



MATCH NOTES

KOREA OPEN - SEOUL, KOR

2026-09-21 - 2026-09-27 | \$ 283,347

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175

**YE-XIN
MA (Q)**
CHINA

**KIMBERLY
(2) BIRRELL**
AUSTRALIA

60

1999-06-10	Date of Birth	1998-04-29
	Residence	Gold Coast, Australia
Right-Handed	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
	Height	5' 7" (1.70m)
165	Career-High Ranking	56
\$506,207	Career Prize Money	\$3,141,312
\$160,324	Season Prize Money	\$1,003,278
0 / 0	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 0
0-0	Grand Slam W-L (best)	6-16 (Round of 32: 2019 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
1-0 / 1-0 (Round of 16: 2026)	YTD / Career SEOUL W-L (best)	0-1 / 3-3 (Quarter-Finalist: 2023)
2-1 / 3-5	YTD / Career W-L	12-19 / 49-64



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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2026	MEMPHIS	HARD	1r	Ye-xin Ma	7-6(2) 6-4	1h 46m
2025	BRISBANE 2	HARD	1r	Kimberly Birrell	6-1 6-3	0m
2023	BURNIE	HARD	2r	Ye-xin Ma	7-6(4) 7-6(3)	0m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
165	-	2026	56	-
198	225	2025	60	95
177	238	2024	110	115
214	214	2023	100	113
426	426	2022	167	167
459	546	2021	692	734
447	458	2020	242	735
489	499	2019	154	245
522	588	2018	259	285
746	748	2017	351	356



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. E. JONES (#133) 3-6 6-0 6-2 (2h 1m)

Total time on court: 2h 1m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making debut appearance at Seoul
- Qualified this week to reach the sixth Tour level main draw of her career
- Has beaten Emerson Jones so far this week to reach R16 for the third time in her career after 2024 Ningbo (L. Krejčíková) and Memphis (L. McNally)
- Faces No.60 Kimberly Birrell in 2r today for the second time this year after defeating her at Memphis
- Her 1r win over No.66 Birrell at Memphis this year is her best career win by ranking
- Owns 2-0 career record against players from Australia, with both wins this year over Birrell at Memphis and E.Jones here this week at Seoul
- Looking for her first career win over a seeded player in a Tour level main draw match
- Best career result on hard court is R16 which she has reached twice: Memphis in 2026; Ningbo in 2024
- Only player from China to reach 2r after Yuan and Yao fell in 1r
- Best result by China at Seoul was R-Up by Yuan Yue in 2023
- Is currently ranked No.175; this time last year was ranked No.234. Reached a career high of No.165 in March 2026

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. T. ZIDANSEK (#140) 6-7 4-6 1-1 (1h 59m)

Total time on court: 1h 59m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 3rd appearance at Seoul, where her best and most recent result was reaching QF in 2023 (L. Bektas)
- Her best results of the season have been achieved on hard court, reaching SF at Austin (L. Stearns) and Adelaide (L. Mboko); also reached SF at WTA 125 Austin (L. Tararudee)
- Has beaten Tamara Zidansek so far this week to win her 10th hard court match of the 2026 season
- Faces No.175 Ye-xin Ma in 2r today
- She has a record of 2-2 against players ranked outside the Top 100 in Tour level main draw matches this season with one of those losses to Ma Ye-Xin at Memphis
- Best career result on hard court is R-Up which she has reached twice: Chennai in 2025; Osaka in 2024
- One of 3 players from Australia to reach 2r along with Preston and Joint
- Best result by Australia at Seoul was R-Up by Ajla Tomljanovic in 2018, Samantha Stosur in 2008
- Is currently ranked No.60; this time last year was ranked No.85. Reached a career high of No.56 in September 2026
- Looking for the 10th Tour level QF of her career



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

2023	Result	Rank: 102	Seed: -
QF	L	E. BEKTAS (#116) 4-6 6-3 6-2	
2r	W	D. BACK (#569) 6-0 6-1	
1r	W	S. VICKERY (#144) 6-4 6-4	
2022	Result	Rank: 309	Seed: -
2r	L	T. MARIA (#80) 6-0 6-3	
1r	W	P. HON (#166) 6-4 4-6 6-4	

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BIRRELL

SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Made 2r at Memphis (as a qualifier, l. McNally)
 - Finished R-Up at World Tennis/ITF W75 event in Kofu, Japan (l. Costoulas in F)
 - Fell in qualifying at Australian Open, Roland Garros and Wimbledon
- Played 2r at US Open (l. Alexandrova)
 - Played 1r at Memphis (l. qualifier Ma), Toronto (l. Golubic), Cincinnati (l. Rakhimova) and Monterrey (l. Vidmanova)
 - Made 2r at Wimbledon (l. Cirstea)
 - Reached 2r at Eastbourne (as qualifier, l. Marcinko)
 - Played 1r at Nottingham (as LL, l. Li) and 's-Hertogenbosch (l. Linette)
 - Made 2r at Roland Garros (d. No.5 Pegula in 1r for first Top 5 win; l. Oliynykova)
 - Fell in 1r at Madrid (l. Udvardy) and Miami (as qualifier, l. Li)
 - Made 2r at Indian Wells (l. Mboko)
 - Reached SF at Austin (l. eventual champion Stearns)
 - Made 2r at Dubai (as qualifier, l. Rybakina)
 - Fell in 1r at Australian Open (l. Inglis)
 - Reached SF at Adelaide (as WC, l. eventual R-Up Mboko)
 - Made 2r at Brisbane (as WC, l. Anisimova)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
5	197	Aces	59	63
55.3%	0	First serve %	63.2%	38
56.1%	0	First Serve points won %	62.8%	57
50.0%	0	Second serve points won %	41.3%	90
53.4%	0	Overall service points won %	54.9%	75
48.4%	0	Service games won %	61.6%	74
56.8%	0	Break points saved %	51.1%	80
44.0%	0	First serve return points won %	35.2%	63
62.2%	0	Second serve return points won %	52.1%	84
63.0%	0	Break points converted %	51.3%	5
54.8%	0	Return games won %	33.1%	56
51.2%	0	Return points won %	41.7%	71

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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Runner-Up (2)
2025 - CHENNAI
2024 - OSAKA

DOUBLES FINALS

Runner-Up (2)
2023 - MONTERREY (w/Contreras)
2016 - HOBART (w/Wolfe)

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



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CAREER MILESTONES

- During 2025, made first career WTA 125 final at Jingshan (finished R-Up to Sun) and qualified for WTA 250 Hong Kong (l. eventual R-Up Bucsa in 1r); also won 6th career World Tennis/ITF title at W35 Osaka
- In 2024, earned first Tour-level win at Ningbo (as LL, d. You Xiaodi in 1r; l. Krejcikova in 2r). Also played Grand Slam qualifying for the first time (winning 1st-round qualifying matches at Australian Open and US Open) and made Top 200 debut during the season
- Made WTA Tour main draw debut at 2023 Nanchang (as qualifier, l. Osorio in 1r)
- Won first World Tennis/ITF title at 2017 Colombo \$15K; claimed 4 more World Tennis/ITF titles between 2021 and 2023
- Played first professional match in ITF \$10K Hong Kong qualifying in 2013
- In 2025, notched second career Tour final at Chennai (l. Tjen). In Brisbane made her first WTA 500 quarterfinal and won ITF/W75 title in that city before hitting a career-high ranking of No.60 on May 5. Went on to post a season-ending ranking inside Top 100 for the first time
- In mixed doubles reached her first Grand Slam final on home soil at the 2025 Australian Open, finishing R-Up (w/Smith; l. Gadecki/Peers in all-Australian final)
- Highlight of 2024 season was reaching first Tour level singles final, finishing R-Up at Osaka (as qualifier). Also enjoyed QF run at Nottingham
- In 2023, reached first WTA QF at Merida (as qualifier, l. McNally); also made QF at Seoul (l. Bektas) and cracked Top 100 for first time. Additionally reached 2nd Tour doubles final at Monterrey (w/Contreras Gomez; l. Lizarazo/M.P.Perez)
- Reached three ITF Circuit finals in 2022, including third title at this level at W60 event in Playford, Australia. At Tour level, reached 2r at Seoul (l. Maria) and contested qualifying on eight occasions
- Missed the second half of 2019 and entire 2020 season to undergo elbow surgery
- In only her second career Grand Slam main draw appearance, reached 3r at 2019 Australian Open upsetting No.29 Vekic in 2r (as WC, l. Kerber). Earlier in the Australian Swing, opened 2019 with 2r showing at Brisbane (as WC, d. No.10 Kasatkina, l. eventual R-Up Tsurenko)
- Posted year-end finish of No.285 in 2018 (up from No.356 in 2017); that year, won ITF/60K title at Darwin-AUS
- Reached 2r on WTA main draw debut as wildcard at 2016 Hobart (l. Cibulkova); at that same event, finished R-Up in doubles w/Wolfe (l. Han/McHale)
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2014 Hobart
- Played first professional events of career on ITF Circuit in Australia in 2012

OTHER INFORMATION

- No notes have been added for this player
- Coached by Nicole Pratt and Chris Mahony
- Mother is Ros; brother is Cade
- Started playing at age 4; baseliner whose favorite shot is forehand; favorite surface is

hard

- Enjoys reading, watching movies, hanging out with friends, the beach and spending time with her dogs and fish

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YEONWOO
KU (WC)
REPUBLIC OF KOREA

ELENA-GABRIELA
(4) RUSE
ROMANIA

66

2003-03-15	Date of Birth	1997-11-06
	Residence	Bucharest, Romania
	Plays	Right-Handed (double-handed backhand)
	Height	5' 8" (1.73m)
171	Career-High Ranking	51
\$287,765	Career Prize Money	\$4,007,205
\$0	Season Prize Money	\$1,011,813
0 / 0	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 1
1- 0	Grand Slam W-L (best)	8-18 (Round of 32: 2026 AUSTRALIAN OPEN; 2024 US OPEN)
1-0 / 1-2 (Round of 16: 2026)	YTD / Career SEOUL W-L (best)	1-0 / 1-1 (Round of 16: 2026)
1-0 / 1-2	YTD / Career W-L	15-18 / 63-84



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RUSE**

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
171	-	2026	61	-
252	252	2025	56	99
417	418	2024	90	128
411	505	2023	103	125
421	443	2022	51	104
689	689	2021	83	85
956	1001	2020	166	177
960	960	2019	171	182
-	-	2018	182	243
-	-	2017	209	265



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. A. IBRAGIMOVA (#166) 6-3 6-2 (1h 30m)

Total time on court: 1h 30m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 3rd main draw appearance at Seoul, where she has previously competed in 1r in 2023 (as a qualifier, l. Liu) and 2025 (l. Boisson); also contested qualifying in 2022 and 2024
- Her 1r win over Alevtina Ibragimova is the first Tour level main draw win of her career
- Faces No.66 Elena-gabriela Ruse in 2r today
- Looking for her first Top 100 win today; her previous best win by ranking was over No.102 Zhang Shuai at ITF event W100 Takasaki last year on hard court
- First time facing a player from Romania at Tour level, but is 7-1 at ITF level
- Best career result on hard are her Seoul 1r matches in 2025 & 2023
- One of 3 players from South Korea to reach 2r along with Park and Back
- Best result by South Korea at Seoul was QF by Su Jeong Jang in 2013
- Best result by a wild card at Seoul was Jessica Pegula who won the title in 2023
- Is currently ranked No.185; this time last year was ranked No.309. Reached a career high of No.171 in July 2026
- Looking for the first Tour QF of her career

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. E. LYS (#100) 6-1 6-2 (1h 9m)

Total time on court: 1h 9m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at Seoul, after reaching 1r as a qualifier in 2024 (l. Yuan Yue)
- Her best results of the season are SFs at Bad Homburg (l. Muchova) and Linz (l. M.Andreeva)
- Has beaten Eva Lys so far this week to win her 6th Tour main draw match on hard court this season
- Faces No.185 Yeonwoo Ku in 2r today
- Has faced one other player ranked outside the Top 100 in a Tour level main draw match this season, falling to No.114 Masarova at Cluj-Napoca
- This is her second Tour main draw match against a player from South Korea, falling to Na Lae Han at 2023 Hua Hin
- Best career result on hard court is R-Up which she has reached once: Cluj-Napoca in 2023
- Only player from Romania to feature in the main draw
- Best result by Romania at Seoul was champion by Irina-Camelia Begu in 2015
- Is currently ranked No.66; this time last year was ranked No.98. Reached a career high of No.51 in May 2022
- Looking for her 4th QF of 2026 and first on hard court after Bad Homburg (grass), 's-Hertogenbosch (grass) and Linz (clay)



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KU (WC)

ELENA-GABRIELA
RUSE

RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2025	Result	Rank: 305	Seed: -
1r	L	L. BOISSON (#49) 6-2 6-1	
2023	Result	Rank: 540	Seed: -
1r	L	C. LIU (#98) 6-3 6-3	

2024	Result	Rank: 101	Seed: -
1r	L	Y. YUAN (#40) 4-6 6-2 6-2	

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KU (WC)

ELENA-GABRIELA
RUSE

SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Contested qualifying at Australian Open, Roland Garros, Wimbledon and US Open
 - Won ITF title at W50 Montemor-o-Novo in June on hard court
- Fell 1r at US Open (l. Pegula)
 - Reached 2r at Cincinnati (l. Eala) and Toronto (l. Potapova)
 - Fell 1r at Iasi (l. Quevedo)
 - Played 1r at Wimbledon (l. McNally)
 - Reached SF at Bad Homburg (as qualifier, l. eventual champion Muchova)
 - Made QF at 's-Hertogenbosch (l. eventual finalist Krejcikova)
 - Fell 1r at Roland Garros (retired vs. Frech)
 - Played 2r at Madrid (l. Rybakina) and Rome (l. Ostapenko)
 - Reached SF at Linz (l. eventual champion M.Andreeva)
 - Made 2r at Miami (l. Keys)
 - Played 1r at Indian Wells (l. Tomljanovic)
 - Fell in 1r at Dubai (as qualifier, l. Navarro)
 - Played 1r at Cluj-Napoca (l. Masarova)
 - Reached 3r at Australian Open (l. M.Andreeva)
 - Fell in 1r at Adelaide (as qualifier, l. Kalinskaya)
 - Played 1r at Brisbane (as qualifier, l. Kenin)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
4	205	Aces	121	37
73.1%	0	First serve %	55.3%	91
67.1%	0	First Serve points won %	64.4%	49
57.1%	0	Second serve points won %	45.6%	50
64.4%	0	Overall service points won %	56.0%	61
88.2%	0	Service games won %	63.4%	66
50.0%	0	Break points saved %	53.1%	72
51.3%	0	First serve return points won %	35.2%	62
58.8%	0	Second serve return points won %	55.3%	40
60.0%	0	Break points converted %	42.5%	74
52.9%	0	Return games won %	32.9%	58
53.6%	0	Return points won %	43.2%	52



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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (1)
2021 - HAMBURG

Runner-Up (3)
2025 - 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH
2023 - CLUJ-NAPOCA
2021 - PALERMO

DOUBLES FINALS

Runner-Up (1)
2019 - BUCHAREST (w/Cristian)

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



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**ELENA-GABRIELA
RUSE**

CAREER MILESTONES

- During 2025, made big ranking rise from outside Top 400 to Top 200 debut after winning four ITF titles during the year; also contested second career Tour-level match as WC at Seoul (l. Boisson in 1r)

Successfully came through qualifying at 2023 Seoul to make her WTA Tour-level singles debut ranked No.540 (l. Liu in 1r)

- Contested her first WTA Tour doubles main draw at 2022 Seoul (w/Kim, l. 1r to eventual finalists Muhammad/Santamaria)
- Won first ITF Circuit singles title in 2019 at W15 Yeongwol; owns a total of seven ITF singles titles and seven ITF doubles titles
- Played first pro event in 2017 in qualifying at ITF/Changwon \$25K

- Reached fourth career WTA final in 2025 at 's-Hertogenbosch (l. Mertens); also reached SF at Rouen. Made a 3r run as a qualifier at Miami before losing to eventual champion Sabalenka. Registered first Roland Garros main draw win by defeating Kessler in the 1r (l. Badosa in 2r)
- Highlight of 2024 season was reaching first career Grand Slam third round at US Open earning second Top 10 win of career by beating No.8 Barbora Krejickova in the second round; also reached quarterfinals at Rouen and semifinals at WTA 125 Paris and WTA 125 Hamburg
- 2023 highlight was reaching third WTA singles final of career, on home soil at Cluj-Napoca (l. Korpatsch)
- In 2022, reached 2r on nine occasions, including Australian Open (l. Kudermetova) and US Open (l. Gauff)
- During 2021 season, captured maiden WTA title at Hamburg (d. Petkovic in F) and finished R-Up at Palermo (l. Collins) - entered both tournaments as a qualifier
- Made Top 100 debut at No.99 on September 20, 2021
- Ended 2020 with her deepest ITF Circuit run of the season, at \$100k Dubai-UAE. Also reached two QFs at this level and fell in final round of qualifying at both Australian Open and Roland Garros
- Advanced to maiden WTA QF at 2019 Nottingham (as qualifier, l. Garcia)
- Fell in 1r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2018 Wimbledon (as qualifier, l. A.Radwanska in 3s)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2016 Bucharest and scored first Tour-level win of career at 2017 Bucharest (d. Shinikova, l. Suarez Navarro)
- WTA qualifying debut came at 2015 Bucharest
- Owner of six singles and 11 doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Played first professional events of career in Romania on ITF circuit in 2012

OTHER INFORMATION

- No notes have been added for this player

- Coached by Andrei Cociasu
- Formerly worked with Andrei Lulian Vespan
- Currently lives in Bucharest

- Her father has been a football player and her mom is a former gymnast
- Enjoys reading, movies, some times cooking desserts, listening to music on her phone handsets is relaxing
- Considers herself to be very ambitious

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JELENA
OSTAPENKO (WC) (1)
LATVIA

TAYLAH
PRESTON

94

AUSTRALIA

1997-06-08	Date of Birth		2005-10-27
Riga, Latvia	Residence		
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	
5' 10" (1.77m)	Height		
5	Career-High Ranking		92
\$20,696,763	Career Prize Money		\$1,087,592
\$1,972,276	Season Prize Money		\$524,880
0 / 9	Singles Titles YTD / Career		0 / 0
63-42 (Champion: 2017 ROLAND GARROS)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	2-4 (Round of 64: 2026 US OPEN, AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	
1-0 / 11-4 (Champion: 2017)	YTD / Career SEOUL W-L (best)	1-0 / 1-0 (Round of 16: 2026)	
22-18 / 293-220	YTD / Career W-L		7-4 / 8-11



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OSTAPENKO (WC)

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First career meeting

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
22	-	2026	92	-
15	23	2025	156	219
9	15	2024	134	156
12	13	2023	244	244
11	18	2022	606	606
28	28	2021	-	-
40	44	2020	-	-
22	44	2019	-	-
5	22	2018	-	-
7	7	2017	-	-



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OSTAPENKO (WC)**

**TAYLAH
PRESTON**

TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. A. ZAKHAROVA (#109) 6-4 6-1 (1h 42m)

Total time on court: 1h 42m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 6th appearance at Seoul, she won the title here in 2017 (d. Haddad Maia in F) and reached a further final in 2022 (l. Alexandrova in F)
- Her best results of the 2026 season are SFs at Eastbourne (l. Maria via ret.) and Doha (l. Mboko)
- Has beaten Anastasia Zakharova so far this week to win her first hard court match since March at Miami (reached R16)
- Faces No.94 Taylah Preston in 2r today; has a record of 8-4 this season on hard court vs. players ranked outside the Top 50
- First meeting against a player from Australia this season
- Owns five hard court titles: Linz, Adelaide in 2024; Dubai in 2022; Luxembourg in 2019; Seoul in 2017
- Only player from Latvia to feature in the main draw
- Best result by a wild card was by Jessica Pegula who won the title in 2023
- Is currently ranked No.32; this time last year was ranked No.24. Reached a career high of No.5 in August 2018
- Looking for her 5th QF of the season and 2nd on hard court after Doha (SF)

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. H. SAKATSUME (#119) 6-2 3-6 6-2 (2h 2m)

Total time on court: 2h 2m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making debut appearance at Seoul
- Has beaten Himeno Sakatsume so far this week to win her first main draw Tour match on hard court since US Open (reached R64)
- Faces No.32 Jelena Ostapenko in 2r today; owns 3 wins in career over Top 50 players - No.42 Frech at 2024 San Diego, No.40 Bouzas Maneiro at Hobart 2026 and No.29 Raducanu at Hobart 2026
- First career meeting against a player from Latvia
- Best career result on hard court is SF which she has reached once at Hobart 2026 (l. Jovic)
- One of 3 players from Australia to reach 2r along with Joint and E.Jones
- Best result by Australia at Seoul was R-Up Ajla Tomljanovic in 2018, Samantha Stosur in 2008
- Is currently ranked No.94; this time last year was ranked No.248. Reached career high of No.92 on 14 September 2026
- Also this season, she claimed WTA 125 title at Vancouver (d. Inglis in F) and ITF W100 title at Tokyo (d. Tararudee in F)
- Looking for the second QF of her career after 2026 Hobart (SF)



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2023	Result	Rank: 13	Seed: 2
1r	L	D. BACK (#569) 3-6 6-1 7-6(4)	
2022	Result	Rank: 19	Seed: 1
F	L	E. ALEXANDROVA (#24) 7-6(4) 6-0	
SF	W	E. RADUCANU (#77) 4-6 6-3 3-0	
QF	W	V. JIMENEZ KASINTSEVA (#186) 6-2 6-1	
2r	W	A. GASANOVA (#141) 6-3 5-7 7-5	
1r	W	B. JEONG (#688) 6-4 3-6 7-6(2)	
2019	Result	Rank: 74	Seed: -
1r	L	T. BABOS (#92) 6-3 6-3	
2018	Result	Rank: 10	Seed: 1
2r	L	E. ALEXANDROVA (#122) 6-3 6-2	
1r	W	L. ARRUABARRENA (#71) 6-3 6-3	
2017	Result	Rank: 10	Seed: 1
F	W	B. HADDAD MAIA (#71) 6-7(5) 6-1 6-4	
SF	W	L. KUMKHUM (#155) 3-6 6-1 6-3	
QF	W	V. CEPEDE ROYG (#77) 6-3 6-1	
2r	W	N. HIBINO (#72) 6-2 6-2	
1r	W	J. LARSSON (#85) 7-6(6) 6-1	

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

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SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Fell 1r at US Open (l. Maria)
 - Played 2r at Cincinnati (l. Frech) and Toronto (l. Zhang, retired in 2nd set)
 - Played 3r at Wimbledon (l. Sabalenka)
 - Reached SF at Eastbourne (ret. vs. eventual R-Up Maria)
 - Made 2r at Roland Garros (l. Linette)
 - Reached QF at Rome (l. Cirstea)
 - Made 3r at Madrid (l. Potapova)
 - Fell in 1r at Stuttgart (l. M.Andreeva)
 - Made QF at Linz (l. Ruse)
 - Reached 4r at Miami (l. Baptiste)
 - Made 3r at Indian Wells (l. Pegula)
 - Fell in 1r at Dubai (l. Kalinskaya)
 - Reached SF at Doha (l. eventual R-Up Mboko)
 - Played 2r at Abu Dhabi (l. eventual champion Bejlek)
 - Made 2r at Australian Open (l. X.Wang)
 - Fell in 1r at Adelaide (l. Valentova, retired)
 - Made 2r at Brisbane (l. Cirstea)
- Played 2r at US Open (as WC, l. Townsend) Won
 - her maiden WTA 125 singles title at Vancouver (d. Inglis in F)
 - Reached 2r at Nottingham (as a LL, l. Li)
 - Made 2r at Australian Open (as WC, l. Noskova)
 - Reached first Tour SF of her career at Hobart (l. eventual R-Up Jovic)

Opened the 2026 season competing in qualifying at Brisbane

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
150	25	Aces	20	125
57.1%	87	First serve %	62.3%	0
67.4%	25	First Serve points won %	60.0%	0
41.4%	89	Second serve points won %	42.2%	0
56.3%	56	Overall service points won %	53.3%	0
65.1%	54	Service games won %	58.4%	0
54.4%	61	Break points saved %	49.5%	0
37.3%	31	First serve return points won %	39.3%	0
57.2%	18	Second serve return points won %	59.1%	0
50.3%	10	Break points converted %	53.3%	0
38.7%	19	Return games won %	45.2%	0
45.1%	22	Return points won %	47.3%	0



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TITLES

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (9)

2025 - STUTTGART

2024 - LINZ, ADELAIDE

2023 - BIRMINGHAM

2022 - DUBAI

2021 - EASTBOURNE

2019 - LUXEMBOURG

2017 - SEOUL, ROLAND GARROS

Runner-Up (9)

2025 - DOHA

2022 - SEOUL, EASTBOURNE

2021 - LUXEMBOURG

2019 - LINZ

2018 - MIAMI

2017 - CHARLESTON

2016 - DOHA

2015 - QUEBEC CITY

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (12)

2026 - BRISBANE (w/Hsieh)

2025 - CHARLESTON (w/Routliffe), ABU DHABI
(w/Perez)

2024 - US OPEN (w/Kichenok), EASTBOURNE
(w/Kichenok), BRISBANE (w/Kichenok)

2022 - CINCINNATI (w/Kichenok), BIRMINGHAM
(w/Kichenok)

2021 - MOSCOW (w/Siniakova)

2018 - DOHA (w/Dabrowski)

2017 - STUTTGART (w/Atawo), ST. PETERSBURG
(w/Rosolska)

Runner-Up (13)

2026 - STUTTGART (w/Zhang), DOHA (w/Hsieh)

2025 - WIMBLEDON (w/Hsieh), DUBAI (w/Hsieh),
AUSTRALIAN OPEN (w/Hsieh)

2024 - AUSTRALIAN OPEN (w/Kichenok)

2023 - DOHA (w/Kichenok)

2022 - EASTBOURNE (w/Kichenok), DUBAI
(w/Kichenok)

2021 - DOHA (w/Niculescu)

2020 - DOHA (w/Dabrowski)

2019 - BEIJING (w/Yastremska), JURMALA
(w/Voskoboeva)



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GRAND SLAMS

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



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CAREER MILESTONES

- 2025 singles highlights include ninth career title at Stuttgart (d. World No.1 Sabalenka in final) and reaching WTA 1000 Doha final (l. Anisimova in final). In doubles, qualified for WTA Finals Riyadh w/Hsieh after making two Grand Slam finals (R-Up at Australian Open and Wimbledon). Also won doubles titles at Charleston (w/Routliffe) and Abu Dhabi (w/Perez)
- Won seventh and eighth titles of career in 2024 at Adelaide and Linz. In doubles won first Grand Slam title at 2024 Australian Open and qualified for 2024 WTA Finals Riyadh (both with Lyudmyla Kichenok)
- Won sixth career title at 2023 Birmingham (d. Krejčíková in F) and reached SF at Rome; in doubles achieved R-Up at Doha (w/L. Kichenok)
- In 2022, lifted fifth career singles title at Dubai (d. V. Kudermetova in F) and finished R-Up at Eastbourne (l. Kvitová) and Seoul (l. Alexandrova); in doubles, won two titles w/L. Kichenok at Birmingham and Cincinnati and qualified for WTA Finals (reached SF)
- Lifted first grass court title at 2021 Eastbourne (as WC, d. Kontaveit in F); also that year, finished R-Up at Luxembourg (l. Tauson), represented Latvia at the Tokyo Olympics (l. Vesnina in 1r) and won doubles title at 2021 Moscow (w/Siniakova)
- Highlights of 2020 season included three Top 10 wins and reaching QF at Strasbourg
- 2019 season saw her capture third career title at Luxembourg (d. Goerges in F) right after finishing R-Up at Linz (l. Gauff). Also R-Up in mixed doubles at 2019 Wimbledon w/Lindstedt
- 2018 campaign highlighted by finishing R-Up at Miami (l. Stephens); beat No.9 Petra Kvitová and No.4 Elina Svitolina to register multiple Top 10 wins in the same tournament for the first time
- Also in 2018, reached Wimbledon SF to become first Latvian woman to reach final four at All England Club (l. eventual champion Kerber) and achieved career-high ranking of No.5 on March 19
- Enjoyed career-best season in 2017, making Top 10 debut on Sept. 11 and finishing the year in the Top 10 for the first time (at No.7)
- Champion at 2017 Roland Garros (d. Halep in F) becoming first woman to win first tour-level title at a Grand Slam since Barbara Jordan at 1979 Australian Open. Also became the first unseeded player to lift the trophy in the Open Era and the first Latvian player to reach the championship match at a Grand Slam
- In 2025 made QF at WTA 125 Canberra and played qualifying at Australian Open, Roland Garros and Wimbledon
- Breakthrough performances in 2024 included reaching her first WTA 125 final at Puerto Vallarta (l. Kessler), winning her first Tour level main draw match at San Diego over No.42 Magdalena Frech (her first Top 50 career win) and making her Grand Slam main draw debut at Australian Open and US Open. Her career-high ranking of No.134 was achieved in March 2024
- Won a further three ITF titles in 2023 at Perth \$25K, Cairns \$25K and Brisbane \$60K, to close out the year with a total of four
- Reached first ITF final at Nottingham \$25K in 2023 and claimed her first ITF title in the same month at Monastir \$25K
- Made first main draw in 2022 at S¹ Hertogenbosch (as qualifier, l. Hartono)
- Entered Australian Open qualifying as a wild card in 2022, reaching 2r of qualifying
- In only her third professional tournament, played qualifying at WTA 250 Melbourne as a wild card in 2022, winning her first qualifying match over Sara Errani
- Made ITF debut at Perth \$25K in 2020 at the age of 14

- Followed up Roland Garros title run with QF appearance at 2017 Wimbledon; also won title at Seoul (d. Haddad Maia in F) and reached final at Charleston (l. Kasatkina). Qualified for debut WTA Finals in 2017 and went 1-2 in group stage
- In doubles, won first and second career titles in 2017, at St. Petersburg (w/Rosolska) and Stuttgart (w/Atawo)
- Breakthrough result of 2016 season was reaching final at Doha, launching her into Top 50 at No.40 (l. Suárez Navarro); also in 2016 reached SF at Katowice and QF at Birmingham and Florianopolis, ending year at No.44
- Ended 2015 at No.79 for first Top 100 finish (up from No.308 in 2014). Having leapt 229 spots, was second highest year-end rankings jump, after Kasatkina who went from No.370 to No.72 (298 spots)
- Highlights of 2015 were reaching first career WTA final at Quebec City (l. Beck) and 2r at Wimbledon and US Open. Scored first Top 10 win over No.9 Carla Suárez Navarro in 1r at 2015 Wimbledon
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2014 Tashkent as WC advancing to 2r (l. Pervak)
- Began professional career playing ITF in 2012 winning first career title at \$10k/ITF Stockholm, SWE; owns seven career ITF singles titles

OTHER INFORMATION

- Formerly worked with David Taylor, Glen Schaap and Marion Bartoli
- Mother is Jelena Jakovleva, while father, Jevgenijs Ostapenko, is a former football player; half-brother's name is Maksim Ostapenko (graduated from art academy in California and lives there now); also has a dog named Juljeta
- Introduced to tennis at age 5 by mother (who was also her first coach)
- Favorite shots are serve and backhand; favorite surfaces are grass and hard; favorite tournament is Wimbledon
- Speaks Russian, Latvian and English
- Tennis idols are Serena Williams
- Enjoys spending time with parents and dog, listening to music and going out with friends. Was a ballroom dancer for seven years

- No notes have been added for this player