



# MATCH NOTES

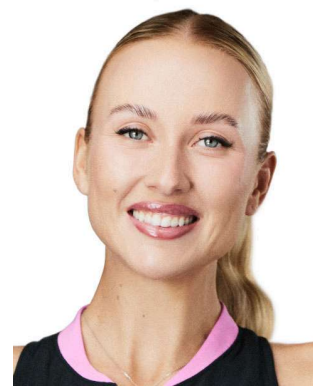
VANDA PHARMACEUTICALS BERLIN TENNIS OPEN  
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2026-06-15 - 2026-06-21 | \$ 1,206,446



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MATCHES  
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**19** EKATERINA  
ALEXANDROVA

ANASTASIA  
POTAPOVA **26**  
AUSTRIA

1994-11-15	<b>Date of Birth</b>	2001-03-30
Prague, Czech Republic	<b>Residence</b>	Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	<b>Plays</b>	Right-Handed
5' 9" (1.75m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 7" (1.75m)
10	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	21
\$10,367,337	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$6,467,846
\$677,334	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$1,156,198
0 / 5	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	0 / 3
39-36 (Round of 16: 2025 US OPEN, WIMBLEDON, ROLAND GARROS; 2023 WIMBLEDON)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	24-25 (Round of 16: 2026 ROLAND GARROS; 2024 ROLAND GARROS)
0-0 / 6-4 (Semi-Finalist: 2023)	<b>YTD / Career BERLIN W-L (best)</b>	0-0 / 0-0
6-14 / 236-188	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	21-11 / 163-129



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## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2024	LINZ	HARD	QF	Ekaterina Alexandrova	6-2 7-6(8)	1h 26m
2021	OSTRAVA	HARD	Q	Anastasia Potapova	7-5 3-1	1h 8m

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
10	-	2026	27	-
10	10	2025	31	51
15	28	2024	27	35
16	21	2023	21	28
19	19	2022	43	43
30	33	2021	67	69
25	33	2020	81	100
35	35	2019	64	93
73	93	2018	93	94
69	73	2017	231	237



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

*Total time on court: 0m*

#### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 5th appearance at Berlin; making first appearance at the tournament since 2024 (2r); best result came in 2023 with a semifinal finish
- Faces No.26 Anastasia Potapova in 1r today; owns 38-20 career record on grass (0-1 on grass in 2026)
- Owns 3-0 career record against players from Austria, with record in 2026 standing at 1-0
- Has won two grass-court titles, both at 's-Hertogenbosch (2022, 2023)
- Is currently ranked No.19; this time last year was ranked No.18

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

*Total time on court: 0m*

#### PLAYER NOTES

- Making tournament debut
- Faces No.19 Ekaterina Alexandrova in 1r today; owns 18 wins in career over Top 20 players, most recently No.4 Coco Gauff at Roland Garros 2026
- Best career result on grass is semifinal run twice at Birmingham (2023, 2024)
- Owns 12-12 record on grass in Tour-level main draw matches (1-1 in 2026)
- Is currently ranked No.26; this time last year was ranked No.41
- Has won 21 matches so far in 2026; the most matches she has won in a season came in 2022 winning 28 matches
- Has played 15 3-set matches in 2026; only Coco Gauff (18), Mirra Andreeva (16) and Hailey Baptiste (16) have played more



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2024	Result	Rank: 20	Seed: -
2r	L	C. GAUFF (#2)	7-6(6) 6-2
1r	W	B. HADDAD MAIA (#18)	6-4 6-4

2023	Result	Rank: 22	Seed: -
SF	L	P. KVITOVA (#9)	6-3 6-4
2r	W	C. GAUFF (#7)	6-4 6-0
1r	W	L. SAMSONOVA (#15)	6-4 6-3

2022	Result	Rank: 27	Seed: -
2r	L	D. KASATKINA (#12)	5-7 6-1 6-1
1r	W	M. ZANEVSKA (#67)	6-3 6-4

2021	Result	Rank: 34	Seed: -
QF	L	B. BENCIC (#12)	6-4 4-6 7-6(4)
2r	W	E. SVITOLINA (#6)	6-4 7-5
1r	W	A. KALINSKAYA (#108)	6-3 6-2

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles



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## SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Made 1r at 's-Hertogenbosch (l. Udvardy)
- Fell 1r at Roland Garros (l. Osorio)
- Played 2r at Strasbourg (l. Li)
- Played 2r at Stuttgart (l. Noskova) and Rome (l. Siegemund)
- Made 2r at Linz (l. Pliskova)
- Reached 3r at Miami (l. Cristian)
- Played 2r at Dubai (l. Linette)
- Made 2r at Doha (l. Ostapenko)
- Finished R-Up at Abu Dhabi (l. champion Bejlek in F)
- Played 1r at Australian Open (l. Sonmez)
- Fell in 1r at Adelaide (l. Cristian)
- Opened season with 3r at Brisbane (l. Muchova)

- Played 2r at 's-Hertogenbosch (l. Sonmez)
- Made 4r at Roland Garros (l. Kalinskaya) and Rome (as a qualifier, l. Pegula)
- Reached SF at Madrid (l. Kostyuk)
- R-Up finish at Linz (l. champion M.Andreeva in F)
- Played 2r at Indian Wells (l. Paolini)
- Fell in 1r at Merida (l. Arango)
- Made QF at Cluj-Napoca (l. eventual champion Cirstea)
- Reached 3r at Australian Open (l. eventual R-Up Sabalenka)
- Played 1r at Adelaide (as LL, l. Birrell)
- Made 2r at Brisbane (l. Shnaider)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
85	29	<b>Aces</b>	92	21
58.9%	64	<b>First serve %</b>	57.2%	76
65.6%	35	<b>First Serve points won %</b>	64.7%	38
42.9%	68	<b>Second serve points won %</b>	42.9%	69
56.3%	46	<b>Overall service points won %</b>	55.4%	62
63.1%	59	<b>Service games won %</b>	64.6%	51
48.7%	75	<b>Break points saved %</b>	59.0%	22
34.9%	59	<b>First serve return points won %</b>	41.0%	7
52.4%	73	<b>Second serve return points won %</b>	55.9%	31
39.1%	74	<b>Break points converted %</b>	50.3%	12
28.1%	75	<b>Return games won %</b>	42.7%	7
41.7%	64	<b>Return points won %</b>	46.6%	10



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## TITLES

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (5)

2025 - LINZ

2023 - 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH

2022 - SEOUL, 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH

2020 - SHENZHEN

Runner-Up (8)

2026 - ABU DHABI

2025 - NINGBO, SEOUL, MONTERREY

2024 - LINZ

2023 - CLEVELAND

2021 - MOSCOW

2018 - LINZ

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (2)

2026 - ABU DHABI (w/Joint)

2019 - BUDAPEST (w/Zvonareva)

Runner-Up (1)

2025 - STUTTGART (w/Zhang)

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (3)

2025 - CLUJ-NAPOCA

2023 - LINZ

2022 - ISTANBUL

Runner-Up (4)

2026 - LINZ

2022 - PRAGUE

2018 - TASHKENT, MOSCOW INTERNATIONAL

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (3)

2022 - PRAGUE (w/Sizikova)

2019 - LAUSANNE (w/Sizikova)

2018 - MOSCOW INTERNATIONAL (w/Zvonareva)

Runner-Up (1)

2021 - MELBOURNE 250 (w/Blinkova)



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## GRAND SLAMS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
1r	1r			<b>2026</b>	3r	4r		
1r	4r	4r	4r	<b>2025</b>	2r	2r		2r
1r	1r		3r	<b>2024</b>	1r	4r	1r	3r
3r	3r	4r	3r	<b>2023</b>	2r	3r	3r	1r
1r	2r		2r	<b>2022</b>	1r			2r
3r	2r	2r	2r	<b>2021</b>	3r	1r	1r	1r
3r	3r		2r	<b>2020</b>	1r			
1r	3r	1r	2r	<b>2019</b>	2r	2r	2r	1r
2r	1r	1r	1r	<b>2018</b>				
1r	2r	1r	2r	<b>2017</b>			1r	
		2r		<b>2016</b>				



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- In 2025 claimed first career WTA 500 title at Linz and reached three additional finals all at 500 events; Monterrey, Seoul and Ningbo. Made her Top 10 debut on October 13 and finished the season inside the Top 10
- Played WTA Finals debut match at the 2025 WTA Finals as an alternate in the round robin stage, lost to eventual champion Elena Rybakina
- In 2024, highlights included reaching the final at Linz (l. Ostapenko in Final) and semifinals at Adelaide (l. eventual champion Ostapenko), Miami (l. eventual champion Collins), 's-Hertogenbosch (l. eventual champion Samsonova) and Monterrey (l. Sun); also made quarterfinals at Wuhan (l. Xin. Wang) and her best Grand Slam result of the season came during a 3r run at US Open (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)
- In 2023, won fourth career singles title at 's-Hertogenbosch, successfully defending the title and defeating top seed, Kudermetova in the final. A run of successful results followed with SF at Berlin (l. eventual champion, Kvitova), 4r at Wimbledon (l. Sabalenka) - a career best result at any of the majors and runner-up at Cleveland (l. Sorribes Tormo).
- Reached a 2023 peak ranking of No. 16 on February 20 following a 3r finish at Australian Open (l. Linette), before posting two QF results at Miami (l. eventual champion Kvitova) and Charleston (l. Bencic). Another QF then came in the Asian Swing at Tokyo (l. Pavlyuchenkova).
- In 2022, won titles at 's-Hertogenbosch (d. Sabalenka in F) and Seoul (d. Ostapenko in F). Also advanced to SF at Charleston, Madrid and Ostrava, making Top 20 debut on October 10, 2022
- Reached third WTA singles final in 2021, enjoying run to final at home tournament of Moscow (l. Kontaveit). Other key result was SF run at Gippsland Trophy (l. Kanepi)
- Posted two best wins-by-ranking of career in 2021, defeating No.2 Halep (Gippsland Trophy) and No.2 Sabalenka (Moscow)
- Reached 2r on Olympic debut at Tokyo 2020
- Opened 2020 season by lifting her maiden WTA singles title, at Shenzhen (d. Rybakina in F)
- Made Top 50 debut on June 17, 2019 after QF run at 's-Hertogenbosch
- Registered 30 Tour-level match wins during 2019, in which she reached SF at Budapest, Seoul and Linz and made QF at St. Petersburg, 's-Hertogenbosch, Eastbourne and Moscow. Also
- Top 2025 finishes came indoors, winning third career WTA Tour title at Cluj-Napoca (d. Bronzetti in final) and reaching Linz QF (l. Muchova); in doubles, made Roland Garros QF (w/Danilovic)
- Posted best Grand Slam result in 2024 by reaching R16 at Roland Garros; also made SF of Birmingham and Cleveland and her first WTA 1000 QF at Indian Wells
- In 2023, won 2nd career WTA Tour singles title in Linz (d. Martic); also made SF at Stuttgart and Birmingham, and QF at Lyon, Miami and San Diego. Equaled her best Grand Slam result with 3r at Roland Garros and moved up ranking to peak at No. 21 on June 19
- Had a breakthrough year in 2022, where she won her first WTA Tour singles title at Istanbul (d. V. Kudermetova) and finished R-Up at Prague (l. Bouzkova); broke into Top 50 following Prague (August 1)
- In 2021, reached QFs at Dubai (l. Krejčíková), Birmingham (l. Jabeur) and Nur-Sultan (l. Peterson)
- Posted three straight QFs in 2020, at Acapulco, St. Petersburg and Monterrey; did not play after the tour's resumption in August
- Finished 2019 season ranked No.93 after a season highlighted by SF at Budapest (l. Vondrousova) and Jurmala (l. Sevastova), as well as her first Top 10 win over No.5 Kerber in Roland Garros 1r; also won 2nd career WTA Tour doubles title at Lausanne (w/Sizikova)
- In 2018, made her first two WTA Tour singles finals, finishing R-Up at Tashkent (as qualifier, l. Gasparyan) and Moscow River Cup (l. Danilovic); in doubles, won first WTA Tour title at 2018 Moscow River Cup (w/Zvonareva)
- Earned her first WTA Tour-level singles win at 2018 St. Petersburg (d. Maria in 1r, l. Wozniacki in 2r)
- Fell 1r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2017 Wimbledon (as qualifier, l. Maria); at 16 years and three months, became youngest player to successfully navigate Slam qualifying since Ana Konjuh, who had just turned 16 when she did it at 2014 Australian Open
- On ITF Circuit owns one singles and two doubles titles
- Captured 2016 Wimbledon junior singles title, having to win final point three separate times after two challenge overrules - title lifted her to Junior World No.1. In junior doubles, posted two

advanced to 3r at a major for the first time, at Roland Garros

- Won sole WTA doubles title at 2019 Budapest (w/Zvonareva)
- Came through qualifying to make maiden WTA final appearance at 2018 Linz (l. Giorgi)
- Advanced to first WTA QF at 2018 Seoul, scoring maiden Top 10 win of her career en route, over No.10 Ostapenko
- Made Top 100 debut at No.93 on March 20, 2017 after winning title at \$60K ITF/Shenzhen-CHN
- At 2016 Wimbledon, ranked No.223, won her way through qualifying on her maiden Slam appearance, going on to reach 2r (upset No.23 seed Ivanovic in 1r)
- Won WTA 125K Series title at Limoges in 2016, 2018-19
- Reached 2r on WTA main draw debut at 2016 Katowice (as qualifier, l. eventual R-Up Giorgi)
- Contested qualifying for the first time at a WTA-level tournament at 2014 Bad Gastein
- Played first professional events of career on ITF Circuit in Europe in 2011

runner-up finishes at 2015 US Open and 2016 Roland Garros

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Igor Andreev
- Worked with her father, Evgeny. Was previously coached by Vojta Flegl
- Mother is Julia, also has sister, Anna, and brother Jury. Began playing tennis at age 6
- Favorite shot is forehand; favorite surface is hard
- Speaks Russian, English and Czech
- Likes to cook, especially making cakes
- Admires Serena Williams

- Trains at Alexander Ostrovsky Academy in Khimki
- Grandmother, and former Russian national team coach, inspired her to start playing tennis
- Enjoys playing basketball



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**61** **NIKOLA BARTUNKOVA [WC]**  
CZECH REPUBLIC

**DIANA SHNAIDER [9]** **16**

2006-02-25	<b>Date of Birth</b>	2004-04-02
	<b>Residence</b>	
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	<b>Plays</b>	Left-handed (two-handed backhand)
	<b>Height</b>	5' 6" (1.70m)
61	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	11
\$676,795	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$6,060,357
\$470,170	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$1,838,205
0 / 0	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	0 / 5
2-2 (Round of 32: 2026 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	18-12 (Semi-Finalist: 2026 ROLAND GARROS)
0-0 / 0-0	<b>YTD / Career BERLIN W-L (best)</b>	0-0 / 1-1 (Round of 16: 2025)
7-5 / 11-10	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	18-12 / 104-69



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## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2022	ISTANBUL	CLAY	F	Diana Shnaider	7-5 7-5	0m

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
61	-	2026	16	-
130	130	2025	11	21
226	488	2024	12	13
263	270	2023	60	60
283	283	2022	182	182
751	784	2021	1054	1065



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

*Total time on court: 0m*

#### PLAYER NOTES

- Making tournament debut at Berlin, as wildcard
- Faces No.16 Diana Shnaider in 1r today; owns 2 wins in career over Top 20 players, most recently No.19 Madison Keys at Rome 2026
- Best result by Czech Republic at Berlin was Champion run by Marketa Vondrousova in 2025, Petra Kvitova in 2023
- Best result by wildcard at Berlin was Quarter-Finalist run by Veronika Kudermetova in 2023, Marketa Vondrousova in 2023
- Is currently ranked at career-high No.61, reached on June 8, 2026; this time last year was ranked No.448
- Best result this season so far is reaching QF at Ostrava (l. Parry) and R16 run at Rome (l. eventual Champion Svitolina)
- Opened grass season by reaching final at WTA 125 Birmingham 2026 (l. Eala)

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

*Total time on court: 0m*

#### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at Berlin, where her previous result was reaching 2r in 2025 (l. eventual Champion Vondrousova)
- Faces No.61 Nikola Bartunkova in 1r today
- Owns 10-5 career record against players from Czech Republic, with record in 2026 standing at 3-0
- Owns 9-4 career record against wildcards, with a record in 2026 standing at 2-0
- One of her 5 career WTA titles was won on grass at 2024 Bad Homburg (d. Vekic in F)
- Is currently ranked No.16; this time last year was ranked No.12. Reached career-high ranking of No.11 in May 2025
- During last year's grass swing reached QF at Queens, 2r at Wimbledon, 2r at Berlin, and 1r at Bad Homburg
- Won her 3rd career doubles title at Rome 2026 (w/ M.Andreeva)
- Best result of 2026 season so far is reaching SF at Adelaide (l. eventual Champion M.Andreeva) and Roland Garros (l. Chwalinska)



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

2025	Result	Rank: 12	Seed: -
2r	L	M. VONDROUSOVA (#164)	6-3 6-7(3) 6-3
1r	W	D. VEKIC (#22)	6-2 6-4



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## SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Played 1r at 's-Hertogenbosch (l. Vandewinkel)
- Finished R-Up at WTA 125 Birmingham (l. Eala in F)
- Fell 1r at Roland Garros (l. Mboko)
- Reached first career WTA 1000 4r at Rome (as a lucky loser, l. eventual champion Svitolina)  
Made 2r at Austin (as qualifier, l. eventual R-Up Townsend)
- Reached QF at Ostrava (l. Parry)
- Opened 2026 season with 3r at Australian Open (as qualifier, l. Mertens)

- 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
35	68	Aces	39	60
54.0%	0	First serve %	66.0%	20
64.4%	0	First Serve points won %	63.5%	47
43.3%	0	Second serve points won %	46.7%	29
54.7%	0	Overall service points won %	57.8%	32
61.0%	0	Service games won %	70.7%	23
50.4%	0	Break points saved %	58.7%	24
34.2%	0	First serve return points won %	39.1%	14
55.9%	0	Second serve return points won %	54.0%	54
56.2%	0	Break points converted %	47.7%	26
28.7%	0	Return games won %	37.1%	31
41.4%	0	Return points won %	44.4%	34

Best win by ranking: No.10 vs Bencic in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2r  
 Longest match: 2h 52m vs Vandewinkel in 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH 1r  
 Shortest match: 1h 6m vs Parry in OSTRAVA QF  
 Match points saved:  
 Most aces in a match: 8 vs Ferro in OSTRAVA 2r

Best win by ranking: No.1 vs Sabalenka in ROLAND GARROS QF  
 Longest match: 2h 59m vs Keys in BRISBANE 3r  
 Shortest match: 54m vs Osaka in ROME 3r  
 Match points saved:  
 Most aces in a match: 4 vs Navarro in ADELAIDE QF  
 4 vs Potapova in BRISBANE 2r



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## TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

### 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/Andeeva)

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
3r	1r			<b>2026</b>	3r	SF		
				<b>2025</b>	3r	2r	2r	1r
				<b>2024</b>	1r	1r	3r	4r
				<b>2023</b>	2r	2r		



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**NIKOLA  
BARTUNKOVA [WC]**

**DIANA  
SHNAIDER [9]**

## CAREER MILESTONES

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

- 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

## OTHER INFORMATION

- 2023 Junior Wimbledon singles finalist (l. Ngounoue) and 2022 Junior Roland Garros doubles finalist (w/Naef; l. Bejlek/Havlickova)

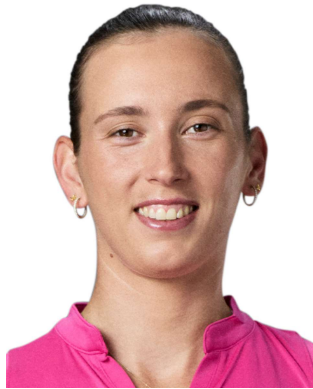
- Coached by Sascha Bajin
- Started playing tennis in Tolyatti, 40 kilometers from her home and parents in Zhigulevsk
- Studied at North Carolina State where she played college tennis during the 2022-23 season before pursuing her professional tennis career
- Favorite movie is Never Back Down and favorite food is Asian



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**22**

**ELISE  
MERTENS**  
BELGIUM

**LIUDMILA  
SAMSONOVA** **35**

1995-11-17	<b>Date of Birth</b>	1998-11-11
Hamont-Achel, Belgium	<b>Residence</b>	
Right-handed (Two-handed backhand)	<b>Plays</b>	Right-Handed
5' 10" (1.79m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 11" (1.82m)
12	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	12
\$19,332,443	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$8,626,701
\$1,537,480	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$676,717
0 / 10	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	0 / 5
78-37 (Semi-Finalist: 2018 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	29-24 (Quarter-Finalist: 2025 WIMBLEDON)
0-0 / 0-0	<b>YTD / Career BERLIN W-L (best)</b>	0-0 / 9-4 (Champion: 2021)
16-10 / 307-199	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	7-13 / 154-128



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## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2024	TORONTO	HARD	3r	Liudmila Samsonova	6-2 6-4	1h 43m
2022	WASHINGTON DC	HARD	1r	Liudmila Samsonova	7-6(4) 6-4	2h 4m

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
19	-	2026	17	-
20	20	2025	16	17
24	34	2024	13	27
26	29	2023	12	16
20	29	2022	19	20
14	21	2021	39	39
17	20	2020	114	127
12	17	2019	123	139
13	13	2018	177	180
35	35	2017	520	552



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

*Total time on court: 0m*

#### PLAYER NOTES

- Making tournament debut
- Faces No.35 Liudmila Samsonova in 1r today; owns 99 wins in career over Top 50 players
- Owns one career grass-court title: 2025 's-Hertogenbosch
- Only player from Belgium to reach 1r
- Is currently ranked No.22; this time last year was ranked No.24
- Owns a 34-30 career record on grass-courts (1-1 in 2026)

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

*Total time on court: 0m*

#### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 6th appearance at Berlin; the 2021 Berlin Champion; also reached SF in 2025
- Faces No.22 Elise Mertens in 1r today; owns 74 wins in career over Top 50 players
- Looking to snap a four-match losing streak; last win came at Rome (d. Ann Li, R64)
- Owns 6-3 career record against players from Belgium
- Owns two career grass-court titles: 2024 's-Hertogenbosch and 2021 Berlin
- Is currently ranked No.35; this time last year was ranked No.20
- Owns 28-16 career record on grass at Tour-level events (0-1 in 2026)



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

2025	Result	Rank: 20	Seed: -
SF	L	X. WANG (#49)	6-4 6-1
QF	W	A. ANISIMOVA (#13)	6-1 6-1
2r	W	J. PEGULA (#3)	6-7(8) 7-5 7-6(5)
1r	W	N. OSAKA (#57)	3-6 7-6(3) 6-4
2024	Result	Rank: 15	Seed: -
1r	L	V. KUDERMETOVA (#35)	3-6 6-4 6-4
2023	Result	Rank: 15	Seed: -
1r	L	E. ALEXANDROVA (#22)	6-4 6-3
2022	Result	Rank: 29	Seed: -
2r	L	V. KUDERMETOVA (#24)	6-3 6-7(5) 6-1
1r	W	T. ZIDANSEK (#58)	7-5 6-1
2021	Result	Rank: 106	Seed: -
F	W	B. BENCIC (#12)	1-6 6-1 6-3
SF	W	V. AZARENKA (#16)	6-4 6-2
QF	W	M. KEYS (#28)	7-6(4) 2-6 7-6(0)
2r	W	V. KUDERMETOVA (#32)	6-4 6-3
1r	W	M. VONDROUSOVA (#41)	6-4 7-6(6)



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## SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- 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)

- Played 1r at London (l. Dart)
- Fell 1r at Strasbourg (l. Kasatkina) and Roland Garros (l. Teichmann)
- Made 3r at Madrid (l. Noskova) and Rome (l. qualifier Potapova)
- Played 2r at Stuttgart (l. Gauff)
- Made 2r at Linz (l. Tagger)
- Played 2r at Miami (l. Baptiste)
- Made 2r at Indian Wells (l. Krueger)
- Fell in 1r at Dubai (l. Fernandez)
- Played 1r at Doha (l. Frech)
- Reached QF at Abu Dhabi (l. Baptiste)
- Played 1r at Australian Open (l. Siegemund)
- Fell in 1r at Adelaide (l. Vondrousova)
- Began 2026 season with QF at Brisbane (l. Pegula)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
112	17	<b>Aces</b>	45	51
59.8%	58	<b>First serve %</b>	59.1%	63
70.0%	6	<b>First Serve points won %</b>	64.0%	44
48.3%	15	<b>Second serve points won %</b>	46.1%	37
61.2%	8	<b>Overall service points won %</b>	56.7%	42
73.1%	16	<b>Service games won %</b>	64.5%	50
51.6%	68	<b>Break points saved %</b>	52.4%	60
38.1%	28	<b>First serve return points won %</b>	36.6%	43
56.8%	24	<b>Second serve return points won %</b>	53.2%	63
49.1%	21	<b>Break points converted %</b>	48.8%	22
39.4%	18	<b>Return games won %</b>	34.9%	42
45.4%	18	<b>Return points won %</b>	42.6%	50



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## TITLES

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (10)

2025 - 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH, SINGAPORE  
2023 - MONASTIR  
2022 - MONASTIR  
2021 - MELBOURNE 500 GIPPSLAND TROPHY  
2019 - DOHA  
2018 - RABAT, LUGANO, HOBART  
2017 - HOBART

Runner-Up (6)

2025 - HOBART  
2024 - HOBART  
2021 - ISTANBUL  
2020 - LINZ, PRAGUE  
2017 - ISTANBUL

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (24)

2026 - AUSTRALIAN OPEN (w/Zhang)  
2025 - WTA FINALS (w/Kudermetova),  
WIMBLEDON (w/Kudermetova)  
2024 - BIRMINGHAM (w/Hsieh), INDIAN WELLS  
(w/Hsieh), AUSTRALIAN OPEN (w/Hsieh)  
2023 - GUADALAJARA (w/Hunter), ROME  
(w/Hunter)  
2022 - WTA FINALS (w/Kudermetova), DUBAI  
(w/Kudermetova)  
2021 - INDIAN WELLS (w/Hsieh), WIMBLEDON  
(w/Hsieh), ISTANBUL (w/Kudermetova),  
AUSTRALIAN OPEN (w/Sabalenka)  
2020 - OSTRAVA (w/Sabalenka)  
2019 - US OPEN (w/Sabalenka), MIAMI  
(w/Sabalenka), INDIAN WELLS (w/Sabalenka)  
2018 - WUHAN (w/Schuurs), 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH  
(w/Schuurs), LUGANO (w/Flipkens), HOBART  
(w/Schuurs)  
2017 - GUANGZHOU (w/Schuurs)  
2016 - AUCKLAND (w/Mestach)

Runner-Up (14)

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (5)

2024 - 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH  
2022 - TOKYO, CLEVELAND, WASHINGTON DC  
2021 - BERLIN

Runner-Up (4)

2025 - STRASBOURG  
2023 - BEIJING, MONTREAL, ABU DHABI

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (4)

2026 - STUTTGART (w/Melichar-martinez)  
2025 - NINGBO (w/Melichar-martinez)  
2024 - SEOUL (w/Melichar-martinez)  
2023 - DUBAI (w/Kudermetova)

Runner-Up (1)

2025 - 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH (w/Melichar-martinez)



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## GRAND SLAMS

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



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- 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. Krejciakova/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
- Reached ninth career final in 2025 with runner-up finish at Strasbourg, as well as SF at Adelaide and Berlin and reached QF at a Grand Slam for the first time at Wimbledon (l. eventual champion Swiatek). Ended the year ranked inside the Top 20 for a third consecutive year (No.17)
- Won third career WTA doubles title in 2025 at Ningbo (w/Melichar-Martinez) and reached a further doubles finals at 's-Hertogenbosch (w/Melichar-Martinez)
- In 2024, won one title at 's-Hertogenbosch (d. Andreescu in final); also reached SF at Abu Dhabi (l. eventual champion Rybakina); notably reached the QF at Cincinnati (l. eventual champion Sabalenka) and 4r at US Open (l. Swiatek)
- Won one doubles title in 2024 at Seoul (w/Melichar-Martinez)
- Ended 2023 ranked No.16; reached three finals at Abu Dhabi (l. Bencic in F), Montreal (l. Pegula in F) and Beijing (l. Swiatek)
- Also in 2023, reached SF at Washington DC and qualified for WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai going 1-1 in group play
- In doubles in 2023, won title at Dubai (w/Veronika Kudermetova)
- Lifted three titles in 2022, at Washington DC (d. Kanepi in F), Cleveland (d. Sasnovich in F) and Tokyo (d. Q.Zheng in F) ending year at No.20, her first Top 20 year-end ranking
- Also made SF at 2022 Stuttgart, QF at Adelaide 250, R16 at US Open and made Top 20 debut on October 24; earned first Top 10 win of career over No.7 Karolina Pliskova at Stuttgart
- Highlight of 2021 was coming through qualifying to lift maiden WTA title at Berlin (d. Bencic in F) and breaking into Top 50 on September 13 finishing the year at No.39, her first year-end Top 100 ranking
- Reached two further SFs in 2021, at Luxembourg and Courmayeur and reached R16 at Wimbledon
- Earned first Top 20 win of career over No.11 Kiki Bertens at 2021 Miami
- In 2020 reached 2r at Brisbane (as qualifier, d.No.24 Stephens, l. No.7 Kvitova) and Palermo (as qualifier, l. Martic), and fell 1r four times (including Australian Open, US Open and Roland Garros)
- Appeared in the first WTA main draws of her career in 2019, highlighted by SF run at Palermo (as LL, l. eventual champion Teichmann), 2r showing at Lausanne (l. Han) and falling 1r on

- Completed 'Sunshine Double' in doubles (w/Sabalenka), lifting the back-to-back titles at Indian Wells (d. Krejčíková/Siniaková) and Miami (d. Stosur/Zhang), and qualified for Shiseido WTA Finals Shenzhen (went 1-2 in RR)
- Advanced to first Grand Slam SF of career at 2018 Australian Open (l. eventual champion Wozniacki)
- During 2018, lifted titles at Hobart, Rabat and Lugano, finishing with 46 main draw match wins across the campaign - only Ka.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

- Grand Slam main draw debut at Roland Garros (as qualifier, l. Vekić)
- Contested qualifying at a WTA event for the first time at 2019 Australian Open
- Made professional debut on ITF circuit in 2013; owns four singles titles on the ITF Circuit

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Currently working with Christopher Heyman
- Formerly worked with Alexander Kneepkens, Robbie Ceyskens, 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

- Previously trained in Rome with Alessandro Dumitrache and worked with Alessandro Piccari
- Parents are Dmitry Samsonov and Svetlana Samsonova
- Hobbies include listening to and playing music, attending concerts and watching films
- Idolizes Maria Sharapova
- Favorite shot is her forehand and favorite surface to play on is hard court