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MUBADALA DC OPEN

WASHINGTON DC, UNITED STATES



July 27 - August 2, 2026 | WTA 500 | \$1,637,982

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SEMIFINALS – SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

[1] Jessica Pegula (USA #3) vs. [4] Diana Shnaider (#20)

Pegula leads 3-0

Pegula:

- All three of the previous meetings between Pegula and Shnaider have been won by Pegula, most recently on clay at 2026 Charleston. They've previously met twice on hard court at Toronto and US Open in 2024
- Making her 7th main draw appearance at Washington DC, she is a former champion, having captured her maiden Tour-level title here in 2019 (d. Giorgi in final)
- She has reached the semifinals here for the third time in her career after 2016 (l. Davis) and 2023 (l. Sakkari). Her 2016 run marked the first Tour-level semifinal of her career
- Contesting her sixth Tour-level SF this season (fourth on hard court); after title runs at Dubai and Charleston, R-Up finish at Berlin and SF showings at Australian Open and Brisbane
- Looking to reach a 24th career Tour-level final today (18th on hard court), and a 4th this season after Berlin, Charleston and Dubai
- Seven of her 11 career Tour-level titles have come on hard court: Dubai 2026; Austin 2025; Toronto 2024; Seoul 2023; Montreal 2023; Guadalajara 2022; Washington DC 2019
- She is the No.1 seed this week and has won five of her 11 career titles as the top seed: Charleston 2025 & 2026, Austin 2025, Bad Homburg 2025 and Seoul 2023
- Pegula is 21-4 on hard courts in 2026, with her best result on the surface coming in Dubai, where she captured the title (d. Svitolina in F)
- Has recorded 37 match wins in 2026, tied with Andreeva for most match wins on Tour

Shnaider:

- Making her maiden appearance at Washington DC
- Two of her five career titles have come at the WTA 500 level - winning 2025 Monterrey (d. Alexandrova in F) and 2024 Bad Homburg (d. Vekic in F)
- Contesting her 15th career Tour-level SF today, and a third this season after SF finishes at Roland Garros (l. Chwalinska) and Adelaide (l. eventual champion M. Andreeva)
- Looking to reach her 7th career Tour-level final today, and her first since title run at Monterrey 2025
- Owns a 2-14 career record over Top 10 players, with wins over World No.1 Sabalenka at 2026 Roland Garros and World No.2 Gauff at 2024 Toronto
- Three of her five career titles have come on hard court: 2025 Monterrey (d. Alexandrova in F); 2024 Hong Kong (d. Boulter in F); 2024 Hua Hin (d. Zhu in F)
- Shnaider is 10-7 on hard courts in 2026, prior to this week her best result on the surface this season came at Adelaide, where she reached the semifinals (l. eventual champion Andreeva)
- Defeated World No.1 Aryna Sabalenka in the quarterfinals of this year's Roland Garros to reach her maiden Grand Slam semifinal



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[3] Naomi Osaka (JPN #13) vs. Alexandra Eala (PHI #28)

First meeting

Osaka:

- Making 3rd appearance at Washington, on both previous appearances here in 2025 and 2018 she fell in the 2r
- One of her 7 Tour-level titles has come at the WTA 500 level, winning 2019 Osaka (d. Pavlyuchenkova in F)
- Contesting her 23rd career Tour-level SF today; and her first SF on hard court since SF finish at 2025 US Open (l. Anisimova)
- This is her second SF showing of the season after finishing runner-up at Bad Homburg (d. Wang Xinyu in SF, l. Muchova via ret. in the final)
- Looking to reach a 15th career Tour-level final today, and a 14th on hard court (seeking her first hard court final since 2025 Montreal)
- All seven of her career titles have come on hard court; she is a four-time Grand Slam champion, winning all four titles on hard court at Australian Open in 2021 & 2019, and US Open titles in 2020 & 2018
- Reached World No.1 ranking for the first time on January 28, 2019, and held the top ranking for 25 weeks in her career
- During last year's North American hard court swing, Osaka reached SF at US Open, finished runner-up at Montreal and made 2r at Washington DC

Eala:

- Making her tournament debut at Washington DC
- She is contesting a second WTA 500 semifinal of her career today after SF run at 2026 Berlin (l. eventual champion Noskova)
- Competing in her fifth career Tour-level semifinal after Berlin and Auckland in 2026, and Eastbourne and Miami in 2025
- Looking to reach her second career Tour-level final today after runner-up finish at 2025 Eastbourne (l. Joint in F)
- Eala owns a 6-9 record this season against Top 20 players; all six of her wins have come over Top 10 players
- Prior to this week her best career results on hard court were SF runs at 2026 Auckland (l. Wang Xinyu) and 2025 Miami (l. Pegula)
- Looking to reach her first career Tour-level final on hard court today
- This is the first time a player from the Philippines has contested the Washington DC main draw
- Eala is currently ranked at a new career-high of No.28; this time last year she was ranked No.65



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**JESSICA
PEGULA (1)**
UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA

**DIANA
(4) SHNAIDER 18**

1994-02-24	Date of Birth	2004-04-02
Boca Raton, FL, USA	Residence	
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Left-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 7" (1.70m)	Height	5' 6" (1.70m)
3	Career-High Ranking	11
\$25,333,584	Career Prize Money	\$6,270,289
\$3,465,949	Season Prize Money	\$2,048,137
2 / 11	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 5
66-30 (Runner-Up: 2024 US OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	19-13 (Semi-Finalist: 2026 ROLAND GARROS)
2-0 / 13-5 (Champion: 2019)	YTD / Career WASHINGTON DC W-L (best)	2-0 / 2-0 (Semi-Finalist: 2026)
37-9 / 292-137	YTD / Career W-L	21-15 / 107-72

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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2026	CHARLESTON	CLAY	QF	Jessica Pegula	3-6 6-3 6-2	2h 10m
2024	US OPEN	HARD	4r	Jessica Pegula	6-4 6-2	1h 27m
2024	TORONTO	HARD	SF	Jessica Pegula	6-4 6-3	1h 23m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
3	-	2026	15	-
3	6	2025	11	21
3	7	2024	12	13
3	5	2023	60	60
3	3	2022	182	182
18	18	2021	1054	1065
59	62	2020	-	-
55	76	2019	-	-
124	125	2018	-	-
165	632	2017	-	-



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. M. FRECH (#48) 3-6 6-3 6-0 (1h 53m)
QF: d. A. KALINSKAYA (#20) 6-3 6-5 (1h 15m)

Total time on court: 3h 8m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making her 7th main draw appearance at Washington DC, she is a former champion, having captured her maiden Tour-level title here in 2019 (d. Giorgi in F)
- She has reached the semifinals here for the third time in her career after 2016 (L. Davis) and 2023 (L. Sakkari). Her 2016 run marked the first Tour-level semifinal of her career
- Four of her 11 career titles have come at the WTA 500 level: 2026 Charleston (d. Starodubtseva in F), 2025 Bad Hamburg (d. Swiatek in F), 2025 Charleston (d. Kenin in F) and 2024 Berlin (d. Kalinskaya in F)
- Contesting her sixth Tour-level SF this season (fourth on hard court); after title runs at Dubai and Charleston, R-Up finish at Berlin and SF showings at Australian Open and Brisbane
- Looking to reach a 24th career Tour-level final today (18th on hard court), and a 4th this season after Berlin, Charleston and Dubai
- Faces No.18 Diana Shnaider in SF today; Pegula is 13-6 so far this season against Top 20 players, most recent was a win over No.20 Kalinskaya in the QFs
- Seven of her 11 career Tour-level titles have come on hard court; most recently 2026 Dubai
- She is the No.1 seed this week and has won five of her 11 career titles as the top seed: Charleston 2025 & 2026, Austin 2025, Bad Homburg 2025 and Seoul 2023
- Pegula is one of three players from USA to have won the title here at Washington DC, alongside Gauff (2023) and Stephens (2015)
- Is currently ranked at her career-high of No.3 (first reached in October 2022); this time last year was ranked No.4
- Pegula is 21-4 on hard courts in 2026, with her best result on the surface coming in Dubai, where she captured the title (d. Svitolina in F)
- Has recorded 37 match wins in 2026, tied with Andreeva for most match wins on Tour

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. A. POTAPOVA (#27) 6-1 6-2 (55m)
QF: d. L. SAMSONOVA (#70) 6-3 6-4 (1h 29m)

Total time on court: 2h 24m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making her maiden appearance at Washington DC
- Two of her five career titles have come at the WTA 500 level - winning 2025 Monterrey (d. Alexandrova in F) and 2024 Bad Homburg (d. Vekic in F)
- Contesting her 15th career Tour-level SF today, and a third this season after SF finishes at Roland Garros (L. Chwalinska) and Adelaide (L. eventual champion M.Andreeva)
- Career record in Tour-level SF matches stands at 6-8 (4-6 on hard court)
- Looking to reach her 7th career Tour-level final today, and her first since title run at Monterrey 2025
- Faces No.3 Jessica Pegula in SF today; owns 2-14 career record over Top 10 players, with wins over World No.1 Sabalenka at 2026 Roland Garros and No.2 Gauff at 2024 Toronto
- She's 4-4 so far this season against players from USA; most recent was a win over Keys at Roland Garros
- Three of her five career titles have come on hard court: 2025 Monterrey (d. Alexandrova in F); 2024 Hong Kong (d. Boulter in F); 2024 Hua Hin (d. Zhu in F)
- Is currently ranked No.18; this time last year was ranked No.17. Reached a career-high ranking of No.11 in May 2025
- Shnaider is 10-7 on hard courts in 2026, prior to this week her best result on the surface this season has come at Adelaide, where she reached the semifinals (L. eventual champion Andreeva)
- Defeated World No.1 Aryna Sabalenka in the quarterfinals of this year's Roland Garros to reach her maiden Grand Slam semifinal



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2025	Result	Rank: 4	Seed: 1
2r	L	L. FERNANDEZ (#36) 6-3 1-6 7-5	
2023	Result	Rank: 4	Seed: 1
SF	L	M. SAKKARI (#9) 6-3 4-6 6-2	
QF	W	E. SVITOLINA (#27) 4-6 6-3 6-4	
2r	W	P. STEARNS (#59) 6-3 6-4	
2022	Result	Rank: 7	Seed: 1
2r	L	D. SAVILLE (#88) 7-5 6-4	
1r	W	H. BAPTISTE (#148) 6-2 6-2	
2019	Result	Rank: 79	Seed: -
F	W	C. GIORGI (#62) 6-2 6-2	
SF	W	A. KALINSKAYA (#160) 6-3 3-6 6-1	
QF	W	L. DAVIS (#75) 6-2 7-6(2)	
2r	W	I. SWIATEK (#66) 5-7 6-4 6-1	
1r	W	K. SINIAKOVA (#41) 6-4 6-3	
2016	Result	Rank: 173	Seed: -
SF	L	L. DAVIS (#122) 6-2 6-3	
QF	W	S. STOSUR (#14) 7-6(4) 6-3	
2r	W	C. MCHALE (#63) 7-5 6-2	
1r	W	A. WOZNIAK (#472) 6-2 6-2	

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

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SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Reached QF at Wimbledon (l. Gauff)
 - Finished Runner-Up at Berlin (l. Noskova)
 - Fell 1r at Roland Garros (l. Birrell)
 - Reached QF at Rome (l. Swiatek)
 - Made 3r at Madrid (l. Kostyuk)
 - Won the title at Charleston (d. Starodubtseva in F)
 - Made QF at Miami (l. Rybakina)
 - Reached QF at Indian Wells (l. eventual R-Up Rybakina)
 - Champion run at Dubai (d. Svitolina in F)
 - Reached SF at Australian Open (l. eventual champion Rybakina)
 - Reached SF at Brisbane (l. eventual R-Up Kostyuk)
- Played 2r at Wimbledon (l. Samsonova)
 - Played 1r at Berlin (l. WC Bartunkova) and Bad Homburg (l. Tauson)
 - Reached SF at a Grand Slam for the first time in her career at Roland Garros (l. eventual R-Up Chwalinska)
 - Made 3r at Madrid (l. Bencic) and Rome (l. Osaka)
 - Played 2r at Stuttgart (l. eventual champion Rybakina)
 - Reached QF at Charleston (l. eventual champion Pegula)
 - Made 3r at Miami (l. Bencic)
 - Made 2r at Dubai (l. Jovic) and Indian Wells (l. Cirstea)
 - Fell in 1r at Doha (l. Parks)
 - Played 3r at Australian Open (l. Svitolina)
 - Reached SF at Adelaide (l. eventual champion M.Andreeva)
 - Made 3r at Brisbane (l. Keys)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
204	4	Aces	48	65
62.5%	55	First serve %	65.5%	30
70.5%	9	First Serve points won %	63.2%	53
51.6%	3	Second serve points won %	47.2%	32
63.4%	4	Overall service points won %	57.7%	41
78.5%	6	Service games won %	70.2%	27
60.8%	14	Break points saved %	57.4%	32
38.8%	16	First serve return points won %	37.9%	23
55.7%	40	Second serve return points won %	55.8%	39
41.4%	81	Break points converted %	49.0%	21
37.6%	24	Return games won %	37.1%	32
45.2%	23	Return points won %	44.6%	35



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TITLES

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (11)
2026 - CHARLESTON, DUBAI
2025 - BAD HOMBURG, CHARLESTON, AUSTIN
2024 - TORONTO, BERLIN
2023 - SEOUL, MONTREAL
2022 - GUADALAJARA
2019 - WASHINGTON DC
Runner-Up (12)
2026 - BERLIN
2025 - WUHAN, MIAMI, ADELAIDE
2024 - US OPEN, CINCINNATI
2023 - WTA FINALS, TOKYO, DOHA
2022 - MADRID
2020 - AUCKLAND
2018 - QUEBEC CITY

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (7)
2023 - MIAMI (w/Gauff), DOHA (w/Gauff)
2022 - SAN DIEGO (w/Gauff), TORONTO (w/Gauff),
WASHINGTON DC (w/Routliffe), DOHA (w/Gauff),
MELBOURNE 250 #1 (w/Muhammad)
Runner-Up (5)
2024 - WUHAN (w/Muhammad), SAN DIEGO
(w/Krawczyk)
2023 - ROME (w/Gauff), MADRID (w/Gauff)
2022 - ROLAND GARROS (w/Gauff)

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (5)
2025 - MONTERREY
2024 - HONG KONG 250, BUDAPEST, BAD
HOMBURG, HUA HIN
Runner-Up (1)
2023 - NINGBO

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (3)
2026 - ROME (w/Andreeva)
2025 - MIAMI (w/Andreeva), BRISBANE
(w/Andreeva)
Runner-Up (3)
2026 - MADRID 1000 (w/Andreeva)
2025 - QUEENS (w/Danilina)
2024 - OLYMPICS (w/Andreeva)

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GRAND SLAMS

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



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CAREER MILESTONES

- Won three singles titles in 2025 across all three surfaces - Bad Homburg (grass), Charleston (clay) and Austin (hard); also had runner-up finishes at Wuhan, Miami and Adelaide
- Qualified for the 2025 WTA Finals for a fourth consecutive year and reached the semifinals for the second time after 2023
- In 2024, won two singles titles - Toronto (WTA 1000) and Berlin - en route to year-end ranking of No.7, her third-straight year-end Top 10 finish; two-time runner-up at Cincinnati and US Open; joined Rosie Casals (1970), Evonne Goolagong Cawley (1973) and Serena Williams (2013) as the only women in the Open Era to make the final at the Canadian Open, Cincinnati Open and US Open in the same season
- Also qualified for the 2024 WTA Finals (withdrew during round-robin play due to left knee injury)
- Won two titles in 2023, her second WTA 1000 tournament at Montreal and also WTA 250 Seoul. Also finished R-Up at Doha, Tokyo and at the WTA Finals in Cancun
- In doubles ascended to No.1 ranking (co-ranked with Coco Gauff) after 2023 US Open
- Achieved career-high No.3 in October 2022 after defeating four Grand Slam champions at Guadalajara, en route to ending three-year wait for second WTA title (d. Sakkari in F)
- Qualified for WTA Finals in both singles and doubles (w/Gauff), thus becoming the first Americans to debut in singles and doubles at the season-ending showpiece since Davenport in 1994
- Reached QF at three of the four majors in 2022, breaking into Top 10 after doing so at Roland Garros (June 6, 2022)
- One of seven players to win 40 or more matches in 2022, alongside Swiatek, Jabeur, Garcia, Sakkari, Kasatkina and Bencic
- In 2021, reached the QF or better on seven occasions, including at the Australian Open
- Broke into Top 20 on November 1, 2021
- Began 2020 with runner-up finish at Auckland (l. S.Williams), other standout results were a QF at Western & Southern Open (as qualifier, l. Mertens) and a 3r showing at US Open (l. Kvitova)
- On the doubles court in 2020, reached QFs of Roland Garros (w/Muhammad) and Cincinnati (w/Rogers)
- Won her first WTA title at 2019 Washington DC (d. Giorgi in F)
- Also in 2019, fell in 1r on main draw debut at Roland-Garros (l. eventual champion Barty) and
- Top singles results of 2025 were winning Monterrey title (d. Alexandrova in final) and making Ningbo SF, posting a Top 25 finish for second straight year; in doubles, partnered with M.Andreeva to win two titles (Brisbane and Miami) and qualify for their first WTA Finals
- Won first four titles of career in 2024 across all three surfaces; WTA 500 Bad Homburg and WTA 250s Hua Hin, Budapest and Hong Kong. Made Top 20 debut on August 12 and finished the season at World No.13
- Also in 2024, won the Paris Olympic silver medal in women's doubles with Mirra Andreeva
- Reached 2r on Grand Slam debut at 2023 Australian Open (as qualifier, l. Sakkari in 3s)
- Won WTA 125 title in Montevideo, Uruguay to end 2022 just outside Top 100. Overall win-loss record in 2022 was 56-17; reached four ITF Circuit finals, highlighted by a 15-match, three tournament winning streak, culminating with a W60 title in Istanbul
- Won first ITF Circuit tournament at W15 event in Antalya in late 2021. Made WTA qualifying debut at 2021 Moscow
- Owns four titles in singles and three in doubles on ITF Circuit
- Played first senior matches on ITF Circuit towards end of 2020
- As junior, made SF at Roland Garros in 2021 and US Open in 2022. Also won girls' doubles at three of the four majors and reached No.2 in the ITF rankings

- Wimbledon (I. Buzarnescu) and Miami (as a qualifier, I. Konta)
- Broke into Top 100 for the first time on February 4, 2019 following back-to-back R-Up finishes at WTA 125K Series event at Newport Beach and W100 ITF Circuit tournament in Midland-MI, USA
- Highlights of 2018 included finishing R-Up as a qualifier at Quebec City (I. Parmentier in F), recording SF finish at Houston WTA 125K Series tournament (I. S.Peng) and reaching QF or better at 10 ITF events
- Did not play between January and August 2017 after undergoing hip surgery. Primarily played at ITF Circuit events for the rest of the year, winning two doubles titles with Townsend
- Played a mixture of WTA and ITF Circuit events in 2016 with highlight coming at Washington DC, where she defeated No.14 Stosur for first Top 20 win of career on her way to a SF finish (I. Davis)
- Reached 2r in Grand Slam main draw debut at 2015 US Open (as qualifier, d. Van Uytvanck, I. Cibulkova)
- Sidelined from tennis for a year and a half between 2013 and 2015 due to a right knee injury
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2009 Ponte Vedra Beach and WTA main draw debut at 2012 Indian Wells

OTHER INFORMATION

- Working with the coaching team of Mark Knowles and Mark Merklein
- Recently parted ways with coach David Witt; formerly with Michael Joyce
- Parents are Terrence (works in oil and gas) and Kim (business owner); her parents are principal owners of the Buffalo Bills (NFL), while Terry Pegula also owns hockey team the Buffalo Sabres (NHL)
- Brothers are Michael and Matthew, sisters are Laura and Kelly; also has three pets - Laura played Division I college tennis at the University of Pittsburgh
- Introduced to tennis by family at age 7
- Nickname is JP
- Favorite shot is backhand down the line; favorite tournament is the US Open
- Tennis idol was Martina Hingis
- One word to describe her would be "Determined"
- Owens her own skincare company called 'Ready 24'
- Also enjoys golf, sports, and design
- Married Taylor Gahagen in October 2021
- Passionate about new charity with her husband called A Lending Paw
- Coached by Sascha Bajin
- Started playing tennis in Tolyatti, 40 kilometers from her home and parents in Zhigulevsk
- Studied at North Carolina State where she played college tennis during the 2022-23 season before pursuing her professional tennis career
- Favorite movie is Never Back Down and favorite food is Asian



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**NAOMI
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JAPAN

**ALEXANDRA
EALA**
PHILIPPINES

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1997-10-16	Date of Birth		2005-05-23
Boca Raton, FL, USA	Residence		
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Left-handed (two-handed backhand)	
5' 11" (1.80 m)	Height	5' 9" (1.75m)	
1	Career-High Ranking	28	
\$26,367,552	Career Prize Money	\$2,649,015	
\$1,764,220	Season Prize Money	\$1,297,661	
0 / 7	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 0	
78-28 (Champion: 2021 AUSTRALIAN OPEN; 2020 US OPEN; 2019 AUSTRALIAN OPEN; 2018 US OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	4-6 (Round of 16: 2026 WIMBLEDON)	
2-0 / 4-2 (Semi-Finalist: 2026)	YTD / Career WASHINGTON DC W-L (best)	3-0 / 3-0 (Semi-Finalist: 2026)	
22-8 / 240-127	YTD / Career W-L	26-17 / 41-44	

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RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
13	-	2026	28	-
14	16	2025	50	50
56	59	2024	143	158
41	-	2023	189	205
13	42	2022	214	219
2	13	2021	505	529
3	3	2020	-	-
1	3	2019	-	-
4	5	2018	-	-
44	68	2017	-	-



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. A. KRUEGER (#67) 6-3 3-1 (54m)
QF: d. E. COCCIARETTO (#71) 4-6 6-4 6-3 (2h 11m)

Total time on court: 3h 5m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 3rd appearance at Washington DC, on both previous appearances here she fell in the 2r
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- This is her second SF showing of the season after finishing runner-up at Bad Homburg (d. Wang Xinyu in SF, l. Muchova via ret. in the final)
- Looking to reach a 15th career Tour-level final today, and a 14th on hard court (first hard court final since 2025 Montreal)
- Faces No.28 Alexandra Eala in SF today; owns 8-6 record so far this season against Top 50 players, most recent was a loss to No.9 Muchova at Wimbledon. Most recent win was over World No.1 Sabalenka at Wimbledon
- First career meeting against a player from the Philippines
- All seven of her career titles have come on hard court; she is a four-time Grand Slam champion, winning all four titles on hard court at Australian Open in 2021 & 2019, and US Open titles in 2020 & 2018
- Best result by Japan at Washington DC was runner-up run by Kurumi Nara in 2014
- Is currently ranked No.13; this time last year was ranked No.49
- Reached World No.1 ranking for the first time on January 28, 2019, and held the top ranking for 25 weeks in her career
- During last year's North American hard court swing, reached SF at US Open, finished runner-up at Montreal and made 2r at Washington DC
- She is 7-3 so far this season on hard court; with her previous best finishes on the surface this year being 3r runs at Australian Open and Indian Wells

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. Q. ZHENG (#123) 4-6 6-4 6-1 (2h 26m)
2r: d. L. FERNANDEZ (#34) 6-2 7-6 (1h 53m)
QF: d. E. SVITOLINA (#10) 6-3 6-4 (1h 34m)

Total time on court: 5h 53m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making her main draw debut at Washington DC
- She is contesting a second WTA 500 semifinal of her career after SF run at 2026 Berlin (l. eventual champion Noskova)
- Competing in her fifth career Tour-level semifinal today after Berlin and Auckland in 2026, and Eastbourne and Miami in 2025
- Looking to reach her second career Tour-level final today after runner-up finish at 2025 Eastbourne (l. Joint in F)
- Her win over No.10 Svitolina in the quarterfinals marked her 8th career win over a Top 10 player (sixth Top 10 win this season)
- Faces No.13 Naomi Osaka in SF today; Eala owns a 6-9 record this season against Top 20 players; all six of her wins have come over Top 10 players
- Owns 0-1 career record against players from Japan, with a loss to Sakatsume at 2023 Osaka
- Prior to this week her best career results on hard court were SF runs at 2026 Auckland (l. Wang Xinyu) and 2025 Miami (l. Pegula)
- Looking to reach her first career Tour-level final on hard court today
- This is the first time a player from the Philippines has contested the Washington DC main draw
- Is currently ranked at a new career-high of No.28; this time last year was ranked No.65
- She is 15-7 so far this season on hard court, with her previous best hard court result this year being her SF run at Auckland (l. Wang Xinyu)



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2025	Result	Rank: 51	Seed: -
2r	L	E. RADUCANU (#46) 6-4 6-2	
1r	W	Y. PUTINTSEVA (#43) 6-2 7-5	
2018	Result	Rank: 17	Seed: 3
2r	L	M. LINETTE (#62) 6-2 3-6 6-3	
1r	W	B. PERA (#95) 6-2 7-6(4)	

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

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SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Reached QF at Wimbledon (l. eventual finalist Muchova)
 - Finished R-Up at Bad Homburg (ret. vs. Muchova in F)
 - Reached 4r at Roland Garros (l. Sabalenka), Madrid (l. Sabalenka) and Rome (l. Swiatek)
 - Made 2r at Miami (l. Gibson)
 - Reached 4r at Indian Wells (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)
 - Made 3r at Australian Open (walkover to Inglis)
 - Went 1-1 in singles for Team Japan at United Cup (d. Swan, l. Sakkari)
- Reached 4r at Wimbledon (l. Paolini)
 - Fell 1r at Bad Homburg (l. Mertens)
 - Reached SF at Berlin (l. eventual champion Noskova)
 - Made 2r at London (l. Jovic)
 - Won title at WTA 125 Birmingham (d. Bartunkova in F)
 - Fell 1r at Strasbourg (l. Oliynynkova) and Roland Garros (l. Jovic)
 - Played 3r at Rome (l. Rybakina)
 - Made 2r at Madrid (l. Mertens)
 - Fell in 1r at Stuttgart (l. Fernandez)
 - Played 2r at Linz (l. Ostpenko)
 - Made 4r at Miami (l. Muchova)
 - Reached 4r at Indian Wells (l. Noskova)
 - Reached QF at Dubai (l. Gauff)
 - Played 1r at Doha (l. Valentova)
 - Made QF at Abu Dhabi (l. eventual R-Up Alexandrova)
 - Fell in 1r at Australian Open (l. Parks)
 - Reached SF at Auckland (l. eventual R-Up, X.Wang)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
172	9	Aces	61	56
59.2%	77	First serve %	63.0%	51
71.5%	4	First Serve points won %	62.2%	64
49.6%	10	Second serve points won %	47.1%	33
62.6%	6	Overall service points won %	56.6%	53
77.1%	8	Service games won %	66.1%	51
55.9%	43	Break points saved %	55.1%	51
36.7%	45	First serve return points won %	36.3%	48
55.3%	45	Second serve return points won %	57.3%	25
46.6%	35	Break points converted %	41.5%	80
34.3%	50	Return games won %	36.4%	39
43.3%	50	Return points won %	44.3%	36

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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS	SINGLES FINALS
Champion (7)	Runner-Up (1)
2021 - AUSTRALIAN OPEN	2025 - EASTBOURNE
2020 - US OPEN	
2019 - BEIJING, OSAKA, AUSTRALIAN OPEN	
2018 - US OPEN, INDIAN WELLS	
Runner-Up (7)	
2026 - BAD HOMBURG	
2025 - MONTREAL, AUCKLAND	
2022 - MIAMI	
2020 - CINCINNATI (NYC)	
2018 - TOKYO	
2016 - TOKYO	

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



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CAREER MILESTONES

- In 2025 reached her first WTA final since returning from maternity leave at Auckland. Made her sixth career WTA 1000 final at Montreal and reached semifinals at US Open which saw her back in the Top 20 for the first time since January 2022. Also won WTA 125 title at Saint Malo
- Returned to play in 2024 following maternity leave and reached the QF at Doha and 's-Hertogenbosch, as well as R16 at Rome and Beijing
- Played 2022 Tokyo in September before taking a 15 month break to give birth to daughter Shai in early July 2023
- In 2022 had success at Miami, where she fell to Swiatek in the final, her first final since the 2021 Australian Open. Also reached the semifinals at Melbourne 250 #1 (withdrew before semifinal with Kudermetova w/abdominal injury)
- Won 2021 Australian Open (d. Brady in F) to become first woman since Seles in the early 1990s to win each of her first four Grand Slam finals - became 16th woman to win four or more majors in the Open Era
- At 2020 US Open, came from a set and a break down to Azarenka and win third Grand Slam title of career; also finished R-Up at Western & Southern Open - withdrew w/left hamstring injury before final against Azarenka
- Won second Grand Slam at 2019 Australian Open (d. Kvitova in F); became first Japanese player to reach World No.1 ranking following the tournament
- In addition, won back-to-back titles for first time in her career at Osaka (d. Pavlyuchenkova in F) and Beijing (d. Barty in F); defeated No.1 Barty in Beijing final for second career victory over world No.1 (also beat Halep at 2018 Indian Wells)
- Enjoyed break-out season in 2018, posting a 40-20 record resulting in a No.5 (first Top 10 season), up from No.68 in 2017
- Won the first two titles of her career in 2018, at Indian Wells (d. Kasatkina in F) and debut Grand Slam crown at US Open (d. S.Williams in F)
- En route to the Indian Wells title, defeated five-time major champion Sharapova, and A.Radwanska, Ka.Pliskova and Halep. Only set dropped all fortnight was against Sakkari in R16
- Reached one further final in 2018, at Tokyo [PPO] (l. Ka.Pliskova)
- In reaching R16 at 2018 Australian Open, became youngest Japanese player to reach R16 at a Slam since Sugiyama at 1995 Roland Garros (19y,
- Breakout 2025 season saw her break into the Top 100 after SF run at WTA 1000 Miami; as a wild card she registered back-to-back Top 10 wins over No.5 Keys and No.2 Swiatek. Went on to reach maiden Tour final at Eastbourne and then won her first WTA 125 title Guadalajara. Her year-end ranking was a career high No.50
- Following her Miami 2025 result, she made history by becoming the first player from the Philippines to reach a WTA 1000 semifinal and the first to enter the WTA World Top 100 ranking
- In 2024 made 2r at WTA 1000 Madrid (l. Cirstea) as well as playing main draw at Abu Dhabi, Guadalajara, Wuhan, Guangzhou and Jiujiang. Earned fourth ITF career title at W100 Vitoria-Gasteiz and reached a career high ranking of No.143 in July
- Entered first Grand Slam in 2023 at Australian Open qualifying (l. Doi in Q1). As a qualifier reached main draw at Hua Hin (l. Maria), Osaka (l. Sakatsume), Guangzhou (l. Maria) and Monastir (l. Mertens) taking her ranking into Top 200 for first time
- Claimed first ITF title in 2022 at Chiang Rai \$25K and also played WTA Miami opening main draw match (l. Brengle) and qualifying at Madrid (l. Bondar).
- In 2021 played first Tour level match at Miami qualifying (l. Kuzmova) and reached 2r at Cluj Napoca on clay (l. Sherif).
- Best result of 2021 was reaching QF at Grenoble \$25K
- Began on the ITF circuit in 2020 at the age of 14

- 342d) and the youngest player from Japan to reach R16 in Melbourne since Kimiko Date in 1990 (197, 122d)
- Book-ended 2017 season with QF showings at Auckland and Hong Kong; other highlights included 3r runs at Wimbledon and US Open
 - Scored first Top 5 win of career when she defeated No.5 V.Williams at 2017 Hong Kong. Upset win over defending champion and No.6-ranked Kerber at 2017 US Open marked first career Top 10 win
 - Voted 2016 WTA Newcomer of the Year; highlight was career-first WTA final at Tokyo [PPO] (l. Wozniacki). Also reached QF on three occasions and 3r at Australian Open, Roland Garros and US Open
 - Ranked No.406, made WTA main draw debut at 2014 Stanford. As an alternate, won through qualifying (achieving first WTA qualifying wins), and came from match point down to shock No.19 Stosur in 1r of main draw, before losing to No.18 Petkovic in 2r
 - Made WTA qualifying debut at Quebec City in 2013 (l. Dabrowski)

OTHER INFORMATION

- Working with Tomasz Wiktorowski
- Father is from Haiti, mother is from Japan; older sister is Mari (also played tennis)
- Was born in Osaka, Japan, and moved to USA when she was three years old
- Hobbies include fashion, gaming and photography

- Coached by Joan Bosch
- Started playing tennis aged four
- Competed in the WTA Future Stars event in 2016 and 2017 in Singapore (first time at age 11 and won the Li Na Inspiration Award)
- Made WTA Tour debut at 2021 Miami in qualifying
- Trains at the Rafael Nadal Academy in Mallorca
- Preferred surface is hard
- Parents are Mike and Rizza (who was a professional swimmer who competed at the 1985 Southeast Asian Games); brother is also a budding tennis player
- Enjoys upbeat Spanish music and watching comedy and horror movies
- Loves ice cream, rice and milk tea