



# MATCH NOTES

## QATAR TOTALENERGIES OPEN 2026

### DOHA, QATAR



February 8-14, 2026 | WTA 1000 | \$4,088,211

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## DAY 1 – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

**Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (#100) vs. [16] Elise Mertens (BEL #22)** **Pavlyuchenkova leads 3-1**

### ***Pavlyuchenkova:***

- Making her 7th appearance at this tournament, where her best result is reaching the 2024 semifinals (l. eventual runner-up Rybakina)
- Contesting her Tour-leading 119th WTA 1000 main draw of career; she has made 4 career WTA 1000 semifinals
- Owns 101 Tour-level wins in career over Top 25 players, most recently No.19 Donna Vekic at 2025 Australian Open (0-4 vs. Top 25 players since then)
- Seeking her first match-win of 2026 - she lost her opening matches at Brisbane (l. Cirstea), Australian Open (l. Bai in third-set tiebreak) and Abu Dhabi (l. Kessler)

### ***Mertens:***

- Making her 8th appearance at this event, where she won the title in 2019 at WTA 500-level (d. Halep in final)
- Contesting her 65th career WTA 1000 main draw; her career-best WTA 1000 results are two semifinal finishes at 2020 Cincinnati (NYC) (l. Osaka) and 2021 Dubai (l. Muguruza)
- Mertens is 4-0 this year vs. players ranked outside the Top 75
- Best results by Belgium at this tournament were title runs by Justine Henin in 2007 and Mertens herself in 2019
- So far in 2026, went 3-1 in singles at United Cup during Team Belgium's SF run, then reached R16 at Australian Open (l. eventual champion Rybakina)

**Ann Li (USA #41) vs. Leylah Fernandez (CAN #25)**

**Li leads 1-0**

### ***Li:***

- Making 2nd appearance at this tournament; she previously reached 2nd round in 2022 (l. Sakkari)
- Owns 7 wins in career over Top 25 players, most recently No.19 Belinda Bencic at 2025 US Open
- Both of her 2 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court (2021 Tenerife and 2025 Guangzhou); she has reached 4 additional WTA singles finals, and they were all on hard court as well
- One of 8 players from United States of America in this week's main draw
- Two Americans have won this title: Monica Seles in 2002 and Amanda Anisimova last year

### ***Fernandez:***

- Making her 3rd main draw appearance at this tournament; her best tournament result is quarterfinals in 2024 (l. eventual runner-up Rybakina)
- Contesting her 40th career WTA 1000 main draw; her career-best WTA 1000 showings are quarterfinals at 2023 Guadalajara, 2024 Doha and 2024 Cincinnati
- All of her five WTA singles titles have come on hard court, including two last year at Washington DC and Osaka
- Seeking her 2nd match-win of 2026; started season 0-3 before posting first win of year at Abu Dhabi (d. Paquet)
- Best result by Canada at this event was Fernandez's quarterfinal run in 2024



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#### Marie Bouzkova (CZE #37) vs. [10] Victoria Mboko (CAN #13)

**Mboko leads 1-0**

##### ***Bouzkova:***

- Making her 2nd main draw appearance at Doha, where her previous result was reaching 2r in 2024 (l. Collins)
- Owns 20 wins in career over Top 20 players, most recently No.20 Beatriz Haddad Maia at Monterrey 2025 (0-5 vs. Top 20 players since then)
- Her two career WTA singles titles have come on hard court, both at Prague in 2022 (d. Potapova in final) and 2025 (d. Noskova in final)
- This season, has reached 2r at Australian Open (l. Swiatek), Adelaide (l. M. Andreeva), and Brisbane (l. Badosa)
- Career-best WTA 1000 results are semifinals at 2019 Toronto (l. S. Williams) and 2022 Guadalajara (l. Sakkari)

##### ***Mboko:***

- Making tournament debut at Doha
- Both of her two career WTA singles titles were achieved on hard court: Hong Kong 2025 (d. Bucsa in final) and Montreal 2025 (as an 18-year-old wildcard, d. Osaka in final)
- Earlier this season, reached her third career WTA final at Adelaide (l. M. Andreeva in final) and her first Grand Slam R16 at Australian Open (l. eventual runner-up Sabalenka)
- Contesting just her 6th career WTA 1000 main draw, and has already won one WTA 1000 title (2025 Montreal)
- Today's winner will face either wild card Peyton Stearns or qualifier Vera Zvonareva in 2nd round

#### Jaqueline Cristian (ROU #35) vs. [14] Karolina Muchova (CZE #19)

**Muchova leads 4-0**

##### ***Cristian:***

- Making 2nd appearance at Doha, where her previous result was reaching 2r in 2022 as a lucky loser (l. Kasatkina)
- Owns 5 wins in career over Top 20 players, most recently No.11 Ekaterina Alexandrova at Adelaide 2026
- Best career Tour-level result on hard court is finishing runner-up at Linz in 2021 (l. Riske-Amritraj)
- So far this season, has reached QF at Adelaide (l. Birrell), fell 1r at Brisbane (l. Bouzkova) and 1r at Australian Open (l. today's opponent Muchova), and made R16 at Cluj-Napoca (l. Snigur)
- Best result by Romania at Doha was Simona Halep's run to the title in 2014

##### ***Muchova:***

- Making 4th appearance at Doha, where her best result was reaching the quarterfinals in 2019 as a qualifier ranked No.132 (l. Svitolina)
- Contesting her 27th career WTA 1000 main draw; she is a two-time WTA 1000 runner-up at 2023 Cincinnati and 2024 Beijing (l. Gauff in both finals)
- Career-best finish on hard court is her one career WTA singles title at 2019 Seoul (d. Linette in final)
- So far in 2026, reached SF at Brisbane (l. eventual champion Sabalenka) and R16 at Australian Open (l. Gauff)
- Best results by Czech Republic at Doha are title runs by Petra Kvitova in 2018 and 2021, Karolina Pliskova in 2017, and Lucie Safarova in 2015



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**[13] Liudmila Samsonova (#18) vs. [LL] Magdalena Frech (POL #60)**

**First meeting**

***Samsonova:***

- Making her 5th main draw appearance at this tournament; she earned her first main draw match-win at this tournament last year (d. Sun in 1r, I. Ostapenko in 2r)
- Contesting her 39th career WTA 1000 main draw; she is a two-time WTA 1000 runner-up at 2023 Montreal (I. Pegula in final) and 2023 Beijing (I. Swiatek in final)
- Owns 3-6 career Tour-level record against players from Poland (0-1 last year: I. eventual champion Swiatek in Wimbledon QF, which was Samsonova's 1st career Grand Slam quarterfinal)
- 3 of her 5 WTA singles titles have come on hard court, all in 2022 at Washington DC, Cleveland and Tokyo

***Frech:***

- Making her 3rd main draw appearance at this tournament; entered this year's main draw as a lucky loser after falling in qualifying (I. Zvonareva)
- Contesting her 33rd career WTA 1000 main draw; her best WTA 1000 result is the quarterfinals at 2024 Wuhan (I. eventual champion Sabalenka)
- Owns 7 wins in career over Top 20 players, most recently No.7 Mirra Andrejeva at 2025 Berlin (0-5 vs. Top 20 players since then)
- Best result by a lucky loser at this tournament is Klara Koukalova's QF finish in 2011 (I. Jankovic)
- Her one career WTA singles title came on hard court, at WTA 500 Guadalajara in 2024 (d. Gadecki in final)



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**3**  
WIN

**4**  
MATCHES  
PLAYED

**1**  
WIN



**100**

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PAVLYUCHENKOVA**

**(16) ELISE  
MERTENS**  
BELGIUM

**22**

1991-07-03	<b>Date of Birth</b>	1995-11-17
Dubai, United Arab Emirates	<b>Residence</b>	Hamont-Achel, Belgium
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed (Two-handed backhand)
5' 9" (1.76m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 10" (1.79m)
11	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	12
\$16,036,002	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$18,709,563
\$129,750	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$914,600
0 / 12	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	0 / 10
97-67 (Runner-Up: 2021 ROLAND-GARROS)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	77-36 (Semi-Finalist: 2018 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
0-0 / 7-6 (Semi-Finalist: 2024)	<b>YTD / Career DOHA W-L (best)</b>	0-0 / 12-6 (Champion: 2019)
0-3 / 424-325	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	6-2 / 297-191



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## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2024	LINZ	HARD	QF	Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova	6-3 6-2	1h 13m
2023	ROLAND GARROS	CLAY	4r	Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova	3-6 7-6(3) 6-3	3h 9m
2017	EASTBOURNE	GRASS	2r	Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova	3-6 6-4 6-1	2h 13m
2017	FED CUP WEEK 2 - PLAYOFFS	CLAY	QF	Elise Mertens	6-4 1-6 6-2	0m

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
44	-	2026	19	-
23	47	2025	20	20
21	30	2024	24	34
58	59	2023	26	29
11	367	2022	20	29
11	11	2021	14	21
29	38	2020	17	20
30	30	2019	12	17
15	42	2018	13	13
14	15	2017	35	35



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

*Total time on court: 0m*

#### PLAYER NOTES

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- Contesting her Tour-leading 119th WTA 1000 main draw of career
- Career-best results at WTA 1000 events are 4 SF finishes, including here 2 years ago
- Seeking her 1st match-win of 2026 - she lost her opening matches at Brisbane (l. Cirstea), Australian Open (l. Bai in 3rd-set TB) and Abu Dhabi (l. Kessler)
- Faces No.22 Elise Mertens in 1r today; Pavlyuchenkova lost their first meeting but has won all three since
- Owns 101 Tour-level wins in career over Top 25 players, most recently No.19 Donna Vekic at 2025 Australian Open (0-4 vs. Top 25 players since then)
- Owns 9-3 career Tour-level record against players from Belgium; most recent meeting vs. a Belgian is her win over Mertens at 2024 Linz
- 9 of her 12 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court; her most recent hard-court title is 2017 Hong Kong (d. Saville in F)
- Is currently ranked No.100; this time last year was ranked No.25. Reached career-high ranking of No.11 in November of 2021

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

*Total time on court: 0m*

#### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 8th appearance at this tournament, where she won the title in 2019 at WTA 500-level (d. Halep in F)
- Contesting her 65th career WTA 1000 main draw; her career-best WTA 1000 results are 2 SF finishes at 2020 Cincinnati (NYC) (l. Osaka) and 2021 Dubai (l. Muguruza)
- Faces No.100 Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova in 1r today; Mertens is 4-0 this year vs. players ranked outside the Top 75
- 7 of her 10 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court; her most recent hard-court title is 2025 Singapore (d. Li in F)
- Only player from Belgium in this week's main draw
- Best results by Belgium at this tournament were the title runs by Justine Henin in 2007 and Mertens herself in 2019
- Is currently ranked No.22; this time last year was ranked No.32. Reached career-high ranking of No.12 in November of 2018
- So far in 2026, went 3-1 in singles at United Cup during Team Belgium's SF run, then reached R16 at Australian Open (l. eventual champion Rybakina)



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2024	Result	Rank: 32	Seed: -
SF	L	E. RYBAKINA (#4)	6-2 6-4
QF	W	D. COLLINS (#63)	7-5 6-4
3r	W	M. VONDROUSOVA (#8)	7-5 6-3
2r	W	M. KOSTYUK (#29)	2-1
1r	W	D. KASATKINA (#13)	6-2 7-6(2)

  

2021	Result	Rank: 41	Seed: -
2r	L	P. KVITOVA (#10)	6-1 6-3
1r	W	K. PLISKOVA (#75)	6-2 6-3

  

2018	Result	Rank: 22	Seed: -
1r	L	D. CIBULKOVA (#30)	7-6(8) 6-4

  

2017	Result	Rank: 23	Seed: -
2r	L	D. CIBULKOVA (#5)	7-5 2-6 6-2
1r	W	J. JANKOVIC (#50)	6-1 6-4

  

2014	Result	Rank: 21	Seed: -
2r	L	M. LUCIC-BARONI (#110)	6-4 6-1
1r	W	T. MAJERIC (#121)	5-7 6-2 6-3

2025	Result	Rank: 32	Seed: -
3r	L	E. ALEXANDROVA (#26)	6-4 6-2
2r	W	C. BUCSA (#116)	6-2 6-3
1r	W	C. TAUSON (#39)	6-0

  

2024	Result	Rank: 25	Seed: -
2r	L	E. NAVARRO (#23)	6-1 6-3
1r	W	P. STEARNS (#65)	6-2 6-3

  

2023	Result	Rank: 37	Seed: -
1r	L	D. COLLINS (#42)	6-4 7-6(6)

  

2022	Result	Rank: 26	Seed: 16
3r	L	A. KONTAVEIT (#7)	6-3 0-6 6-2
2r	W	P. KVITOVA (#21)	7-5 1-2
1r	W	J. PAOLINI (#44)	6-3 2-6 7-5

  

2020	Result	Rank: 23	Seed: 16
2r	L	Y. PUTINTSEVA (#32)	4-6 6-3 6-2
1r	W	Q. WANG (#28)	6-1 6-2



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## SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Played 1r at Abu Dhabi (l. Kessler)
- Fell in 1r at Australian Open (l. Bai)
- Played 1r at Brisbane (l. Cirstea)

- Reached 4r at Australian Open (l. eventual champion Rybakina)
- Opened 2026 with Team Belgium at United Cup reaching SF (went 3-1 in singles)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
10	72	<b>Aces</b>	41	9
53.5%	114	<b>First serve %</b>	57.5%	101
70.2%	18	<b>First Serve points won %</b>	75.5%	2
38.1%	101	<b>Second serve points won %</b>	49.1%	30
55.3%	75	<b>Overall service points won %</b>	64.3%	5
65.6%	55	<b>Service games won %</b>	79.1%	7
54.2%	60	<b>Break points saved %</b>	48.6%	86
31.1%	102	<b>First serve return points won %</b>	35.9%	62
44.2%	112	<b>Second serve return points won %</b>	58.5%	23
27.8%	112	<b>Break points converted %</b>	58.9%	9
15.6%	113	<b>Return games won %</b>	38.4%	37
36.6%	108	<b>Return points won %</b>	45.2%	38



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## TITLES

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (12)

2018 - STRASBOURG  
2017 - HONG KONG, RABAT, MONTERREY  
2015 - LINZ  
2014 - MOSCOW, PARIS  
2013 - OEIRAS (ESTORIL), MONTERREY  
2011 - MONTERREY  
2010 - ISTANBUL, MONTERREY

Runner-Up (9)

2021 - ROLAND-GARROS  
2019 - MOSCOW, OSAKA  
2017 - TOKYO  
2015 - MOSCOW, WASHINGTON DC  
2013 - SEOUL, BRISBANE  
2012 - WASHINGTON DC

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (6)

2022 - ROME (w/Kudermetova)  
2017 - SYDNEY (w/Babos)  
2013 - MADRID (w/Safarova)  
2012 - CHARLESTON (w/Safarova)  
2011 - BRISBANE (w/Kleybanova)  
2008 - FES (w/Cirstea)

Runner-Up (4)

2023 - ADELAIDE #2 (w/Rybakina)  
2019 - STUTTGART (w/Safarova)  
2015 - 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH (w/Jankovic)  
2008 - PALERMO (w/Kudryavtseva)

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (10)

2025 - 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH, SINGAPORE  
2023 - MONASTIR  
2022 - MONASTIR  
2021 - MELBOURNE 500 GIPPSLAND TROPHY  
2019 - DOHA  
2018 - RABAT, LUGANO, HOBART  
2017 - HOBART

Runner-Up (6)

2025 - HOBART  
2024 - HOBART  
2021 - ISTANBUL  
2020 - LINZ, PRAGUE  
2017 - ISTANBUL

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (24)

2026 - AUSTRALIAN OPEN (w/Zhang)  
2025 - WTA FINALS (w/Kudermetova),  
WIMBLEDON (w/Kudermetova)  
2024 - BIRMINGHAM (w/Hsieh), INDIAN WELLS  
(w/Hsieh), AUSTRALIAN OPEN (w/Hsieh)  
2023 - GUADALAJARA (w/Hunter), ROME  
(w/Hunter)  
2022 - WTA FINALS (w/Kudermetova), DUBAI  
(w/Kudermetova)  
2021 - INDIAN WELLS (w/Hsieh), WIMBLEDON  
(w/Hsieh), ISTANBUL (w/Kudermetova),  
AUSTRALIAN OPEN (w/Sabalenka)  
2020 - OSTRAVA (w/Sabalenka)  
2019 - US OPEN (w/Sabalenka), MIAMI  
(w/Sabalenka), INDIAN WELLS (w/Sabalenka)  
2018 - WUHAN (w/Schuurs), 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH  
(w/Schuurs), LUGANO (w/Flipkens), HOBART  
(w/Schuurs)  
2017 - GUANGZHOU (w/Schuurs)  
2016 - AUCKLAND (w/Mestach)

Runner-Up (14)

2025 - ROME (w/Kudermetova), MADRID  
(w/Kudermetova)  
2023 - WIMBLEDON (w/Hunter)  
2022 - WIMBLEDON (w/Zhang), BIRMINGHAM  
(w/Zhang), 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH (w/Kudermetova),  
MIAMI (w/Kudermetova), DOHA (w/Kudermetova)  
2021 - WTA FINALS (w/Hsieh)  
2019 - WUHAN (w/Sabalenka)



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## GRAND SLAMS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
1r				<b>2026</b>	4r			
QF	1r	QF	2r	<b>2025</b>	2r	1r	4r	3r
2r	2r	2r	3r	<b>2024</b>	2r	3r	2r	4r
1r	QF		2r	<b>2023</b>	3r	4r	2r	3r
3r				<b>2022</b>	4r	4r	4r	1r
1r	RUP	3r	4r	<b>2021</b>	4r	3r	3r	4r
QF	2r			<b>2020</b>	4r	3r		QF
QF	1r	1r	2r	<b>2019</b>	3r	3r	4r	QF
2r	2r	1r	1r	<b>2018</b>	SF	4r	3r	4r
QF	2r	1r	1r	<b>2017</b>		3r	1r	1r
1r	3r	QF	3r	<b>2016</b>				1r
1r	1r	2r	2r	<b>2015</b>				
3r	2r	1r	2r	<b>2014</b>				
1r	2r	1r	3r	<b>2013</b>				
2r	3r	2r	2r	<b>2012</b>				
3r	QF	2r	QF	<b>2011</b>				
2r	3r	3r	4r	<b>2010</b>				
1r	3r	2r	1r	<b>2009</b>				
	2r	3r	2r	<b>2008</b>				
		1r		<b>2007</b>				



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- Highlights of 2025 were reaching QF at Wimbledon for a second time (l. eventual finalist Anisimova) and QF at Australian Open for a fourth time (l. eventual finalist Sabalenka); also made SF at Eastbourne (l. eventual champion Joint). Ended her 2025 season after reaching 2r at US Open
- In 2024 reached SF at Linz (l. eventual champion Ostapenko) and Doha (l. Rybakina); contested QF at San Diego (l. Kostyuk), Adelaide (l. Pegula) and Cincinnati (l. Badosa); her best Grand Slam result of the season came at the US Open during a 3r run (l. Swiatek)
- Having been out of action since May 2022 with knee injury, returned to action in 2023 at Adelaide, reaching doubles final w/Rybakina; in singles, advanced to SF at Tokyo (l. Kudermetova) and QF at Strasbourg (l. Davis), Roland Garros (l. Muchova) and Hong Kong (l. Siniakova); R-Up at WTA 125 event at Contrexeville (l. Rus)
- Also in 2023 played several ITF Circuit events as part of comeback, restoring ranking into Top 60 by season's end
- Ended 2022 campaign in May due to recurring knee injury; played sparingly in first half of the year, with highlight a first doubles title in five years (w/Kudermetova)
- Enjoyed resurgent year in 2021, returning to Top 20 and advancing to maiden Grand Slam final, finishing R-Up at Roland Garros (l. Krejckova)
- Enjoyed successful 2021 Olympics, reaching QF in singles (l. eventual gold medalist Bencic in 3s) and winning gold in mixed doubles (w/Rublev, d. Vesnina/Karatsev in F)
- At Madrid, reached first SF since 2019 (l. Sabalenka); upset three Top 20 players en route, No.9 Ka.Pliskova in 2r, No.14Brady in 3r and No.20 Muchova in QF
- At 2020 Roland Garros, made 50th main draw appearance at a major - one of 10 active players to reach this milestone
- Upset No.2 Ka.Pliskova and former champion Kerber en route to QF at 2020 Australian Open
- Advanced to two finals in 2019 - both at Premier-level - at Osaka (l. Osaka in F) and Moscow (l. Bencic in F). Also made QF in Melbourne in 2019 to match best Grand Slam result (l. Collins), upsetting No.9 Bertens and No.5 Stephens en route
- Notched only win over a reigning World No.1 against Kerber during run to fourth Monterrey title in 2017
- Won two singles titles in 2025 at Singapore and 's-Hertogenbosch; also reached the final at Hobart for second consecutive year and finished the 2025 season ranked inside the singles Top 20 for a fifth year (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021) and inside the doubles Top 5
- Lifted a fifth Grand Slam doubles trophy in 2025 at Wimbledon with Veronika Kudermetova; the pair then went on to win the year-end WTA Finals title for a second time together after 2022
- Kicked off 2024 season with R-Up finish at Hobart (l. Navarro) which marked her 13th WTA singles final. In doubles won Australian Open, Indian Wells and Birmingham all w/ Hsieh Su-Wei and qualified for WTA Finals for sixth consecutive time
- Ended 2023 as only Top 100 player to finish year exactly where she started, at No.29. Strongest singles results came at Monastir, successfully defending her title (d. Paolini), and SF at Monterrey (l. Garcia). Achieved a year-end doubles ranking of No.2 after lifting two titles at Guadalajara and Rome (w/Hunter) and SF at WTA Finals Cancun (l. eventual champions Siegemund/Zvonareva).
- Finished 2022 ranked No.29 in singles, her sixth consecutive Top 50 finish; also finished No.5 in doubles for her fourth consecutive Top 10 finish in doubles and second consecutive Top 5 finish
- Lifted seventh WTA title, at 2022 Monastir (d. Cornet in F), while in doubles alongside partner V.Kudermetova won Dubai and WTA Finals, as well as finished R-Up at Wimbledon
- Enjoyed a productive start to 2021 season in Melbourne, triumphing at the Gippsland Trophy (d. Kanepi in F) to lift sixth WTA singles title, then teamed up w/Sabalenka at Australian Open to claim second Grand Slam doubles title (d. Krejckova/Siniakova in F). Later in the year, won third career Grand Slam doubles title, at Wimbledon w/Hsieh
- Won the most matches on Tour in 2020, going 34-13 across the season and finishing as R-Up at both Prague (l. Halep) and Linz (l. Sabalenka)
- Earned her milestone 200th career main draw win with victory over Kalinina in 1r at 2020 Linz
- Singles highlights in 2019 were winning biggest title of career at Doha (d. No.3 Halep in final) and advancing to QF at US Open for the first time (l. eventual champion Andreescu in 3 sets)
- Enjoyed standout season in doubles in 2019 - won maiden major doubles title at US Open w/Sabalenka (d. Azarenka/Barty in F). Also

- Represented Russia at 2016 Rio Olympics, losing to eventual gold medalist Puig in 2r
- In 2011, won 39 main draw matches, one title and reached first two Grand Slam QFs to end the year inside Top 20 for the first time
- Made Top 20 debut at No.20 on September 13, 2010, after R16 showing at US Open
- Won the first title of her career at Monterrey in 2010 (d. Hantuchova in F); has gone on to lift this title three more times (2011, 2013 and 2017)
- Advanced to maiden WTA SF at 2009 Indian Wells, scoring first Top 10 wins of her career en route, over No.3 Jankovic and No.10 A.Radwanska
- Broke into Top 100 in singles on July 7, 2008 - following run through qualifying to 3r at Wimbledon - and entered Top 50 on November 3 of the same year
- Reached first two WTA QFs in 2008, first on clay at Palermo and then on hard at Tokyo
- Made Grand Slam debut at 2007 Wimbledon as a WC, losing 6-0 6-1 to No.10 seed Hantuchova
- Played first WTA main draw as a wildcard at 2006 Moscow
- Named 2006 ITF Junior World Champion, having won girls' singles titles at Australian Open (2006-07) and US Open (2006)

- Completed 'Sunshine Double' in doubles (w/Sabalenka), lifting the back-to-back titles at Indian Wells (d. Krejckikova/Siniakova) and Miami (d. Stosur/Zhang), and qualified for Shiseido WTA Finals Shenzhen (went 1-2 in RR)
- Advanced to first Grand Slam SF of career at 2018 Australian Open (l. eventual champion Wozniacki)
- During 2018, lifted titles at Hobart, Rabat and Lugano, finishing with 46 main draw match wins across the campaign - only Ka.Pliskova (49) and Kvitova (47) registered more. By contrast, prior to 2018 season owned only 36 wins at this level across entire career
- In doubles in 2018, won four titles and reached QF at WTA Finals (w/Schuurs)
- Finished 2017 season at No.35, up from No.120 in 2016 - first Top 50 and Top 100 year-end finish. Season highlighted by first career singles title at Hobart (as a qualifier, d. Niculescu in F)
- Registered first Top 10 win of career over No.10 Cibulkova in 1r at 2017 Beijing
- Made WTA singles main draw debut at 2016 's-Hertogenbosch - made QF (as qualifier, l. Mladenovic)
- Won first WTA title of any kind in doubles at 2016 Auckland (w/Mestach)
- Played first Tour-level event of career at 2015 Antwerp (fell in qualifying)
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in Belgium in 2010; owns 11 singles and 14 doubles titles on ITF Circuit

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Formerly worked with her brother Aleksandr Pavlyuchenkov
- Mother's name is Marina. Grandmother played basketball for USSR; grandfather was high-level basketball referee; father was Olympic-level canoeist; mother was a swimmer
- Introduced to tennis at age 6 by family
- Baseline player whose favorite surface is clay; favorite shot is forehand down the line
- Speaks Russian, English and French
- Likes comedy movies; favorite actors are Johnny Depp and Ben Stiller
- Favorite music is R&B, hip-hop, favorite book is Eat, Pray, Love, favorite foods are Japanese and Russian
- Enjoys karaoke, shopping, dancing, seeing friends, music, sleeping
- Best memories are winning 2006 Australian Open juniors, first WTA title in Monterrey and playing World TeamTennis

- Currently working with Christopher Heyman
- Formerly worked with Alexander Kneepkens, Robbie Ceyssens, Dieter Kindlmann, Daniel Goffin and Philippe Dehaes
- Previously trained under Belgian Federation until early teens, also spent a year at the Mouratoglou Academy in Paris
- Mother is Liliane Barbe (teaches languages and history); father is Guido Mertens (makes furniture for churches). Began playing tennis at age 4, introduced to game by older sister Lauren, an airline pilot with KLM
- First tennis memory is watching Kim Clijsters playing live
- Was home schooled, enjoyed studying languages; speaks English, Dutch/Flemish and French
- Loves animals and has lots of pets at home
- In 2021, launched a charitable initiative to support the Virunga National Park's efforts to save the gorilla population in the Democratic Republic of Congo



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**UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA**

**LEYLAH  
FERNANDEZ**  
**CANADA**

**25**

2000-06-26	<b>Date of Birth</b>	2002-09-06
Atlanta, Georgia, USA	<b>Residence</b>	Boynton Beach, Florida, USA
Right-Handed	<b>Plays</b>	Left-Handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 7" (1.70m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 6" (1.68m)
33	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	13
\$3,252,513	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$7,501,505
\$176,117	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$143,366
0 / 2	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	0 / 5
13-16 (Round of 16: 2025 US OPEN)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	27-23 (Runner-Up: 2021 US OPEN)
0-0 / 1-1 (Round of 32: 2022)	<b>YTD / Career DOHA W-L (best)</b>	0-0 / 5-2 (Quarter-Finalist: 2024)
2-3 / 74-66	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	1-4 / 138-109



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## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2025	MADRID	CLAY	2r	Ann Li	6-4 3-6 6-4	2h 8m

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
37	-	2026	22	-
33	38	2025	22	22
93	99	2024	23	31
129	174	2023	32	35
44	140	2022	13	40
47	47	2021	24	24
97	97	2020	88	88
146	148	2019	209	209
290	310	2018	451	487
583	583	2017	727	728



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

*Total time on court: 0m*

#### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at this tournament; she previously reached 2r in 2022 (l. Sakkari)
- Faces No.25 Leylah Fernandez in 1r today; owns 7 wins in career over Top 25 players, most recently No.19 Belinda Bencic at 2025 US Open
- Owns 1-1 career Tour-level record against players from Canada (l. Marino at 2022 Guadalajara; d. Fernandez at 2025 Madrid)
- Both of her 2 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court (2021 Tenerife and 2025 Guangzhou); she has reached 4 additional WTA singles finals and they were all on hard court as well
- One of 8 players from United States of America in this week's main draw
- Two Americans have won this title: Monica Seles in 2002 and Amanda Anisimova last year
- Contesting her 18th career WTA 1000 main draw
- Is currently ranked No.41; this time last year was ranked No.61. Reached career-high ranking of No.33 in October of 2025
- So far this year, fell 1r at Brisbane (l. Gadecki), then made Hobart 2r (l. eventual champion Cocciaretto) and Australian Open 2r (l. Linette)

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

*Total time on court: 0m*

#### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 3rd main draw appearance at this tournament; her best tournament result is QF in 2024 (l. eventual R-Up Rybakina)
- Contesting her 40th career WTA 1000 main draw; her career-best WTA 1000 showings are QFs at 2023 Guadalajara, 2024 Doha and 2024 Cincinnati
- Seeking her 2nd match-win of 2026; started season 0-3 before posting 1st win of year at Abu Dhabi (d. Paquet)
- Faces No.41 Ann Li in 1r today; owns 50 Tour-level wins in career over Top 50 players, most recently No.45 Sorana Cirstea at 2025 Hong Kong
- Owns 21-23 career Tour-level record against players from United States of America (0-1 in 2026, l. Kessler at Abu Dhabi)
- All of her 5 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court, including 2 last year at Washington DC and Osaka
- One of 2 players from Canada in this week's main draw (also No.10 seed Mboko)
- First time 2 players from Canada are in the main draw at a single edition of this tournament
- Best result by Canada at this event was Fernandez's QF run in 2024
- Is currently ranked No.25; this time last year was ranked No.27. Reached career-high ranking of No.13 in August of 2022



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2022	Result	Rank: 58	Seed: -
2r	L	M. SAKKARI (#6)	6-3 6-3
1r	W	S. KENIN (#89)	6-3 6-7(5) 6-3

2025	Result	Rank: 27	Seed: -
3r	L	A. ANISIMOVA (#41)	6-3 6-0
2r	W	E. NAVARRO (#9)	6-2 6-2
1r	W	G. MINNEN (#88)	6-1 6-2

2024	Result	Rank: 38	Seed: -
QF	L	E. RYBAKINA (#4)	6-4 6-2
3r	W	Q. ZHENG (#7)	7-5 6-3
2r	W	P. BADOSA (#79)	0-6 6-2 6-3
1r	W	L. SAMSONOVA (#15)	7-5 7-6(4)



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## SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Played 2r at Australian Open (l. Linette)
- Made 2r at Hobart (l. eventual champion Cocciaretto)
- Played 1r at Brisbane (l. Gadecki)

- Made 2r at Abu Dhabi (l. Kessler)
- Played 1r at Australian Open (l. Tjen)
- Fell in 1r at Adelaide (l. Shnaider)
- Made 2r at Brisbane (l. Yastremska)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
18	40	<b>Aces</b>	6	99
57.8%	96	<b>First serve %</b>	56.7%	107
68.0%	27	<b>First Serve points won %</b>	63.1%	61
42.7%	70	<b>Second serve points won %</b>	50.8%	14
57.3%	49	<b>Overall service points won %</b>	57.8%	42
67.2%	46	<b>Service games won %</b>	65.9%	53
50.0%	81	<b>Break points saved %</b>	57.1%	39
37.3%	47	<b>First serve return points won %</b>	23.0%	116
53.0%	78	<b>Second serve return points won %</b>	51.8%	91
39.6%	92	<b>Break points converted %</b>	28.0%	111
31.8%	70	<b>Return games won %</b>	15.9%	112
42.3%	73	<b>Return points won %</b>	34.8%	112



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## TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (2)  
2025 - GUANGZHOU  
2021 - TENERIFE  
Runner-Up (4)  
2025 - CLEVELAND, SINGAPORE  
2024 - MÉRIDA  
2021 - MELBOURNE 500 GRAMPIANS TROPHY

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (5)  
2025 - OSAKA, WASHINGTON DC  
2023 - HONG KONG  
2022 - MONTERREY  
2021 - MONTERREY  
  
Runner-Up (3)  
2024 - EASTBOURNE  
2021 - US OPEN  
2020 - ACAPULCO

### DOUBLES FINALS

Runner-Up (4)  
2024 - CINCINNATI (w/Putintseva)  
2023 - ROLAND GARROS (w/Townsend), MIAMI  
(w/Townsend), AUCKLAND (w/Mattek-sands)

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
2r				<b>2026</b>	1r			
1r	2r	2r	4r	<b>2025</b>	3r	1r	2r	3r
			1r	<b>2024</b>	2r	3r	2r	1r
				<b>2023</b>	2r	2r	2r	1r
1r	1r	2r	1r	<b>2022</b>	1r	QF		2r
3r	2r	1r	1r	<b>2021</b>	1r	2r	1r	RUP
2r			3r	<b>2020</b>	1r	3r		2r



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- Won second career title in 2025 at Guangzhou (after Tenerife 2021) and reached further finals at Singapore (l. Mertens in F) and Cleveland (l. Cirstea in F). Made 4r at a Grand Slam for the first time at US Open (l. Pegula) and reached a peak ranking of No.33 in October before finishing the 2025 season ranked inside the Top 40 for the first time (No.38)
- Ended 2024 with her strongest result of the year at Merida with R-Up run taking her ranking back into the Top 100 for the first time since 2022. Through the season also made QF at Palermo and at WTA 125s, lifted the title at Valencia and reached the final at Bastad
- Reached four Tour-level main draws in 2023; 1r at Austin (as qualifier, l. Blinkova), 1r at Indian Wells (l. Blinkova), Cincinnati (as qualifier, l. Sabalenka) and Guadalajara (as qualifier, l. Stephens). Also reached QF at WTA 125 Valencia on clay (l. Sherif) and R-Up at ITF \$100K Bonita Springs

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

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

- In 2025, won multiple Tour titles in a calendar year for the first time, finishing as champion at WTA 250 Osaka and WTA 500 Washington DC (her first title above WTA 250 level); also partnered Venus Williams to make US Open doubles QF as a wild card team
- 2024 season highlights were reaching first final on grass finishing R-Up at Eastbourne (l. Kasatkina) and as part of title defense made SF at Hong Kong. Also reached final of Cincinnati in doubles w/Putintseva
- In 2023, earned third career title at Hong Kong (d. Siniakova); prevented from a consecutive title run by Siniakova who defeated her in Nanchang SF. Also defeated Paolini at Billie Jean King Cup Finals to lift title with Canada
- Broke into the Top 20 in doubles in 2023, after reaching final at Roland Garros, Miami (both w/Townsend) and Auckland (w/Mattek-Sands) as well as QF at US Open (w/Townsend)

In 2022 won her second title at Monterrey (d. Osorio in F; saved 5MP), and reached the QF at Roland Garros (l. Trevisan); missed grass-court season due to grade three stress fracture in her right foot suffered during match vs. Trevisan in Paris

- Enjoyed a memorable 2021 campaign, lifting first career title in Monterrey and advancing to maiden Grand Slam final, at US Open (l. Raducanu)
- En route to the final at Flushing Meadows in 2021, upset defending champion and No. 3 Osaka in 3r, 2016 winner Kerber in R16, No.5 Svitolina in QF and No. 2 Sabalenka in SF, becoming the youngest woman to beat multiple Top-5 opponents at the same major since S. Williams at 1999 US Open
- Breakout year in 2020 saw her crack Top 100 for the first time on September 14 and finish campaign by reaching 3r at Roland Garros. Earned first career Grand Slam win at 2020 US Open (d. Zvonareva, l. Kenin in 2r) and made Grand Slam debut at 2020 Australian Open as qualifier (l. Davis in 1r)
- Reached first career WTA final and notched first tour-level back-to-back wins at 2020 Acapulco as qualifier (l. Watson in F); at 17y, 177d, she was the youngest Canadian to reach a WTA singles final in 34 years (since Helen Kelesi at 1986 Tokyo [Japan Open] won at 16y, 338d)
- Owns one singles title and two doubles titles on ITF Circuit

- Won 2019 Roland Garros junior singles title (d. Navarro) becoming first Canadian to win a junior Grand Slam since Bouchard in 2012
- Played first WTA main draw and earned first main draw win of career at 2018 Quebec City defeating countrywoman Dabrowski in 1r (L. Watson in 2r)
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in USA in 2016

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Previously coached by Henner Nehles. Lives and trains in Atlanta; formerly trained at USTA in Orlando
- Idolizes Roger Federer. Favorite surface to compete on is grass
- Hobbies include listening to music, watching movies, and reading

- Coached by Jorge Fernandez  
Born in Montréal, and resides and trains in Miami, FL with mother, Irene, father, Jorge and younger sister, Bianca Jolie who also plays tennis. Older sister, Jodeci and husband Jacques live in Ohio
- Current sponsors are: lululemon, Easy Post, Morgan Stanley, Google Canada, Gatorade Canada, Babolat and Youth Athletes United
- Trilingual: French, Spanish and English
- Hobbies include: taking dancing lessons, currently learning Salsa with her younger sister; loves to solve puzzles and Rubiks Cubes during match rain delays or in her free time at the hotel
- Loves dessert but specifically enjoys molten lava chocolate cake



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**MARIE  
BOUZKOVA**  
CZECH REPUBLIC

**VICTORIA  
(10) MBOKO**  
CANADA

13

1998-07-21	<b>Date of Birth</b>	2006-08-26
Bradenton, FL, USA	<b>Residence</b>	
Right-Handed (two-handed backhand)	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 11" (1.80m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 8" (1.76)
24	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	13
\$6,572,039	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$2,128,577
\$203,491	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$621,978
0 / 2	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	0 / 2
21-27 (Quarter-Finalist: 2022 WIMBLEDON)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	6-4 (Round of 16: 2026 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
0-0 / 1-1 (Round of 32: 2024)	<b>YTD / Career DOHA W-L (best)</b>	0-0 / 0-0
3-3 / 141-123	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	8-3 / 28-14



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## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2025	MONTREAL	HARD	3r	Victoria Mboko	1-6 6-3 6-0	1h 56m

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
37	-	2026	13	-
39	43	2025	18	18
34	45	2024	284	350
24	34	2023	316	323
26	26	2022	492	499
46	89	2021	-	-
46	51	2020	-	-
53	57	2019	-	-
142	142	2018	-	-
169	187	2017	-	-



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

*Total time on court: 0m*

#### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd main draw appearance at Doha, where her previous result was reaching 2r in 2024 (l. Collins)
- Faces No.13 Victoria Mboko in 1r today; owns 20 wins in career over Top 20 players, most recently No.20 Beatriz Haddad Maia at Monterrey 2025
- Owns 4-3 career record against players from Canada, with record in 2026 standing at 0-0
- Owns 37-54 career record against seeds, with a record in 2026 standing at 0-3
- Her two career titles have both come on hard court, at Prague in 2025 (d. Noskova in F) and Prague in 2022 (d. Potapova in F)
- One of 6 players from Czech Republic in main draw
- Best result by Czech Republic at Doha was Champion run by Petra Kvitova in 2021 & 2018, Karolina Pliskova in 2017, Lucie Safarova in 2015
- Last time 6 players from Czech Republic reached 1r at Doha was 2020
- Is currently ranked No.37; this time last year was ranked No.45. Reached career high ranking of No.24 in December 2022
- So far this season, has reached 2r at Australian Open (l. Swiatek), Adelaide (l. M.Andreeva), and Brisbane (l. Badosa)
- Has won three Tour-level matches so far in 2026
- Contesting her 37th career WTA 1000 main draw; her best WTA 1000 results are SF at 2019 Toronto (l. S.Williams) and 2022 Guadalajara (l. Sakkari)

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

*Total time on court: 0m*

#### PLAYER NOTES

- Making tournament debut at Doha
- Faces No.37 Marie Bouzkova in 1r today; owns 14 wins in career over Top 50 players, most recently No.14 Clara Tauson at Australian Open 2026
- Owns 1-1 career record against players from Czech Republic, with record in 2026 standing at 0-0
- Both her career titles were achieved on hard court: Hong Kong 2025 (d. Bucsa in F) and Montreal in 2025 (as an 18-year-old wildcard, d. Osaka in F)
- One of 2 players from Canada in main draw
- Best result by Canada at Doha was Quarter-Finalist run by Leylah Fernandez in 2024
- Is currently ranked at career high No.13; this time last year was ranked No.211
- Earlier this season, reached her third career WTA final at Adelaide (l. M.Andreeva) and first Grand Slam R16 at Australian Open (l. eventual R-Up Sabalenka)
- Has won 8 Tour-level matches so far in 2026
- Contesting only her 6th career WTA 1000 main draw, and has already won one WTA 1000 title (2025 Montreal)
- Today's winner will face either wildcard Peyton Stearns or qualifier Vera Zvonareva in 2r



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2024	Result	Rank: 35	Seed: -
2r	L	D. COLLINS (#63)	6-4 7-5
1r	W	S. KENIN (#45)	7-5 2-6 7-5

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles



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## SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Made 2r at Australian Open (l. Swiatek)
- Played 2r at Adelaide (as LL, l. eventual champion M.Andreeva)
- Made 2r at Brisbane (l. Badosa)

- Reached 4r at Australian Open (l. eventual R-Up Sabalenka)
- Reached final at Adelaide (l. champion Andreeva in F)
- Opened 2026 season going 1-1 in singles play at United Cup for Team Canada

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
14	50	<b>Aces</b>	52	4
65.1%	39	<b>First serve %</b>	66.6%	25
59.8%	90	<b>First Serve points won %</b>	65.2%	45
49.3%	25	<b>Second serve points won %</b>	48.5%	37
56.1%	65	<b>Overall service points won %</b>	59.6%	27
64.1%	63	<b>Service games won %</b>	72.8%	24
57.4%	38	<b>Break points saved %</b>	44.3%	103
36.9%	52	<b>First serve return points won %</b>	37.0%	50
53.3%	75	<b>Second serve return points won %</b>	55.7%	53
40.8%	85	<b>Break points converted %</b>	50.0%	30
30.3%	79	<b>Return games won %</b>	36.4%	48
42.5%	72	<b>Return points won %</b>	43.5%	52



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## TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (2)

2025 - PRAGUE  
2022 - PRAGUE

Runner-Up (6)

2024 - WASHINGTON DC, BOGOTA  
2023 - NANCHANG  
2022 - GUADALAJARA  
2021 - MELBOURNE 250  
2020 - MONTERREY

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (6)

2025 - EASTBOURNE (w/Danilina)  
2023 - SEOUL (w/Mattek-sands), BEIJING  
(w/Sorribes Tormo)  
2022 - ISTANBUL (w/Sorribes Tormo)  
2021 - PRAGUE (w/Hradecka), BIRMINGHAM  
(w/Hradecka)

Runner-Up (3)

2024 - AUCKLAND (w/Mattek-sands)  
2021 - CHARLESTON (w/Hradecka)  
2020 - LEXINGTON (w/Teichmann)

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (2)

2025 - HONG KONG, MONTREAL

Runner-Up (1)

2026 - ADELAIDE

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
2r				<b>2026</b>	4r			
1r	3r	2r	1r	<b>2025</b>		3r	2r	1r
1r	3r	2r	2r	<b>2024</b>				
1r	1r	4r	3r	<b>2023</b>				
2r	2r	QF	2r	<b>2022</b>				
1r	1r	1r	1r	<b>2021</b>				
1r	1r		1r	<b>2020</b>				
	1r	2r	1r	<b>2019</b>				
			1r	<b>2018</b>				



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- In 2025, won second WTA Tour singles title of career at Prague (d. fellow Czech Noskova in final); also made SF at Monterrey and QF at Brisbane and Bogota, finishing inside the Top 50 for the fourth straight season. In doubles, won Eastbourne title w/Danilina
- Reached two WTA singles finals in 2024, at Bogota (l. Osorio) and Washington, DC (l. Badosa); finished season with SF run at Jiujiang (l. Golubic). In Grand Slam play, achieved best result at Roland Garros to date, advancing to 3r (l. Swiatek)
- Enjoyed success in second half of 2023 season with 4r at Wimbledon (l. eventual champion Vondrousova), 3r at US Open (l. Jabeur) and R-Up at Nanchang (l. Siniakova). Lifted two more doubles trophies in 2023 at Beijing (w/Sorribes Tormo) and Seoul (w/Mattek Sands)
- In 2022, won first WTA Tour singles title at Prague (d. Potapova in F) and made first Grand Slam QF at Wimbledon (l. Jabeur); finished R-Up at WTA 250 event in Guadalajara (l. Stephens in F), then had a SF run later in the year at the WTA 1000 event in the same city (l. Sakkari)
- Finished 2022 season ranked No.25 in singles, having started it only just inside Top 100. Also won her third career doubles title at 2022 Istanbul (w/Sorribes Tormo)
- Advanced to second career WTA singles final at 2021 Phillip Island Trophy in Melbourne, defeating No.8 Andreescu in SF (l. Kasatkina in F); followed up with SF at Guadalajara (l. Sorribes Tormo)
- In doubles in 2021, won first WTA titles of career, both w/Hradecka at Birmingham (d. Jabeur/Perez in F) and Prague (d. Stojanovic/Kuzmova in F); reached an additional final at Charleston (w/Hradecka, l. Melichar/Schuurs) and also made QF at Wimbledon and US Open
- Before tour's hiatus in March 2020, advanced to first career WTA singles final at Monterrey where she finished R-Up to Svitolina; broke into Top 50 at No.47 following the tournament
- Other highlights of 2020 came at Lexington, where she made the fourth Tour-level QF of her career (l. eventual champion Brady) and reached maiden WTA doubles final (w/Teichmann, l. Carter/Stefani)
- Standout performance of 2019 season was a SF run in her first Premier 5 appearance at Toronto (as qualifier, l. S. Williams in 3s); upset No.4
- A breakthrough season in 2025 saw her lift her first WTA title during a fairytale run on home soil at Montreal as an 18-year-old wild card, registering her first Top 10 win over No.2 Gauff along the way. Three months later she was crowned champion of WTA 250 Hong Kong.
- Started 2025 ranked outside the Top 300 and closed the season with a year-end career high ranking of No.18
- Played only at ITF level in 2024 earning a further title at W35 Darmstadt (Germany) and broke into the Top 300 for the first time
- In 2023 secured her second ITF career title at W60 Saskatoon
- In 2022 played qualifying at WTA 1000 Toronto and main draw at WTA 250 Granby in her first WTA Tour level appearances
- Claimed her first ITF title in 2022 at W25 Saskatoon (Canada)
- Played first ITF tournament at W15 Prokuplje (Serbia) in 2021 at the age of 14

- Halep and No.8 Stephens en route, her first career Top 20 wins
- Also in 2019, made QF at Guangzhou and was R-Up at WTA 125 Guadalajara. Lifted 12th and biggest title of career on ITF Circuit at \$80K Nur-Sultan-KAZ (d. Kostic in F), broke into the Top 100 for the first time at No.92 following the tournament (on July 22)
  - Won first Grand Slam main draw match during 2r showing at 2019 Wimbledon (as LL, d. Barthel, l. Sakkari)
  - Highlights of 2018 season were winning maiden Tour-level match during 2r showing at Quebec City (as qualifier, l. Lepchenko) and qualifying for first Grand Slam at US Open, where she fell in 1r (l. Bogdan)
  - Fell 1r on WTA main draw debut at 2015 Acapulco (as wild card, l. Karatantcheva)
  - Professional debut was opening round loss in qualifying at 2013 Katowice
  - Girls' singles champion at 2014 US Open (d. Kalinina in F)

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Working with Antonin Bolardt
  - Mother is Kveta. Has a younger brother, Benjamin Milan
  - Began playing tennis at club owned by her parents in Prague. Moved to Florida at age 10 - initially trained at Bollietieri Academy for two years, continued to work with her dad and then Requeni from 2014
  - Admires the play of Serena Williams and Rafael Nadal
  - Has memorably played with the same type of giant water bottle courtside for more than 10 years
  - Speaks Czech, English, Spanish and some German
  - Favorite music is from Queen, ABBA, Roxette and Beatles, while favorite movies are Czech comedy classics
  - Currently pursuing a degree in business administration through Indiana University East
- Coached by Nathalie Tauziat and Maxime Tchoutakian
  - Born in North Carolina in United States, but moved to Toronto as a small child
  - Grew up watching tennis at Sobey's Stadium (Toronto, WTA 1000)



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MATCHES  
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**4**  
WIN



**35** **JAEQUELINE  
CRISTIAN**  
ROMANIA

**KAROLINA  
(14) MUCHOVA** **19**  
CZECH REPUBLIC

1998-06-05	<b>Date of Birth</b>	1996-08-21
	<b>Residence</b>	Prague, Czech Republic
Right-Handed	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed (double-handed backhand)
5' 11" (1.82m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 11" (1.80m)
35	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	8
\$3,076,410	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$10,817,721
\$156,751	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$395,691
0 / 0	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	0 / 1
8-13 (Round of 32: 2025 US OPEN, ROLAND GARROS, AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	51-26 (Runner-Up: 2023 ROLAND GARROS)
0-0 / 1-1 (Round of 32: 2022)	<b>YTD / Career DOHA W-L (best)</b>	0-0 / 4-3 (Quarter-Finalist: 2019)
3-4 / 75-77	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	6-2 / 152-79



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## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2026	AUSTRALIAN OPEN	HARD	1r	Karolina Muchova	6-3 7-6(6)	1h 53m
2024	NINGBO	HARD	2r	Karolina Muchova	6-2 6-1	1h 17m
2024	BEIJING	HARD	3r	Karolina Muchova	6-1 6-3	1h 16m
2018	VERSMOLD	CLAY	1r	Karolina Muchova	6-4 6-1	0m

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
35	-	2026	19	-
39	39	2025	12	19
57	73	2024	8	22
97	98	2023	8	8
58	148	2022	31	149
71	71	2021	19	32
162	167	2020	21	27
201	205	2019	21	21
201	284	2018	141	145
254	254	2017	210	272



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

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#### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at Doha, where her previous result was reaching 2r in 2022 as a lucky loser (l. Kasatkina)
- Faces No.19 Karolina Muchova in 1r today; owns 5 wins in career over Top 20 players, most recently No.11 Ekaterina Alexandrova at Adelaide 2026
- Owns 5-9 career record against players from Czech Republic (0-2 in 2026: l. Bouzkova at Brisbane; l. Muchova at Australian Open)
- Owns 20-43 career record against seeds, with a record in 2026 standing at 1-1
- Best career Tour-level result on hard court is Runner-Up which she has reached once at Linz in 2021 (l. Riske-Amritraj)
- One of 2 players from Romania in main draw
- Best result by Romania at Doha was Champion run by Simona Halep in 2014
- Last time 2 players from Romania reached 1r at Doha was 2022
- Is currently ranked at career high No.35; this time last year was ranked No.87
- So far this season, has reached QF at Adelaide (l. Birrell), fell 1r at Brisbane (l. Bouzkova) and 1r at Australian Open (l. today's opponent Muchova), and R16 at Cluj-Napoca (l. Snigur)
- Contesting her 15th career WTA 1000 main draw
- Today's winner will face either Alexandra Eala or qualifier Tereza Valentova in 2r

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

*Total time on court: 0m*

#### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 4th appearance at Doha, where her best result was reaching QF in 2019 (l. Svitolina)
- Faces No.35 Jaqueline Cristian in 1r today; owns 75 wins in career over Top 50 players, most recently No.50 Magda Linette at Australian Open 2026
- Owns 13-4 career record against players from Romania, with record in 2026 standing at 1-0
- Best career result on hard court is Champion at Seoul in 2019 (d. Linette in F)
- One of 6 players from Czech Republic in main draw
- Best result by Czech Republic at Doha was Champion run by Petra Kvitova in 2021 & 2018, Karolina Pliskova in 2017, Lucie Safarova in 2015
- Last time 6 players from Czech Republic reached 1r at Doha was 2020
- Is currently ranked No.19; this time last year was ranked No.17. Reached career high ranking of No.8 in September 2023
- So far this season, reached SF at Brisbane (l. eventual Champion Sabalenka) and reached R16 at Australian Open (l. Gauff)
- Has won 6 matches so far in 2026; she is ranked No.10 on tour for match wins, behind Sorana Cirstea, Emma Raducanu, Magda Linette
- Contesting her 27th career WTA 1000 main draw; she is a 2-time WTA 1000 R-Up at 2023 Cincinnati and 2024 Beijing (l. Gauff in both finals)



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2022	Result	Rank: 71	Seed: -
2r	L	D. KASATKINA (#28)	2-6 2-2
1r	W	E. RYBAKINA (#20)	6-4 6-3

2023	Result	Rank: 123	Seed: -
2r	L	C. GARCIA (#5)	6-7(3) 7-5 6-4
1r	W	M. TREVISAN (#25)	6-2 6-2

2020	Result	Rank: 27	Seed: -
2r	L	K. BERTENS (#6)	6-2 6-4
1r	W	M. LINETTE (#33)	6-3 6-1

2019	Result	Rank: 132	Seed: -
QF	L	E. SVITOLINA (#7)	6-4 6-2
2r	W	S. HSIEH (#31)	6-2 6-4
1r	W	S. STOSUR (#73)	6-4 6-2



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## SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Made 2r at Cluj-Napoca (l. Snigur)
- Fell in 1r at Australian Open (l. Muchova)
- Reached QF at Adelaide (as qualifier, l. Birrell)
- Played 1r at Brisbane (l. Bouzkova)

- Reached 4r at Australian Open (l. Gauff)
- Opened 2026 season with SF finish at Brisbane (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
13	54	<b>Aces</b>	31	19
60.4%	81	<b>First serve %</b>	66.0%	28
59.3%	93	<b>First Serve points won %</b>	66.8%	34
42.1%	77	<b>Second serve points won %</b>	51.7%	10
52.4%	97	<b>Overall service points won %</b>	61.7%	19
55.4%	95	<b>Service games won %</b>	76.1%	14
52.9%	66	<b>Break points saved %</b>	60.0%	25
39.6%	30	<b>First serve return points won %</b>	36.5%	55
53.5%	74	<b>Second serve return points won %</b>	53.8%	72
51.9%	29	<b>Break points converted %</b>	35.3%	107
37.8%	40	<b>Return games won %</b>	31.9%	69
44.0%	47	<b>Return points won %</b>	42.9%	62



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## TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

### SINGLES FINALS

Runner-Up (2)  
2025 - RABAT  
2021 - LINZ

### DOUBLES FINALS

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

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (1)  
2019 - SEOUL

Runner-Up (5)  
2024 - BEIJING, PALERMO  
2023 - CINCINNATI, ROLAND GARROS  
2019 - PRAGUE

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
1r				<b>2026</b>	4r			
3r	3r	1r	3r	<b>2025</b>	2r	1r	1r	QF
1r	1r	1r	1r	<b>2024</b>			1r	SF
1r		2r		<b>2023</b>	2r	RUP	1r	SF
2r			1r	<b>2022</b>		3r	1r	1r
				<b>2021</b>	SF	3r	QF	1r
				<b>2020</b>	2r	1r		4r
				<b>2019</b>	1r	2r	QF	3r
				<b>2018</b>				3r



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- Best result of 2025 was reaching second career Tour final at Rabat (l. Joint in F); also achieved her best Grand Slam results with 3r at Australian Open, Roland Garros and US Open. Won her first WTA 125 title at Puerto Vallarta and ended the season at a career high ranking of No.39
- A strong 2024 season began with semifinal at Cluj-Napoca followed by a further three quarterfinals at Charleston, Palermo and Iasi taking her ranking to a career high of No.57 in July
- In 2023 reached semifinal at Prague (l. Hibino) and also WTA 125 semifinals at Bucharest and Rouen
- Suffered knee injury in 2r match at Doha 2022 against Kasatkina and took the next six months off
- Ended 2021 campaign in fine form, reaching SF at Nur-Sultan (l. eventual champion Van Uytvanck), QF at Cluj-Napoca (l. Halep) before finishing R-Up at Linz (l. Riske)
- Broke into Top 100 on November 8, 2021
- Advanced to maiden WTA QF at 2021 St. Petersburg (l. Kuznetsova)
- Season highlight in 2020 was 2r run at Lyon (as qualifier, l. Kenin)
- In 2019, posted 2r showing at Bucharest (l. Rybakina), also fell 1r at Nanchang (as qualifier, l. Golubic)
- Reached 2r on WTA main draw debut at 2017 Bucharest (d. Kozlova. l. eventual champion Begu)
- In 2016, compiled a 46-18 win-loss record, lifting five titles on ITF Circuit and rising 400 places in rankings
- Contested maiden WTA qualifying at 2015 Bucharest
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in Europe in 2012
- Began the 2025 season reaching the semifinals at United Cup, Linz and Dubai as well as QFs at US Open (l. Osaka) and Tokyo (l. eventual champion Bencic). Also made first WTA 1000 semifinal in doubles at Beijing with Priscilla Hon
- Started 2024 season by reaching QF (l. Keys) at Eastbourne, her first event since US Open 2023. Reached two finals at Beijing (l. Gauff in F) and Palermo (l. Zheng in F). Made consecutive SF at US Open (l. Pegula) and reached another SF at Ningbo (l. M. Andreeva, retired in 2nd set).
- Enjoyed break-out season in 2023, reaching debut Slam final at Roland-Garros (l. Swiatek), debut WTA 1000 final at Cincinnati (l. Gauff) and made Top 10 debut in August. Also secured debut qualification for WTA Finals but did not compete due to injury
- Best result in 2022 was QF showing at Tallinn (l. Kanepi). Also made 3r at Roland Garros and 2r at Ostrava
- Back, abdominal and ankle injuries restricted her to just four tournaments in first half of 2022
- Broke into Top 20 for first time in career in 2021, peaking at No.19 (May 17)
- Posted best result at a Grand Slam in 2021 with SF run at Australian Open (l. Brady) and matched best return at Wimbledon by making QF (l. Kerber, made QF in 2019). Also made last eight at Madrid (l. Pavlyuchenkova)
- Defeated the World No.1 and No.2 during 2021, defeating No.1 Barty at Australian Open and No.2 Osaka at Madrid (only other player to manage this was Badosa)
- Broke into Top 20 for first time in career in 2021, peaking at No.19 (May 17)
- Posted best result at US Open by reaching R16 in 2020 - handed V.Williams her first-ever opening round loss in New York in 22 appearances, then saved three MPs vs. Cirstea in 3r, before falling to eventual R-Up Azarenka
- Finished 2019 season in rich vein of form, winning 18 of last 24 matches, including capturing maiden WTA title at Seoul (d. Linette in F), SFs at Zhuhai (l. eventual champion Sabalenka) and Moscow (l. Pavlyuchenkova) and maiden major QF at Wimbledon (l. Svitolina)
- During run to last eight at 2019 Wimbledon upset No.3 Ka.Pliskova in R16 to record her first Top 10 victory; following the tournament, broke into Top 50 at No.43 on July 15, 2019
- First WTA final appearance came during R-Up finish on home soil at 2019 Prague (l.

Teichmann) - made Top 100 debut at No.74 following the tournament (May 6, 2019)

- Advanced to maiden WTA QF at 2019 Doha (as qualifier, l. Svitolina)
- Billie Jean King Cup debut came during 4-0 World Group play-off win over Canada in 2019
- Reached 3r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2018 US Open (as qualifier, d. No.12 Muguruza in 2r, l. Barty in 3r)
- Fell 1r on WTA main draw debut at 2017 Seoul (as qualifier, l. Hon)
- Won second - and most recent - career ITF Circuit title in 2016 and posted 39-18 win-loss record; at Tour-level fell in qualifying at US Open
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in Croatia in 2013

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Javier Marti
- Favorite surface is clay
- Started playing tennis aged five

- Born in city of Olomouc in eastern Czech Republic, but moved to train in Prague in 2019
- Started playing tennis at aged seven with dad, a former professional footballer in Czech Republic
- Roger Federer was tennis idol growing up



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**18** LIUDMILA SAMSONOVA (13)

MAGDALENA (LL) FRECH **60**  
POLAND

1998-11-11	<b>Date of Birth</b>	1997-12-15
	<b>Residence</b>	Lodz, Poland
Right-Handed	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed
5' 11" (1.82m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 7" (1.71m)
12	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	22
\$8,116,975	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$4,293,820
\$166,991	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$163,689
0 / 5	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	0 / 1
29-23 (Quarter-Finalist: 2025 WIMBLEDON)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	14-19 (Round of 16: 2024 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
0-0 / 1-4 (Round of 32: 2025, 2023)	<b>YTD / Career DOHA W-L (best)</b>	0-0 / 1-2 (Round of 32: 2025)
4-4 / 151-119	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	3-2 / 78-119



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**MAGDALENA  
(LL) FRECH**

## 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
17	-	2026	57	-
16	17	2025	24	59
13	27	2024	22	25
12	16	2023	63	63
19	20	2022	82	116
39	39	2021	99	102
114	127	2020	155	156
123	139	2019	149	198
177	180	2018	115	151
520	552	2017	165	166



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(LL) FRECH**

## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

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#### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 5th main draw appearance at this tournament; earned her first tournament main draw match-win last year (d. Sun in 1r, l. Ostapenko in 2r)
- Contesting her 39th career WTA 1000 main draw; she is a 2-time WTA 1000 R-Up at 2023 Montreal (l. Pegula in F) and 2023 Beijing (l. Swiatek in F)
- Faces No.60 Magdalena Frech in 1r today; Samsonova is 2-1 this year vs. players ranked outside the Top 50 (l. No.56 Baptiste at Abu Dhabi last week)
- Owns 3-6 career Tour-level record against players from Poland (0-1 last year: l. eventual champion Swiatek in Wimbledon QF, which was Samsonova's 1st career Grand Slam QF)
- 3 of her 5 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court, all in 2022 at Washington DC, Cleveland and Tokyo
- Both of her WTA 1000 R-Up showings also came on hard court (2023 Montreal and 2023 Beijing)
- Is currently ranked No.18; this time last year was ranked No.23. Reached career-high ranking of No.12 in February of 2023
- Best results so far this season are QF finishes at Brisbane (l. Pegula) and Abu Dhabi (l. Baptiste)

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

*Total time on court: 0m*

#### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 3rd main draw appearance at this tournament; entered this year's main draw as lucky loser after falling in qualifying (l. Zvonareva)
- Posted her 1st main-draw match-win at this tournament last year (d. Haddad Maia in 1r, l. her countrywoman Linette in 2r)
- Contesting her 33rd career WTA 1000 main draw; her best WTA 1000 result is QF at 2024 Wuhan (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)
- Faces No.18 Liudmila Samsonova in 1r today; owns 7 wins in career over Top 20 players, most recently No.7 Mirra Andreeva at 2025 Berlin
- Her 1 career WTA singles title came on hard court, at WTA 500 Guadalajara in 2024 (d. Gadecki in F)
- One of 3 players from Poland in this week's main draw (also No.1 seed Swiatek and Linette)
- Best results by Poland at this event are Iga Swiatek's tournament-leading 3 straight titles from 2022 to 2024
- Best result by a lucky loser at this tournament is Klara Koukalova's QF finish in 2011 (l. Jankovic)
- Is currently ranked No.60; this time last year was ranked No.28. Reached career-high ranking of No.22 in October of 2024
- Has reached 2r at all of her events so far this year (Brisbane, Hobart and Australian Open)



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2025	Result	Rank: 23	Seed: 16
2r	L	J. OSTAPENKO (#37)	7-6(5) 7-5
1r	W	L. SUN (#43)	6-3 6-3
2024	Result	Rank: 15	Seed: 12
1r	L	L. FERNANDEZ (#38)	7-5 7-6(4)
2023	Result	Rank: 15	Seed: -
1r	L	S. KENIN (#210)	6-3 6-1
2022	Result	Rank: 34	Seed: -
1r	L	A. CORNET (#37)	3-6 6-4 7-5

2025	Result	Rank: 28	Seed: -
2r	L	M. LINETTE (#36)	7-5 5-7 6-4
1r	W	B. HADDAD MAIA (#16)	6-4 3-6 6-2
2024	Result	Rank: 52	Seed: -
1r	L	V. AZARENKA (#31)	6-3 3-6 6-3



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## SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Reached QF at Abu Dhabi (l. Baptiste)
- Played 1r at Australian Open (l. Siegemund)
- Fell in 1r at Adelaide (l. Vondrousova)
- Began 2026 season with QF at Brisbane (l. Pegula)

- Made 2r at Australian Open (l. Paolini)
- Reached 2r at Hobart (withdrew through injury prior to her match vs. Raducanu)
- Made 2r at Brisbane (l. Noskova)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
23	29	Aces	17	41
60.0%	82	First serve %	63.8%	52
62.5%	68	First Serve points won %	67.6%	30
49.3%	26	Second serve points won %	51.0%	13
57.2%	53	Overall service points won %	61.6%	20
65.1%	57	Service games won %	78.9%	8
55.9%	48	Break points saved %	73.9%	2
39.3%	31	First serve return points won %	29.3%	109
55.9%	49	Second serve return points won %	61.4%	5
53.6%	21	Break points converted %	33.3%	108
43.5%	23	Return games won %	29.3%	85
45.6%	34	Return points won %	42.7%	64



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## TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (5)  
2024 - 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH  
2022 - TOKYO, CLEVELAND, WASHINGTON DC  
2021 - BERLIN  
Runner-Up (4)  
2025 - STRASBOURG  
2023 - BEIJING, MONTREAL, ABU DHABI

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (3)  
2025 - NINGBO (w/Melichar-martinez)  
2024 - SEOUL (w/Melichar-martinez)  
2023 - DUBAI (w/Kudermetova)  
  
Runner-Up (1)  
2025 - 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH (w/Melichar-martinez)

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (1)  
2024 - GUADALAJARA 500  
  
Runner-Up (1)  
2024 - PRAGUE

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
1r				<b>2026</b>	2r			
2r	4r	QF	2r	<b>2025</b>	3r	2r	1r	3r
1r	3r	3r	4r	<b>2024</b>	4r	1r	1r	1r
2r	2r	1r	3r	<b>2023</b>		2r	1r	2r
2r	1r		4r	<b>2022</b>	1r	1r	3r	1r
2r		4r	2r	<b>2021</b>				
1r	1r		1r	<b>2020</b>				
	1r			<b>2019</b>				1r
				<b>2018</b>	1r	2r		



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- Reached ninth career final in 2025 with runner-up finish at Strasbourg, as well as SF at Adelaide and Berlin and reached QF at a Grand Slam for the first time at Wimbledon (l. eventual champion Swiatek). Ended the year ranked inside the Top 20 for a third consecutive year (No.17)
- Won third career WTA doubles title in 2025 at Ningbo (w/Melichar-Martinez) and reached a further doubles finals at 's-Hertogenbosch (w/Melichar-Martinez)
- In 2024, won one title at 's-Hertogenbosch (d. Andreescu in final); also reached SF at Abu Dhabi (l. eventual champion Rybakina); notably reached the QF at Cincinnati (l. eventual champion Sabalenka) and 4r at US Open (l. Swiatek)
- Won one doubles title in 2024 at Seoul (w/Melichar-Martinez)

Ended 2023 ranked No.16; reached three finals at Abu Dhabi (l. Bencic in F), Montreal (l. Pegula in F) and Beijing (l. Swiatek)

- Also in 2023, reached SF at Washington DC and qualified for WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai going 1-1 in group play
- In doubles in 2023, won title at Dubai (w/Veronika Kudermetova)
- Lifted three titles in 2022, at Washington DC (d. Kanepi in F), Cleveland (d. Sasnovich in F) and Tokyo (d. Q.Zheng in F) ending year at No.20, her first Top 20 year-end ranking
- Also made SF at 2022 Stuttgart, QF at Adelaide 250, R16 at US Open and made Top 20 debut on October 24; earned first Top 10 win of career over No.7 Karolina Pliskova at Stuttgart
- Highlight of 2021 was coming through qualifying to lift maiden WTA title at Berlin (d. Bencic in F) and breaking into Top 50 on September 13 finishing the year at No.39, her first year-end Top 100 ranking
- Reached two further SFs in 2021, at Luxembourg and Courmayeur and reached R16 at Wimbledon
- Earned first Top 20 win of career over No.11 Kiki Bertens at 2021 Miami
- In 2020 reached 2r at Brisbane (as qualifier, d.No.24 Stephens, l. No.7 Kvitova) and Palermo (as qualifier, l. Martic), and fell 1r four times (including Australian Open, US Open and Roland Garros)
- Appeared in the first WTA main draws of her career in 2019, highlighted by SF run at Palermo (as LL, l. eventual champion Teichmann), 2r

- Best results in 2025 were QF runs at Washington DC (l. Rybakina) and Guadalajara (l. Bartunkova). Registered second Top 10 win of her career over No.6 Mirra Andreeva at Berlin (after No.8 Navarro at Wuhan 2024)
- In 2024 reached a career-high ranking of No.22 by reaching her career-first final at Prague (l. Linette in final) followed by her first-ever title win at Guadalajara (d. Gadecki in final); also made QF at Wuhan (l. eventual champion Sabalenka) and at Nottingham (l. eventual champion Boulter) and achieved her best result to date at a Grand Slam (R16 at the Australian Open; l. Gauff)
- In 2023 reached back-to-back QF on grass at Nottingham (l. Burrage) and Birmingham (l. eventual champion Ostapenko); advanced to 3r at Miami (l. Gracheva) and posted 2r efforts at Indian Wells, Madrid, Rome, Guadalajara and Hong Kong; at the Slams, best results were 2r at Roland Garros (l. Rakhimova) and US Open (l. Muchova); ended season on career-high ranking of No.63 after winning a 100k ITF event in Spain (d. Errani in F)
- Highlight of 2022 season was 3r run at Wimbledon - best career result at a major. Also made 2r on nine occasions
- Broke into Top 100 on October 18, 2021, following run through qualifying to 2r at Indian Wells
- Advanced to 2r three more times last season and won titles at WTA 125K Series event in Concord and W60 Prague ITF Circuit event
- Campaign in 2020 was highlighted by maiden WTA QF, at Prague (as LL, l. eventual champion Halep) - first back-to-back main draw wins at a WTA event
- Only other WTA main draw appearance in 2020 was 1r exit at Lyon (as qualifier, l. Tomova); also won her fourth career singles title on ITF Circuit, at \$25K Bendigo-AUS and contested qualifying at Australian Open, Dubai and Doha
- Appeared in six WTA main draws in 2019, falling in 1r at Dubai (l. Kasatkina), Charleston (l.Buzarnescu), Lugano (l. Peterson), Nottingham (l. Mladenovic), US Open (l. Siegemund) and Guangzhou (l. Stojanovic)
- In 2018, made 2r at Roland Garros (as qualifier, l.Stephens), Rabat (l. Fett), Nottingham (l.Jakupovic) and San Jose (l.Tomljanovic). Also fell in 1r at six other tour-level events, including qualifying for Grand Slam debut at Australian Open

- showing at Lausanne (l. Han) and falling 1r on Grand Slam main draw debut at Roland Garros (as qualifier, l. Vekic)
- Contested qualifying at a WTA event for the first time at 2019 Australian Open
  - Made professional debut on ITF circuit in 2013; owns four singles titles on the ITF Circuit

- Achieved career high singles ranking of No.115 after 2018 Roland Garros run (July 2, 2018)
- Won two of her four ITF singles titles in 2017, at \$25k ITF/Leipzig-GER and \$25k ITF/Braunschweig-GER - both on clay
- Played first WTA qualifying event at home tournament in Katowice in 2013, falling to Raluca. Made WTA main draw debut at Katowice the following year (as wildcard, l. Meusburger in 1r)

## OTHER INFORMATION

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

- Coached by Andrzej Kobierski
- Started playing tennis aged six