

# 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 Saturday's matches in Ningbo:

### Singles

Paolini vs. Rybakina

If Paolini wins, Paolini qualifies (and moves to No. 6 in the Race). Final spot to be decided at the last WTA 500 of the season in Tokyo between Andreeva and Rybakina

If Rybakina wins, the final two positions will be decided in Tokyo between Paolini, Andreeva and Rybakina

### Doubles

Babos/Stefani vs. Eikeri/Tang

Babos/Stefani will qualify with a win (and move to No. 7 in the Race)

The pair of Muhammad/Schuurs qualified on Friday by virtue of the Danilina/Krunic loss

## SEMIFINALS – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

**[3] Elena Rybakina (KAZ #9) vs. [2] Jasmine Paolini (ITA #8)**

**Paolini leads 3-2**

### ***Rybakina:***

- Making her Ningbo tournament debut this week
- Owns four WTA 500 titles: Strasbourg in 2025 and Abu Dhabi, Brisbane and Stuttgart in 2024
- Four of her 9 WTA singles titles have come on hard court; most recent hard court title is 2024 Abu Dhabi
- Is 3-6 against Top 10 players in WTA matches this season including a win over the World No.1 Sabalenka at Cincinnati
- Has a record of 1-5 in singles semifinal matches this year with her only win at Strasbourg en route to claiming the title
- First meeting against a player from Italy this season; her 2024 record was 2-2 (l. Paolini at Roland Garros and WTA Finals; d. Paolini at Stuttgart & d. Bronzetti at Madrid)
- With a win would reach her second final of 2025 after claiming the title at Strasbourg (d. Samsonova in F)

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#### ***Paolini:***

- Making her Ningbo 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)
- Is 4-6 against Top 10 players in WTA matches this season with her most recent victory over No.2 Swiatek at Wuhan last week
- In this year's Asian swing she has made QF at Beijing (l. eventual champion Anisimova) and SF at Wuhan (l. eventual champion Gauff)
- Looking for her third final of 2025 after Rome (won) and Cincinnati (R-Up)

#### **[7] Diana Shnaider (#19) vs. [4] Ekaterina Alexandrova (#10)**

**Tied 1-1**

#### ***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)
- This is her second SF of 2025 after claiming the title in Monterrey where she defeated Alexandrova in the final
- Owns one career win over Top 10 players, which came against No.2 Gauff at Toronto 2024
- Has won two WTA 500 singles titles in her career: 2024 Bad Homburg and 2025 Monterrey

#### ***Alexandrova:***

- Making tournament debut at Ningbo
- This is her 8th SF appearance of 2025, which is the most she has had in a calendar year (five SF appearances in 2024 is her next best)
- Bidding for 10th win in 2025 over a Top 20 player
- 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 Andreieva and Anisimova)
- Has won 45 matches so far in 2025; her career-best for most match wins in a single season
- Bidding to reach a 13th career WTA final, and fourth this year after Linz, Monterrey and Seoul

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ELENA  
RYBAKINA (3)  
KAZAKHSTAN

JASMINE  
(2) PAOLINI  
ITALY

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1999-06-17	Date of Birth	1996-01-04
	Residence	Bagni di Lucca, Italy
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-Handed
6' 0" (1.84m)	Height	5' 4" (1.63m)
3	Career-High Ranking	4
\$18,426,967	Career Prize Money	\$12,825,142
\$3,409,882	Season Prize Money	\$5,074,697
1 / 9	Singles Titles YTD / Career	1 / 3
59-22 (Champion: 2022 WIMBLEDON)	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)	2-0 / 2-0 (Quarter-Finalist: 2025)
47-19 / 258-110	YTD / Career W-L	43-17 / 161-124

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## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2024	WTA FINALS	HARD	GRP	Jasmine Paolini	7-6(5) 6-4	1h 44m
2024	ROLAND GARROS	CLAY	QF	Jasmine Paolini	6-2 4-6 6-4	2h 3m
2024	STUTTGART	CLAY	QF	Elena Rybakina	6-3 5-7 6-3	2h 8m
2023	CINCINNATI	HARD	3r	Jasmine Paolini	4-6 5-2	1h 14m
2023	ROME	CLAY	2r	Elena Rybakina	7-6(4) 6-1	1h 34m

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
3	6	2024	4	4
3	4	2023	29	30
12	22	2022	44	59
14	14	2021	51	53
17	19	2020	93	95
37	37	2019	114	117
182	191	2018	130	190
420	425	2017	130	137
612	616	2016	244	245
-	-	2015	309	581

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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

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

*Total time on court: 3h 45m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making tournament debut
- Owns four WTA 500 titles: Strasbourg in 2025 and Abu Dhabi, Brisbane and Stuttgart in 2024
- Has beaten Dayana Yastremska and Ajla Tomljanovic so far this week to reach her 7th singles SF of 2025 (currently 1-5 in SF matches this year with only win en route to claiming the Strasbourg title)
- Faces No.8 Jasmine Paolini in SF today; owns 23 WTA match wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.1 Aryna Sabalenka at Cincinnati 2025
- First meeting against a player from Italy this season
- Record in WTA SF matches stands at 20-16
- Owns 4 hard court titles: Abu Dhabi, Brisbane in 2024; Indian Wells in 2023; Hobart in 2020
- Only player from Kazakhstan to reach SF after Putintseva fell in 1r
- 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 on the Asian swing this year has made R32 at Beijing (l. Lys) and QF at Wuhan (l. Sabalenka)
- Has won 47 Tour matches so far in 2025 and earned one title at Strasbourg (d. Samsonova in F)
- A win today would be her 21st career final and 15th on hard court

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. V. KUDERMETOVA (#31) 6-2 7-5 (1h 29m)  
QF: d. B. BENCIC (#14) 5-7 7-5 6-3 (3h 22m)

*Total time on court: 4h 51m*

### 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 and Belinda Bencic so far this week to reach her 7th SF of 2025; she is 2-4 in SF matches with her wins at Rome (won) and Cincinnati (R-Up)
- Faces No.9 Elena Rybakina in SF today; owns 10 wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.2 Iga Swiatek at Wuhan 2025
- First meeting against a player from Kazakhstan this year, but defeated Rybakina in their two most recent matches which were last year at WTA Finals and Roland Garros
- Record in WTA SF matches stands at 9-9
- 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 43 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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## SEASON 2025 HISTORY

- 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)

- 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
419	1	Aces	73	70
57.5%	70	First serve %	67.6%	6
74.0%	1	First Serve points won %	62.0%	67
49.7%	5	Second serve points won %	49.5%	7
63.7%	1	Overall service points won %	57.9%	32
81.2%	1	Service games won %	69.0%	28
64.2%	2	Break points saved %	54.2%	46
35.4%	53	First serve return points won %	39.9%	6
54.8%	36	Second serve return points won %	55.3%	24
41.9%	68	Break points converted %	48.8%	13
32.3%	51	Return games won %	41.2%	8
43.0%	45	Return points won %	45.8%	11

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## TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

### 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)

### 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)

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



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- Won three titles from five finals in 2024, tasting success at Brisbane, Abu Dhabi and Stuttgart and finishing R-Up at Doha and Miami. Qualified for her second WTA Finals and defeated WTA World No.1 Sabalenka in the group stage
- Reached second Grand Slam final at 2023 Australian Open (l. Sabalenka in 3s); made Top-10 debut following tournament (January 30, 2023). Also in 2023 won first two WTA 1000 title at Indian Wells and Rome and finished R-Up at Miami. Qualified for first WTA Finals, going 1-2 in group stage.
- Lifted maiden major at 2022 Wimbledon (d. Jabeur in F)
- In 2022 also finished R-Up at Adelaide (l. Barty) and Portoroz (l. Siniakova)
- Best result of 2021 were SFs at Eastbourne, Olympics and Chicago [500], and QFs at Abu Dhabi, Roland Garros, San Jose and Ostrava
- Opened 2020 season by reaching the championship match at four of her first five tournaments, including a title run at Hobart (d. Zhang in F)
- Made first final appearance at a Premier-level tournament with R-Up finish at St. Petersburg (l. Bertens); was rewarded with Top 20 debut at No.19 following run in Russia (February 17, 2020)
- First win over a Top-5 ranked opponent came over No.3 Ka.Pliskova during R-Up finish at 2020 Dubai
- Won back-to-back Slam matches for the first time during 3r showing at 2020 Australian Open (l. Barty)
- Won maiden WTA singles title at 2019 Bucharest (d. Tig in F), breaking into Top 100 for the first time in the following week's rankings at No.65 (July 22, 2019)
- Also in 2019, went on to make Top 50 debut on September 16, 2019, after reaching second career final at Nanchang (l. Peterson), produced SF appearances at Luxembourg and 's-Hertogenbosch, and made Grand Slam main draw debut at 2019 Roland Garros, falling 1r (as qualifier, l. Siniakova)
- Finished 2019 campaign with 57-21 win-loss record (across all levels) to end season at No.37, up from 2018's final ranking of No.191. On the ITF Circuit in 2019, lifted silverware on three occasions: back-to-back at \$25k Moscow-RUS and \$25k Kazan-RUS, and at \$60k ITF/Launceston-AUS
- Highlights of 2018 included reaching maiden WTA QF at St. Petersburg (l. Goerges) and clinching title at \$15k ITF/Kazan-RUS
- 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. Kvitova)
- 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

- 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

- Kasatkina, I. 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

- 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

- 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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19 DIANA SHNAIDER (7)

EKATERINA (4) ALEXANDROVA 10

2004-04-02	Date of Birth	1994-11-15
	Residence	Prague, Czech Republic
Left-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 6" (1.70m)	Height	5' 9" (1.75m)
11	Career-High Ranking	10
\$3,819,802	Career Prize Money	\$8,735,803
\$2,003,379	Season Prize Money	\$2,350,826
1 / 5	Singles Titles YTD / Career	1 / 5
11-10 (Round of 16: 2024 US OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	39-34 (Round of 16: 2025 US OPEN, WIMBLEDON, ROLAND GARROS; 2023 WIMBLEDON)
3-0 / 7-2 (Runner-Up: 2023)	YTD / Career NINGBO W-L (best)	2-0 / 2-0 (Semi-Finalist: 2025)
27-23 / 85-55	YTD / Career W-L	45-22 / 228-170

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2025	MONTERREY	HARD	F	Diana Shnaider	6-3 4-6 6-4	2h 11m
2025	CHARLESTON	CLAY	3r	Ekaterina Alexandrova	6-2 6-1	55m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
12	13	2024	15	28
60	60	2023	16	21
182	182	2022	19	19
1054	1065	2021	30	33
-	-	2020	25	33
-	-	2019	35	35
-	-	2018	73	93
-	-	2017	69	73
-	-	2016	132	133
-	-	2015	228	269

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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. X. WANG (#145) 7-5 6-3 (1h 51m)  
2r: d. K. MUCHOVA (#20) 2-6 6-1 6-2 (1h 53m)  
QF: d. L. ZHU (#219) 2-6 6-3 6-1 (1h 48m)

*Total time on court: 5h 32m*

### 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 Xiyu Wang, Karolina Muchova and Lin Zhu so far this week to reach the second SF of her 2025 season after claiming the title in Monterrey
- Faces No.10 Ekaterina Alexandrova in SF today; owns 1 career win over Top 10 players, which came against No.2 Gauff at Toronto 2024
- Is through to her 12th career WTA-level SF; record in WTA SF matches stands at 6-5
- 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 final of her 2025 season after Monterrey title

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. Y. YUAN (#108) 6-3 6-3 (1h 28m)  
QF: d. M. KESSLER (#33) 6-3 6-3 (1h 39m)

*Total time on court: 3h 7m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making tournament debut at Ningbo
- Has beaten Yue Yuan and McCartney Kessler so far this week to reach her first QF since R-Up at Seoul 2025 (l. Iga Swiatek in F)
- Owns 1 WTA 500 title which came earlier this year at Linz (d. Yastremska in F)
- Is through to her eighth SF of the 2025 season (4-3 SF record this season)
- Faces No.19 Diana Shnaider in SF today; owns 9-7 record in 2025 vs. Top 20 players, has lost her last 5 meetings consecutively against Top 20 opponents
- 3 of her 5 WTA titles have come on hard court: Linz 2025, Seoul 2022 and Shenzhen 2020
- 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. Krejickova) and made 3r at Wuhan (l. eventual finalist Pegula)
- Has won 45 matches so far in 2025; her career-best for most match wins in a single season
- Bidding to reach a 13th career WTA final, and fourth this year after Linz, Monterrey and Seoul

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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

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	

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

# MATCH NOTES

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## SEASON 2025 HISTORY

- Fell in 1r at Wuhan (l. Siniakova)
- 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)

- Reached 3r at Wuhan (l. eventual finalist Pegula)
- Played 2r at Beijing (l. Krejcikova)
- 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)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
83	58	Aces	296	5
64.1%	20	First serve %	62.4%	31
63.2%	54	First Serve points won %	69.4%	8
48.3%	14	Second serve points won %	45.6%	42
57.9%	33	Overall service points won %	60.5%	11
68.9%	29	Service games won %	74.0%	12
57.0%	32	Break points saved %	60.4%	9
34.5%	64	First serve return points won %	39.3%	9
57.3%	13	Second serve return points won %	55.5%	23
47.7%	24	Break points converted %	46.7%	29
34.4%	41	Return games won %	40.1%	9

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## TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

### 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)

### 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)

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



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- 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 Andrejeva
- 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
- 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, Kudermetova 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)

- 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

- 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

- 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