

MATCH NOTES

2025 AUX · NINGBO OPEN

NINGBO, CHINA

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

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FINAL – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

[4] Ekaterina Alexandrova (#10) vs. [3] Elena Rybakina (KAZ #9)

Alexandrova leads 3-1

Alexandrova:

- Making tournament debut at Ningbo
- A win today would mark her sixth career title, and second WTA 500 title after winning at Linz earlier this year
- Leads Rybakina 3-1, winning their most recent meeting at Adelaide 2024
- Is through to her 13th career WTA final, and her fourth of 2025 after Seoul (R-UP), Monterrey (R-UP) and Linz (WON)
- Owns 2-4 record in 2025 vs. Top 10 players, her last win came against No.5 Pegula in Doha
- Made her Top 10 debut this week in the PIF WTA Singles Rankings at a career high of No.10; she is the third player to make her Top 10 debut this year (also Andreeva and Anisimova)

Rybakina:

- Making tournament debut at Ningbo
- Owns four WTA 500 titles: Strasbourg in 2025 and Abu Dhabi, Brisbane and Stuttgart in 2024
- A win today would mark her 10th career title, and fifth on hard court after Abu Dhabi, Brisbane in 2024; Indian Wells in 2023; Hobart in 2020
- Is 4-6 against Top 10 players in WTA matches this season most recently defeating No.8 Paolini in the SF here
- Competing in her second final of 2025 after claiming the title in Strasbourg; and her 21st career final overall (15th on hard court)

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EKATERINA
ALEXANDROVA (4)

ELENA
(3) RYBAKINA
KAZAKHSTAN

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1994-11-15	Date of Birth	1999-06-17
Prague, Czech Republic	Residence	
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 9" (1.75m)	Height	6' 0" (1.84m)
10	Career-High Ranking	3
\$8,735,803	Career Prize Money	\$18,426,967
\$2,350,826	Season Prize Money	\$3,409,882
1 / 5	Singles Titles YTD / Career	1 / 9
39-34 (Round of 16: 2025 US OPEN, WIMBLEDON, ROLAND GARROS; 2023 WIMBLEDON)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	59-22 (Champion: 2022 WIMBLEDON)
3-0 / 3-0 (Finalist: 2025)	YTD / Career NINGBO W-L (best)	3-0/3-0 (Finalist: 2025)
46-22 / 229-170	YTD / Career W-L	48-19 / 259-110

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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2024	ADELAIDE	HARD	QF	Ekaterina Alexandrova	6-3 6-3	1h 30m
2020	ROME	CLAY	1r	Elena Rybakina	6-0 6-4	1h 1m
2020	CINCINNATI (NYC)	HARD	1r	Ekaterina Alexandrova	7-5 7-6(6)	1h 38m
2020	SHENZHEN	HARD	F	Ekaterina Alexandrova	6-2 6-4	1h 13m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
15	28	2024	3	6
16	21	2023	3	4
19	19	2022	12	22
30	33	2021	14	14
25	33	2020	17	19
35	35	2019	37	37
73	93	2018	182	191
69	73	2017	420	425
132	133	2016	612	616
228	269	2015	-	-

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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

SF: d. D. SHNAIDER (#19) 6-3 6-4 (1h 32m)
QF: d. M. KESSLER (#33) 6-3 6-3 (1h 39m)
2r: d. Y. YUAN (#108) 6-3 6-3 (1h 28m)

Total time on court: 4h 39m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making tournament debut at Ningbo
- Has beaten Yue Yuan, McCartney Kessler and Diana Shnaider so far this week to reach her fourth final of 2025 after Seoul (R-UP), Monterrey (R-UP) and Linz (WON)
- Owns 1 WTA 500 title which came earlier this year at Linz (d. Yastremska in F)
- Is through to her 13th career WTA final and 11th on hard court
- A win today would mark her sixth career WTA title, and fourth on hard court after Linz 2025, Seoul 2022 and Shenzhen 2020
- Faces No.9 Elena Rybakina in today's final; owns 2-4 record in 2025 vs. Top 10 players, her last win came against No.5 Pegula in Doha
- First meeting in 2025 against a player from Kazakhstan (5-3 career record, most recently defeating Putintseva at Indian Wells 2024)
- Broke into the Top 10 for the first time in her career last week; this time last year was ranked No.27
- During this year's Asian swing, reached the final in Seoul (l. Swiatek), fell in the 2r at Beijing (l. Krejčíková) and made 3r at Wuhan (l. eventual finalist Pegula)
- Has won 46 matches so far in 2025; her career-best for most match wins in a single season

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

SF: d. J. PAOLINI (#8) 6-3 6-2 (1h 29m)
QF: d. A. TOMLJANOVIC (#104) 6-2 6-0 (57m)
2r: d. D. YASTREMSKA (#30) 6-4 6-7 6-3 (2h 48m)

Total time on court: 5h 14m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making tournament debut
- Owns four WTA 500 titles: Strasbourg in 2025 and Abu Dhabi, Brisbane and Stuttgart in 2024
- Faces No.10 Ekaterina Alexandrova in today's final; owns 24 WTA match wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.8 Jasmine Paolini in the SF here
- Record in WTA final matches stands at 9-11 (1-0 in 2025)
- A win today would mark her 10th career title, and fifth on hard court after Abu Dhabi, Brisbane in 2024; Indian Wells in 2023; Hobart in 2020
- Prior to Rybakina's run to the final this year, the previous best result by Kazakhstan at Ningbo was QF by Yulia Putintseva in 2024
- Is currently ranked No.9 - this time last year was ranked No.5; her career high is No.3 first reached in June 2023
- So far in the Asian swing this year has made R32 at Beijing (l. Lys) and QF at Wuhan (l. Sabalenka)
- Has won 48 Tour matches so far in 2025 and earned one title at Strasbourg (d. Samsonova in F)
- Competing in her 21st career final and 15th on hard court

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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

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SEASON 2025 HISTORY

- Reached 3r at Wuhan (l. eventual finalist Pegula)
- 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)

- 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)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
307	5	Aces	429	1
62.5%	30	First serve %	57.4%	70
69.6%	7	First Serve points won %	74.0%	1
45.6%	42	Second serve points won %	49.9%	5
60.6%	8	Overall service points won %	63.7%	1
73.2%	13	Service games won %	80.5%	1
60.3%	9	Break points saved %	64.0%	2
39.3%	9	First serve return points won %	35.2%	53
55.6%	23	Second serve return points won %	55.1%	27
46.4%	31	Break points converted %	41.9%	68
39.6%	14	Return games won %	32.0%	51

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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 (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
1r	4r	4r	4r	2025	4r	4r	3r	4r
1r	1r		3r	2024	2r	QF	SF	2r
3r	3r	4r	3r	2023	RUP	3r	QF	3r
1r	2r		2r	2022	2r	3r	WON	1r
3r	2r	2r	2r	2021	2r	QF	4r	3r
3r	3r		2r	2020	3r	2r		2r
1r	3r	1r	2r	2019		1r		1r
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)
- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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

- Trained at Spartak Club in Moscow as a junior; previous coaches included Andrei Cheshnikov (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