

MATCH NOTES

KINOSHITA GROUP JAPAN OPEN - OSAKA, JPN
2025-10-13 - 2025-10-19 | \$ 275,094



96 **DALMA GALFI (Q)**
HUNGARY

LEYLAH (4) FERNANDEZ **27**
CANADA

1998-08-13	Date of Birth	2002-09-06
Balatonfured, Hungary	Residence	Boynton Beach, Florida, USA
Right-handed	Plays	Left-Handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 10" (1.78m)	Height	5' 6" (1.68m)
79	Career-High Ranking	13
\$2,147,159	Career Prize Money	\$6,900,649
\$488,007	Season Prize Money	\$1,684,006
0 / 0	Singles Titles YTD / Career	1 / 4
8-11 (Round of 32: 2025 WIMBLEDON; 2023 WIMBLEDON; 2022 US OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	27-22 (Runner-Up: 2021 US OPEN)
1-0 / 1-0 (Round of 16: 2025)	YTD / Career OSAKA W-L (best)	1-0 / 1-1 (Round of 16: 2025)
5-4 / 26-36	YTD / Career W-L	22-21 / 128-102

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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
120	144	2024	23	31
79	136	2023	32	35
79	85	2022	13	40
119	122	2021	24	24
220	221	2020	88	88
237	252	2019	209	209
226	296	2018	451	487
136	170	2017	727	728
250	272	2016	-	-
294	313	2015	-	-

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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. A. PARKS (#66) 6-4 6-4 (1h 36m)

Total time on court: 1h 36m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making tournament debut
- Defeated Okamura and Townsend to come through qualifying; followed by a win over Parks in the 1r to register her 5th tour-level win of the season
- Faces No.27 Leylah Fernandez in 2r today; owns 5 career wins over Top 50 players, and is 1-4 in 2025 - with a win coming against No.20 Haddad Maia at Wimbledon
- Owns 0-2 career record against players from Canada, with losses to Andreescu at s'Hertogenbosch 2024 and Marino at Auckland 2023
- Owns 1-3 record in 2025 against seeded players, with her one win coming against 21st seed Haddad Maia at Wimbledon
- Best career result on hard court is QF twice: Hua Hin 2024 and Linz 2023
- Only player from Hungary competing in this year's main draw
- Best result by a player from Hungary at the Japan Women's Open was QF run by Melinda Czink in 2009
- One of 2 qualifiers into the 2r, alongside Valentova
- Best result by a qualifier at the Japan Women's Open was Champion run by Suzan Lamens in 2024 and Zarina Diyas in 2017
- Is currently ranked No.96; this time last year was ranked No.134. Reached a career-high ranking of No.79 in September 2022
- During this year's Asian swing so far, qualified into main draw in Beijing, but lost in 1r to Boisson

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. H. BAPTISTE (#64) 6-2 7-5 (1h 33m)

Total time on court: 1h 33m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at the Japan Women's Open; on her previous showing in 2019 she qualified into the main draw, but fell in the 1r to eventual champion Nao Hibino
- Faces No.96 Dalma Galfi in 2r today; owns 14-6 record in 2025 vs. players ranked outside the Top 50, most recently defeated No.64 Baptiste in the previous round here
- First tour-level career meeting against a player from Hungary
- Owns 4-1 record in 2025 against qualifiers, with her only loss coming against eventual champion Tatjana Maria in London
- All 4 of her WTA titles have come on hard court: Washington DC 2025, Hong Kong 2023, and Monterrey 2022 & 2021
- Only player from Canada to reach the 2r after Andreescu's first round exit
- Best result by a player from Canada at the Japan Women's Open was R-Up run by Eugenie Bouchard in 2013
- Is currently ranked No.27; this time last year was ranked No.34. Reached a career-high ranking of No.13 in August 2022
- During this year's Asian swing so far, fell in 2r at Beijing (L. Gauff) and 1r at Wuhan (L. Osaka)

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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

2019	Result	Rank: 236	Seed: -
1r	L	N. HIBINO (#146) 6-7(2) 7-6(5) 7-5	

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SEASON 2025 HISTORY

- Played 1r at Beijing (as qualifier, l. Boisson)
- Fell in 1r at US Open (as qualifier, l. Noskova)
- Reached QF at Hamburg (l. Yastremska)
- Made 3r at Wimbledon (l. eventual R-Up Anisimova)
- Claimed back-to back WTA 125 titles at Vic and Oeiras
- Finished R-Up at La Bisbal d'Emporda 125 (l. Semenistaja in F)
- Played 2r at Antalya 125 2 (l. Zidansek)
- Played qualifying at Antalya 125 1
- Played qualifying at Cluj-Napoca
- Played qualifying at Australian Open
- Played qualifying at Canberra 125

- Fell in 1r at Wuhan (l. Osaka)
- Played 3r at Beijing (l. Gauff)
- Made 3r at US Open (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)
- Played 2r at Monterrey (l. Sramkova)
- Made 2r at Cincinnati (l. Bouzas Maneiro)
- Fell in 1r at Montreal (l. Joint)
- Champion run at Washington DC (d. R-Up Kalinskaya in F)
- Played 2r at Wimbledon (l. Siegemund)
- Made 2r at Bad Homburg (l. Paolini)
- Reached QF at Nottingham (l. eventual R-Up Yastremska)
- Played 1r at London (l. eventual champion Maria)
- Fell in 1r at Roland Garros (l. Danilovic)
- Played 1r at Strasbourg (l. Parry)
- Made 3r at Rome (l. Kostyuk)
- Played 2r at Vic 125 (l. Sasnovich)
- Played 2r at Madrid (l. Li)
- Reached 3r at Miami (l. Krueger)
- Made 2r at Indian Wells (l. Cristian)
- Played 1r at Dubai (l. Mertens)
- Made 3r at Doha (l. eventual champion Anisimova)
- Reached QF at Abu Dhabi (l. eventual R-Up Krueger)
- Reached 3r at Australian Open (l. Gauff)
- Opened 2025 representing Canada at United Cup, with a 1-1 result in singles (l. Gauff)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
47	89	Aces	113	37
58.3%	0	First serve %	62.4%	30
66.5%	0	First Serve points won %	66.1%	29
50.5%	0	Second serve points won %	48.3%	15
59.8%	0	Overall service points won %	59.4%	17
75.9%	0	Service games won %	71.8%	16
63.0%	0	Break points saved %	58.9%	20
33.1%	0	First serve return points won %	33.9%	70
53.7%	0	Second serve return points won %	53.9%	54
38.3%	0	Break points converted %	43.6%	55
27.9%	0	Return games won %	29.9%	66

DALMA GALFI (Q)

LEYLAH FERNANDEZ

TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (4)

2025 - WASHINGTON DC

2023 - HONG KONG

2022 - MONTERREY

2021 - MONTERREY

Runner-Up (3)

2024 - EASTBOURNE

2021 - US OPEN

2020 - ACAPULCO

DOUBLES FINALS

Runner-Up (4)

2024 - CINCINNATI (w/Putintseva)

2023 - ROLAND GARROS (w/Townsend), MIAMI (w/Townsend), AUCKLAND (w/Mattek-sands)

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

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CAREER MILESTONES

- 2024 season highlights included SF at s-Hertogenbosch (l. Andreescu) and QF at Hua Hin (l. Shnaider); singles semifinalist and doubles R-Up at WTA 125 event in La Bisbal Emporda.
- 2023 season highlighted by third round appearance at Wimbledon (l. Alexandrova); also reached QFs at Linz in February qualified and lost to Vondrousova.
- Broke into Top 100 on April 4, 2022, following run through qualifying to 2r at Miami
- Best performance of the 2022 season came at US Open with 3r run (l. Kudermetova) overcoming Nuria Parrizas Diaz and Harriet Dart in the process
- Also stood R-Up at ITF Circuit Contrexeville 125 and reached SF at W25 Manacor and W80 Oeiras
- 2021's highlight was reaching maiden WTA SF at Budapest (l. eventual champion Putintseva)
- Fell 1r on Grand Slam main-draw debut at 2021 US Open (as qualifier, l. Martic)
- Best result of 2020 was R-Up finish at \$25k ITF/Antalya-TUR. Also fell 2r at WTA 125K Series event at Prague and at the final hurdle of qualifying for Roland Garros
- Fell 1r on WTA main draw debut at 2016 's-Hertogenbosch (l. Rodina)
- On ITF Circuit, owns eight singles and 10 doubles titles
- As junior, was singles champion at 2015 US Open (d. Kenin in F) and won doubles at 2015 Wimbledon (w/Stollar)

- 2024 season highlights were reaching first final on grass finishing R-Up at Eastbourne (l. Kasatkina) and as part of title defence made SF at Hong Kong. Also reached final of Cincinnati in doubles w/ Putintseva
- In 2023, earned third career title at Hong Kong (d. Siniakova). Prevented from a consecutive title run by Siniakova who defeated her in Nanchang SF. Other notable results where quarterfinals at Guadalajara (l. Kenin), Cleveland (l. Maria) and Auckland (l. Bonaventure). Also defeated Paolini at Billie Jean King Cup Finals to lift title with Canada.
- Broke into the Top 20 in doubles in 2023, after reaching final at Roland Garros, Miami (both w/Townsend) and Auckland (w/Mattek-Sands) as well as QF at US Open (w/Townsend).

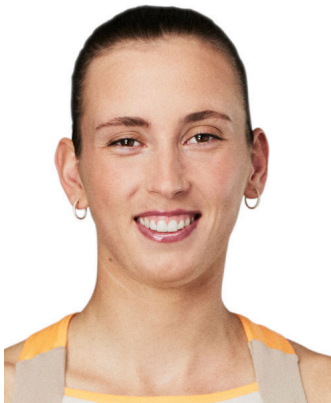
In 2022 won her second title at Monterrey (d. Osorio in F; saved 5MP), and reached the QF at Roland Garros (l. Trevisan); missed grass-court season due to grade three stress fracture in her right foot suffered during match vs. Trevisan in Paris

- Enjoyed a memorable 2021 campaign, lifting first career title in Monterrey and advancing to maiden Grand Slam final, at US Open (l. Raducanu)
- En route to the final at Flushing Meadows in 2021, upset defending champion and No. 3 Osaka in 3r, 2016 winner Kerber in R16, No.5 Svitolina in QF and No. 2 Sabalenka in SF, becoming the youngest woman to beat multiple Top-5 opponents at the same major since S. Williams at 1999 US Open
- Breakout year in 2020 saw her crack Top 100 for the first time on September 14 and finish campaign by reaching 3r at Roland Garros
- Earned first career Grand Slam win at 2020 US Open (d. Zvonareva, l. Kenin in 2r) and made Grand Slam debut at 2020 Australian Open as qualifier (l. Davis in 1r)
- Reached first career WTA final and notched first tour-level back-to-back wins at 2020 Acapulco as qualifier (l. Watson in F); at 17y, 177d, she was the youngest Canadian to reach a WTA singles final in 34 years (since Helen Kelesi at 1986 Tokyo [Japan Open] won at 16y, 338d)
- Also in 2020, earned first Top-100 win over No.5 Bencic in Billie Jean King Cup
- Owns one singles title and two doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Won 2019 Roland Garros junior's title (d. Navarro) becoming first Canadian to win a junior

- Grand Slam since Bouchard in 2012
- Played first WTA main draw and earned first main draw win of career at 2018 Quebec City defeating countrywoman Dabrowski in 1r (L. Watson in 2r)
- Member of Canadian Billie Jean King Cup Team 2019, 2021-22
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in USA in 2016

OTHER INFORMATION

- Started playing tennis when she was five years old
Father had two tennis courts and taught her how to play tennis
- Coached by Jorge Fernandez
Born in Montréal, and resides and trains in Miami, FL with mother, Irene, father, Jorge and younger sister, Bianca Jolie who also plays tennis. Older sister, Jodeci and husband Jacques live in Ohio
- Current sponsors are: lululemon, Easy Post, Morgan Stanley, Google Canada, Gatorade Canada, Babolat and Youth Athletes United
- Trilingual: French, Spanish and English
- 2020 Summer Olympic Games Participant for Canada and BJK Cup Team Member
- Hobbies include: taking dancing lessons, currently learning Salsa with her younger sister; loves to solve puzzles and Rubiks Cubes during match rain delays or in her free time at the hotel
- Loves dessert but specifically enjoys molten lava chocolate cake



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ELISE

MERTENS (3)

BELGIUM

TEREZA

(Q) VALENTOVA

CZECH REPUBLIC

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1995-11-17	Date of Birth	2007-02-20
Hamont-Achel, Belgium	Residence	Prague, Czech Republic
Right-handed (Two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-Handed
5' 10" (1.79m)	Height	
12	Career-High Ranking	75
\$16,803,998	Career Prize Money	\$312,760
\$2,357,369	Season Prize Money	\$417,533
2 / 10	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 0
74-35 (Semi-Finalist: 2018 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	2-2 (Round of 64: 2025 US OPEN, ROLAND GARROS)
1-0 / 4-2 (Quarter-Finalist: 2017)	YTD / Career OSAKA W-L (best)	1-0 / 1-0 (Round of 16: 2025)
36-19 / 292-189	YTD / Career W-L	6-3 / 6-3

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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
24	34	2024	258	261
26	29	2023	646	680
20	29	2022	1357	1357
14	21	2021	-	-
17	20	2020	-	-
12	17	2019	-	-
13	13	2018	-	-
35	35	2017	-	-
120	120	2016	-	-
157	157	2015	-	-

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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. C. BUCSA (#72) 7-6 6-3 (1h 42m)

Total time on court: 1h 42m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 3rd appearance at the Japan Women's Open, where her previous best result was reaching the quarterfinals in 2017 (l. Mchale)
- Faces No.78 Tereza Valentova in 2r today; owns 28-4 record in 2025 against players ranked outside the Top 50, most recently defeated No.72 Cristina Bucsa in the previous round here
- This is her second meeting in 2025 against a player from Czech Republic, after her 1r win over Fruhvirtova at Wimbledon
- Owns 11-0 record in 2025 against qualifiers, most recently defeated P.Kudermetova in the Wuhan 1r
- 7 of her 10 WTA career titles have come on hard court: Singapore 2025; Monastir 2023 & 2022; Melbourne 500 Trophy 2021; Doha 2019; Hobart 2018 & 2017
- Only player from Belgium competing in this year's main draw
- Best result by Belgium at the Japan Women's Open was Champion run by Yanina Wickmayer in 2015
- Is currently ranked No.21; this time last year was ranked No.28. Reached a career-high ranking of No.12 in November 2018
- During this year's Asian swing so far, fell in 1r at Beijing (l. Kessler) and 2r Wuhan (l. Bencic)
- Has won 36 matches so far in 2025; she is ranked joint 11th on tour for match wins alongside Clara Tauson

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. A. EALA (#54) 6-1 6-2 (1h 27m)

Total time on court: 1h 27m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making tournament debut
- Came through qualifying and defeated Alexandra Eala in the 1r to register her 3rd Top 100 win of the season, and 6th overall win of the season
- Faces No.21 Elise Mertens in 2r today; owns 1 career win over Top 50 players, which came against No.34 Sramkova in Prague this year
- First career tour-level meeting against a player from Belgium
- Best career result on hard court is SF run at Prague 2025 (l. eventual champion Bouzkova)
- One of 2 players from Czech Republic to reach 2r alongside Bouzkova
- Best result by Czech Republic at the Japan Women's Open was R-Up run by Katerina Siniakova in 2016
- One of 2 qualifiers to reach the 2r alongside Dalma Galfi
- Best result by a qualifier at the Japan Women's Open was Champion run by Suzan Lamens in 2024 and Zarina Diyas in 2017
- Is currently ranked No.78; this time last year was ranked No.265. Reached a career-high ranking of No.75 in September this year
- During this year's Asian swing so far, fell in Q1 at Wuhan (l. Andreescu)

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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2024	Result	Rank: 28	Seed: 3
2r	L	K. BIRRELL (#150) 3-6 7-5 4-1	
1r	W	M. HONTAMA (#126) 6-1 6-1	

2017	Result	Rank: 41	Seed: 3
QF	L	C. MCHALE (#62) 6-4 6-1	
2r	W	M. LINETTE (#76) 6-1 7-5	
1r	W	E. RODINA (#91) 7-6(6) 6-1	

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

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SEASON 2025 HISTORY

- Played 2r at Wuhan (l. Bencic)
- Made 2r at Beijing (l. Kessler)
- Played 2r at Guadalajara (l. Jacquemot)
- Made 3r at US Open (l. Bucsa)
- Reached QF at Monterrey (l. eventual champion Shnaider)
- Made 3r at Cincinnati (l. Rybakina)
- Played 2r at Montreal (l. Kalinskaya)
- Reached 4r at Wimbledon (l. Sabalenka)
- Fell in 1r at Bad Homburg (l. Svitolina)
- Became Champion at 's-Hertogenbosch (d. Ruse in F)
- Played 1r at Roland Garros (l. Boisson)
- Made 4r at Rome (l. Shnaider)
- Reached 3r at Madrid (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)
- Made QF at Stuttgart (l. Sabalenka)
- Reached 3r at Charleston (l. Q. Zheng)
- Played 3r at Miami (l. Swiatek)
- Reached 3r at Indian Wells (l. Keys)
- Made 2r at Dubai (l. Badosa)
- Reached 3r at Doha (l. Alexandrova)
- Champion run at Singapore (d. A. Li in F)
- Made 2r at Australian Open (l. Pegula)
- Opened 2025 with a R-Up finish at Hobart (l. champion Kessler)

- Played 2r at US Open (as qualifier, l. Rybakina)
- Reached SF at Prague (l. eventual champion Bouzkova)
- Won her second WTA 125 title of the season at Porto (d. Tararudee in final)
- Won WTA 125 Grado (d. Palicova in final)
- Made 2r at Roland Garros (as qualifier, l. eventual champion Gauff)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
261	7	Aces	20	128
57.0%	73	First serve %	62.7%	0
70.6%	3	First Serve points won %	62.2%	0
47.4%	27	Second serve points won %	47.4%	0
60.6%	8	Overall service points won %	56.7%	0
74.0%	11	Service games won %	64.5%	0
61.4%	5	Break points saved %	52.2%	0
36.4%	39	First serve return points won %	40.7%	0
56.4%	20	Second serve return points won %	59.0%	0
44.7%	45	Break points converted %	52.3%	0
36.9%	26	Return games won %	47.9%	0
44.4%	25	Return points won %	48.5%	0

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TITLES

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (10)

2025 - 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH, SINGAPORE
2023 - MONASTIR
2022 - MONASTIR
2021 - MELBOURNE 500 GIPPSLAND TROPHY
2019 - DOHA
2018 - RABAT, LUGANO, HOBART
2017 - HOBART

Runner-Up (6)

2025 - HOBART
2024 - HOBART
2021 - ISTANBUL
2020 - LINZ, PRAGUE
2017 - ISTANBUL

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (22)

2025 - WIMBLEDON (w/Kudermetova)
2024 - BIRMINGHAM (w/Hsieh), INDIAN WELLS
(w/Hsieh), AUSTRALIAN OPEN (w/Hsieh)
2023 - GUADALAJARA (w/Hunter), ROME
(w/Hunter)
2022 - WTA FINALS (w/Kudermetova), DUBAI
(w/Kudermetova)
2021 - INDIAN WELLS (w/Hsieh), WIMBLEDON
(w/Hsieh), ISTANBUL (w/Kudermetova),
AUSTRALIAN OPEN (w/Sabalenka)
2020 - OSTRAVA (w/Sabalenka)
2019 - US OPEN (w/Sabalenka), MIAMI
(w/Sabalenka), INDIAN WELLS (w/Sabalenka)
2018 - WUHAN (w/Schuurs), 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH
(w/Schuurs), LUGANO (w/Flipkens), HOBART
(w/Schuurs)
2017 - GUANGZHOU (w/Schuurs)
2016 - AUCKLAND (w/Mestach)

Runner-Up (14)

2025 - ROME (w/Kudermetova), MADRID
(w/Kudermetova)
2023 - WIMBLEDON (w/Hunter)
2022 - WIMBLEDON (w/Zhang), BIRMINGHAM
(w/Zhang), 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH (w/Kudermetova),
MIAMI (w/Kudermetova), DOHA (w/Kudermetova)
2021 - WTA FINALS (w/Hsieh)
2019 - WUHAN (w/Sabalenka)
2018 - CINCINNATI (w/Schuurs), BIRMINGHAM
(w/Schuurs)
2017 - BUCHAREST (w/Schuurs), ISTANBUL
(w/Melichar-martinez)

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GRAND SLAMS

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

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CAREER MILESTONES

- Kicked off 2024 season with R-Up finish at Hobart (l. Navarro) which marked her 13th WTA singles final. In doubles won Australian Open, Indian Wells and Birmingham all w/ Hsieh Su-Wei and qualified for WTA Finals for sixth consecutive time
- Ended 2023 as only Top 100 player to finish year exactly where she started, at No. 29. Strongest singles results came at Monastir, successfully defending her title (d. Paolini), and SF at Monterrey (l. Garcia). Achieved a year-end doubles ranking of No. 2 after lifting two titles at Guadalajara and Rome (w/Hunter) and SF at WTA Finals Cancun (l. eventual champions Siegemund/Zvonareva).
- Finished 2022 ranked No.29 in singles, her sixth consecutive Top 50 finish; also finished No.5 in doubles for her fourth consecutive Top 10 finish in doubles and second consecutive Top 5 finish
- Lifted seventh WTA title, at 2022 Monastir (d. Cornet in F), while in doubles alongside partner Kudermetova won Dubai and WTA Finals, as well as finished R-Up at Wimbledon
- Enjoyed a productive start to 2021 season in Melbourne, triumphing at the Gippsland Trophy (d. Kanepi in F) to lift sixth WTA singles title, then teamed up w/Sabalenka at Australian Open to claim second Grand Slam doubles title (d. Krejcikova/Siniakova in F). Later in the year, won third career Grand Slam doubles title, at Wimbledon w/Hsieh
- Won the most matches on Tour in 2020, going 34-13 across the season and finishing as R-Up at both Prague (l. Halep) and Linz (l. Sabalenka)
- Earned her milestone 200th career main draw win with victory over Kalinina in 1r at 2020 Linz
- Singles highlights in 2019 were winning biggest title of career at Doha (d. No.3 Halep in final) and advancing to QF at US Open for the first time (l. eventual champion Andreescu in 3s)
- Enjoyed standout season in doubles in 2019 - won maiden major doubles title at US Open w/Sabalenka (d. Azarenka/Barty in F). Also Completed 'Sunshine Double' in doubles (w/Sabalenka), lifting the back-to-back titles at Indian Wells (d. Krejcikova/Siniakova) and Miami (d. Stosur/Zhang), and qualified for Shiseido WTA Finals Shenzhen (went 1-2 in RR)
- Advanced to first Grand Slam SF of career at 2018 Australian Open (l. eventual champion Wozniacki)
- During 2018, lifted titles at Hobart, Rabat and Lugano, finishing with 46 main-draw match wins across the campaign - only Ka.Pliskova (49) and
- In 2024 won the French Open junior title in both singles and doubles w/Renata Jamrichova
- Played a handful of tournaments from 2021 to 2023 before a breakout year on the circuit in 2024 winning five ITF titles
In 2023 reached the final at the US Open girl's singles (l. Katherine Hui)
- Began her professional career in 2021 playing on ITF circuit and also received a qualification wild card at WTA 250 Prague

Kvitova (47) registered more. By contrast, prior to 2018 season owned only 36 wins at this level across entire career

- In doubles in 2018, won four titles and reached QF at WTA Finals (w/Schuurs)
- Finished 2017 season at No.35, up from No.120 in 2016 - first Top 50 and Top 100 year-end finish. Season highlighted by first career singles title at Hobart (as a qualifier, d. Niculescu in F)
- Registered first Top-10 win of career over No.10 Cibulkova in 1r at 2017 Beijing
- Made WTA singles main draw debut at 2016 's-Hertogenbosch - made QF (as qualifier, l. Mladenovic)
- Won first WTA title of any kind in doubles at 2016 Auckland (w/Mestach)
- Played first Tour-level event of career at 2015 Antwerp (fell in qualifying)
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in Belgium in 2010; owns 11 singles and 14 doubles titles on ITF Circuit

OTHER INFORMATION

- Formerly worked with Alexander Kneepkens, Robbie Ceysens, Dieter Kindlmann, Daniel Goffin and Philippe Dehaes
- Previously trained under Belgian Federation until early teens, also spent a year at the Mouratoglou Academy in Paris
- Mother is Liliane Barbe (teaches languages and history); father is Guido Mertens (makes furniture for churches). Began playing tennis at age 4, introduced to game by older sister Lauren, an airline pilot with KLM
- First tennis memory is watching Kim Clijsters playing live
- Was home schooled, enjoyed studying languages; speaks English, Dutch/Flemish and French
- Loves animals and has lots of pets at home
- In 2021, launched a charitable initiative to support the Virunga National Park's efforts to save the gorilla population in the Democratic Republic of Congo. During 2021 season she will be wearing a Virunga Ranger necklace and sporting a badge on her bag to help raise awareness

- Coached by Salaba Libor
- Trains in Prague at TK Sparta Praha
- Likes playing basketball
- Studying economics
- Tennis idols: Novack Djokovic and Jannik Sinner

MATCH NOTES

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41 **MARIE BOUZKOVA (5)**
CZECH REPUBLIC

VIKTORIJA GOLUBIC (60)
SWITZERLAND

1998-07-21	Date of Birth	1992-10-16
Bradenton, FL, USA	Residence	Zürich, Switzerland
Right-Handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (one-handed backhand)
5' 11" (1.80m)	Height	5' 7" (1.69m)
24	Career-High Ranking	35
\$6,123,813	Career Prize Money	\$4,610,448
\$1,036,783	Season Prize Money	\$623,657
1 / 2	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 2
20-26 (Quarter-Finalist: 2022 WIMBLEDON)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	15-33 (Quarter-Finalist: 2021 WIMBLEDON)
1-0 / 2-1 (Round of 16: 2025, 2024)	YTD / Career OSAKA W-L (best)	1-0 / 4-3 (Quarter-Finalist: 2016)
27-17 / 139-120	YTD / Career W-L	6-11 / 101-129

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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2024	JIUJIANG	HARD	SF	Viktoriija Golubic	6-1 6-2	1h 17m
2024	HOBART	HARD	1r	Marie Bouzkova	6-2 6-4	1h 35m
2019	INDIAN WELLS	HARD	Q	Viktoriija Golubic	7-6(5) 6-2	1h 50m
2019	BRISBANE	HARD	Q	Marie Bouzkova	4-6 6-1 6-2	2h 4m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
34	45	2024	67	108
24	34	2023	76	84
26	26	2022	35	77
46	89	2021	43	43
46	51	2020	76	137
53	57	2019	65	81
142	142	2018	89	92
169	187	2017	51	128
260	260	2016	53	57
311	378	2015	178	178

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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. E. SHIBAHARA (#184) 6-1 6-1 (1h 1m)

Total time on court: 1h 1m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at the Japan Women's Open, on her previous showing in 2024 she fell in the 2r (l. qualifier Bogdan)
- Faces No.60 Viktorija Golubic in 2r today; owns 16-5 record in 2025 vs. players ranked outside the Top 50, most recently defeated No.184 Shibahara in the previous round here
- Owns 2-2 career record against Golubic; with wins at Hobart 2024 and Brisbane 2019 qualifying, and losses at JiuJiang 2024 (most recent) and Indian Wells 2019 qualifying
- Her 2 WTA titles have come on hard court at Prague 2025 & 2022
- One of 2 players from Czech Republic to reach 2r alongside qualifier Tereza Valentova
- Best result by Czech Republic at the Japan Women's Open was R-Up run by Katerina Siniakova in 2016
- Is currently ranked No.41; this time last year was ranked No.43. Reached a career-high ranking of No.24 in December 2022
- During this year's Asian swing so far, reached 4r at Beijing (l. Paolini) and 2r at Wuhan (l. Swiatek)
- Has been involved in 13 three-set matches in 2025 (6-7 record)

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. B. ANDREESCU (#170) 6-3 4-6 6-4 (2h 27m)

Total time on court: 2h 27m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 4th appearance at the Japan Women's Open, where her best showing is reaching the quarterfinals in 2016 (l. eventual champion Mchale)
- Defeated Bianca Andreescu in the previous round to register her 6th tour-level win of the season
- Faces No.41 Marie Bouzkova in 2r today; owns 2-6 record in 2025 against Top 50 players, most recent win was over No.46 Boisson at US Open
- Owns 1-0 record in 2025 against players from Czech Republic, with win over Petra Kvitova at Roland Garros
- Owns 1-5 record in 2025 against seeded players, with sole win over 7th seed Katie Boulter in Cleveland
- Holds 2 WTA titles: Jiujiang 2024 (hard court) and Gstaad 2016 (clay)
- Only player from Switzerland in this year's main draw
- Best result by Switzerland at the Japan Women's Open was QF run by Viktorija Golubic herself in 2016
- Is currently ranked No.60; this time last year was ranked No.124. Reached a career-high ranking of No.35 in February 2022
- During this year's Asian swing so far, fell in 1r at Beijing (l. qualifier Priscilla Hon)
- Best tournament result in 2025 so far was QF run in Charleston (l. Xin Yu Wang)
- Has been involved in 10 three-set matches in 2025 (5-5 record)

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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2024ResultRank: 43Seed: 4

2rL A. BOGDAN (#111) 6-0 7-6(5)

1rW M. UCHIJIMA (#60) 7-6(6) 2-6 6-3

2023ResultRank: 107Seed: -

1rL J. PONCHET (#140) 6-4 6-2

2018ResultRank: 103Seed: -

2rL A. SCHMIEDLOVA (#83) 5-7 7-5 6-3

1rW M. DOI (#170) 0-6 6-3 7-6(1)

2016ResultRank: 73Seed: -

QFL C. MCHALE (#53) 6-3 5-7 6-3

2rW M. LINETTE (#88) 6-2 6-7(5) 6-3

1rW Y. WICKMAYER (#39) 6-1 7-6(7)

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SEASON 2025 HISTORY

- Made 4r at Beijing (l. Paolini)
- Fell in 1r at US Open (l. Jacquemot)
- Reached SF at Monterrey (l. eventual R-Up Alexandrova, retired)
- Made 3r at Montreal (l. eventual champion Mboko)
- Became Champion at Prague (d. R-Up Noskova in F)
- Made 2r at Wimbledon (l. Sabalenka)
- Played 1r at Eastbourne (l. Blinkova)
- Made 3r at Roland Garros (l. eventual champion Gauff)
- Played 2r at Strasbourg (as LL, l. Badosa, retired due to left thigh injury)
- Reached 3r at Rome (l. Osaka)
- Made 2r at Madrid (l. M. Andreeva)
- Reached QF at Bogotá (l. eventual R-Up Kawa)
- Played 1r at Miami (l. Kessler)
- Played 1r at Indian Wells (l. Lamens)
- Fell in 1r at Australian Open (l. M. Andreeva)
- Played 1r at Adelaide (as qualifier, l. Samsonova)
- Reached QF at Brisbane (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)

- Fell in 1r at Beijing (l. Hon)
- Played 2r at US Open (l. Haddad Maia)
- Reached QF at Cleveland (l. Xinyu Wang)
- Fell in 1r at Prague (l. Cocciaretto)
- Played 1r at Wimbledon (l. Li)
- Played 2r at Roland Garros (l. Anisimova)
- Fell in 1r at Paris 125 (l. Sierra)
- Made 2r at Rome (as LL, l. Osaka)
- Reached SF at Saint Malo 125 (l. eventual R-Up Juvan)
- Played 1r at Indian Wells (as qualifier, l. Birrell)
- Fell in 1r at Austin (as LL, l. eventual R-Up Kessler)
- Played 2r at Cluj-Napoca (l. eventual champion Potapova)
- Opened 2025 playing 1r at Australian Open (as qualifier, l. Mertens)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
108	40	Aces	7	171
62.2%	33	First serve %	68.1%	0
64.2%	45	First Serve points won %	59.2%	0
44.4%	58	Second serve points won %	44.7%	0
56.7%	52	Overall service points won %	54.6%	0
65.7%	50	Service games won %	61.0%	0
57.2%	32	Break points saved %	50.0%	0
38.2%	20	First serve return points won %	34.7%	0
61.1%	1	Second serve return points won %	54.9%	0
55.6%	1	Break points converted %	51.6%	0
43.1%	4	Return games won %	31.4%	0
47.2%	4	Return points won %	42.5%	0

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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (2)

2025 - PRAGUE

2022 - PRAGUE

Runner-Up (6)

2024 - WASHINGTON DC, BOGOTA

2023 - NANCHANG

2022 - GUADALAJARA

2021 - MELBOURNE 250

2020 - MONTERREY

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (6)

2025 - EASTBOURNE (w/Danilina)

2023 - SEOUL (w/Mattek-sands), BEIJING (w/Sorribes Tormo)

2022 - ISTANBUL (w/Sorribes Tormo)

2021 - PRAGUE (w/Hradecka), BIRMINGHAM (w/Hradecka)

Runner-Up (3)

2024 - AUCKLAND (w/Mattek-sands)

2021 - CHARLESTON (w/Hradecka)

2020 - LEXINGTON (w/Teichmann)

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (2)

2024 - JIUJIANG

2016 - GSTAAD

Runner-Up (3)

2021 - MONTERREY, LYON

2016 - LINZ

DOUBLES FINALS

Runner-Up (3)

2023 - HOBART (w/Udvardy)

2021 - OLYMPICS (w/Bencic)

2017 - GSTAAD (w/Stojanovic)

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

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CAREER MILESTONES

- Reached two WTA singles finals in 2024, at Bogotá (l. Osorio) and Washington, DC (l. Badosa); finished season with SF run at Jiujiang (l. Golubic). In Grand Slam play, achieved best result at Roland Garros to date, advancing to 3r (l. Swiatek).
- Enjoyed better success in second half of 2023 season with 4r at Wimbledon (l. eventual champion Vondrousova) and 3r at US Open (l. Jabeur); also achieved QF at Cincinnati (retired during match against Muchova with right thigh injury), QF at Seoul (l. Yuan Yue) and R-Up at Nanchang (l. Siniakova).
- Lifted two more doubles trophies in 2023 at Beijing (w/Sorribes Tormo) and Seoul (w/Mattek Sands).
- Finished 2022 season on career-high ranking of No.25, having started it only just inside Top 100
- Lifted career maiden singles champion trophy at Prague (d. Potapova in F). Also won third doubles title at Istanbul 2022 (w/Sorribes Tormo)
- Other notable results from 2022 season included R-Up at WTA 250 event in Guadalajara (l. Stephens in F) and SF run later in the year at WTA 1000 event in the same city (l. Sakkari)
- Reached QF at 2022 Wimbledon (l. Jabeur) - her best career Slam result
- Scored two Top-10 wins over No. 8 Collins at Wimbledon and No. 7 Ka.Pliskova at Madrid in 2022
- Advanced to second WTA final in 2021 at the Phillip Island Trophy in Melbourne defeating No.8 Andreescu in SF (l. Kasatkina in F), followed it up with SF in Guadalajara (l. Sorribes Tormo)
- Also reached QFs in Birmingham (l. Vandeweghe) and Luxembourg (l. Tauson)
- In doubles in 2022, won first titles of career both w/Hradecka at Birmingham (d.Jabeur/Perez in F) and Prague (d. Stojanovic/Kuzmova in F) and reached an additional final at Charleston w/Hradecka (l. Melichar/Schuurs); also reached QFs at Wimbledon and US Open
- Before tour's hiatus in March 2020, advanced to first career WTA final at Monterrey where she finished R-Up to Svitolina - broke into Top 50 at career-high ranking of No.47 following the tournament (March 9, 2020)
- Other highlight of 2020 came at Lexington, where she made the fourth tour-level QF of her career (l. eventual champion Brady) and reached maiden WTA doubles final (w/Teichmann, l. Carter/Stefani)

- Began 2024 with her best Grand Slam performance since Wimbledon 2021 (quarterfinal), with R32 at Australian Open (l. Svitolina). Her only other consecutive main draw wins came in October at Jiujiang where she claimed her second career title, eight years after earning her maiden title at 2016 Gstaad. Continued her winning streak at Limoges, ending the season with the WTA 125 title (d. Naef in F)
- Reached QF at 2023 Nottingham (l. Watson). Advanced to second round at 2023 Wimbledon, as a qualifier (l. Keys). Also qualified at 2023 Miami and fell in second round (l. Samsonova).
- Had a mixed 2022 falling out of Top 100 after 2r exit at Wimbledon and entering back in with QF run at Warsaw
- Made QF at the first tournament of 2022, Melbourne 1 (l. Halep), and later on clay at Strasbourg (l. Dodin) and Warsaw (l. Paolini)
- In addition to F run at Rouen 125 (l. Zanevska), highlight of the year include SF campaign at Nottingham (l. Amritraj)
- Produced impressive campaign in 2021, culminating in first Top-50 year-end finish and a career-high ranking of No.43 on November 8
- On clay, won WTA 125K Series title at Saint-Malo and then performed impressively on grass with back-to-back QF runs at Eastbourne and Wimbledon
- After a strong start to last season on ITF Circuit, continued her resurgence by coming through qualifying to reach the final at Lyon (l. Tauson) and Monterrey (l. Fernandez)
- Ended 2020 outside Top 100 (at No.137) for first time since 2017 - after a campaign in which she fell 1r three times (including Australian Open and US Open) and in qualifying on four occasions
- Other than run to SF at Guangzhou, highlights of 2019 season include QF runs at Hua Hin and last week in Nanchang, and 3r showing at Wimbledon - the deepest run of her career at a major
- Finished 2018 ranked No.92 for second-best career-end finish (after No.57 in 2016)
- Made 2r at three events in 2018, at Gstaad, Hiroshima and Wuhan, and fell 1r on seven occasions
Also won ninth career title on ITF Circuit at \$80k Poitiers-FRA
- The 2017 campaign saw her play all four Grand Slam main draws for first time in her career and post career-high ranking of No.51 on April 3, 2017

- Standout performance of 2019 season was a SF run in her first Premier 5 appearance at Toronto (as qualifier, l. S.Williams in 3s); upset No.4 Halep and No.8 Stephens en route - her first career wins over players inside Top 20
- Also in 2019, made QF at Guangzhou and was R-Up at WTA 125K Series event at Guadalajara. Lifted 12th and biggest title of career on ITF Circuit, at \$80K Nur-Sultan-KAZ (d. Kostic in F); broke into the Top 100 for the first time at No.92 following the tournament (on July 22)
- Won first Slam main draw match during 2r showing at 2019 Wimbledon (as LL, d. Barthel, l. Sakkari)
- Highlights of 2018 season were winning maiden tour-level match during 2r showing at Québec City (as qualifier, l. Lepchenko) and qualifying for first Grand Slam at US Open, where she fell in 1r (l. Bogdan)
- Fell 1r on WTA main draw debut at 2015 Acapulco (as wildcard, l. Karatantcheva)
- Professional debut was opening round loss in qualifying at 2013 Katowice
- Girls' singles champion at 2014 US Open (d. Kalinina in F)

- Ended 2016 at No.57 for best year-end finish of career (up from No.178 in 2015)
- Season highlights were winning maiden WTA singles title at Gstaad (d. Bertens in F) and R-Up finish at Linz (l. Cibulkova in F)
- Made Slam debut at 2016 Australian Open (as qualifier, l. Suárez Navarro in 1r) and qualified for Roland Garros, reaching 2r (l. Safarova). Prior to 2016 Australian Open, had fallen six times in Grand Slam qualifying
- Other 2016 highlights included QFs at 's-Hertogenbosch (l. Bencic), Tokyo [Japan Open] (l. eventual champion McHale) and Guangzhou (l. Kontaveit). Reached 2r at Katowice (l. Babos) and Bastad (l. Errani), and fell 1r at Cincinnati (l. Nara) and Luxembourg (l. Lisicki)
- Posted first and second Top 50 wins (vs. No.18 Ka. Pliskova and No.33 Strycova) during 2016 Fed Cup World Group SF against Czech Republic
- Entering 2016, had posted just two tour-level main draw wins in career. By comparison, registered 20 main draw wins in 2016
- Prior to 2016 had contested two tour-level events, having come through qualifying on both occasions: 2013 Bad Gastein (d. Bertens, l. Hlavackova), 2014 Shenzhen (d. Wozniack, l. Beck)
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2010 Budapest, and main draw debut at 2013 Bad Gastein
- Debut on ITF Circuit came at \$10k ITF/Budapest-HUN in 2008

OTHER INFORMATION

- Working with Antonin Bolardt
- Mother is Kveta. Has a younger brother, Benjamin Milan
- Began playing tennis at club owned by her parents in Prague. Moved to Florida at age 10 - initially trained at Bollietieri Academy for two years, continued to work with her dad and then Requeni from 2014
- Admires the play of Serena Williams and Rafael Nadal
- Has memorably played with the same type of giant water bottle courtside for more than 10 years
- Speaks Czech, English, Spanish and some German
- Favorite music is from Queen, ABBA, Roxette and Beatles, while favorite movies are Czech comedy classics
- Currently pursuing a degree in business administration through Indiana University East

- Previously coached by Dominik Utzinger
- Mother, Vucica Golubic was born in Serbia and father, Ignacije Golubic was born in Croatia; both are now Swiss nationals
- Has a sister, Natalija and two brothers, Kristijan and David
- Began playing tennis at age 5; sister played tennis and family was fan of sport
- Favorite surface is hard; favorite shot is backhand
- Tennis idol growing up was Monica Seles (played with two hands both sides until age 11)
- Speaks German, English, Serbian and Croatian
- Practiced Kung Fu for a while; also enjoys Harry Potter books (has read each one multiple times).