



MATCH NOTES

Internazionali BNL d'Italia

ROME, ITALY

MAY 6 - 18, 2025 | WTA 1000 | \$6,911,032

HOLOGIC
WTA TOUR

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MATCH NOTES – DAY 1 – TUESDAY, MAY 6

Jessica Bouzas Maneiro (ESP #72) vs. Ann Li (USA #59)

Li leads 1-0

Bouzas Maneiro:

- Making main draw debut in Rome; fell in qualifying here at the tournament last year (2024)
- 1 of 4 Spanish women ranked in PIF WTA Top 100
- Seeking fourth career main draw win at a WTA 1000 event

Li:

- Won only previous meeting in 3-sets, played on clay at a WTA 125 event – 2024 Valencia
- Making Rome main draw debut
- 1 of 12 American players in PIF WTA Top 60
- Currently ranked No.59; this time last year was ranked No.187

Alycia Parks (USA #51) vs. Jaqueline Cristian (ROU #74)

Parks leads 1-0

Parks:

- Has won eight main draw matches at the Tour-level this year, already surpassing her total from 2024 (7)
- Currently ranked No.51; this time last year was ranked No.137
- Making 15th appearance at WTA 1000 events; five times has reached the R32, her best result at this level

Cristian:

- The top-ranked Romanian woman and 1 of 4 Romanians in the PIF WTA Top 100
- Making 10th WTA 1000 appearance; her best result has been six R32 finishes

Rebecca Sramkova (SVK #41) vs. McCartney Kessler (USA #44)

Kessler leads 1-0

Sramkova

- Advanced to R16 on Rome debut last year (I. Ostapenko)
- Has won eight of her 13 ITF Circuit titles to date on clay
- Led Slovakia to Billie Jean King Cup Finals last year
- Currently the sole Slovak woman ranked in the Top 100

Kessler:

- Making debut at Rome
- Looking for first main draw clay win at Tour level today
- Defeated today's opponent, Sramkova, en route to winning her second WTA title at Hobart in January
- Posted first career Top 10 win over No.3 Gauff at Dubai in February



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Kimberly Birrell (AUS #60) vs. Sonay Kartal (GBR #56)

Tied 1-1

Birrell:

- Making main draw debut at Rome
- Has played Kartal twice on the ITF Circuit, going 1-1, but this is their first meeting on the WTA Tour
- In the Open Era, three Australians have won the Rome title: Lesley Turner Bowrey (1968), Evonne Goolagong Cawley (1973) and Jelena Dokic (2001). More recently, Sam Stosur was a finalist in 2011 (l. Sharapova)
- Reached first Grand Slam final of any kind at this year's Australian Open, finishing runner-up in mixed doubles with John-Patrick Smith

Kartal:

- This season is playing the WTA clay swing for the first time – won her first main draw match on the surface at Madrid last week
- Two of her 14 career ITF Circuit titles have been won on clay; overall won six titles at that level in 2024
- Has improved her ranking by more than 250 places over the past year
- The only British player to win the singles title at Rome in the Open Era was Virginia Wade (1971); Johanna Konta was runner-up in 2019

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72

JESSICA
BOUZAS MANEIRO
SPAIN

ANN
LI

59

UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA

2002-09-24	Date of Birth	2000-06-26
	Residence	Atlanta, Georgia, USA
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-Handed
1.70m	Height	5' 7" (1.70m)
52	Career-High Ranking	44
\$1,295,620	Career Prize Money	\$2,172,180
\$424,134	Season Prize Money	\$242,595
0 / 0	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 1
5-5 (Round of 32: 2024 US OPEN, WIMBLEDON)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	7-12 (Round of 32: 2021 AUSTRALIAN OPEN; 2020 US OPEN)
0-0 / 0-0	YTD / Career ROME W-L (best)	0-0 / 0-0
6-10 / 18-24	YTD / Career W-L	9-8 / 50-47

JESSICA
BOUZAS MANEIRO

ANN
LI

HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2024	VALENCIA 125	CLAY	SF	Ann Li	3-6 6-2 6-4	2h 9m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
55	55	2024	93	99
125	152	2023	129	174
205	206	2022	44	140
352	352	2021	47	47
932	932	2020	97	97
-	-	2019	146	148
-	-	2018	290	310
-	-	2017	583	583

JESSICA
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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 1st appearance at Rome. Coming off a 2r appearance at Madrid (l. Frech) and holds a record of 3-2 on clay in 2025
- Faces No.59 Ann Li in 1r today, first Tour-level meeting.
- Owns 0-3 career record against players from United States of America (all on hard court)
- Best career result on clay is Quarter-Finalist which she has reached once: Rouen in 2025 (l. Svitolina)
- One of 2 players from Spain to reach 1r, with Badosa being the other
- Best result by Spain at Rome were Champion runs by Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez in 2010 and Conchita Martínez in 1996, 1995, 1994, and 1993 (the only player male or female to win the Italian Open on four consecutive occasions in the history of the event)
- Is currently ranked No.72; this time last year was ranked No.89

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 1st appearance at Rome. Coming off a 3r appearance at Madrid (l. Gauff) and holds a 3-2 record on clay in 2025
- Faces No.72 Jessica Bouzas Maneiro in 1r today, first Tour-level meeting. Won lone head-to-head at Valencia 125 in 2024 in three sets
- Owns 2-1 career record against players from Spain (all on hard court)
- Best career result on clay is Quarter-Finalist which she has reached once: Palermo in 2024 (l. Begu)
- One of 12 players from United States of America to reach 1r
- Best result by United States of America at Rome were Champion runs by Serena Williams in 2016, 2014, 2013 and 2002, Monica Seles in 2000 and 1990 and Venus Williams in 1999
- Last time 12 players from United States of America reached 1r at Rome was 2024
- Is currently ranked No.59; this time last year was ranked No.187

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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

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SEASON 2025 HISTORY

- Made 2r at Madrid (l. Frech)
 - Reached QF at Rouen (l. eventual champion Svitolina)
 - Played 1r at Miami (l. Bronzetti)
 - Fell in 1r at Indian Wells (l. Potapova)
 - Made 2r at Merida (l. Avanesyan)
 - Played 1r at Cluj-Napoca (l. Sasnovich)
 - Played 1r at Linz (l. Tomova)
 - Made 2r at Australian Open (l. eventual R-Up Sabalenka)
 - Fell in R32 at Hobart (l. Carle)
 - Opened 2025 representing Spain at United Cup, with a 1-1 result in singles (l. Rybakina)
- Reached 3r at Madrid (l. eventual R-Up Gauff)
 - Made 2r at Charleston (l. Alexandrova)
 - Played 1r at Miami (l. Townsend)
 - Fell in 1r at Indian Wells (l. Begu)
 - Finished with R-Up at Singapore (l. champion Mertens in F)
 - Played 1r at Australian Open (l. eventual champion Keys)
 - Reached R16 at Hobart (as qualifier, l. Yastremska)
 - Opened 2025 with R16 at Auckland (l. Volynets)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
20	87	Aces	78	22
62.0%	40	First serve %	59.1%	59
58.4%	80	First Serve points won %	66.4%	23
46.4%	39	Second serve points won %	45.8%	42
53.8%	77	Overall service points won %	58.0%	31
59.7%	75	Service games won %	65.6%	51
46.7%	78	Break points saved %	55.1%	47
40.4%	6	First serve return points won %	38.2%	22
53.5%	59	Second serve return points won %	53.0%	64
38.5%	76	Break points converted %	46.9%	34
37.6%	24	Return games won %	33.7%	41
45.2%	18	Return points won %	43.5%	37

JESSICA
BOUZAS MANEIRO

ANN
LI

TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (1)
2021 - TENERIFE

Runner-Up (3)
2025 - SINGAPORE
2024 - MÉRIDA
2021 - MELBOURNE 500 GRAMPIANS TROPHY

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

**JESSICA
BOUZAS MANEIRO**

**ANN
LI**

CAREER MILESTONES

- In 2024 posted best career Grand Slam results with R32 at Wimbledon and US Open (at Wimbledon, she beat the defending champion Marketa Vondrousova in the opening round, before falling to the eventual 2024 champion Barbora Krejčíková in R32)
- In 2024, also claimed first WTA 125 title at Antalya.
- In 2023, won one ITF W60 in Rome. Earned a spot at Grand Slam qualifying for the first time at 2023 US Open (l. Babos) and 2023 Roland Garros (l. Ferro).
- Earned first ITF title at Madrid \$15K in 2020 on clay.
- Made professional debut in January 2018 at \$15K ITF/Hammamet 2, Tunisia.

- Ended 2024 with her strongest result of the year at Merida with R-Up taking her ranking back into the Top 100 for the first time since 2022. Through the season also made QF at Palermo and at WTA 125s, lifted the title at Valencia and reached the final at Bastad.
- Reached four Tour-level main draws in 2023; 1r at Austin (as qualifier, l. Blinkova), 1r at Indian Wells (l. Blinkova), Cincinnati (as qualifier, l. Sabalenka) and Guadalajara (as qualifier, l. Stephens). Also reached QF at WTA 125 Valencia on clay (l. Sherif) and R-Up at ITF \$100K Bonita Springs.

Her second semifinal appearance of 2022 came at Midland WTA 125 (l. Friedsam)

- Advanced to second round in Doha WTA 500 (l. Sakkari) and reached WTA 1000 Miami 3r (l. Riske-Amritraj)
- In 2022 reached Melbourne 2 (WTA 250) semifinal (l. Sasnovich)
- Ended 2021 season in fine form, winning first WTA title at Tenerife (d. Osorio in F) and making QF at Courmayeur (l. Tauson)
- Opened 2021 campaign by reaching maiden WTA final, at Grampains Trophy (final vs. Kontaveit was not played)
- Ended 2020 season with career-high ranking of No.97 (November 9, 2020) and first-ever Top 100 finish
- Best result of campaign was 3r run at US Open (d. No.20 Riske in 2r, l. Kerber)
- Advanced to 2r on Grand Slam debut at 2020 Australian Open (as qualifier, l. eventual champion Kenin)
- Fell 1r on WTA main draw debut at 2020 Auckland (as qualifier, l. McHale)
- Also, captured third career ITF singles title at 80K ITF/Tyler-TX, USA (d. Kostyuk in F)
- Owns three ITF singles titles
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in US in 2016
- Was R-Up in girls' singles at 2017 Wimbledon (l. Liu)

OTHER INFORMATION

- Currently coached by Roberto Ortega Olmedo

- Previously coached by Henner Nehles. Lives and trains in Atlanta; formerly trained at USTA in

Orlando.

- Idolizes Roger Federer. Favorite surface to compete on is grass
- Hobbies include listening to music, watching movies, and reading

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ALYCIA
PARKS

JAQUELINE
CRISTIAN 74

2000-12-31	Date of Birth		1998-06-05
	Residence		
Right-handed	Plays		Right-Handed
6' 1" (1.85m)	Height		5' 11" (1.82m)
40	Career-High Ranking		57
\$2,022,212	Career Prize Money		\$2,105,623
\$218,765	Season Prize Money		\$351,355
0 / 1	Singles Titles YTD / Career		0 / 0
3-6 (Round of 32: 2024 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	4-9 (Round of 32: 2025 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	
0-0 / 0-1 (Round of 128: 2023)	YTD / Career ROME W-L (best)	0-0 / 1-1 (Round of 32: 2024)	
8-10 / 30-48	YTD / Career W-L		7-7 / 53-58

ALYCIA
PARKS

JAQUELINE
CRISTIAN

HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2022	ANGERS 125	HARD	2r	Alycia Parks	6-4 6-4	1h 35m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
46	112	2024	57	73
40	47	2023	97	98
117	118	2022	58	148
233	237	2021	71	71
360	364	2020	162	167
410	410	2019	201	205
961	984	2018	201	284
1208	1208	2017	254	254
-	-	2016	359	363
-	-	2015	808	827

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PARKS

JAQUELINE
CRISTIAN

TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at Rome, where her previous result was reaching 1r in 2023 (l. Kontaveit)
- Faces No.74 Jaqueline Cristian in 1r today, first Tour-level meeting. Won lone head-to-head at Angers 125 in straight sets
- Owns 0-4 career record against players from Romania, with record in 2025 standing at 0-1 (l. Cirstea at Dubai)
- Best career result on clay is Quarter-Finalist which she has reached once: Rabat in 2023 (l. Bronzetti)
- One of 12 players from United States of America to reach 1r
- Best result by United States of America at Rome were Champion runs by Serena Williams in 2016, 2014, 2013 and 2002, Monica Seles in 2000 and 1990 and Venus Williams in 1999
- Is currently ranked No.51; this time last year was ranked No.137
- Has won 7 matches so far in 2025

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at Rome, where her previous result was reaching 3r as a lucky loser in 2024 (l. Gauff)
- Faces No.51 Alycia Parks in 1r today
- Owns 5-8 career record against players from United States of America, with record in 2025 standing at 0-1 (l. Keys at Auckland)
- Best career result on clay is Quarter-Finalist which she has reached four times: Iasi 250, Palermo, Charleston in 2024; Palermo in 2021
- One of three players from Romania to reach 1r, joining Begu and Cirstea
- Best result by Romania at Rome was Champion run by Simona Halep in 2020
- Is currently ranked No.74; this time last year was ranked No.68
- Has won 7 matches so far in 2025

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PARKS

JAQUELINE
CRISTIAN

RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2023	Result	Rank: 49	Seed: -
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1rL A. KONTAVEIT (#82) 6-1 6-1

2024	Result	Rank: 68	Seed: -
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3rL C. GAUFF (#3) 6-1 0-6 6-3

2rW E. AVANESYAN (#72) 5-7 6-2 6-2

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CRISTIAN

SEASON 2025 HISTORY

- Made 2r at Madrid (l. Kasatkina)
 - Played 1r at Rouen(l. Rosatello)
 - Fell in 1r at Bogotá (l. Jovic)
 - Made 2r at Miami (l. Fernandez)
 - Played 2r at Indian Wells (as WC, l. Shnaider)
 - Made 2r at Dubai (l. Cirstea)
 - Played 2r at Doha (as qualifier, l. Kenin)
 - Played 1r at Cluj-Napoca (l. Danilovic)
 - Played 1r at Singapore (l. Joint)
 - Played qualifying at Australian Open
 - Opened 2025 with SF finish at Auckland (l. eventual R-UP Osaka)
- Played 1r at Madrid (l. Kartal)
 - Played 2r at Rouen (l. Rakotomanga Rajaonah)
 - Made 3r at Indian Wells (l. Paolini)
 - Reached 2r at Merida (l. Badosa)
 - Played 1r at Cluj-Napoca (l. Seidel)
 - Made 3r at Australian Open (l. Lys)
 - Opened 2025 playing 2r at Auckland (l. Keys)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
115	9	Aces	37	60
57.9%	66	First serve %	56.9%	75
66.8%	18	First Serve points won %	62.0%	59
40.9%	79	Second serve points won %	49.4%	12
55.9%	55	Overall service points won %	56.6%	49
64.6%	53	Service games won %	66.0%	46
58.5%	23	Break points saved %	53.7%	53
35.4%	55	First serve return points won %	32.0%	75
52.4%	67	Second serve return points won %	53.9%	56
38.5%	77	Break points converted %	41.6%	62
29.4%	71	Return games won %	29.2%	72
41.7%	59	Return points won %	39.9%	76

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JAQUELINE
CRISTIAN

TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (1)
2023 - LYON

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (2)
2023 - CINCINNATI (w/Townsend)
2022 - OSTRAVA (w/Mcnally)

Runner-Up (1)
2023 - BIRMINGHAM (w/Hunter)

SINGLES FINALS

Runner-Up (1)
2021 - LINZ

DOUBLES FINALS

Runner-Up (2)
2025 - CLUJ-NAPOCA (w/Moratelli)
2019 - BUCHAREST (w/Ruse)

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

**ALYCIA
PARKS**

**JAQUELINE
CRISTIAN**

CAREER MILESTONES

- Highlight of 2024 season was posting best Grand Slam result courtesy of run to 3r at Australian Open (l. Gauff). Also won two WTA 125 titles, at Warsaw and Gaiba
- Won first singles title in 2023 at Lyon (d. Garcia). In doubles won Cincinnati (w/Townsend) and achieved R-Up at Birmingham (w/Hunter).
- Contested three WTA main draws in 2022, highlighted by maiden QF at this level at Ostrava (as qualifier, l. eventual champion Krejčíková)
- In 2022, also made 2r at Berlin (as qualifier, l. eventual champion Jabeur) and finished the campaign with a 10-match winning streak that brought WTA 125K Series titles at Andorra and Angers
- Closed out 2021 with R-Up finish at W25 event in Daytona Beach-FL, USA
- In 2021, also made 2r at Lausanne and fell 1r at US Open (as WC, l. Danilovic) and Indian Wells (as qualifier, l. Rus); struck 129mph serve during 1r defeat at US Open, matching V.Williams' record for the fastest serve in the tournament's history Reached 2r on WTA main-draw debut at 2021 Charleston [250] (as qualifier, l. Jabeur)
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2021 Charleston [250] (l. Vikhlyantseva in final round)
- Owns one ITF Circuit singles title from six finals, triumphing at \$25k Orlando-FL in November 2020 (also won doubles title)
- Made ITF Circuit debut at a \$15k event in Orlando-FL, USA in March 2017
- A strong 2024 season began with semifinal at Cluj-Napoca followed by a further three quarterfinals at Charleston, Palermo and Iasi taking her ranking to a career high of No.57 in July
- In 2023 reached semifinal at Prague (l. Hibino) and also WTA 125 semifinals at Bucharest and Rouen.
- Suffered knee injury in 2r match at Doha 2022 against Kasatkina and took the next six months off.
- Ended 2021 campaign in fine form, reaching SF at Nur-Sultan (l. eventual champion Van Uytvanck), QF at Cluj-Napoca (l. Halep) before finishing R-Up at Linz (l. Riske)
- Broke into Top 100 on November 8, 2021
- Advanced to maiden WTA QF at 2021 St. Petersburg (l. Kuznetsova)
- Season highlight in 2020 was 2r run at Lyon (as qualifier, l. Kenin)
- Made debut for Romania in Billie Jean King Cup in 2020, winning singles rubber against Kudermetova during 3-2 qualifying defeat to Russia
- In 2019, posted 2r showing at Bucharest (l. Rybakina), also fell 1r at Nanchang (as qualifier, l. Golubic)
- Reached 2r on WTA main draw debut at 2017 Bucharest (d. Kozlova. l. eventual champion Begu)
- In 2016, compiled a 46-18 win-loss record, lifting five titles on ITF Circuit and rising 400 places in rankings
- Contested maiden WTA qualifying at 2015 Bucharest
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in Europe in 2012

OTHER INFORMATION

- Has been coached by her father Michael Parks since childhood
- Born in Atlanta, Georgia
- Started playing tennis at the age of 7 and she and her older sister moved to Florida at the age of 10 for better training to develop their game
- Graduated high school in 2019 and declined several scholarship offers to pursue playing tennis professionally
- Coached by Javier Marti
- Favorite surface is clay
- Started playing tennis aged five

- Hobbies include, cooking, rollerblading, and playing with her Jack Russell Terrier and Giant Schnauzer puppies
- In 2017, started clothing line called 'Alyciamikay' alongside sister Mikayla
- Favorite tennis player is Serena Williams

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41 REBECCA
SRAMKOVA
SLOVAKIA

MCCARTNEY
KESSLER 44
UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA

1996-10-19	Date of Birth	1999-07-08
Bratislava, Slovakia	Residence	
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed
5' 10" (1.79 m)	Height	5' 9" (1.75m)
36	Career-High Ranking	42
\$1,594,857	Career Prize Money	\$995,682
\$375,276	Season Prize Money	\$407,570
0 / 1	Singles Titles YTD / Career	1 / 2
1-5 (Round of 64: 2025 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	1-4 (Round of 64: 2024 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
0-0 / 3-1 (Round of 16: 2024)	YTD / Career ROME W-L (best)	0-0 / 0-0
7-11 / 32-27	YTD / Career W-L	15-10 / 23-20

REBECCA

SRAMKOVA

MCCARTNEY

KESSLER

HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2025	HOBART	HARD	1r	Mccartney Kessler	6-3 7-5	1h 40m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
43	43	2024	63	68
121	129	2023	231	231
163	316	2022	948	948
167	167	2021	994	1009
170	203	2020	1217	1273
140	171	2019	775	1224
227	233	2018	896	1020
111	324	2017	938	939
119	119	2016	-	-
272	312	2015	-	-

REBECCA
SRAMKOVA

MCCARTNEY
KESSLER

TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making second appearance at Rome, where she advanced to R16 last year (l. Ostapenko)
- Heads into today's clash against No.44 McCartney Kessler with 10 wins in career over Top 50 players, most recently defeating No.48 Lulu Sun at 2025 Merida
- Last year, advanced to her first clay court QF at Budapest
- Best results by Slovaks at Rome have been semifinal runs by Karina Habsudova in 1994 and Daniela Hantuchova in 2007
- Is currently ranked No.41; this time last year was ranked No.120

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making first appearance at Rome
- Faces No.41 Rebecca Sramkova in 1r today; owns 12 wins in career over Top 50 players, most recently No.50 Marie Bouzkova at 2025 Miami
- Defeated Sramkova en route to her second WTA title at Hobart in January
- Looking for her first WTA main draw win on clay today
- Among Americans, Chris Evert has won the most Rome titles (5), followed by Serena Williams (4)
- Is currently ranked No.44; this time last year was ranked No.123
- Currently the US No.10 on the rankings

REBECCA

SRAMKOVA

MCCARTNEY

KESSLER

RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2024	Result	Rank: 120	Seed: -
4r	L	J. OSTAPENKO (#10) 4-6 6-4 7-6(3)	
3r	W	S. KENIN (#58) 6-4 4-6 6-4	
2r	W	K. BOULTER (#28) 6-4 7-6(8)	
1r	W	G. PEDONE (#270) 6-4 6-1	

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

REBECCA
SRAMKOVA

MCCARTNEY
KESSLER

SEASON 2025 HISTORY

- Played 1r at Madrid (l. Carle)
 - Went 1-1 in BJK Cup qualifiers, defeating Svendsson of Denmark but falling to Pera of the USA
 - Made 2r at Miami (l. Paolini)
 - Fell in 1r at Indian Wells (l. Sun)
 - Reached QF at Merida (l. eventual R-Up Arango)
 - Played 1r at Dubai (l. Tauson)
 - Reached 3r at Doha (l. Rybakina)
 - Played 1r at Abu Dhabi (l. eventual champion Bencic)
 - Reached 2r at Linz (l. Potapova)
 - Made 2r at Australian Open (l. Swiatek)
 - Fell in R32 at Hobart (l. eventual champion Kessler)
 - Opened 2025 playing 1r at Brisbane (l. Avanesyan).
- Reached QF at St Malo 125 last week (l. Golubic)
 - Played 1r at Madrid (l. Andreescu)
 - Played 1r at Rouen (l. Ferro)
 - Played 3r at Miami (l. Raducanu, retired)
 - Made 2r at Indian Wells (l. eventual R-Up Sabalenka)
 - R-Up finish at Austin (l. champion Pegula in F)
 - Reached R16 at Dubai (l. Muchova), posting first Top 10 win of career over No.3 Gauff en route
 - Played 1r at Doha (l. Jabeur)
 - Played 1r at Abu Dhabi (as qualifier, l. eventual R-Up Krueger)
 - Played 1r at Australian Open (l. S. Zhang)
 - Won second WTA title at Hobart (d. Mertens in F)
 - Opened 2025 reaching 2r at Brisbane (l. Putintseva)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
57	31	Aces	42	48
62.2%	37	First serve %	63.1%	34
60.4%	72	First Serve points won %	62.6%	54
47.0%	32	Second serve points won %	49.2%	15
55.4%	63	Overall service points won %	57.6%	37
63.7%	58	Service games won %	66.7%	41
48.1%	73	Break points saved %	46.9%	77
34.8%	59	First serve return points won %	37.2%	29
54.3%	49	Second serve return points won %	54.0%	53
42.4%	59	Break points converted %	45.0%	42
32.2%	49	Return games won %	35.2%	33
42.1%	55	Return points won %	43.6%	34

Best win by ranking: No.15 vs Andreeva in DOHA 2r
Longest match: 2h 19m vs Andreeva in DOHA 2r
Shortest match: 1h 0m vs Swiatek in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2r
Match points saved:
Most aces in a match: 7 vs Haddad Maia in MÉRIDA 2r
7 vs Sun in MÉRIDA 1r
7 vs Tauson in DUBAI 1r

Best win by ranking: No.3 vs Gauff in DUBAI 2r
Longest match: 2h 56m vs Ferro in ROUEN 1r
Shortest match: 45m vs Raducanu in MIAMI 3r
Match points saved:
Most aces in a match: 7 vs Noskova in MIAMI 2r

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**MCCARTNEY
KESSLER**

TITLES

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (1)
2024 - HUA HIN #2
Runner-Up (2)
2024 - JIUJIANG, MONASTIR

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (2)
2025 - HOBART
2024 - CLEVELAND

Runner-Up (1)
2025 - AUSTIN

DOUBLES FINALS

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

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GRAND SLAMS

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

**REBECCA
SRAMKOVA**

**MCCARTNEY
KESSLER**

CAREER MILESTONES

- Reached first three WTA finals of career in 2024, at Monastir, Hua Hin (defeated Siegemund for maiden title) and Jiujiang; finished season by guiding Slovakia to Billie Jean King Cup finals for first time since 2002; ended year in Top 50 for first time
- Standout performance of 2023 was reaching QF at Warsaw (l. Maria). Also achieved R-Up at WTA 125 Bari on clay (l. Zidansek)
- Best result in 2022 was making 1r as a qualifier at Roland Garros (as LL, l. Kasatkina)
- Continued on ITF circuit from 2019 through 2021, also making 2r at Tour level at Prague 2020 (l. Jones) and again at Prague 2021 (as qualifier, l. Kuzmova)
- Reached Grand Slam main draw in 2017 at Australian Open (as qualifier, l. Duan) and won first WTA main draw match at Gstaad over Nina Stojanovic
- Broke into Top 200 for first time in 2016 following title run at ITF Rome \$25K and also made Grand Slam debut at US Open that season (l. Karatantcheva in Q1)
- Played first WTA match in qualifying at Nottingham in 2015 (l. Zhu)
- Won first ITF title in 2013 on clay at Vrnjacka Banja \$10K and has won 13 singles titles at that level
- Began on professional circuit in 2012 at Velenje \$10K at the age of 15
- 2024 saw a breakthrough year, making her Tour-level main draw debut at Auckland (as a qualifier, l. Lulu Sun), winning her first Tour-level main draw match at the Australian Open and claiming her maiden title at Cleveland. She also claimed her first WTA 125 title at Puerto Vallarta and entered the Top 100 for the first time, peaking at No.63 on August 26, 2024
- Reached WTA 125 series QF at Angers in 2023 (l. Yastremska)
- Has won three singles titles and four doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Played first Tour level matches as a wild card at 2023 US Open, where she won two qualifying matches before falling in the third and failed to make the main draw
- Reached first ITF final in 2021 at Lubbock \$15K
- Made ITF debut in 2016 at Charleston \$10K at the age of 17

OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Milan Martinec
- Coached by McClain Kessler

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60 **KIMBERLY
BIRRELL**
AUSTRALIA

**SONAY
KARTAL** 56
UNITED KINGDOM

1998-04-29	Date of Birth		2001-10-28
Gold Coast, Australia	Residence		Brighton
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	
5' 7" (1.70m)	Height		
60	Career-High Ranking		56
\$1,645,689	Career Prize Money		\$803,401
\$268,380	Season Prize Money		\$259,854
0 / 0	Singles Titles YTD / Career		0 / 1
3-9 (Round of 32: 2019 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	2-4 (Round of 32: 2024 WIMBLEDON)	
0-0 / 0-0	YTD / Career ROME W-L (best)		0-0 / 0-0
8-7 / 30-33	YTD / Career W-L		4-5 / 11-11

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KARTAL

HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2024	ILKLEY	GRASS	QF	Kimberly Birrell	7-6(4) 7-5	0m
2022	NOTTINGHAM 4	MIXED	QF	Sonay Kartal	6-1 6-1	0m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
110	115	2024	88	89
100	113	2023	195	235
167	167	2022	198	198
692	734	2021	985	993
242	735	2020	-	-
154	245	2019	-	-
259	285	2018	-	-
351	356	2017	-	-
275	506	2016	-	-
361	361	2015	-	-

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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making first main draw appearance at Rome - fell in 1r of qualifying in 2023
- Best career result on clay is reaching 2r at 2023 Strasbourg
- Only direct entrant from Australia in the main draw
- In the Open Era, three Australians have been champion at Rome: Lesley Turner Bowrey in 1968 (d. Margaret Smith Court in F, defending the 'amateur' title she won in 1967); Evonne Goolagong in 1973 (d. Evert in F); and Jelena Dokic in 2001 (d. Mauresmo in F). Pre-Open Era, Smith Court won the title three times. More recently, Sam Stosur was runner-up in 2011 (l. Sharapova)
- Is currently ranked No.60; this time last year was ranked No.182
- Has been involved in seven three-set matches (main draw, Tour level) in 2025, going 3-4

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making debut appearance at Rome
- Birrell is the first Australian player she has faced a main draw Tour match, although the pair have met twice on the ITF Circuit for one win apiece
- Won her first Tour-level main draw clay match at Madrid last week, defeating Cristian in 1r before falling to Svitolina
- Joins Boulter and Raducanu as direct entrants from Great Britain
- Best recent result by a British player at Rome was Johanna Konta's runner-up finish in 2019 (l. Ka.Pliskova); Virginia Wade won the title in 1971 (d. Helga Niessen Masthoff in F)
- Is currently ranked No.56; this time last year was ranked No.308
- Has won four main draw matches so far in 2025 - three of them en route to R16 at Indian Wells

**KIMBERLY
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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles
- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

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SEASON 2025 HISTORY

- Defeated Andreescu in 1r at Catalonia Open 125 last week, before falling to Galfi
 - Played 1r at Madrid (l. Stearns)
 - Went 1-1 in BJK Cup qualifiers in Brisbane, defeating Lizarazo of Colombia but falling to Kazakhstan's Rybakina
 - Made 2r at Miami (as qualifier, l. Kostyuk)
 - Played 2r at Indian Wells (as qualifier, l. Mertens)
 - Made 2r at Austin (l. Shibahara)
 - Won seventh ITF Circuit title at Brisbane in February (d. Inglis in F)
 - Reached QF at Singapore (as WC, l. eventual R-Up A. Li)
 - Fell in 1r at Australian Open (as qualifier, l. Lys) but reached final in mixed doubles (w/Smith)
 - Opened 2025 with QF at Brisbane (as a WC, l. Kalinina)
- Made 2r at Madrid (l. Svitolina)
 - Played 1r at Rouen (l. Gracheva)
 - Went 2-0 in BJK Cup qualifiers, defeating Niemeyer of Germany of Vedder of the Netherlands - helping Great Britain advance to competition finals
 - Played qualifying at Miami
 - Reached 4r at Indian Wells (as LL, l. eventual R-Up Sabalenka)
 - Played 1r at Abu Dhabi (as qualifier, l. Volynets)
 - Opened 2025 playing 1r at Australian Open (l. Bouzas Maneiro)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
33	68	Aces	12	107
62.5%	36	First serve %	69.3%	0
64.1%	42	First Serve points won %	57.5%	0
46.8%	36	Second serve points won %	53.5%	0
57.6%	38	Overall service points won %	56.3%	0
66.5%	43	Service games won %	62.5%	0
47.9%	74	Break points saved %	50.7%	0
36.2%	44	First serve return points won %	38.1%	0
53.1%	63	Second serve return points won %	51.9%	0
49.2%	19	Break points converted %	53.8%	0
34.0%	38	Return games won %	33.3%	0
43.1%	39	Return points won %	42.6%	0

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TITLES

SINGLES FINALS

Runner-Up (1)
2024 - OSAKA

DOUBLES FINALS

Runner-Up (2)
2023 - MONTERREY (w/Contreras)
2016 - HOBART (w/Wolfe)

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (1)
2024 - MONASTIR

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GRAND SLAMS

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

**KIMBERLY
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**SONAY
KARTAL**

CAREER MILESTONES

- Highlight of 2024 season was reaching first Tour level singles final, finishing R-Up at Osaka (as qualifier). Also enjoyed QF run at Nottingham
- Advanced to maiden WTA QF at 2023 Merida (as qualifier, l. McNally). Also reached QF at Seoul (l. Bektas) and cracked into Top 100 for first time.
- Reached three ITF Circuit finals in 2022, including third title at this level at W60 event in Playford, Australia. At Tour level, reached 2r at Seoul (l. Maria) and contested qualifying on eight occasions
- Missed the second half of 2019 and entire 2020 season to undergo elbow surgery
- In only her second career Grand Slam main draw appearance, reached 3r at 2019 Australian Open upsetting No.29 Vekic in 2r (as WC, l. Kerber)
- Followed up Melbourne run by reaching a career-high ranking of No.154 on May 6, 2019
- Opened 2019 season with 2r showing at Brisbane (as WC, d. No.10 Kasatkina, l. eventual R-Up Tsurenko)
- Posted year-end finish of No.285 in 2018 (up from No.356 in 2017). During 2018 season, fell in qualifying at Brisbane, Hobart, Australian Open, Istanbul and Eastbourne
- Also won biggest ITF Circuit title of career in 2018, at \$60k/Darwin-AUS
- Posted a then career-high ranking of No.259 in week of October 1, 2018
- Reached 2r on WTA main draw debut as wildcard at 2016 Hobart (l. Cibulkova)
- Also at 2016 Hobart, finished R-Up in doubles w/Wolfe (l. Han/Mchale)
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2014 Hobart
- Played first professional events of career on ITF Circuit in Australia in 2012

- Breakthrough year in 2024 saw her win first WTA title at Monastir and reach 3r at Wimbledon as a qualifier. Her ranking entered the Top 100 for the first time and peaked at No.85 by year-end
- In 2023 reached main draw at Nottingham as a qualifier
- Played first WTA main draw matches in 2022 on grass at Nottingham and Wimbledon
- Began on the ITF Circuit in 2019 and won her first ITF titles in 2021 at W15 Antalya (clay) and W15 Monastir (hard); currently holds 14 ITF Circuit titles

OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Nicole Pratt and Chris Mahony
- Father is John, a tennis coach; mother is Ros; brother is Cade
- Started playing at age 4; baseliner whose favorite shot is forehand; favorite surface is hard
- Enjoys reading, watching movies, hanging out with friends, the beach and spending time with her dogs and fish

- Coached by Julie Hobbs and Ben Reeves
- Started playing tennis at the age of six at Pavillion & Avenue Tennis Club, where she still trains to this day
- Her first memory of tennis was when she was first brought on court to meet her current coach, Julie Hobbs, falling over and being too scared to come back. But after much persuasion, Hobbs managed to convince her to

come back and the two have been inseparable ever since

- Favourite Tournament: Wimbledon
- Nickname: Karts
- Likes: Music, Animals, Shoes
- Tennis Idols: Kim Clijsters, Roger Federer, Andy Murray