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DAY 2 – FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

Sara Bejlek (CZE #35) vs. Karolina Pliskova (CZE #57)

Pliskova leads 1-0

Bejlek:

- Making first appearance at Cincinnati
- Contesting her 6th career WTA 1000 main draw with her best result at this level R16 at 2024 Madrid (l. Rybakina)
- Holds 11-4 record at Tour-level this year vs. players ranked outside the Top 50 (one of the 4 losses was to Pliskova at Nottingham)
- Best career hard court result is winning her first WTA title earlier this year at Abu Dhabi, as a qualifier ranked No.101 (d. No.11 Alexandrova in F)
- Made her Top 50 debut in the PIF WTA Rankings on February 9 of this year, following her Abu Dhabi title

Pliskova:

- Making 11th main draw appearance at Cincinnati, where she won the title in 2016 (d. Kerber in F), and also reached SF in 2017 (l. eventual champion Muguruza) and 2021 (l. eventual R-Up Teichmann)
- She is a 2-time WTA 1000 champion; along with her 2016 Cincinnati title, she also won 2019 Rome (d. Konta in F)
- Holds 17-5 record at Tour-level this year vs. players ranked outside the Top 20, including her win over Bejlek at Nottingham
- 11 of her 17 career WTA titles have come on hard court, most recently 2024 Cluj-Napoca (d. Bogdan in F)
- Reached career-high ranking of World No.1 for the first time on July 17, 2017, and held the top ranking for a total of 8 weeks in her career

[WC] Sloane Stephens (USA #240) vs. [Q] Sinja Kraus (AUT #85)

First meeting

Stephens:

- Making 13th appearance at Cincinnati, where her best tournament result is SF in 2017 (l. eventual R-Up Halep)
- She now ties Caroline Wozniacki for the most main draw appearances at Cincinnati in the Open Era
- Has won one WTA 1000 title at 2018 Miami (d. Ostapenko in F), and is also a one-time WTA 1000 R-Up at 2018 Montreal (l. Halep in F)
- Six of her 8 career Tour-level titles have come on hard court, including her one Grand Slam title at 2017 US Open (d. Keys in all-American final)
- She has claimed 17 main draw wins at the Cincinnati Open; she only has more at Roland Garros (35), US Open (24) and in Miami (19) so far in her career

Kraus:

- Making first appearance at Cincinnati, qualifying for the main draw with wins over Bassols Ribera and Liu
- This is her 4th career WTA 1000 main draw (all coming this year at Miami, Madrid and Rome, each time as a qualifier), and she is seeking her first career WTA 1000 main draw win
- Career-best Tour-level result on hard court is R16 at 2026 Auckland (as qualifier, d. fellow Austrian Grabher in 1r; l. F. Jones in R16)
- Has won one WTA 125 title in 2026, last month on clay at Kitzbuhel (d. Grabher in all-Austrian final on home soil)
- Best result by a qualifier at Cincinnati was title run by Caroline Garcia in 2022 (d. Kvitova in F) - Garcia is still the only qualifier/lucky loser to have won a WTA 1000 title since the format's introduction in 2009



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[Q] Emiliana Arango (COL #95) vs. [WC] Venus Williams (USA #615)

First meeting

Arango:

- Making 2nd appearance at Cincinnati; she fell 1r last year (l. Wang Xinyu)
- Qualified for this year's main draw with wins over Aliaksandra Sasnovich and Nadia Podoroska (came back from one set down in both of those matches)
- Best career performance at a WTA 1000 event was QF at 2023 Guadalajara (l. eventual champion Sakkari)
- Both of her 2 career WTA finals have come on hard court, at 2025 Merida (R-Up, l. Navarro in F) and 2025 Guadalajara (R-Up, l. Jovic in F)
- Her top result so far this year was reaching SF on home soil at Bogota on clay (l. eventual R-Up Udvardy)

Williams:

- Making 12th appearance at Cincinnati; her best result at here is SF in 2012 (l. eventual champion Li Na)
- Since the WTA 1000 format was introduced in 2009, she has won 3 WTA 1000 titles: 2009 Dubai (d. Razzano in F), 2010 Dubai (d. Azarenka in F) and 2015 Wuhan (d. Muguruza in F via ret.)
- Seeking her first victory since 2025 Washington DC (d. Stearns in 1r)
- 31 of her 49 career Tour-level titles have come on hard court, including 2 Grand Slams at 2000 US Open (d. Davenport in F) and 2001 US Open (d. S. Williams in F)
- Holds a 17-8 career record in WTA 1000 events against qualifiers and lucky losers, and only lost once against such opponents in Cincinnati (to Ashleigh Barty in 2017)

Alycia Parks (USA #63) vs. Viktorija Golubic (SUI #52)

Tied 1-1

Parks:

- Making 2nd main draw appearance at Cincinnati; she fell 1r last year (l. Krejčíková)
- This is her 24th career WTA 1000 main draw appearance; she is coming off a 2r showing at Toronto last week (l. Eala)
- Best career result on hard court is her one WTA title, at 2023 Lyon (d. Garcia in F)
- Her top results so far this season are 2 QFs, both on hard court, at Ostrava (l. Volynets) and Athens (l. eventual R-Up Sakkari)

Golubic:

- Making 2nd main draw appearance at Cincinnati; this is her first main draw at the event since 2016 (l. Nara in 1r)
- Best career result at a WTA 1000 event is R16 at 2022 Indian Wells (l. Rybakina)
- Holds an 8-4 record at Tour-level this year vs. players ranked outside the Top 50
- One of her 2 career WTA titles has come on hard court, at 2024 Jiujiang (d. Sramkova in F)
- Her top Tour-level result this season is SF at Nottingham on grass (l. eventual R-Up Navarro)



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[WC] Sofia Kenin (USA #115) vs. [LL] Eva Lys (GER #92)

First meeting

Kenin:

- Making 5th appearance at Cincinnati, where her best result was SF in 2019 (l. Keys)
- As well as her 2019 Cincinnati SF, she has reached a further two WTA 1000 SFs at 2019 Toronto and 2023 Guadalajara
- First meeting against a player from Germany; her most recent such match was defeating Siegemund at Seoul in 2025
- Owns 4 hard court titles: Lyon & Australian Open in 2020 and Guangzhou & Hobart in 2019
- Has won 4 matches so far in 2026 with only one of those wins on hard court at Brisbane in January this year

Lys:

- Making 2nd appearance at Cincinnati, where her previous result was reaching 2r in 2025 (l. Keys)
- Reached her best WTA 1000 result last season at Beijing with QF (l. Gauff)
- Record against players from United States of America this season stands at 0-2, falling to Volynets at Charleston and Navarro at Bad Homburg
- Has a 1-0 record against wild cards this year, defeating Badosa at Stuttgart
- Best career result on hard court is SF which she has reached twice: Monastir in 2024 and Cluj-Napoca in 2023
- Has won 5 matches so far in 2026 and looking for her second hard court match win after United Cup in January

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PLISKOVA

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CZECH REPUBLIC

2006-01-31	Date of Birth	1992-03-21
	Residence	Monte Carlo, Monaco
Left-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 3" (1.63 m)	Height	6' 1" (1.86m)
34	Career-High Ranking	1
\$1,700,887	Career Prize Money	\$26,944,237
\$700,696	Season Prize Money	\$803,707
1 / 1	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 17
2-9 (Round of 64: 2026 ROLAND GARROS; 2025 ROLAND GARROS)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	91-50 (Runner-Up: 2021 WIMBLEDON; 2016 US OPEN)
0-0 / 0-0	YTD / Career CINCINNATI W-L (best)	0-0 / 17-9 (Champion: 2016)
14-12 / 20-23	YTD / Career W-L	19-9 / 426-244



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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2026	NOTTINGHAM	GRASS	1r	Karolina Pliskova	2-6 7-6(3) 6-2	2h 21m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
34	-	2026	63	-
75	76	2025	41	1044
114	142	2024	36	41
155	190	2023	14	37
181	189	2022	4	32
375	380	2021	3	4
-	-	2020	2	6
-	-	2019	2	2
-	-	2018	4	8
-	-	2017	1	4



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making first appearance at Cincinnati
- Contesting her 6th career WTA 1000 main draw; her best showing at a WTA 1000 event is R16 at 2024 Madrid as a qualifier (l. Rybakina)
- Faces No.57 Karolina Pliskova in 1r today; Bejlek is 11-4 at Tour-level this year vs. players ranked outside the Top 50 (one of the 4 losses was to today's opponent Pliskova at Nottingham)
- Owns 0-2 career Tour-level record against fellow players from Czech Republic (l. Krejčíková at 2023 Australian Open; l. Pliskova at 2026 Nottingham)
- Career-best hard court result is winning her first WTA title earlier this year at Abu Dhabi, as a qualifier ranked No.101 (d. No.11 Alexandrova in F)
- Also made back-to-back hard court QFs last month at Athens (l. Tauson) and Prague (l. eventual champion Taggar)
- One of 9 players from Czech Republic in this week's main draw
- Best result by Czech Republic at Cincinnati was title run by her opponent Karolina Pliskova in 2016 (d. Kerber in F)
- Is currently ranked No.35; this time last year was ranked No.109. Reached career-high ranking of No.34 in April of this year
- Made her Top 50 debut in the PIF WTA Rankings on February 9 of this year, following her Abu Dhabi title

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Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 11th main draw appearance at Cincinnati, where she won the title in 2016 (d. Kerber in F), and also reached SF in 2017 (l. eventual champion Muguruza) and 2021 (l. eventual R-Up Teichmann)
- She is a 2-time WTA 1000 champion; along with her 2016 Cincinnati title, she also won 2019 Rome (d. Konta in F)
- Faces No.35 Sara Bejlek in 1r today; Pliskova is 17-5 at Tour-level this year vs. players ranked outside the Top 20
- Owns 35-15 career Tour-level record against fellow players from Czech Republic (2-2 in 2026, including a win over today's opponent Bejlek at Nottingham)
- 11 of her 17 career WTA titles have come on hard court, most recently 2024 Cluj-Napoca (d. Bogdan in F)
- One of 9 players from Czech Republic in this week's main draw
- Best result by Czech Republic at Cincinnati was Pliskova's own title run in 2016 (d. Kerber in F)
- Her top result so far this year is SF run at Nottingham on grass (l. eventual champion and fellow Czech Bouzkova)
- Is currently ranked No.57; this time last year was ranked No.413
- Reached career-high ranking of World No.1 for the first time on July 17, 2017, and held the top ranking for a total of 8 weeks in her career

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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

2024	Result	Rank: 45	Seed: -
2r	L	M. ANDREEVA (#24) 6-2 6-3	
1r	W	V. TOMOVA (#50) 7-6(3) 7-6(3)	
2023	Result	Rank: 25	Seed: -
1r	L	J. OSTAPENKO (#20) 1-6 6-3 6-4	
2022	Result	Rank: 17	Seed: 14
2r	L	E. MERTENS (#33) 7-6(3) 6-3	
1r	W	V. WILLIAMS (#1500) 7-5 6-1	
2021	Result	Rank: 4	Seed: 5
SF	L	J. TEICHMANN (#76) 6-2 6-4	
QF	W	P. BADOSA (#29) 7-5 2-0	
3r	W	J. PEGULA (#25) 6-4 7-6(5)	
2r	W	Y. PUTINTSEVA (#35) 6-3 6-2	
2020	Result	Rank: 3	Seed: 1
2r	L	V. KUDERMETOVA (#41) 7-5 6-4	

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SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Played 2r at Toronto (l. Swiatek)
 - Reached QF at Athens (l. Tauson) and Prague (l. eventual champion Tagger)
 - Played 1r at Wimbledon (l. Cirstea)
 - Made 2r at Eastbourne (gave w/o to Sonmez)
 - Played 1r at Nottingham (l. Ka. Pliskova)
 - Fell in 1r at 's-Hertogenbosch (l. Yastremska)
 - Made 2r at Roland Garros (l. Swiatek)
 - Played 1r at Strasbourg(l. eventual champion Navarro)
 - Made 1r at Rome (l. Siegemund)
 - Reached 3r at Charleston (l. Bencic)
 - Played 1r at Miami (l. Gibson)
 - Made 2r at Dubai (as WC, l. Bencic via walkover)
 - Champion run at Abu Dhabi (as qualifier, d. R-Up Alexandrova in F)
 - Fell in 1r at Australian Open (l. Krueger)
 - Opened the 2026 season with a 2r finish at Auckland (l. Jovic)
- Played 2r at Toronto (l. M. Andreeva)
 - Played 2r at Wimbledon (l. Swiatek)
 - Reached SF at Nottingham (l. eventual champion Bouzkova)
 - Played QF at London (l. eventual champion Vekic)
 - Made 4r at Rome (l. Rybakina)
 - Reached QF at Madrid (l.Potapova)
 - Reached QF at Linz (l. Vekic)
 - Made 3r at Doha (l. eventual champion Muchova, retired)
 - Played 1r at Cluj-Napoca (as WC, l. Zakharova)
 - Began 2026 season with 3r at Australian Open (l. Keys)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
25	105	Aces	113	32
62.7%	47	First serve %	65.5%	25
59.2%	82	First Serve points won %	65.7%	39
46.9%	36	Second serve points won %	43.6%	70
54.6%	76	Overall service points won %	58.1%	34
60.7%	76	Service games won %	68.8%	35
53.0%	68	Break points saved %	56.1%	42
41.9%	3	First serve return points won %	35.0%	65
55.6%	38	Second serve return points won %	52.4%	78
44.5%	51	Break points converted %	49.8%	14
41.7%	7	Return games won %	32.6%	58
46.6%	6	Return points won %	41.8%	69



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TITLES

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (1)
2026 - ABU DHABI

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (17)
2024 - CLUJ-NAPOCA
2020 - BRISBANE
2019 - ZHENGZHOU, EASTBOURNE, ROME,
BRISBANE
2018 - TOKYO, STUTTGART
2017 - EASTBOURNE, DOHA, BRISBANE
2016 - CINCINNATI, NOTTINGHAM
2015 - PRAGUE
2014 - LINZ, SEOUL
2013 - KUALA LUMPUR

Runner-Up (17)
2024 - NOTTINGHAM
2021 - MONTREAL, WIMBLEDON, ROME
2020 - ROME
2019 - MIAMI
2018 - TIANJIN
2016 - US OPEN, EASTBOURNE
2015 - ZHUHAI, STANFORD, BIRMINGHAM, DUBAI,
SYDNEY
2014 - HONG KONG, NÜRNBERG, PATTAYA CITY

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (5)
2016 - BIRMINGHAM (w/Strycova)
2014 - HONG KONG (w/Pliskova), BAD GASTEIN
(w/Pliskova), NÜRNBERG (w/Krajicek)
2013 - LINZ (w/Pliskova)

Runner-Up (2)
2016 - INDIAN WELLS (w/Goerges)
2013 - PALERMO (w/Pliskova)

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GRAND SLAMS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
1r	2r	1r		2026	3r		2r	
1r	2r			2025				
1r				2024	1r	1r	1r	2r
1r	1r			2023	QF	1r	1r	2r
		1r		2022		2r	2r	QF
				2021	3r	2r	RUP	QF
				2020	3r	2r		2r
				2019	SF	3r	4r	4r
				2018	QF	3r	4r	QF
				2017	QF	SF	2r	QF
				2016	3r	1r	2r	RUP
				2015	3r	2r	2r	1r
				2014	2r	2r	2r	3r
				2013	1r	1r	2r	1r
				2012		1r	1r	



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CAREER MILESTONES

- In 2025 reached QF at Tour level for the first time at Prague (l. Wang Xinyu) and registered her first Grand Slam main draw match win by reaching 2r at Roland Garros as a qualifier (defeated No.25 Marta Kostyuk in 1r)
- Also in 2025 won three WTA 125 titles at Makarska, Rende and Queretaro, and broke into the Top 100 for the first time reaching a career-high of No.75 in November
- 2024 breakthrough performance saw her reach R16 at WTA 1000 Madrid as a qualifier. Also reached main draw as a qualifying at Australian Open and made two WTA 125 SFs at Colina and Buenos Aires and achieve a career high ranking of No.114 in May
- In 2023, played main draw at Australian Open (l. Krejčíková) and Roland Garros (l. Rakhimova) both as a qualifier; also played qualifying at Austin, Rome, Wimbledon and US Open
- Also in 2023, won title at WTA 125K event at Colina, Chile and two titles on ITF circuit at W25 Santa Margherita di Pula, ITA and W25 Parnu, EST
- Made Tour-level qualifying debut at 2022 Wimbledon and made WTA main draw debut at 2022 US Open coming through qualifying where she fell to No.35 Liudmila Samsonova in 1r
- Also in 2022, won three ITF titles at W60 Olomouc, CZE; W60 Ceska Lipa, CZE; and W25 Santa Margherita di Pula, ITA
- Standout junior results came at 2022 Roland Garros (l. Havlickova), when she reached SF in singles and won girls' doubles title w/Havlickova
- Made professional debut in 2021 on ITF circuit winning first title at W60 Olomouc, CZE
- Took the majority of the 2025 season off to recover from the ankle surgery she endured at the end of the 2024 season. Played two WTA 125 events in September at Caldas Da Rainha 125 (as a wildcard, reached the 2r) and Samsun 125 (as a wildcard, l. in 1r)
- Lifted her 17th career title in 2024 at Cluj-Napoca and followed with SF at WTA 1000 Doha (ret. in SF); also reached the final at Nottingham on grass (l. Boulter). Ended the season following her 2r run at the US Open (l. Paolini via ret.), due to a left ankle injury for which she underwent surgery in September
- In 2023, made only quarterfinals which she reached three times; Australian Open (l. Linette), Dubai (withdrew from match against Swiatek w/viral illness) and Stuttgart (l. Swiatek). Ended her 2023 season at Guadalajara due to left wrist injury.
- Best results of 2022 were SF runs at Strasbourg (l. Juhan) and Toronto (l. Haddad Maia) and QF showings at Berlin (l. Gauff) and US Open (l. Sabalenka). Was first time she failed to reach a Tour-level final since 2012
- Reached three finals across 2021, at Rome (l. Swiatek), her second Slam final at Wimbledon (l. Barty) and Montreal (l. Giorgi)
- Ended 2021 season by qualifying for WTA Finals for the fifth consecutive year - only four active players have qualified more than her
- Made Olympic debut, reaching R16 at Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games (l. Giorgi)
- Lifted a WTA-leading four titles across the 2019 season (tied with Barty) - triumphed at Brisbane, Rome, Eastbourne and Zhengzhou. Dropped 19 games across five matches during Eastbourne title win (d. Kerber in F) - most economic title run in 2019
- Also reached first Premier Mandatory final at 2019 Miami, losing to Barty in straight sets, and produced best Australian Open performance of career, reaching SF (l. eventual champion Osaka in 3s); saved four match points to beat S.Williams in QF
- Lost to twin sister Kr.Pliskova in 2r at Birmingham, in what was their first career main-draw encounter
- Helped the Czech Republic lift Billie Jean King Cup in 2015-16 and 2018
- Claimed No.1 ranking on July 17, 2017 despite making 2r exit at Wimbledon (l. Rybarikova). Was the first Czech woman to achieve the No.1 ranking since the computer rankings were

introduced in 1975 (Martina Navratilova became No.1 on July 10, 1978 while representing USA)

- Is a Grand Slam finalist, reaching the title match at 2016 US Open (l. Kerber) and also 2021 Wimbledon (l. Barty)
- Made Top-10 debut after 2015 Stanford R-Up finish; was first time in WTA history that three Czech women ranked inside Top 10 at the same time (also Kvitova and Safarova)
- Scored first Top-20 win of her career over No.16 Petrova in 1r at 2013 Wimbledon
- Won first career WTA title at 2013 Kuala Lumpur (d. Mattek-Sands in F)
- At 2013 Linz, with sister Kristyna, became first set of twins to ever win a tour-level doubles title
- Reached first WTA QF as WC at 2008 Prague (l. Azarenka)
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in 2006

OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Jakub Kahoun
- Standing under 5-foot-3, Bejlek relies on tennis IQ, variety, left-handed angles, slice and defensive skill to outmaneuver bigger opponents, using craft and feel to disrupt baseline power players
- Part of a strong Czech tennis tradition, she draws inspiration from compatriot Petra Kvitova and childhood idol Rafael Nadal

- Formerly worked with Sascha Bajin; fitness coach is Martin Nosko and Ivan Trebatická; trains at and plays for Sparta Praha tennis club
- Married Michal Hrdlicka after 2018 Wimbledon
- Away from the court, enjoys fresh-water fishing, as well as contributing to her foundation which benefits various causes, including pediatric oncology and children battling cancer in her native Czech Republic
- Enjoys listening to Czech pop music and watching movies (favorites is Public Enemies). Favorite author is Paulo Coelho



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SLOANE STEPHENS (WC)
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

SINJA KRAUS (Q) 85
AUSTRIA

1993-03-20	Date of Birth	2002-04-29
Ft. Lauderdale, FL, USA	Residence	
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 7" (1.70m)	Height	175cm
3	Career-High Ranking	80
\$19,354,669	Career Prize Money	\$987,847
\$333,538	Season Prize Money	\$415,052
0 / 8	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 0
89-52 (Champion: 2017 US OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	0-2 (Round of 128: 2026 WIMBLEDON, ROLAND GARROS)
0-0 / 17-12 (Semi-Finalist: 2017)	YTD / Career CINCINNATI W-L (best)	0-0 / 0-0
3-9 / 296-246	YTD / Career W-L	3-10 / 5-17



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YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
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RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
286	-	2026	80	-
74	1062	2025	105	105
33	79	2024	164	222
30	48	2023	151	192
36	37	2022	195	197
39	64	2021	454	459
24	39	2020	817	831
3	25	2019	717	842
3	6	2018	808	808
13	13	2017	-	-



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PLAYER NOTES

- Making 13th appearance at Cincinnati, where her best tournament result is SF in 2017 (l. eventual R-Up Halep)
- With her 13th main draw showing here, she ties Caroline Wozniacki for the most main draw appearances at Cincinnati in the Open Era
- Has won one WTA 1000 title at 2018 Miami (d. Ostapenko in F), and is also a one-time WTA 1000 R-Up at 2018 Montreal (l. Halep in F) Faces
- No.85 Sinja Kraus in 1r today, in their first career meeting
- Owns 3-1 record against players representing Austria; her last meeting vs. a player representing Austria was a win over Yvonne Meusburger at 2013 Luxembourg
- Coming off a 2r finish at WTA 1000 Toronto last week (as qualifier, d. Sierra in 1r, l. Bencic in 2r)
- 6 of her 8 career Tour-level titles have come on hard court, including her one Grand Slam title at 2017 US Open (d. Keys in all-American final)
- Her most recent hard court Tour-level title was WTA 250 Guadalajara in 2022 (d. Bouzkova in F)
- The most recent American to win the Cincinnati title is Coco Gauff in 2023 (d. Muchova in F)
- Most recent wild card to win this title is Maria Sharapova in 2011 (d. Jankovic in F)
- Is currently ranked No.240; this time last year was ranked No.902. Reached career-high ranking of No.3 in July 2018

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making first appearance at Cincinnati, having qualified for the main draw with wins over Marina Bassols Ribera and Claire Liu
- This is her 4th career WTA 1000 main draw (all coming this year at Miami, Madrid and Rome, each time as a qualifier), and she is seeking her first career WTA 1000 main draw win
- Faces No.240 Sloane Stephens in 1r today; this is her first Tour-level meeting this year vs. a player ranked outside the Top 200
- Owns 0-1 career Tour-level record against players from United States (l. Parks in 2026 Miami 1r)
- Career-best Tour-level result on hard court is R16 at 2026 Auckland (as qualifier, d. fellow Austrian Grabher in 1r; l. F.Jones in R16)
- Has won one WTA 125 title in 2026, last month on clay at Kitzbuhel (d. Grabher in all-Austrian final on home soil)
- One of 3 players from Austria in the main draw (also No.24 seed Potapova and qualifier Tagger)
- Best result by Austria at Cincinnati was QF run by Sybille Bammer in 2009 (l. eventual champion Jankovic)
- Best result by a qualifier at Cincinnati was title run by Caroline Garcia in 2022 (d. Kvitova in F) Is
- currently ranked No.85; this time last year was ranked No.131. Reached career-high ranking of No.80 last month
- Winner of this match will face No.24 seed Anastasia Potapova in 2r



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2023	Result	Rank: 38	Seed: -
3r	L	M. VONDROUSOVA (#10) 7-5 6-3	
2r	W	C. GARCIA (#6) 4-6 6-4 6-4	
1r	W	E. COCCIARETTO (#30) 7-5 6-2	
2022	Result	Rank: 57	Seed: -
2r	L	I. SWIA TEK (#1) 6-4 7-5	
1r	W	A. CORNET (#37) 6-1 6-0	
2021	Result	Rank: 63	Seed: -
1r	L	C. GARCIA (#61) 7-6(7) 4-6 6-4	
2020	Result	Rank: 37	Seed: -
1r	L	C. GARCIA (#49) 6-3 7-6(4)	
2019	Result	Rank: 10	Seed: 8
3r	L	S. KUZNETSOVA (#153) 6-1 6-2	
2r	W	Y. PUTINTSEVA (#42) 2-6 6-4 6-3	

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

SLOANE STEPHENS (WC)

SINJA (Q) KRAUS

SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Played 2r at Toronto (as qualifier, l. Bencic)
 - Played 2r at Memphis (as a WC, l. Vidmanova)
 - Lost 1r at Roland Garros (as qualifier, l. Bejlek)
 - Fell in 1r at Rouen (as WC, l. eventual R-Up Podrez)
 - Played 2r at Linz (as WC, l. M.Andreeva)
 - Fell in 1r at Charleston (as WC, l. Zarazua)
 - Made 2r at Miami (as WC, l. Q.Zheng)
 - Played 1r at Indian Wells (as WC, l. Osorio)
 - Fell in 1r at Australian Open (as qualifier, l. Pliskova)
 - Played 1r at Auckland (as WC, l. Zarazua)
- Made 2r at Hamburg (l. Charaeva)
 - Won the title at WTA 125 Kitzbuhel (d. Grabher in F)
 - Played 1r at Wimbledon (l. Selekhmeteva)
 - Fell 1r at Bad Homburg (as qualifier, l. Kalinskaya)
 - Made Grand Slam main draw debut at Roland Garros (as qualifier, l. Bencic in 1r)
 - Played 1r at Madrid (as qualifier, l. Ka.Pliskova) and Rome (as qualifier, l. Cocciaretto)
 - Fell in 1r at Linz (as WC, l. Cirstea)
 - Played 1r at Miami (as qualifier, l. Parks)
 - Opened the 2026 season with a 2r finish at Auckland (as qualifier, l. Jones)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
12	139	Aces	26	102
65.1%	0	First serve %	56.8%	0
56.8%	0	First Serve points won %	60.5%	0
45.2%	0	Second serve points won %	42.3%	0
52.8%	0	Overall service points won %	52.7%	0
57.7%	0	Service games won %	54.2%	0
53.6%	0	Break points saved %	56.9%	0
31.6%	0	First serve return points won %	36.8%	0
49.4%	0	Second serve return points won %	51.0%	0
42.1%	0	Break points converted %	45.4%	0
22.7%	0	Return games won %	33.8%	0
38.6%	0	Return points won %	42.1%	0

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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (8)
2024 - ROUEN
2022 - GUADALAJARA
2018 - MIAMI
2017 - US OPEN
2016 - CHARLESTON, ACAPULCO, AUCKLAND
2015 - WASHINGTON DC
Runner-Up (3)
2018 - WTA FINALS, MONTREAL, ROLAND GARROS

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (1)
2024 - CHARLESTON (w/Krueger)

Runner-Up (1)
2017 - WASHINGTON DC (w/Bouchard)

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
1r	1r			2026		1r	1r	
1r				2025				
3r	1r	2r	1r	2024				
1r	4r	2r	1r	2023				
1r	QF	1r	2r	2022				
1r	4r	3r	3r	2021				
1r	2r		3r	2020				
4r	QF	3r	1r	2019				
1r	RUP	1r	QF	2018				
		1r	WON	2017				
1r	3r	3r		2016				
1r	4r	3r	1r	2015				
4r	4r	1r	2r	2014				
SF	4r	QF	4r	2013				
2r	4r	3r	3r	2012				
	1r		3r	2011				



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CAREER MILESTONES

- Contested only six events in 2025; made Auckland doubles SF (w/Tauson)
- In 2024, earned eighth career title at Rouen and also claimed first career doubles title at Charleston w/Ashlyn Krueger
- In 2023, reached R16 at Roland Garros (l. Sabalenka), in best Grand Slam showing of the season. Advanced to SF at Rabat (l. eventual champion Bronzetti). Also won WTA 125k title at Saint Malo in May (d. Minnen in F)
- In 2022, won her seventh career title - and first since 2018 - at Guadalajara 250 (d. Bouzkova in F), and also reached QF at Roland Garros (l. Gauff)
- In 2021, produced SF showing at Parma (l. Q.Wang) - her deepest run since 2019 Madrid - then reached R16 at Roland Garros (l. eventual champion Krejčíková)
- Best result of disrupted 2020 campaign was 3r appearance at US Open (l. S.Williams in 3s)
- Finished 2019 season ranked No.25; season was highlighted by SF at Madrid (l. eventual champion Bertens) and QF at Roland Garros (l. Konta)
- In 2018 posted best year-end finish of career to date, at No.6; reached career-high No.3 ranking on July 16, 2018
- Season highlights in 2018 included capturing first Premier Mandatory title at Miami - subsequently made Top 10 debut at No.9. Also reached her second Grand Slam final, at Roland Garros and posted R-Up finishes at Montréal and WTA Finals
- Won her maiden Grand Slam title at 2017 US Open, d. Keys 6-3 6-0 to become the fifth unseeded player to win a major in the Open Era
- Voted 2017 WTA Comeback Player of the Year. Returned to action ranked No.957 at Wimbledon after 11 months on sidelines w/foot injury (had surgery in the January) and rose to No.12 following her US Open triumph two months later
- After 1r loss at 2017 Washington DC, went 15-2 through US Open title run, including back-to-back SF at Toronto and Cincinnati
- Won three titles in 2016, at Auckland, Acapulco and Premier-level Charleston. Won maiden singles title in first final contested at 2015 Washington DC
- Made Top 20 debut on January 29, 2013
- At No.97 was youngest player in year-end Top 100 in 2011; and after a phenomenal sophomore season, reached No.38 and was the youngest
- In 2025, reached 2r at WTA 250 Hamburg (d. Cengiz in 1r for first WTA Tour main draw win since 2023 Bogota) and won first WTA 125 title at Cali and four further titles on the ITF circuit
- At Tour level in 2024, played main draw at Linz and Cluj-Napoca. Posted her eighth ITF title at W35 Seville
- In 2023, posted strongest WTA result at Bogota reaching 2r (as qualifier, l. Brancaccio). Reached 3r of qualifying at Wimbledon (l. Juvan) and also won two more ITF titles at Mosquera \$25K and Heraklion \$40K
- In 2022, entered first Grand Slam qualifying event at US Open (l. Carle), played 1r at Prague (as LL, l. eventual champion Bouzkova) and broke into Top 200
- Contested first Tour-level match at 2021 Linz (as main draw WC, l. Van Uytvanck in 1r)
- Began on ITF circuit in 2018 at the age of 16, winning at Antalya \$15K

player, and the only teenager, in the year-end Top 50 in 2012

OTHER INFORMATION

- Currently coached by Chris Tontz and Kamau Murray; Also previously worked with Francisco Roig, Paul Annacone and Nick Saviano
 - Mother is Sybil Smith, a collegiate swimmer; brother is Shawn Farrell
 - Favorite surface is clay
 - Started playing at age 9 when mother introduced her to the sport in Fresno, CA
 - Extremely passionate about her foundation, created in 2013, and spends a lot of time continuing to expand the programming of the Sloane Stephens Foundation
 - Loves fashion, beauty, music, and spending time with her family
- Coached by Alexander Grau
 - Has two sisters - Livia and Sarah. Livia is her current fitness trainer who is a former collegiate tennis player
 - Started playing tennis through her family, particularly her sister and her mother
 - Tennis idol growing up was Roger Federer
 - Best tennis memories are playing Billie Jean King Cup for Austria, winning her first WTA 125 at Cali and winning two ITF tournaments at home in Austria in 2025
 - Favorite surface is clay, favorite city is New York (where she first started playing tennis)
 - Sponsored by Head and Lotto



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95 **EMILIANA ARANGO (Q)**
COLOMBIA

VENUS (WC) WILLIAMS **615**
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

2000-11-28	Date of Birth	1980-06-17
Bradenton, FL, USA	Residence	Palm Beach Gardens, FL, USA
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 7" (1.75m)	Height	6' 1" (1.85m)
46	Career-High Ranking	1
\$1,840,886	Career Prize Money	\$43,162,380
\$514,961	Season Prize Money	\$260,796
0 / 0	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 49
1-6 (Round of 64: 2025 ROLAND GARROS)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	271-87 (Champion: 2008 WIMBLEDON; 2007 WIMBLEDON; 2005 WIMBLEDON; 2001 US OPEN, WIMBLEDON; 2000 US OPEN, WIMBLEDON)
0-0 / 0-1 (Round of 128: 2025)	YTD / Career CINCINNATI W-L (best)	0-0 / 12-10 (Semi-Finalist: 2012)
7-15 / 31-45	YTD / Career W-L	0-9 / 781-287



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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
46	-	2026	458	-
46	48	2025	564	572
109	180	2024	406	970
112	112	2023	404	407
220	377	2022	312	1010
249	249	2021	76	313
475	493	2020	52	78
401	599	2019	34	53
345	437	2018	5	40
455	494	2017	5	5



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at Cincinnati; she fell 1r last year (l. Wang Xinyu)
- Qualified for this year's main draw with wins over Aliaksandra Sasnovich and Nadia Podoroska (came back from one set down in both of those matches)
- Faces No.615 Venus Williams in 1r today; Arango is 3-4 at Tour-level this year vs. players ranked outside the Top 100
- Owns 5-7 career Tour-level record against players from United States of America (1-4 in 2026)
- Career-best performance at a WTA 1000 event was QF at 2023 Guadalajara (l. eventual champion Sakkari)
- Both of her 2 career WTA finals have come on hard court, at 2025 Merida (R-Up, l. Navarro in F) and 2025 Guadalajara (R-Up, l. Jovic in F)
- Seeking her first hard court win at Tour-level since February of this year, when she defeated Potapova in 2026 Merida 1r
- Her top result so far this year was reaching SF on home soil at Bogota on clay (l. eventual R-Up Udvardy)
- One of 2 players from Colombia in the main draw (Osorio lost 1r)
- Best result by a qualifier at Cincinnati was title run by Caroline Garcia in 2022 (d. Kvitova in F) Is
- currently ranked No.95; this time last year was ranked No.81. Reached career-high ranking of No.46 in October 2025

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 12th appearance at Cincinnati; her best result at this tournament is SF in 2012 (l. eventual champion Li Na)
- Since the WTA 1000 format was introduced in 2009, she has won 3 WTA 1000 titles: 2009 Dubai (d. Razzano in F), 2010 Dubai (d. Azarenka in F) and 2015 Wuhan (d. Muguruza in F via ret.)
- Faces No.95 Emiliana Arango in 1r today; Williams is seeking her first victory since 2025 Washington DC (d. Stearns in 1r of that event)
- Owns 6-0 career Tour-level record against players from Colombia; her most recent match vs. a Colombian was a win over Fabiola Zuluaga at 2005 Roland Garros
- 31 of her 49 career Tour-level titles have come on hard court, including 2 Grand Slams at 2000 US Open (d. Davenport in F) and 2001 US Open (d. S.Williams in F)
- Her most recent title also came on hard court, at 2016 Kaohsiung (d. Doi in F)
- She holds a 17-8 career record in WTA 1000 events against qualifiers and lucky losers, and only lost once against such opponents in Cincinnati (to Ashleigh Barty in 2017)
- The most recent American to win the Cincinnati title is Coco Gauff in 2023 (d. Muchova in F)
- Most recent wild card to win this title is Maria Sharapova in 2011 (d. Jankovic in F)
- Is currently ranked No.615; this time last year was ranked No.654
- Reached World No.1 ranking for the first time on February 25, 2002, and held the top spot for a total of 11 weeks



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2025	Result	Rank: 81	Seed: -
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1rLX. WANG (#37) 7-6(1) 6-3

2025	Result	Rank: 654	Seed: -
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1rLJ. BOUZAS MANEIRO (#42) 6-4 6-4

2023	Result	Rank: 533	Seed: -
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2rLQ. ZHENG (#24) 1-6 6-2 6-1

1rWV. KUDERMETOVA (#16) 6-4 7-5

2022	Result	Rank: 1500	Seed: -
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1rLK. PLISKOVA (#17) 7-5 6-1

2020	Result	Rank: 65	Seed: -
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1rLD. YASTREMSKA (#25) 5-7 6-2 7-5

2019	Result	Rank: 65	Seed: -
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QFLM. KEYS (#18) 6-2 6-3

3rWD. VEKIC (#26) 2-6 6-3 6-3

2rWK. BERTENS (#5) 6-3 3-6 7-6(4)

1rWL. DAVIS (#69) 7-5 6-2

EMILIANA
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SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Fell 1r at Iasi (l. Zidansek)
 - Played 1r at Wimbledon (l. Gasanova)
 - Made 2r at Eastbourne (l. McNally)
 - Fell 1r at Roland Garros (l. Bassols Ribera)
 - Played 2r at Rabat (l. Bondar)
 - Played 2r at Madrid (as WC, l. Noskova)
 - Reached SF at Bogota (l. eventual R-Up Udvardy)
 - Fell in 1r at Miami (l. Selekhtmeteva)
 - Played 1r at Indian Wells (l. Baptiste)
 - Made 2r at Merida (l. Bouzkova, retired)
 - Fell in 1r at Doha (l. X.Wang)
 - Lost 2r at Ostrava (after 1r bye, l. eventual R-Up Korpatsch)
 - Played 1r at Australian Open (l. Kessler)
 - Fell in 1r at Hobart (l. Ruzic)
 - Opened 2026 season with 1r at Brisbane (l. Kessler)
- Played 1r at Toronto (as WC, l. Rakhimova)
 - Played 1r at Washington DC (as a WC, l. Potapova)
 - Fell 1r at Bad Homburg (as WC, l. Begu in 3rd-set TB)
 - Played 1r at Madrid (as WC, l. Quevedo)
 - Fell in 1r at Miami (as WC, l. Jones)
 - Played 1r at Indian Wells (as WC, l. Parry)
 - Fell in 1r at Austin (as WC, l. Tomljanovic)
 - Played 1r at Australian Open (as WC, l. Danilovic)
 - Fell in 1r at Hobart (as WC, l. Maria)
 - Played 1r at Auckland (as WC, l. Linette)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
17	124	Aces	36	85
69.9%	8	First serve %	59.8%	0
57.3%	89	First Serve points won %	66.2%	0
43.4%	73	Second serve points won %	36.9%	0
53.1%	88	Overall service points won %	54.4%	0
54.9%	90	Service games won %	59.6%	0
51.0%	79	Break points saved %	54.0%	0
38.8%	15	First serve return points won %	30.7%	0
54.7%	49	Second serve return points won %	47.0%	0
40.3%	82	Break points converted %	39.2%	0
35.5%	40	Return games won %	17.2%	0
44.6%	31	Return points won %	36.6%	0



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TITLES

SINGLES FINALS

Runner-Up (2)
2025 - GUADALAJARA 500, MÉRIDA

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (49)
2016 - KAOHSIUNG
2015 - ZHUHAI, WUHAN, AUCKLAND
2014 - DUBAI
2012 - LUXEMBOURG
2010 - ACAPULCO, DUBAI
2009 - ACAPULCO, DUBAI
2008 - TOUR CHAMPIONSHIPS, ZURICH, WIMBLEDON
2007 - SEOUL, WIMBLEDON, MEMPHIS
2005 - WIMBLEDON, ISTANBUL
2004 - WARSAW, CHARLESTON
2003 - ANTWERP
2002 - NEW HAVEN, SAN DIEGO, STANFORD, AMELIA ISLAND, ANTWERP, PARIS, GOLD COAST
2001 - US OPEN, NEW HAVEN, SAN DIEGO, WIMBLEDON, HAMBURG, MIAMI
2000 - OLYMPICS, US OPEN, NEW HAVEN, SAN DIEGO, STANFORD, WIMBLEDON
1999 - ZURICH, NEW HAVEN, ROME, HAMBURG, MIAMI, OKLAHOMA CITY
1998 - MUNICH - GRAND SLAM CUP, MIAMI, OKLAHOMA CITY

Runner-Up (34)
2017 - WTA FINALS, WIMBLEDON, AUSTRALIAN OPEN
2016 - STANFORD
2014 - QUEBEC CITY , MONTREAL, AUCKLAND
2010 - MADRID, MIAMI
2009 - TOUR CHAMPIONSHIPS, STANFORD, WIMBLEDON
2007 - TOKYO - JAPAN OPEN
2005 - STANFORD, ANTWERP
2004 - STANFORD, BERLIN
2003 - WIMBLEDON, WARSAW, AUSTRALIAN OPEN
2002 - US OPEN, WIMBLEDON, FRENCH OPEN, HAMBURG
2000 - LINZ
1999 - MUNICH - GRAND SLAM CUP, SAN DIEGO, STANFORD, HANNOVER
1998 - ZURICH, STANFORD, ROME, SYDNEY
1997 - US OPEN

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (22)

Runner-Up (1)



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Runner-Up (1)

GRAND SLAMS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
1r	1r	1r		2026	1r			
	2r	1r	1r	2025				1r
				2024				
				2023			1r	1r
				2022				1r
				2021	2r	1r	2r	
				2020	1r	1r		1r
				2019	3r	1r	1r	2r
				2018	1r	1r	3r	3r
				2017	RUP	4r	RUP	SF
				2016	1r	4r	SF	4r
				2015	QF	1r	4r	QF
				2014	1r	2r	3r	3r
				2013	3r	1r		2r
				2012		2r	1r	2r
				2011	3r		4r	2r
				2010	QF	4r	QF	SF
				2009	2r	3r	RUP	4r
				2008	QF	3r	WON	QF
				2007		3r	WON	SF
				2006	1r	QF	3r	
				2005	4r	3r	WON	QF
				2004	3r	QF	2r	4r
				2003	RUP	4r	RUP	
				2002	QF	RUP	RUP	RUP
				2001	SF	1r	WON	WON
				2000		QF	WON	WON
				1999	QF	4r	QF	SF
				1998	QF	QF	QF	SF
				1997		2r	1r	RUP



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CAREER MILESTONES

- In 2025 reached maiden Tour finals at WTA 500s Merida (as a qualifier) and Guadalajara; earned her first career WTA 125 title at Cancun and after beginning the year ranked No.169, she broke into the Top 50 for the first time and reached a career-high ranking of No.46 in October
- In 2024 won main draw matches at WTA 1000 events Miami and Madrid as a qualifier; also made the final at WTA 125 Santa Cruz and semifinal at WTA 125 Guadalajara
- Moved into Top 150 for first time in 2023 with breakthrough QF performances at Guadalajara (l. eventual champion Sakkari) and Cluj Napoca (l. Ruse)
- Missed first half of 2022 campaign. Best result on return was SF showing at W60 ITF Circuit event at Caldas da Rainha
- Posted 38-20 win-loss record in 2021, lifting two ITF Circuit titles
- Won maiden ITF Circuit title at W15 Antalya in 2017
- Fell in 1r on WTA debut at 2016 Bogota
- On the ITF Junior Circuit, posted career-high ranking of No.8 in January 2018, having reached SF at previous year's US Open (l. eventual champion Anisimova)

- Played three WTA events in 2025, at Washington DC, Cincinnati and US Open; went 1-3 with a win over No.35 Peyton Stearns at Washington DC. In doubles, reached the quarterfinals at the US Open (w/Fernandez)
In the 2024 season, played 1r at Indian Wells and Miami
- In the 2023 season, made 2r at Auckland, Birmingham and WTA 1000 Cincinnati
- In 2022, fell 1r at Washington DC, Toronto, Cincinnati and US Open
- Reached four QFs across 2019, including Auckland (l. eventual R-Up Andreescu), Indian Wells (l. eventual R-Up Kerber), Birmingham (l. eventual champion Barty) and Cincinnati (l. eventual champion Keys)
- Scored her best win of the 2019 season at Indian Wells, ousting No.3 Kvitova in 3s. Also defeated defending champion and then-ranked No.5 Bertens in Cincinnati
- Season highlights in 2018 were SF run at Indian Wells (d. S.Williams in 3r, l. eventual R-Up Kasatkina) and QF effort at Miami (l. Collins)
- Winnings at Indian Wells took her career total past \$40 million - S.Williams (\$92 million) is the only other player to pass this milestone
- Teamed up in Fed Cup for Serena's first competitive match back since giving birth in September 2017 (played dead doubles rubber, l. Kerkhove/Schuurs)
- Ended 2017 season as runner-up at WTA Finals (l. Wozniacki) - the oldest player to ever reach the title bout at the season finale
- Reached two other finals in 2017, at Australian Open (l. S.Williams) and Wimbledon (l. Muguruza) - only player in 2017 to reach two Grand Slam finals
- Shortly after her 37th birthday, returned to Top 10 by reaching 2017 Wimbledon final, becoming (at the time) the third oldest player to rank in Top 10 in WTA history behind Billie Jean King (September 26, 1983 - 39 years, 322 days) and Martina Navratilova (December 26, 1994 - 38 years, 75 days); also surpassed by 37-year-old Serena in February 2019
During 2016 season won 49th career singles title at Kaohsiung (d. Doi). Is sixth-oldest player to win a WTA singles title, after Billie Jean King (39) at 1983 Birmingham, Kimiko Date (38) at 2009 Seoul, Serena Williams (38) at 2020 Auckland, Martina Navratilova (37) at 1994 Paris [Indoor] and Francesca Schiavone (36) at 2017 Bogotá

- With 49 titles, currently 11th on list of Open Era titleholders, chasing Monica Seles (53 titles)
- At Grand Slam level in 2016, advanced to SF at Wimbledon (l. Kerber) which was first time reaching that stage at a major since 2010 US Open
- At 2016 Rio Olympics won silver medal in the mixed doubles (w/Ram, L. Mattek-Sands/Sock)
- Returned to Top 10 for first time since March 2011 following victory in final of the 2015 WTA Elite Trophy
- Was diagnosed with Sjögrens Syndrome in 2011, missing the end of that season and start of 2012
- Won singles gold medal at 2000 Sydney Olympics (d. Dementieva in F); won doubles gold three times with sister Serena, at Sydney, Beijing and London
- Lifted four titles - including first two majors at Wimbledon and US Open, beating Davenport in both finals - in 2000
- Spent 11 weeks at World No.1 in singles (first ascended to top spot week of February 25, 2002) and topped the doubles rankings for eight weeks in 2010
- Lifted maiden WTA title at 1998 Memphis (d. Kruger in F)
- First career final came at 1997 US Open (l. Hingis)
- Made WTA main draw debut at Oakland in 1994; as unranked WC, defeated Stafford in 1r before falling to then-world No.2 Sánchez Vicario in three sets

OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Mauricio Hadad
- Trains at IMG in Bradenton FL
- Favorite surface is clay
- Started playing tennis aged three
- Turned pro at 17 in 2018
- Loves animals. Hobbies include walking and kayaking with her toy Australian shepherd, Oreo
- Growing up her tennis idol was Nadal
- Sponsored by Colsanitas and Wilson

- Currently coached by Hugo Armando; Previously coached by Eric Hechtman
- Sisters are Serena, Isha (lawyer, singer), Lyndrea (actress, singer, stylist, computer science major) and Yetunde (deceased September 14, 2003); is a Jehovah's Witness, along with sisters and mother
- Full name is Venus Ebony Starr Williams
- After being diagnosed with Sjögren's Syndrome in 2011, adopted a vegan/raw foods diet to help decrease inflammation in her body and reduce energy-sapping symptoms of the disease (is a self-described "cheagan")
- Interior design company is V Starr Interiors (www.vstarrinteriors.com); clothing line is EleVen; has written several books, most recently "Come To Win" in 2010
- Favorite tennis players growing up included Pete Sampras, Boris Becker and Monica Seles; favorite players now include Serena Williams, Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal, Gael Monfils and Bernard Tomic
- Loves karaoke (favorite songs to sing are 6 Underground by the Sneaker Pimps, Stupid Girl by Garbage, Call Me by Blondie, Gold Dust Woman by Fleetwood Mac, Tom Sawyer by Rush and Barracuda by Heart)
- Favorite books include "I Am Number Four" by Pittacus Lore, the Fablehaven series by Brandon Mull, the Harry Potter series by JK Rowling, comic books (especially DC) and the Bible
- Favorite cities are Palm Beach Gardens, Rome, Hong Kong and Paris
- Favorite designers are Ralph Lauren, Armani, Matthew Williamson and Dolce & Gabbana
- Also enjoys art, Asian antiques, dancing, writing poetry, sewing, studying new subjects, getting

the mail and receiving packages, being at home
and playing the guitar

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AMERICA

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GOLUBIC

52

SWITZERLAND

2000-12-31	Date of Birth	1992-10-16
	Residence	Zürich, Switzerland
Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed (one-handed backhand)
6' 1" (1.85m)	Height	5' 7" (1.69m)
40	Career-High Ranking	35
\$3,389,655	Career Prize Money	\$5,558,799
\$793,887	Season Prize Money	\$703,028
0 / 1	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 2
7-12 (Round of 32: 2024 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	18-36 (Quarter-Finalist: 2021 WIMBLEDON)
0-0 / 0-1 (Round of 128: 2025)	YTD / Career CINCINNATI W-L (best)	0-0 / 0-1 (Round of 64: 2016)
15-17 / 52-78	YTD / Career W-L	11-10 / 116-142



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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2026	ROLAND GARROS	CLAY	2r	Viktoriya Golubic	6-2 6-2	1h 3m
2026	HOBART	HARD	Q	Alycia Parks	4-6 7-6(5) 6-2	2h 23m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
67	-	2026	47	-
46	67	2025	53	69
46	112	2024	67	108
40	47	2023	76	84
117	118	2022	35	77
233	237	2021	43	43
360	364	2020	76	137
410	410	2019	65	81
961	984	2018	89	92
1208	1208	2017	51	128



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd main draw appearance at Cincinnati; she fell 1r last year (l. Krejčíková)
- This is her 24th career WTA 1000 main draw appearance; she is coming off a 2r showing at Toronto last week (l. Eala)
- Faces No.52 Viktorija Golubic in 1r today; they have met twice previously (both times this year) and have split those 2 meetings
- Owns 0-4 career Tour-level record against players from Switzerland (0-2 in 2026); her previous win over Golubic came in qualifying at Hobart this year
- Career-best result on hard court is her one WTA title, at 2023 Lyon (d. Garcia in F)
- Her top results so far this season are 2 QFs, both on hard court, at Ostrava (l. Volynets) and Athens (l. eventual R-Up Sakkari)
- The most recent American to win the Cincinnati title is Coco Gauff in 2023 (d. Muchova in F)
- Is currently ranked No.63; this time last year was ranked No.71. Reached career-high ranking of No.40 in August 2023

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd main draw appearance at Cincinnati; this is her first main draw showing at this event since 2016 (l. Nara in 1r)
- Career-best result at a WTA 1000 event is R16 at 2022 Indian Wells (l. Rybakina)
- Faces No.63 Alycia Parks in 1r today; Golubic is 8-4 at Tour-level this year vs. players ranked outside the Top 50
- Owns 13-22 career Tour-level record against players from United States of America (3-3 in 2026)
- One of her 2 career WTA titles has come on hard court, at 2024 Jiujiang (d. Sramkova in F)
- Her top Tour-level result this season is SF run at Nottingham on grass (l. eventual R-Up Navarro)
- One of 3 players from Switzerland in the main draw (also No.12 seed Bencic and WALTERT)
- Best result by Switzerland at Cincinnati was title run by Patty Schnyder in 2005 (d. Morigami in F)
- Is currently ranked No.52; this time last year was ranked No.75. Reached career-high ranking of No.35 in February 2022



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2025	Result	Rank: 71	Seed: -
1r	L	B. KREJCIKOVA (#80) 6-4 4-6 6-0	

2016	Result	Rank: 68	Seed: -
1r	L	K. NARA (#86) 6-4 4-6 7-5	



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SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Played 2r at Toronto (l. Eala)
 - Fell 1r at Prague (l. Havlickova)
 - Reached QF at Athens (l. eventual R-Up Sakkari)
 - Made 2r at Wimbledon (l. Sawangkaew)
 - Made 2r at Roland Garros (l. Golubic)
 - Played 2r at Rabat (l. Teichmann)
 - Played 2r at Madrid (as qualifier, l. Li)
 - Made 2r at Stuttgart (as qualifier, l. M.Andreeva)
 - Fell in 1r at Linz (l. Galfi)
 - Played 2r at Charleston (l. Jovic)
 - Made 3r at Miami (l. eventual R-Up Gauff)
 - Played 1r at Indian Wells (as WC, l. Sakatsume)
 - Fell in 1r at Austin (l. Selekhtmeteva)
 - Played 2r at Doha (as qualifier, l. Q.Zheng)
 - Reached QF at Ostrava (l. Volynets)
 - Made 2r at Australian Open (l. Muchova)
 - Played 1r at Auckland (l. Cocciaretto)
- Reached 3r at Toronto (l. Swiatek)
 - Fell in 1r at Memphis (l. Volynets)
 - Played 2r at Wimbledon (l. Paolini)
 - Made SF at Nottingham (as a qualifier, l. Navarro)
 - Reached 3r at Roland Garros (l. Kostyuk)
 - Made 3r at Rome (l. M. Andreeva) and Roland Garros (l. Kostyuk)
 - Fell in 1r at Madrid (l. Bondar)
 - Played 1r at Miami (as qualifier, l. Stearns)
 - Made 2r at Ostrava (l. eventual champion Boulter)
 - Fell in 1r at Australian Open (l. Gracheva)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
185	10	Aces	28	97
54.9%	91	First serve %	69.4%	9
68.4%	15	First Serve points won %	58.3%	85
43.0%	74	Second serve points won %	46.7%	40
57.0%	47	Overall service points won %	54.8%	75
67.0%	44	Service games won %	61.7%	73
57.9%	28	Break points saved %	56.4%	39
33.4%	85	First serve return points won %	38.0%	22
54.1%	58	Second serve return points won %	57.7%	17
40.8%	80	Break points converted %	45.1%	43
29.0%	83	Return games won %	41.3%	9
40.9%	84	Return points won %	45.5%	19

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VIKTORIJA GOLUBIC

TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS Champion (1) 2023 - LYON DOUBLES FINALS Champion (2) 2023 - CINCINNATI (w/Townsend) 2022 - OSTRAVA (w/Mcnally) Runner-Up (1) 2023 - BIRMINGHAM (w/Hunter)	SINGLES FINALS Champion (2) 2024 - JIUJIANG 2016 - GSTAAD Runner-Up (3) 2021 - MONTERREY, LYON 2016 - LINZ DOUBLES FINALS Runner-Up (3) 2023 - HOBART (w/Udvardy) 2021 - OLYMPICS (w/Bencic) 2017 - GSTAAD (w/Stojanovic)
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AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
2r	2r	2r		2026	1r	3r	2r	
	2r	1r	1r	2025	1r	2r	1r	2r
3r		1r		2024	3r	2r	1r	1r
	1r	2r	1r	2023	1r		2r	
				2022	1r	1r	2r	1r
			1r	2021		1r	QF	1r
				2020	1r			1r
				2019	1r	1r	3r	1r
				2018	1r	1r	1r	
				2017	1r	1r	2r	1r
				2016	1r	2r		1r



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CAREER MILESTONES

- Best results of 2025 were semifinals at Monterrey (l. eventual champion Shnaider) and Auckland (l. Osaka); registered first Roland Garros main draw match win over No.13 Karolina Muchova
- Highlight of 2024 season was posting best Grand Slam result courtesy of run to 3r at Australian Open (l. Gauff). Also won three WTA 125 titles, at Angers, Warsaw and Gaiba
- Won first singles title in 2023 at Lyon (d. Garcia). In doubles won Cincinnati (w/Townsend) and achieved R-Up at Birmingham (w/Hunter)
- Contested three WTA main draws in 2022, highlighted by maiden QF at this level at Ostrava (as qualifier, l. eventual champion Krejčíková)
- In 2022, also made 2r at Berlin (as qualifier, l. eventual champion Jabeur) and finished the campaign with a 10-match winning streak that brought WTA 125K Series titles at Andorra and Angers
- Closed out 2021 with R-Up finish at W25 event in Daytona Beach-FL, USA
- In 2021, also made 2r at Lausanne and fell 1r at US Open (as WC, l. Danilovic) and Indian Wells (as qualifier, l. Rus); struck 129mph serve during 1r defeat at US Open, matching V. Williams' record for the fastest serve in the tournament's history
- Reached 2r on WTA main draw debut at 2021 Charleston (as qualifier, l. Jabeur)
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2021 Charleston (l. Vikhlyantseva in final round)
- Owns one ITF Circuit singles title from six finals, triumphing at \$25k Orlando-FL in November 2020 (also won doubles title)
- Made ITF Circuit debut at a \$15k event in Orlando-FL, USA in March 2017
- In 2025 posted best result of the season at Jiujiang with SF (l. Tagger); also made QFs at Cleveland and Osaka. Earned a WTA 125 title at Suzhou
- Began 2024 with her best Grand Slam performance since Wimbledon 2021 (quarterfinal), with R32 at Australian Open (l. Svitolina). Her only other consecutive main draw wins came in October at Jiujiang where she claimed her second career title, eight years after earning her maiden title at 2016 Gstaad. Continued her winning streak at Limoges, ending the season with the WTA 125 title (d. Naef in F)
- Reached QF at 2023 Nottingham (l. Watson). Advanced to second round at 2023 Wimbledon, as a qualifier (l. Keys). Also qualified at 2023 Miami and fell in second round (l. Samsonova)
- Had a mixed 2022 falling out of Top 100 after 2r exit at Wimbledon and entering back in with QF run at Warsaw
- Made QF at the first tournament of 2022, Melbourne 1 (l. Halep), and later on clay at Strasbourg (l. Dodin) and Warsaw (l. Paolini)
- In addition to F run at Rouen 125 (l. Zanevska), highlight of the year include SF campaign at Nottingham (l. Amritraj)
- Produced impressive campaign in 2021, culminating in first Top 50 year-end finish and a career-high ranking of No.43 on November 8
- On clay, won WTA 125K Series title at Saint-Malo and then performed impressively on grass with back-to-back QF runs at Eastbourne and Wimbledon
- After a strong start to last season on ITF Circuit, continued her resurgence by coming through qualifying to reach the final at Lyon (l. Tauson) and Monterrey (l. Fernandez)
- Ended 2020 outside Top 100 (at No.137) for first time since 2017 - after a campaign in which she fell 1r three times (including Australian Open and US Open) and in qualifying on four occasions
- Other than run to SF at Guangzhou, highlights of 2019 season include QF runs at Hua Hin and last week in Nanchang, and 3r showing at Wimbledon - the deepest run of her career at a major
- Finished 2018 ranked No.92 for second-best career-end finish (after No.57 in 2016)
- Made 2r at three events in 2018, at Gstaad, Hiroshima and Wuhan, and fell 1r on seven occasions; also won ninth career title on ITF Circuit at \$80k Poitiers-FRA

- The 2017 campaign saw her play all four Grand Slam main draws for first time in her career and post career-high ranking of No.51 on April 3, 2017
- Ended 2016 at No.57 for best year-end finish of career (up from No.178 in 2015)
- Season highlights were winning maiden WTA singles title at Gstaad (d. Bertens in F) and R-Up finish at Linz (l. Cibulkova in F)
- Made Slam debut at 2016 Australian Open (as qualifier, l. Suárez Navarro in 1r) and qualified for Roland Garros, reaching 2r (l. Safarova). Prior to 2016 Australian Open, had fallen six times in Grand Slam qualifying
- Other 2016 highlights included QFs at 's-Hertogenbosch (l. Bencic), Tokyo [Japan Open] (l. eventual champion McHale) and Guangzhou (l. Kontaveit). Reached 2r at Katowice (l. Babos) and Bastad (l. Errani), and fell 1r at Cincinnati (l. Nara) and Luxembourg (l. Lisicki)
- Posted first and second Top 50 wins (vs. No.18 Ka.Pliskova and No.33 Strycova) during 2016 Fed Cup World Group SF against Czech Republic
- Entering 2016, had posted just two Tour-level main draw wins in career. By comparison, registered 20 main draw wins in 2016
- Prior to 2016 had contested two Tour-level events, having come through qualifying on both occasions: 2013 Bad Gastein (d. Bertens, l. Hlavackova), 2014 Shenzhen (d. Wozniack, l. Beck)
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2010 Budapest, and main draw debut at 2013 Bad Gastein
- Debut on ITF Circuit came at \$10k ITF/Budapest-HUN in 2008

OTHER INFORMATION

- Has been coached by her father Michael Parks since childhood
- Born in Atlanta, Georgia
- Started playing tennis at the age of 7 and she and her older sister moved to Florida at the age of 10 for better training to develop their game
- Graduated high school in 2019 and declined several scholarship offers to pursue playing tennis professionally
- Hobbies include, cooking, rollerblading, and playing with her Jack Russell Terrier and Giant Schnauzer puppies
- In 2017, started clothing line called 'Alyciamikay' alongside sister Mikayla
- Favorite tennis player is Serena Williams
- Previously coached by Dominik Utzinger
- Mother, Vucica Golubic was born in Serbia and father, Ignacije Golubic was born in Croatia; both are now Swiss nationals
- Has a sister, Natalija and two brothers, Kristijan and David
- Began playing tennis at age 5; sister played tennis and family was fan of sport
- Favorite surface is hard; favorite shot is backhand
- Tennis idol growing up was Monica Seles (played with two hands both sides until age 11)
- Speaks German, English, Serbian and Croatian
- Practiced Kung Fu for a while; also enjoys Harry Potter books (has read each one multiple times)

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KENIN (WC)
UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA

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EVA
LYS 92
GERMANY

1998-11-14	Date of Birth	2002-01-12
Pembroke Pines, Florida, USA	Residence	Hamburg, Germany
Right-Handed	Plays	Right-handed
5' 7" (1.70m)	Height	5' 5" (1.65m)
4	Career-High Ranking	39
\$12,540,377	Career Prize Money	\$2,649,880
\$803,457	Season Prize Money	\$659,434
0 / 5	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 0
42-32 (Champion: 2020 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	8-12 (Round of 16: 2025 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
0-0 / 4-4 (Semi-Finalist: 2019)	YTD / Career CINCINNATI W-L (best)	0-0 / 1-1 (Round of 64: 2025)
4-15 / 173-152	YTD / Career W-L	5-12 / 45-47



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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
28	-	2026	39	-
25	28	2025	40	40
33	86	2024	105	130
30	33	2023	112	130
12	235	2022	123	123
4	12	2021	340	340
4	4	2020	582	604
12	14	2019	-	-
48	52	2018	1181	-
110	113	2017	-	-



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 5th appearance at Cincinnati, where her best result was SF in 2019 (l. Keys)
- As well as her 2019 Cincinnati SF, she has reached a further two WTA 1000 SFs at 2019 Toronto and 2023 Guadalajara
- Faces No.92 Eva Lys in 1r today
- First meeting against a player from Germany; her most recent such match was defeating Siegemund at Seoul 2025
- Owns 4 hard court titles: Lyon, Australian Open in 2020; Guangzhou & Hobart in 2019
- One of 21 players from United States of America to reach 1r
- Cincinnati's most recent champion from USA was Gauff in 2023
- One of 8 wild cards in the starting line-up along with V.Williams, Stephens, Kalieva, Volynets, Vidmanova, Dolehide and Boisson
- Wild cards have won the Cincinnati title on two occasions in the Open Era: Lindsay Davenport in 2004 and Maria Sharapova in 2011
- Is currently ranked No.115; this time last year was ranked No.29. Reached career high of No.4 in March 2020
- Has won 4 matches so far in 2026 with only one of those wins on hard court at Brisbane in January this year
- Winner today will face No.10 seed Kostyuk in 2r

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at Cincinnati, where her previous result was reaching 2r in 2025 (l. Keys)
- Reached her best WTA 1000 result last season at Beijing with QF (l. Gauff)
- Enters the main draw as lucky loser following the withdrawal of Naomi Osaka and faces No.115 Sofia Kenin in 1r today
- Record against players from United States of America this season stands at 0-2, falling to Volynets at Charleston and Navarro at Bad Homburg
- Has a 1-0 record against wild cards this year, defeating Badosa at Stuttgart
- Best career result on hard court is SF which she has reached twice: Monastir in 2024; Cluj-Napoca in 2023
- One of 3 players from Germany to reach 1r along with Maria and Korpatsch
- Is currently ranked No.92; this time last year was ranked No.62. Reached a peak ranking of No.39 in January this year
- Has won 5 matches so far in 2026 and looking for her second hard court match win of the season after United Cup in January



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2025	Result	Rank: 29	Seed: 24
2r	L	V. GRACHEVA (#103) 6-7(7) 6-3 6-3	
2022	Result	Rank: 412	Seed: -
1r	L	S. ROGERS (#30) 6-2 6-1	
2020	Result	Rank: 4	Seed: 2
2r	L	A. CORNET (#60) 6-1 7-6(7)	
2019	Result	Rank: 22	Seed: -
SF	L	M. KEYS (#18) 7-5 6-4	
QF	W	N. OSAKA (#1) 6-4 1-6 2-0	
3r	W	E. SVITOLINA (#7) 6-3 7-6(3)	
2r	W	Z. DIYAS (#80) 6-4 6-1	
1r	W	J. GOERGES (#28) 6-4 7-6(6)	

2025	Result	Rank: 62	Seed: -
2r	L	M. KEYS (#6) 1-6 6-3 7-6(1)	
1r	W	B. PERA (#111) 6-2 4-6 7-5	

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SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Fell in 1r at Washington DC (as a WC, l. Navarro)
 - Played 2r at Wimbledon (l. Anisimova)
 - Played 1r at Nottingham (as LL, l. qualifier Golubic)
 - Fell 1r at Rome (l. Andreescu) and Roland Garros (l. Stearns)
 - Played 2r at Madrid (l. Q.Zheng)
 - Reached 3r at Charleston (l. Jovic)
 - Fell in 1r at Miami (l. Blinkova)
 - Played 1r at Indian Wells (l. Siniakova)
 - Fell in 1r at Dubai (l. Tauson)
 - Played 1r at Doha (l. Q.Zheng)
 - Fell in 1r at Abu Dhabi (l. Samsonova)
 - Played 1r at Australian Open (l. Stearns)
 - Fell in 1r at Adelaide (l. Joint)
 - Made 2r at Brisbane (l. Alexandrova)
- Played 1r at Toronto (l. Udvardy, retired in third set)
 - Played 1r at Wimbledon (l. Shnaider)
 - Fell 1r at Bad Homburg (as WC, l. Navarro)
 - Reached 2r at Berlin (as WC, l. Svitolina)
 - Made 2r at Roland Garros (l. Cirstea)
 - Fell 2r at Rome (l. Osaka)
 - Played 1r at Madrid (l. S.Zhang)
 - Made 2r at Stuttgart (l. Svitolina)
 - Fell in 1r at Charleston (l. Volynets)
 - Played 1r at Miami (l. Starodubtseva)
 - Fell in 1r at Australian Open (l. Cirstea)
 - Opened 2026 with Team Germany at United Cup (1-1 in singles)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
38	82	Aces	13	135
66.6%	17	First serve %	67.2%	0
62.0%	64	First Serve points won %	56.9%	0
44.2%	61	Second serve points won %	39.7%	0
56.1%	60	Overall service points won %	51.2%	0
64.6%	55	Service games won %	52.7%	0
48.6%	89	Break points saved %	48.8%	0
28.0%	92	First serve return points won %	35.5%	0
53.8%	64	Second serve return points won %	57.4%	0
42.1%	75	Break points converted %	44.8%	0
22.3%	91	Return games won %	35.9%	0
38.0%	91	Return points won %	43.7%	0

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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (5)
2020 - LYON, AUSTRALIAN OPEN
2019 - GUANGZHOU, MALLORCA, HOBART
Runner-Up (5)
2025 - CHARLESTON
2024 - TOKYO
2023 - SAN DIEGO
2020 - ROLAND GARROS
2019 - ACAPULCO

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (4)
2024 - MIAMI (w/Mattek-sands), ABU DHABI (w/Mattek-sands)
2019 - BEIJING (w/Mattek-sands), AUCKLAND (w/Bouchard)

Runner-Up (1)
2025 - WASHINGTON DC (w/Dolehide)

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
1r	1r	2r		2026	1r	2r	1r	
1r	3r	2r	1r	2025	4r	2r	2r	2r
1r	3r	1r	2r	2024		1r	1r	1r
1r		3r	2r	2023	1r			2r
1r			1r	2022				
2r	4r	2r		2021				
WON	RUP		4r	2020				
2r	4r	2r	3r	2019				
1r	1r	2r	3r	2018				
			3r	2017				
			1r	2016				
			1r	2015				



MATCH NOTES

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CAREER MILESTONES

- Best result of 2025 was reaching the final at Charleston (l. Pegula). Also made SF at Tokyo (l. eventual champion Bencic) and QFs at Dubai and Hobart. In doubles reached a fifth Tour final at Washington DC (w/Dolehide)
- Achieved best result of 2024 at Tokyo with runner-up run (l. Zheng in final). In doubles claimed her third and fourth career titles at Abu Dhabi and Miami w/Bethanie Mattek-Sands
- Strongest result of 2023 was runner-up run at San Diego (l. Krejčíková). Also reached SF at Hobart (l. Cocciaretto) and Guadalajara (l. Dolehide). As a qualifier, posted her best Wimbledon result with 3r (l. Svitolina). Moved 202 positions up the ranking from her 2022 year-end position (from No. 235 to No. 33)
- Best results of 2022 were QF at Adelaide (l. eventual champion Barty) and Cleveland (l. Pera). Missed clay and grass swings w/right ankle injury
- Missed second half of 2021 season due to ongoing foot injury and then testing positive for COVID-19
- In opening half of the 2021 campaign, standout results were QFs at Abu Dhabi and Yarra Valley Classic, and a R16 showing at Roland Garros
- Ended 2020 at career high of No. 4 which she first hit on March 9, 2020 and came away with the 2020 WTA Player of the Year Award
- In last tournament of the season, finished R-Up at Roland Garros (l. Swiatek) for her first final appearance on clay
- Reached R16 at US Open and was one of only two players (also Kvitová) to reach second week of all three Slams in 2020
- Lifted fifth WTA singles title at Lyon (d. Friedsam in F) becoming the first player in 2020 to win a second title
- Won maiden major at 2020 Australian Open (d. Muguruza in F) to become the youngest champion (21y, 80d) in Melbourne since Sharapova (20y, 283d) in 2008. Defeated home favorite and World No. 1 Barty in SF for third career win over a reigning World No. 1
- Australian Open run helped her break into the Top 10 for the first time at No. 7 on February 3, 2020
- Won 2019 WTA Most Improved Player of the Year award after winning three WTA titles at Hobart (d. Schmiedlova in F), Mallorca (d. Bencic in F) and Guangzhou (d. Stosur in F)
- Finished 2019 at No. 14 as US No. 2 (behind No. 9 S. Williams) and leader in hard court wins (38-tied w/Barty)
- In 2025 reached QF at a WTA 1000 for the first time at Beijing (l. Gauff) and registered career-first Top 10 win over No. 10 Rybakina in 3r. Also posted her best career Grand Slam result by 4r at Australian Open (as a lucky loser). Finished the season at a career-high ranking of No. 40
- Standout results of 2024 came in the second half of the season with semifinals at Budapest (l. eventual champion Shnaider) and Monastir (l. eventual champion Kartal); also made QF at Osaka (l. Ito) and reached a career high ranking of No. 105 in September
- Reached first career SF at 2023 Cluj Napoca (l. Korpatsch) and QF at Hamburg (l. Rus); defeated No. 1 seed Sorana Cîrstea at Cluj Napoca for first Top 30 win of career
- Also in 2023, made Grand Slam main draw debut at Australian Open as a qualifier and reached 2r at US Open as a qualifier
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2022 Stuttgart reaching 2r as a qualifier and defeated No. 38 Viktoria Golubic in 1r while ranked No. 342 (l. Swiatek); also in 2022 reached 2r at Lausanne, fell 1r at Hamburg and contested qualifying at Berlin, Wimbledon, US Open and Tallinn
- Contested first WTA qualifying rounds at Hamburg and Linz in 2021
- Won first ITF Circuit singles title at W25 event in Altenkirchen, Germany in March 2020; owns three ITF singles titles
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in United States in 2016

- Registered back-to-back SF runs at Toronto (l. eventual champion Andreescu) and Cincinnati (l. eventual champion Keys), subsequently leading to Top 20 debut at No.20 on August 19, 2019
- During this run, defeated No.1 Barty (Toronto) and No.1 Osaka (Cincinnati) to become first player since October 2001 to defeat World No.1s in consecutive weeks (Davenport); also became youngest American to defeat reigning No.1 in eight years (after McHale)
- Advanced to R16 at 2019 Roland Garros (d. S.Williams, l. eventual champion Barty) - became first American to defeat Serena at the majors since Stephens at 2013 Australian Open QF
- Also won maiden doubles titles in 2019 at Auckland (w/Bouchard) and Beijing (w/Mattek-Sands)
- Broke into the Top 100 on March 19, 2018 and Top 50 on October 8, 2018
- Made Billie Jean King Cup debut for the US in 2018
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2015 US Open as a wildcard (l. Duque-Marino in 1r)
- Played first matches of career on ITF Circuit in 2013, climbing to No.2 in ITF World Junior Rankings
- Represented the USA at the 2014 Youth Olympic Games and competed at the 2016 ITF Junior Masters, both held in China

OTHER INFORMATION

- Current coach is her father, Alex Kenin; Previously worked with Michael Joyce
- Trains at ProWorld Academy in Delray Beach, Florida
- Father is Alex and mother is Lena
- Born in Moscow, moved to New York as a baby before family settled in Florida. Now resides in Pembroke Pines, Florida, where she was home-schooled
- Good friends with CiCi Bellis and Katie Swan
- Likes rap music, especially Drake
- Treat food is Froyo - cookies and cream with Hershey's on top
- Coached by her father Vladimir Lys
- Born in Kyiv, family moved to Germany when she was two years old
- Based in Hamburg, father Vladimir continues to coach her and fitness trainer is David Schussmueller
- Mother, Maria, is a lawyer, while father, Vladimir, is a former professional tennis player who represented Ukraine at Davis Cup
- Has an older sister, Lisa Matviyenko (24), and younger sister, Isabella Lys (7).
- Began playing tennis when she was around five years old; father was working as a coach and while her mum studied for her law degree in Germany (had already qualified in Ukraine) they spent a lot of time at the courts
- Says her strengths are playing to her own rhythm, taking the ball early, and fighting spirit
- Speaks Russian/Ukrainian, German and English. Has finished top level of in high school in Germany - the 'Abitur', with favorite subject being biology