



MATCH NOTES

Internationaux de Strasbourg

STRASBOURG, FRANCE

MAY 18-24, 2025 | WTA 500 | \$925,661



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MATCH NOTES – FINAL - SATURDAY, MAY 24

PLAYER	RANK	AGE	YTD PRIZE \$^	YTD W/L*	YTD TITLES	CAREER PRIZE \$^	CAREER W/L*	CAREER TITLES
[4] Elena Rybakina	25	31	\$1,674,905	20-9	0	\$16,988,545	231-100	8
[8] Liudmila Samsonova	19	26	\$650,665	14-11	0	\$6,498,112	131-104	5

*Main draw including 2025 Strasbourg / ^does not include 2025 Strasbourg

PLAYER	CLAY COURT F APPEARANCES*
[4] Elena Rybakina	5
[8] Liudmila Samsonova	1

[8] Liudmila Samsonova (#19) vs. [4] Elena Rybakina (KAZ #12)

Samsonova leads 4-1

Samsonova:

- Making second appearance at Strasbourg, where she reached SF in 2024
- Looking for her sixth career title and third at WTA 500 level
- Appearing in her first final since winning the title at 2024 's-Hertogenbosch
- Has gone 4-3 against Top 20 players this year
- Record in WTA finals stands at 5-3; this is her first career final appearance on clay
- Came into this tournament with just one win on clay so far this year

Rybakina:

- Making third appearance at Strasbourg, where she is into the final for a second time; also in 2020 (l. Svitolina)
- Looking for her ninth career title and fourth at WTA 500 level
- Appearing in her first final since winning the title at 2024 Stuttgart
- Holds 1-6 record against players in the Top 20 this year
- Beat today's opponent in their most recent meeting at 2024 Abu Dhabi; this is their first meeting on clay
- Record in WTA final matches stands at 8-11; holds a 3-1 record in clay court finals

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LIUDMILA
SAMSONOVA (8)

ELENA
(4) RYBAKINA
KAZAKHSTAN

12

1998-11-11	Date of Birth	1999-06-17
Residence		
Right-Handed	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 11" (1.82m)	Height	6' 0" (1.84m)
12	Career-High Ranking	3
\$6,498,112	Career Prize Money	\$16,988,545
\$650,665	Season Prize Money	\$1,674,905
0 / 5	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 8
21-19 (Round of 16: 2024 US OPEN; 2022 US OPEN; 2021 WIMBLEDON)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	51-19 (Champion: 2022 WIMBLEDON)
4-0 / 7-1 (Semi-Finalist: 2025, 2024)	YTD / Career STRASBOURG W-L (best)	3-0 / 8-2 (Runner-Up: 2025, 2020)
14-11 / 131-104	YTD / Career W-L	20-9 / 231-100



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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2024	ABU DHABI	HARD	SF	Elena Rybakina	6-0 4-6 6-2	1h 51m
2023	BEIJING	HARD	SF	Liudmila Samsonova	7-6(7) 6-3	1h 40m
2023	MONTREAL	HARD	SF	Liudmila Samsonova	1-6 6-1 6-2	1h 43m
2022	TOKYO	HARD	1r	Liudmila Samsonova	6-2 6-4	1h 25m
2021	MONTREAL	HARD	1r	Liudmila Samsonova	6-4 5-7 6-4	2h 8m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
13	27	2024	3	6
12	16	2023	3	4
19	20	2022	12	22
39	39	2021	14	14
114	127	2020	17	19
123	139	2019	37	37
177	180	2018	182	191
520	552	2017	420	425
1076	1078	2016	612	616
837	-	2015	-	-

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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

SF: d. D. COLLINS (#46) 6-4 6-2 (1h 27m)
QF: d. P. BADOSA (#10) 6-4 3-6 6-4 (2h 23m)
2r: d. D. PARRY (#105) 6-4 6-4 (2h 0m)
1r: d. L. NOSKOVA (#29) 6-1 7-5 (1h 29m)

Total time on court: 7h 19m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making second appearance at Strasbourg, where she reached SF in 2024 (l. Keys)
- Has beaten Linda Noskova, Diane Parry, Paula Badosa and Danielle Collins so far this week to reach her first final since winning the title at 2024 's-Hertogenbosch
- Faces No.12 Elena Rybakina in the final today; has gone 4-3 against Top 20 players this year
- Looking for her sixth career title and third at WTA 500 level also winning at 2021 Berlin and 2022 Tokyo
- Owns 4-2 career record against players from Kazakhstan
- Record in WTA finals stands at 5-3; appearing in her first career final on clay
- Best previous result on clay were SF runs at 2024 Strasbourg, 2022 Stuttgart and 2019 Palermo
- Came into this tournament with just one win on clay so far this year reaching 3r at Madrid (after 1r bye); fell 2r at Rome (after 1r bye) and 1r at Stuttgart

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

SF: d. B. HADDAD MAIA (#23) 7-6 1-6 6-2 (2h 46m)
QF: d. M. LINETTE (#33) 7-5 6-3 (1h 40m)
2r: d. X. WANG (#42) 6-1 6-3 (1h 4m)

Total time on court: 5h 30m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making third appearance at Strasbourg where she is into the final for a second time also doing so in 2020 (l. Svitolina in F)
- After a 1r bye, has beaten Xinyu Wang, Magda Linette and Beatriz Haddad Maia so far this week to reach her first final since winning the title at 2024 Stuttgart
- Faces No.19 Liudmila Samsonova in the final today; has gone 1-6 against players in the Top 20 this year with sole win over No.10 Paula Badosa at Dubai
- Looking for her ninth career title and fourth at WTA 500 level also winning at 2024 Brisbane, 2024 Abu Dhabi and 2024 Stuttgart
- Record in WTA final matches stands at 8-11 but holds 3-1 record in clay court finals winning titles at 2019 Bucharest, 2023 Rome and 2024 Stuttgart
- Is currently ranked No.12; this time last year was ranked No.4
- So far on clay this year, reached 3r at Madrid and Rome (both after 1r bye)

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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2024	Result	Rank: 19	Seed: 5
SF	L	M. KEYS (#16) 6-1 6-3	
QF	W	B. HADDAD MAIA (#14) 6-3 6-0	
2r	W	L. FERNANDEZ (#33) 4-6 6-4 6-2	
1r	W	B. KREJCIKOVA (#26) 6-2 6-7(5) 6-4	

2020	Result	Rank: 18	Seed: 5
F	L	E. SVITOLINA (#5) 6-4 1-6 6-2	
SF	W	N. HIBINO (#84) 6-3 6-4	
QF	W	S. ZHANG (#40) 6-3 6-2	
2r	W	A. CORNET (#52) 6-3 7-6(8)	
1r	W	G. MINNEN (#111) 7-5 6-4	

2018	Result	Rank: 219	Seed: -
2r	L	M. BUZARNESCU (#32) 6-3 7-6(2)	
1r	W	A. GAMIZ (#252) 6-3 6-1	

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SEASON 2025 HISTORY

- Made 2r at Rome (l. Baptiste)
 - Reached 3r at Madrid (l. Starodubtseva)
 - Played 1r at Stuttgart (l. Alexandrova)
 - Made 2r at Miami (l. Osaka)
 - Reached QF at Indian Wells (l. eventual R-Up Sabalenka)
 - Played 2r at Dubai (l. Pegula)
 - Played 2r at Doha (l. Ostapenko)
 - Played 1r at Abu Dhabi (l. V. Kudermetova)
 - Made 2r at Australian Open (l. Danilovic)
 - Reached SF at Adelaide (l. eventual champion Keys, retired due to abdominal injury)
 - Opened year with R32 at Brisbane (l. eventual R-Up P.Kudermetova)
- Made 3r at Rome (l. Andreescu)
 - Reached 3r at Madrid (l. Svitolina)
 - Played 2r at Miami (l. Krueger)
 - Made 4r at Indian Wells (l. eventual champion Mirra Andreeva)
 - Reached SF at Dubai (l. eventual champion M. Andreeva)
 - Made QF at Doha (l. Swiatek)
 - 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
76	25	Aces	139	2
58.9%	66	First serve %	60.0%	57
68.5%	10	First Serve points won %	72.7%	2
42.7%	73	Second serve points won %	47.8%	24
57.9%	30	Overall service points won %	62.7%	2
64.3%	50	Service games won %	75.9%	4
55.3%	40	Break points saved %	63.4%	4
34.7%	65	First serve return points won %	36.8%	39
53.7%	58	Second serve return points won %	53.4%	61
48.8%	18	Break points converted %	42.7%	56
30.3%	63	Return games won %	30.8%	60
41.8%	63	Return points won %	43.0%	44

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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (5)
2024 - 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH
2022 - TOKYO, CLEVELAND, WASHINGTON DC
2021 - BERLIN
Runner-Up (3)
2023 - BEIJING, MONTREAL, ABU DHABI

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (2)
2024 - SEOUL (w/Melichar-martinez)
2023 - DUBAI (w/Kudermetova)

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (8)
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				2025	4r			
1r	3r	3r	4r	2024	2r	QF	SF	2r
2r	2r	1r	3r	2023	RUP	3r	QF	3r
2r	1r		4r	2022	2r	3r	WON	1r
2r		4r	2r	2021	2r	QF	4r	3r
1r	1r		1r	2020	3r	2r		2r
	1r			2019		1r		1r

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CAREER MILESTONES

- In 2024, won one title at 's-Hertogenbosch (d. Andreescu in final); also reached SF at Abu Dhabi (l. eventual champion Rybakina); notably reached the QF at Cincinnati (l. eventual champion Sabalenka) and 4r at US Open (l. Swiatek)
- Won one doubles title in 2024 at Seoul (w/ partner Melichar-Martinez)
- Ended 2023 ranked No.16; reached three finals at Abu Dhabi (l. Bencic in F), Montreal (l. Pegula in F) and Beijing (l. Swiatek)
- Also in 2023, reached SF at Washington DC and qualified for WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai going 1-1 in group play
- In doubles in 2023, won title at Dubai w/Veronika Kudermetova
- Lifted three titles in 2022, at Washington DC (d. Kanepi in F), Cleveland (d. Sasnovich in F) and Tokyo (d. Q.Zheng in F) ending year at No.20, her first Top 20 year-end ranking
- Also made SF at Stuttgart, QF at Adelaide 250, R16 at US Open and made Top-20 debut on October 24
- Earned first Top 10 win of career over No.7 Karolina Pliskova at Stuttgart
- Highlight of 2021 was coming through qualifying to lift maiden WTA title at Berlin (d. Bencic in F) and breaking into Top 50 on September 13 finishing the year at No.39, her first year-end Top 100 ranking
- Reached two further SFs in 2021, at Luxembourg and Courmayeur and reached R16 at Wimbledon
- Earned first Top 20 win of career over No.11 Kiki Bertens at 2021 Miami
- In 2020 reached 2r at Brisbane (as qualifier, d.No.24 Stephens, l. No.7 Kvitova) and Palermo (as qualifier, l. Martic), and fell 1r four times (including Australian Open, US Open and Roland Garros)
- Appeared in the first WTA main draws of her career in 2019, highlighted by SF run at Palermo (as LL, l. eventual champion Teichmann), 2r showing at Lausanne (l. Han) and falling 1r on Grand Slam main draw debut at Roland Garros (as qualifier, l. Vekic)
- Contested qualifying at a WTA event for the first time at 2019 Australian Open
- Made professional debut on ITF circuit in 2013; owns four singles titles on the ITF Circuit

- 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
- 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

- Current coach is Danilo Pizzorno; Previously trained in Rome with Alessandro Dumitrache and worked with Alessandro Piccari
- Parents are Dmitry Samsonov and Svetlana Samsonova
- Hobbies include listening to and playing music, attending concerts and watching films
- Idolizes Maria Sharapova
- Favorite shot is her forehand and favorite surface to play on is hard court
- 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