



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 4 – WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

[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 (I. 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 (I. 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

Dayana Yastremska (UKR #48) vs. [2] Iga Swiatek (POL #2)

Yastremska leads 1-0

Yastremska:

- Making sixth appearance at Dubai reaching QF in 2022 as a qualifier and defeating No.3 Krejckova in 2r (I. Vondrousova)
- Has lost her last five matches against Top 10 opponents
- Owns four wins in career over Top 10 players; a win today would tie best by-ranking win of career after defeating No.2 Karolina Pliskova at 2019 Wuhan
- Looking to reach third QF of the year after doing so at Hobart (I. Kessler in QF) and Linz (I. Alexandrova in F)
- Would be second career WTA 1000 QF after advancing to final eight at 2019 Wuhan

Swiatek:

- Making fifth appearance at Dubai; career-best showing at the event is finishing runner-up in 2023 (I. Krejckova in final), also made SF last year (I. Kalinskaya)
- Has won 21 of last 22 matches against Top 20 opponents with sole loss in that time coming last week to No.37 Jelena Ostapenko in Doha SF
- A loss today would be worst by-ranking since falling to No.50 Linda Noskova at 2024 Australian Open
- Looking to reach third QF of the year after advancing to SF at Australian Open (I. Keys) and Doha (I. Ostapenko)
- With a win, would tie Madison Keys with most match wins this year at 14

[1] Aryna Sabalenka (#1) vs. Clara Tauson (DEN #38)

Sabalenka leads 1-0

Sabalenka:

- Looking to reach fourth Dubai quarterfinal after doing so in 2020, 2021 and 2023; has yet to advance to semifinals at this event
- Has won 21 of her last 23 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



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- Has advanced to the final each time she's reached the QFs this year at Brisbane (WON) and Australian Open (R-Up)
- Won their only previous meeting earlier this year in 3r of Australian Open

Tauson:

- Making main draw debut at Dubai, upsetting two-time Dubai champion, Elina Svitolina, in 2r yesterday
- Holds 1-8 record against Top 10 players with sole win against No.7 Anett Kontaveit at 2022 Australian Open
- Facing the World No.1 for a third time in career including a loss to today's opponent at Australian Open this year and to Ashleigh Barty at 2021 US Open
- Looking to reach QF at a WTA 1000 event for first time in career; would reach third QF of the year after winning the title at Auckland and reaching SF at Linz



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8 **QINWEN
ZHENG (7)**
CHINA

46 **PEYTON
STEARNS**
UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA

2002-10-08	Date of Birth	2001-10-08
Barcelona, Spain	Residence	
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-Handed
5' 10" (1.78m)	Height	5' 8" (1.73m)
5	Career-High Ranking	43
\$8,461,312	Career Prize Money	\$2,153,904
\$149,735	Season Prize Money	\$159,554
0 / 5	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 1
27-13 (Runner-Up: 2024 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	9-9 (Round of 16: 2023 US OPEN)
0-0 / 3-1 (Quarter-Finalist: 2024)	YTD / Career DUBAI W-L (best)	1-0 / 2-1 (Round of 32: 2025, 2024)
1-2 / 109-59	YTD / Career W-L	4-5 / 41-42
1-2 / 73-39	YTD / Career Hard W-L	4-5 / 25-32
0-0 / 46-20	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L	1-3 / 14-22
1-1 / 24-19	YTD / Career TB W-L	3-3 / 15-17
0-0 / 10-17	YTD / Career TOP 10 W-L	0-3 / 0-10
Round of 32: DOHA	YTD Best Result	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	Aces	29	37
54.7%	115	First serve %	63.4%	54
66.7%	33	First Serve points won %	61.3%	76
45.7%	51	Second serve points won %	45.5%	53
57.1%	53	Overall service points won %	55.5%	72
65.5%	56	Service games won %	63.4%	70
52.4%	69	Break points saved %	61.7%	21
31.0%	103	First serve return points won %	36.9%	46
60.5%	9	Second serve return points won %	56.1%	38
42.1%	74	Break points converted %	45.2%	53
27.6%	90	Return games won %	37.2%	27
41.2%	79	Return points won %	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				2025	1r			
RUP	3r	1r	QF	2024	1r	3r	1r	3r
2r	2r	1r	QF	2023		3r	1r	4r
2r	4r	3r	3r	2022				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. Krejčíková 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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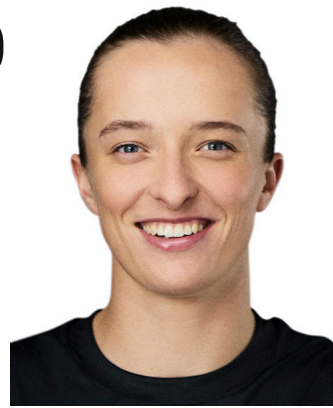
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48 **DAYANA**
YASTREMSKA
UKRAINE

IGA **2**
(2) SWIATEK
POLAND

2000-05-15	Date of Birth	2001-05-31
Odessa, Ukraine	Residence	Raszyn, Poland
Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 7" (1.75m)	Height	5' 9" (1.76m)
21	Career-High Ranking	1
\$5,029,095	Career Prize Money	\$34,618,582
\$306,880	Season Prize Money	\$2,077,491
0 / 3	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 22
20-20 (Semi-Finalist: 2024 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	88-19 (Champion: 2024 ROLAND GARROS; 2023 ROLAND GARROS; 2022 US OPEN, ROLAND GARROS; 2020 ROLAND GARROS)
1-0 / 4-5 (Quarter-Finalist: 2022)	YTD / Career DUBAI W-L (best)	1-0 / 9-4 (Runner-Up: 2023)
10-5 / 106-114	YTD / Career W-L	13-3 / 276-64
10-5 / 76-79	YTD / Career Hard W-L	13-3 / 172-46
2-1 / 30-45	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L	2-1 / 49-26
1-0 / 34-32	YTD / Career TB W-L	1-3 / 32-23
0-0 / 3-7	YTD / Career TOP 5 W-L	0-1 / 19-14
Runner-Up: LINZ	YTD Best Result	Semi-Finalist: AUSTRALIAN OPEN, DOHA



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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2019	FED CUP WEEK 1	HARD	1r	Dayana Yastremska	7-6(2) 6-4	0m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
25	33	2024	1	2
97	106	2023	1	1
74	102	2022	1	1
29	97	2021	4	9
21	29	2020	17	17
22	22	2019	49	61
60	60	2018	174	175
164	189	2017	587	690
340	342	2016	903	903
1067	1103	2015	-	-



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. A. POTAPOVA (#35) 6-2 6-3 (1h 18m)
1r: d. M. LINETTE (#37) 6-3 7-5 (1h 46m)

Total time on court: 3h 4m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making sixth appearance at Dubai reaching QF in 2022 as a qualifier (d. No.3 Krejckova in 2r, l. Vondrousova)
- Looking to reach second career WTA 1000 QF after advancing to final eight at 2019 Wuhan (l. Kvitova)
- Has beaten Magda Linette and Anastasia Potapova so far this week with dropping a set
- Faces No.2 Iga Swiatek in 3r today; has lost her last five matches against Top 10 opponents
- Owns four wins in career over Top 10 players most recently over No.7 Marketa Vondrousova at 2024 Australian Open
- A win today would tie best by-ranking win of career after defeating No.2 Karolina Pliskova at 2019 Wuhan
- Looking to reach third QF of the year after doing so at Hobart (l. Kessler in QF) and Linz (l. Alexandrova in F)
- Owns 3-1 career record against players from Poland
- Owns 26-49 career record against seeded players, with a record in 2025 standing at 2-2
- Two of her three career titles have come on hard courts at 2018 Hong Kong and 2019 Hua Hin
- Only player from Ukraine to reach 3r
- Best result by Ukraine at Dubai were Elina Svitolina's title runs in 2017 and 2018
- Is currently ranked No.48; this time last year was ranked No.29

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. V. AZARENKA (#20) 6-0 6-2 (1h 13m)

Total time on court: 1h 13m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making fifth appearance at Dubai; career-best showing at the event is finishing runner-up in 2023 (l. Krejckova 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 Azarenka)
- Defeated fellow Grand Slam champion Victoria Azarenka yesterday to reach R16
- Faces No.48 Dayana Yastremska in 3r today
- Has won 21 of last 22 matches against Top 20 opponents with sole loss in that time coming last week to No.37 Jelena Ostapenko in Doha SF
- A loss today would be worst by-ranking since falling to No.50 Linda Noskova at 2024 Australian Open
- With a win, would tie Madison Keys with most match wins this year at 14
- Looking to reach third QF of the year after advancing to SF at Australian Open (l. Keys) and Doha (l. Ostapenko)
- Only failed to reach QF three times last year at Australian Open (l. 2r to Noskova), Miami (l. R16 to Alexandrova) and Wimbledon (l. 3r to Putintseva)
- Owns 10-1 career record against players from Ukraine
- 12 of her 22 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court, most recently 2024 Indian Wells
- Only player from Poland to reach 3r
- 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



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2024	Result	Rank: 29	Seed: -
1r	L	V. KUDERMETOVA (#19)	6-0 1-6 6-0

2023	Result	Rank: 122	Seed: -
2r	L	A. KALININA (#33)	5-7 6-2 6-3
1r	W	A. CORNET (#60)	6-2 6-3

2022	Result	Rank: 146	Seed: -
QF	L	M. VONDROUSOVA (#38)	7-5 6-4
2r	W	B. KREJCIKOVA (#3)	6-3 7-6(3)
1r	W	I. BEGU (#54)	4-6 6-2 6-3

2020	Result	Rank: 26	Seed: -
1r	L	V. KUDERMETOVA (#39)	5-7 6-3 7-6(2)

2019	Result	Rank: 34	Seed: -
1r	L	G. MUGURUZA (#19)	4-6 6-3 6-3

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. Stearns)
- Finished with R-Up at Linz (l. champion Alexandrova in F)
- Made 3r at Australian Open (l. Rybakina)
- Reached QF at Hobart (l. eventual champion Kessler)
- Opened 2025 playing R32 at Brisbane (l. Potapova)

- 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
50	14	Aces	29	32
58.0%	89	First serve %	65.7%	21
64.1%	47	First Serve points won %	67.9%	20
50.7%	12	Second serve points won %	50.6%	13
58.5%	34	Overall service points won %	62.0%	6
71.4%	25	Service games won %	80.1%	3
61.5%	20	Break points saved %	60.3%	28
37.2%	38	First serve return points won %	40.6%	10
59.5%	11	Second serve return points won %	60.2%	8
46.3%	41	Break points converted %	52.2%	10
39.2%	13	Return games won %	46.4%	4
45.1%	18	Return points won %	48.0%	5

Best win by ranking: No.35 vs Potapova in DUBAI 2r
Longest match: 1h 30m vs Rybakina in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 3r
Shortest match: 51m vs Kovinic in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2r
Match points saved:
Most aces in a match: 3 vs Potapova in DUBAI 2r

Best win by ranking: No.8 vs Navarro in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 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:



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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (3)
2019 - STRASBOURG, HUA HIN
2018 - HONG KONG
Runner-Up (3)
2025 - LINZ
2022 - LYON
2020 - ADELAIDE

DOUBLES FINALS

Runner-Up (1)
2019 - BEIJING (w/Ostapenko)

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)

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



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CAREER MILESTONES

- In 2024 enjoyed fairytale run to first Grand Slam semifinal at Australian Open (as qualifier), including defeat of No.7 Vondrousova and two-time major champion Azarenka. Posted highest ranking for almost four years, rising to No.25 in July.
- In 2023, achieved best results at WTA 125 series events, winning Kozerki (d. Minnen) and SF finishes at Reus (l. Mandlik) and Angers (l. Burel).
- Best result of 2022 was R-Up finish at Lyon (as WC, l. Zhang). Also made QF at Dubai (as qualifier, l. Vondrousova), Bogota (l. Pigossi) and Birmingham (l. Zhang)
- In first tournament of 2021, reached SF at Hamburg (l. eventual champion Ruse). Also made QF at Courmayeur (l. Paolini)
- Highlight of 2020 was finishing R-Up at Adelaide (l. Barty); scored three consecutive Top 20 wins en route to final, over No.18 Kerber, No.20 Vekic and No.12 Sabalenka
- Captured two WTA singles titles in 2019 at Hua Hin (d. Tomljanovic in F after trailing 5-2 in third set) and Strasbourg (d. Garcia after saving 1mp)
- Advanced to QF at 2019 Wuhan, where she recorded maiden Top 5 win against No.2 Ka.Pliskova in R16 (l. Kvitova), and made Grand Slam breakthrough with R16 run at 2019 Wimbledon (l. Zhang)
- Qualified for WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai in 2019, going 1-1 in RR stage (d. No.20 Vekic, l. eventual R-Up Bertens) and reached maiden doubles final, at Beijing (w/Ostapenko, l. Kenin/Mattek-Sands)
- During 2018 campaign, won first career WTA title at 2018 Hong Kong (d. Q.Wang in F) and scored first Top 20 win over No.13 Muguruza in SF showing at Luxembourg (l. Bencic)
- Became first woman born in the 2000s to crack the Top 100 on the WTA rankings, debuting at No.100 (July 16, 2018)
- Also in 2018, won third - and most recent - ITF singles title in at \$60k ITF/Rome-ITA and reached two further finals
- Won first WTA main draw match and reached first tour-level QF at 2017 Istanbul, defeating former World No.9 Petkovic en route (l. Cepelova)
- Made WTA main draw debut as a WC at 2016 Istanbul (l. Hibino in 1r)
- Played first matches of career on ITF Circuit in 2015
- 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. Krejickova/Siniakova)
- 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

- In juniors, rose as high as No.6 in the ITF rankings and was R-up in 2016 Wimbledon girls' event (l. Potapova)

- 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. Küng in F) and leading Poland to Junior Fed Cup in 2016

OTHER INFORMATION

- Previously worked with Sascha Bajin and Olivier Jeunehomme; physio and hitting partner is Jan Blecha
- Born and resides in Odessa, Ukraine
- Started playing tennis aged five and trained as a junior in Istanbul, at Koza WOS
- Nominated for 2019 WTA Newcomer of the Year

- 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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1 **ARYNA
SABALENKA (1)**

**CLARA
TAUSON 38**
DENMARK

1998-05-05	Date of Birth	2002-12-21
	Residence	Kongens Lyngby, Denmark
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 11" (1.82m)	Height	6' (1.82 m)
1	Career-High Ranking	33
\$31,522,028	Career Prize Money	\$2,598,118
\$1,415,205	Season Prize Money	\$302,299
1 / 18	Singles Titles YTD / Career	1 / 3
83-24 (Champion: 2024 US OPEN, AUSTRALIAN OPEN; 2023 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	15-14 (Round of 16: 2024 ROLAND GARROS)
1-0 / 9-7 (Quarter-Finalist: 2023, 2021, 2020)	YTD / Career DUBAI W-L (best)	2-0 / 2-0 (Round of 16: 2025)
12-2 / 317-126	YTD / Career W-L	12-3 / 62-51
12-2 / 224-82	YTD / Career Hard W-L	12-3 / 52-35
2-2 / 92-67	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L	4-0 / 21-17
2-1 / 65-45	YTD / Career TB W-L	6-1 / 17-10
0-0 / 19-21	YTD / Career TOP 5 W-L	0-1 / 0-6
Champion: BRISBANE	YTD Best Result	Champion: AUCKLAND



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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2025	AUSTRALIAN OPEN	HARD	3r	Aryna Sabalenka	7-6(5) 6-4	2h 6m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
1	1	2024	50	52
1	2	2023	76	85
2	5	2022	33	128
2	2	2021	44	44
10	10	2020	151	152
9	11	2019	267	267
11	11	2018	715	863
76	78	2017	938	938
154	159	2016	-	-
539	548	2015	-	-



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. V. KUDERMETOVA (#77) 6-3 6-4 (1h 50m)

Total time on court: 1h 50m

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)
- Owns seven WTA 1000 titles including two last year at Cincinnati and Wuhan
- After 1r bye, defeated Veronika Kudermetova in 2r to set up meeting with No.51 Clara Tauson in 3r today
- Has won 21 of her last 23 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
- Looking to reach third QF of the year winning title at Brisbane (d. P.Kudermetova in F) and finishing R-Up at Australian Open (l. Keys)
- Owns 3-1 career record against players from Denmark, with record in 2025 standing at 1-0
- 16 of her 18 career titles have come on hardcourts including one this year at Brisbane
- Is No. 1 seed this week; has been top seed at 24 tournaments in her career
- Has won 12 matches so far in 2025; she is tied for No.3 on Tour for match wins; only Madison Keys (14) and Iga Swiatek (13) have more

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. R. SRAMKOVA (#43) 7-6 6-0 (1h 29m)

2r: d. E. SVITOLINA (#23) 7-6 3-6 7-6 (2h 41m)

Total time on court: 4h 10m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making main draw debut at Dubai; contested qualifying in 2022
- Looking to reach QF at a WTA 1000 event for first time in career
- Has beaten Rebecca Sramkova and two-time Dubai champion Elina Svitolina so far this week to reach 3r
- Faces No.1 Aryna Sabalenka in 3r today; holds 1-8 record against Top 10 players with sole win against No.7 Anett Kontaveit at 2022 Australian Open
- Facing the World No.1 for a third time in career including loss to today's opponent at Australian Open this year and Ashleigh Barty at 2021 US Open
- Looking to reach third QF of the year after winning the title at Auckland (d. Osaka in F via ret.) and reaching SF at Linz (l. Yastremska)
- Owns 19-25 career record against seeded players, with a record in 2025 standing at 3-2
- All three of her WTA titles have come on hard courts at 2021 Lyon, Luxembourg and 2025 Auckland
- Only player from Denmark to reach 3r
- Best result by Denmark at Dubai was Caroline Wozniacki's title run in 2011
- Is currently ranked No.38; this time last year was ranked No.95



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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	

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles



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SEASON 2025 HISTORY

- Played 2r at Doha (after 1r bye, L. Aleandrova)
- 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 (l. Mertens, retired after 1st set)
- Reached SF at Linz (l. eventual R-Up Yastremska)
- Made 3r at Australian Open (l. eventual R-Up Sabalenka)
- Earned third career title at her 2025 season opener at Auckland (d. Osaka via ret.)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
49	15	Aces	112	1
65.1%	27	First serve %	57.7%	92
68.6%	16	First Serve points won %	73.1%	4
51.7%	8	Second serve points won %	46.4%	40
62.7%	4	Overall service points won %	61.8%	7
78.9%	4	Service games won %	75.5%	12
65.2%	7	Break points saved %	63.7%	13
38.3%	21	First serve return points won %	35.3%	62
61.1%	5	Second serve return points won %	56.3%	33
48.4%	26	Break points converted %	43.4%	63
41.4%	8	Return games won %	32.9%	54
46.4%	6	Return points won %	43.4%	42

Best win by ranking: No.12 vs Badosa in AUSTRALIAN OPEN SF
 Longest match: 2h 6m vs Tauson in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 3r
 Shortest match: 1h 2m vs Andreeva in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 4r
 Match points saved:
 Most aces in a match: 3 vs Kudermetova in DUBAI 2r

Best win by ranking: No.23 vs Svitolina in DUBAI 2r
 Longest match: 2h 41m vs Svitolina in DUBAI 2r
 Shortest match: 1h 8m vs Maria in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2r
 Match points saved:
 Most aces in a match: 9 vs Svitolina in DUBAI 2r
 9 vs Sramkova in DUBAI 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 (3)

2025 - AUCKLAND
2021 - LUXEMBOURG, LYON

Runner-Up (1)

2021 - COURMAYEUR



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GRAND SLAMS

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



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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
- Highlight of 2024 season was posting best Grand Slam result by reaching R16 at Roland Garros for the first time in her career. Also achieved R-Up at two WTA 125s, Hong Kong and Oeiras
- In 2023 matched her career best Grand Slam result at Roland Garros where she reached the 3r as a qualifier (l. Avanesyan); contested qualifying at Wimbledon (l. Q3 Hrunčáková) and at US Open (l. Q2 Stearns).
- Best tour result in 2023 was reaching the QF's at Linz (l. Martić)
- In 2023 season, won the ITF \$60K Altenkirschen (d. Minnen in f) and further reached the final at ITF \$40K (l. Hontama)
- Ended her 2023 season ranked at No.85
- Back injury restricted her to just 11 WTA main-draw outings in 2022, with best result a QF showing at Melbourne Summer Set 2 (l. Sasnovich). Also finished R-Up in her last event of the year at WTA 125K Series event in Limoges and won one ITF Circuit title at W25 Selva Gardener
- Came through qualifying to win maiden WTA title in Lyon in March 2021; in final, beat fellow qualifier Golubic - last time two qualifiers met in a WTA final was at 2017 Tokyo [Japan Open], when Diyas beat Kato
- Won over 40 matches in 2020 (all levels) to finish inside Top 50
- Ended 2020 season ranked No.152 (up from No.267 at the end of 2019) after posting 30-7 win-loss record. Best results were 2r at Roland Garros (as qualifier, d.No.25 Brady, l. Collins) and lifting two titles on ITF Circuit
- Made Tour-level debut (main draw and qualifying) with 1r exit at 2019 Lugano (as wildcard qualifier, l. Rodina)
- Lifted four ITF Circuit singles titles in 2019
- Won maiden ITF Circuit title in just her second tournament, at \$15k ITF/Stockholm-SWE in 2017
- Reached SF on professional debut at \$15k ITF/Antalya-TUR in 2017
- On ITF Junior Circuit has lifted nine singles titles, including at 2019 Australian Open (d. Fernandez in F). In 2019 she became the first Dane to top the junior world rankings

- 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

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"
- Started playing tennis aged six



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ROMANIA

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(8) NAVARRO**
UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA

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1990-04-07	Date of Birth	2001-05-18
Targoviste, Romania	Residence	Charleston, SC, USA
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-Handed
5' 9" (1.76m)	Height	5' 7" (1.70m)
21	Career-High Ranking	8
\$9,826,941	Career Prize Money	\$4,011,845
\$105,111	Season Prize Money	\$483,471
0 / 2	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 1
65-63 (Quarter-Finalist: 2023 US OPEN; 2009 FRENCH OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	19-9 (Semi-Finalist: 2024 US OPEN)
1-0 / 10-8 (Semi-Finalist: 2024)	YTD / Career DUBAI W-L (best)	1-0 / 2-1 (Round of 16: 2025)
2-3 / 311-320	YTD / Career W-L	6-4 / 70-48
2-3 / 185-190	YTD / Career Hard W-L	6-4 / 43-28
2-1 / 117-97	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L	5-0 / 30-15
0-0 / 70-62	YTD / Career TB W-L	3-1 / 14-13
0-0 / 22-52	YTD / Career TOP 10 W-L	1-1 / 5-10
Round of 16: LINZ, DUBAI	YTD Best Result	Quarter-Finalist: AUSTRALIAN OPEN, ADELAIDE



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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
22	70	2024	8	8
25	26	2023	38	38
24	38	2022	127	143
37	38	2021	233	233
69	86	2020	462	463
72	72	2019	412	486
33	86	2018	761	763
37	37	2017	-	-
81	81	2016	-	-
90	244	2015	-	-



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. A. PARKS (#74) 3-6 6-4 6-1 (1h 55m)
1r: d. D. KASATKINA (#11) 6-1 6-4 (1h 15m)

Total time on court: 3h 10m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making ninth appearance at Dubai where her previous and best result was reaching SF in 2024 (l. eventual champion Paolini)
- Has beaten Alycia Parks and Daria Kasatkina so far this week to reach hthe 3r
- Faces No.9 Emma Navarro in 3r today; owns 22 wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.6 Marketa Vondrousova at Rome 2024
- Has won one hard court title, at Tashkent in 2008
- Only player from Romania to reach 3r
- Best results by Romania at Dubai were Champion runs by Simona Halep in 2020 and 2015
- One of two wildcards to reach 3r (w/ Sofia Kenin)
- Best result by wildcard at Dubai was a Champion run by Venus Williams in 2014
- Is currently ranked No.89; this time last year was ranked No.22
- During last year's middle eastern swing reached SF at Dubai, 2r at Doha, and QF at Abu Dhabi

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. B. BENCIC (#66) 7-6 2-6 6-3 (2h 35m)

Total time on court: 2h 35m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making second appearance at Dubai, where her previous result was reaching 2r in 2024 (l. Sakkari)
- Has beaten Belinda Bencic so far this week to reach her first 3r since Australian Open 2025, where she reached the QF
- Faces No.89 Sorana Cirstea in 3r today; the two have never faced
- Owns 1-1 career record against players from Romania
- Won her only career title on hard courts, at Hobart in 2024
- One of five players from United States of America to reach 3r (w/ Kenin, Kessler, Pegula, and Stearns)
- First time five players from United States of America reached 3r at Dubai
- Is currently ranked No.9, one spot from her career-high ranking; this time last year was ranked No.23
- During last year's ASIAN swing reached 3r at Doha and 2r at Wuhan, Beijing, and Dubai



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2024	Result	Rank: 22	Seed: -
SF	L	J. PAOLINI (#26)	6-2 7-6(6)
QF	W	M. VONDROUSOVA (#8)	2-6 7-6(1) 6-2
3r	W	D. VEKIC (#31)	3-6 6-3 7-5
2r	W	V. KUDERMETOVA (#19)	6-1 6-4
1r	W	S. KENIN (#55)	6-3 7-6(2)

2023	Result	Rank: 70	Seed: -
2r	L	K. MUCHOVA (#112)	6-4 7-6(4)
1r	W	B. HADDAD MAIA (#12)	4-6 7-6(7) 7-5

2021	Result	Rank: 67	Seed: -
2r	L	A. KONTAVEIT (#24)	6-4 7-5
1r	W	L. TSURENKO (#142)	6-4 6-4

2020	Result	Rank: 70	Seed: -
1r	L	A. KONTAVEIT (#24)	6-1 6-3

2014	Result	Rank: 27	Seed: -
QF	L	C. WOZNIACKI (#11)	6-1 6-2
2r	W	S. ERRANI (#10)	6-2 5-7 6-1
1r	W	R. VINCI (#14)	6-4 6-3

2024	Result	Rank: 23	Seed: -
2r	L	M. SAKKARI (#11)	6-2 6-4
1r	W	K. SINIAKOVA (#39)	4-6 7-5 6-4



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SEASON 2025 HISTORY

- Played 1r at Cluj-Napoca (l. Stakusic)
- Reached 2r at Linz (l. Tauson)
- Opened 2025 with 1r at Australian Open (l. Svitolina)

- Played 2r at Doha (after 1r bye, l. Fernandez)
- Reached QF at Australian Open (l. Swiatek)
- Reached QF at Adelaide (l. Samsonova)
- Opened 2025 with 2r at Brisbane (l. Birrell)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
10	83	Aces	22	52
61.5%	67	First serve %	63.1%	46
65.5%	37	First Serve points won %	61.1%	76
50.3%	14	Second serve points won %	40.5%	87
59.7%	22	Overall service points won %	53.5%	92
71.2%	26	Service games won %	55.9%	94
57.5%	39	Break points saved %	40.4%	105
30.3%	95	First serve return points won %	36.3%	46
54.5%	54	Second serve return points won %	59.3%	10
34.1%	97	Break points converted %	43.5%	61
25.9%	93	Return games won %	37.3%	23
39.7%	86	Return points won %	44.7%	24

Best win by ranking: No.74 vs Parks in DUBAI 2r
Longest match: 1h 55m vs Parks in DUBAI 2r
Shortest match: 1h 31m vs Svitolina in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 1r
Match points saved:
Most aces in a match: 1 vs Parks in DUBAI 2r

Best win by ranking: No.10 vs Kasatkina in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 4r
Longest match: 3h 20m vs Stearns in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 1r
Shortest match: 1h 29m vs Swiatek in AUSTRALIAN OPEN QF
Match points saved:
Most aces in a match: 1 vs Bencic in DUBAI 2r



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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (2)

2021 - ISTANBUL
2008 - TASHKENT

Runner-Up (4)

2021 - STRASBOURG
2019 - TASHKENT
2013 - TORONTO
2007 - BUDAPEST

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (5)

2019 - LUGANO (w/Mitu)
2011 - DALLAS (w/Brianti)
2010 - ESTORIL (w/Medina Garrigues)
2008 - LUXEMBOURG (w/Erakovic), FES
(w/Pavlyuchenkova)

Runner-Up (5)

2014 - TIANJIN (w/Klepac)
2010 - BUDAPEST (w/Medina Garrigues)
2009 - FES (w/Kirilenko), BARCELONA (w/Klepac)
2008 - NEW HAVEN (w/Niculescu)

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (1)

2024 - HOBART

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
1r				2025	QF			
1r	1r	1r		2024	3r	4r	QF	SF
1r	1r	3r	QF	2023		2r	1r	1r
4r	2r	2r	2r	2022				
3r	4r	3r	2r	2021				1r
2r	1r		3r	2020				
1r	2r	1r	3r	2019				
2r	1r	2r	2r	2018				
4r	2r	3r	2r	2017				
	1r	1r	1r	2016				
1r				2015				
1r	3r	1r	2r	2014				
3r	3r	2r	2r	2013				



3r 1r 3r 2r 2012
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CAREER MILESTONES

- Highlights of 2024 came in the middle east making QF at Abu Dhabi and saving six match points in her Dubai QF match against Vondrousova to reach the semifinal (l. eventual champion Paolini). Ended her 2024 season after Wimbledon to undergo foot surgery.
- 2023 saw her best results achieved in the US. Advanced to Indian Wells QF for first time (l. Swiatek), then made SF at Miami (l. eventual champion Kvitova) and QF at US Open (l. Muchova)
- In 2022, reached SF on all three surfaces: hard court at Lyon (l. Yastremska), clay at Istanbul (l. Kudermetova), and grass at Birmingham (l. Zhang). Also enjoyed success at the Australian Open, where she fell in R16 (l. Swiatek)
- Highlight of 2021 was ending near-13-year wait for second WTA singles title, triumphing at Istanbul (d. Mertens in F)
- Also in 2021, finished R-Up at Strasbourg (l. Krejčíková), reached QFs at Grampians Trophy and Portoroz and R16 at Roland Garros
- Ended 2020 on a high, winning singles title at ITF/\$100k Dubai-UAE in December (d. Siniakova in F). Also in 2020, reached 3r at US Open and advanced to 2r at Australian Open
- Advanced to fourth career singles final in 2019 at Tashkent (l. Van Uytvanck) as a former champion in 2008
- Captured fifth career doubles title at 2019 Lugano (w/Mitu, d. Kudermetova/Voskoboeva in F)
- Other season highlights in 2019 were SF run at Nürnberg; previous appearance in last four at a WTA-level event came at the same tournament two years earlier. Also reached 3r at 2019 US Open (l. Townsend)
- Ended 2018 season at No.86, after a year highlighted by clay court QF runs at Nürnberg and Bucharest
- Reached R16 at 2017 Australian Open - first time advancing to that stage at a Slam since 2009 Roland Garros (QF, l. Stosur), her best Slam singles result
- In 2016 played a mix of WTA and ITF events, improving ranking by 163 ranking places to No.81 in 2016 on comeback from shoulder injury, with highlights being a SF run at Rio de Janeiro (l. Rogers) and making QF at Premier Mandatory Madrid (as wildcard, l. eventual R-Up Cibulkova) and Mallorca (as qualifier, l. Jankovic)
- Reached biggest singles final of career at 2013 Toronto - posted three Top 10 wins en route to
- Voted 2024 WTA Most Improved Player of the Year Award, finished the year ranked No.8 with a singles record of 54-24, winning her first career title at 2024 Hobart; climbed to a year-end ranking at No.8 after finishing 2023 at No.38 (and No.143 in 2022)
- 2023 was a stand-out year, achieving a career best with semifinal at WTA 500 San Diego (l. Kenin) and ending season with a ranking of No. 32. Also reached two quarterfinals on clay; Strasbourg (l. Blinkova) and Palermo (l. eventual champion Zheng) and one semifinal on grass; Bad Homburg (l. Siniakova).
- In 2022, posted 31-18 win-loss record. At Tour-level, made 2r at Charleston (as WC, l. Jabeur), fell 1r at Monterrey (as WC, l. Zacarias) and Indian Wells (as WC, l. Anisimova), and contested qualifying at San Diego
- Elsewhere in 2022, reached three ITF Circuit finals, including lifting second career title at this level at W60 tournament in Liepaja, Latvia, while made SF at WTA 125K Series event in Vancouver
- Broke into Top 200 for the first time on March 7, 2022
- Lifted maiden ITF Circuit title at W25 event in Orlando in November 2021
- Won the NCAA division 1 women's singles title in May 2021 to earn a WC into US Open, where she fell 1r (l. McHale)
- In 2021, reached 2r at both Charleston [500] and Charleston [250]
- Fell 1r at 2020 Monterrey (l. Stephens)
- Only other events in 2020 came on ITF Circuit, ending year ranked No.463
- Owns three ITF Circuit titles in singles and one in doubles
- Fell 2r on professional debut at \$10k Charleston, SC-USA (l. Di Lorenzo) in 2015
- Began her collegiate career by winning her first 14 NCAA singles matches and moving up to a No.6 ITA ranking
- Ended 2019 at No.3 in ITF Junior rankings, following a season that included a R-Up finish at Roland Garros (l. Fernandez), a SF run at Wimbledon and victory at the Adidas Easter Bowl
- Also R-Up in girls' doubles at 2019 Australian Open w/Beck

final (No.10 Wozniacki, No.7 Kvitova and No.5 Li) before falling to No.1 S.Williams

- Following Toronto run, posted career-high ranking of No.21 on August 21, 2013
- Won only WTA singles title at 2008 Tashkent (d. Lisicki in F) having previously been R-Up at 2007 Budapest (l. Dulko)
- Owns four Top 5 victories: No.5 Jankovic (2009 Roland Garros), No.5 Stosur (2012 Australian Open), No.5 Li Na (2013 Toronto) and No.4 Ka.Pliskova (2017 Beijing)
- Member of Romania's Fed Cup team 2006, 2008-09, 2013-14 and 2017-18; also part of Romanian Olympic Team 2008 and 2012
- Fell 1r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2008 Australian Open (l. No.4 seed Ivanovic)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2006 Stockholm (l. Kanepi in 1r)
- On ITF Circuit owns eight singles and nine doubles titles
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in 2004

OTHER INFORMATION

- Parted ways with coach Thomas Johansson after 2024 Australian Open
- Introduced to tennis at age 4 by mother, Liliana; father's name is Mihai; younger brother's name is Mihnea; full name is Sorana Mihaela Cirstea
- Speaks Romanian, English and Spanish and is studying French
- Likes all surfaces; favorite shot is forehand; most admires Steffi Graf
- Enjoys playing all ball sports, going shopping, watching movies, reading and doing crosswords
- Favorite cities are New York and London ("big cities with lots to do")
- Self-described as ambitious, stubborn and happy

- Currently coached by Peter Ayers
- Born in New York City and raised in Charleston, SC. Attended the University of Virginia where she is studied Arts & Science and played collegiate tennis
- 2021 NCAA Singles Champion (freshman year)
- 2019 Australian Open Junior Doubles Finalist
- 2019 Roland-Garros Junior Doubles Champion and Singles Finalist
- 2019 Wimbledon Junior Singles Semi-Finalist
- Is the daughter of businessman Ben Navarro and the grand-daughter of former American football player and coach Frank Navarro