Andreev
- Worked with her father, Evgeny. Was previously coached by Vojta Flegl
- Mother is Julia, also has sister, Anna, and brother Jury. Began playing tennis at age 6
- Favorite shot is forehand; favorite surface is hard
- Speaks Russian, English and Czech
- Likes to cook, especially making cakes
- Admires Serena Williams

- Coached by McClain Kessler
- Trains at Manker Petten Tennis Club, Tennessee
- Tennis idol: Maria Sharapova
- Describes her tennis as an aggressive & competitive game style

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104 **AJLA TOMLJANOVIC (Q)**
AUSTRALIA

ELENA (3) RYBAKINA 9
KAZAKHSTAN

1993-05-07	Date of Birth		1999-06-17
Brisbane, Australia	Residence		
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	
5' 11" (1.80 m)	Height	6' 0" (1.84m)	
32	Career-High Ranking	3	
\$7,059,417	Career Prize Money	\$18,426,967	
\$687,462	Season Prize Money	\$3,409,882	
0 / 0	Singles Titles YTD / Career		1 / 9
35-40 (Quarter-Finalist: 2022 US OPEN, WIMBLEDON; 2021 WIMBLEDON)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	59-22 (Champion: 2022 WIMBLEDON)	
2-0 / 2-1 (Quarter-Finalist: 2025)	YTD / Career NINGBO W-L (best)	1-0 / 1-0 (Quarter-Finalist: 2025)	
15-19 / 180-211	YTD / Career W-L	46-19 / 257-110	

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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2022	WIMBLEDON	GRASS	QF	Elena Rybakina	4-6 6-2 6-3	1h 51m
2021	MADRID	CLAY	1r	Elena Rybakina	6-4 6-0	1h 2m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
81	85	2024	3	6
32	549	2023	3	4
33	33	2022	12	22
43	45	2021	14	14
51	68	2020	17	19
39	51	2019	37	37
43	43	2018	182	191
150	151	2017	420	425
65	930	2016	612	616
47	66	2015	-	-

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RYBAKINA**

TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. Z. SONMEZ (#76) 7-6 6-3 (1h 50m)
1r: d. C. TAUSON (#12) 1-6 7-6 6-3 (2h 19m)

Total time on court: 4h 9m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at Ningbo, where she has surpassed her previous best result of reaching 1r in 2024 (l. Yue Yuan)
- Has beaten Clara Tauson and Zeynep Sonmez so far this week to reach her first QF since SF at Rabat 2025 (retired due to injury against Maya Joint)
- Faces No.9 Elena Rybakina in QF today; owns six wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.4 Paula Badosa at Cincinnati 2022
- Owns 3-8 career Tour-level record against players from Kazakhstan
- Owns 41-99 career record against seeds, with a record in 2025 standing at 5-8
- Record in Tour-level QF matches stands at 11-18 (7-10 on hard court)
- Best career result on hard court is Runner-Up which she has reached three times: Hua Hin in 2019, Seoul in 2018 and Pattaya City in 2015
- Only player from Australia to reach QF
- Her current run is the best result by Australia at Ningbo
- Only Qualifier remaining in the main draw
- Is currently ranked No.104; this time last year was ranked No.85
- During last year's Asian swing reached 1r at Ningbo, 1r at Wuhan, 1r at Beijing and 2r at Seoul
- Has won 15 matches so far in 2025, nine of which have come on hard court

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. D. YASTREMSKA (#30) 6-4 6-7 6-3 (2h 48m)

Total time on court: 2h 48m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making tournament debut at Ningbo
- Has beaten Dayana Yastremska so far this week to reach her first QF since QF at Wuahn 2025 (12th Tour-level QF appearance of 2025)
- Faces No.104 Ajla Tomljanovic in QF today; owns a 7-2 record in 2025 against players ranked outside the Top 100
- Holds a 2-0 career record in matches against Tomljanovic, winning their most recent meeting in QF at Wimbledon 2022. Were scheduled to meet in 2r at US Open 2023 (Tomljanovic withdrew due to injury)
- Owns 9-2 career Tour-level record against players from Australia, with record in 2025 standing at 1-0 (d. Emerson Jones in 1r at Australian Open)
- Owns 49-7 career Tour-level record against Qualifiers, with a record in 2025 standing at 7-1 (l. eventual champion Tatjana Maria at Queen's)
- Record in Tour-level QF matches stands at 35-19 (25-12 on hard court)
- Best career result on hard court is Champion which she has reached four times: Abu Dhabi and Brisbane in 2024, Indian Wells in 2023 and Hobart in 2020
- Only player from Kazakhstan to reach QF
- Best result by Kazakhstan at Ningbo was Quarter-Finalist run by Yulia Putintseva in 2024 (l. eventual champion Daria Kasatkina)
- Is currently ranked No.9; this time last year was ranked No.5
- Has won 46 matches so far in 2025, which ranks No.5 on Tour behind Iga Swiatek, Aryna Sabalenka, Jessica Pegula and Coco Gauff

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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

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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. Waltwert)
- Opened 2025 reaching 2r at Australian Open (as a WC, l. Shnaider)

- Reached QF at Wuhan (l. Sabalenka)
- Played 3r at Beijing (l. Lys)
- Made 4r at US Open (l. Vondrousova)
- Reached SF at Cincinnati (l. eventual champion Swiatek)
- Reached SF at Montreal (l. eventual champion Mboko)
- Reached SF at Washington DC (l. eventual champion Fernandez)
- Reached 3r at Wimbledon (l. Tauson)
- Made consecutive QFs at London (l. eventual champion Maria) and Berlin (l. Sabalenka)
- Won at Strasbourg (d. Samsonova in F), then made 4r at Roland Garros (l. Swiatek)
- Reached 3r at both Madrid (l. Svitolina) and Rome (l. Andreescu)
- Made Indian Wells 4r (l. eventual champion M. Andreeva) and Miami 2r (l. Krueger)
- Reached QF at Doha (l. Swiatek) and SF at Dubai (l. eventual champion M. Andreeva)
- As defending champion and No.1 seed, reached SF at Abu Dhabi (l. eventual champion Bencic)
- 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)

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SEASON 2025 STATS

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
86	56	Aces	419	1
65.9%	11	First serve %	57.5%	70
63.1%	54	First Serve points won %	74.0%	1
42.2%	76	Second serve points won %	49.7%	5
56.0%	57	Overall service points won %	63.7%	1
62.1%	69	Service games won %	81.2%	1
50.4%	81	Break points saved %	64.2%	2
36.2%	43	First serve return points won %	35.4%	53
54.0%	54	Second serve return points won %	54.8%	37
44.0%	53	Break points converted %	41.9%	68
33.9%	42	Return games won %	32.3%	51
43.2%	42	Return points won %	43.0%	45

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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Runner-Up (5)
2024 - BIRMINGHAM
2019 - HUA HIN
2018 - SEOUL, RABAT
2015 - PATTAYA CITY

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (9)
2025 - STRASBOURG
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)

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

**AJLA
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**ELENA
 RYBAKINA**

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

- 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 clinching title at \$15k ITF/Kazan-RUS

- (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

- 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

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

- 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



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LIN ZHU (WC)

CHINA

DIANA (7) SHNAIDER

19

1994-01-28	Date of Birth		2004-04-02
Beijing, China	Residence		
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Left-handed (two-handed backhand)	
5' 8" (1.73m)	Height	5' 6" (1.70m)	
31	Career-High Ranking	11	
\$3,760,204	Career Prize Money	\$3,819,802	
\$388,219	Season Prize Money	\$2,003,379	
0 / 1	Singles Titles YTD / Career	1 / 5	
11-22 (Round of 16: 2023 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	11-10 (Round of 16: 2024 US OPEN)	
2-0 / 2-0 (Quarter-Finalist: 2025)	YTD / Career NINGBO W-L (best)	2-0 / 6-2 (Runner-Up: 2023)	
7-8 / 88-113	YTD / Career W-L	26-23 / 84-55	

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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2024	HUA HIN	HARD	F	Diana Shnaider	6-3 2-6 6-1	1h 59m
2023	NANCHANG	HARD	1r	Diana Shnaider	6-4 6-0	1h 15m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
32	122	2024	12	13
31	36	2023	60	60
58	62	2022	182	182
88	140	2021	1054	1065
69	91	2020	-	-
83	83	2019	-	-
102	114	2018	-	-
104	104	2017	-	-
140	140	2016	-	-
107	173	2015	-	-

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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. M. ANDREEVA (#6) 4-6 6-3 6-2 (2h 17m)
1r: d. E. RADUCANU (#29) 3-6 6-4 6-1 (2h 35m)

Total time on court: 4h 52m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making her 1st appearance at the Ningbo Tour level event
- Has reached quarterfinal at a WTA 500 for the first time in her career: her previous best WTA 500 was R16 at 2024 Brisbane (l. eventual finalist Sabalenka)
- Has beaten Emma Raducanu and posted the third Top 10 win of her career by defeating No.6 Mirra Andreeva so far this week to reach QF
- This is the 17th QF of her career and first in 2025; she has a record of 8-8
- Faces No.19 Diana Shnaider in QF today; owns 9 wins in career over Top 20 players, including two this year - No.15 Alexandrova at Montreal and No.6 Andreeva in Ningbo this week
- Owns one career title which came on hard court: Hua Hin 2023
- Only player from China to reach QF
- Best previous result by China at Ningbo is R16 by Wang Xiyu, Yuan Yue and Ma Ye-xin
- Only wild card to reach QF
- 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 on this year's Asian swing, played Beijing 2r (l. M. Andreeva) and Wuhan 1r (l. Joint)
- With a win would be through to her first semifinal since Hua Hin 2024

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. K. MUCHOVA (#20) 2-6 6-1 6-2 (1h 53m)
1r: d. X. WANG (#145) 7-5 6-3 (1h 51m)

Total time on court: 3h 44m

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)
- Has beaten Wang Xiyu and Karolina Muchova so far this week to reach QF
- This is her fifth QF of 2025 with a record of 1-3; her only win was at Monterrey en route to claiming the title (d. Alexandrova in F)
- Faces No.219 Lin Zhu in QF today
- Is 1-1 against players from China in 2025 (d. Wang Xiyu at Ningbo; l. Yuan Yue at Cincinnati)
- Is 3-1 against wild cards in 2025 most recently defeating Wang Xiyu here in Ningbo this week
- 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
- With a win today would reach the second SF of her 2025 season after claiming the Monterrey title

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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

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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SEASON 2025 HISTORY

- 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)
- Played 2r at Beijing (l. Joint)
 - 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)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
25	120	Aces	83	58
66.8%	0	First serve %	64.0%	21
58.9%	0	First Serve points won %	63.0%	55
47.7%	0	Second serve points won %	48.3%	14
55.2%	0	Overall service points won %	57.7%	35
60.0%	0	Service games won %	68.7%	31
49.6%	0	Break points saved %	57.3%	29
34.4%	0	First serve return points won %	34.3%	65
57.4%	0	Second serve return points won %	57.1%	14
42.5%	0	Break points converted %	47.8%	21
36.2%	0	Return games won %	34.2%	41
44.3%	0	Return points won %	43.2%	41

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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

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)

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

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CAREER MILESTONES

- 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. Krejčíková), 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 Kvitová 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

- 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 Andreieva
- 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

- 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 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
- 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