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ABIERTO GNP SEGUROS MONTERREY, MEXICO



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

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QUARTERFINALS – THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

[WC] Alycia Parks (USA #89) vs. [5] Ann Li (USA #30)

Tied 1-1

Parks:

- Making 2nd appearance at Monterrey, on her debut appearance in 2025 she reached the semifinals (l. eventual champion Shnaider)
- Her SF run here in 2025 is her career-best result at the WTA 500 level
- Contesting her 9th career Tour-level QF today (8th on hard court), and a third this season after QF runs at Athens and Ostrava
- She's won 18 Tour-level main draw matches this season, including an 11-11 record on hard court. Her best results have both come on this surface, reaching the quarterfinals at Athens (l. Sakkari) and Ostrava (l. Volynets)
- Owns one Tour-level singles title which came on hard court at 2023 Lyon (d. Garcia in F)
- Best result by a wild card at Monterrey was champion run by Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova in 2011
- Looking to reach a 4th career Tour-level SF today after SF runs at 2025 Monterrey (l. Shnaider) and 2024 Auckland (l. Osaka), and title run at 2023 Lyon

Li:

- Making 3rd appearance at Monterrey, where her best tournament result is SF in 2021 (l. eventual R-Up Golubic)
- Contesting her 16th career Tour-level QF today (an 11th on hard court), and a fourth this season after SF run at Strasbourg (l. Navarro), and QF finishes at Nottingham (l. Golubic) and Rouen (l. Kostyuk)
- This is the third WTA 500 QF of her career after 2026 Strasbourg (SF) and 2021 Grampians Trophy (R-Up)
- Both her career titles were won on hard court: 2021 Tenerife (d. Osorio in F) and 2025 Guangzhou (d. Sun in F)
- Her top Tour-level result this season is SF at Strasbourg on clay (l. eventual champion Navarro)
- Undefeated (6-0 record) in her career against wild cards, 1-0 this season defeating Cross at Toronto
- Looking to reach her 10th career Tour-level semifinal today, and her first on hard court since title run at 2025 Guangzhou



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[Q] Darja Vidmanova (CZE #90) vs. Nikola Bartunkova (CZE #38)

Bartunkova leads 2-0

Vidmanova:

- Making first appearance at Monterrey
- This is her third WTA 500 main draw after reaching R16 as a qualifier at 2025 Guadalajara and R64 as a qualifier at Charleston this year
- This is the second Tour QF of her career after reaching the final at Memphis last month (l. Liutova in F)
- She has a 1-2 record against Top 50 players earning her first such win this week over No.40 Busca (l. No.4 Pegula at Wimbledon, l. No.31 Bucsa at Indian Wells - both this season)
- Best result by a qualifier at Monterrey was runner-up finish by Viktorija Golubic in 2021 (l. Fernandez in F)
- Made her Top 100 debut on June 22 of this year, peaking at career-high ranking of No.88 on August 10

Bartunkova:

- Making her main draw debut at Monterrey
- Her best career result at the WTA 500 level is SF at 2025 Guadalajara (l. eventual champion Jovic)
- Her best result of the season was achieved on hard court with QF at Ostrava (l. Parry)
- Also reached 3r on her Grand Slam debut as a qualifier in January at Australian Open, earning her maiden, and to date, only Top 10 win with a 2r victory over No.10 Bencic
- A win today would equal her best career result with SF at 2025 Guadalajara (l. Jovic)
- She is 1-1 at Tour level this season vs. players from Czech Republic, with both meeting at Wimbledon (d. Siniakova; l. Krejcikova)
- Best result by Czech Republic at Monterrey was by Linda Noskova who won the title in 2024

Clara Tauson (DEN #42) vs. Diane Parry (FRA #50)

Parry leads 2-0

Tauson:

- Making tournament debut appearance at Monterrey
- Her best results at WTA 500 events are SFs at Linz 2025 (l. Yastremska) and Abu Dhabi 2026 (l. eventual champion Bejlek)
- Defeated No.1 seed Ekaterina Alexandrova in the previous round to reach her fifth quarterfinal of 2026
- This is her second meeting against a player from France this season, after falling to Parry at Berlin
- All of her three titles have come on hard court at Auckland 2025, Luxembourg and Lyon in 2021
- Her best results of the season were achieved on hard court with semifinals at Athens and Abu Dhabi
- A win today would be the 10th Tour level SF of her career; all previous nine were on hard court

Parry:

- Making 2nd main draw appearance at Monterrey, where her previous result was reaching 1r in 2022 (as qualifier, l. Tomova)
- Has reached a WTA 500 quarterfinal for the first time in her career after previously making R16 at Strasbourg 2026 (l. Zhang), Berlin 2026 (l. Noskova) and Strasbourg 2025 (l. Samsonova)
- She is 8-5 against Top 50 players this season across all levels, including both her match wins here this week over No.36 Vekic and No.46 Olyinykova
- Career record in WTA QF matches stands at 6-5; she won her last four QF matches
- Best result by France at Monterrey was by Marion Bartoli who won the title in 2009
- A win today would be the 7th Tour SF of her career; she is yet to reach a final with her SF record of 0-6



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Yuliia Starodubtseva (UKR #74) vs. [2] Elise Mertens (BEL #24)

First meeting

Starodubtseva:

- Making tournament debut at Monterrey
- Her best career performance at a WTA 500 event was finishing R-Up at 2026 Charleston, which was her first career WTA final (l. Pegula in F)
- Contesting her 4th career Tour-level QF today after R-Up finish at 2026 Charleston (l. Pegula in F) and QF finishes at Beijing (l. Gauff) and Monastir (l. Kartal) in 2024
- Has equaled her career-best Tour-level result on hard court, matching her runs at Beijing and Monastir in 2024
- Her best win by ranking this season came over No.2 Rybakina at Roland Garros, which marked her first Top 10 career win
- Looking to reach her second career Tour-level SF today (first on hard court) after R-Up run at 2026 Charleston

Mertens:

- Making her 3rd appearance at Monterrey, she has now reached the QFs on all three appearances, following a SF run in 2023 (l. Garcia) and QF finish last year (l. 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 second QF of the season after QF run at Wimbledon (l. eventual champion Noskova), and her first hard court QF since Monterrey last year
- Owns a 13-8 record on hard court this season, highlighted by a R16 run at the Australian Open and a 3-1 singles record at the United Cup, helping Belgium reach the semifinals
- 7 of her 10 career titles have come on hard court, most recently 2025 Singapore (d. Li in F)
- Looking to reach her first Tour-level SF since title run at 2025 s'Hertogenbosch, and her first SF on hard court since title run at 2025 Singapore

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2000-12-31	Date of Birth	2000-06-26
	Residence	Atlanta, Georgia, USA
Right-handed	Plays	Right-Handed
6' 1" (1.85m)	Height	5' 7" (1.70m)
40	Career-High Ranking	29
\$3,405,915	Career Prize Money	\$4,108,755
\$810,147	Season Prize Money	\$1,032,358
0 / 1	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 2
7-12 (Round of 32: 2024 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	14-18 (Round of 16: 2025 US OPEN)
2-0 / 5-1 (Semi-Finalist: 2025)	YTD / Career MONTERREY W-L (best)	1-0 / 4-2 (Semi-Finalist: 2021)
17-18 / 54-79	YTD / Career W-L	20-21 / 92-84

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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2026	MADRID 1000	CLAY	2r	Ann Li	6-2 6-7(5) 6-3	2h 22m
2023	MIDLAND 125	HARD	1r	Alycia Parks	6-2 6-1	1h 4m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
63	-	2026	29	-
46	67	2025	33	38
46	112	2024	93	99
40	47	2023	129	174
117	118	2022	44	140
233	237	2021	47	47
360	364	2020	97	97
410	410	2019	146	148
961	984	2018	290	310
1208	1208	2017	583	583



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. P. MARCINKO (#73) 2-6 6-4 6-4 (2h 9m)
2r: d. M. CHWALINSKA (#21) 3-6 6-2 6-2 (1h 49m)

Total time on court: 3h 58m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at Monterrey, on her debut appearance in 2025 she reached the semifinals (l. eventual champion Shnaider)
- Her SF run here in 2025 is her career-best result at the WTA 500 level
- She's won 18 Tour-level main draw matches this season, including an 11-11 record on hard court. Her best results have both come on this surface, reaching the quarterfinals at Athens (l. Sakkari) and Ostrava (l. Volynets)
- Contesting her 9th career Tour-level QF today (8th on hard court), and a third this season after QF runs at Athens and Ostrava
- Career record in WTA QF matches stands at 3-5
- Faces No.30 Li in today's QF; Parks is 6-8 so far this season against Top 50 players, most recent was a win over No.21 Chwalinska in the previous round here
- Owns 7-8 career record against players from United States of America, 1-4 this season with sole win coming over Stoiana at Charleston. Her losses this season have come against Li at Madrid, Jovic at Charleston, Gauff at Miami and Volynets at Ostrava
- Owns one Tour-level singles title which came on hard court at 2023 Lyon (d. Garcia in F)
- Best results by USA at Monterrey are SF runs by Alycia Parks in 2025, Emma Navarro in 2024, Ann Li in 2021 and Sachia Vickery in 2018
- Only wild card to reach QF after Zarazua and Yastremska fell in 1r
- Best result by a wild card at Monterrey was champion run by Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova in 2011
- Is currently ranked No.89; this time last year was ranked No.56. Reached a career-high ranking of No.40 in August 2023
- So far during this year's North American hard court swing, made 2r at Toronto (l. Eala), and fell in 1r at Cincinnati (l. Golubic)
- Looking to reach a 4th career Tour-level SF today after SF runs at 2025 Monterrey (l. Shnaider) and 2024 Auckland (l. Osaka), and title run at 2023 Lyon

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. M. TIMOFEEVA (#92) 0-0 (0m)
1r: d. C. OSORIO (#58) 6-1 6-2 (1h 5m)

Total time on court: 1h 5m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 3rd appearance at Monterrey, where her best tournament result is SF in 2021 (l. eventual R-Up Golubic)
- Her best performance at a WTA 500 event was reaching final at 2021 Grampians Trophy in Melbourne (final vs. Kontaveit was not played due to scheduling issues)
- Contesting her 16th career Tour-level QF today (an 11th on hard court), and a fourth this season after SF run at Strasbourg (l. Navarro), and QF finishes at Nottingham (l. Golubic) and Rouen (l. Kostyuk)
- Faces No.89 Alycia Parks in QF today; she is 15-9 this season vs. opponents ranked outside the Top 50, most recent was a win over No.58 Osorio in the 1r here
- Owns 12-14 career record against players from United States of America, 2-2 this season with wins over Parks at Madrid and Volynets at Hobart, and losses to Gauff at Cincinnati and Navarro at Strasbourg
- Undefeated (6-0 record) in her career against wild cards, 1-0 this season defeating Cross at Toronto
- Both her career titles have come on hard court: 2021 Tenerife (d. Osorio in F) and 2025 Guangzhou (d. Sun in F)
- One of 2 players from United States of America to reach QF alongside Parks
- Best results by United States at Monterrey are SF runs by Alycia Parks in 2025, Emma Navarro in 2024, Ann Li in 2021 and Sachia Vickery in 2018
- Her top Tour-level result this season is SF at Strasbourg on clay (l. eventual champion Navarro)
- Is currently ranked No.30; this time last year was ranked No.58. Reached a career-high ranking of No.29 in May 2026
- So far during this year's North American hard court swing, fell in 1r at Washington DC (l. Frech), and made 3r at Toronto (l. Rybakina), and Cincinnati (l. Gauff)
- Looking to reach her 10th career Tour-level SF today, and her first on hard court since her title run at 2025 Guangzhou



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2025	Result	Rank: 71	Seed: -
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SF	L	D. SHNAIDER (#22) 6-3 7-6(8)	
QF	W	R. SRAMKOVA (#38) 6-2 7-5	
2r	W	E. NAVARRO (#11) 4-6 6-3 6-2	
1r	W	C. BUCSA (#93) 6-2 6-1	

2022	Result	Rank: 59	Seed: 8
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1r	L	X. WANG (#90) 6-2 6-1	
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2021	Result	Rank: 72	Seed: 8
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SF	L	V. GOLUBIC (#102) 6-2 6-4	
QF	W	S. ZHENG (#52) 7-5 6-1	
2r	W	T. ZIDANSEK (#93) 6-4 6-3	
1r	W	A. RUS (#82) 6-3 7-5	

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SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Played 1r at Cincinnati (l. Golubic)
 - Made 2r at Toronto (l. Eala)
 - Fell 1r at Prague (l. Havlickova)
 - Reached QF at Athens (l. eventual R-Up Sakkari)
 - Made 2r at Wimbledon (l. Sawangkaew)
 - Made 2r at Roland Garros (l. Golubic)
 - Played 2r at Rabat (l. Teichmann)
 - Played 2r at Madrid (as qualifier, l. Li)
 - Made 2r at Stuttgart (as qualifier, l. M.Andreeva)
 - Fell in 1r at Linz (l. Galfi)
 - Played 2r at Charleston (l. Jovic)
 - Made 3r at Miami (l. eventual R-Up Gauff)
 - Played 1r at Indian Wells (as WC, l. Sakatsume)
 - Fell in 1r at Austin (l. Selekhmeteva)
 - Played 2r at Doha (as qualifier, l. Q.Zheng)
 - Reached QF at Ostrava (l. Volynets)
 - Made 2r at Australian Open (l. Muchova)
 - Played 1r at Auckland (l. Cocciaretto)
- Made 3r at Cincinnati (l. eventual Champion Gauff)
 - Played 3r at Toronto (l. Rybakina)
 - Fell in 1r at Washington DC (l. Frech)
 - Made 2r at Athens (l. Korneeva)
 - Played 1r at Wimbledon (l. Sonmez)
 - Fell 1r at Bad Homburg (l. Alexandrova)
 - Reached QF at Nottingham (l. qualifier Golubic)
 - Played 2r at Roland Garros (l. Parry)
 - Made SF at Strasbourg (l. eventual champion Navarro)
 - Fell 2r at Rome (l. Samsonova)
 - Made 4r at Madrid (l. Fernandez)
 - Reached QF at Rouen (l. eventual champion Kostyuk)
 - Fell in 1r at Linz (l. Yastremska)
 - Made 2r at Miami (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)
 - Played 1r at Indian Wells (l. Gibson)
 - Made 2r at Merida (l. Sonmez)
 - Fell in 1r at Dubai (l. Noskova)
 - Made 3r at Doha (l. Cocciaretto)
 - Played 2r at Australian Open (l. Linette)
 - Made 2r at Hobart (l. eventual champion Cocciaretto)
 - Played 1r at Brisbane (l. Gadecki)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
203	10	Aces	204	9
54.1%	92	First serve %	59.3%	68
68.3%	16	First Serve points won %	67.9%	18
43.6%	70	Second serve points won %	44.6%	60
57.0%	48	Overall service points won %	58.4%	29
67.0%	45	Service games won %	69.4%	30
56.6%	38	Break points saved %	58.5%	23
33.1%	84	First serve return points won %	35.6%	54
53.7%	66	Second serve return points won %	52.0%	84
39.9%	85	Break points converted %	45.7%	39
28.6%	85	Return games won %	30.9%	71
40.6%	86	Return points won %	41.6%	68

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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS	SINGLES FINALS
Champion (1)	Champion (2)
2023 - LYON	2025 - GUANGZHOU
	2021 - TENERIFE
DOUBLES FINALS	
Champion (2)	Runner-Up (4)
2023 - CINCINNATI (w/Townsend)	2025 - CLEVELAND, SINGAPORE
2022 - OSTRAVA (w/Mcnally)	2024 - MÉRIDA
	2021 - MELBOURNE 500 GRAMPIANS TROPHY
Runner-Up (1)	
2023 - BIRMINGHAM (w/Hunter)	

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
2r	2r	2r		2026	2r	2r	1r	
	2r	1r	1r	2025	1r	2r	2r	4r
3r		1r		2024				1r
	1r	2r	1r	2023				
				2022	1r	1r	2r	1r
			1r	2021	3r	2r	1r	1r
				2020	2r			3r



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CAREER MILESTONES

- Best results of 2025 were semifinals at Monterrey (l. eventual champion Shnaider) and Auckland (l. Osaka); registered first Roland Garros main draw match win over No.13 Karolina Muchova
- Highlight of 2024 season was posting best Grand Slam result courtesy of run to 3r at Australian Open (l. Gauff). Also won three WTA 125 titles, at Angers, Warsaw and Gaiba
- Won first singles title in 2023 at Lyon (d. Garcia). In doubles won Cincinnati (w/Townsend) and achieved R-Up at Birmingham (w/Hunter)
- Contested three WTA main draws in 2022, highlighted by maiden QF at this level at Ostrava (as qualifier, l. eventual champion Krejčíková)
- In 2022, also made 2r at Berlin (as qualifier, l. eventual champion Jabeur) and finished the campaign with a 10-match winning streak that brought WTA 125K Series titles at Andorra and Angers
- Closed out 2021 with R-Up finish at W25 event in Daytona Beach-FL, USA
- In 2021, also made 2r at Lausanne and fell 1r at US Open (as WC, l. Danilovic) and Indian Wells (as qualifier, l. Rus); struck 129mph serve during 1r defeat at US Open, matching V.Williams' record for the fastest serve in the tournament's history
- Reached 2r on WTA main draw debut at 2021 Charleston (as qualifier, l. Jabeur)
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2021 Charleston (l. Vikhlyantseva in final round)
- Owns one ITF Circuit singles title from six finals, triumphing at \$25k Orlando-FL in November 2020 (also won doubles title)
- Made ITF Circuit debut at a \$15k event in Orlando-FL, USA in March 2017
- Won second career title in 2025 at Guangzhou (after Tenerife 2021) and reached further finals at Singapore (l. Mertens in F) and Cleveland (l. Cirstea in F). Made 4r at a Grand Slam for the first time at US Open (l. Pegula) and reached a peak ranking of No.33 in October before finishing the 2025 season ranked inside the Top 40 for the first time (No.38)
- Ended 2024 with her strongest result of the year at Merida with R-Up run taking her ranking back into the Top 100 for the first time since 2022. Through the season also made QF at Palermo and at WTA 125s, lifted the title at Valencia and reached the final at Bastad
- Reached four Tour-level main draws in 2023; 1r at Austin (as qualifier, l. Blinkova), 1r at Indian Wells (l. Blinkova), Cincinnati (as qualifier, l. Sabalenka) and Guadalajara (as qualifier, l. Stephens). Also reached QF at WTA 125 Valencia on clay (l. Sherif) and R-Up at ITF \$100K Bonita Springs
- Her second semifinal appearance of 2022 came at Midland WTA 125 (l. Friedsam)
- Advanced to second round at Doha WTA 500 (l. Sakkari) and reached WTA 1000 Miami 3r (l. Riske-Amritraj)
- In 2022 reached Melbourne 2 (WTA 250) semifinal (l. Sasnovich)
- Ended 2021 season in fine form, winning first WTA title at Tenerife (d. Osorio in F) and making QF at Courmayeur (l. Tauson)
- Opened 2021 campaign by reaching maiden WTA final, at Grampians Trophy (final vs. Kontaveit was not played)
- Ended 2020 season with career-high ranking of No.97 (November 9, 2020) and first-ever Top 100 finish
- Best result in 2020 was 3r run at US Open (d. No.20 Riske in 2r, l. Kerber)
- Advanced to 2r on Grand Slam debut at 2020 Australian Open (as qualifier, l. eventual champion Kenin)
- Fell in 1r on WTA main draw debut at 2020 Auckland (as qualifier, l. McHale)
- Also captured third career ITF singles title at 80K ITF/Tyler-TX, USA (d. Kostyuk in F)
- Owns three ITF singles titles
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in US in 2016
- Was R-Up in girls' singles at 2017 Wimbledon (l. Liu)

OTHER INFORMATION

- Has been coached by her father Michael Parks since childhood
 - Born in Atlanta, Georgia
 - Started playing tennis at the age of 7 and she and her older sister moved to Florida at the age of 10 for better training to develop their game
 - Graduated high school in 2019 and declined several scholarship offers to pursue playing tennis professionally
 - Hobbies include, cooking, rollerblading, and playing with her Jack Russell Terrier and Giant Schnauzer puppies
 - In 2017, started clothing line called 'Alyciamikay' alongside sister Mikayla
 - Favorite tennis player is Serena Williams
- Coached by Carlos Boluda. Lives and trains in Atlanta; formerly trained at USTA in Orlando
 - Idolizes Roger Federer. Favorite surface to compete on is grass
 - Hobbies include listening to music, watching movies, and reading



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VIDMANOVA (Q)**
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**NIKOLA
BARTUNKOVA**
CZECH REPUBLIC

2003-01-09	Date of Birth	2006-02-25
	Residence	
Right-Handed	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
6' 2" (1.82m)	Height	
88	Career-High Ranking	38
\$532,039	Career Prize Money	\$1,052,645
\$363,270	Season Prize Money	\$846,020
0 / 0	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 0
0-1 (Round of 128: 2026 WIMBLEDON)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	4-3 (Round of 32: 2026 WIMBLEDON, AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
2-0 / 2-0 (Quarter-Finalist: 2026)	YTD / Career MONTERREY W-L (best)	2-0 / 2-0 (Quarter-Finalist: 2026)
6-7 / 7-8	YTD / Career W-L	17-11 / 21-16

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NIKOLA BARTUNKOVA

HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2025	SAMSUN 125	HARD	SF	Nikola Bartunkova	6-4 7-5	1h 39m
2025	GUADALAJARA 500	HARD	2r	Nikola Bartunkova	6-3 6-2	1h 29m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
88	-	2026	39	-
140	141	2025	130	130
380	382	2024	226	488
910	-	2023	263	270
753	909	2022	283	283
732	753	2021	751	784
1217	1236	2020	-	-
1191	1224	2019	-	-



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**DARJA
VIDMANOVA (Q)**

**NIKOLA
BARTUNKOVA**

TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. K. BIRRELL (#69) 7-6 6-3 (1h 47m)
2r: d. C. BUCSA (#40) 6-4 7-5 (1h 43m)

Total time on court: 3h 30m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making first appearance at Monterrey
- This is her third WTA 500 main draw after reaching R16 as a qualifier at 2025 Guadalajara and R64 as a qualifier at Charleston this year
- This is the second Tour QF of her career after reaching the final at Memphis last month (l. Liutova in F)
- After qualifying has beaten Kimberly Birrell and Cristina Bucsa in the main draw so far this week
- Faces No.38 Nikola Bartunkova in QF today; she has a 1-2 record against Top 50 players earning her first such win this week over No.40 Busca (l. No.4 Pegula at Wimbledon, l. No.31 Bucsa at Indian Wells - both this season)
- This is her 2nd Tour level main draw career meeting against a player from Czech Republic after falling to Bartunkova at 2025 Guadalajara
- Her best Tour level result on hard court is finishing R-Up at 2026 Memphis last month (l. Liutova in F)
- Best result by a qualifier at Monterrey was runner-up finish by Viktorija Golubic in 2021 (l. Fernandez in F)
- Is currently ranked No.90; this time last year was ranked No.168. Made her Top 100 debut on June 22 of this year, peaking at career-high ranking of No.88 on August 10

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. A. RUZIC (#81) 6-4 6-3 (1h 30m)
2r: d. E. LIANG (#303) 6-7 7-5 6-4 (2h 43m)

Total time on court: 4h 13m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making her main draw debut at Monterrey
- Her best career result at the WTA 500 level is SF at 2025 Guadalajara (l. eventual champion Jovic)
- Her best hard court result of the season is quarterfinal at Ostrava (l. Parry)
Also reached 3r on her Grand Slam debut as a
- qualifier in January at Australian Open, earning her maiden, and to date only, Top 10 win with a 2r victory over No.10 Bencic
A win today would equal her best career result
- with SF at 2025 Guadalajara (l. Jovic)
Has beaten Antonia Ruzic and Liang En-shuo so
- far this week to reach her third QF of the season
Faces No.90 Darja Vidmanova in QF today; she
- has won her last 4 meetings against players ranked outside the Top 50
She is 1-1 at Tour level this season vs. players
- from Czech Republic, with both meetings at Wimbledon (d. Siniakova; l. Krejckikova)
Best result by Czech Republic at Monterrey was
- by Linda Noskova who won the title in 2024
Is currently ranked at a new career-high of
- No.38 (achieved this week); this time last year was ranked No.251
Has won 17 Tour-level main draw matches so far
- this season, with her best results being QF finishes at Ostrava (l. Parry) and Berlin (l. Sabalenka)



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DARJA
VIDMANOVA (Q)

NIKOLA
BARTUNKOVA

RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

DARJA VIDMANOVA (Q)

NIKOLA BARTUNKOVA

SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Played 1r at Cincinnati (l. Kalinina)
 - Reached her first career Tour-level final at Memphis (l. Liutova in F)
 - Played 1r at Wimbledon (l. Pegula)
 - Won first career WTA 125 title at Figueira Da Foz (d. Aksu in F)
 - Played 1r at Charleston (as LL, l. Bondar)
 - Fell in 1r at Miami (as WC, l. Jacquemot)
 - Played 1r at Indian Wells (as qualifier, l. Bucsa)
 - Opened 2026 season with 1r at Ostrava (as WC, l. Udvardy)
- Made 2r at Cincinnati (l. Cirstea)
 - Reached 3r at Toronto (l. Anisimova)
 - Made 2r at Prague (l. Tararudee)
 - 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)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
42	78	Aces	126	31
61.4%	0	First serve %	52.4%	93
61.0%	0	First Serve points won %	67.8%	21
46.3%	0	Second serve points won %	45.7%	47
55.4%	0	Overall service points won %	57.3%	44
62.7%	0	Service games won %	67.7%	42
46.2%	0	Break points saved %	54.2%	58
36.8%	0	First serve return points won %	35.3%	58
55.8%	0	Second serve return points won %	56.8%	23
45.4%	0	Break points converted %	46.1%	35
35.8%	0	Return games won %	33.6%	52
43.5%	0	Return points won %	43.0%	51



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DARJA
VIDMANOVA (Q)

NIKOLA
BARTUNKOVA

TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Runner-Up (1)
2026 - MEMPHIS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
		1r		2026	3r	1r	3r	



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**DARJA
VIDMANOVA (Q)**

**NIKOLA
BARTUNKOVA**

CAREER MILESTONES

- In 2025, made Tour-level debut at WTA 500 Guadalajara as qualifier (d. Parks in 1r for first Tour-level and Top 100 win) and played Grand Slam qualifying for first time at US Open; also won three ITF singles titles and peaked at career-high No.140 on October 6
- Won first four ITF singles titles of career in 2024; started the season unranked and skyrocketed to Top 400 debut, finishing at No.325
- In 2020, reached first ITF Circuit final at W15 Heraklion (l. Rosca in F), and contested WTA 125 event at Prague (l. 1r to Podoroska)
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit at Frydek Mistek \$15K in 2018
- Played college tennis at University of Georgia, winning both the NCAA Singles Championships and NCAA Doubles Championships (w/Aysegul Mert) during her college career

- 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

- No notes have been added for this player

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

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42

CLARA
TAUSON
DENMARK

DIANE
PARRY

50

FRANCE

2002-12-21	Date of Birth	2002-09-01
Kongens Lyngby, Denmark	Residence	
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-Handed (one-handed backhand)
6' (1.82 m)	Height	5' 7" (1.70m)
12	Career-High Ranking	47
\$5,524,250	Career Prize Money	\$4,043,378
\$1,095,899	Season Prize Money	\$798,768
0 / 3	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 0
22-20 (Round of 16: 2025 WIMBLEDON; 2024 ROLAND GARROS)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	19-22 (Round of 16: 2026 ROLAND GARROS)
2-0 / 2-0 (Quarter-Finalist: 2026)	YTD / Career MONTERREY W-L (best)	2-0 / 2-1 (Quarter-Finalist: 2026)
16-19 / 102-89	YTD / Career W-L	15-10 / 68-69

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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2026	BERLIN	GRASS	1r	Diane Parry	6-3 6-4	1h 29m
2024	OSAKA	HARD	QF	Diane Parry	6-3 1-6 6-3	2h 17m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
12	-	2026	47	-
12	12	2025	53	127
50	52	2024	48	50
76	85	2023	73	105
33	128	2022	58	76
44	44	2021	141	141
151	152	2020	297	305
267	267	2019	311	331
715	863	2018	730	739
938	938	2017	-	-



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. R. ZARAZUA (#71) 3-6 6-3 6-0 (1h 42m)
2r: d. E. ALEXANDROVA (#19) 7-6 4-6 6-3 (2h 28m)

Total time on court: 4h 10m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making tournament debut appearance at Monterrey
- Her best results at WTA 500 events are SFs at Linz 2025 (l. Yastremska) and Abu Dhabi 2026 (l. eventual champion Bejlek)
- Has beaten Renata Zarazua and No.1 seed Ekaterina Alexandrova so far this week to reach fifth QF of 2026
- Faces No.50 Diane Parry in QF today; has a record of 5-9 against Top 50 players this season, most recently defeating No.19 Ekaterina Alexandrova in the previous round here at Monterrey
- This is her second meeting against a player from France this season, falling to Parry at Berlin
- Record in WTA QF matches this season stands at 2-2
- All of her three singles titles have come on hard court at Auckland 2025, Luxembourg and Lyon in 2021
- Only player from Denmark to feature in the draw
- Is currently ranked No.42; this time last year was ranked No.14, having reached career high at No.12 in Sept 2025
- Has won 16 matches so far in 2026, among which 13 wins have come on hard court; best showings are semifinalist at Athens and Abu Dhabi
- A win today would be the 10th Tour level SF of her career; all previous 9 were on hard court

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)

Total time on court: 4h 12m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd main draw appearance at Monterrey, where her previous result was reaching 1r in 2022 (as qualifier, l. Tomova); she also played qualifying in 2025
- Has reached WTA 500 QF for the first time after previously making R16 at Strasbourg 2026 (l. Zhang), Berlin 2026 (l. Noskova) and Strasbourg 2025 (l. Samsonova)
- Has beaten Donna Vekic and Oleksandra Oliynykova so far this week to reach the second Tour level QF of the season
- Faces No.42 Clara Tauson in QF today; she is 8-5 against Top 50 players this season across all levels including both her match wins here over No.36 Vekic and No.46 Olyinykova
- Won her only meeting against a player from Denmark this season, defeating Tauson at Berlin (grass); also defeated Tauson on hard court in QF at Osaka 2024
- Career record in WTA QF matches stands at 6-5; she won her last four QF matches
- Best career results on hard court are SF showings at 2026 Ostrava, 2024 Osaka and 2022 Granby
- Only player from France contesting this year's main draw
- Best result by France at Monterrey was by Marion Bartoli who won the title 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)
- A win today would be the 7th Tour SF of her career; she is yet to reach a final with her SF record of 0-6



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

2022	Result	Rank: 100	Seed: -
1r	L	V. TOMOVA (#103)	6-4 6-0



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SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Made 3r at Cincinnati (l. Noskova)
- Played 2r at Toronto (1r bye, l. Bartunkova)
- Fell in 1r at Washington DC (l. Cocciaretto)
- Reached SF at Athens (l. eventual Champion Krejcikova)
- Played 1r at Wimbledon (l. Sakkari)
- Made QF at Bad Homburg (l. Muchova)
- Played 1r at Berlin (l. qualifier Parry)
- Made 1r at 's-Hertogenbosch (l. WC Pohankova)
- Fell 1r at Roland Garros (l. Snigur)
- Played 2r at Strasbourg (l. Cristian)
- Made 2r at Rome (l. Oliynykova)
- Played 2r at Miami (l. Boulter, retired due to lower back injury)
- Made 3r at Indian Wells (l. Gibson)
- Reached QF at Dubai (l. eventual champion Pegula)
- Played 1r at Doha (l. Siniakova)
- Reached SF at Abu Dhabi (l. eventual champion Bejlek)
- Made 3r at Australian Open (l. Mboko)
- Played 2r at Adelaide (l. Tomljanovic, retired)
- Made R32 at Brisbane (l. Sasnovich)

- 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)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
226	5	Aces	100	41
61.8%	53	First serve %	58.3%	78
69.0%	14	First Serve points won %	69.2%	12
43.0%	75	Second serve points won %	46.9%	34
59.1%	23	Overall service points won %	59.9%	20
72.2%	19	Service games won %	73.3%	16
57.1%	34	Break points saved %	57.6%	30
32.6%	87	First serve return points won %	33.8%	81
54.7%	50	Second serve return points won %	52.3%	80
42.6%	73	Break points converted %	39.2%	87
28.5%	86	Return games won %	29.1%	82
41.3%	75	Return points won %	40.7%	85

CLARA
TAUSON

DIANE
PARRY

TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (3)
2025 - AUCKLAND
2021 - LUXEMBOURG, LYON
Runner-Up (2)
2025 - DUBAI
2021 - COURMAYEUR

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (2)
2023 - LAUSANNE (w/Bondar), MÉRIDA (w/Mcnally)
Runner-Up (1)
2024 - NOTTINGHAM (w/Dart)

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



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TAUSON**

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CAREER MILESTONES

- In 2025, won Auckland title (first Tour title since 2021) and reached first career WTA 1000 final at Dubai (l. M.Andreeva); made Top 20 debut, finishing at career-high No.12 in the year-end rankings
- Highlight of 2024 season was posting best Grand Slam result by reaching R16 at Roland Garros for the first time in her career. Also achieved R-Up at two WTA 125s, Hong Kong and Oeiras
- In 2023 matched her career best Grand Slam result at Roland Garros where she reached the 3r as a qualifier (l.Avanesyan); also reached the Linz QF (l. Martic)
- Back injury restricted her to just 11 WTA main-draw outings in 2022, with best result a QF showing at Melbourne Summer Set 2 (l. Sasnovich). Also finished R-Up in her last event of the year at WTA 125K Series event in Limoges and won one ITF Circuit title at W25 Selva Gardener
- Came through qualifying to win maiden WTA title in Lyon in March 2021 (in final, beat fellow qualifier Golubic - last time two qualifiers met in a WTA final was at 2017 Tokyo [Japan Open], when Diyas beat Kato); also in 2021, won a second title in Luxembourg and finished runner-up at Courmayeur
- Ended 2020 season ranked No.152 (up from No.267 at the end of 2019) after posting 30-7 win-loss record. Best results were 2r at Roland Garros (as qualifier, d.No.25 Brady, l. Collins) and lifting two titles on ITF Circuit
- Made Tour-level debut (main draw and qualifying) with 1r exit at 2019 Lugano (as wildcard qualifier, l. Rodina). Also lifted four ITF Circuit singles titles in 2019
- Won maiden ITF Circuit title in just her second tournament, at \$15k ITF/Stockholm-SWE in 2017
- Reached SF on professional debut at \$15k ITF/Antalya-TUR in 2017
- On ITF Junior Circuit has lifted nine singles titles, including at 2019 Australian Open (d. Fernandez in F). In 2019 she became the first Dane to top the junior world rankings
- 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

OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Kasper Elsvad
- Started playing tennis aged six; tennis is the only sport she has played
- 2019 Australian Open girls' champion, defeating Leylah Fernandez in final
- Self-described style as aggressive explaining, "I like to come in the court and finish at net if I have the opportunity"
- Uncle, Michael Tauson, is a former ATP player
- Trains in Belgium at the Justine Henin Academy with her coach
- In free time, also enjoys talking to friends via Facetime or watch Netflix; enjoys watching crime shows, like The Blacklist

- Coached by Thomas Hogstedt and Julie Coin
- Started playing tennis aged five
- Favorite surface is hard

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YULIIA
STARODUBTSEVA

UKRAINE

(2)

ELISE
MERTENS

24

BELGIUM

2000-02-17	Date of Birth	1995-11-17
	Residence	Hamont-Achel, Belgium
Right-Handed	Plays	Right-handed (Two-handed backhand)
5' 6" (1.72m)	Height	5' 10" (1.79m)
53	Career-High Ranking	12
\$2,478,820	Career Prize Money	\$20,184,065
\$891,552	Season Prize Money	\$2,389,102
0 / 0	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 10
6-11 (Round of 32: 2026 ROLAND GARROS; 2025 ROLAND GARROS)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	82-38 (Semi-Finalist: 2018 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
2-0 / 2-0 (Quarter-Finalist: 2026)	YTD / Career MONTERREY W-L (best)	1-0 / 6-2 (Semi-Finalist: 2023)
15-14 / 31-39	YTD / Career W-L	25-16 / 316-205

YULIIA
STARODUBTSEVA

ELISE
MERTENS

HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
First career meeting						

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
53	-	2026	19	-
63	116	2025	20	20
79	97	2024	24	34
160	160	2023	26	29
-	-	2022	20	29
-	-	2021	14	21
-	-	2020	17	20
-	-	2019	12	17
1144	-	2018	13	13
1082	1145	2017	35	35



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**YULIIA
STARODUBTSEVA**

**ELISE
MERTENS**

TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. L. TAGGER (#48) 6-3 6-4 (1h 41m)
2r: d. J. TJEN (#35) 6-4 6-3 (1h 51m)

Total time on court: 3h 32m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making tournament debut at Monterrey
- Her career-best performance at a WTA 500 event was finishing R-Up at 2026 Charleston, which was her first career WTA final (l. Pegula in F)
- Contesting her 4th career Tour-level QF today after R-Up finish at 2026 Charleston (l. Pegula in F) and QF finishes at Beijing (l. Gauff) and Monastir (l. Kartal) in 2024
- Faces No.24 Elise Mertens in QF today; owns 11 career over Top 50 players, most recently defeating No.35 Janice Tjen in the previous round here
- Owns 1-0 career record against players from Belgium, with a win over Van Uytvanck at 2024 Wimbledon
- Career-best Tour-level results on hard court are QFs at 2024 Beijing (as qualifier, l. eventual champion Gauff), 2024 Monastir (as qualifier, l. eventual champion Kartal) and now at 2026 Monterrey
- Has a 4-6 Tour-level record on hard court this season; her win over Tagger in the 1r marked her first Tour-level hard court win since Miami in March
- Best result by Ukraine at Monterrey was title run by Elina Svitolina in 2020 (d. Bouzkova in F)
- Is currently ranked No.74; this time last year was ranked No.68. Reached career-high ranking of No.53 in April of this year
- Her best win by ranking this season came over No.2 Rybakina at Roland Garros, which marked her first Top 10 career win
- Looking to reach her second career Tour-level SF today (first on hard court) after R-Up run at 2026 Charleston

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. P. UDVARDY (#76) 6-1 4-6 6-3 (1h 54m)

Total time on court: 1h 54m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making her 3rd appearance at Monterrey, she has now reached the QFs on all three appearances, following a SF run in 2023 (l. Garcia) and QF finish last year (l. 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 second QF of the season after QF run at Wimbledon (l. eventual champion Noskova), and her first hard court QF since Monterrey last year
- Owns a 13-8 record on hard court this season, highlighted by a R16 run at the Australian Open and a 3-1 singles record at the United Cup, helping Belgium reach the semifinals
- Faces No.74 Yuliia Starodubtseva in QF today; Mertens is 14-6 this season against opponents ranked outside the Top 50, most recent was a win over No.76 Udvardy in the previous round here
- Owns 10-8 career record against players from Ukraine, most recent contest was her win over Svitolina at 2025 Wimbledon
- 7 of her 10 career titles have come on hard court, most recently 2025 Singapore (d. Li in F)
- Best result by Belgium at Monterrey was runner-up run by Kirsten Flipkens in 2016
- Is currently ranked No.24; this time last year was ranked No.21. Reached a career-high ranking of No.12 in November 2018
- Her best tournament finish so far this season is QF run at Wimbledon (l. eventual champion Noskova)
- Looking to reach her first Tour-level SF since title run at 2025 s'Hertogenbosch, and her first SF on hard court since title run at 2025 Singapore



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

2025	Result	Rank: 21	Seed: 5
QF	L	D. SHNAIDER (#22) 3-6 7-6(6) 7-6(4)	
2r	W	D. VEKIC (#55) 6-3 6-3	
1r	W	A. BLINKOVA (#78) 6-4 6-3	
2023	Result	Rank: 42	Seed: 4
SF	L	C. GARCIA (#5) 6-3 6-4	
QF	W	E. COCCIARETTO (#49) 6-2 6-2	
2r	W	E. RUSE (#160) 6-3 3-6 6-2	
1r	W	D. SHNAIDER (#94) 6-0 6-4	



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SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Played 1r at Toronto (l. Joint) and Cincinnati (l. Snigur)
- Fell in 1r at Memphis (l. WC Stephens)
- Played 1r at Wimbledon (l. Blinkova)
- Fell 1r at Eastbourne (l. Zakharova)
- Reached 2r at Nottingham (l. Navarro)
- Made 3r at Roland Garros (d. Rybakina in 2r for first Top 10 win; l. Wang Xiyu)
- Played 2r at Rabat (l. Kalinina)
- Fell 1r at Rome (l. WALTERT)
- Played 2r at Madrid (as LL, l. Cristian)
- R-Up finish at Charleston (l. champion Pegula in F)
- Made 3r at Miami (as qualifier, l. Anisimova)
- Fell in 1r at Australian Open (as qualifier, l. Tomljanovic)
- Played 1r at Auckland (as qualifier, l. Boulter)

- 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
42	79	Aces	178	12
63.2%	41	First serve %	58.3%	77
60.0%	77	First Serve points won %	70.3%	9
49.9%	8	Second serve points won %	45.5%	48
56.3%	56	Overall service points won %	60.0%	19
64.4%	61	Service games won %	72.1%	21
51.9%	74	Break points saved %	57.0%	35
39.4%	12	First serve return points won %	36.3%	46
56.2%	32	Second serve return points won %	55.8%	38
46.4%	30	Break points converted %	49.4%	17
39.3%	18	Return games won %	37.1%	31
45.6%	16	Return points won %	44.2%	37



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TITLES

SINGLES FINALS

Runner-Up (1)

2026 - CHARLESTON

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

- Highlights in 2025 were R16 runs at WTA 1000 Madrid and WTA 500 Ningbo as well as posting her best Grand Slam result at Roland Garros with 3r as a qualifier. Reached a new career-high ranking of No.63 on August 11
- A breakthrough year in 2024 saw her start the year at No.150, before climbing to a career high ranking of No.79 on Oct 7, 2024 after reaching QFs at WTA 250 Monastir (as a qualifier, l. eventual champion Kartal) and WTA 1000 Beijing (as a qualifier, l. eventual champion Gauff).
- She began 2024 by reaching her first Tour-level main draw as a qualifier at Australian Open and facing a Top 10 player for the first time (l. No.6 Jabeur in 1r).
- In 2024 as a qualifier, she reached the main draw of all four Slams for the first time, winning her first Tour-level main draw match at Wimbledon (l. Sun in 2r).
- Won four ITF circuit titles in 2023 including W60 events in Sumter, Dallas, and Rancho Sante Fe. Earned a spot in Grand Slam qualifying for the first time at 2023 US Open (l. Naef). Reached career high ranking of No. 151 on November 27, 2023.
- Played only one ITF tournament between 2018 and 2022, returning to the courts for the 2023 season.
- Made professional debut on ITF circuit in 2016 at 16 years of age.
- 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 Pearse Dolan
- Favorite shot is forehand and favors playing on hardcourt
- At age of 17 went to Old Dominion University, Virginia
- Started playing tennis at 5 years old in Ukraine
- 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