



MATCH NOTES

ABIERTO GNP SEGUROS MONTERREY, MEXICO



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

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SEMIFINALS – FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

Diane Parry (FRA #50) vs. [5] Ann Li (USA #30)

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
- Has reached WTA 500 SF for the first time after previously making R16 at Strasbourg 2026 (I. Zhang), Berlin 2026 (I. Noskova) and Strasbourg 2025 (I. Samsonova)
- Contesting the 7th Tour SF of her career (second this season after Ostrava SF run); she is yet to reach a final with her SF record of 0-6
- She is 9-5 against Top 50 players this season across all levels including her match wins here over No.36 Vekic, No.46 Olyinykova and No.42 Tauson
- Best career results on hard court are SF showings at 2026 Monterrey, 2026 Ostrava, 2024 Osaka, 2022 Granby
- 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 Li on their most recent encounter at 2026 Roland Garros

Li:

- Making 3rd appearance at Monterrey, she is through to the semifinals here for the second time in her career after SF finish in 2021 (I. 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 10th career Tour-level SF today (second this season after Strasbourg SF), and her first on hard court since title run at 2025 Guangzhou (d. Sun in F)
- Both her career titles were won on hard court: 2021 Tenerife (d. Osorio in F) and 2025 Guangzhou (d. Sun in F)
- Record in WTA SF matches stands at 6-3, looking to reach a seventh career Tour-level final today (all have come on hard court)
- Looking to become the first player from USA to reach the final at Monterrey



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Nikola Bartunkova (CZE #38) vs. [2] Elise Mertens (BEL #24)

Tied 1-1

Bartunkova:

- Making first appearance at Monterrey
- Prior to this week, her best career result at the WTA 500 level is SF at 2025 Guadalajara (l. eventual champion Jovic)
- Contesting her second career Tour-level SF today after SF finish at 2025 Guadalajara; looking to reach maiden career Tour-level final
- She is 12-7 so far this season on hard court; with her best result on the surface being this week's run at Monterrey
- Owns 8 career wins over Top 50 players, most recently defeated No.30 Tauson at Toronto
- Is currently ranked at a new career-high of No.38 (achieved this week); this time last year was ranked No.251
- Defeated today's opponent Mertens on their most recent encounter at 2026 Berlin

Mertens:

- Making her 3rd appearance at Monterrey, she is through to the SF here for the second time in her career after SF finish in 2023 (l. Garcia)
- Owns two WTA 500 titles - winning 2021 Melbourne 500 (d. Kanepi in F) and 2019 Doha (d. Halep in F)
- Contesting her first SF of the 2026 season (first since title run at 2025 's-Hertogenbosch), and her first on hard court since title run at 2025 Singapore
- Owns a 14-8 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
- 7 of her 10 career titles have come on hard court, most recently 2025 Singapore (d. Li in F)
- Looking to reach her 17th career Tour-level final today, and her first since title run at 2025 's-Hertogenbosch
- Defeated today's opponent Bartunkova on their first encounter at 2026 Australian Open

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DIANE PARRY

FRANCE

ANN (5) LI

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

2002-09-01	Date of Birth	2000-06-26
	Residence	Atlanta, Georgia, USA
Right-Handed (one-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-Handed
5' 7" (1.70m)	Height	5' 7" (1.70m)
47	Career-High Ranking	29
\$4,043,378	Career Prize Money	\$4,108,755
\$798,768	Season Prize Money	\$1,032,358
0 / 0	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 2
19-22 (Round of 16: 2026 ROLAND GARROS)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	14-18 (Round of 16: 2025 US OPEN)
3-0 / 3-1 (Semi-Finalist: 2026)	YTD / Career MONTERREY W-L (best)	2-0 / 5-2 (Semi-Finalist: 2026, 2021)
16-10 / 69-69	YTD / Career W-L	21-21 / 93-84

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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2026	ROLAND GARROS	CLAY	2r	Diane Parry	6-3 6-4	1h 34m
2020	TYLER	HARD	1r	Ann Li	6-3 6-4	0m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
47	-	2026	29	-
53	127	2025	33	38
48	50	2024	93	99
73	105	2023	129	174
58	76	2022	44	140
141	141	2021	47	47
297	305	2020	97	97
311	331	2019	146	148
730	739	2018	290	310
-	-	2017	583	583



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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)

Total time on court: 5h 40m

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 SF for the first time after previously making R16 at Strasbourg 2026 (L. Zhang), Berlin 2026 (L. Noskova) and Strasbourg 2025 (L. Samsonova)
- Contesting the 7th Tour SF of her career; she is yet to reach a final with her SF record of 0-6
- Has beaten Donna Vekic, Oleksandra Oliynykova and Clara Tauson so far this week to reach her second SF of the season after SF finish at Ostrava (L. Korpatsch)
- Faces No.30 Ann Li in SF today; she is 9-5 against Top 50 players this season across all levels including her match wins here over No.36 Vekic, No.46 Oliynykova and No.42 Tauson
- Owns 7-8 career record against players from United States of America, 4-2 this season most recently defeating Dolehide at Cincinnati
- Best career results on hard court are SF showings at 2026 Ostrava, 2024 Osaka, 2022 Granby and now 2026 Monterrey
- 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

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. M. TIMOFEEVA (#92) 0-0 (0m)
1r: d. C. OSORIO (#58) 6-1 6-2 (1h 5m)
QF: d. A. PARKS (#89) 6-2 6-3 (1h 24m)

Total time on court: 2h 29m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 3rd appearance at Monterrey, she is through to the semifinals here for the second time in her career after SF finish 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 10th career Tour-level SF today, and her first on hard court since title run at 2025 Guangzhou (d. Sun in F)
- Has beaten Camila Osorio, Maria Timofeeva and Alycia Parks so far this week to reach her first SF since SF at STRASBOURG 2026
- Faces No.50 Diane Parry in today's SF; has recorded five Top 50 wins this season, most recent win was over No.27 Bouzkova at Strasbourg. Has lost her last five consecutive matches against Top 50 opponents
- Owns 7-2 career record against players from France, 0-1 this season with a loss to Parry at Roland Garros
- Record in WTA SF matches stands at 6-3, looking to reach a seventh career Tour-level final today (all have come on hard court)
- Both her career titles have come on hard court: 2021 Tenerife (d. Osorio in F) and 2025 Guangzhou (d. Sun in F)
- Only player from United States of America to reach SF
- Looking to become the first player from USA to reach the final at Monterrey
- 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



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

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

2022	Result	Rank: 59	Seed: 8
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1rL X. WANG (#90) 6-2 6-1

2021	Result	Rank: 72	Seed: 8
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SFL V. GOLUBIC (#102) 6-2 6-4

QFW S. ZHENG (#52) 7-5 6-1

2rW T. ZIDANSEK (#93) 6-4 6-3

1rW A. RUS (#82) 6-3 7-5

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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 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
109	38	Aces	209	9
58.6%	77	First serve %	59.3%	68
69.8%	11	First Serve points won %	68.2%	17
46.9%	34	Second serve points won %	44.9%	58
60.3%	18	Overall service points won %	58.7%	27
73.9%	16	Service games won %	70.0%	27
58.0%	26	Break points saved %	58.5%	23
33.7%	81	First serve return points won %	35.4%	55
52.4%	80	Second serve return points won %	52.6%	79
40.1%	85	Break points converted %	44.7%	48
29.1%	82	Return games won %	31.0%	71
40.6%	85	Return points won %	41.8%	67

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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

DOUBLES FINALS	SINGLES FINALS
Champion (2) 2023 - LAUSANNE (w/Bondar), MÉRIDA (w/Mcnally)	Champion (2) 2025 - GUANGZHOU 2021 - TENERIFE
Runner-Up (1) 2024 - NOTTINGHAM (w/Dart)	Runner-Up (4) 2025 - CLEVELAND, SINGAPORE 2024 - MÉRIDA 2021 - MELBOURNE 500 GRAMPIANS TROPHY

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



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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 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

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

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ELISE
MERTENS
BELGIUM

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2006-02-25	Date of Birth	1995-11-17
	Residence	Hamont-Achel, Belgium
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (Two-handed backhand)
	Height	5' 10" (1.79m)
38	Career-High Ranking	12
\$1,052,645	Career Prize Money	\$20,184,065
\$846,020	Season Prize Money	\$2,389,102
0 / 0	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 10
4-3 (Round of 32: 2026 WIMBLEDON, AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	82-38 (Semi-Finalist: 2018 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
3-0 / 3-0 (Semi-Finalist: 2026)	YTD / Career MONTERREY W-L (best)	2-0 / 7-2 (Semi-Finalist: 2026, 2023)
18-11 / 22-16	YTD / Career W-L	26-16 / 317-205

NIKOLA
BARTUNKOVA

ELISE
MERTENS

HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2026	BERLIN	GRASS	2r	Nikola Bartunkova	6-1 6-4	1h 30m
2026	AUSTRALIAN OPEN	HARD	3r	Elise Mertens	6-0 6-4	1h 16m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
39	-	2026	19	-
130	130	2025	20	20
226	488	2024	24	34
263	270	2023	26	29
283	283	2022	20	29
751	784	2021	14	21
-	-	2020	17	20
-	-	2019	12	17
-	-	2018	13	13
-	-	2017	35	35



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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)
QF: d. D. VIDMANOVA (#90) 6-4 6-7 6-3 (2h 44m)

Total time on court: 6h 57m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making her main draw debut at Monterrey
- Prior to this week, her best career result at the WTA 500 level is SF at 2025 Guadalajara (l. eventual champion Jovic)
- Contesting her second career Tour-level SF today after SF finish at 2025 Guadalajara
- Looking to reach her maiden Tour-level final
- She is 12-7 so far this season on hard court; with her best result on the surface being this week's run at Monterrey
- Earlier this season she reached 3r on her Grand Slam debut as a qualifier at Australian Open, earning her maiden, and to date only, Top 10 win with a 2r victory over No.10 Bencic
- Faces No.24 Elise Mertens in SF today; owns 8 career wins over Top 50 players, most recently defeated No.30 Tauson at Toronto
- Owns 1-2 career record against players from Belgium, with a win over Mertens at Berlin, and losses to Vandewinkel at s'Hertogenbosch and Mertens at Australian Open
- Only player from Czech Republic to reach SF
- 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

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

Total time on court: 3h 22m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making her 3rd appearance at Monterrey, she is through to the SF here for the second time in her career after SF finish in 2023 (l. Garcia)
- Owns two WTA 500 titles - winning 2021 Melbourne 500 (d. Kanepi in F) and 2019 Doha (d. Halep in F)
- Contesting her first SF of the 2026 season (first since title run at 2025 s'Hertogenbosch), and her first on hard court since title run at 2025 Singapore
- Owns a 14-8 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.38 Nikola Bartunkova in SF today; she is 22-7 so far this season against opponents ranked outside the Top 20, most recent was her win over No.74 Starodubtseva in the previous round here
- Owns 4-4 record this season against players from Czech Republic, most recent was a loss to eventual champion Noskova at Wimbledon. Most recent win was over Bouzkova at Wimbledon
- Looking to reach her 17th career Tour-level final today, and her first since title run at 2025 's-Hertogenbosch
- 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



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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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BARTUNKOVA

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SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- 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)
- 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
132	29	Aces	185	11
52.2%	93	First serve %	58.4%	78
68.2%	18	First Serve points won %	70.6%	9
46.0%	43	Second serve points won %	45.7%	48
57.5%	41	Overall service points won %	60.3%	20
68.6%	37	Service games won %	72.7%	18
55.5%	47	Break points saved %	57.0%	35
34.8%	67	First serve return points won %	36.5%	44
57.4%	17	Second serve return points won %	55.7%	39
45.6%	39	Break points converted %	48.7%	21
33.3%	54	Return games won %	37.1%	30
42.9%	53	Return points won %	44.2%	37



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TITLES

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
3r	1r	3r		2026	4r	2r	QF	
				2025	2r	1r	4r	3r
				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

- Posted a breakthrough performance in 2025 by reaching SF at WTA 500 Guadalajara (l. eventual champion Jovic) which saw her break into the Top 200 for the first time. Made a WTA 125 final for the first time at Samsun and rose to a career-high ranking of No.129 in December
- Played all matches on the ITF circuit in 2024; up to end of 2025 won six ITF singles titles
- Earned first career tour-level match-win at 2023 Cluj-Napoca as a wild card (d. Yastremska, l. Bogdan)
- Made WTA main-draw debut as wild card at 2022 Istanbul (l. Potapova)
- Won 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 Gippstand 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 Pavel Bartunek, Matej Lipták, and Petr Vaníček
- 2023 Junior Wimbledon singles finalist (l. Ngounoue) and 2022 Junior Roland Garros doubles finalist (w/Naef; l. Bejlek/Havlicková)
- 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