

DAY 11 – SEMIFINALS - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

SETTING THE STAGE: SEMIFINAL BOUND

SEMIFINALISTS	RANK	BEIJING W-L	YTD W-L	CAREER W-L	YTD TITLES	CAREER TITLES	2026 PRIZE \$	CAREER PRIZE \$
[4] Mirra Andreeva	5	11-3	49-15	137-56	3	6	\$6,540,275	\$14,085,407
[13] Elise Mertens	19	7-6	33-19	324-208	0	10	\$2,953,602	\$20,748,565
[26] Nikola Bartunkova	34	4-0	24-13	28-18	0	0	\$1,219,523	\$1,426,148
[WC] Zheng Qinwen	54	9-3	19-13	147-82	0	5	\$1,339,513	\$11,264,265

WTA 1000 TOURNAMENTS – ROUND BY ROUND RESULTS

SEMIFINALISTS	R128	R64	R32	R16	QF	SF	R-UP	WON	APPEARANCES*
[4] Mirra Andreeva	2	1	7	6	7	-	1	2	27*
[13] Elise Mertens	1	21	33	11	4	2	-	-	73*
[26] Nikola Bartunkova	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	4*
[WC] Zheng Qinwen	1	7	9	6	6	2	1	-	33*

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[4] Mirra Andreeva	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	4*
[13] Elise Mertens	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	7*
[26] Nikola Bartunkova	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1*
[WC] Zheng Qinwen	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	4*

*Includes 2026 Beijing

SEMIFINALS QUICK HITS

- Andreeva vs Bartunkova is the fourth-youngest WTA-1000 SF combining both players' ages (40 yy, 6 dd) - older than Swiatek-Gauff (Rome 2021), Ivanovic-Pavlyuchenkova (Indian Wells 2009) and Andreescu-Kenin (Toronto 2019).
- Andreeva is seeking her 50th match win of the season, tied for second most wins on Tour behind only Jessica Pegula (50) and tied with Elena Rybakina (49)
- Qinwen Zheng is the fifth Chinese player to reach the semifinals at the event joining Qiang Wang (2018), Li Na (2010, 2012), Zheng Jie (2008) and Peng Shuai (2006, 2007). She is bidding to become the first Chinese woman to reach the final at the event.

[4] Mirra Andreeva (#5) vs. [26] Nikola Bartunkova (CZE #34)**Andreeva leads 1-0*****Andreeva:***

- Andreeva secured her qualification to the WTA Finals this week and is one of four players currently qualified – along with Elena Rybakina, Aryna Sabalenka and Linda Noskova
- By reaching the semifinals, Andreeva will climb to No.4 in the WTA Rankings after the tournament and could climb to No.3 if she reaches the final
- Andreeva has won the only previous career meeting against Nikola Bartunkova, at the US Open this season in the Third Round.
- Mirra Andreeva (19 years and 165 days at tournament start) is the youngest player to reach the semi-final at the China Open since Agnes Szavay in 2007 en route to the title (18 years and 262 days).

Bartunkova

- Bartunkova is the second-youngest Czech to reach the semi-finals in WTA-1000 event, older only than Sara Bejlek semifinalist in Cincinnati 2026 - she could become the youngest finalist (surpassing the current record held by Linda Noskova in Beijing 2025).
- Bartunkova has equaled her best career result at a single WTA-level event (SF in Guadalajara 2025 and Monterrey 2026) - she could become the first player to reach her first career final at the China Open.
- Bartunkova has claimed two Top 10 wins at the China Open 2026 (defeating Aryna Sabalenka and Karolina Muchova); it is more Top 10 wins than in the previous 17 WTA-level main draws combined

[WC] Qinwen Zheng (CHN #54) vs. [13] Elise Mertens (BEL #19)**Zheng leads 1-0*****Mertens:***

- Mertens is through to the semifinals at a WTA 1000 event for the third time (also reached SF in Cincinnati 2020 and in Dubai 2021).
- Mertens is the fourth-oldest semifinalist at the China Open since the tournament's inception in 2004, younger only than Serena Williams (2013), Jessica Pegula (2025) and Lindsay Davenport (2007) - only Serena Williams in 2013 made the final.
- Mertens has equalled her best career result in a WTA-1000 event by reaching the semi-finals (also made in Cincinnati 2020 and in Dubai 2021).
- Mertens is bidding to become the second-oldest player since the format's introduction in 2009 to reach her maiden WTA-1000 final, younger only than Flavia Pennetta in Indian Wells 2014.
- Elise Mertens has made her 27th WTA level career semi-final, but this her first on Chinese soil.

Zheng:

- Zheng is through to her fourth career semifinal at a WTA 1000, and her third on Chinese soil after Beijing and Wuhan in 2024
- Zheng is the third wildcard to reach the semifinal at the China Open since 2004, after Shuai Peng (2006) and Qiang Wang (2018)
- Since the Tier format's introduction in 1990, Zheng is just the second player to win four three-setters en route to a Tier I/WTA-1000 quarterfinal, after Sara Sorribes Tormo (Miami 2021) – including retirements.
- Zheng is the third wildcard to reach the semi-final at the China Open after Shuai Peng (2006) and Qiang Wang (2018) - she could become the first finalist.
- Zheng is the third Chinese player to have reached the semifinals of the China Open on multiple occasions (2024 and 2026) after Li Na and Shuai Peng.
- Zheng could become the first Chinese player to reach the final in Beijing since the event is back to the WTA calendar in 2004 (local players are 0-7 at this stage of this tournament, all in straight sets).



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5 **MIRRA
ANDREEVA (4)**

**NIKOLA
(26) BARTUNKOVA** **34**
CZECH REPUBLIC

2007-04-29	Date of Birth	2006-02-25
	Residence	
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 9" (1.75m)	Height	
5	Career-High Ranking	34
\$14,085,407	Career Prize Money	\$1,426,148
\$6,540,275	Season Prize Money	\$1,219,523
3 / 6	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 0
43-14 (Champion: 2026 ROLAND GARROS)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	6-4 (Round of 32: 2026 US OPEN, WIMBLEDON, AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
4-0 / 11-3 (Semi-Finalist: 2026)	YTD / Career BEIJING W-L (best)	4-0 / 4-0 (Semi-Finalist: 2026)
49-15 / 137-56	YTD / Career W-L	24-13 / 28-18
13-8 / 34-26	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L	13-5 / 13-8
10-8 / 26-18	YTD / Career TB W-L	1-10 / 2-11
1-3 / 6-11	YTD / Career TOP 5 W-L	1-2 / 1-2
1-5 / 11-16	YTD / Career TOP 10 W-L	3-5 / 3-5
Champion: ROLAND GARROS, LINZ, ADELAIDE	YTD Best Result	Semi-Finalist: MONTERREY, BEIJING



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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2026	US OPEN	HARD	3r	Mirra Andreeva	6-2 7-6(5)	1h 38m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
5	-	2026	34	-
5	9	2025	130	130
16	16	2024	226	488
46	46	2023	263	270
405	405	2022	283	283
-	-	2021	751	784



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. Y. YUAN (#135) 3-6 6-0 6-0 (1h 52m)
3r: d. P. KUDERMETOVA (#104) 6-4 6-1 (1h 8m)
4r: d. D. SNIGUR (#46) 6-2 6-2 (1h 3m)
QF: d. E. ALEXANDROVA (#28) 7-6 7-6 (1h 53m)

Total time on court: 5h 56m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 4th appearance at Beijing
- Has beaten Yue Yuan, Polina Kudermetova, Daria Snigur and Ekaterina Alexandrova so far this week
- Faces No.34 Nikola Bartunkova in SF today; owns 68 wins in career over Top 50 players
- Andreeva (19 years and 165 days at tournament start) is the youngest player to reach the semi-final at the China Open since Agnes Szavay in 2007 en route to the title (18 years and 262 days).
- Has won three titles on hardcourts
- Is currently ranked No.5; this time last year was ranked No.5; projected to climb to No.4 by reaching the semifinal and could climb to No.3 if she reaches the final
- Has won 49 matches so far in 2026; tied for second most on Tour behind only Jessica Pegula (50) and tied with Elena Rybakina (49)

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. M. FRECH (#48) 6-2 6-2 (1h 12m)
3r: d. A. SABALENKA (#2) 6-4 6-3 (1h 35m)
4r: d. S. KRAUS (#95) 6-0 4-6 6-3 (1h 46m)
QF: d. K. MUCHOVA (#8) 6-3 6-0 (1h 7m)

Total time on court: 5h 40m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making tournament debut
- Has beaten Magdalena Frech, Aryna Sabalenka, Sinja Kraus and Karolina Muchova so far this week
- Faces No.5 Mirra Andreeva in SF today; owns 3 wins in career over Top 10 players, including her win over No.8 Karolina Muchova this week
- Record in WTA SF matches stands at 0-0
- Has equalled best result on hardcourt having also reached SF at Monterrey in 2026 and Guadalajara 500 in 2025
- Is currently ranked No.34; this time last year was ranked No.144
- Projected to make Top 30 debut after Beijing climbing to No.28 with SF, No.23 with F, or No.20 with title

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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

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	

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

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NIKOLA BARTUNKOVA

SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- 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)
- 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. Tararudee)
 - Reached 3r at Wimbledon (l. Krejčíková)
 - 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)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
204	14	Aces	173	22
64.2%	32	First serve %	52.0%	95
68.1%	18	First Serve points won %	69.6%	12
48.3%	16	Second serve points won %	47.7%	24
61.0%	13	Overall service points won %	59.1%	23
74.9%	10	Service games won %	71.4%	25
60.0%	15	Break points saved %	55.9%	46
41.0%	2	First serve return points won %	36.4%	47
58.3%	7	Second serve return points won %	55.4%	39
50.1%	11	Break points converted %	45.3%	42
43.7%	3	Return games won %	34.7%	50
47.4%	2	Return points won %	43.3%	50

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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

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)

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



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CAREER MILESTONES

- 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)
- 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)

OTHER INFORMATION

- 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,
- Coached by Pavel Bartunek, Matej Liptak, and Petr Vanicek
- 2023 Junior Wimbledon singles finalist (l. Ngounoue) and 2022 Junior Roland Garros

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

- Favorite surface is clay
- Represented by IMG

doubles finalist (w/Naef; L. Bejlek/Havlickova)



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54 **QINWEN
ZHENG**
CHINA

(13) **ELISE
MERTENS** **19**
BELGIUM

2002-10-08	Date of Birth	1995-11-17
Barcelona, Spain	Residence	Hamont-Achel, Belgium
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (Two-handed backhand)
5' 10" (1.78m)	Height	5' 10" (1.79m)
4	Career-High Ranking	12
\$11,264,265	Career Prize Money	\$20,748,565
\$1,339,513	Season Prize Money	\$2,953,602
0 / 5	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 10
35-18 (Runner-Up: 2024 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	84-39 (Semi-Finalist: 2018 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
5-0 / 10-3 (Semi-Finalist: 2026, 2024)	YTD / Career BEIJING W-L (best)	4-0 / 7-6 (Semi-Finalist: 2026)
20-13 / 148-82	YTD / Career W-L	33-19 / 324-208



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2025	CHARLESTON	CLAY	3r	Qinwen Zheng	6-3 3-6 6-3	2h 22m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
23	-	2026	19	-
4	24	2025	20	20
5	5	2024	24	34
15	15	2023	26	29
25	25	2022	20	29
143	143	2021	14	21
324	324	2020	17	20
633	649	2019	12	17
933	933	2018	13	13
-	-	2017	35	35



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1r: d. H. SHI (#231) 7-6 4-6 6-2 (2h 44m)
2r: d. A. KALINSKAYA (#22) 6-7 6-4 3-0 (2h 22m)
3r: d. M. BOUZKOVA (#27) 7-6 4-6 7-5 (2h 54m)
4r: d. A. CHARAEVA (#118) 6-1 2-6 6-4 (2h 11m)
QF: d. E. SVITOLINA (#7) 6-3 7-6 (1h 47m)

Total time on court: 11h 58m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 4th appearance at Beijing, her second time reaching the SF in Beijing (also 2024)
- Has beaten Han Shi, Anna Kalinskaya, Marie Bouzkova, Alina Charaeva and Elina Svitolina so far this week to reach her first SF since SF at Queens 2025
- Owns 3-0 career record against players from Belgium
- Has won two career titles on hardcourts: Tokyo in 2024; Zhengzhou in 2023
- Zheng is the third Chinese player to have reached the semifinals of the China Open on multiple occasions (2024 and 2026) after Li Na and Shuai Peng.
- A Chinese woman has reached the SF here xx times - Li Na (2010, 2012), Qiang Wang (2018), Zheng Jie (2008), Qinwen Zheng (2024) and Peng Shuai (2006, 2007)
- Best result by Wildcard at Beijing was SemiFinalist run by Qiang Wang in 2018, Shuai Peng in 2006
- Is currently ranked No.54; this time last year was ranked No.9

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. K. VOLYNETS (#74) 6-0 4-6 7-5 (2h 54m)
3r: d. J. OSTAPENKO (#32) 6-2 3-6 6-3 (2h 16m)
4r: d. C. GAUFF (#4) 6-3 6-3 (1h 18m)
QF: d. I. SWIATEK (#9) 7-6 6-3 (1h 50m)

Total time on court: 8h 18m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 7th appearance at Beijing,
- Has beaten Katie Volynets, Jelena Ostapenko, Coco Gauff and Iga Swiatek so far this week
- Faces No.54 Qinwen Zheng in SF today
- Mertens is the fourth-oldest semifinalist at the China Open since the tournament's inception in 2004, younger only than Serena Williams (2013), Jessica Pegula (2025) and Lindsay Davenport (2007) - only Serena Williams in 2013 made the final.
- Mertens has equalled her best career result in a WTA-1000 event by reaching the semi-finals (also made in Cincinnati 2020 and in Dubai 2021).
- Is currently ranked No.19; this time last year was ranked No.22

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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2025	Result	Rank: 9	Seed: 7
3r	L	L. NOSKOVA (#27) 6-4 3-6 3-0	
2r	W	E. ARANGO (#50) 6-3 6-2	
2024	Result	Rank: 7	Seed: 5
SF	L	K. MUCHOVA (#49) 6-3 6-4	
QF	W	M. ANDREEVA (#22) 5-7 6-0 6-4	
4r	W	A. ANISIMOVA (#43) 3-6 6-1 6-2	
3r	W	N. PODOROSKA (#66) 6-3 6-2	
2r	W	K. RAKHIMOVA (#71) 6-1 6-1	
2023	Result	Rank: 23	Seed: -
1r	L	E. RYBAKINA (#5) 6-1 6-2	

2025	Result	Rank: 22	Seed: 20
2r	L	M. KESSLER (#39) 6-2 6-4	
2024	Result	Rank: 29	Seed: 24
3r	L	C. BUCSA (#79) 4-6 6-2 6-2	
2r	W	E. COCCIARETTO (#55) 6-4 6-7(6) 6-3	
2023	Result	Rank: 29	Seed: -
1r	L	Y. YUAN (#146) 3-6 6-1 6-4	
2019	Result	Rank: 23	Seed: -
2r	L	B. ANDREESCU (#6) 6-3 7-6(5)	
1r	W	P. MARTIC (#17) 6-2 6-3	
2018	Result	Rank: 14	Seed: 15
1r	L	S. ZHANG (#45) 6-1 3-6 6-3	

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SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Reached QF at US Open (as qualifier, l. eventual champion Rybakina)
 - Fell in 1r at Washington DC (as a WC, l. Eala)
 - Reached QF at Athens (l. eventual Champion Krejcikova)
 - Played 1r at Wimbledon (l. Siniakova)
 - Made 2r at Nottingham (l. Gibson) and Bad Homburg (l. Tauson)
 - Played 1r at London (l. Cristian)
 - Fell 1r at Roland Garros (l. eventual R-Up Chwalinska)
 - Made 3r at Madrid (l. Rybakina) and Rome (l. Ostapenko)
 - Reached 4r at Miami (l. Sabalenka)
 - Played 2r at Indian Wells (l. Ruzic)
 - Made 3r at Doha (l. Rybakina)
- Reached QF at Singapore (l. Chwalinska)
 - Reached 3r at US Open (l. Osaka)
 - Finished R-Up at Monterrey (l. Parry in F)
 - Made 2r at Cincinnati (l. Parry)
 - Played 3r at Toronto (l. Osaka)
 - Reached QF at Wimbledon (l. eventual champion Noskova)
 - Made 2r at Berlin (l. WC Bartunkova) and Bad Homburg (l. Osaka)
 - Reached 2r at 's-Hertogenbosch (l. Ruse)
 - Played 2r at Roland Garros (l. eventual R-Up Chwalinska)
 - Made 4r at Rome (l. M. Andreeva)
 - Reached 3r at Madrid (l. Ka.Pliskova)
 - Made 2r at Stuttgart (l. eventual R-Up Muchova)
 - Played 3r at Miami (l. Cirstea)
 - Made 3r at Indian Wells (l. Bencic)
 - Reached 3r at Dubai (l. Gauff)
 - Made 2r at Doha (l. Kasatkina)
 - Reached 4r at Australian Open (l. eventual champion Rybakina)
 - Opened 2026 with Team Belgium at United Cup reaching SF (went 3-1 in singles)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
291	4	Aces	230	10
54.4%	93	First serve %	58.7%	75
74.5%	1	First Serve points won %	70.9%	6
48.3%	15	Second serve points won %	46.3%	41
62.6%	5	Overall service points won %	60.7%	17
77.0%	7	Service games won %	73.4%	18
60.7%	12	Break points saved %	57.2%	32
31.7%	92	First serve return points won %	36.3%	49
52.6%	82	Second serve return points won %	56.2%	31
44.0%	58	Break points converted %	46.0%	33
24.9%	93	Return games won %	36.1%	38
39.3%	93	Return points won %	44.2%	37



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TITLES

SINGLES FINALS

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

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (10)
2025 - 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH, SINGAPORE
2023 - MONASTIR
2022 - MONASTIR
2021 - MELBOURNE 500 GIPPSLAND TROPHY
2019 - DOHA
2018 - RABAT, LUGANO, HOBART
2017 - HOBART

Runner-Up (7)
2026 - MONTERREY
2025 - HOBART
2024 - HOBART
2021 - ISTANBUL
2020 - LINZ, PRAGUE
2017 - ISTANBUL

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (24)
2026 - AUSTRALIAN OPEN (w/Zhang)
2025 - WTA FINALS (w/Kudermetova),
WIMBLEDON (w/Kudermetova)
2024 - BIRMINGHAM (w/Hsieh), INDIAN WELLS
(w/Hsieh), AUSTRALIAN OPEN (w/Hsieh)
2023 - GUADALAJARA (w/Hunter), ROME
(w/Hunter)
2022 - WTA FINALS (w/Kudermetova), DUBAI
(w/Kudermetova)
2021 - INDIAN WELLS (w/Hsieh), WIMBLEDON
(w/Hsieh), ISTANBUL (w/Kudermetova),
AUSTRALIAN OPEN (w/Sabalenka)
2020 - OSTRAVA (w/Sabalenka)
2019 - US OPEN (w/Sabalenka), MIAMI
(w/Sabalenka), INDIAN WELLS (w/Sabalenka)
2018 - WUHAN (w/Schuurs), 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH
(w/Schuurs), LUGANO (w/Flipkens), HOBART
(w/Schuurs)
2017 - GUANGZHOU (w/Schuurs)
2016 - AUCKLAND (w/Mestach)

Runner-Up (14)
2025 - ROME (w/Kudermetova), MADRID
(w/Kudermetova)
2023 - WIMBLEDON (w/Hunter)
2022 - WIMBLEDON (w/Zhang), BIRMINGHAM
(w/Zhang), 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH (w/Kudermetova),
MIAMI (w/Kudermetova), DOHA (w/Kudermetova)
2021 - WTA FINALS (w/Hsieh)
2019 - WUHAN (w/Sabalenka)



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2018 - CINCINNATI (w/Schuurs), BIRMINGHAM (w/Schuurs)
2017 - BUCHAREST (w/Schuurs), ISTANBUL (w/Schuurs)

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GRAND SLAMS

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



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CAREER MILESTONES

- Best results in an injury-affected 2025 season include semifinals at Rome and London and a run to the Roland Garros QF; underwent elbow surgery in July and played only one event after Wimbledon (ret. in Beijing 3r)
- Enjoyed best season of career in 2024, reaching her first Grand Slam final at the Australian Open, winning titles at Tokyo and Palermo, contesting the title match at her home tournament in Wuhan and closing out the season at her first WTA Finals, losing to Gauff in the final
- An outstanding 2024 also saw her make her Top 10 and Top 5 debuts in the PIF WTA Rankings and the gold medal placed around her neck at the 2024 Paris Olympics
- Won first two WTA titles in 2023 at Palermo (d. Paolini in F) and Zhengzhou (d. Krejčíková in F); also reached final at WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai (l. Haddad Maia), SF at Abu Dhabi and first career Grand Slam QF at US Open (l. Sabalenka)
- Earned 2023 WTA Most Improved Player of Year, ending the season at No.15 and inside the Top 20 for the first time; she made her Top 20 debut on May 22, 2023
- In 2022, won WTA Newcomer of the Year, reached first WTA final at Tokyo (l. Samsonova) and also made SF at Melbourne Summer Set 1 (as qualifier), QF at Toronto and R16 at Roland Garros. Broke into Top 100 on January 31, and cracked Top 50 after her Roland Garros run
- Scored first Top 20 win over No.19 Simona Halep at 2022 Roland Garros, then earned two Top 10 wins over No.5 Ons Jabeur at Toronto and No.4 Paula Badosa at Tokyo. Also won title at WTA 125 event in Valencia in June 2022
- Reached 2r on WTA main draw debut in 2021 at Palermo (as qualifier, l. Cristian)
- Made WTA qualifying debut in 2019, appearing in qualifying at Miami, Tianjin and Wuhan
- Made ITF debut in 2018; has gone on to amass eight ITF singles titles with 8-0 record in finals
- Won two singles titles in 2025 at Singapore and 's-Hertogenbosch; also reached the final at Hobart for second consecutive year and finished the 2025 season ranked inside the singles Top 20 for a fifth year (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021) and inside the doubles Top 5
- Lifted a fifth Grand Slam doubles trophy in 2025 at Wimbledon with Veronika Kudermetova; the pair then went on to win the year-end WTA Finals title for a second time together after 2022
- Kicked off 2024 season with R-Up finish at Hobart (l. Navarro) which marked her 13th WTA singles final. In doubles won Australian Open, Indian Wells and Birmingham all w/ Hsieh Su-Wei and qualified for WTA Finals for sixth consecutive time
- Ended 2023 as only Top 100 player to finish year exactly where she started, at No.29. Strongest singles results came at Monastir, successfully defending her title (d. Paolini), and SF at Monterrey (l. Garcia). Achieved a year-end doubles ranking of No.2 after lifting two titles at Guadalajara and Rome (w/Hunter) and SF at WTA Finals Cancun (l. eventual champions Siegemund/Zvonareva).
- Finished 2022 ranked No.29 in singles, her sixth consecutive Top 50 finish; also finished No.5 in doubles for her fourth consecutive Top 10 finish in doubles and second consecutive Top 5 finish
- Lifted seventh WTA title, at 2022 Monastir (d. Cornet in F), while in doubles alongside partner V.Kudermetova won Dubai and WTA Finals, as well as finished R-Up at Wimbledon
- Enjoyed a productive start to 2021 season in Melbourne, triumphing at the Gippsland Trophy (d. Kanepi in F) to lift sixth WTA singles title, then teamed up w/Sabalenka at Australian Open to claim second Grand Slam doubles title (d. Krejčíková/Siniakova in F). Later in the year, won third career Grand Slam doubles title, at Wimbledon w/Hsieh
- Won the most matches on Tour in 2020, going 34-13 across the season and finishing as R-Up at both Prague (l. Halep) and Linz (l. Sabalenka)
- Earned her milestone 200th career main draw win with victory over Kalinina in 1r at 2020 Linz
- Singles highlights in 2019 were winning biggest title of career at Doha (d. No.3 Halep in final) and advancing to QF at US Open for the first time (l. eventual champion Andreescu in 3 sets)
- Enjoyed standout season in doubles in 2019 - won maiden major doubles title at US Open w/Sabalenka (d. Azarenka/Barty in F). Also Completed 'Sunshine Double' in doubles

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

OTHER INFORMATION

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

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