



# MATCH NOTES

## ABIERTO GNP SEGUROS MONTERREY, MEXICO



August 23-29, 2026 | WTA 500 | \$1,206,446

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## FINAL – SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

**Diane Parry (FRA #50) vs. [2] Elise Mertens (BEL #24)**

**Tied 1-1**

### ***Parry:***

- Making 2nd main draw appearance at Monterrey, where her previous result was reaching 1r in 2022 (as a qualifier, I. Tomova); she also played qualifying in 2025
- Contesting the first Tour-level final of her career today, having previously gone 0-6 in Tour-level semifinals
- Owns 20 career wins over Top 50 players, including four Top 50 wins this week over No.36 Vekic, No.46 Oliynykova, No.42 Tauson and No.30 Li
- Best career result on hard court is this week's run to the Monterrey final; prior to this week it was SF showings at 2026 Ostrava, 2024 Osaka, 2022 Granby
- Looking to become the second player from France to win the title here at Monterrey after Bartoli claimed the trophy on the tournament's first edition in 2009 (d. Li Na in F)
- Is currently ranked No.50; this time last year was ranked No.107. Reached a career-high ranking of No.47 in June this year
- Defeated today's opponent Mertens on their most recent encounter in three-sets at 2026 Cincinnati

### ***Mertens:***

- Making her 3rd appearance at Monterrey, she is through to the final here for the first time in her career after SF finish in 2023 (I. Garcia) and QF in 2025 (I. eventual champion Shnaider)
- Owns two WTA 500 titles - winning 2021 Melbourne 500 (d. Kanepi in F) and 2019 Doha (d. Halep in F)
- Contesting her 17th career Tour-level final today; and her first since title run at 2025 's-Hertogenbosch (d. Ruse in F)
- This is her 11th Tour-level final on hard court, and her first since title run at 2025 Singapore (d. Li in F)
- Career record in Tour-level finals stands at 10-6; seeking her 11th career Tour-level title today
- 7 of her 10 career titles have come on hard court, most recently 2025 Singapore (d. Li in F)
- Owns a 15-8 record on hard court this season, highlighted by her run at Monterrey this week, a R16 showing at the Australian Open and a 3-1 singles record at the United Cup, helping Belgium reach the semifinals
- Looking to become the first player from Belgium to win the title at Monterrey after Flipkens finished runner-up in 2016 (I. Watson in F)
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|                                         |                                   |                                             |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 2002-09-01                              | Date of Birth                     | 1995-11-17                                  |
|                                         | Residence                         | Hamont-Achel, Belgium                       |
| Right-Handed (one-handed backhand)      | Plays                             | Right-handed (Two-handed backhand)          |
| 5' 7" (1.70m)                           | Height                            | 5' 10" (1.79m)                              |
| 47                                      | Career-High Ranking               | 12                                          |
| \$4,043,378                             | Career Prize Money                | \$20,184,065                                |
| \$798,768                               | Season Prize Money                | \$2,389,102                                 |
| 0 / 0                                   | Singles Titles YTD / Career       | 0 / 10                                      |
| 19-22 (Round of 16: 2026 ROLAND GARROS) | Grand Slam W-L (best)             | 82-38 (Semi-Finalist: 2018 AUSTRALIAN OPEN) |
| 4-0 / 4-1 (Final: 2026)                 | YTD / Career MONTERREY W-L (best) | 3-0 / 8-2 (Final: 2026)                     |
| 17-10 / 70-69                           | YTD / Career W-L                  | 27-16 / 318-205                             |

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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

| YEAR | TOURNAMENT    | SURFACE | ROUND | WINNER        | SCORE/ RESULT | TIME   |
|------|---------------|---------|-------|---------------|---------------|--------|
| 2026 | CINCINNATI    | HARD    | 2r    | Diane Parry   | 2-6 6-2 6-2   | 2h 20m |
| 2019 | ROLAND GARROS | CLAY    | 2r    | Elise Mertens | 6-1 6-3       | 1h 25m |

RANKING HISTORY

| TOP RANK | YEAR-END | YEAR | TOP RANK | YEAR-END |
|----------|----------|------|----------|----------|
| 47       | -        | 2026 | 19       | -        |
| 53       | 127      | 2025 | 20       | 20       |
| 48       | 50       | 2024 | 24       | 34       |
| 73       | 105      | 2023 | 26       | 29       |
| 58       | 76       | 2022 | 20       | 29       |
| 141      | 141      | 2021 | 14       | 21       |
| 297      | 305      | 2020 | 17       | 20       |
| 311      | 331      | 2019 | 12       | 17       |
| 730      | 739      | 2018 | 13       | 13       |
| -        | -        | 2017 | 35       | 35       |



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. D. VEKIC (#36) 6-7 6-4 6-1 (2h 16m)  
2r: d. O. OLIYNYKOVA (#46) 6-4 7-6 (1h 56m)  
QF: d. C. TAUSON (#42) 6-3 7-5 (1h 28m)  
SF: d. A. LI (#30) 7-6 6-4 (2h 3m)

*Total time on court: 7h 43m*

### PLAYER NOTES

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- Faces No.24 Elise Mertens in F today; owns 20 career wins over Top 50 players, including four Top 50 wins this week over No.36 Vekic, No.46 Oliynykova, No.42 Tauson and No.30 Li
- Owns 2-2 career record against players from Belgium, 1-0 this season with a win over today's opponent Mertens at Cincinnati
- Best career result on hard court is this week's run to the final; prior to this week it was SF showings at 2026 Ostrava, 2024 Osaka, 2022 Granby
- Only player from France to have contested this year's main draw
- Looking to become the second player from France to win the title here at Monterrey after Bartoli in 2009
- Is currently ranked No.50; this time last year was ranked No.107. Reached a career-high ranking of No.47 in June 2026
- Prior to this week, her best tournament finish this season was SF run at Ostrava (l. Korpatsch)
- Seeking her first career Tour-level title today

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. P. UDVARDY (#76) 6-1 4-6 6-3 (1h 54m)  
QF: d. Y. STARODUBTSEVA (#74) 6-1 6-4 (1h 28m)  
SF: d. N. BARTUNKOVA (#38) 1-6 6-4 6-2 (2h 17m)

*Total time on court: 5h 39m*

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- Career record in Tour-level finals stands at 10-6; seeking her 11th Tour-level title today
- Has beaten Panna Udvardy, Yuliia Starodubtseva and Nikola Bartunkova so far this week to reach the final
- Owns a 15-8 record on hard court this season, highlighted by her run here at Monterrey this week, a R16 showing at the Australian Open and a 3-1 singles record at the United Cup, helping Belgium reach the semifinals
- Faces No.50 Diane Parry in F today; she is 23-7 so far this season against opponents ranked outside the Top 20, most recent was her win over No.38 Bartunkova in the SF here
- She is 0-1 this season against players from France, with a loss to Parry at Cincinnati
- 7 of her 10 career titles have come on hard court, most recently 2025 Singapore (d. Li in F)
- Looking to become the first player from Belgium to win the title at Monterrey after Flipkens finished runner-up in 2016 (l. Watson in F)
- Is currently ranked No.24; this time last year was ranked No.21. Reached a career-high ranking of No.12 in November 2018



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

| 2022 | Result | Rank: 100 | Seed: - |
|------|--------|-----------|---------|
|------|--------|-----------|---------|

1rL V. TOMOVA (#103) 6-4 6-0

| 2025 | Result | Rank: 21 | Seed: 5 |
|------|--------|----------|---------|
|------|--------|----------|---------|

QFL D. SHNAIDER (#22) 3-6 7-6(6) 7-6(4)  
2rW D. VEKIC (#55) 6-3 6-3  
1rW A. BLINKOVA (#78) 6-4 6-3

| 2023 | Result | Rank: 42 | Seed: 4 |
|------|--------|----------|---------|
|------|--------|----------|---------|

SFL C. GARCIA (#5) 6-3 6-4  
QFW E. COCCIARETTO (#49) 6-2 6-2  
2rW E. RUSE (#160) 6-3 3-6 6-2  
1rW D. SHNAIDER (#94) 6-0 6-4

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SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Made R16 at Cincinnati (l. Swiatek)
  - Played 1r at Toronto (l. Day)
  - Fell 1r at Prague (l. Hontama)
  - Made 2r at Wimbledon (l. Kalinskaya)
  - Made 2r at Berlin (as a qualifier, l. Noskova)
  - Reached 4r at a Grand Slam for the first time in her career at Roland Garros (l. eventual R-Up Chwalinska)
  - Played 2r at Strasbourg (as WC, l. Zhang)
  - Won the title at WTA 125 Paris (d. Keys in F via ret.)
  - Fell in 1r at Rouen (l. eventual champion Kostyuk)
  - Made 2r at Indian Wells (as qualifier, l. Keys)
  - Reached SF at Ostrava (l. eventual R-Up Korpatsch)
- 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 |
|-------|----------|----------------------------------|-------|----------|
| 116   | 34       | Aces                             | 188   | 11       |
| 58.3% | 78       | First serve %                    | 58.5% | 77       |
| 70.2% | 9        | First Serve points won %         | 70.1% | 10       |
| 45.9% | 43       | Second serve points won %        | 46.0% | 40       |
| 60.1% | 20       | Overall service points won %     | 60.1% | 19       |
| 73.9% | 16       | Service games won %              | 72.4% | 19       |
| 59.0% | 19       | Break points saved %             | 57.0% | 35       |
| 33.9% | 81       | First serve return points won %  | 36.2% | 48       |
| 52.1% | 84       | Second serve return points won % | 56.1% | 33       |
| 40.7% | 83       | Break points converted %         | 48.9% | 20       |
| 29.4% | 79       | Return games won %               | 37.2% | 28       |
| 40.7% | 84       | Return points won %              | 44.3% | 36       |



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## TITLES

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (2)

2023 - LAUSANNE (w/Bondar), MÉRIDA (w/Mcnally)

Runner-Up (1)

2024 - NOTTINGHAM (w/Dart)

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (10)

2025 - 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH, SINGAPORE

2023 - MONASTIR

2022 - MONASTIR

2021 - MELBOURNE 500 GIPPSLAND TROPHY

2019 - DOHA

2018 - RABAT, LUGANO, HOBART

2017 - HOBART

Runner-Up (6)

2025 - HOBART

2024 - HOBART

2021 - ISTANBUL

2020 - LINZ, PRAGUE

2017 - ISTANBUL

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (24)

2026 - AUSTRALIAN OPEN (w/Zhang)

2025 - WTA FINALS (w/Kudermetova),

WIMBLEDON (w/Kudermetova)

2024 - BIRMINGHAM (w/Hsieh), INDIAN WELLS

(w/Hsieh), AUSTRALIAN OPEN (w/Hsieh)

2023 - GUADALAJARA (w/Hunter), ROME

(w/Hunter)

2022 - WTA FINALS (w/Kudermetova), DUBAI

(w/Kudermetova)

2021 - INDIAN WELLS (w/Hsieh), WIMBLEDON

(w/Hsieh), ISTANBUL (w/Kudermetova),

AUSTRALIAN OPEN (w/Sabalenka)

2020 - OSTRAVA (w/Sabalenka)

2019 - US OPEN (w/Sabalenka), MIAMI

(w/Sabalenka), INDIAN WELLS (w/Sabalenka)

2018 - WUHAN (w/Schuurs), 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH

(w/Schuurs), LUGANO (w/Flipkens), HOBART

(w/Schuurs)

2017 - GUANGZHOU (w/Schuurs)

2016 - AUCKLAND (w/Mestach)

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GRAND SLAMS

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





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## CAREER MILESTONES

- Highlights in 2025 included 3r runs at Wimbledon (as a qualifier) and US Open, also reached R16 at Strasbourg, Hamburg and Chennai
- 2024 season highlight was posting best result at a WTA 1000 by reaching R16 at Indian Wells and first time reaching 3r at Australian Open and 2r at US Open. Also made three SF runs at Osaka, Palermo, and Nottingham. Broke into the Top 50 for the first time and achieved new career-high ranking of No.48 in October
- The 2023 Grand Slam season included two 2r runs at Roland Garros (l. Andreeva) and Wimbledon (l. Martic); fell in 1r at Australian Open (l. Townsend) and US Open (l. Boulter)
- Best Tour level showing in 2023 was a SF run at Lausanne (l. Burel)
- In 2022, lifted the WTA 125 Paris title (d. McNally via W/O) and further reached another WTA 125 final at Colina (l. Bejlek)
- Broke into Top 100 on February 28, 2022 and continued steady progress for remainder of season
- First notable 2022 performance was 3r run at Roland Garros (l. Stephens) beating defending champion Krejčíková in 1r
- In the 2022 grass season, made SF at Gaiba 125 and 3r at Wimbledon (l. Jabeur)
- Series of impressive performances in 2022 started from QF at Palermo (l. Camelia Begu) followed by SF at Granby (l. Kasatkina), QF at Portoroz (l. Lena Friedsam), and QF at Monastir before 1r exits at Cluj Napoca, Rouen 125, and W80 Poitiers
- Finished 2021 in fine form, winning 18 of last 20 matches, highlighted by two WTA 125K Series finals, winning title in Montevideo, Uruguay and finishing R-Up at Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Overall, compiled 50-23 win-loss record last year, lifting three ITF Circuit titles and rising nearly 200 places in the rankings during second half of campaign. Also fell 1r at Roland Garros (as WC, l. Sasnovich) and Strasbourg (as qualifier, l. Niemeier)
- Lifted first ITF Circuit title in 2020, at W15 tournament in Antalya, Turkey
- Reached 2r on WTA main-draw debut at 2019 Roland Garros (as WC, d. Lapko, l. Mertens)
- First contested WTA qualifying at 2018 Roland Garros
- Owns four titles in singles and three in doubles on ITF Circuit
- Made professional debut at W15 ITF Circuit event in Le Havre in 2017
- Won two singles titles in 2025 at Singapore and 's-Hertogenbosch; also reached the final at Hobart for second consecutive year and finished the 2025 season ranked inside the singles Top 20 for a fifth year (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021) and inside the doubles Top 5
- Lifted a fifth Grand Slam doubles trophy in 2025 at Wimbledon with Veronika Kudermetova; the pair then went on to win the year-end WTA Finals title for a second time together after 2022
- Kicked off 2024 season with R-Up finish at Hobart (l. Navarro) which marked her 13th WTA singles final. In doubles won Australian Open, Indian Wells and Birmingham all w/ Hsieh Su-Wei and qualified for WTA Finals for sixth consecutive time
- Ended 2023 as only Top 100 player to finish year exactly where she started, at No.29. Strongest singles results came at Monastir, successfully defending her title (d. Paolini), and SF at Monterrey (l. Garcia). Achieved a year-end doubles ranking of No.2 after lifting two titles at Guadalajara and Rome (w/Hunter) and SF at WTA Finals Cancun (l. eventual champions Siegemund/Zvonareva).
- Finished 2022 ranked No.29 in singles, her sixth consecutive Top 50 finish; also finished No.5 in doubles for her fourth consecutive Top 10 finish in doubles and second consecutive Top 5 finish
- Lifted seventh WTA title, at 2022 Monastir (d. Cornet in F), while in doubles alongside partner V.Kudermetova won Dubai and WTA Finals, as well as finished R-Up at Wimbledon
- Enjoyed a productive start to 2021 season in Melbourne, triumphing at the Gippsland Trophy (d. Kanepi in F) to lift sixth WTA singles title, then teamed up w/Sabalenka at Australian Open to claim second Grand Slam doubles title (d. 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.Pliskova (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 Thomas Hogstedt and Julie Coin
- Started playing tennis aged five
- Favorite surface is hard

- 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