



# MATCH NOTES

## DUBAI DUTY FREE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025

DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES  
FEB 16 – FEB 22, 2025 | WTA 1000 | \$3,654,963



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## MATCH NOTES – DAY 3 – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

**[Q] Eva Lys (GER #87) vs. [4] Jasmine Paolini (ITA #4)**

**First career meeting**

**Lys:**

- Making debut main draw appearance at Dubai in just second WTA 1000 main draw of career
- Win over Irina-Camelia Begu in 1r was first career main draw win at a WTA 1000 event
- Holds 0-2 record against Top 10 players (both of those losses were to Iga Swiatek, at 2022 Stuttgart and 2025 Australian Open)
- Best result by a German player at Dubai was Julia Goerges' runner-up showing in 2012 (l. Radwanska)

**Paolini:**

- As defending champion, making her third main draw appearance in Dubai; won first WTA 1000 title here last year
- Last year became second Italian to win the Dubai title after her current doubles partner Sara Errani captured the title in 2016
- Since winning the title last year, has gone 20-3 against players outside the Top 50
- A loss today would be worst by-ranking since falling to No.225 Daria Saville at 2023 Hamburg

**Victoria Azarenka (#34) vs. [2] Iga Swiatek (POL #2)**

**Swiatek leads 3-1**

**Azarenka:**

- Making sixth appearance at Dubai, where her best result was R-Up run in 2010 (l. V. Williams in F)
- Making her 97th WTA 1000 main draw appearance, equaling Wozniacki for the third-most since 2009; has both won (206) and appeared in (283) the most matches at WTA 1000 events since the format's beginning in 2009
- Only S. Williams (13) has won more WTA 1000 events than Azarenka (10, level with today's opponent Swiatek)
- Seeking her first win over a player ranked inside the Top 2 since 2016 Indian Wells final (d. No.1 S. Williams)

**Swiatek:**

- Making fifth appearance at Dubai; career-best showing at the event is finishing runner-up in 2023 (l. Krejckova in final); also made SF last year (l. Kalinskaya)
- Best result by a Polish woman at Dubai was Agnieszka Radwanska's run to the title in 2012
- Has not dropped opening match of a tournament since 2021 Cincinnati
- Lost last week to No.37 Jelena Ostapenko in SF however before that, had won previous 20 matches against players outside the Top 20

**[3] Coco Gauff (USA #3) vs. McCartney Kessler (USA #53)**

**First career meeting**

**Gauff:**

- Has reached at least the quarterfinals in three of her four previous Dubai appearances with best result being semifinal performance in 2023
- Has won her last 36 matches against players ranked outside the Top 50 (most recent loss to a player ranked below No.50 was to No.128 Sofia Kenin at 2023 Wimbledon)
- Contesting her 38th career WTA 1000 main draw; she is a two-time WTA 1000 champion (2023 Cincinnati and 2024 Beijing)
- Fell last week in Doha to Marta Kostyuk in 2r after a 1r bye; has not suffered back-to-back opening match losses since 2022 Australian Open and 2022 Dubai



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#### **Kessler:**

- Making her Dubai debut this week
- Defeated last week's Doha champion, Amanda Anisimova, in 1r for first career Top 20 win in four attempts and first WTA 1000 main draw victory of career
- No.3 Gauff is the highest ranked player she has faced in career; holds 0-2 career record vs. Top 10 players (l. No.9 Maria Sakkari at 2024 Wimbledon and No.9 Daria Kasatkina at 2024 Tokyo)
- Is currently ranked No.53; this time last year was ranked exactly 100 spots lower at No.153

#### **[7] Qinwen Zheng (CHN #8) vs. Peyton Stearns (USA #46)**

**First career meeting**

#### **Zheng:**

- Reached QF here last year tying best result by a player from China at Dubai (l. Swiatek)
- Looking for just second win of the year; fell 2r last week in Doha to Ons Jabeur after a 1r bye, the same player who today's opponent beat in 1r here yesterday
- Has not lost back-to-back opening matches since losing 1r at Berlin, Eastbourne and Wimbledon in 2023
- Career best WTA 1000 result was reaching final at 2024 Wuhan (l. Sabalenka in F)

#### **Stearns:**

- Looking for back-to-back main draw wins for the first time this year
- Holds 0-3 record against Top 10 players this year (0-10 career record) with losses to No.9 Daria Kasatkina at Brisbane, No.8 Emma Navarro at Australian Open and No.7 Elena Rybakina at Doha
- Best win by-ranking of career was beating No.13 Daria Kasatkina at 2024 Roland Garros and 2024 US Open
- Owns 2-0 career record against players from China

#### **[1] Aryna Sabalenka (#1) vs. [Q] Veronika Kudermetova (#50)**

**Sabalenka leads 3-2**

#### **Sabalenka:**

- Is a three-time quarterfinalist at Dubai reaching the final eight in 2020, 2021 and 2023
- Fell 2r last week in Doha after a 1r bye - was her first time dropping the opening match of a tournament since doing so here last year; has not lost back-to-back opening matches since 2022 Indian Wells and Miami
- A loss today would be worst by ranking since losing to No.132 Amanda Anisimova at 2024 Toronto
- Owns seven WTA 1000 titles including two last year at Cincinnati and Wuhan

#### **Kudermetova:**

- Is a former finalist here finishing runner-up in 2022 (l. Ostapenko in F)
- Has won their last two meetings both at Berlin in 2022 and 2023
- Owns 0-5 record against World No.1s; best win by-ranking of career comes against No.2 Iga Swiatek at 2023 Tokyo and beating today's opponent ranked No.2 at 2023 Berlin
- One of four qualifiers to reach 2r; best result by a qualifier at Dubai was Runner-Up run by Anna Kalinskaya last year



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**FIRST MEETING**

**0**  
WIN



**87** **EVA LYS (Q)**  
GERMANY

**JASMINE (4) PAOLINI** **4**  
ITALY

2002-01-12	<b>Date of Birth</b>	1996-01-04
Hamburg, Germany	<b>Residence</b>	Bagni di Lucca, Italy
Right-handed	<b>Plays</b>	Right-Handed
5' 5" (1.65m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 4" (1.63m)
87	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	4
\$1,073,085	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$9,127,681
\$279,507	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$984,494
0 / 0	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	0 / 2
4-6 (Round of 16: 2025 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	24-21 (Runner-Up: 2024 WIMBLEDON, ROLAND GARROS)
1-0 / 1-0 (Round of 32: 2025)	<b>YTD / Career DUBAI W-L (best)</b>	0-0 / 5-1 (Champion: 2024)
4-2 / 23-19	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	5-3 / 123-110
4-2 / 15-11	<b>YTD / Career Hard W-L</b>	5-3 / 75-65
3-1 / 8-8	<b>YTD / Career 3-Set W-L</b>	0-1 / 47-34
0-0 / 6-0	<b>YTD / Career TB W-L</b>	0-0 / 25-18
0-1 / 0-2	<b>YTD / Career TOP 5 W-L</b>	0-0 / 5-9
Round of 16: AUSTRALIAN OPEN	<b>YTD Best Result</b>	Round of 16: DOHA



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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
105	130	2024	4	4
112	130	2023	29	30
123	123	2022	44	59
340	340	2021	51	53
582	604	2020	93	95
-	-	2019	114	117
1181	-	2018	130	190
-	-	2017	130	137
-	-	2016	244	245
-	-	2015	309	581



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. I. BEGU (#78) 5-7 7-5 6-3 (2h 35m)

*Total time on court: 2h 35m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making first main draw appearance at Dubai; qualified for main draw with wins over Ann Li and Kamilla Rakhimova
- Defeated fellow qualifier Irina-Camelia Begu in 1r to claim her first career main draw win at a WTA 1000 event
- Contesting only her second WTA 1000 main draw of career; in only prior WTA 1000 main draw showing fell 1r at 2023 Beijing to Ostapenko in three sets
- Faces No.4 Jasmine Paolini in 2r today; holds 0-2 record against Top 10 players (both of those losses were to Iga Swiatek, at 2022 Stuttgart and 2025 Australian Open)
- Best win by-ranking of career was over No.26 Sorana Cirstea at 2023 Cluj Napoca
- Owns 0-1 career Tour-level record against players from Italy (0-0 in 2025)
- Best career Tour-level results on hard court are two SF performances (2023 Cluj-Napoca and 2024 Monastir)
- Only player from Germany in this week's main draw
- Best result by Germany at Dubai was Julia Goerges' runner-up showing in 2012 (L. Radwanska in final)
- Is currently ranked a career-high No.87; this time last year was ranked No.151

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

*Total time on court: 0m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Defending champion making third main-draw appearance at Dubai; won 1st WTA 1000 title of her career here last year (d. Kalinskaya in final)
- Faces No.87 Eva Lys in 2r today; aiming for her sixth straight match-win at this tournament
- Since winning this title last year, has lost only three matches against players outside the Top 50 with 20-3 record - losses came to No.80 Mayar Sherif at Rome, No.67 Anna Karolina Schmiedlova at the Olympics and No.52 Karolina Muchova at US Open
- A loss today would be worst by-ranking since falling to No.225 Daria Saville at 2023 Hamburg
- Has not dropped opening match of a tournament since 2024 Rome
- Owns 8-3 career tour-level record against players from Germany (0-0 in 2025)
- Both of her singles titles have come on hard court (2021 Portoroz and 2024 Dubai)
- Only player from Italy in this week's main draw
- Last year became second Italian to win Dubai title; the first was her current doubles partner Sara Errani, who captured the title in 2016
- Is currently ranked a career-high No.4; this time last year was ranked No.26
- Contesting her 29th career WTA 1000 main draw; along with her Dubai title last year, she has made two additional WTA 1000 QFs (2023 Cincinnati and 2024 Wuhan)
- So far this year, ranked inside the Top 10 on tour in percentage of return games won (44.8%) and percentage of return points won (47.8%)



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

2024	Result	Rank: 26	Seed: -
F	W	A. KALINSKAYA (#40)	4-6 7-5 7-5
SF	W	S. CIRSTEANU (#22)	6-2 7-6(6)
3r	W	M. SAKKARI (#11)	6-4 6-2
2r	W	L. FERNANDEZ (#33)	6-3 6-4
1r	W	B. HADDAD MAIA (#14)	4-6 6-4 6-0

2023	Result	Rank: 64	Seed: -
1r	L	M. KEYS (#23)	6-1 6-1



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## SEASON 2025 HISTORY

- Played in 1r at Linz (as WC, L. Martic)
- Opened 2025 with 4r at Australian Open (as LL, L. Swiatek)

- Made 3r at Doha (L. Ostapenko)
- Reached 3r at Australian Open (L. Svitolina)
- Opened 2025 representing Italy at United Cup with a 2-1 result in singles play (L. Muchova)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
8	98	<b>Aces</b>	12	81
64.8%	37	<b>First serve %</b>	65.4%	30
62.8%	64	<b>First Serve points won %</b>	63.6%	61
48.8%	26	<b>Second serve points won %</b>	48.7%	27
57.9%	45	<b>Overall service points won %</b>	58.4%	35
66.2%	51	<b>Service games won %</b>	69.6%	35
57.6%	48	<b>Break points saved %</b>	52.3%	71
40.6%	13	<b>First serve return points won %</b>	41.2%	9
49.2%	101	<b>Second serve return points won %</b>	58.0%	22
52.9%	11	<b>Break points converted %</b>	48.4%	29
36.5%	30	<b>Return games won %</b>	44.8%	7
44.0%	40	<b>Return points won %</b>	47.8%	6

Best win by ranking: No.69 vs Gracheva in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2r  
Longest match: 2h 40m vs Martic in LINZ 1r  
Shortest match: 59m vs Swiatek in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 4r  
Match points saved:  
Most aces in a match: 3 vs Martic in LINZ 1r

Best win by ranking: No.70 vs Zarazua in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2r  
Longest match: 1h 46m vs Svitolina in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 3r  
Shortest match: 1h 3m vs Ostapenko in DOHA 3r  
Match points saved:  
Most aces in a match: 3 vs Ostapenko in DOHA 3r



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## TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (2)  
2024 - DUBAI  
2021 - PORTOROZ

Runner-Up (5)  
2024 - WIMBLEDON, ROLAND GARROS  
2023 - MONASTIR, PALERMO  
2022 - CLUJ-NAPOCA

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (7)  
2025 - DOHA (w/Errani)  
2024 - BEIJING (w/Errani), OLYMPICS (w/Errani),  
ROME (w/Errani), LINZ (w/Errani)  
2023 - MONASTIR (w/Errani)  
2021 - HAMBURG (w/Teichmann)

Runner-Up (2)  
2024 - ROLAND GARROS (w/Errani)  
2022 - MELBOURNE 250 #1 (w/Errani)

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
4r				<b>2025</b>	3r			
	1r	1r	1r	<b>2024</b>	4r	RUP	RUP	4r
1r			2r	<b>2023</b>	1r	2r	1r	1r
				<b>2022</b>	1r	1r	1r	1r
				<b>2021</b>	1r	2r	1r	2r
				<b>2020</b>	1r	2r		1r
				<b>2019</b>		1r		



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- Standout results of 2024 came in the second half of the season with semifinals at Budapest (l. eventual champion Shnaider) and Monastir (l. eventual champion Kartal); also made QF at Osaka (l. Ito) and reached a career high ranking of No.105 in September
- Reached first career SF at 2023 Cluj Napoca (l. Korpatsch) and QF at Hamburg (l. Rus); defeated No.1 seed Sorana Cirstea at Cluj Napoca for first Top 30 win of career
- Also in 2023, made Grand Slam main draw debut at Australian Open as a qualifier and reached 2r at US Open as a qualifier
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2022 Stuttgart reaching 2r as a qualifier and defeated No.38 Viktoria Golubic in 1r while ranked No.342 (l. Swiatek); also in 2022 reached 2r at Lausanne, fell 1r at Hamburg and contested qualifying at Berlin, Wimbledon, US Open and Tallinn
- Contested first WTA qualifying rounds at Hamburg and Linz in 2021
- Won first ITF Circuit singles title at W25 event in Altenkirchen, Germany in March 2020; owns three ITF singles titles
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in United States in 2016
- Breakout 2024 season saw her win the biggest title of her career at WTA 1000 Dubai and also reach her first Grand Slam finals, finishing R-Up at Roland-Garros and Wimbledon. Qualified for her first WTA Finals in singles and doubles, broke into the Top 10 for the first time in her career and finished the season as the World No.4
- Finished 2023 by breaking into Top 30 for first time, achieving No. 29 on Oct 23, 2023 after becoming runner-up at Monastir (l. Mertens). Also achieved runner-up at Palermo and SF at Zhengzhou (l. Zheng both times) as well as QFs at Lyon (l. Garcia) and Cincinnati as a qualifier (l. eventual champion Gauff). Enjoyed two Top 10 wins (No.10 Garcia and No.4 Rybakina).
- In 2022, finished R-Up at Cluj-Napoca (l. Blinkova), while made back-to-back SF at Palermo (l. Bronzetti) and Warsaw (l. eventual champion Garcia)
- Also reached QF at Lyon (l. Yastremska), Portoroz (l. eventual champion Siniakova) and Parma (l. Kovinic)
- Broke into Top 50 on January 31, 2021
- Posted near-Top 50 season finish in 2021 after capturing first WTA singles title of career at Portoroz (d. Riske in F)
- Strong season finish also brought SF run at Courmayeur (l. eventual champion Vekic) and QF effort at Linz (l. Halep); posted best win of season over No.18 Mertens en route to 3r at Indian Wells (l. Pegula)
- Also in 2021 won the WTA 125K event in Bol, Croatia (d. Rus in F) and was R-Up at the same level in Saint Malo (l. Golubic) Captured first WTA doubles title in 2021, at Hamburg(w/Teichmann)
- In 2021, for first time in career, contested the full suite of all four Grand Slam events; reached 2r at Roland Garros and US Open, equalling best previous Slam result
- In 2020, reached 2r four times at WTA tournaments, including Roland Garros (l. Kvitova)
- Highlights of 2019 included QF showings at Guangzhou and Palermo, a SF run at the WTA 125K Series event at Karlsruhe, lifting seventh, eighth and ninth ITF Circuit titles of her career, at \$60KBrescia-ITA, \$25K ITF/Curtiba-BRA and \$100K ITF/Tokyo-JPN, and qualifying for maiden Grand Slam main draw at Roland Garros (l. Kasatkina in 1r)

- Ended 2018 ranked No.180, with season highlight a maiden WTA singles QF at Prague (d. No.15 Kasatkina, l. Zhang)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2017 Bastad (l. Suarez Navarro in 1r) and also fell 1r at Guangzhou and in qualifying a further three times
- Part of Italy's Billie Jean King Cup team 2017-19
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2015 Rome
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in Italy in 2011

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Born in Kyiv, family moved to Germany when she was two years old
- Based in Hamburg, father Vladimir continues to coach her and fitness trainer is David Schusmueller
- Mother, Maria, is a lawyer, while father, Vladimir, is a former professional tennis player who represented Ukraine at Davis Cup
- Has an older sister, Lisa Matviyenko (24), and younger sister, Isabella Lys (7). Lisa is also a professional player, competing on ITF Circuit
- Began playing tennis when she was around five years old; father was working as a coach and while her mum studied for her law degree in Germany (had already qualified in Ukraine) they spent a lot of time at the courts
- A member of the Porsche Talent Team, also trains with German Tennis Federation in Stuttgart and former WTA player Barbara Rittner is a close mentor. Her agent is Sandra Reichel, who is tournament director of the WTA events in Linz and Hamburg
- Says her strengths are playing to her own rhythm, taking the ball early, and fighting spirit
- Speaks Russian/Ukrainian, German and English. Has finished top level of in high school in Germany - the 'Abitur', with favorite subject being biology
- Currently coached by Renzo Furlan
- Resides in Bagni di Lucca and trains in Forte dei Marmi, Italy
- Father is Ugo Paolini, mother is Jacqueline Gardiner and brother is William Paolini. Grandmother lives in Lodz, Poland. Mother is of Ghanaian/Polish descent
- Idolizes Roger Federer
- Favorite shot is her forehand and favorite surface is clay
- Speaks Italian, English and Polish



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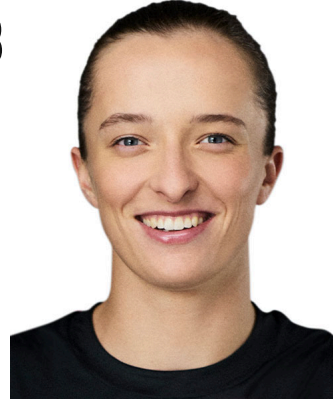
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**34** **VICTORIA  
AZARENKA**

**IGA** **(2) SWIATEK** **2**  
**POLAND**

1989-07-31	<b>Date of Birth</b>	2001-05-31
Monte Carlo, Monaco	<b>Residence</b>	Raszyn, Poland
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
6' 0" (1.83m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 9" (1.76m)
1	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	1
\$38,181,752	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$34,618,582
\$117,965	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$2,077,491
0 / 21	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	0 / 22
163-63 (Champion: 2013 AUSTRALIAN OPEN; 2012 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	88-19 (Champion: 2024 ROLAND GARROS; 2023 ROLAND GARROS; 2022 US OPEN, ROLAND GARROS; 2020 ROLAND GARROS)
1-0 / 9-5 (Runner-Up: 2010)	<b>YTD / Career DUBAI W-L (best)</b>	0-0 / 8-4 (Runner-Up: 2023)
2-3 / 573-242	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	12-3 / 275-64
2-3 / 397-151	<b>YTD / Career Hard W-L</b>	12-3 / 171-46
2-0 / 123-99	<b>YTD / Career 3-Set W-L</b>	2-1 / 49-26
1-2 / 93-68	<b>YTD / Career TB W-L</b>	1-3 / 32-23
0-0 / 34-54	<b>YTD / Career TOP 5 W-L</b>	0-1 / 19-14
Round of 16: BRISBANE	<b>YTD Best Result</b>	Semi-Finalist: AUSTRALIAN OPEN, DOHA



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2024	DOHA	HARD	QF	Iga Swiatek	6-4 6-0	1h 14m
2022	ROME	CLAY	3r	Iga Swiatek	6-4 6-1	1h 55m
2022	ADELAIDE 500	HARD	QF	Iga Swiatek	6-3 2-6 6-1	1h 57m
2020	US OPEN	HARD	3r	Victoria Azarenka	6-4 6-2	1h 38m

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
16	20	2024	1	2
14	22	2023	1	1
15	27	2022	1	1
13	27	2021	4	9
13	13	2020	17	17
38	50	2019	49	61
51	51	2018	174	175
13	208	2017	587	690
5	13	2016	903	903
19	22	2015	-	-



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. A. KALININA (#51) 2-6 7-6 6-4 (2h 52m)

*Total time on court: 2h 52m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making sixth appearance at Dubai, where her best result was R-Up run in 2010 (l. V. Williams in F); also reached R16 on two occasions (2011 and 2023)
- Making her 97th WTA 1000 main-draw appearance, equaling Wozniacki for the third-most since 2009, trailing only Pavlyuchenkova (112) and Kvitova (103)
- Has both won (206) and appeared in (283) the most matches at WTA 1000 events, since the format's beginning in 2009
- Has won 10 WTA 1000 titles, most recently Cincinnati (NYC) in 2020 - last WTA 1000 final reached was 2021 Indian Wells
- Only S. Williams (13) has won more WTA 1000 events than Azarenka (10, level with today's opponent Swiatek)
- Defeated Anhelina Kalinina in Monday's 1r, coming back from a 6-2, 5-2 deficit; aiming for back-to-back wins for first time this season
- Faces No.2 Iga Swiatek in 2r today; owns 81 wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.3 Elena Rybakina (via retirement) and No.9 Maria Sakkari at 2024 Berlin
- Holds 8-26 career record against players ranked inside Top 2 at time of meeting; her most recent Top 2 win came over No.1 S. Williams in 2016 Indian Wells final
- Owns 22-10 career tour-level record against players from Poland (0-0 in 2025)
- 20 of her 21 career singles titles have come on hard courts, most recently at Cincinnati (NYC) in 2020, while her first came at 2009 Brisbane
- Is currently ranked No.34; this time last year was ranked No.27. Held World No.1 ranking for a total of 51 weeks during 2012 and 2013

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

*Total time on court: 0m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making fifth appearance at Dubai; career-best showing at the event is finishing runner-up in 2023 (l. Krejčíková in final) and also made SF last year (l. Kalinskaya)
- Contesting her 33rd WTA 1000 main draw of career and has already won 10 WTA 1000 titles, most recently 2024 Rome
- Only S. Williams (13) has won more WTA 1000 events than Swiatek (10, level with today's opponent Azarenka)
- Faces No.34 Victoria Azarenka in 2r today; lost their first career meeting at 2020 US Open (Azarenka finished that event as eventual R-Up) but has won their next three meetings
- Has not lost opening match of a tournament since 2021 Cincinnati (l. No.20 Jabeur in 2r after 1r bye)
- Lost last week to No.37 Jelena Ostapenko in SF however before that, had won previous 20 matches against players outside the Top 20
- 12 of her 22 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court, most recently 2024 Indian Wells
- 1 of 3 players from Poland in this week's main draw and the only one contesting the 2r (Frech and Linette lost 1r)
- Best result by Poland at Dubai was Agnieszka Radwanska's title run in 2012
- Is currently ranked No.2; this time last year was ranked No.1. Has spent 125 total weeks ranked World No.1 during her career
- So far this season, ranks No.3 on tour in percentage of service games won (79.9%)



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2024	Result	Rank: 27	Seed: -
2r	L	E. RYBAKINA (#4)	4-6 6-2
1r	W	A. RUS (#43)	6-2 6-4
2023	Result	Rank: 14	Seed: 15
3r	L	M. KEYS (#23)	6-2 6-1
2r	W	A. ANISIMOVA (#35)	4-6 6-4 7-6(5)
1r	W	A. PAVLYUCHENKOVA (#732)	6-3 7-5
2022	Result	Rank: 17	Seed: -
1r	L	V. KUDERMETOVA (#31)	6-3 6-4
2011	Result	Rank: 9	Seed: 7
3r	L	F. PENNETTA (#18)	6-3 6-7(2) 6-4
2r	W	S. PENG (#39)	4-6 6-2 7-6(5)
2010	Result	Rank: 6	Seed: 4
F	L	V. WILLIAMS (#5)	6-3 7-5
SF	W	A. RADWANSKA (#9)	6-3 6-4
QF	W	V. ZVONAREVA (#14)	6-1 6-3
3r	W	A. GROENEFELD (#63)	6-1 4-6 6-3
2r	W	K. VOLODKO (#34)	4-1

2024	Result	Rank: 1	Seed: 1
SF	L	A. KALINSKAYA (#40)	6-4 6-4
QF	W	Q. ZHENG (#7)	6-3 6-2
3r	W	E. SVITOLINA (#20)	6-1 6-4
2r	W	S. STEPHENS (#41)	6-4 6-4
2023	Result	Rank: 1	Seed: 1
F	L	B. KREJCIKOVA (#30)	6-4 6-2
SF	W	C. GAUFF (#6)	6-4 6-2
3r	W	L. SAMSONOVA (#13)	6-1 6-0
2r	W	L. FERNANDEZ (#37)	6-1 6-1
2022	Result	Rank: 9	Seed: 6
2r	L	J. OSTAPENKO (#21)	4-6 6-1 7-6(4)
1r	W	D. KASATKINA (#28)	6-1 6-2
2021	Result	Rank: 15	Seed: 8
3r	L	G. MUGURUZA (#16)	6-0 6-4
2r	W	M. DOI (#77)	6-2 6-4



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## SEASON 2025 HISTORY

- Played 1r at Doha (l. eventual champion Anisimova)
- Fell in 1r at Australian Open (l. Bronzetti)
- Opened 2025 making R16 at Brisbane (l. Bouzkova)

- Reached SF at Doha (l. Ostapenko)
- Reached SF at Australian Open (l. eventual champion Keys)
- Opened 2025 representing Poland at United Cup achieving R-Up (4-1 in singles play)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
15	73	<b>Aces</b>	29	36
58.6%	95	<b>First serve %</b>	65.1%	33
63.8%	58	<b>First Serve points won %</b>	67.6%	26
42.1%	87	<b>Second serve points won %</b>	51.2%	11
54.8%	83	<b>Overall service points won %</b>	61.9%	9
58.3%	94	<b>Service games won %</b>	79.9%	3
49.0%	94	<b>Break points saved %</b>	59.5%	37
36.8%	48	<b>First serve return points won %</b>	40.0%	14
58.1%	21	<b>Second serve return points won %</b>	59.1%	15
40.4%	82	<b>Break points converted %</b>	52.0%	13
34.4%	48	<b>Return games won %</b>	44.4%	8
45.0%	23	<b>Return points won %</b>	47.3%	7

Best win by ranking: No.51 vs Kalinina in DUBAI 1r  
Longest match: 2h 52m vs Kalinina in DUBAI 1r  
Shortest match: 1h 34m vs Anisimova in DOHA 1r  
Match points saved:  
Most aces in a match: 4 vs Kalinina in DUBAI 1r  
4 vs Joint in BRISBANE 2r

Best win by ranking: No.7 vs Rybakina in DOHA QF  
Longest match: 2h 35m vs Keys in AUSTRALIAN OPEN SF  
Shortest match: 59m vs Lys in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 4r  
Match points saved:  
Most aces in a match: 4 vs Noskova in DOHA 3r



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## TITLES

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (21)

2020 - CINCINNATI (NYC)  
2016 - MIAMI, INDIAN WELLS, BRISBANE  
2013 - CINCINNATI, DOHA, AUSTRALIAN OPEN  
2012 - LINZ, BEIJING, INDIAN WELLS, DOHA,  
AUSTRALIAN OPEN, SYDNEY  
2011 - LUXEMBOURG, MARBELLA, MIAMI  
2010 - MOSCOW, STANFORD  
2009 - MIAMI, MEMPHIS, BRISBANE

Runner-Up (20)

2021 - INDIAN WELLS  
2020 - OSTRAVA, US OPEN  
2019 - MONTERREY  
2015 - DOHA  
2014 - BRISBANE  
2013 - US OPEN, CARLSBAD, ROME  
2012 - US OPEN, MADRID, STUTTGART  
2011 - WTA CHAMPIONSHIPS, MADRID  
2010 - EASTBOURNE, DUBAI  
2008 - PRAGUE, GOLD COAST  
2007 - TASHKENT, ESTORIL

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (10)

2023 - MADRID (w/Haddad Maia)  
2021 - BERLIN (w/Sabalenka)  
2019 - ROME (w/Barty), ACAPULCO (w/Zheng)  
2011 - STANFORD (w/Kirilenko), MADRID  
(w/Kirilenko)  
2010 - CINCINNATI (w/Kirilenko)  
2009 - INDIAN WELLS (w/Zvonareva), MEMPHIS  
(w/Wozniacki)  
2006 - TASHKENT (w/Poutchek)

Runner-Up (11)

2019 - US OPEN (w/Barty)  
2011 - TORONTO (w/Kirilenko), AUSTRALIAN OPEN  
(w/Kirilenko)  
2009 - FRENCH OPEN (w/Vesnina)  
2008 - AMELIA ISLAND (w/Vesnina), AUSTRALIAN  
OPEN (w/Peer)  
2007 - MOSCOW (w/Poutchek), LUXEMBOURG  
(w/Peer), SAN DIEGO (w/Chakvetadze), STANFORD  
(w/Chakvetadze)  
2006 - MEMPHIS (w/Wozniacki)

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (22)

2024 - ROLAND GARROS, ROME, MADRID, INDIAN  
WELLS, DOHA  
2023 - WTA FINALS, BEIJING, WARSAW, ROLAND  
GARROS, STUTTGART, DOHA  
2022 - SAN DIEGO, US OPEN, ROLAND GARROS,  
ROME, STUTTGART, MIAMI, INDIAN WELLS, DOHA  
2021 - ROME, ADELAIDE 500  
2020 - ROLAND GARROS

Runner-Up (4)

2023 - MADRID, DUBAI  
2022 - OSTRAVA  
2019 - LUGANO

### DOUBLES FINALS

Runner-Up (1)

2021 - ROLAND-GARROS (w/Mattek-sands)





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## GRAND SLAMS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
1r				<b>2025</b>	SF			
4r	2r		3r	<b>2024</b>	3r	WON	3r	QF
SF	1r	4r	2r	<b>2023</b>	4r	WON	QF	4r
4r	3r		4r	<b>2022</b>	SF	WON	3r	WON
1r	4r	2r	3r	<b>2021</b>	4r	QF	4r	4r
	2r		RUP	<b>2020</b>	4r	WON		3r
1r	2r	3r	1r	<b>2019</b>	2r	4r	1r	2r
	1r	2r	3r	<b>2018</b>				
		4r		<b>2017</b>				
QF	1r			<b>2016</b>				
4r	3r	QF	QF	<b>2015</b>				
QF		2r	QF	<b>2014</b>				
WON	SF	2r	RUP	<b>2013</b>				
WON	4r	SF	RUP	<b>2012</b>				
4r	QF	SF	3r	<b>2011</b>				
QF	1r	3r	2r	<b>2010</b>				
4r	QF	QF	3r	<b>2009</b>				
3r	4r	3r	3r	<b>2008</b>				
3r	1r	3r	4r	<b>2007</b>				
1r	1r	1r	3r	<b>2006</b>				



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- Best results in 2024 were reaching SF at Brisbane (l. Sabalenka), Miami (l. Rybakina) and Berlin (l. Kalinskaya). Made 4r at Australian Open (l. Yastremska). In addition, reached QF another four times at Doha (l. eventual champion Swiatek), Rome (l. Collins), Charleston (l. Pegula) and Washington DC (l. Sabalenka).
- Opened 2023, with QF at Adelaide 1 (l. Noskova) before reaching semifinal at Australian Open (l. Rybakina). Made 4r at Wimbledon (l. Svitolina) and 2r at US Open before earning a QF finish at Guadalajara (l. Garcia)
- Standout result in 2022 was SF in last tournament of her season, at Guadalajara (l. eventual champion Pegula). Also reached QFs at Washington DC and Adelaide, while made R16 at Australian Open and US Open
- Best result in 2021 came in final event when she finished R-Up at Indian Wells (l. Badosa on third set tie-break). Also made SFs at Doha and Bad Homburg
- One of five players to reach three or more finals in 2020, lifting one trophy at the Western & Southern Open - her first title since 2016. Finished year ranked No.13 - her best season-end ranking since 2013 (No.2)
- Advanced to her fifth career Grand Slam final at 2020 US Open, which helped her return to the Top 20 for the first time since March 2017
- Winner of the 2020 WTA Comeback Player of the Year Award, as voted on by members of the international media
- Last tournament of 2019 was the US Open, where she fell to Sabalenka in 1r; also reached the doubles final w/Barty (l. Mertens/Sabalenka)
- Highlight of 2019 was 37th singles final at Monterrey (l. Muguruza in F via ret. w/leg injury). On February 2, 2019 returned to Top 50 for first time following the birth of her child, Leo
- Made return to tennis in June 2017 following birth of first child in December 2016, reaching 2r of comeback event at Mallorca (d. Ozaki, l. Konjuh)
- Ended 2016 ranked No.13, despite missing second half of season after going on maternity leave (announced pregnancy mid-July). Lifted three titles, at Brisbane and 'Sunshine Double' of Indian Wells and Miami - third woman to achieve feat after Graf in 1994 and 1996 and Clijsters in 2005
- Posted 26-3 record for first six months of 2016 with losses coming at the Australian Open (QF, l. Claret), Wimbledon (2r, l. Pliskova) and US Open (2r, l. Kerber)
- Claimed five titles in 2024, making it a three-peat at Roland-Garros and also winning Doha, Indian Wells, Madrid and Rome. Crossed \$30m in prize money and qualified for her fourth WTA Finals
- Won six titles across 2023, including winning fourth Grand Slam title at Roland-Garros (d. Muchova in F) and going undefeated at the WTA Finals in Cancun (d. Pegula in F). Finished season as WTA World No.1 player for second consecutive year.
- In 2022, lifted second and third Grand Slam titles, at Roland-Garros (d. Gauff in F) and US Open (d. Jabeur in F)
- Triumph in Paris was the last of six straight titles during 37-match winning streak - joint-longest unbeaten run on Tour since 1990
- Won two titles in 2021, at Adelaide and Rome. Other highlights included QF at Roland-Garros and SF at Ostrava and qualifying for WTA Finals Guadalajara (fell in group stage)
- Also finished doubles R-Up at 2021 Roland-Garros (w/Mattek-Sands, l. Krejčíková/Siniaková)
- Won her maiden Tour-level title at 2020 Roland-Garros without dropping a set, becoming the first player from Poland - man or woman - to win a Grand Slam singles title and first from her country to reach a major final since A.Radwanska at 2012 Wimbledon
- Ranked No.54, she became the lowest-ranked woman to win the Roland-Garros title in the Open Era and the lowest-ranked finalist since 1977 (No.56 Mihai). At 19y 132d, is the youngest champion in Paris since Monica Seles (18y 187d) in 1992
- Also became the first player to win her debut Tour-level title at a Grand Slam since Jelena Ostapenko at 2017 Roland-Garros
- Won WTA Most Improved Player of the Year for 2020, as voted on by members of the media. Also won the 2020 WTA Fan Favorite Award
- Ended 2019 season ranked No.61 after a campaign highlighted by R-Up finish at Lugano (l. Hercog) and R16 run at Roland-Garros (l. Halep). That year also reached 3r at Toronto (l. Osaka) and made 2r five times (incl. Australian and US Open)
- Broke into Top 100 at No.88 after R-Up finish at 2019 Lugano
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2019 Auckland
- Ended 2018 season ranked No.175 (up from No.690 in 2017), after posting 42-6 record and winning four titles on ITF Circuit

- Kerber), Rome (2r, l. Begu) and Roland Garros (ret. vs. Knapp w/right knee injury)
- Limited to total of 23 events over 2014-15 seasons due to variety of injuries
- Posted five consecutive Top-10 finishes between 2009 and 2013, qualifying for the WTA Finals on each occasion (l. Kvitova in 2011 final in Istanbul)
- Ascended to World No.1 after 2012 Australian Open and held top spot for a total of 51 weeks
- Began 2012 with 26-match win streak - best start since Hingis went 37-0 in 1997. Went on to win Tour-leading 69 matches in 2012, season highlighted by six titles, finishing as WTA's year-end No.1
- Belarusian Fed Cup Team, 2005, 2007, 2009-11, 2015-16, 2019; Belarusian Olympic Team, 2008, 2012
- Won two medals for Belarus at 2012 Olympics - bronze in singles and mixed doubles gold (w/Mirnyi)
- Made her Top 100 debut on July 10, 2006 (No.99) and Top 50 debut on May 14, 2007 (No.49)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2005 Kolkata
- ITF Junior World Champion for 2005 - reached first tour-level semifinal at Guangzhou the same year

- Member of Poland's Billie Jean King Cup team, 2018-20, 2021-22
- On professional debut, came through qualifying to win title at \$10k ITF/Stockholm-SWE in 2016; owns seven singles titles at this level
- Enjoyed stellar junior career, including winning girls' singles at 2018 Wimbledon (d. Kung in F) and leading Poland to Junior Fed Cup in 2016

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Mother's name is Alla; father's name is Fedor; has one brother, Max
- Introduced to tennis at age 7 by her mother. Favorite shot is her backhand; favorite surface is hardcourts
- Speaks Belarusian, English and Russian
- Enjoys music (rock, club hip-hop, R&B), seeing friends, surfing, paddle boarding, cooking, comedy and karaoke
- Has a young son named Leo
- Favorite cities are hometown of Minsk and New York City
- Admires Roger Federer for his professionalism on and off of the court

- Coached by Wim Fissette
- Previously worked with Tomasz Wiktorowski and Piotr Sierzputowski
- Father is former Olympic rower Tomasz Swiatek, who competed in the men's quadruple sculls event at the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul
- In summer 2022 organised 'Iga Swiatek and friends for Ukraine' event in Krakow, which featured a mixed doubles match between Agnieszka Radwanska, Sergiy Stakhovsky, Polish junior Martyn Pawelski and herself, and was attended by Poland's First Lady, Agata Kornhauser-Duda, Elina Svitolina and Andriy Shevchenko. The occasion was watched by almost 15,000 people live and a further one million on television, raising more than half a million Euros for Ukrainian children and teenagers affected by the war
- Started playing tennis because her older sister was playing and wanted to beat her
- Enjoys rock music, including AC/DC and Pink Floyd
- Includes PZU, On, Tecnifibre, Rolex and Xiaomi in her endorsement portfolio



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2004-03-13	<b>Date of Birth</b>	1999-07-08
Delray Beach, FL. USA	<b>Residence</b>	
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed
5' 9" (1.75m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 9" (1.75m)
2	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	47
\$22,932,220	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$760,851
\$2,257,231	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$172,739
0 / 9	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	1 / 2
64-21 (Champion: 2023 US OPEN)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	1-4 (Round of 64: 2024 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
0-0 / 7-4 (Semi-Finalist: 2023)	<b>YTD / Career DUBAI W-L (best)</b>	1-0 / 1-0 (Round of 32: 2025)
9-2 / 209-87	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	7-4 / 15-14
9-2 / 139-58	<b>YTD / Career Hard W-L</b>	7-4 / 15-12
1-0 / 57-30	<b>YTD / Career 3-Set W-L</b>	2-1 / 7-5
1-0 / 46-25	<b>YTD / Career TB W-L</b>	1-0 / 1-4
1-0 / 10-23	<b>YTD / Career TOP 5 W-L</b>	0-0 / 0-0
Quarter-Finalist: AUSTRALIAN OPEN	<b>YTD Best Result</b>	Champion: HOBART



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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
2	3	2024	63	68
3	3	2023	231	231
4	7	2022	948	948
19	22	2021	994	1009
47	48	2020	1217	1273
68	68	2019	775	1224
874	875	2018	896	1020
-	-	2017	938	939



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

*Total time on court: 0m*

#### PLAYER NOTES

- Making fifth appearance at Dubai, where her best result was reaching SF in 2023 (l. Swiatek); also reached QF in 2021 (l. Teichmann) and 2024 (l. Kalinskaya)
- Faces No.53 McCartney Kessler in 2r today; Gauff has won her last 36 matches against players ranked outside the Top 50 (most recent loss to a player ranked below No.50 was to No.128 Sofia Kenin at 2023 Wimbledon)
- Fell last week in Doha to Marta Kostyuk in 2r after a 1r bye; has not suffered back-to-back opening match losses since 2022 Australian Open and 2022 DUBai
- Owns 31-14 career Tour-level record against fellow American players (1-0 in 2025, d. Kenin in Australian Open 1r)
- Eight of her nine career WTA singles titles have come on hard courts, most recently the 2024 WTA Finals
- One of 7 players from the United States in 2r
- Best result by Americans at Dubai were title runs by Lindsay Davenport in 2005, and three-time champion Venus Williams in 2009, 2010 and 2014
- Is currently ranked No.3; this time last year was ranked No.3. Peaked at World No.2 last year
- Contesting her 38th career WTA 1000 main draw; she is a two-time WTA 1000 champion (2023 Cincinnati and 2024 Beijing)

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. A. ANISIMOVA (#18) 6-2 6-3 (1h 7m)

*Total time on court: 1h 7m*

#### PLAYER NOTES

- Making her Dubai debut this year
- Defeated last week's Doha champion Amanda Anisimova in this week's 1r; this was her first career Top 20 win in four attempts
- Win over Anisimova was also her first WTA 1000 main-draw victory of career, in her fourth career WTA 1000 main-draw appearance
- Faces No.3 Coco Gauff in 2r today; holds 0-2 career record vs. Top 10 players (l. No.9 Sakkari at 2024 Wimbledon and No.9 Kasatkina at 2024 Tokyo)
- Owns 2-1 career Tour-level record against her fellow American players (1-1 in 2025)
- Both of her WTA singles titles have come on hard courts (2024 Cleveland and 2025 Hobart)
- One of 7 players from the United States in the 2r
- Best result by Americans at Dubai were title runs by Lindsay Davenport in 2005, and three-time champion Venus Williams in 2009, 2010 and 2014
- Is currently ranked No.53; this time last year was ranked No.153. Reached career high of No.47 earlier this year



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2024	Result	Rank: 3	Seed: 3
QF	L	A. KALINSKAYA (#40) 2-6 6-4 6-2	
3r	W	K. PLISKOVA (#36) 2-6 6-4 6-3	
2r	W	E. COCCIARETTO (#58) 6-1 7-5	

2023	Result	Rank: 6	Seed: 5
SF	L	I. SWIATEK (#1) 6-4 6-2	
QF	W	M. KEYS (#23) 6-2 7-5	
2r	W	A. SASNOVICH (#43) 6-0 6-4	

2022	Result	Rank: 20	Seed: -
1r	L	J. PEGULA (#14) 6-4 6-4	

2021	Result	Rank: 40	Seed: -
QF	L	J. TEICHMANN (#54) 6-3 6-3	
3r	W	T. MARTINCOVA (#125) 6-4 6-2	
2r	W	M. VONDROUSOVA (#20) 3-6 6-0 6-4	
1r	W	E. ALEXANDROVA (#33) 7-6(3) 2-6 7-6(8)	

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles



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## SEASON 2025 HISTORY

- Played 2r at Doha (after 1r Bye, L. Kostyuk)
- Reached QF at Australian Open (L. Badosa)
- Opened 2025 becoming United Cup Champion representing the US (5-0 in singles play)

- 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 career title at Hobart (d. Mertens in F)
- Opened 2025 reaching 2r at Brisbane (L. Putintseva)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
55	10	<b>Aces</b>	18	65
63.3%	55	<b>First serve %</b>	62.4%	65
73.6%	3	<b>First Serve points won %</b>	62.8%	65
40.7%	95	<b>Second serve points won %</b>	52.0%	7
61.5%	12	<b>Overall service points won %</b>	58.7%	33
77.3%	10	<b>Service games won %</b>	68.7%	44
59.0%	40	<b>Break points saved %</b>	43.8%	109
43.9%	2	<b>First serve return points won %</b>	37.0%	45
51.9%	90	<b>Second serve return points won %</b>	56.0%	43
56.3%	5	<b>Break points converted %</b>	53.8%	9
41.7%	9	<b>Return games won %</b>	35.6%	40
46.9%	10	<b>Return points won %</b>	43.6%	44

Best win by ranking: No.29 vs Fernandez in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 3r  
Longest match: 2h 26m vs Bencic in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 4r  
Shortest match: 1h 12m vs Kostyuk in DOHA 2r  
Match points saved:  
Most aces in a match: 1 vs Kostyuk in DOHA 2r

Best win by ranking: No.18 vs Anisimova in DUBAI 1r  
Longest match: 2h 18m vs Krueger in ABU DHABI 1r  
Shortest match: 56m vs Jabeur in DOHA 1r  
Match points saved:  
Most aces in a match: 4 vs Sramkova in HOBART 1r





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GAUFF**

**MCCARTNEY  
KESSLER**

## TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (9)  
 2024 - WTA FINALS, BEIJING, AUCKLAND  
 2023 - US OPEN, CINCINNATI, WASHINGTON DC,  
 AUCKLAND  
 2021 - PARMA  
 2019 - LINZ  
 Runner-Up (1)  
 2022 - ROLAND GARROS

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (9)  
 2024 - ROLAND GARROS (w/Siniakova)  
 2023 - MIAMI (w/Pegula), DOHA (w/Pegula)  
 2022 - SAN DIEGO (w/Pegula), TORONTO  
 (w/Pegula), DOHA (w/Pegula)  
 2021 - PARMA (w/Mcnally)  
 2019 - LUXEMBOURG (w/Mcnally), WASHINGTON  
 DC (w/Mcnally)  
 Runner-Up (6)  
 2024 - ROME (w/Routliffe)  
 2023 - ROME (w/Pegula), MADRID (w/Pegula)  
 2022 - ROLAND GARROS (w/Pegula), STUTTGART  
 (w/Zhang)  
 2021 - US OPEN (w/Mcnally)

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (2)  
 2025 - HOBART  
 2024 - CLEVELAND

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



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- Went three for three in finals in 2024, winning Auckland, Beijing and a historic first WTA Finals Riyadh title. Success in Saudi Arabia saw her win a record \$4.8m in prize money, the most ever awarded in women's professional sports, and defeat the World No.1 and No.2 at the same event. Posted a new career-high of No.2 in June
- Won debut Grand Slam singles crown in 2023 lifting title on home soil at US Open (d. Sabalenka in F). Picked up another three titles in 2023, marking first WTA 1000 title at Cincinnati and debut WTA 500 title at Washington DC, in addition to WTA 250 Auckland. In doubles was co-ranked No.1 with Pegula after US Open.
- In 2022, reached maiden Grand Slam final at Roland-Garros (l. Swiatek); was the youngest major finalist since Sharapova won 2004 Wimbledon
- Made Top-10 debut on September 12, 2022, following QF run at US Open (l. Garcia)
- Highlight of 2021 campaign was completing singles-doubles title sweep at Parma; defeated Q.Wang in singles final and teamed up w/McNally to win doubles
- In 2021 also reached SF at Adelaide and Rome, while at the Slams made QF at Roland-Garros and R16 at Wimbledon
- Finished R-Up in doubles at 2021 US Open (w/McNally, l. Stosur/Zhang)
- First cracked the Top 50 on February 24, 2020 at No.49, following a R16 appearance at Australian Open to tie her career best Grand Slam result - during run, defeated V.Williams in 1r and her first Top-5 opponent in No.4 Osaka in 3r (l. eventual champion Kenin in 3s)
- Enjoyed breakout season in 2019, highlighted by maiden WTA singles title at Linz (as lucky loser, d. Ostapenko in F) - earned her first Top-10 win en route to title over No.8 Bertens in QF
- At 15y 214d, her title run in Linz made her youngest to win a WTA tour-level title since Vaidisova (15y 177d) won Tashkent in 2004
- Also claimed maiden WTA doubles titles at Washington, DC (w/McNally, d. Sanchez/Stollar in F) and Luxembourg (w/McNally, d. Christian/Guarachi in F)
- By winning the doubles title at Washington, DC at 15y 144d, became the youngest player to win a doubles title since May 1995 (Hingis won Hamburg at 14y 219d)
- Reached R16 at 2019 Wimbledon on Grand Slam main draw debut defeating V.Williams in 1r (l.
- 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)
- Lifted first ITF title in 2023 at Rome \$60K
- 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

- eventual champion Halep) - followed with 3r showing at US Open (as WC, l. Osaka)
- Made WTA main draw debut as a wildcard at 2019 Miami where she earned her first WTA main draw win over good friend McNally (l. Kasatkina in 2r)
  - Made professional debut in May 2018 as a qualifier into the \$25K ITF/Osprey, FL-USA
  - Member of US Billie Jean King Cup team in 2022
  - Former Junior World No.1 (July 2018); won 2018 Roland-Garros girls' title (d. McNally in F) and 2018 US Open doubles title (w/McNally), while finished R-Up at 2017 US Open girls' event (l. Anisimova) becoming the youngest girls' singles finalist in tournament history at 13-years-old

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Jean Christophe Faurel and Matt Daly
  - Father, Corey, played basketball at Georgia State; mother, Candi, excelled in gymnastics before competing in a track and field at Florida State University
  - Previously worked with Diego Moyano
  - Started playing tennis at six
  - Favorite surface is hard, describes her playing style as aggressive as possible with a big serve; depends on her quickness and athleticism to keep her in any point - describes herself as a "fighter"
  - Tennis idols growing up were the Williams sisters whose tenacity and fearlessness made her want to become a professional tennis player
  - Enjoys hanging out with her brother and family, watching superhero movies and making TikTok videos
  - Does not have any pets but has been trying to convince her mom to get a dog
  - Favorite city is Paris because of the history, food and architecture. Favorite celebrity is Beyonce because she is an incredible performer
- Coached by McClain Kessler



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**8** **QINWEN  
ZHENG (7)**  
CHINA

**46** **PEYTON  
STEARNS**  
UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA

2002-10-08	<b>Date of Birth</b>	2001-10-08
Barcelona, Spain	<b>Residence</b>	
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	<b>Plays</b>	Right-Handed
5' 10" (1.78m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 8" (1.73m)
5	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	43
\$8,461,312	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$2,153,904
\$149,735	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$159,554
0 / 5	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	0 / 1
27-13 (Runner-Up: 2024 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	9-9 (Round of 16: 2023 US OPEN)
0-0 / 3-1 (Quarter-Finalist: 2024)	<b>YTD / Career DUBAI W-L (best)</b>	1-0 / 2-1 (Round of 32: 2025, 2024)
1-2 / 109-59	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	4-5 / 41-42
1-2 / 73-39	<b>YTD / Career Hard W-L</b>	4-5 / 25-32
0-0 / 46-20	<b>YTD / Career 3-Set W-L</b>	1-3 / 14-22
1-1 / 24-19	<b>YTD / Career TB W-L</b>	3-3 / 15-17
0-0 / 10-17	<b>YTD / Career TOP 10 W-L</b>	0-3 / 0-10
Round of 32: DOHA	<b>YTD Best Result</b>	Round of 16: CLUJ-NAPOCA



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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
5	5	2024	46	48
15	15	2023	43	53
25	25	2022	209	209
143	143	2021	347	392
324	324	2020	473	478
633	649	2019	520	520
933	933	2018	885	887



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

*Total time on court: 0m*

#### PLAYER NOTES

- Making third appearance at Dubai, where her previous and best result was reaching QF in 2024 (l. Swiatek)
- Career best WTA 1000 result was reaching final at 2024 Wuhan (l. Sabalenka in F)
- Faces No.46 Peyton Stearns in 2r today looking for just second win of the year
- Fell 2r last week in Doha to Ons Jabeur after a 1r bye, the same player who today's opponent beat in the 1r yesterday
- Has not lost back-to-back opening matches since losing 1r at Berlin, Eastbourne and Wimbledon in 2023
- Has lost most recent two matches against players outside the Top 20 including falling to No.97 Laura Siegemund at Australian Open; however before that a 15-1 record against players outside the Top 20 since the start of the 2024 US Open
- Owns 14-6 career record against players from the United States
- Two of her four career titles have come on hard courts at 2023 Zhengzhou and 2023 Tokyo; all others have been on clay including her gold medal at the 2024 Paris Olympics
- Only player from China to reach 2r
- Her QF run tied the best result by a player from China at Dubai also done by Qiang Wang in 2017 and Na Li in 2010
- Is currently ranked No.8; this time last year was ranked No.7

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. O. JABEUR (#32) 7-6 6-4 (1h 56m)

*Total time on court: 1h 56m*

#### PLAYER NOTES

- Making second appearance at Dubai, where she is into the 2r for a second time after last year (d. M.Andreeva in 1r, l. Vondrousova)
- Career best result at a WTA 1000 event was QF run at 2024 Toronto (l. Pegula)
- Beat No.35 Ons Jabeur in 1r to set up meeting with No.8 Qinwen Zheng
- Looking for back-to-back main draw wins for the first time this year
- Holds 0-3 record against Top 10 players this year (0-10 career record) with losses to No.9 Daria Kasatkina at Brisbane, No.8 Emma Navarro at Australian Open and No.7 Elena Rybakina at Doha
- Best win by-ranking of career was beating No.13 Daria Kasatkina at 2024 Roland Garros and 2024 US Open
- Owns 2-0 career record against players from China with wins over Yafan Wang at 2024 Miami and Xiyu Wang at 2024 Rabat
- Owns 10-25 career record against seeded players, with a record in 2025 standing at 0-4
- Best career result on hard courts is QF runs at Cleveland and Toronto in 2024 and Austin in 2023
- One of seven players from the United States to reach 2r
- Best result by an American at Dubai were title runs by Venus Williams in 2014, 2010 and 2009 and Lindsay Davenport in 2005
- Is currently ranked No.46; this time last year was ranked No.65



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2024	Result	Rank: 7	Seed: 6
QF	L	I. SWIATEK (#1) 6-3 6-2	
3r	W	A. POTAPOVA (#35) 6-3 6-2	
2r	W	N. HIBINO (#90) 5-7 6-2 6-2	

2023	Result	Rank: 24	Seed: -
1r	W	S. ZHANG (#22) 6-3 6-1	

2024	Result	Rank: 65	Seed: -
2r	L	M. VONDROUSOVA (#8) 6-1 5-7 6-2	
1r	W	M. ANDREEVA (#38) 6-2 2-6 6-1	



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## SEASON 2025 HISTORY

- Played 2r at Doha (after 1r Bye, L. Jabeur)
- Opened 2025 with 2r at Australian Open (l. Siegemund)

- Made 2r at Doha (l. Rybakina)
- Played 2r at Cluj-Napoca (l. eventual R-Up Bronzetti)
- Fell in 1r at Australian Open (l. Navarro)
- Played 1r at Adelaide (as qualifier, l. Badosa)
- Opened 2025 with 2r at Brisbane (l. Kasatkina)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
23	47	<b>Aces</b>	29	37
54.7%	115	<b>First serve %</b>	63.4%	54
66.7%	33	<b>First Serve points won %</b>	61.3%	76
45.7%	51	<b>Second serve points won %</b>	45.5%	53
57.1%	53	<b>Overall service points won %</b>	55.5%	72
65.5%	56	<b>Service games won %</b>	63.4%	70
52.4%	69	<b>Break points saved %</b>	61.7%	21
31.0%	103	<b>First serve return points won %</b>	36.9%	46
60.5%	9	<b>Second serve return points won %</b>	56.1%	38
42.1%	74	<b>Break points converted %</b>	45.2%	53
27.6%	90	<b>Return games won %</b>	37.2%	27
41.2%	79	<b>Return points won %</b>	44.2%	37

Best win by ranking: No.111 vs Todoni in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 1r  
Longest match: 2h 16m vs Siegemund in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2r  
Shortest match: 1h 29m vs Jabeur in DOHA 2r  
Match points saved:  
Most aces in a match: 4 vs Jabeur in DOHA 2r

Best win by ranking: No.32 vs Jabeur in DUBAI 1r  
Longest match: 3h 21m vs Kasatkina in BRISBANE 2r  
Shortest match: 1h 12m vs Rybakina in DOHA 2r  
Match points saved:  
Most aces in a match: 7 vs Kasatkina in BRISBANE 2r





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## TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (5)  
2024 - TOKYO, OLYMPICS, PALERMO  
2023 - ZHENGZHOU, PALERMO  
Runner-Up (5)  
2024 - WTA FINALS, WUHAN, AUSTRALIAN OPEN  
2023 - ZHUHAI  
2022 - TOKYO

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (1)  
2024 - RABAT  
Runner-Up (1)  
2023 - BOGOTA

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
2r				<b>2025</b>	1r			
RUP	3r	1r	QF	<b>2024</b>	1r	3r	1r	3r
2r	2r	1r	QF	<b>2023</b>		3r	1r	4r
2r	4r	3r	3r	<b>2022</b>				1r



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- Enjoyed best season of career in 2024, reaching her first Grand Slam final at the Australian Open, winning titles at Tokyo and Palermo, contesting the title match at her home tournament in Wuhan and closing out the season at her first WTA Finals, losing to Gauff in the final
  - An outstanding 2024 also saw her make her Top 10 and Top 5 debuts in the PIF WTA Rankings and the gold medal placed around her neck at the 2024 Paris Olympics
  - Earned 2023 WTA Most Improved Player of year ending the season at No.15 and inside the Top 20 for the first time
  - Won maiden WTA titles in 2023 at Palermo (d. Paolini in F) and Zhengzhou (d. Krejcikova in F); also reached final at WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai (l. Haddad Maia), SF at Abu Dhabi and first career Grand Slam QF at US Open (l. Sabalenka)
  - Broke into Top 20 for the first time on May 22, 2023
  - Won WTA Newcomer of the Year in 2022; reached first WTA final at Tokyo (l. Samsonova) and also made SF at Melbourne Summer Set 1, as qualifier), QF at Toronto and R16 at Roland Garros
  - Broke into Top 50 at No.46 after run to fourth round in Paris that year
  - Scored first Top 20 win over No.19 Simona Halep at 2022 Roland Garros then earned two Top 10 wins over No.5 Ons Jabeur at Toronto and No.4 Paula Badosa at Tokyo
  - Broke into Top 100 on January 31, 2022, following run through qualifying to 2r at Australian Open
  - Also won title at WTA 125K event in Valencia in June 2022
  - Ended 2021 at No.143, her first Top 150 finish
  - Reached 2r on WTA main draw debut in 2021 at Palermo (as qualifier, l. Cristian)
  - Made further main draw appearances in 2021 at Moscow (as qualifier, l. Tsurenko in 1r) and Courmayeur (as qualifier, l. Vekic in 1r); also contested qualifying in Strasbourg
  - Made WTA debut in 2019, appearing in qualifying at Miami, Tianjin and Wuhan
  - Made ITF debut in 2018; gone on to amass nine ITF singles titles with 9-0 record in finals
- Posted first Top 50 season finish in 2024 (No.48), having won maiden title at Rabat (d. Sherif in F). Advanced to QF at Toronto (l. eventual champion Pegula) and Cleveland (l. Siniakova); reached 3r at Roland Garros (l. M.Andreeva) and US Open (l. Vekic).
  - In 2023 advanced to first WTA career singles final at Bogota (l. Maria). Reached R16 at home Slam (US Open) – l. Vondrousova. Also reached 3r at Roland Garros (d. former champion Ostapenko in 2r, l. Kasatkina). Broke into Top 50 for first time in September following the US Open.
  - Finished 2022 season with 33-15 win-loss record (across all levels), reaching three ITF Circuit finals, including W25 titles at Austin and Florence
  - Fell 1r on Grand Slam main-draw debut at 2022 US Open (as WC, l. Alexandrova in 3s)
  - Defeated in 1r on WTA main-draw debut at 2022 Cleveland (as WC, l. Begu)
  - In 2021, contested qualifying at Cincinnati, US Open and Indian Wells.
  - Played college tennis at the University of Texas at Austin, where she became the first Longhorn to win the NCAA Division I Women's Singles National Championship

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Pere Riba;
- Trains in Barcelona
- Parents encouraged her to play multiple sports in her childhood, including table tennis
- Tennis idol is Roger Federer

- Coached by Tom Hill
- Was coached by Eric Hechtman
- Started playing tennis aged eight
- Majored in Applied Movement Science at the University of Texas
- Three-time All-American while playing for the University of Texas, helping the Longhorns capture back-to-back NCAA team titles; she became the first player in the program's history to win an NCAA Singles crown
- Favorite surface is hard



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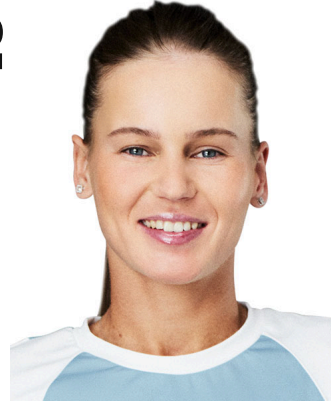
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WIN



**1** **ARYNA**  
**SABALENKA (1)**

**VERONIKA**  
**(Q) KUDERMETOVA 50**

1998-05-05	<b>Date of Birth</b>	1997-04-24
	<b>Residence</b>	
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 11" (1.82m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 8" (1.75m)
1	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	9
\$31,522,028	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$8,188,080
\$1,415,205	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$351,877
1 / 18	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	0 / 2
83-24 (Champion: 2024 US OPEN, AUSTRALIAN OPEN; 2023 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	21-23 (Quarter-Finalist: 2022 ROLAND GARROS)
0-0 / 8-7 (Quarter-Finalist: 2023, 2021, 2020)	<b>YTD / Career DUBAI W-L (best)</b>	1-0 / 7-5 (Runner-Up: 2022)
11-2 / 316-126	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	7-5 / 174-134
11-2 / 223-82	<b>YTD / Career Hard W-L</b>	7-5 / 107-90
2-2 / 92-67	<b>YTD / Career 3-Set W-L</b>	3-2 / 68-44
2-1 / 65-45	<b>YTD / Career TB W-L</b>	2-0 / 51-41
0-0 / 19-21	<b>YTD / Career TOP 5 W-L</b>	0-0 / 10-11
Champion: BRISBANE	<b>YTD Best Result</b>	Quarter-Finalist: HOBART



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**VERONIKA  
(Q) KUDERMETOVA**

## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2023	BERLIN	GRASS	2r	Veronika Kudermetova	6-2 7-6(2)	1h 39m
2022	BERLIN	GRASS	1r	Veronika Kudermetova	2-6 7-5 6-4	2h 11m
2021	MIAMI	HARD	3r	Aryna Sabalenka	7-6(4) 6-4	1h 37m
2021	ABU DHABI	HARD	F	Aryna Sabalenka	6-2 6-2	1h 5m
2015	ANTALYA 12	HARD	1r	Aryna Sabalenka	6-3 6-3	0m

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
1	1	2024	16	77
1	2	2023	9	19
2	5	2022	9	9
2	2	2021	28	31
10	10	2020	38	46
9	11	2019	41	41
11	11	2018	112	115
76	78	2017	174	257
154	159	2016	208	210
539	548	2015	282	400



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

*Total time on court: 0m*

#### PLAYER NOTES

- Making eighth main draw appearance at Dubai where she has reached the QFs three times: 2020 (l. Halep), 2021 (l. Muguruza) and 2023 (l. Krejčíková)
- Fell 2r after a 1r bye last year (l. Vekic)
- Owns seven WTA 1000 titles including two last year at Cincinnati and Wuhan
- Faces No.50 Veronika Kudermetova in 2r today; has won 20 of her last 22 matches against players outside the Top 20 with losses to No.49 Karolina Muchova at Beijing and just last week to No.26 Ekaterina Alexandrova at Doha
- A loss today would be worst by ranking since losing to No.132 Amanda Anisimova at 2024 Toronto
- Fell 2r last week in Doha after a 1r bye, was her first time dropping the opening match of a tournament since 2024 Dubai; has not lost back-to-back opening matches since 2022 Indian Wells and Miami
- Owns 42-8 career record against qualifiers, with a record in 2025 standing at 1-0 when she beat Polinda Kudermetova in the Brisbane final
- 16 of her 18 career titles have come on hard courts including one this year at Brisbane
- Is No. 1 seed this week; has been top seed at 24 tournaments in her career
- Has won 11 matches so far in 2025; she is tied for No.4 on Tour for match wins; only Madison Keys (14), Elise Mertens (13) and Iga Swiatek (12) have more

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. E. ALEXANDROVA (#22) 3-6 6-4 6-3 (2h 11m)

*Total time on court: 2h 11m*

#### PLAYER NOTES

- Making sixth appearance at Dubai, where she is a former R-Up reaching the final in 2022 (l. Ostapenko); reached 2r in most recent appearance last year (l. Cirstea)
- Career best result at a WTA 1000 was reaching SF at Doha, Madrid and Rome all in 2023
- Came through qualifying as No.3 seed with wins over WC Celine Simunyu and Chloe Pacquet before then beating No.22 and Doha semifinalist Ekaterina Alexandrova in the first round
- Faces No.1 Aryna Sabalenka in 2r today; owns 16 wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.2 Iga Swiatek and No.4 Jessica Pegula en route to title at 2023 Tokyo
- Owns 0-5 record against World No.1s; owns two wins against World No. 2s including the win over Swiatek at 2023 Tokyo and beating today's opponent at 2023 Berlin
- Owns 46-62 career record against seeded players, with a record in 2025 standing at 3-2
- Title at 2023 Tokyo is sole career title on hard courts
- One of four qualifiers to reach 2r
- Best result by a qualifier at Dubai was Runner-Up run by Anna Kalinskaya last year
- Is currently ranked No.50; this time last year was ranked No.19



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2024	Result	Rank: 2	Seed: 2
2r	L	D. VEKIC (#31) 6-7(5) 6-3 6-0	

2023	Result	Rank: 2	Seed: 2
QF	L	B. KREJCIKOVA (#30) 0-6 7-6(2) 6-1	
3r	W	J. OSTAPENKO (#20) 2-6 6-1 6-1	
2r	W	L. DAVIS (#49) 6-0 6-1	

2022	Result	Rank: 2	Seed: 1
2r	L	P. KVITOVA (#25) 6-4 6-4	
1r	W	M. KOSTYUK (#49) 6-4 6-1	

2021	Result	Rank: 8	Seed: 3
QF	L	G. MUGURUZA (#16) 3-6 6-3 6-2	
3r	W	A. KONTAVEIT (#24) 6-3 6-2	
2r	W	A. CORNET (#59) 6-2 6-4	

2020	Result	Rank: 13	Seed: 7
QF	L	S. HALEP (#2) 3-6 6-2 6-2	
2r	W	E. MERTENS (#22) 6-4 6-3	
1r	W	M. SAKKARI (#21) 6-2 4-6 6-1	

2024	Result	Rank: 19	Seed: 13
2r	L	S. CIRSTEVA (#22) 6-1 6-4	
1r	W	D. YASTREMSKA (#29) 6-0 1-6 6-0	

2023	Result	Rank: 11	Seed: 10
1r	L	A. KALININA (#33) 6-3 5-7 7-5	

2022	Result	Rank: 31	Seed: -
F	L	J. OSTAPENKO (#21) 6-0 6-4	
QF	W	J. TEICHMANN (#35) 6-2 5-7 6-4	
2r	W	G. MUGURUZA (#7) 3-6 6-4 6-4	
1r	W	V. AZARENKA (#17) 6-3 6-4	

2021	Result	Rank: 34	Seed: -
2r	L	B. BENCIC (#12) 6-4 5-7 6-4	
1r	W	A. PAVLYUCHENKOVA (#43) 7-6(3) 6-2	

2020	Result	Rank: 39	Seed: -
2r	L	G. MUGURUZA (#16) 7-5 4-6 6-4	
1r	W	D. YASTREMSKA (#26) 5-7 6-3 7-6(2)	



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## SEASON 2025 HISTORY

- Played 2r at Doha (after 1r bye, l. Alexandrova)
- Finished R-Up at Australian Open (l. champion Keys in F)
- Opened 2025 as champion at Brisbane (d. R-Up Kudermetova)

- Played 1r at Doha (as qualifier, l. Linette)
- Reached 2r at Abu Dhabi (as LL, l. eventual champion Bencic)
- Reached 4r at Australian Open (l. Svitolina)
- Opened 2025 with QF finish at Hobart (l. eventual R-Up Mertens)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
46	20	<b>Aces</b>	47	18
65.4%	28	<b>First serve %</b>	63.0%	57
68.4%	21	<b>First Serve points won %</b>	63.9%	56
52.6%	6	<b>Second serve points won %</b>	44.4%	64
63.0%	4	<b>Overall service points won %</b>	56.7%	56
78.9%	7	<b>Service games won %</b>	65.0%	61
64.3%	12	<b>Break points saved %</b>	52.2%	72
38.2%	27	<b>First serve return points won %</b>	36.5%	52
61.2%	6	<b>Second serve return points won %</b>	55.4%	50
49.1%	22	<b>Break points converted %</b>	46.8%	42
41.2%	12	<b>Return games won %</b>	35.8%	37
46.3%	12	<b>Return points won %</b>	43.7%	43

Best win by ranking: No.12 vs Badosa in AUSTRALIAN OPEN SF  
Longest match: 2h 35m vs Alexandrova in DOHA 2r  
Shortest match: 1h 2m vs Andreeva in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 4r  
Match points saved:  
Most aces in a match: 6 vs Alexandrova in DOHA 2r  
6 vs Bouzkova in BRISBANE QF  
6 vs Putintseva in BRISBANE 3r

Best win by ranking: No.17 vs Haddad Maia in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 3r  
Longest match: 2h 54m vs Samsonova in ABU DHABI 1r  
Shortest match: 56m vs Gadecki in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 1r  
Match points saved:  
Most aces in a match: 9 vs Alexandrova in DUBAI 1r  
9 vs Stearns in BRISBANE 1r





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## TITLES

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (18)

2025 - BRISBANE  
2024 - WUHAN, US OPEN, CINCINNATI,  
AUSTRALIAN OPEN  
2023 - MADRID, AUSTRALIAN OPEN, ADELAIDE #1  
2021 - MADRID, ABU DHABI  
2020 - LINZ, OSTRAVA, DOHA  
2019 - ZHUHAI, WUHAN, SHENZHEN  
2018 - WUHAN, NEW HAVEN

Runner-Up (15)

2025 - AUSTRALIAN OPEN  
2024 - ROME, MADRID, BRISBANE  
2023 - US OPEN, STUTTGART, INDIAN WELLS  
2022 - WTA FINALS, 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH,  
STUTTGART  
2021 - STUTTGART  
2019 - SAN JOSE  
2018 - EASTBOURNE, LUGANO  
2017 - TIANJIN

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (6)

2021 - BERLIN (w/Azarenka), AUSTRALIAN OPEN  
(w/Mertens)  
2020 - OSTRAVA (w/Mertens)  
2019 - US OPEN (w/Mertens), MIAMI (w/Mertens),  
INDIAN WELLS (w/Mertens)

Runner-Up (2)

2019 - WUHAN (w/Mertens)  
2018 - LUGANO (w/Lapko)

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (2)

2023 - TOKYO  
2021 - CHARLESTON

Runner-Up (5)

2023 - 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH  
2022 - ISTANBUL, DUBAI, MELBOURNE 250 #1  
2021 - ABU DHABI

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (8)

2024 - STUTTGART (w/Chan)  
2023 - ZHUHAI (w/Haddad Maia), DUBAI  
(w/Samsonova)  
2022 - WTA FINALS (w/Mertens), ROME  
(w/Pavlyuchenkova), DUBAI (w/Mertens)  
2021 - ISTANBUL (w/Mertens)  
2019 - WUHAN (w/Duan)

Runner-Up (10)

2024 - BEIJING (w/Chan), BAD HOMBURG  
(w/Chan), BERLIN (w/Chan)  
2022 - 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH (w/Mertens), MIAMI  
(w/Mertens), DOHA (w/Mertens)  
2021 - INDIAN WELLS (w/Rybakina), WIMBLEDON  
(w/Vesnina)  
2019 - LUGANO (w/Voskoboeva), CHARLESTON  
(w/Khromacheva)



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## GRAND SLAMS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
RUP				<b>2025</b>	4r			
WON	QF		WON	<b>2024</b>	1r	1r	1r	1r
WON	SF	SF	RUP	<b>2023</b>	2r	1r	2r	1r
4r	3r		SF	<b>2022</b>	3r	QF		4r
4r	3r	SF	SF	<b>2021</b>	3r	2r	1r	1r
1r	3r		2r	<b>2020</b>	1r	2r		1r
3r	2r	1r	2r	<b>2019</b>	1r	3r	2r	1r
1r	1r	1r	4r	<b>2018</b>				
		2r		<b>2017</b>				

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## CAREER MILESTONES

- Reached seven finals across 2024, defending her Australian Open crown, winning the US Open and also won titles at Cincinnati and Wuhan. Recaptured the No.1 ranking in October and finished the season as the WTA Year-End No.1 for the first time in her career
- Outstanding 2023 saw her win debut Grand Slam title at Australian Open (d. Rybakina in F), reach second Major final at US Open (l. Gauff in F) and become the WTA World No.1 player for the first time in career (after US Open). In addition won titles at Adelaide and Madrid.
- Highlight of 2022 season was R-Up finish at WTA Finals in Fort Worth (l. Garcia in F); upset No.1 Swiatek, No.2 Jabeur and No.3 Pegula en route to final - only the fourth woman in history to beat the No.1, No.2 and No.3 at the same tournament
- Lifted two titles during 2021 campaign, at Abu Dhabi and Madrid, while was R-Up at Stuttgart. Also reached a further three SFs, including at Wimbledon and US Open
- Rose to career-high No.2 in rankings on August 23, 2021
- In doubles, lifted second major at 2021 Australian Open (w/Mertens, d. Krejčíková/Siniakova in F)
- Won final nine matches of 2020 to end the year with back-to-back titles - at Ostrava (d. Azarenka in F) and Linz (d. Mertens in F) - and ranked at No.10
- Having also taken home the silverware at Doha (d. Kvitová in F), was one of two players (also Halep) to lift three singles titles during disrupted 2020 season
- Ended as World No.11 for the second straight year in 2019 after capturing three WTA singles titles at Shenzhen (d. Riske in F), Wuhan (d. Riske in F) and Zhuhai (d. Bertens in F)
- Made Top-10 debut on January 28, 2019 following 3r run at 2019 Australian Open
- Ended 2019 at No.2 in WTA doubles rankings after capturing first Grand Slam doubles trophy at US Open (w/Mertens, d. Azarenka/Barty in F). Earlier in the season, the pair claimed the 'Sunshine Double' by winning back-to-back titles at Indian Wells (d. Krejčíková/Siniakova in F) and Miami (d. Stosur/ Zhang in F)
- Qualified for WTA Finals Shenzhen in doubles (w/Mertens), going 1-2 in the round-robin stage
- Enjoyed breakthrough season in 2018, lifting two titles, at New Haven (d. Suárez Navarro in F) and
- Best results of 2024 came at Seoul with semifinal (l. Haddad Maia) and quarterfinal at Charleston (l. Sakkari). Also claimed her eighth career doubles title at Stuttgart w/Hao-Ching Chan
- Won second career title at 2023 Tokyo (d. Pegula in F) and finished R-Up at 2023 's-Hertogenbosch (l. Alexandrova in F); ended year at No.19 for second straight Top 20 year-end ranking
- Also in 2023, reached SF at Adelaide 2, Doha, Madrid and Rome; qualified for WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai going 1-1 in group play
- In doubles, won titles in 2023 at Dubai with Liudmila Samsonova and Zhuhai with Beatriz Haddad Maia
- Made Top 10 debut in singles on October 24, 2022, following QF run at Guadalajara 1000 and Top 10 debut in doubles on January 31, 2022 ending the year at No.2
- Singles highlights in 2022 were R-Up finishes at Melbourne Summer Set 1 (l. Halep), Dubai (l. Ostapenko) and Istanbul (l. Potapova), and reached maiden Grand Slam QF at Roland Garros (l. Kasatkina)
- Won doubles title at 2022 WTA Finals in Fort Worth with partner Elise Mertens; also won title at Dubai and 's-Hertogenbosch with Mertens as well as Rome with Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova
- Appeared in maiden WTA final at Abu Dhabi in opening event of 2021 (l. Sabalenka) before securing first title at Charleston (d. Kovinic)
- In doubles won title at Istanbul with Elise Mertens and made final at Wimbledon (w/Vesnina) and Indian Wells (w/Rybakina) Scored first win over a Top-3 ranked opponent by upsetting No.3 Karolina Pliskova at 2020 Cincinnati. Other highlights in 2020 included SF run at Hobart and closing out season with back-to-back QFs at Ostrava and Linz
- Won 27 main-draw matches during 2019 - had previously won six across entire career - to rise over 60 places in the WTA rankings, making Top-100 debut on February 4 and Top-50 debut on September 9
- Singles highlights in 2019 included reaching SF at 's-Hertogenbosch, Hiroshima and Tianjin and 3r at Roland Garros where she defeated No.13 Caroline Wozniacki in 1r - her maiden Grand Slam main draw win and first over a Top-20 opponent)
- Also in 2019, won WTA 125K Series title at Guadalajara (d. Bouzkova in F) and entered Top

- Wuhan (d. Kontaveit in F), winning 46 matches and finishing at No.11 in the rankings
- Also in 2018, was R-Up at Lugano (l. Mertens) and Eastbourne (l. Wozniacki), made SF at Cincinnati, reached five QFs and produced a career-best Grand Slam run to R16 at US Open
  - Entered Top 50 on April 16, 2018, after Lugano run, and Top 20 on August 27 of the same year, following New Haven title
  - Broke into Top 100 at No.76 on October 16, 2017 after reaching first Tour-level final at Tianjin (l. Sharapova). Also in 2017 made SF at Tashkent (l. Babos) and lifting WTA 125k Series title at Mumbai (d. Jakupovic)
  - Made Grand Slam main draw debut 2017 Wimbledon, falling in 2r (as qualifier, d. Khromacheva, l. Witthoeft)
  - Fell 1r on main draw debut at 2017 Dubai (as qualifier, l. Ka.Bondarenko)
  - Member of Belarus Billie Jean King Cup team that lost to USA in 2017 final - scored first Top-20 win of career with defeat of No.13 Stephens during final in Minsk
  - WTA qualifying debut came at 2016 Rabat
  - Lifted first three ITF Circuit titles in 2015, including a 13-match win streak towards the year's end, bringing back-to-back trophies in Antalya, Turkey
  - Made debut on ITF Circuit in Minsk in 2012

- 50 on Sept 9, 2019
- Posted first two Top 10 wins of career in final weeks of 2019, over No.10 Belinda Bencic at Wuhan and No.4 Elina Svitolina at Moscow
  - Fell 1r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2019 Australian Open (as qualifier, l. Kenin)
  - Won career first WTA doubles title at 2019 Wuhan with Yingying Duan (d. Mertens/Sabalenka in F); also in 2019 was R-Up at Charleston (w/Khromacheva) and Lugano (w/Voskoboeva)
  - Posted maiden career WTA QF runs in 2018, first at 's-Hertogenbosch (l. eventual champion Krunic) and then Gstaad (l. Bouchard)
  - Reached 2r on WTA main draw debut at 2018 Stuttgart as qualifier (d. No.25 Suárez Navarro, l. eventual champion Ka.Pliskova)
  - Made WTA qualifying debut at 2014 Moscow
  - Made professional debut on ITF circuit in 2011; on ITF Circuit, owns four singles titles

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Anton Dubrov
- Previously coached by Dmitry Tursunov and Didi Kindlmann
- Started playing tennis when she was 6 by an accident when her father Sergey drove by the tennis courts and decided to give it a try
- Has a sweet tooth and considers something sweet as a perfect present; loves her grandmother's cooking, and looks forward to her pancakes when she is away from home
- Has a tiger tattoo on her left arm, which earned her the nickname "The Tiger"
- She spends her time off with family, catching up with friends, or reading; her favorite book is "The Count of Monte Cristo"

- Coached by husband Sergey Demekhine
- Born in Kazan, Russia, now based in Moscow and trains at CSKA club
- 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