

WTA Website: www.wtatennis.com | @WTA | facebook.com/wtaWTA Communications: Laura Brown (lbrown@wtatennis.com)Tournament Website: www.chinaopen.comWTA Media Information: wtastats@wtatennis.com**DAY 5 – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4****[26] Nikola Bartunkova (CZE #34) vs. [2] Aryna Sabalenka (#2)****Sabalenka leads 1-0*****Bartunkova:***

- Making tournament debut at Beijing
- Bidding for her second career Top 10 win, after defeating No.10 Bencic as a qualifier at Australian Open 2026
- Holds a 1-5 career record against Top 10 opponents, last losing to Mirra Andrejeva at US Open 2026
- Best career Tour-level results on hard court are semifinals at Monterrey in 2026 (l. Mertens) and Guadalajara in 2025 (l. eventual champion Jovic)
- Looking to reach her second career R16 at a WTA 1000 event, after Rome earlier this season (l. eventual champion Svitolina)
- Is currently ranked at career-high of No.34, first reached on August 31, 2026

Sabalenka:

- Making 5th main draw appearance at Beijing, where her best result is QF which she has made 3 times: in 2024 (l. eventual R-Up Muchova), 2023 (l. Rybakina) and 2018 (l. Wang Qiang)
- She is an 11-time champion at WTA 1000 events; she captured the Sunshine Double this year at Indian Wells (d. Rybakina in F) and Miami (d. Gauff in F)
- Owns 21 hard court Tour-level titles, including three this year at Brisbane, Indian Wells and Miami
- Has won 47 Tour-level matches so far in 2026; she is ranked No.3 on Tour for match-wins this year, behind Pegula (50) and Rybakina (49)
- She is 22-1 this year on hard court vs. opponents ranked outside the Top 20 (the one loss was to Bejlek in Cincinnati R16)
- Won her only previous encounter against Bartunkova, winning from a set down in QF at Berlin earlier this year

[7] Karolina Muchova (CZE #8) vs. [29] Liudmila Samsonova (#39)**Muchova leads 2-0*****Muchova:***

- Making 4th appearance at Beijing, where her best result was finishing runner-up in 2024 (l. Gauff in final)
- Has won one WTA 1000 title, at Doha this year (d. Mboko in final)
- Holds a 28-4 record at Tour-level this year vs. players ranked outside the Top 20
- Has won 38 Tour-level matches so far in 2026, including reaching four finals: Wimbledon (R-Up), Bad Homburg (won title), Stuttgart (R-Up) and Doha (won title)
- Reached the second Grand Slam final of her career this year at Wimbledon (l. Noskova in all-Czech final)
- Following her Wimbledon result, she reached a career high ranking of No.6 in July this year

Samsonova:

- Making 4th appearance at Beijing, where she finished runner-up in her 2023 tournament debut (l. Swiatek in F)
- She is a 2-time WTA 1000 runner-up, at 2023 Montreal (l. Pegula in F) and 2023 Beijing (l. Swiatek in F)
- Owns 11 wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.10 Marta Kostyuk at 2026 Guadalajara last month
- Her top result so far this year is SF run at WTA 500 Guadalajara on hard court (l. eventual R-Up Stearns)
- Three of her 5 career WTA titles have come on hard court, all in 2022 at Washington DC (d. Kanepi in F), Cleveland (d. Sasnovich in F) and Tokyo (d. Zheng Qinwen in F)
- Lost to Muchova in both of their previous meetings, which were both in qualifying at 2019 Australian Open and 2019 Doha

Polina Kudermetova (UZB #104) vs. [4] Mirra Andreeva (#5)**Andreeva leads 1-0*****Kudermetova:***

- Making 2nd main draw appearance at Beijing, where she reached 2r last year (d. Inglis in 1r; l. Kenin)
- Has equaled her best result at a WTA 1000 event (also made R32 at 2025 Indian Wells on hard court, l. Kartal)
- Looking to reach R16 at a WTA 1000 event for the first time in her career
- Owns 1 win in career over Top 10 players, defeating No.9 Daria Kasatkina at Brisbane 2025
- Career-best Tour-level result on hard court is R-Up at 2025 Brisbane (l. Sabalenka in F)
- Four of her 5 Tour-level match-wins this year have been on hard court (also d. Maristany Zuleta De Reales in Australian Open 1r; d. Bucsa in Washington DC 1r)
- One of 2 players from Uzbekistan to reach 3r (alongside Rakhimova)

Andreeva:

- Making her 4th appearance at Beijing, where her best result was reaching QF in 2024 (l. Zheng Qinwen)
- Owns two WTA 1000 titles, both won in 2025 at Indian Wells (d. Sabalenka in F) and Dubai (d. Tauson in F)
- Bidding to reach a 17th career R16 at WTA 1000 events, the most of any teenager since the format's introduction in 2009
- She is ranked 4th on Tour for match-wins this year, tied with Gauff (46) and behind Jessica Pegula (50), Elena Rybakina (49) and Aryna Sabalenka (47)
- Holds a 9-0 record in 2026 versus opponents ranked outside the Top 100
- Has claimed the most 6-0 sets of any player (13) so far this season
- Earned the first Grand Slam title of her career this season at Roland Garros (d. Chwalinska in F)
- Won her only previous career meeting with Kudermetova, en route to qualifying for her maiden Grand Slam event at Roland Garros 2023

[5] Linda Noskova (CZE #6) vs. Viktorija Golubic (SUI #67)**First meeting*****Noskova:***

- Making 3rd appearance at Beijing; she finished runner-up here last year (l. Anisimova in final)
- Her runner-up finish in Beijing last season is also her best WTA 1000 career result
- Claimed the first Grand Slam title of her career this year at Wimbledon (d. Muchova in all-Czech final); she also won a second grass court title this season at Berlin (d. Pegula in F)
- Her best hard court results of 2026 are SF at Indian Wells (l. eventual champion Sabalenka) and QF at US Open (l. eventual R-Up Sabalenka) - 16 of her 34 Tour-level wins this year have come on hard court
- Is currently at her career-high ranking of No.6 (first reached on August 24, 2026)
- Only two players have served more aces than Noskova (132) at WTA 1000 events in 2026 – Elena Rybakina (214) and Aryna Sabalenka (133)

Golubic:

- Making 3rd appearance at Beijing and has reached 3r for the first time; her previous best tournament result was 2r in 2024 (l. Vekic)
- Her best WTA 1000 result of career is R16 at 2022 Indian Wells on hard court (l. Rybakina)
- Owns 2 wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.9 Maria Sakkari at 2021 Indian Wells (0-7 vs. Top 10 players since then)
- Her best Tour-level result so far this year is SF at Nottingham on grass (as qualifier, l. eventual R-Up Navarro)
- One of her 2 career WTA titles has come on hard court: 2024 Jiujiang (d. Sramkova in F)
- Aiming to claim three consecutive wins at a Tour-level event on hard court for the first time since 2025 Juijiang last October (as defending champion, l. eventual R-Up Tagger in SF)



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[20] Sara Bejlek (CZE #29) vs. [12] Naomi Osaka (JPN #17)

First meeting

Bejlek:

- Making her tournament debut at Beijing
- Her best WTA 1000 result of career was making SF at 2026 Cincinnati this summer (d. World No.1 Sabalenka en route; l. eventual champion Gauff)
- Owns 4 wins in career over Top 20 players (all occurring this year), most recently No.1 Sabalenka in 2026 Cincinnati R16
- Her top career result was achieved on hard court this year, winning her first career WTA title at 2026 Abu Dhabi in February (as qualifier ranked No.101, d. Alexandrova in F)
- 19 of her 22 Tour-level match-wins this year have been on hard court, including her Abu Dhabi title, Cincinnati SF, and QFs at Guadalajara, Athens and Prague

Osaka:

- Making 6th main draw appearance at Beijing, where she claimed the title in 2019 (d. Barty in F); she also reached SF in 2018 (l. Sevastova)
- Along with her Beijing 2019 title, she owns one further WTA 1000 trophy at 2018 Indian Wells (d. Kasatkina in F)
- She is one of three players in this year's China Open main draw to have previously won the event, along with Iga Swiatek (2023) and Coco Gauff (2024)
- After first-round bye, defeated Maria Timofeeva in 2nd round for her first match-win since R16 run at 2026 US Open (l. eventual champion Rybakina)
- All of her 7 career Tour-level titles came on hard court, most recently 2021 Australian Open (d. Brady in F)
- Her best hard court result of the season was SF at Washington DC (l. eventual champion Eala)
- Holds a 24-3 record this year vs. players ranked outside the Top 20

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NIKOLA
BARTUNKOVA (26)
CZECH REPUBLIC

ARYNA
(2) SABALENKA

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2006-02-25	Date of Birth	1998-05-05
	Residence	
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
	Height	5' 11" (1.82m)
34	Career-High Ranking	1
\$1,426,148	Career Prize Money	\$53,222,999
\$1,219,523	Season Prize Money	\$8,047,378
0 / 0	Singles Titles YTD / Career	3 / 24
6-4 (Round of 32: 2026 US OPEN, WIMBLEDON, AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	119-30 (Champion: 2025 US OPEN; 2024 US OPEN, AUSTRALIAN OPEN; 2023 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
1-0 / 1-0 (Round of 32: 2026)	YTD / Career BEIJING W-L (best)	1-0 / 9-4 (Quarter-Finalist: 2024, 2023, 2018)
21-13 / 25-18	YTD / Career W-L	47-9 / 415-145



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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2026	BERLIN	GRASS	QF	Aryna Sabalenka	2-6 7-6(2) 6-4	2h 23m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
34	-	2026	1	-
130	130	2025	1	1
226	488	2024	1	1
263	270	2023	1	2
283	283	2022	2	5
751	784	2021	2	2
-	-	2020	10	10
-	-	2019	9	11
-	-	2018	11	11
-	-	2017	76	78



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. M. FRECH (#48) 6-2 6-2 (1h 12m)

Total time on court: 1h 12m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making tournament debut at Beijing
- Has defeated Magdalena Frech so far this week to reach her first 3r since 3r run at US Open 2026
- Faces No.2 Aryna Sabalenka in 3r today; can claim her second career win over Top 10 players, after defeating No.10 Belinda Bencic, as a qualifier, at Australian Open 2026
- Is 1-5 against Top 10 opponents, last losing to Mirra Andrejeva at US Open 2026
- Best career result on hard court is Semi-Finalist at Monterrey in 2026 (l. Mertens) & Guadalajara 500 in 2025 (l. eventual Champion Jovic)
- Looking to reach her second career R16 at a WTA 1000 event, after Rome earlier this season (l. eventual Champion Svitolina)
- Best result by Czech Republic at Beijing was Runner-Up run by Linda Noskova in 2025, Karolina Muchova in 2024, Petra Kvitova in 2014
- First time 5 players from Czech Republic reached 3r at Beijing
- Is currently ranked at career-high of No.34, first reached August 31, 2026; this time last year was ranked No.144
- During last year's Asian swing reached 1r at Chennai, 1r at Tokyo
- Has won 21 Tour-level matches so far in 2026, 15 of those on hard court

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. R. ZARAZUA (#94) 6-1 6-3 (1h 2m)

Total time on court: 1h 2m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 5th main draw appearance at Beijing, where her best result is QF which she has made 3 times: in 2024 (l. eventual R-Up Muchova), 2023 (l. Rybakina) and 2018 (l. Wang Qiang)
- Eleven-time winner at WTA 1000 events; captured the Sunshine Double this year at Miami (d. Gauff in F) and Indian Wells (d. Rybakina in F)
- Defeated Renata Zarazua so far this week to reach her first 3r since R-Up run at US Open 2026
- Since her debut main draw appearance at Dubai in 2017, has claimed the most (156) WTA 1000 match wins of any player, followed by Iga Swiatek (145) over that span
- Faces No.34 Nikola Bartunkova in 3r today; owns 252 wins in career over Top 50 players, most recently No.6 Linda Noskova at US Open 2026
- Owns 30-15 career record against players from Czech Republic, with record in 2026 standing at 5-1
- Owns 21 hard court titles including 3 this year at Brisbane, Indian Wells and Miami
- Is currently ranked No.2; this time last year was ranked No.1 (held the No.1 ranking for 99 straight weeks from Oct. 21, 2024 - Sept. 13, 2026)
- Has won 47 Tour-level matches so far in 2026; she is ranked No.3 on Tour for match wins, behind Jessica Pegula (50) and Elena Rybakina (49)

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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

2024	Result	Rank: 2	Seed: 1
QF	L	K. MUCHOVA (#49) 7-6(5) 2-6 6-4	
4r	W	M. KEYS (#24) 6-4 6-3	
3r	W	A. KRUEGER (#68) 6-2 6-2	
2r	W	M. SAWANGKAEW (#187) 6-4 6-1	

2023	Result	Rank: 1	Seed: 1
QF	L	E. RYBAKINA (#5) 7-5 6-2	
3r	W	J. PAOLINI (#36) 6-4 7-6(4)	
2r	W	K. BOULTER (#56) 7-5 7-6(2)	
1r	W	S. KENIN (#31) 6-1 6-2	

2019	Result	Rank: 14	Seed: 12
2r	L	D. KASATKINA (#45) 6-4 7-6(5)	

2018	Result	Rank: 16	Seed: -
QF	L	Q. WANG (#28) 7-5 7-5	
3r	W	C. GARCIA (#8) 5-7 7-6(3) 6-0	
2r	W	G. MUGURUZA (#15) 7-5 6-4	



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SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Reached 3r at US Open (l. M.Andreeva)
- Reached SF at Monterrey (l. eventual R-Up Mertens)
- Made 2r at Cincinnati (l. Cirstea)
- Reached 3r at Toronto (l. Anisimova)
- Made 2r at Prague (l. Tatarudee)
- Reached 3r at Wimbledon (l. Krejcikova)
- Reached QF at Berlin (as a WC, l. Sabalenka)
- Played 1r at 's-Hertogenbosch (l. qualifier Vandewinkel)
- Finished R-Up at WTA 125 Birmingham (l. Eala in F)
- Fell 1r at Roland Garros (l. Mboko)
- Reached first career WTA 1000 4r at Rome (as a lucky loser, l. eventual champion Svitolina)
Made 2r at Austin (as qualifier, l. eventual R-Up Townsend)
- Reached QF at Ostrava (l. Parry)
- Opened 2026 season with 3r at Australian Open (as qualifier, l. Mertens)

- Finished R-Up at US Open (l. Rybakina in F)
- Made R16 at Cincinnati (l. Bejlek)
- Reached R16 at Toronto (l. Alexandrova)
- Reached R16 at Wimbledon (l. Osaka)
- Made SF at Berlin (l. Pegula)
- Reached QF at Roland Garros (l. Shnaider)
- Played 3r at Rome (l. Cirstea)
- Made QF at Madrid (l. Baptiste)
Won back-to-back titles at Miami(d. Gauff in F) and Indian Wells (d. Rybakina in F)
- R-Up finish at Australian Open (l. champion Rybakina in F)
- Claimed Brisbane title in her 2026 season opener (d. eventual R-Up Kostyuk in F)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
156	27	Aces	292	3
52.3%	95	First serve %	64.1%	33
68.9%	13	First Serve points won %	71.2%	6
46.6%	37	Second serve points won %	53.6%	1
58.3%	33	Overall service points won %	64.9%	1
69.7%	31	Service games won %	81.9%	2
55.0%	54	Break points saved %	63.5%	3
35.7%	55	First serve return points won %	35.9%	52
55.9%	33	Second serve return points won %	57.4%	14
46.1%	35	Break points converted %	44.9%	46
34.3%	53	Return games won %	36.9%	33
43.0%	55	Return points won %	44.6%	31



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TITLES

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (24)

2026 - MIAMI, INDIAN WELLS, BRISBANE
2025 - US OPEN, MADRID, MIAMI, BRISBANE
2024 - WUHAN, US OPEN, CINCINNATI,
AUSTRALIAN OPEN
2023 - MADRID, AUSTRALIAN OPEN, ADELAIDE #1
2021 - MADRID, ABU DHABI
2020 - LINZ, OSTRAVA, DOHA
2019 - ZHUHAI, WUHAN, SHENZHEN
2018 - WUHAN, NEW HAVEN

Runner-Up (21)

2026 - US OPEN, AUSTRALIAN OPEN
2025 - WTA FINALS, ROLAND GARROS,
STUTTGART, INDIAN WELLS, AUSTRALIAN OPEN
2024 - ROME, MADRID, BRISBANE
2023 - US OPEN, STUTTGART, INDIAN WELLS
2022 - WTA FINALS, 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH,
STUTTGART
2021 - STUTTGART
2019 - SAN JOSE
2018 - EASTBOURNE, LUGANO
2017 - TIANJIN

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (6)

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

Runner-Up (2)

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



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GRAND SLAMS

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



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CAREER MILESTONES

- Posted a breakthrough performance in 2025 by reaching SF at WTA 500 Guadalajara (l. eventual champion Jovic) which saw her break into the Top 200 for the first time. Made a WTA 125 final for the first time at Samsun and rose to a career-high ranking of No.129 in December
- Played all matches on the ITF circuit in 2024; up to end of 2025 won six ITF singles titles
- Earned first career tour-level match-win at 2023 Cluj-Napoca as a wild card (d. Yastremska, l. Bogdan)
- Made WTA main-draw debut as wild card at 2022 Istanbul (l. Potapova)
- Won a Tour leading four titles in 2025, including her 4th career Grand Slam title at US Open (d. Anisimova in final) as well as Madrid, Miami and Brisbane; also finished runner-up at WTA Finals, Australian Open, Roland Garros, Indian Wells and Stuttgart for a Tour leading nine finals overall
- Ended 2025 by finishing at World No.1 for the second straight year, posting the most Tour match wins of any player with 63 and setting a new WTA single-season record in prize money with \$15,008,519
- Reached seven finals across 2024, defending her Australian Open crown, winning the US Open and also won titles at Cincinnati and Wuhan. Recaptured the No.1 ranking in October and finished the season as the WTA Year-End No.1 for the first time in her career
- Outstanding 2023 saw her win debut Grand Slam title at Australian Open (d. Rybakina in F), reach second Major final at US Open (l. Gauff in F) and become the WTA World No.1 player for the first time in career (after US Open). In addition won titles at Adelaide and Madrid
- Highlight of 2022 season was R-Up finish at WTA Finals in Fort Worth (l. Garcia in F); upset No.1 Swiatek, No.2 Jabeur and No.3 Pegula en route to final - only the fourth woman in history to beat the No.1, No.2 and No.3 at the same tournament
- Lifted two titles during 2021 campaign, at Abu Dhabi and Madrid, while was R-Up at Stuttgart. Also reached a further three SFs, including at Wimbledon and US Open
- In doubles, lifted second major at 2021 Australian Open (w/Mertens, d. Krejčíková/Siniakova in F)
- Won final nine matches of 2020 to end the year with back-to-back titles - at Ostrava (d. Azarenka in F) and Linz (d. Mertens in F) - and ranked at No.10. Having also taken home the silverware at Doha (d. Kvitová in F), was one of two players (also Halep) to lift three singles titles during disrupted 2020 season
- Ended as World No.11 for the second straight year in 2019 after capturing three WTA singles titles at Shenzhen (d. Riske in F), Wuhan (d. Riske in F) and Zhuhai (d. Bertens in F)
- Made Top-10 debut on January 28, 2019 following 3rd run at 2019 Australian Open
- Ended 2019 at No.2 in WTA doubles rankings after capturing first Grand Slam doubles trophy at US Open (w/Mertens, d. Azarenka/Barty in F). Earlier in the season, the pair claimed the

- 'Sunshine Double' by winning back-to-back titles at Indian Wells (d. Krejčíková/Siniakova in F) and Miami (d. Stosur/ Zhang in F)
- Enjoyed breakthrough season in 2018, lifting two titles, at New Haven (d. Suarez Navarro in F) and Wuhan (d. Kontaveit in F), winning 46 matches and finishing at No.11 in the rankings. Entered Top 50 on April 16 after run to Lugano final, and Top 20 on August 27 following New Haven title
- Broke into Top 100 at No.76 on October 16, 2017 after reaching first Tour-level final at Tianjin (l. Sharapova). Also in 2017 made SF at Tashkent (l. Babos) and lifted WTA 125k Series title at Mumbai (d. Jakupovic)
- Made Grand Slam main draw debut at 2017 Wimbledon, falling in 2r (as qualifier, d. Khromacheva, l. Witthoeft)
- Fell 1r on main draw debut at 2017 Dubai (as qualifier, l. Ka.Bondarenko). WTA qualifying debut came at 2016 Rabat
- Lifted first three ITF Circuit titles in 2015, including a 13-match win streak towards the year's end, winning back-to-back trophies in Antalya, Turkey
- Made debut on ITF Circuit in Minsk in 2012

OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Pavel Bartunek, Matej Liptak, and Petr Vanicek
- 2023 Junior Wimbledon singles finalist (l. Ngounoue) and 2022 Junior Roland Garros doubles finalist (w/Naef; l. Bejlek/Havlickova)

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

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KAROLINA
MUCHOVA (7)
CZECH REPUBLIC

LIUDMILA
(29) SAMSONOVA 39

1996-08-21	Date of Birth	1998-11-11
Prague, Czech Republic	Residence	
Right-handed (double-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-Handed
5' 11" (1.80m)	Height	5' 11" (1.82m)
6	Career-High Ranking	12
\$15,171,307	Career Prize Money	\$9,310,514
\$4,749,277	Season Prize Money	\$1,360,530
2 / 3	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 5
61-29 (Runner-Up: 2026 WIMBLEDON; 2023 ROLAND GARROS)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	31-26 (Quarter-Finalist: 2025 WIMBLEDON)
1-0 / 9-3 (Runner-Up: 2024)	YTD / Career BEIJING W-L (best)	1-0 / 6-3 (Runner-Up: 2023)
38-10 / 184-87	YTD / Career W-L	20-22 / 167-137



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MUCHOVA

LIUDMILA
SAMSONOVA

HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2019	DOHA	HARD	Q	Karolina Muchova	6-1 3-6 6-1	1h 46m
2019	AUSTRALIAN OPEN	HARD	Q	Karolina Muchova	6-4 6-0	1h 18m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
6	-	2026	17	-
12	19	2025	16	17
8	22	2024	13	27
8	8	2023	12	16
31	149	2022	19	20
19	32	2021	39	39
21	27	2020	114	127
21	21	2019	123	139
141	145	2018	177	180
210	272	2017	520	552



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**LIUDMILA
SAMSONOVA**

TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. K. BOULTER (#56) 7-6 6-1 (1h 29m)

Total time on court: 1h 29m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 4th appearance at Beijing, where her best result was finishing runner-up in 2024 (l. Gauff in F)
- Has won one WTA 1000 title, at Doha this year (d. Mboko in F)
- After 1r bye, defeated Katie Boulter in 2r, improving her Beijing career record to 9-3
- Faces No.39 Liudmila Samsonova in 3r today; Muchova is 28-4 at Tour-level this year vs. players ranked outside the Top 20
- Reached the second Grand Slam final of her career this year on the grass of Wimbledon (l. Noskova in all-Czech final)
- Has won 38 Tour-level matches so far in 2026, including reaching four finals; Wimbledon (R-Up), Bad Homburg (won title), Stuttgart (R-Up) and Doha (won title)
- 2 of her 3 career WTA titles have come on hard court, at 2019 Seoul (d. Linette in F) and 2026 Doha (d. Mboko in F)
- One of 5 players from Czech Republic to reach 3r
- Best result by Czech Republic at Beijing is R-Up by Linda Noskova in 2025, Karolina Muchova in 2024 and Petra Kvitova in 2014
- Is currently ranked No.8; this time last year was ranked No.15. Reached career-high ranking of No.6 following 2026 Wimbledon R-Up finish this July

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. L. FRUHVIRTOVA (#181) 6-2 3-6 6-3 (2h 42m)

Total time on court: 2h 42m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 4th appearance at Beijing, where she finished R-Up in her 2023 tournament debut (l. Swiatek in F)
- She is a 2-time WTA 1000 R-Up, at 2023 Montreal (l. Pegula in F) and 2023 Beijing (l. Swiatek in F)
- After 1r bye, defeated Linda Fruhvirtova for her 20th Tour-level match-win of the year
- Faces No.8 Karolina Muchova in 3r today; Samsonova owns 11 wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.10 Marta Kostyuk at 2026 Guadalajara last month
- Her top result so far this year is SF run at WTA 500 Guadalajara on hard court (l. eventual R-Up Stearns)
- 3 of her 5 career WTA titles have come on hard court, all in 2022 at Washington DC (d. Kanepi in F), Cleveland (d. Sasnovich in F) and Tokyo (d. Zheng Qinwen in F)
- 14 of her 20 wins this year have occurred on hard court
- Owns 15-11 career Tour-level record against players from Czech Republic (3-2 in 2026)
- Is currently ranked No.39; this time last year was ranked No.21. Reached career-high ranking of No.12 in February 2023

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LIUDMILA SAMSONOVA

RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2025	Result	Rank: 15	Seed: 13
4r	L	A. ANISIMOVA (#4) 1-6 6-2 6-4	
3r	W	P. BADOSA (#18) 4-2	
2r	W	S. CIRSTEA (#64) 6-2 6-3	
2024	Result	Rank: 49	Seed: -
F	L	C. GAUFF (#6) 6-1 6-3	
SF	W	Q. ZHENG (#7) 6-3 6-4	
QF	W	A. SABALENKA (#2) 7-6(5) 2-6 6-4	
4r	W	C. BUCSA (#79) 6-2 6-0	
3r	W	J. CRISTIAN (#80) 6-1 6-3	
2r	W	Y. YUAN (#41) 6-3 6-1	
1r	W	A. BLINKOVA (#78) 6-1 6-1	
2019	Result	Rank: 36	Seed: -
1r	L	M. KEYS (#15) 6-4 7-6(5)	

2025	Result	Rank: 21	Seed: 19
2r	L	L. BOISSON (#41) 6-3 6-4	
2024	Result	Rank: 15	Seed: 11
2r	L	C. BUCSA (#79) 6-1 4-6 6-4	
2023	Result	Rank: 22	Seed: -
F	L	I. SWIATEK (#2) 6-2 6-2	
SF	W	E. RYBAKINA (#5) 7-6(7) 6-3	
QF	W	J. OSTAPENKO (#17) 6-3 6-2	
3r	W	M. KOSTYUK (#44) 6-4 6-7(4) 7-5	
2r	W	P. KVITOVA (#14) 6-4 7-5	
1r	W	A. PARKS (#43) 6-4 7-6(4)	



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SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Made 3r at US Open (l. Navarro)
- Reached second career Grand Slam final at Wimbledon (l. Noskova in F)
- Won 2nd title of year at Bad Homburg (d. Osaka in F via ret.)
- Played 2r at Berlin (l. Keys)
- Made 3r at Roland Garros (l. Teichmann)
- Fell 2r at Rome (l. Potapova)
- R-Up finish at Stuttgart (l. champion Rybakina in F)
- Reached SF at Miami (l. eventual R-Up Gauff)
- Made 4r at Indian Wells (l. Swiatek)
- Became champion at Doha (d. R-Up Mboko in F)
- Reached 4r at Australian Open (l. Gauff)
- Opened 2026 season with SF finish at Brisbane (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)

- Reached SF at Guadalajara (l. Stearns)
- Fell 1r at US Open (l. Joint)
- Played 2r at Cincinnati (l. eventual Champion Gauff)
- Made R16 at Toronto (l. Rybakina)
- Reached QF at Washington DC (l. Shnaider)
- Reached 3r at Wimbledon (l. Bouzkova)
- Made 2r at Bad Homburg (l. Svitolina)
- Played 1r at London (l. Dart) and Berlin (l. Mertens)
- Fell 1r at Strasbourg (l. Kasatkina) and Roland Garros (l. Teichmann)
- Made 3r at Madrid (l. Noskova) and Rome (l. qualifier Potapova)
- Played 2r at Stuttgart (l. Gauff)
- Made 2r at Linz (l. Tagger)
- Played 2r at Miami (l. Baptiste)
- Made 2r at Indian Wells (l. Krueger)
- Fell in 1r at Dubai (l. Fernandez)
- Played 1r at Doha (l. Frech)
- 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)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
167	22	Aces	127	37
63.7%	35	First serve %	57.3%	87
70.4%	8	First Serve points won %	66.5%	34
51.1%	4	Second serve points won %	45.9%	47
63.4%	3	Overall service points won %	57.7%	39
78.6%	4	Service games won %	69.1%	35
61.6%	10	Break points saved %	56.7%	37
37.5%	32	First serve return points won %	34.4%	76
53.7%	67	Second serve return points won %	55.2%	43
44.0%	60	Break points converted %	44.8%	48
34.8%	48	Return games won %	32.7%	62
43.5%	49	Return points won %	42.3%	65

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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS	SINGLES FINALS
Champion (3)	Champion (5)
2026 - BAD HOMBURG, DOHA	2024 - 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH
2019 - SEOUL	2022 - TOKYO, CLEVELAND, WASHINGTON DC
	2021 - BERLIN
Runner-Up (7)	Runner-Up (4)
2026 - WIMBLEDON, STUTTGART	2025 - STRASBOURG
2024 - BEIJING, PALERMO	2023 - BEIJING, MONTREAL, ABU DHABI
2023 - CINCINNATI, ROLAND GARROS	
2019 - PRAGUE	
	DOUBLES FINALS
	Champion (4)
	2026 - STUTTGART (w/Melichar-martinez)
	2025 - NINGBO (w/Melichar-martinez)
	2024 - SEOUL (w/Melichar-martinez)
	2023 - DUBAI (w/Kudermetova)
	Runner-Up (1)
	2025 - 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH (w/Melichar-martinez)

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

**KAROLINA
MUCHOVA****LIUDMILA
SAMSONOVA****CAREER MILESTONES**

- 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)
- 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 showing at Lausanne (l. Han) and falling 1r on

- 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

- 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

OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Sven Groeneveld
- 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

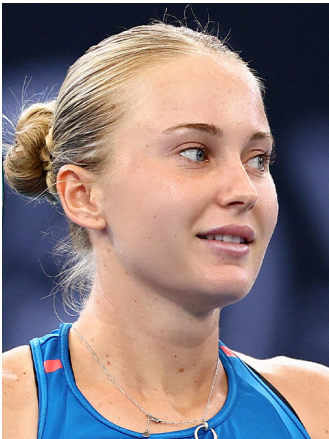
- Coached by Alessandro Dumitrache
- Previously worked with Alessandro Piccari
- Parents are Dmitry Samsonov and Svetlana Samsonova
- Hobbies include listening to and playing music, attending concerts and watching films
- Idolizes Maria Sharapova
- Favorite shot is her forehand and favorite surface to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

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POLINA
KUDERMETOVA

UZBEKISTAN

MIRRA

(4) ANDREEVA

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2003-06-04	Date of Birth	2007-04-29
	Residence	
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
	Height	5' 9" (1.75m)
54	Career-High Ranking	5
\$1,750,680	Career Prize Money	\$14,085,407
\$461,466	Season Prize Money	\$6,540,275
0 / 0	Singles Titles YTD / Career	3 / 6
2-7 (Round of 64: 2026 AUSTRALIAN OPEN; 2025 US OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	43-14 (Champion: 2026 ROLAND GARROS)
2-0 / 3-1 (Round of 32: 2026)	YTD / Career BEIJING W-L (best)	1-0 / 8-3 (Quarter-Finalist: 2024)
5-8 / 24-38	YTD / Career W-L	46-15 / 134-56



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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2023	ROLAND GARROS	CLAY	Q	Mirra Andreeva	6-1 6-4	1h 5m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
90	-	2026	5	-
54	90	2025	5	9
114	117	2024	16	16
139	157	2023	46	46
218	218	2022	405	405
564	571	2021	-	-
774	791	2020	-	-
946	958	2019	-	-



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. Y. MA (#161) 6-7 6-3 6-2 (2h 17m)
2r: d. C. TAUSON (#44) 6-4 4-6 6-4 (2h 1m)

Total time on court: 4h 18m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd main draw appearance at Beijing, where she reached 2r last year (d. Inglis in 1r; l. Kenin)
- Has equaled her best result at a WTA 1000 event - also made R32 at 2025 Indian Wells (l. Kartal)
- Looking to reach R16 at WTA 1000 event for the first time in her career
- Has defeated Ye-xin Ma and Clara Tauson so far this week
- Faces No.5 Mirra Andreeva in 3r today; owns 1 win in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.9 Daria Kasatkina at Brisbane 2025
- Owns 6-18 career record against seeds, with a record in 2026 standing at 1-5
- Career-best Tour-level result on hard court is R-Up at 2025 Brisbane (l. Sabalenka in F)
- 4 of her 5 Tour-level wins this year have been on hard court (also d. Maristany Zuleta De Reales in Australian Open 1r; d. Bucsa in Washington DC 1r)
- One of 2 players from Uzbekistan to reach 3r (alongside Rakhimova)
- Lowest ranked player (No.595) to reach 3r at Beijing was Shuai Zhang in 2024
- Is currently ranked No.104; this time last year was ranked No.76. Reached career-high ranking of No.54 in April 2025
- Winner of this match to face Daria Snigur or Taylah Preston in R16

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. Y. YUAN (#135) 3-6 6-0 6-0 (1h 52m)

Total time on court: 1h 52m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 4th main draw appearance at Beijing, where her best result was reaching QF in 2024 (l. Zheng Qinwen)
- Owns two WTA 1000 titles both won in 2025 at Indian Wells (d. Sabalenka in F) and Dubai (d. Tauson in F)
- Bidding to reach a 17th career R16 at WTA 1000 events, the most of any teenager since the format's introduction in 2009
- Earned the first Grand Slam title of her career this season at Roland Garros (d. Chwalinska in F)
- Has defeated Yue Yuan so far this week to reach her first 3r since QF run at Singapore 2026
- Faces No.104 Polina Kudermetova in 3r today
- First time facing an opponent from Uzbekistan
- Owns three hard court titles: Adelaide 2026 (d. Mboko in F), Indian Wells 2025 (d. No.1 Sabalenka in F) and Dubai 2025 (d. Tauson in F)
- Is currently ranked at a career-high No.5; this time last year was also ranked No.5
- Has won 46 Tour-level main draw matches so far in 2026, the most of any single season in her career
- She is ranked 4th on Tour for match wins, tied with Gauff (46) and behind Jessica Pegula (50), Elena Rybakina (49) and Aryna Sabalenka (47)
- Has claimed the most 6-0 sets of any player (13) so far this season

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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2025	Result	Rank: 76	Seed: -
2r	L	S. KENIN (#26) 6-4 6-2	
1r	W	M. INGLIS (#158) 7-5 7-6(7)	

2025	Result	Rank: 5	Seed: 4
4r	L	S. KARTAL (#81) 7-5 2-6 7-5	
3r	W	J. BOUZAS MANEIRO (#48) 6-4 6-1	
2r	W	L. ZHU (#253) 6-2 6-2	

2024	Result	Rank: 22	Seed: 17
QF	L	Q. ZHENG (#7) 5-7 6-0 6-4	
4r	W	M. LINETTE (#45) 6-1 6-3	
3r	W	D. VEKIC (#20) 3-6 6-4 6-4	
2r	W	I. BEGU (#103) 6-7(5) 6-1 6-1	

2023	Result	Rank: 60	Seed: -
3r	L	E. RYBAKINA (#5) 2-6 6-4 6-1	
2r	W	A. PAVLYUCHENKOVA (#62) 6-2 6-1	
1r	W	B. KREJCIKOVA (#12) 6-2 6-2	

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SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Contested 1r at Seoul (l. Rakhimova)
 - Played 1r at Toronto (as qualifier, l. Korneeva, retired in 2nd set)
 - Played 2r at Washington DC (as a qualifier, l. Svitolina)
 - Made 1r at Athens (l. eventual R-Up Sakkari)
 - Played 1r at Wimbledon (l. Samsonova)
 - Fell 1r at London (as a qualifier, l. Bouzkova)
 - Made the final at WTA 125 Oeiras-CETO (l. Ferro in F)
 - Reached 2r at Australian Open (l. Tauson)
 - Opened 2026 season with a run to WTA 125 Canberra final (l. Garland in F)
- Reached QF at Singapore (l. eventual champion Fernandez)
 - Made QF at US Open (l. Gauff)
 - Reached R16 at Cincinnati (l. Kostyuk)
 - Played 3r at Toronto (l. Fernandez)
 - Played 2r at Wimbledon (l. Krejčíková)
 - Played 2r at Bad Homburg (l. Alexandrova)
 - Won first Grand Slam title at Roland Garros (d. Chwalinska in F)
 - Reached QF at Rome (l. eventual finalist Gauff)
 - Became R-Up at Madrid (l. Kostyuk in F)
 - Reached SF at Stuttgart (l. eventual champion Rybakina)
 - Won her second title of the season at Linz (d. R-Up Potapova in F)
 - Reached 4r at Miami (l. Mboko)
 - Made 3r at Indian Wells (l. Siniakova)
 - Reached QF at Dubai (l. Anisimova)
 - Made 3r at Doha (l. eventual R-Up Mboko)
 - Reached 4r at Australian Open (l. Svitolina)
 - Claimed Adelaide title (d. R-Up Mboko in F)
 - Opened 2026 season at Brisbane with QF (l. eventual R-Up Kostyuk)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
41	91	Aces	188	15
56.4%	0	First serve %	64.0%	34
63.9%	0	First Serve points won %	68.0%	19
38.5%	0	Second serve points won %	48.3%	16
52.8%	0	Overall service points won %	60.9%	15
58.7%	0	Service games won %	74.9%	11
50.4%	0	Break points saved %	59.7%	16
36.1%	0	First serve return points won %	40.8%	4
52.4%	0	Second serve return points won %	58.5%	7
43.4%	0	Break points converted %	49.6%	14
32.9%	0	Return games won %	43.4%	4
42.4%	0	Return points won %	47.3%	3



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TITLES

SINGLES FINALS

Runner-Up (1)
2025 - BRISBANE

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (6)
2026 - ROLAND GARROS, LINZ, ADELAIDE
2025 - INDIAN WELLS, DUBAI
2024 - IASI 250

Runner-Up (2)
2026 - MADRID 1000
2024 - NINGBO

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (3)
2026 - ROME (w/Shnaider)
2025 - MIAMI (w/Shnaider), BRISBANE
(w/Shnaider)

Runner-Up (2)
2026 - MADRID 1000 (w/Shnaider)
2024 - OLYMPICS (w/Shnaider)

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GRAND SLAMS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
2r		1r		2026	4r	WON	2r	QF
1r	1r	1r	2r	2025	4r	QF	QF	3r
				2024	4r	SF	1r	2r
1r				2023		3r	4r	2r



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**POLINA
KUDERMETOVA**

**MIRRA
ANDREEVA**

CAREER MILESTONES

- Began 2025 by posting the best result of her career by reaching the final (as a qualifier, l. Sabalenka in F) and registered first Top 10 win over No.9 Daria Kasatkina in R16. Broke into the Top 100 and made her Slam main draw debuts at Roland Garros, Wimbledon and US Open. Reached a career-high ranking of No.54 on April 14
- Finished 2024 season ranked No.106, her highest finish in the WTA year-end rankings to date; in three Tour-level main draw appearances, reached the QF stage twice - Seoul (QF) and Merida (SF); also reached the QF four times at the WTA 125 level
- 2023 saw her compete in first Tour-level main draw reaching 1r at Australian Open (as qualifier, l. Gadecki) - also her Grand Slam debut. Strongest result was quarterfinal achieved at Seoul (l. Wickmayer) and also made 2r at sHertogenbosch (l. Samsonova)
- Began competing in \$25K & \$80K ITF tournaments in 2022, reaching the final at San Bartolome \$60K (l. Rus) and breaking into Top 200
- Continued on ITF circuit in 2020 and 2021 claiming two further titles at Antalya \$15K and Kazan \$15K
- In 2019, played first WTA Tour matches in qualifying at Moscow (l. Gracheva in Q2). Won her first ITF title that year at Antalya \$15K
- Made ITF circuit debut in 2018, reaching QF at Kazan \$15K
- In 2025 won two WTA 1000 titles back-to-back at Dubai and Indian Wells - becoming the youngest WTA 1000 champion since the tournament tier began in 2009 at 17-years-old. Made her Top 10 debut in February before breaking into the Top 5 for the first time in July
- Won maiden WTA doubles title in 2025 with Diana Shnaider at Brisbane, followed by a second title at Miami and finished the 2025 season making her WTA Finals debut in doubles with Shnaider
- Reached first two WTA finals of career in 2024 winning the title at Iasi and finishing runner-up at Ningbo
- Made first Grand Slam semifinal at 2024 Roland Garros beating World No.2 Aryna Sabalenka in the quarterfinals
- Made Top 20 debut on October 8, 2024 finishing the year at World No.16; also won 2024 Paris Olympic silver medal in women's doubles with Diana Shnaider
- Opened 2023 season in April by winning 13 matches straight to claim back-to-back ITF titles in Switzerland; as WC, advanced to R16 at Madrid with wins over Fernandez, Haddad Maia and Linette (l. Sabalenka); subsequently made debut at Roland Garros (as qualifier, l. Gauff in 3r), Wimbledon (as qualifier, l. Keys in R16) and US Open (l. eventual champion Gauff in 2r)
- Also in 2023 reached R16 at Beijing (l. Rybakina), leading to Top 50 debut (started season just inside Top 300); voted WTA Newcomer of the Year
- In 2022, posted 39-9 win-loss record on ITF Circuit, winning first four titles at this level
- Fell in 1r on WTA main draw debut at 2022 Monastir (as WC, l. Potapova)
- Made professional debut at W15 ITF Circuit event at Sharm El-Sheikh in February 2022
- Owns six ITF Circuit singles titles
- As a junior, finished R-Up at 2023 Australian Open (l. Korneeva)

OTHER INFORMATION

- Younger sister of Veronika Kudermetova
- Coached by Conchita Martinez
- Sister Erika is also a professional player
- Originally from Krasnoyarsk and began playing aged six, but moved to Sochi and then Cannes,

France, with sister to set up training base with coaches Jean-Rene Lisnard and Jean-Christophe Faurel

- Favorite surface is clay
- Represented by IMG



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**LINDA
NOSKOVA (5)**
CZECH REPUBLIC

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**VIKTORIJA
GOLUBIC**
SWITZERLAND

2004-11-17	Date of Birth	1992-10-16
Prerov, Czech Republic	Residence	Zürich, Switzerland
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (one-handed backhand)
5' 10" (1.79m)	Height	5' 7" (1.69m)
6	Career-High Ranking	35
\$12,051,608	Career Prize Money	\$5,742,554
\$7,490,989	Season Prize Money	\$886,783
2 / 3	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 2
26-16 (Champion: 2026 WIMBLEDON)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	18-37 (Quarter-Finalist: 2021 WIMBLEDON)
1-0 / 7-1 (Runner-Up: 2025)	YTD / Career BEIJING W-L (best)	2-0 / 3-2 (Round of 32: 2026)
34-14 / 124-76	YTD / Career W-L	14-12 / 119-144



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NOSKOVA

VIKTORIJA
GOLUBIC

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
6	-	2026	47	-
13	13	2025	53	69
25	26	2024	67	108
40	41	2023	76	84
87	91	2022	35	77
315	317	2021	43	43
1019	1027	2020	76	137
-	-	2019	65	81
-	-	2018	89	92
-	-	2017	51	128



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. E. RUSE (#62) 6-4 6-1 (1h 24m)

Total time on court: 1h 24m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 3rd appearance at Beijing; she reached the final here last year (l. Anisimova in F)
- Her R-Up finish in Beijing last season is also her best WTA 1000 career result
- After 1r bye, defeated Elena-Gabriela Ruse in 2r for her 16th Tour-level win on hard court this year
- Faces No.67 Viktorija Golubic in 3r today; Noskova has a record of 17-3 at Tour-level vs. players ranked outside the Top 50 this season
- Owns 0-1 career Tour-level record against players from Switzerland (l. Bencic in 2025 Tokyo final)
- Claimed the first Grand Slam title of her career this year on the grass of Wimbledon (d. fellow Czech Muchova in F)
- 1 of her 3 career Tour-level titles has come on hard court: 2024 Monterrey (d. Sun in F)
- One of 5 players from Czech Republic to reach 3r
- Best result by Czech Republic at Beijing is R-Up by Linda Noskova in 2025, Karolina Muchova in 2024 and Petra Kvitova in 2014
- Is currently ranked a career-high No.6 (first reached on August 24, 2026); this time last year was ranked No.27
- Has won 34 Tour-level matches so far in 2026 including two titles at Wimbledon and Berlin, both on grass
- Her best hard court results of the season are SF at Indian Wells (l. eventual champion Sabalenka) and QF at US Open (l. eventual R-Up Sabalenka)

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. E. KALIEVA (#117) 6-3 6-1 (1h 28m)

2r: d. P. STEARNS (#36) 6-4 3-6 6-3 (2h 16m)

Total time on court: 3h 44m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 3rd appearance at Beijing and has reached 3r for the first time; previous best tournament result was 2r in 2024 (l. Vekic)
- Her best WTA 1000 result of career is R16 at 2022 Indian Wells on hard court (l. Rybakina)
- Defeated Elvina Kalieva and No.28 seed Peyton Stearns so far this week, earning her first match-wins since Cincinnati 1r in August (d. Parks)
- Faces No.6 Linda Noskova in 3r today; Golubic owns 2 wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.9 Maria Sakkari at 2021 Indian Wells (0-7 vs. Top 10 players since then)
- Owns 10-11 career Tour-level record against players from Czech Republic
- 1 of her 2 career WTA titles has come on hard court: 2024 Jiujiang (d. Sramkova in F)
- 6 of her 14 Tour-level match-wins this year have come on hard court
- Her best Tour-level result so far this year is SF at Nottingham on grass (as qualifier, l. eventual R-Up Navarro)
- One of 2 players from Switzerland to reach 3r (also No.9 seed Bencic)
- Best result by Switzerland at this tournament is Timea Bacsinszky's R-Up finish in 2015 (l. Muguruza in F)
- Is currently ranked No.67; this time last year was ranked No.70. Reached career-high ranking of No.35 in February 2022

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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2025	Result	Rank: 27	Seed: 26
F	L	A. ANISIMOVA (#4) 6-0 2-6 6-2	
SF	W	J. PEGULA (#7) 6-3 1-6 7-6(6)	
QF	W	S. KARTAL (#81) 6-3 6-4	
4r	W	A. POTAPOVA (#59) 6-2 6-4	
3r	W	Q. ZHENG (#9) 6-4 3-6 3-0	
2r	W	X. WANG (#152) 6-3 6-2	
2023	Result	Rank: 42	Seed: -
1r	W	F. TIAN (#553) 6-4 6-2	

2025	Result	Rank: 70	Seed: -
1r	L	P. HON (#108) 1-6 6-3 7-6(4)	
2024	Result	Rank: 96	Seed: -
2r	L	D. VEKIC (#20) 4-6 7-6(3) 6-4	
1r	W	X. WANG (#95) 7-6(5) 0-6 6-3	

LINDA NOSKOVA

VIKTORIJA GOLUBIC

SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Made QF at US Open (l. Sabalenka)
 - Reached R16 at Cincinnati (l. Anisimova)
 - Played 2r at Toronto (1r bye, l. McNally)
 - Won maiden Grand Slam title at Wimbledon (d. Muchova in F)
 - Fell 1r at Bad Homburg (l. Ruse)
 - Won second career WTA title at Berlin (d. Pegula in F)
 - Fell 1r at Roland Garros (l. Sakkari)
 - Reached 4r at Rome (l. Cirstea)
 - Made QF at Madrid (l. Kostyuk)
 - Reached QF at Stuttgart (l. Svitolina)
 - Made 2r at Miami (l. Cirstea)
 - Reached SF at Indian Wells (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)
 - Played 2r at Dubai (l. Cirstea)
 - Made 2r at Doha (l. Gracheva)
 - Reached 3r at Australian Open (l. X.Wang)
 - Opened season at Brisbane reaching 2r (l. M.Andreeva)
- Fell 1r at US Open (l. Parry)
 - Made 2r at Cincinnati (l. Tjen)
 - 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
338	2	Aces	34	102
59.8%	66	First serve %	69.0%	10
73.1%	3	First Serve points won %	59.4%	82
48.1%	20	Second serve points won %	46.0%	44
63.0%	4	Overall service points won %	55.2%	71
80.4%	3	Service games won %	63.3%	67
64.5%	2	Break points saved %	55.8%	47
33.4%	84	First serve return points won %	38.6%	18
53.6%	69	Second serve return points won %	57.1%	20
43.8%	64	Break points converted %	44.7%	51
31.6%	69	Return games won %	41.5%	7
41.4%	78	Return points won %	45.8%	13

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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (3)
2026 - WIMBLEDON, BERLIN
2024 - MONTERREY
Runner-Up (5)
2025 - TOKYO, BEIJING, PRAGUE
2023 - PRAGUE, ADELAIDE #1

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (2)
2026 - CINCINNATI (w/Bouzkova), BERLIN (w/Alexandrova)

Runner-Up (2)
2025 - ROUEN (w/Khromacheva)
2024 - ABU DHABI (w/Watson)

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)

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
3r	1r	WON	QF	2026	1r	3r	2r	1r
1r	1r	4r	3r	2025	1r	2r	1r	2r
QF	2r	2r	1r	2024	3r	2r	1r	1r
	2r	1r	2r	2023	1r		2r	
	1r		1r	2022	1r	1r	2r	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

- Reached three Tour finals in 2025, including her first career WTA 1000 final at Beijing (l. Anisimova), as well as runner-up showings at Prague and Tokyo; made her Top 20 debut and finished at a career-high No.13 in the year-end rankings
- In 2024, achieved first Grand Slam singles quarterfinal at the Australian Open (l. Yastremska), where she also defeated then-World No.1 Iga Swiatek in the 3r; won her first singles title at Monterrey (d. Sun in F); reached SF at Prague (l. eventual champion Linette) and Brisbane (l. eventual champion Rybakina); earned a new career-high ranking of No.25 on August 26, 2024
- Breakthrough year in 2023, achieving runner-up twice; Adelaide 1 (as qualifier, l. Sabalenka) and Prague (l. Hibino). Also reached quarterfinals at Lyon (l. Osorio) and 3r at Indian Wells (l. Gauff) and Cincinnati (as qualifier, l. Gauff). Broke into Top 40 on October 9, 2023.
- Made Top 100 debut on August 1, 2022, following SF run at Prague (l. eventual champion Bouzkova); overtook Gauff at the youngest player in Top 100
- Also reached 2r at Tallinn (as qualifier, l. Haddad Maia) and fell 1r at both Roland Garros (as qualifier, l. Raducanu) and US Open (as qualifier, l. Bouzkova). On ITF Circuit, lifted fifth and sixth titles at this level, winning W60 tournament in Croissy-Beaubourg, France and W100 event in Versmold, Germany
- Finished 2021 campaign with 38-9 win-loss record, winning four ITF Circuit titles, including at W60 event in Prerov, Czech Republic
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2020 Prague
- On ITF Circuit, owns six titles in singles and one in doubles
- As a junior, won 2021 girls' singles at Roland Garros
- 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

- Currently coached by Tomas Krupa
- Mother's name is Ivana Noskova; Father's name is Drahos Nosek
- Like listening to Maneskin, Lil Nas X, Lizzo
- Enjoys watching Wrestling and streaming Netflix
- Also likes to swim, run, and spend time with pets
- Favorite 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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**SARA
BEJLEK (20)**
CZECH REPUBLIC

**NAOMI
(12) OSAKA 17**
JAPAN

2006-01-31	Date of Birth	1997-10-16
	Residence	Boca Raton, FL, USA
Left-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 3" (1.63 m)	Height	5' 11" (1.80 m)
28	Career-High Ranking	1
\$2,201,627	Career Prize Money	\$27,092,806
\$1,201,436	Season Prize Money	\$2,489,474
1 / 1	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 7
2-10 (Round of 64: 2026 ROLAND GARROS; 2025 ROLAND GARROS)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	81-29 (Champion: 2021 AUSTRALIAN OPEN; 2020 US OPEN; 2019 AUSTRALIAN OPEN; 2018 US OPEN)
1-0 / 1-0 (Round of 32: 2026)	YTD / Career BEIJING W-L (best)	1-0 / 14-4 (Champion: 2019)
22-16 / 28-27	YTD / Career W-L	29-11 / 247-130



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OSAKA

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	13	-
75	76	2025	14	16
114	142	2024	56	59
155	190	2023	41	-
181	189	2022	13	42
375	380	2021	2	13
-	-	2020	3	3
-	-	2019	1	3
-	-	2018	4	5
-	-	2017	44	68



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BEJLEK**

**NAOMI
OSAKA**

TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. M. INGLIS (#140) 6-3 7-5 (1h 33m)

Total time on court: 1h 33m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making her tournament debut
- Her best WTA 1000 result of career was making SF at 2026 Cincinnati this summer (d. World No.1 Sabalenka en route; l. eventual champion Gauff)
- After 1r bye, defeated Maddison Inglis in 2r for her 22nd Tour-level match-win of the year
- Faces No.17 Naomi Osaka in 3r today; Bejlek owns 4 wins in career over Top 20 players (all occurring this year), most recently No.1 Sabalenka in 2026 Cincinnati R16
- Owns 1-0 career Tour-level record against players from Japan (d. Uchijima at 2025 Prague)
- Her top career result was achieved on hard court, winning her first career WTA title at 2026 Abu Dhabi in February (as qualifier ranked No.101, d. Alexandrova in F)
- 19 of her 22 Tour-level match-wins this year have been on hard court, including her Abu Dhabi title, Cincinnati SF, and QFs at Guadalajara, Athens and Prague
- One of 5 players from Czech Republic to reach 3r
- Best result by Czech Republic at Beijing is R-Up by Linda Noskova in 2025, Karolina Muchova in 2024 and Petra Kvitova in 2014
- Is currently ranked No.29; this time last year was ranked No.117. Reached career-high ranking of No.28 last month

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. M. TIMOFEEVA (#68) 6-3 3-6 6-3 (2h 4m)

Total time on court: 2h 4m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 6th main draw appearance at Beijing, where she claimed the title in 2019 (d. Barty in F); she also reached SF in 2018 (l. Sevastova)
- Along with her Beijing 2019 title, owns one further WTA 1000 trophy at 2018 Indian Wells (d. Kasatkina in F)
- After 1r bye, defeated Maria Timofeeva in 2r for her first match-win since R16 run at 2026 US Open (l. eventual champion Rybakina)
- Faces No.29 Sara Bejlek in 3r today; Osaka is 24-3 this year vs. players ranked outside the Top 20
- Owns 18-14 career Tour-level record against players from Czech Republic (1-2 in 2026)
- All 7 of her career Tour-level titles came on hard court, most recently 2021 Australian Open (d. Brady in F)
- Only player from Japan to reach 3r after Ito and Hontama fell in 1r
- Best result by Japan at this event was Osaka's own title run in 2019
- Has won 29 matches so far in 2026 including reaching the final at Bad Homburg on grass (l. Muchova in F via ret.)
- Her best hard court result of the season was SF at Washington DC (l. eventual champion Eala)
- Is currently ranked No.17; this time last year was ranked No.14. Reached World No.1 for the first time on January 28, 2019, and has held the top ranking for a total of 25 weeks

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NAOMI
OSAKA

RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

2025	Result	Rank: 14	Seed: 12
2r	L	A. SASNOVICH (#130) 1-6 6-4 6-2	

2024	Result	Rank: 73	Seed: -
4r	L	C. GAUFF (#6) 3-6 6-4	
3r	W	K. VOLYNETS (#60) 6-3 6-2	
2r	W	Y. PUTINTSEVA (#32) 3-6 6-4 6-2	
1r	W	L. BRONZETTI (#77) 6-3 6-2	

2019	Result	Rank: 4	Seed: 4
F	W	A. BARTY (#1) 3-6 6-3 6-2	
SF	W	C. WOZNIACKI (#19) 6-4 6-2	
QF	W	B. ANDREESCU (#6) 5-7 6-3 6-4	
3r	W	A. RISKE-AMRITRAJ (#24) 6-4 6-0	
2r	W	A. PETKOVIC (#82) 6-2 6-0	
1r	W	J. PEGULA (#76) 6-3 7-6(5)	

2018	Result	Rank: 6	Seed: 8
SF	L	A. SEVASTOVA (#20) 6-4 6-4	
QF	W	S. ZHANG (#45) 3-6 6-4 7-5	
3r	W	J. GOERGES (#10) 6-1 6-2	
2r	W	D. COLLINS (#37) 6-1 6-0	
1r	W	Z. DIYAS (#91) 6-4 6-3	

2017	Result	Rank: 62	Seed: -
1r	L	A. KERBER (#12) 6-2 7-5	

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SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Reached QF at Guadalajara (l. Bucsa)
 - Fell 1r at US Open (l. Bucsa)
 - Made SF at Cincinnati (l. eventual Champion Gauff)
 - Played 2r at Toronto (l. eventual champion 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)
- Made R16 at US Open (l. eventual champion Rybakina)
 - Made QF at Toronto (l. Rybakina)
 - Reached SF at Washington DC (l. Eala)
 - Reached QF at Wimbledon (l. eventual finalist Muchova)
 - Finished R-Up at Bad Homburg (ret. vs. Muchova in F)
 - Reached 4r at Roland Garros (l. Sabalenka, Madrid (l. Sabalenka) and Rome (l. Swiatek)
 - Made 2r at Miami (l. Gibson)
 - Reached 4r at Indian Wells (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)
 - Made 3r at Australian Open (walkover to Inglis)
 - Went 1-1 in singles for Team Japan at United Cup (d. Swan, l. Sakkari)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
40	92	Aces	239	8
62.6%	44	First serve %	58.8%	72
60.9%	70	First Serve points won %	72.0%	4
46.9%	33	Second serve points won %	49.1%	13
55.7%	68	Overall service points won %	62.6%	5
62.9%	71	Service games won %	77.4%	6
52.3%	78	Break points saved %	58.6%	22
40.4%	6	First serve return points won %	36.3%	49
55.1%	45	Second serve return points won %	54.0%	60
46.5%	30	Break points converted %	46.3%	32
39.9%	15	Return games won %	32.9%	59
45.6%	15	Return points won %	42.9%	57



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Champion (1)
2026 - ABU DHABI

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (7)
2021 - AUSTRALIAN OPEN
2020 - US OPEN
2019 - BEIJING, OSAKA, AUSTRALIAN OPEN
2018 - US OPEN, INDIAN WELLS

Runner-Up (7)
2026 - BAD HOMBURG
2025 - MONTREAL, AUCKLAND
2022 - MIAMI
2020 - CINCINNATI (NYC)
2018 - TOKYO
2016 - TOKYO

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



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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
- In 2025 reached her first WTA final since returning from maternity leave at Auckland. Made her sixth career WTA 1000 final at Montreal and reached semifinals at US Open which saw her back in the Top 20 for the first time since January 2022. Also won WTA 125 title at Saint Malo
- Returned to play in 2024 following maternity leave and reached the QF at Doha and 's-Hertogenbosch, as well as R16 at Rome and Beijing
- Played 2022 Tokyo in September before taking a 15 month break to give birth to daughter Shai in early July 2023
- In 2022 had success at Miami, where she fell to Swiatek in the final, her first final since the 2021 Australian Open. Also reached the semifinals at Melbourne 250 #1 (withdrew before semifinal with Kudrmetova w/abdominal injury)
- Won 2021 Australian Open (d. Brady in F) to become first woman since Seles in the early 1990s to win each of her first four Grand Slam finals - became 16th woman to win four or more majors in the Open Era
- At 2020 US Open, came from a set and a break down to Azarenka and win third Grand Slam title of career; also finished R-Up at Western & Southern Open - withdrew w/left hamstring injury before final against Azarenka
- Won second Grand Slam at 2019 Australian Open (d. Kvitová in F); became first Japanese player to reach World No.1 ranking following the tournament
- In addition, won back-to-back titles for first time in her career at Osaka (d. Pavlyuchenkova in F) and Beijing (d. Barty in F); defeated No.1 Barty in Beijing final for second career victory over world No.1 (also beat Halep at 2018 Indian Wells)
- Enjoyed break-out season in 2018, posting a 40-20 record resulting in a No.5 (first Top 10 season), up from No.68 in 2017
- Won the first two titles of her career in 2018, at Indian Wells (d. Kasatkina in F) and debut Grand Slam crown at US Open (d. S.Williams in F)
- En route to the Indian Wells title, defeated five-time major champion Sharapova, and A.Radwanska, Ka.Pliskova and Halep. Only set dropped all fortnight was against Sakkari in R16
- Reached one further final in 2018, at Tokyo [PPO] (l. Ka.Pliskova)
- In reaching R16 at 2018 Australian Open, became youngest Japanese player to reach R16 at a Slam since Sugiyama at 1995 Roland Garros (19y,

342d) and the youngest player from Japan to reach R16 in Melbourne since Kimiko Date in 1990 (197, 122d)

- Book-ended 2017 season with QF showings at Auckland and Hong Kong; other highlights included 3r runs at Wimbledon and US Open
- Scored first Top 5 win of career when she defeated No.5 V.Williams at 2017 Hong Kong. Upset win over defending champion and No.6-ranked Kerber at 2017 US Open marked first career Top 10 win
- Voted 2016 WTA Newcomer of the Year; highlight was career-first WTA final at Tokyo [PPO] (L. Wozniacki). Also reached QF on three occasions and 3r at Australian Open, Roland Garros and US Open
- Ranked No.406, made WTA main draw debut at 2014 Stanford. As an alternate, won through qualifying (achieving first WTA qualifying wins), and came from match point down to shock No.19 Stosur in 1r of main draw, before losing to No.18 Petkovic in 2r
- Made WTA qualifying debut at Quebec City in 2013 (L. Dabrowski)

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

- Working with Tomasz Wiktorowski
- Father is from Haiti, mother is from Japan; older sister is Mari (also played tennis)
- Was born in Osaka, Japan, and moved to USA when she was three years old
- Hobbies include fashion, gaming and photography