



# MATCH NOTES

## Internazionali BNL d'Italia

### ROME, ITALY

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

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## [3] SARA ERRANI (ITA #6) / JASMINE PAOLINI (ITA #6)

Team W-L record: 49-21

Team Titles (5): 2023 – Monastir; 2024 – Linz, Rome, Beijing; 2025 – Doha

Tournament History: Won (1) - 2024

2025 Best Result: Won at Doha

Head to Head: 0-1 against Veronica Kudermetova/ Elise Mertens (at Madrid 2025)

### SARA ERRANI – 38 YEARS OLD – 5'5" (1.64m)

Former WTA World No.1 in doubles; held top ranking for 87 weeks

Coached by Pablo Lozano

Father, Giorgio, sells fruits and vegetables; mother, Fulvia, is a pharmacist; brother, Davide, is a soccer player

Introduced to tennis at age 5 by father; favorite shot is forehand, favorite surface is clay; favorite tournament is Acapulco

Speaks Italian, Spanish and English

Enjoys reading, movies, music (especially pop), following soccer and basketball and playing Monopoly, cards and video games

### Career Highlights

#### SINGLES

Winner (9): 2016 - Dubai; 2015 - Rio de Janeiro; 2013 - Acapulco; 2012 - Acapulco, Barcelona, Budapest, Palermo; 2008 - Palermo, Portoroz.

Finalist (11): 2023 - Bucharest; 2015 - Bucharest; 2014 - Paris [Indoors], Rome; 2013 - Paris [Indoors], Dubai, Palermo; 2012 - Roland Garros; 2011 - Pattaya City; 2009 - Palermo, Portoroz.

#### DOUBLES

Winner (32): 2025 - Doha (w/Paolini); 2024 - Beijing, Rome, Linz (both w/Paolini); 2023 - Monastir (w/Paolini); 2018 - Auckland (w/Schoofs); 2017 - Tianjin (w/Begu); 2015 - Auckland (w/Vinci); 2014 - Australian Open, Stuttgart, Madrid, Wimbledon, Montréal (all w/Vinci); 2013 - Australian Open, Paris [Indoors], Doha (all w/Vinci); 2012 - Monterrey, Acapulco, Barcelona, Madrid, Rome, Roland Garros, 's-Hertogenbosch, US Open (all w/Vinci); 2011 - Hobart, Pattaya City, Palermo (all w/Vinci); 2010 - Marbella, Barcelona (both w/Vinci), Palermo (w/Brianti); 2009 - 's-Hertogenbosch (w/Pennetta); 2008 - Palermo (w/Llagostera Vives).

Finalist (16): 2024 - Roland Garros (w/Paolini); 2022 - Melbourne 1 (w/Paolini); 2016 - Doha (w/Suárez Navarro); 2014 - Sydney, Rome, Roland Garros (all w/Vinci); 2013 - Sydney, Rome, Roland Garros (all w/Vinci); 2012 - Australian Open,



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Miami (both w/Vinci); 2011 - Marbella, Birmingham, New Haven (all w/Vinci); 2010 - Acapulco (w/Vinci), Moscow (w/Martínez Sánchez).

#### WTA 125 TITLES

SINGLES (2): 2022 - Contrexeville; 2018 - Indian Wells.

#### DOUBLES

Finalist (1): 2024 - Charleston (w/Mihalikova).

#### ADDITIONAL

Italian Fed Cup Team, 2008-24; Italian Olympic Team, 2008, 2012, 2016.

Gold medal in women's doubles at Paris Olympics 2024 (w/Paolini) Billie Jean King Cup title winning Italian team: 2009, 2010, 2013, 2024

## JASMINE PAOLINI – 29 YEARS OLD – 5'4" (1.63m)

Bidding to become the second player to win a WTA 1000 singles title and doubles title at the same event – along with Vera Zvonareva (2009 Indian Wells)

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

#### SINGLES

Winner (2): 2024 - Dubai; 2021 - Portoroz.

Finalist (5): 2024 - Wimbledon, Roland Garros; 2023 - Monastir, Palermo; 2022 - Cluj-Napoca.

#### DOUBLES

Winner (7): 2025 - Doha (w/Errani); 2024 - Rome, Linz, Olympics, Beijing (both w/Errani); 2023 - Monastir (w/Errani); 2021 - Hamburg (w/Teichmann).

Finalist (3): 2024 - Beijing, Roland Garros (both w/Errani); 2022 - Melbourne 1 (w/Errani).

#### WTA 125 TITLES

SINGLES (2): 2023 - Florence; 2021 - Bol.

#### ADDITIONAL

Italian Billie Jean King Cup Team, 2017-19.

Won women's doubles gold medal at Paris Olympics (w/Errani).



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### VERONIKA KUDERMETOVA (#12) / ELISE MERTENS (BEL #27)

Team W-L record: 43-10

Team Titles (3): 2021 – Istanbul; 2022 – Dubai, WTA Finals

Tournament History: First time playing Rome as a team

2025 Best result: R-Up at Madrid

Head to Head: 1-0 against Sara Errani / Jasimine Paolini (at Madrid 2025)

### VERONIKA KUDERMETOVA – 28 YEARS OLD – 5'8" (1.75m)

Coached by husband Sergey Demekhin

Father, Eduard, was a Russian national ice hockey champion; teenage sister, Polina, is on the junior circuit

She started playing tennis at the age of eight

Off the court, has a passion for cooking and her specialty is roasted chicken with potatoes and garlic

Career Highlights

#### SINGLES

Winner (2): 2023 – Tokyo; 2021 – Charleston.

Finalist (5): 2023 – 's-Hertogenbosch; 2022 – Melbourne 250, Dubai, Istanbul; 2021 – Abu Dhabi.

#### DOUBLES

Winner (8): 2024 – Stuttgart (w/H. Chan); 2023 – Dubai (w/Samsonova), WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai (w/Haddad Maia); 2022 – Dubai, WTA Finals Fort Worth (both w/Mertens), Rome (w/Pavlyuchenkova); 2021 – Istanbul (w/Mertens); 2019 – Wuhan (w/Duan).

Finalist (11): 2025 – Madrid (w/Mertens); 2024 – Beijing (w/H. Chan), Bad Homburg (w/H. Chan), Berlin (w/H. Chan); 2022 – Doha, Miami, 's-Hertogenbosch (all w/Mertens); 2021 – Wimbledon (w/Vesnina), Indian Wells (w/Rybakina); 2019 – Charleston (w/Khromacheva), Lugano (w/Voskoboeva).

#### ADDITIONAL

WTA 125K Series Titles – Singles (1): 2019 – Guadalajara. Doubles (4): 2018 – Limoges (w/Voskoboeva), Mumbai (w/Dzalamidze); 2017 – Taipei (w/Sabalenka); 2016 – Taipei (w/Dzalamidze).



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#### **ELISE MERTENS – 29 YEARS OLD – 5'10" (1.79m)**

Former WTA World No.1 in doubles a ranking held for 39 weeks

Formerly worked with Alexander Kneepkens, Robbie Ceyssens, 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

#### Career Highlights

##### SINGLES

Winner (9): 2025 - Singapore; 2023 - Monastir; 2022 - Monastir; 2021 - Gippsland Trophy; 2019 - Doha; 2018 - Hobart, Lugano, Rabat; 2017 - Hobart.

Finalist (6): 2025 - Hobart; 2024 - Hobart; 2021 - Istanbul; 2020 - Prague, Linz; 2017 - Istanbul.

##### DOUBLES

Winner (21): 2024 - Australian Open (w/Hsieh), Indian Wells (w/Hsieh), Birmingham (w/Hsieh); 2023 - Guadalajara, Rome (both w/Hunter) 2022 - Dubai, WTA Finals Fort Worth (both w/Kudermetova); 2021 - Australian Open (w/Sabalenka), Istanbul (w/Kudermetova), Wimbledon, Indian Wells (both w/Hsieh); 2020 - Ostrava (w/Sabalenka); 2019 - Indian Wells, Miami, US Open (all w/Sabalenka); 2018 - Hobart, 's-Hertogenbosch, Wuhan (all w/Schuurs), Lugano (w/Flipkens); 2017 - Guangzhou (w/Schuurs); 2016 - Auckland (w/Mestach).

Finalist (13): 2025 - Madrid (w/Kudermetova); 2023 - Wimbledon (w/Hunter); 2022 - Doha, Miami, 's-Hertogenbosch (all w/Kudermetova), Birmingham (w/Zhang), Wimbledon (w/Zhang); 2021 - WTA Finals (w/Hsieh); 2019 - Wuhan (w/Sabalenka); 2018 - Birmingham, Cincinnati (both w/Schuurs); 2017 - Bucharest (w/Schuurs), Istanbul (w/Melichar).

##### ADDITIONAL

WTA 125K Series Titles - Doubles (1): 2016 - Limoges (w/Minella). Belgian Billie Jean King Cup Team, 2017-20.