MATCH NOTES

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1 WIN

1 MATCHES PLAYED

0 WIN



102 CLAIRE LIU
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

ALEXANDRA (2) EALA 17
PHILIPPINES

2000-05-25	**Date of Birth**	2005-05-23
Thousand Oaks, CA, USA	**Residence**	
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	**Plays**	Left-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 7" (1.70m)	**Height**	5' 9" (1.75m)
52	**Career-High Ranking**	17
$2,918,880	**Career Prize Money**	$3,429,355
$564,762	**Season Prize Money**	$2,078,001
0 / 0	**Singles Titles YTD / Career**	1 / 1
9-18 (Round of 32: 2026 WIMBLEDON)	**Grand Slam W-L (best)**	6-7 (Round of 16: 2026 WIMBLEDON)
4-0 / 4-0 (Runner-Up: 2026)	**YTD / Career HONG KONG W-L (best)**	4-0 / 5-1 (Runner-Up: 2026)
8-7 / 48-67	**YTD / Career W-L**	40-24 / 55-51

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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2025	GUANGZHOU	HARD	1r	Claire Liu	2-6 6-4 6-4	2h 28m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
95	-	**2026**	18	-
209	209	**2025**	50	50
93	267	**2024**	143	158
52	94	**2023**	189	205
60	60	**2022**	214	219
88	94	**2021**	505	529
217	222	**2020**	-	-
137	333	**2019**	-	-
138	138	**2018**	-	-
249	263	**2017**	-	-

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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. T. PROZOROVA (#124) 6-2 6-4 (1h 32m)
2r: d. K. BOULTER (#49) 7-5 6-4 (1h 47m)
QF: d. Z. SONMEZ (#67) 6-1 6-4 (1h 29m)
SF: d. A. SHUBLADZE (#136) 7-5 6-4 (1h 58m)

Total time on court: 6h 46m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making her main draw debut at Hong Kong
- Contesting her 7th Tour level main draw of the season
- Has beaten Tatiana Prozorova, Katie Boulter, Zeynep Sonmez and Alexandra Shubladze so far this week to reach the second Tour final of her career after Rabat 2022 (l. Trevisan in F)
- Faces No.17 Alexandra Eala in F today; she is 1-20 against Top 10 opponents posting her only win over No.2 Jabeur at 2022 Monastir
- Owns 1-0 career record against players from Philippines, with her only previous meeting a win over Eala at Guangzhou last year
- Best career result on hard court are SF runs at 2025 Guangzhou and 2022 Monastir
- Previous best results by United States of America at Hong Kong are SF runs by Jennifer Brady in 2017 and Venus Williams in 2015
- Is currently ranked No.102; this time last year was ranked No.221. Reached a career-high ranking of No.52 in January 2023
- Has posted her best result of the season here in Hong Kong by reaching the final; also made QF at Guangzhou (l. Sun) and won WTA 125 title at Barranquilla in September
- A win today would be her first career title at Tour level

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. E. JONES (#132) 6-4 6-3 (1h 23m)
2r: d. T. VALENTOVA (#85) 6-4 7-6 (1h 56m)
QF: d. A. RUZIC (#81) 7-6 7-5 (2h 30m)
SF: d. M. SAKKARI (#30) 7-5 3-6 5-4 (2h 43m)

Total time on court: 8h 32m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at Hong Kong, she made 2r last year (l. eventual champion Mboko)
- Has beaten Emerson Jones, Tereza Valentova, Antonia Ruzic and Maria Sakkari so far this week to reach the third Tour final of her career after Washington DC 2026 (won) and Eastbourne (R-Up)
- Faces No.102 Claire Liu in F today
- She has fallen to players ranked outside the Top 100 on two occasions this year, losing to No.217 Shi Han at Wuhan and No.180 Prozorova at Singapore
- Best career result on hard court was earning her maiden title at Washington DC this season (d. Pegula in F)
- Is currently ranked at a new career-high of No.17; this time last year was ranked No.50
- Has won 40 Tour matches so far this season with 29 of those earned on hard court; she also won a WTA 125 title on grass at Birmingham in June

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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

2025	Result	Rank: 51	Seed: -
2r	L	V. MBOKO (#21) 3-6 6-3 6-4	
1r	W	K. BOULTER (#79) 6-4 2-1	

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SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Made QF at Guangzhou (l. X.Sun)
- Fell 1r at Osaka (as qualifier, l. Linette)
- Played 1r at Sao Paulo (l. Stoiana)
- Won Barranquilla 125 (d. Blinkova)
- Fell 1r at Iasi (as a qualifier, l. Putintseva)
- Reached 3r at Wimbledon (l. Gauff)
- Made 2r at Roland Garros (as qualifier, l. Sakkari)
- Won ITF/World Tennis W75 title on clay in Trnava-SVK (d. Siskova in F)
- Fell in 1r at Austin (as qualifier, l. Juvan)
- Reached QF at Tokyo (l. eventual champion Shnaider)
- Made 2r at Ningbo (l. Shnaider)
- Fell 1r at Wuhan (l. Shi)
- Played 2r at Singapore (l. Prozorova)
- Made 3r at US Open (l. Jovic)
- Reached 3r at Cincinnati (l. Anisimova)
- Made 4r at Toronto (l Bencic)
- Won her maiden career title at Washington DC (d. Pegula in F)
- 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
47	93	**Aces**	93	52
69.7%	0	**First serve %**	63.2%	38
62.8%	0	**First Serve points won %**	62.7%	58
47.5%	0	**Second serve points won %**	48.2%	17
58.2%	0	**Overall service points won %**	57.4%	44
69.5%	0	**Service games won %**	67.8%	43
58.9%	0	**Break points saved %**	56.3%	38
35.6%	0	**First serve return points won %**	37.4%	30
52.8%	0	**Second serve return points won %**	57.4%	12
41.7%	0	**Break points converted %**	43.4%	65

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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Runner-Up (1)
2022 - RABAT

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (1)
2026 - WASHINGTON DC

Runner-Up (1)
2025 - EASTBOURNE

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

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CAREER MILESTONES

- Top result of 2025 was run to Guangzhou SF as a qualifier ranked No.305 - her first Tour-level SF since July 2023 (l. eventual R-Up Sun)
- In 2024, made 2r at Miami as a qualifier (l. Kasatkina via retirement) and earned her seventh career ITF title before taking a break away from playing after Roland Garros
- Strongest results of 2023 were reaching SF at Budapest on clay (l. Baindl) and QF at Seoul (l. eventual champion Pegula). Also achieved R-Up at WTA 125 Chicago
- Enjoyed excellent clay-court season in 2022, finishing R-Up at Rabat (l. Trevisan) and winning WTA 125 title at Paris
- Also reached SF at Monastir (l. eventual champion Mertens) and QF at Tokyo (l. Q.Zheng)
- In 2021, reached 2r at Charleston (as qualifier, l. Rogers), Wimbledon (as qualifier, l. Rybakina) and San Jose (l. Rybakina); upset of No.46 Yastremska in 1r at San Jose was first career win over a Top-50 player
- At WTA-level in 2020, fell 1r at US Open (as WC, l. Sorribes Tormo) and in qualifying at Lexington. On ITF Circuit, was R-Up twice, including at $100k ITF/Nicholasville, KY-USA (l. Govortsova)
- Slipped down the rankings in 2019, ending at No.333 after posting 23-23 record (at all levels)
- Fell in WTA qualifying seven times (including Australian Open, Roland Garros and Wimbledon), while on ITF Circuit won third, and most recent, title at $25k ITF/Florence-SC, USA
- Reached 2r five times in 2018, at Wimbledon (as qualifier, l. eventual champion Kerber in 3s), US Open (as WC, l. Sevastova), Miami (as WC, d. Osuigwe for first main draw win, l. Barty), Charleston (as qualifier, l. Begu) and Bucharest (as qualifier, l. eventual R-Up Martic)
- Win over No.69 Linette in 1r at 2018 Charleston was first over a Top 100 player
- Made Grand Slam main draw debut at 2017 US Open (as qualifier, l. Duan)
- Also in 2017 fell 1r at Stanford (l. Gibbs) and in qualifying at Indian Wells and Québec City. Lifted second and third ITF Circuit titles, at $25k ITF/Naples, FL-USA (as qualifier, d. Collins in F) and $25k ITF/Caserta-ITA (d. Badosa Gibert in F)
- Fell in qualifying at 2015 US Open and 2016 Miami
- Won first of her six ITF Circuit titles at $10k ITF/Orlando, FL-USA in 2015
- Played first matches on ITF Circuit in 2014, qualifying at $25k ITF/Florence (lost 1r)

- 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

- In juniors, won the Wimbledon girls' singles in 2017, becoming the first American to win the event since Chanda Rubin in 1992. With this success, rose to No.1 in the ITF girls' junior rankings
- Also won Wimbledon girls' doubles in 2016 w/Arconada. At 2017 Roland Garros lost to Osuigwe in singles final

OTHER INFORMATION

- Fitness and conditioning coach is Gena Ball
- Born and still resides in Thousand Oaks, California

- 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