

MATCH NOTES

TORAY PAN PACIFIC OPEN TENNIS

TOKYO, JAPAN

October 26–November 1, 2026 | WTA 500 | \$1,206,446

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DAY 4 – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

[Q] Alycia Parks (USA #65) vs. [LL] Kimberly Birrell (AUS #41)

First meeting

Parks:

- Making her tournament debut
- Seeking 4th QF of 2026, having posted QF finishes at Monterrey, Ostrava and Athens (all on hard court)
- Her best career result came on hard court at 2023 Lyon, where she won her first career WTA title (d. Garcia in F)
- Career-best result at a WTA 500 event is SF at 2025 Monterrey (l. eventual champion Shnaider)
- Has won 20 Tour-level matches in 2026, her single-season career-best, improving on her 15-win season at Tour-level in 2025

Birrell:

- Making her main draw debut at this event; she fell in qualifying last year (l. Boulter)
- Fell in qualifying this year as well (l. Kasatkina), but entered main draw as lucky loser following withdrawal of No.2 seed Maja Chwalinska (left thigh injury)
- After 1r bye, she is bidding for her first main draw win since defeating Ito in WTA 1000 Beijing 1r
- Her best career result came last month on hard court, when she won her first WTA title at Seoul (d. Joint in all-Australian F)
- Career-best result at a WTA 500 event is SF at 2026 Adelaide (as WC, l. eventual R-Up Mboko)
- Seeking her 4th Tour-level QF of the year after Seoul title, Adelaide SF and Austin SF (all on hard court)

Leylah Fernandez (CAN #23) vs. [5] Elise Mertens (BEL #14)

Tied 2-2

Fernandez:

- Making 3rd main draw appearance at this event; her best tournament result is QF in 2024 (l. eventual champion Zheng Qinwen)
- Has won 14 of her last 18 matches – a hard court run which includes her 6th career WTA title at Singapore (d. Gibson in F) and last week's final at Ningbo (l. Rybakina in F)
- Her most recent Top 20 win came over today's opponent Mertens at Ningbo last week
- Seeking her 6th QF of the year after Singapore title, Ningbo R-Up, and 3 clay court QF finishes (Stuttgart, Madrid and Strasbourg)
- All of her 6 career Tour-level titles have come on hard court, including 2026 Singapore

Mertens:

- Making 3rd showing at this event; her best tournament result is SF in 2019 (l. eventual champion Osaka)
- She has won two WTA 500 titles in her career, at 2019 Doha (d. Halep in F) and 2021 Gippsland Trophy (d. Kanepi in F)
- 7 of her 10 career WTA titles have come on hard court; her most recent hard court title is 2025 Singapore (d. Ann Li in F)
- Her best tournament finish this year is R-Up showing at WTA 500 Monterrey on hard court (l. Parry in F)
- Has made 4 QFs or better in 2026, including QF at Wimbledon (first Grand Slam QF since 2020 US Open)

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[7] Naomi Osaka (JPN #18) vs. [WC] Mia Pohankova (SVK #144)

First meeting

Osaka:

- Making 7th main draw appearance at this event, and her first tournament appearance since 2022
- She won this title in 2019, which was the sole year the event was held in Osaka (d. Pavlyuchenkova in F)
- Also a 2-time R-Up at this event, in 2016 (l. Wozniacki in F) and 2018 (l. Ka.Pliskova in F) – overall, she holds a 13–4 main draw win-loss record at this event
- Seeking 5th QF of the year and her first since QF finish at WTA 1000 Toronto (l. eventual R-Up Rybakina)
- All of her 7 career Tour-level titles have been on hard court, including her 4 Grand Slam titles (2019 & 2021 Australian Open; 2018 & 2020 US Open)
- Owns a 7–0 career Tour-level record against players from Slovakia – her most recent meeting vs. a player from Slovakia was at 2019 Roland Garros when she defeated A.K.Schmiedlova in 1r

Pohankova:

- Making her tournament debut, as well as her first appearance in a WTA 500-level main draw
- This is her 4th career Tour-level main draw after QF at 2025 Chennai (l. eventual champion Tjen), R16 at 2026 's-Hertogenbosch (l. Linette), and R16 at WTA 1000 Wuhan earlier this month (l. Sakkari)
- Contesting her first career meeting vs. a Top 20 player – her best career win by ranking came over No.24 Tauson at 's-Hertogenbosch earlier this season
- Owns 1–0 career Tour-level record against players from Japan (d. Hibino in her first-ever WTA main draw match at 2025 Chennai)
- Currently ranked a career-high No.144, reached for the first time this week; this time last year was No.659
- Won the Junior Wimbledon singles title last year (d. Pareja in F)

[1] Elena Rybakina (KAZ #1) vs. [Q] Yulia Putintseva (KAZ #67)

Tied 2-2

Rybakina:

- If she wins today's match, Rybakina will secure the year-end World No.1 ranking
- Making 3rd appearance at this event, where her best tournament result is reaching last year's SF (gave walkover vs. Noskova in SF)
- Won her 4th title of the year at WTA 500 Ningbo last week (d. Fernandez in F), now leading all players in Tour-level titles in 2026 (Sabalenka and Andreeva are tied for 2nd place, with 3 Tour-level titles each)
- She has won 53 Tour-level matches this year, leading all players in Tour-level match-wins in 2026
- 9 of her 15 career Tour-level titles have been on hard court, including 2 Grand Slam titles this year at Australian Open and US Open (d. Sabalenka in both finals)
- Lost her first 2 meetings vs. Putintseva, but Rybakina won their last 2 matches including at Miami this year

Putintseva:

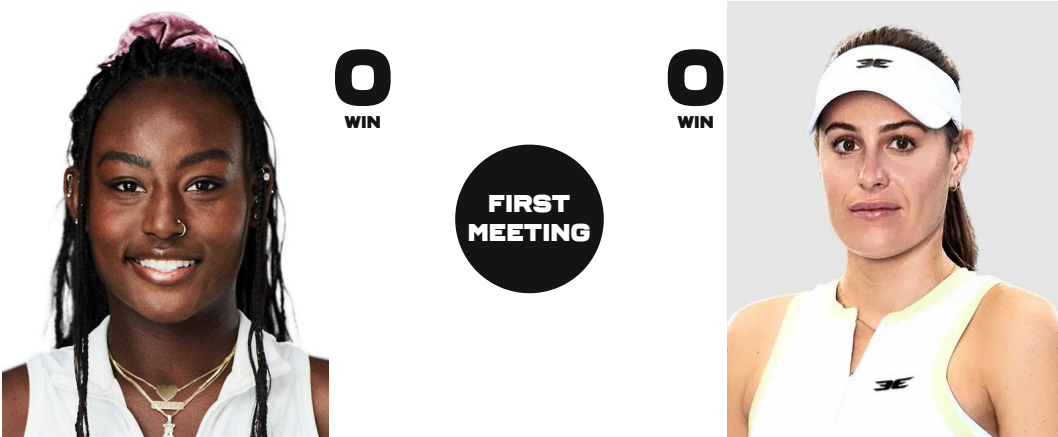
- Making 4th appearance at this event, and her first appearance since her best tournament result in 2019, when she reached QF (l. eventual champion Osaka)
- Owns 13 wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.2 Coco Gauff at 2024 Cincinnati (0–8 vs. Top 10 players since then)
- Holds a 2–8 career record vs. reigning World No.1 players, with wins over No.1 Osaka at 2019 Birmingham and No.1 Swiatek at 2024 Wimbledon – both of her No.1 victories came on grass courts
- Seeking her 2nd Tour-level QF of the year, following QF finish at Iasi on clay (l. eventual champion Sherif)
- Best career result at a WTA 500 event was a R-Up finish at 2017 St. Petersburg (l. Mladenovic in F)

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ALYCIA PARKS (Q)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

KIMBERLY (LL) BIRRELL

41

AUSTRALIA

2000-12-31	Date of Birth	1998-04-29
	Residence	Gold Coast, Australia
Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
6' 1" (1.85m)	Height	5' 7" (1.70m)
40	Career-High Ranking	40
\$3,677,340	Career Prize Money	\$3,233,112
\$1,081,572	Season Prize Money	\$1,095,078
0 / 1	Singles Titles YTD / Career	1 / 1
7-13 (Round of 32: 2024 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	6-16 (Round of 32: 2019 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
1-0 / 1-0 (Round of 16: 2026)	YTD / Career TOKYO W-L (best)	0-0 / 0-0
20-24 / 57-85	YTD / Career W-L	18-20 / 55-65

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PARKS (Q)

KIMBERLY
(LL) BIRRELL

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
63	-	2026	40	-
46	67	2025	60	95
46	112	2024	110	115
40	47	2023	100	113
117	118	2022	167	167
233	237	2021	692	734
360	364	2020	242	735
410	410	2019	154	245
961	984	2018	259	285
1208	1208	2017	351	356



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. X. WANG (#39) 6-1 7-6 (1h 33m)

Total time on court: 1h 33m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making her tournament debut
- Qualified for main draw with wins over Shibahara and Watson, then defeated Wang Xinyu in 1r of main draw
- Faces No.41 Kimberly Birrell in 2r today; Parks owns 22 wins in career over Top 50 players, most recently No.39 Wang Xinyu in previous round
- Most recent meeting vs. an Australian was a loss to Preston in 2026 US Open 1r
- Seeking her 4th QF of the year, having posted QF finishes at Monterrey, Ostrava and Athens (all on hard court)
- Career-best result at a WTA 500 event is SF at 2025 Monterrey (l. eventual champion Shnaider)
- Best career result on hard court came at 2023 Lyon, where she won her first career WTA title (d. Garcia in F)
- 1 of 2 players from USA in the main draw and the only one to make 2r (Li lost to Alexandrova in 1r)
- Most recent American to win this title is Lindsay Davenport in 2004 (d. Magdalena Maleeva in F to win this title for the 4th time)
- Is currently ranked No.65; this time last year was ranked No.65. Reached career-high ranking of No.40 in August 2023
- Has won 20 Tour-level matches in 2026, her single-season career-best, improving on her 15-win season in 2025

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making main draw debut at this event; she fell in qualifying last year (l. Boulter)
- Fell in qualifying this year as well (l. Kasatkina), but entered main draw as lucky loser following withdrawal of No.2 seed Maja Chwalinska (left thigh injury)
- After 1r bye, faces No.65 Alycia Parks in 2r today; Birrell is seeking her first main draw win since defeating Ito in WTA 1000 Beijing 1r
- Owns 7-13 career Tour-level record against players from USA (3-5 in 2026)
- Her best career result came last month on hard court, when she won her first WTA title at Seoul (d. Joint in all-Australian F)
- Career-best result at a WTA 500 event is SF at 2026 Adelaide (as WC, l. eventual R-Up Mboko)
- Seeking her 4th Tour-level QF of the year after Seoul title, Adelaide SF and Austin SF (all on hard court)
- One of 3 players from Australia contesting R16 matches this week (also Joint and Gibson)
- Best tournament result by a player representing Australia during this century was Stosur's SF finish in 2012 (l. eventual champion Petrova)
- Is currently ranked No.41; this time last year was ranked No.117. Reached career-high ranking of No.40 earlier this month



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles
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SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Fell 1r at Ningbo (as LL, l. Bejlek)
 - Played 1r at Beijing (l. Zhu Lin)
 - Made 2r at Guadalajara (l. Bejlek)
 - Fell 1r at US Open (l. Preston)
 - Reached QF at Monterrey (l. Li)
 - 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)
 - Reached 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)
- Fell 1r at Wuhan (l. Volynets)
 - Reached 2r at Beijing (l. Bouzkova)
 - Won first career title at Seoul (d. Joint in F)
 - Played 2r at US Open (l. Alexandrova)
 - Played 1r at Memphis (l. qualifier Ma), Toronto (l. Golubic), Cincinnati (l. Rakhimova) and Monterrey (l. Vidmanova)
 - Made 2r at Wimbledon (l. Cirstea)
 - Reached 2r at Eastbourne (as qualifier, l. Marcinko)
 - Played 1r at Nottingham (as LL, l. Li) and 's-Hertogenbosch (l. Linette)
 - Made 2r at Roland Garros (d. No.5 Pegula in 1r for first Top 5 win; l. Oliynykova)
 - Fell in 1r at Madrid (l. Udvardy) and Miami (as qualifier, l. Li)
 - Made 2r at Indian Wells (l. Mboko)
 - Reached SF at Austin (l. eventual champion Stearns)
 - Made 2r at Dubai (as qualifier, l. Rybakina)
 - Fell in 1r at Australian Open (l. Inglis)
 - Reached SF at Adelaide (as WC, l. eventual R-Up Mboko)
 - Made 2r at Brisbane (as WC, l. Anisimova)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
262	7	Aces	69	62
53.3%	88	First serve %	63.6%	33
69.1%	12	First Serve points won %	62.6%	61
43.1%	74	Second serve points won %	42.5%	78
56.9%	49	Overall service points won %	55.3%	70
67.1%	46	Service games won %	62.4%	69
56.6%	37	Break points saved %	51.1%	78
32.5%	83	First serve return points won %	36.7%	39
52.9%	74	Second serve return points won %	53.3%	69
40.7%	81	Break points converted %	50.3%	5
27.0%	85	Return games won %	36.0%	38
39.9%	86	Return points won %	43.1%	51

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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

<div>SINGLES FINALS</div> <div>Champion (1)</div> <div>2023 - LYON</div>	<div>SINGLES FINALS</div> <div>Champion (1)</div> <div>2026 - SEOUL</div>
<div>DOUBLES FINALS</div> <div>Champion (2)</div> <div>2023 - CINCINNATI (w/Townsend)</div> <div>2022 - OSTRAVA (w/Mcnally)</div>	<div>Runner-Up (2)</div> <div>2025 - CHENNAI</div> <div>2024 - OSAKA</div>
<div>Runner-Up (1)</div> <div>2023 - BIRMINGHAM (w/Hunter)</div>	<div>DOUBLES FINALS</div> <div>Runner-Up (2)</div> <div>2023 - MONTERREY (w/Contreras)</div> <div>2016 - HOBART (w/Wolfe)</div>

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



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

OTHER INFORMATION

- Has been coached by her father Michael Parks since childhood
- Born in Atlanta, Georgia
- Coached by Nicole Pratt and Chris Mahony
- Mother is Ros; brother is Cade
- Started playing at age 4; baseliner whose favorite shot is forehand; favorite surface is

- 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

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



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**LEYLAH
FERNANDEZ**
CANADA

**ELISE
(5) MERTENS**
BELGIUM

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2002-09-06	Date of Birth	1995-11-17
Boynton Beach, Florida, USA	Residence	Hamont-Achel, Belgium
Left-Handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (Two-handed backhand)
5' 6" (1.68m)	Height	5' 10" (1.79m)
13	Career-High Ranking	12
\$9,162,555	Career Prize Money	\$21,186,310
\$1,804,416	Season Prize Money	\$3,391,347
1 / 6	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 10
29-26 (Runner-Up: 2021 US OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	84-39 (Semi-Finalist: 2018 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
1-0 / 4-2 (Quarter-Finalist: 2024)	YTD / Career TOKYO W-L (best)	1-0 / 5-2 (Semi-Finalist: 2019)
29-25 / 166-130	YTD / Career W-L	34-22 / 325-211

LEYLAH FERNANDEZ

ELISE MERTENS

HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2026	NINGBO	HARD	1r	Leylah Fernandez	2-6 6-3 7-5	2h 49m
2025	DUBAI	HARD	1r	Elise Mertens	6-2 6-2	1h 25m
2023	GUADALAJARA	HARD	2r	Leylah Fernandez	6-3 6-4	1h 34m
2021	AUSTRALIAN OPEN	HARD	1r	Elise Mertens	6-1 6-3	1h 26m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
22	-	2026	14	-
22	22	2025	20	20
23	31	2024	24	34
32	35	2023	26	29
13	40	2022	20	29
24	24	2021	14	21
88	88	2020	17	20
209	209	2019	12	17
451	487	2018	13	13
727	728	2017	35	35



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**ELISE
MERTENS**

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1r: d. H. SAKATSUME (#114) 6-2 6-4 (1h 33m)

Total time on court: 1h 33m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 3rd main draw appearance at this event; her best tournament result is QF in 2024 (l. eventual champion Zheng Qinwen)
- Defeated Himeno Sakatsume in 1r this week to post her 14th win in her last 18 matches - a hard court run which includes her 6th career WTA title at Singapore (d. Gibson in F) and last week's final at Ningbo (l. Rybakina in F)
- Faces No.14 Elise Mertens in 2r today; Fernandez owns 24 Tour-level wins in career over Top 20 players, most recently today's opponent, No.15 Elise Mertens at Ningbo last week
- Owns 3-3 career Tour-level record against players from Belgium (1-0 in 2026: d. Mertens last week)
- Seeking her 6th QF of the year after Singapore title, Ningbo R-Up, and 3 clay court QF finishes (Stuttgart, Madrid and Strasbourg)
- All of her 6 career Tour-level titles have come on hard court, including 2026 Singapore
- Two of her titles have been at WTA 500-level, at 2025 Washington DC (d. Kalinskaya in F) and Singapore last month
- Only player from Canada in this week's main draw
- Is currently ranked No.23; this time last year was ranked No.22. Reached career-high ranking of No.13 in August 2022
- Seeking her 30th Tour-level win of the year

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. M. UCHIJIMA (#121) 6-4 6-2 (1h 18m)

Total time on court: 1h 18m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 3rd appearance at this event, where her best tournament result is SF in 2019 (l. eventual champion Osaka)
- Defeated Moyuka Uchijima in 1r this week, posting her first match-win since SF run at WTA 1000 Beijing earlier this month (l. eventual champion Zheng Qinwen)
- Faces No.23 Leylah Fernandez in 2r today; Mertens owns 45 Tour-level wins in career over Top 25 players, most recently No.9 Swiatek in 2026 Beijing QF
- Owns 8-4 career Tour-level record against players from Canada (2-1 in 2026, losing to Fernandez at Ningbo last week, but defeating Mboko at United Cup and Andreescu at 's-Hertogenbosch)
- Her best tournament finish this year is R-Up showing at WTA 500 Monterrey on hard court (l. Parry in F)
- She has won two WTA 500 titles in her career, at 2019 Doha (d. Halep in F) and 2021 Gippsland Trophy (d. Kanepi in F)
- 7 of her 10 career WTA titles have come on hard court; her most recent hard court title is 2025 Singapore (d. Ann Li in F)
- Only player from Belgium in this week's main draw
- Is currently ranked No.14; this time last year was ranked No.20. Reached career-high ranking of No.12 in November 2018

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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2025	Result	Rank: 22	Seed: -
2r	L	E. RYBAKINA (#7)	6-4 6-3
1r	W	M. SAKKARI (#54)	7-6(5) 6-4
2024	Result	Rank: 35	Seed: 8
QF	L	Q. ZHENG (#7)	6-0 1-6 6-3
2r	W	V. GRACHEVA (#68)	6-0 3-6 7-5
1r	W	A. SASNOVICH (#143)	5-7 6-2 5-2

2022	Result	Rank: 44	Seed: -
2r	L	C. LIU (#84)	6-4 6-1
1r	W	Q. WANG (#92)	6-0 6-3
2019	Result	Rank: 24	Seed: 9
SF	L	N. OSAKA (#4)	6-4 6-1
QF	W	C. GIORGI (#54)	6-4 6-3
2r	W	S. HSIEH (#33)	6-3 1-6 6-2
1r	W	W. OSUIGWE (#115)	6-3 6-1



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SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Reached the final at Ningbo (l. Rybakina)
- Made 3r at Wuhan (l. Ostapenko)
- Contested 2r at Beijing (after 1r bye, l. Rakhimova)
- Won the title at Singapore (d. Gibson in F)
- Reached 3r at US Open (l. Pegula)
- Played 2r at Cincinnati (l. Wang Xiyu)
- Reached 4r at Toronto (l. Osaka)
- Made 2r at Washington DC (l. Eala)
- Played 1r at Wimbledon (l. Tjen)
- Made 2r at Bad Homburg (l. Wang Xinyu)
- Played 1r at London (l. Boulter) and Nottingham (l. qualifier Sonmez)
- Fell 1r at Roland Garros (l. Parks)
- Reached QF at Strasbourg (l. Mboko)
- Fell 2r at Rome (l. Masarova)
- Made QF at Madrid (l. M.Andreeva)
- Reached QF at Stuttgart (l. eventual champion Rybakina)
- Made 3r at Charleston (l. Shnaider)
- Reached 3r at Miami (l. Pegula)
- Played 2r at Indian Wells (l. Siniakova)
- Made 2r at Dubai (l. Tjen)
- Fell in 1r at Doha (l. Li)
- Made 2r at Abu Dhabi (l. Kessler)
- Played 1r at Adelaide (l. Shnaider) and Australian Open (l. Tjen)
- Made 2r at Brisbane (l. Yastremska)

- Played 1r at Ningbo (l. eventual R-Up Fernandez)
- Fell 1r at Wuhan (l. Snigur)
- Made SF at Beijing (l. eventual champion Zheng)
- Reached QF at Singapore (l. Chwalinska)
- Reached 3r at US Open (l. Osaka)
- Finished R-Up at Monterrey (l. Parry in F)
- 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
143	33	Aces	242	10
62.6%	41	First serve %	59.1%	66
65.6%	41	First Serve points won %	70.4%	8
47.1%	29	Second serve points won %	45.9%	43
58.7%	27	Overall service points won %	60.4%	18
71.2%	25	Service games won %	72.4%	19
63.0%	4	Break points saved %	56.1%	40
35.3%	62	First serve return points won %	36.1%	48
53.2%	70	Second serve return points won %	56.0%	28
45.6%	35	Break points converted %	46.6%	25
33.3%	56	Return games won %	35.9%	39
42.3%	61	Return points won %	44.0%	38



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TITLES

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (6)

2026 - SINGAPORE
2025 - OSAKA, WASHINGTON DC
2023 - HONG KONG
2022 - MONTERREY
2021 - MONTERREY

Runner-Up (4)

2026 - NINGBO
2024 - EASTBOURNE
2021 - US OPEN
2020 - ACAPULCO

DOUBLES FINALS

Runner-Up (5)

2026 - QUEENS (w/Siegemund)
2024 - CINCINNATI (w/Putintseva)
2023 - ROLAND GARROS (w/Townsend), MIAMI
(w/Townsend), AUCKLAND (w/Mattek-sands)

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 (7)

2026 - MONTERREY
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)

Runner-Up (14)

2025 - ROME (w/Kudermetova), MADRID
(w/Kudermetova)
2023 - WIMBLEDON (w/Hunter)
2022 - WIMBLEDON (w/Zhang), BIRMINGHAM
(w/Zhang), 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH (w/Kudermetova),
MIAMI (w/Kudermetova), DOHA (w/Kudermetova)
2021 - WTA FINALS (w/Hsieh)
2019 - WUHAN (w/Sabalenka)

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ELISE MERTENS

GRAND SLAMS

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

- In 2025, won multiple Tour titles in a calendar year for the first time, finishing as champion at WTA 250 Osaka and WTA 500 Washington DC (her first title above WTA 250 level); also partnered Venus Williams to make US Open doubles QF as a wild card team
- 2024 season highlights were reaching first final on grass finishing R-Up at Eastbourne (l. Kasatkina) and as part of title defense made SF at Hong Kong. Also reached final of Cincinnati in doubles w/Putintseva
- In 2023, earned third career title at Hong Kong (d. Siniakova); prevented from a consecutive title run by Siniakova who defeated her in Nanchang SF. Also defeated Paolini at Billie Jean King Cup Finals to lift title with Canada
- Broke into the Top 20 in doubles in 2023, after reaching final at Roland Garros, Miami (both w/Townsend) and Auckland (w/Mattek-Sands) as well as QF at US Open (w/Townsend)
- In 2022 won her second title at Monterrey (d. Osorio in F; saved 5MP), and reached the QF at Roland Garros (l. Trevisan); missed grass-court season due to grade three stress fracture in her right foot suffered during match vs. Trevisan in Paris
- Enjoyed a memorable 2021 campaign, lifting first career title in Monterrey and advancing to maiden Grand Slam final, at US Open (l. Raducanu)
- En route to the final at Flushing Meadows in 2021, upset defending champion and No. 3 Osaka in 3r, 2016 winner Kerber in R16, No.5 Svitolina in QF and No. 2 Sabalenka in SF, becoming the youngest woman to beat multiple Top-5 opponents at the same major since S. Williams at 1999 US Open
- Breakout year in 2020 saw her crack Top 100 for the first time on September 14 and finish campaign by reaching 3r at Roland Garros. Earned first career Grand Slam win at 2020 US Open (d. Zvonareva, l. Kenin in 2r) and made Grand Slam debut at 2020 Australian Open as qualifier (l. Davis in 1r)
- Reached first career WTA final and notched first tour-level back-to-back wins at 2020 Acapulco as qualifier (l. Watson in F); at 17y, 177d, she was the youngest Canadian to reach a WTA singles final in 34 years (since Helen Kelesi at 1986 Tokyo [Japan Open] won at 16y, 338d)
- Owns one singles title and two doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Won 2019 Roland Garros junior singles title (d. Navarro) becoming first Canadian to win a junior
- 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

- Grand Slam since Bouchard in 2012
- Played first WTA main draw and earned first main draw win of career at 2018 Quebec City defeating countrywoman Dabrowski in 1r (l. Watson in 2r)
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in USA in 2016

- (w/Sabalenka), lifting the back-to-back titles at Indian Wells (d. Krejčíková/Siniaková) and Miami (d. Stosur/Zhang), and qualified for Shiseido WTA Finals Shenzhen (went 1-2 in RR)
- Advanced to first Grand Slam SF of career at 2018 Australian Open (l. eventual champion Wozniacki)
- During 2018, lifted titles at Hobart, Rabat and Lugano, finishing with 46 main draw match wins across the campaign - only Ka.Pliskova (49) and Kvitová (47) registered more. By contrast, prior to 2018 season owned only 36 wins at this level across entire career
- In doubles in 2018, won four titles and reached QF at WTA Finals (w/Schuurs)
- Finished 2017 season at No.35, up from No.120 in 2016 - first Top 50 and Top 100 year-end finish. Season highlighted by first career singles title at Hobart (as a qualifier, d. Niculescu in F)
- Registered first Top 10 win of career over No.10 Cibulková in 1r at 2017 Beijing
- Made WTA singles main draw debut at 2016 's-Hertogenbosch - made QF (as qualifier, l. Mladenovic)
- Won first WTA title of any kind in doubles at 2016 Auckland (w/Mestach)
- Played first Tour-level event of career at 2015 Antwerp (fell in qualifying)
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in Belgium in 2010; owns 11 singles and 14 doubles titles on ITF Circuit

OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Jorge Fernandez
- Born in Montréal, and resides and trains in Miami, FL with mother, Irene, father, Jorge and younger sister, Bianca Jolie who also plays tennis. Older sister, Jodeci and husband Jacques live in Ohio
- Current sponsors are: lululemon, Easy Post, Morgan Stanley, Google Canada, Gatorade Canada, Babolat and Youth Athletes United
- Trilingual: French, Spanish and English
- Hobbies include: taking dancing lessons, currently learning Salsa with her younger sister; loves to solve puzzles and Rubik's Cubes during match rain delays or in her free time at the hotel
- Loves dessert but specifically enjoys molten lava chocolate cake

- 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

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FIRST MEETING

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NAOMI
OSAKA (7)
JAPAN

MIA

(WC) POHANKOVA
SLOVAKIA

144

1997-10-16	Date of Birth	2008-10-21
Boca Raton, FL, USA	Residence	Levice, Slovakia
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-Handed
5' 11" (1.80 m)	Height	
1	Career-High Ranking	144
\$27,198,526	Career Prize Money	\$153,308
\$2,595,194	Season Prize Money	\$125,348
0 / 7	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 0
81-29 (Champion: 2021 AUSTRALIAN OPEN; 2020 US OPEN; 2019 AUSTRALIAN OPEN; 2018 US OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	0-0
1-0 / 13-4 (Champion: 2019)	YTD / Career TOKYO W-L (best)	1-0 / 1-0 (Round of 16: 2026)
31-12 / 249-131	YTD / Career W-L	4-2 / 6-3

NAOMI
OSAKA

(WC) POHANKOVA

MIA

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
13	-	2026	144	-
14	16	2025	394	462
56	59	2024	512	577
41	-	2023	948	948
13	42	2022	-	-
2	13	2021	-	-
3	3	2020	-	-
1	3	2019	-	-
4	5	2018	-	-
44	68	2017	-	-



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. J. PAOLINI (#35) 6-3 7-6 (1h 37m)

Total time on court: 1h 37m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 7th main draw appearance at this event, and her first tournament appearance since 2022
- She won this title in 2019 (d. Pavlyuchenkova in F), and finished R-Up in 2016 (l. Wozniacki in F) and 2018 (l. Ka.Pliskova in F)
- Holds a 13-4 main draw win-loss record at this event
- Defeated Jasmine Paolini in 1r this week for her first match-win since R16 finish at WTA 1000 Beijing (l. Muchova in 3rd-set TB)
- Faces No.144 Mia Pohankova in 2r today; Osaka is 4-0 this year vs. players ranked outside the Top 100 (walkover vs. Inglis at Australian Open does not count as a loss)
- Owns 7-0 career Tour-level record against players from Slovakia; her most recent meeting vs. a player from Slovakia was at 2019 Roland Garros when she defeated A.K. Schmiedlova in 1r
- Seeking her 5th QF of the year and her first since QF finish at WTA 1000 Toronto (l. eventual R-Up Rybakina)
- All of her 7 career WTA Tour-level titles have been on hard court, including her 4 Grand Slam titles (2019 & 2021 Australian Open; 2018 & 2020 US Open)
- Her career-best WTA 500 performance is winning this title in 2019; she is also the most recent player from Japan to win this event
- 1 of 3 players from Japan in the main draw and the only one to reach 2r (wild cards Sakatsume and Uchijima each lost 1r)
- Is currently ranked No.18; this time last year was ranked No.16
- Reached World No.1 ranking for the first time on January 28, 2019, and held the top ranking for a total of 25 weeks

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. T. VALENTOVA (#87) 6-1 6-4 (1h 10m)

Total time on court: 1h 10m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making her tournament debut
- Defeated Tereza Valentova in 1r this week for her 4th Tour-level win of the year, and 6th Tour-level win overall
- This is her 4th career Tour-level main draw after QF at 2025 Chennai (l. eventual champion Tjen), R16 at 2026 's-Hertogenbosch (l. Linette), and R16 at WTA 1000 Wuhan earlier this month (l. Sakkari)
- Making her first appearance in a WTA 500-level main draw
- Faces No.18 Naomi Osaka in 2r today; this is her first career meeting vs. a Top 20 player
- Her best career win by ranking came over No.24 Tauson at 's-Hertogenbosch earlier this season
- Owns 1-0 career Tour-level record against players from Japan (d. Hibino in her first-ever WTA main draw match at 2025 Chennai)
- Seeking her 2nd career Tour-level QF after her QF finish at 2025 Chennai
- Only player from Slovakia in this week's main draw
- Before this year, the last time a player from Slovakia reached R16 at this event was Dominika Cibulkova in 2018
- Reached her maiden career WTA 125 semifinals last month at Caldas Da Rainha 125 (l. Knutson) and Porto 125 (l. Timofeeva)
- Is currently ranked a career-high No.144 (reached for the first time this week); this time last year was ranked No.659
- Celebrated her 18th birthday last week (Oct. 21)



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2022	Result	Rank: 48	Seed: -
1r	W	D. SAVILLE (#55) 1-0	

2019	Result	Rank: 4	Seed: 1
F	W	A. PAVLYUCHENKOVA (#41) 6-2 6-3	
SF	W	E. MERTENS (#24) 6-4 6-1	
QF	W	Y. PUTINTSEVA (#36) 6-4 6-4	
2r	W	V. TOMOVA (#181) 7-5 6-3	

2018	Result	Rank: 7	Seed: 3
F	L	K. PLISKOVA (#8) 6-4 6-4	
SF	W	C. GIORGI (#37) 6-2 6-3	
QF	W	B. STRYCOVA (#25) 6-3 6-4	
2r	W	D. CIBULKOVA (#30) 6-2 6-1	

2017	Result	Rank: 44	Seed: -
1r	L	A. KERBER (#14) 6-3 6-4	

2016	Result	Rank: 66	Seed: -
F	L	C. WOZNIACKI (#28) 7-5 6-3	
SF	W	E. SVITOLINA (#20) 1-6 6-3 6-2	
QF	W	A. SASNOVICH (#107) 6-3 7-6(6)	
2r	W	D. CIBULKOVA (#12) 6-2 6-1	
1r	W	M. DOI (#34) 6-4 6-4	

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

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SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Reached R16 at Beijing (l. Muchova)
 - Made R16 at US Open (l. eventual champion Rybakina)
 - Made QF at Toronto (l. Rybakina)
 - Reached SF at Washington DC (l. Eala)
 - 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)
- Made 3r at Wuhan (as WC, l. Sakkari)
 - Reached 2r at 's-Hertogenbosch (as WC, l. Linette)
 - Won 2nd career World Tennis (formerly ITF) title at W75 Leszno

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
257	8	Aces	30	113
59.1%	65	First serve %	54.9%	0
72.0%	4	First Serve points won %	69.9%	0
49.1%	11	Second serve points won %	51.7%	0
62.6%	6	Overall service points won %	61.7%	0
77.5%	5	Service games won %	76.3%	0
61.2%	10	Break points saved %	62.2%	0
36.2%	47	First serve return points won %	36.3%	0
53.6%	64	Second serve return points won %	50.0%	0
46.1%	32	Break points converted %	64.3%	0
32.7%	59	Return games won %	31.0%	0
42.7%	57	Return points won %	41.8%	0

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OSAKA

(WC) POHANKOVA

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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (7)
2021 - AUSTRALIAN OPEN
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	4r	2026				
3r	1r	3r	SF	2025				
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,
- In 2025, made Tour-level main draw debut at Chennai and reached QF (l. eventual champion Tjen)
- Won the Junior Wimbledon singles title in 2025 (d. Pareja in final)
- During 2024, won first World Tennis (formerly ITF) title at W75 Bratislava

- 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 Robert Gasparez
- Currently trains in Bratislava, Slovakia
- Hobbies include basketball, golf and walking her dog
- Tennis idols growing up were Roger Federer and Caroline Wozniacki

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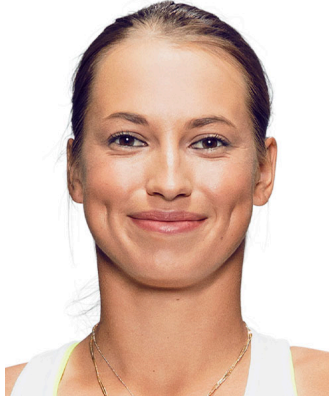
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ELENA RYBAKINA (1)

KAZAKHSTAN

YULIA PUTINTSEVA (Q)

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KAZAKHSTAN

1999-06-17	Date of Birth	1995-01-07
	Residence	
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
6' 0" (1.84m)	Height	5' 4" (1.63m)
1	Career-High Ranking	20
\$35,539,662	Career Prize Money	\$10,655,960
\$11,100,945	Season Prize Money	\$1,091,644
4 / 15	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 3
76-24 (Champion: 2026 US OPEN, AUSTRALIAN OPEN; 2022 WIMBLEDON)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	57-51 (Quarter-Finalist: 2020 US OPEN; 2018 ROLAND GARROS; 2016 FRENCH OPEN)
0-0 / 2-1 (Semi-Finalist: 2025)	YTD / Career TOKYO W-L (best)	1-0 / 4-3 (Quarter-Finalist: 2019)
53-14 / 320-124	YTD / Career W-L	16-18 / 269-267

ELENA
RYBAKINA

YULIA
(Q) PUTINTSEVA

HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2026	MIAMI	HARD	2r	Elena Rybakina	6-3 6-3	1h 17m
2024	MADRID	CLAY	QF	Elena Rybakina	4-6 7-6(4) 7-5	2h 48m
2021	INDIAN WELLS	HARD	2r	Yulia Putintseva	6-2 7-6(5)	1h 59m
2020	ROME	CLAY	3r	Yulia Putintseva	4-6 7-6(3) 6-2	2h 40m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
1	-	2026	66	-
5	5	2025	20	73
3	6	2024	28	29
3	4	2023	40	69
12	22	2022	32	51
14	14	2021	28	42
17	19	2020	27	28
37	37	2019	28	34
182	191	2018	45	45
420	425	2017	27	53



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 3rd appearance at this event, where her best tournament result is reaching last year's SF (gave walkover vs. Noskova in SF)
- After 1r bye, faces No.67 Yulia Putintseva in 2r today; Rybakina is 22-5 this year vs. players ranked outside the Top 50
- Owns 3-2 career Tour-level record against her fellow players from Kazakhstan (1-0 this year: d. today's opponent Putintseva at Miami)
- She has won 53 Tour-level matches this year, leading all players in 2026 (Andreeva and Pegula are tied for 2nd place, with 50 Tour-level wins each)
- Won her 4th title of the year last week at WTA 500 Ningbo (d. Fernandez in F), leading all players in Tour-level titles in 2026 (Sabalenka and Andreeva are tied for 2nd place, with 3 Tour-level titles each)
- 9 of her 15 career Tour-level titles have been on hard court, including 2 Grand Slam titles this year at Australian Open and US Open (d. Sabalenka in both finals)
- 7 of her titles have come at WTA 500-level, including 2 this year at Stuttgart during the clay swing (d. Muchova in F) and Ningbo last week
- Best result by Kazakhstan at this event was Rybakina's SF finish last year
- Is currently ranked World No.1, which she reached for the first time on September 14, 2026, following her US Open title; this time last year was ranked No.6
- This year's Tour leader in total aces (432 entering today's match)
- If she wins today's match, Rybakina will secure the year-end World No.1 ranking

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. M. SAKKARI (#30) 6-4 3-6 6-1 (2h 26m)

Total time on court: 2h 26m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 4th appearance at this event, and her first appearance since her best tournament result in 2019, when she reached QF (l. eventual champion Osaka)
- Qualified for main draw with wins over Kinoshita and Ishii, then defeated Maria Sakkari in 1r of main draw
- Faces World No.1 Elena Rybakina in 2r today; Putintseva owns 13 wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.2 Coco Gauff at 2024 Cincinnati (0-8 vs. Top 10 players since then)
- Holds a 2-8 career record vs. reigning World No.1 players, with wins over No.1 Osaka at 2019 Birmingham and No.1 Swiatek at 2024 Wimbledon - both of her No.1 victories came on grass
- Owns 3-3 career Tour-level record against her fellow players from Kazakhstan (0-1 in 2026: l. today's opponent Rybakina at Miami)
- Seeking her 2nd Tour-level QF of the year, following QF finish at Iasi on clay (l. eventual champion Sherif)
- Best result at a WTA 500 event was a R-Up finish at St. Petersburg 2017 (l. Mladenovic in F)
- Best career Tour-level result on hard court is R-Up on 3 occasions: 2021 Nur-Sultan (l. Van Uytvanck in F), 2018 Guangzhou (l. Wang Qiang in F) and 2017 St.Petersburg (l. Mladenovic in F)
- Best result by Kazakhstan at this event was Rybakina's SF finish last year (gave walkover vs. Noskova in SF)
- Is currently ranked No.67; this time last year was ranked No.75. Reached career-high ranking of No.20 in January 2025

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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2025	Result	Rank: 7	Seed: 2
QF	W	V. MBOKO (#23) 6-3 7-6(4)	
2r	W	L. FERNANDEZ (#22) 6-4 6-3	
2022	Result	Rank: 22	Seed: 8
1r	L	L. SAMSONOVA (#30) 6-2 6-4	

2019	Result	Rank: 36	Seed: -
QF	L	N. OSAKA (#4) 6-4 6-4	
2r	W	V. FLINK (#149) 6-1 6-1	
1r	W	K. KAWA (#130) 6-4 7-6(4)	
2017	Result	Rank: 48	Seed: -
1r	L	K. NARA (#114) 2-6 6-4 6-2	
2016	Result	Rank: 38	Seed: -
2r	L	M. LINETTE (#109) 4-6 6-3 7-5	
1r	W	M. KEYS (#9) 6-3 3-6 7-6(7)	



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SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Won the title at Ningbo (d.Fernandez in F)
- Contested 2r at Beijing (after 1r bye, l. Charaeva)
- Won her first US Open title (d. Sabalenka in F)
- Reached QF at Cincinnati (l. Swiatek, via retirement)
- Made R-Up at Toronto (l. Swiatek in F)
- Reached 3r at Wimbledon (l. Mertens)
- Played 2r at Berlin (l. WC Eala)
- Reached QF at London (l. Boulter)
- Made 2r at Roland Garros (l. Starodubtseva)
- Reached QF at Rome (l. eventual champion Svitolina)
- Made 4r at Madrid (l. Potapova)
- Won the title at Stuttgart (d. Muchova in F)
- Reached SF at Miami (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)
- R-Up finish at Indian Wells (l. Sabalenka in F)
- Made 3r at Dubai (l. Ruzic, retired)
- Reached QF at Doha (l. eventual R-Up Mboko)
- Champion finish at Australian Open (d. Sabalenka in F)
- Made QF at Brisbane (l. Muchova)

- Fell 1r at Ningbo (as qualifier, l. Shnaider)
- Made 2r at US Open (l. Zheng) and Wuhan (as qualifier, l. Shnaider)
- Played 1r at Toronto (l. Zhang) and Cincinnati (l. Samsonova)
- Made 2r at Hamburg (l. Avanesyan)
- Reached QF at Iasi (l. Sherif)
- Played 1r at Wimbledon (l. Maria)
- Made 2r at Roland Garros (l. Osorio)
- Fell 1r at Rome (l. Valentova)
- Reached 2r at Madrid (l. Kostyuk)
- Made 2r at Charleston (l. eventual champion Pegula)
- Played 2r at Miami (l. Rybakina)
- Made 2r at Indian Wells (l. Tauson)
- Fell in 1r at Merida (l. Jimenez Kasintseva)
- Reached 4r at Australian Open (l. Jovic)
- Made R16 at Adelaide (as qualifier, l. Navarro)
- Made 2r at Brisbane (as LL, l. Kostyuk)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
432	1	Aces	53	77
57.4%	80	First serve %	69.9%	7
74.0%	2	First Serve points won %	59.6%	78
51.2%	3	Second serve points won %	45.8%	47
64.3%	2	Overall service points won %	55.4%	66
82.4%	1	Service games won %	62.0%	73
65.0%	1	Break points saved %	53.5%	65
34.3%	75	First serve return points won %	37.3%	30
54.9%	47	Second serve return points won %	57.1%	17
44.1%	55	Break points converted %	43.5%	67
32.9%	58	Return games won %	36.6%	33
42.6%	59	Return points won %	44.8%	29

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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (15)

2026 - NINGBO, US OPEN, STUTTGART, AUSTRALIAN OPEN

2025 - WTA FINALS, NINGBO, STRASBOURG

2024 - STUTTGART, ABU DHABI, BRISBANE

2023 - ROME, INDIAN WELLS

2022 - WIMBLEDON

2020 - HOBART

2019 - BUCHAREST

Runner-Up (13)

2026 - TORONTO, INDIAN WELLS

2024 - MIAMI, DOHA

2023 - MIAMI, AUSTRALIAN OPEN

2022 - PORTOROZ, ADELAIDE 500

2020 - STRASBOURG, DUBAI, ST. PETERSBURG, SHENZHEN

2019 - NANCHANG

DOUBLES FINALS

Runner-Up (2)

2023 - ADELAIDE #2 (w/Pavlyuchenkova)

2021 - INDIAN WELLS (w/Kudermetova)

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (3)

2024 - BIRMINGHAM

2021 - BUDAPEST

2019 - NÜRNBERG

Runner-Up (3)

2021 - NUR-SULTAN

2018 - GUANGZHOU

2017 - ST. PETERSBURG

DOUBLES FINALS

Runner-Up (2)

2024 - CINCINNATI (w/Fernandez)

2023 - OSAKA (w/Kalinskaya)

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
WON	2r	3r	WON	2026	4r	2r	1r	2r
4r	4r	3r	4r	2025	3r	3r	1r	2r
2r	QF	SF	2r	2024	1r	2r	4r	3r
RUP	3r	QF	3r	2023	2r	3r	1r	1r
2r	3r	WON	1r	2022	1r	2r	1r	2r
2r	QF	4r	3r	2021	3r	1r	2r	1r
3r	2r		2r	2020	3r	2r		QF
	1r		1r	2019	2r	1r	2r	3r
				2018	2r	QF	2r	1r
				2017	2r	3r	1r	2r
				2016	3r	QF	2r	2r
				2015	1r	2r	2r	1r
				2014	1r			
				2013	2r	2r	1r	



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CAREER MILESTONES

- In 2025, won her first WTA Finals title, where she posted a perfect round robin record before topping World No.1 Sabalenka in the final; by going undefeated (5-0) at 2025 WTA Finals Riyadh, she earned \$5.235m, the biggest prize money payout in women's sporting history
- Overall, won three titles in 2025, adding Strasbourg and Ningbo crowns to her Riyadh triumph; finished at No.5 in the rankings and as the year's Tour leader in total aces (516)
- Won three titles from five finals in 2024, tasting success at Brisbane, Abu Dhabi and Stuttgart and finishing R-Up at Doha and Miami. Qualified for her second WTA Finals and defeated WTA World No.1 Sabalenka in the group stage
- Reached second Grand Slam final at 2023 Australian Open (l. Sabalenka in 3s); made Top-10 debut following tournament (January 30, 2023). Also in 2023 won first two WTA 1000 titles at Indian Wells and Rome and finished R-Up at Miami. Qualified for first WTA Finals, going 1-2 in group stage.
- Lifted maiden Grand Slam title at 2022 Wimbledon (d. Jabeur in F); also finished R-Up at Adelaide (l. Barty) and Portoroz (l. Siniakova)
- Best results of 2021 were SFs at Eastbourne, Olympics and Chicago [500], and QFs at Abu Dhabi, Roland Garros, San Jose and Ostrava
- Opened 2020 by reaching the championship match at four of her first five tournaments, including a title run at Hobart (d. Zhang in F), and made Top 20 debut at No.19 on February 17, after reaching St. Petersburg final. First Top-5 win came over No.3 Ka. Pliskova during R-Up finish at 2020 Dubai
- Won maiden WTA singles title at 2019 Bucharest (d. Tig in F), breaking into Top 100 for the first time in the following week's rankings at No.65 (July 22). Went on to make Top 50 debut on September 16 after reaching second career Tour final at Nanchang (l. Peterson)
- Highlights of 2018 included reaching maiden WTA QF at St. Petersburg (l. Goerges) and clinching title at \$15K ITF/Kazan. First Top 10 win came over No.7 Garcia at 2018 St. Petersburg
- Made WTA qualifying and main draw debut at 2017 Moscow (as qualifier, l. Begu in 1r)
- Professional debut came at \$10k ITF/Antalya-TUR in 2014
- In 2025, made her Top 20 debut shortly after her 30th birthday, hitting new career-high ranking of No.20 on January 27; other season highlights include Adelaide SF (l. Pegula) and Jiujiang QF (l. Golubic)
- During 2024, won her third career WTA Tour title at Birmingham (d. Tomljanovic in final). Also reached QF at Hobart (l. Yuan) and Ningbo (l. eventual champion Kasatkina); found success at Grand Slam level with R16 run at Wimbledon (d. World No.1 Swiatek in 3r; l. Ostapenko) and 3r run at US Open (l. Paolini)
- 2023 saw her reach SF at Guangzhou (l. Linette) and QF at Rabat (l. Riera) and Hobart (l. Blinkova)
- Reached two SFs in 2022, at Istanbul (l. eventual champion Potapova) and Budapest (l. Krunic), while also making QF at Toronto (l. Pegula)
- Highlight of 2021 campaign was lifting second career WTA title, at Budapest (d. Kalinina in F). Also was R-Up at Nur-Sultan (l. Van Uytvanck), advanced to SF at Portoroz and made QFs at Charleston [500], Strasbourg and San Jose
- Standout results of 2020 were QF runs at US Open (first Kazakh woman to reach last eight in New York; l. Brady) and Rome (l. Halep). Recorded 300th career win (at all levels) with 1r triumph over Flipkens at 2020 Roland Garros
- In 2019, won first career title at Nurnberg (d. Zidasek in F); also picked up a win over World No.1 Osaka on grass at Birmingham
- Best result of 2018 was QF run at Roland Garros (l. Keys), her 2nd trip to the quarters in Paris in the last three years. Also reached 2nd career WTA Tour singles final at Guangzhou (l. Wang Qiang in F)
- Reached first career WTA final at 2017 St. Petersburg (l. Mladenovic in F) after notching two Top 10 wins over No.8 Kuznetsova and No.5 Cibulkova (her first career Top 5 win); first woman from Kazakhstan to reach a WTA final since Shvedova at 2015 Bogota (l. Pereira)
- In 2016, reached her first Grand Slam QF at Roland Garros (l. S.Williams in 3 sets); became first Kazakh to reach a Grand Slam QF since Shvedova at 2012 Roland Garros (Shvedova made another QF at the very next Slam, 2016 Wimbledon). Also that year, defeated No.14 V.Williams en route to Charleston QF
- Progressed to maiden WTA SF at 2015 Bastad (l. eventual champion Larsson). First Top 10 win came over No.10 Petkovic at 2015 Nurnberg (via ret.)

- In 2014, reached first two WTA QFs, first on clay at Bastad (as qualifier, l. Cepelova) and then on hard court at Osaka (l. eventual champion Stosur). Between these two results, scored first Top 20 win over No.14 Pennetta during 2r run at Montreal (as qualifier)
- Made it through to 2r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2013 Australian Open (d. McHale, l. Suarez Navarro)
- Advanced to 2r on WTA main draw debut at 2012 Copenhagen (as WC, d. Barbat, l. Jankovic)
- On ITF Circuit, winner of six singles titles and six doubles titles
- Professional debut at 2009 Luxembourg ended with loss to Flipkens in final round of qualifying

OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Stefano Vukov
- Trained at Spartak Club in Moscow as a junior; previous coaches included Andrei Cheshnokov (Elena Vesnina's former coach) and Evgenia Kulikovskaya
- Nominated for 2019 WTA Newcomer of the Year Award
- Started playing tennis aged five and favorite surface is hard

- Father's name is Anton; mother's name is Anna; younger brother's name is Ilya (plays ice hockey). Introduced to sport by father; liked it and was soon practicing at Spartak Club in Moscow
- Moved to Paris to attend Mouratoglou Academy after winning a big Under 14s event; has trained there ever since
- Baseline player whose favorite shot is forehand; favorite surface is clay. Australian Open and US Open are favorite tournaments
- Tennis idols were Martina Hingis and Justine Henin - still watches videos of Henin on YouTube
- Also enjoys dancing, music, singing, Sudoku, playing cards and chess
- Person she would most like to meet is Eminem
- Changed representation from Russia to Kazakhstan in May 2012