



# MATCH NOTES

BAD HOMBURG OPEN POWERED BY SOLARWATT

- BAD HOMBURG, GER

2026-06-21 - 2026-06-27 | \$ 1,049,083



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WIN

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MATCHES  
PLAYED

1  
WIN



25

**CLARA  
TAUSON**  
DENMARK

**DIANA  
(7) SHNAIDER**

16

2002-12-21	<b>Date of Birth</b>	2004-04-02
Kongens Lyngby, Denmark	<b>Residence</b>	
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	<b>Plays</b>	Left-handed (two-handed backhand)
6' (1.82 m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 6" (1.70m)
12	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	11
\$5,169,457	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$6,060,357
\$741,106	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$1,838,205
0 / 3	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	0 / 5
22-19 (Round of 16: 2025 WIMBLEDON; 2024 ROLAND GARROS)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	18-12 (Semi-Finalist: 2026 ROLAND GARROS)
0-0 / 1-2 (Round of 16: 2025)	<b>YTD / Career BAD HOMBURG W- L (best)</b>	0-0 / 5-1 (Champion: 2024)
8-13 / 94-83	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	18-13 / 104-70



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## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2024	US OPEN	HARD	2r	Diana Shnaider	6-4 6-4	1h 27m

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
12	-	2026	16	-
12	12	2025	11	21
50	52	2024	12	13
76	85	2023	60	60
33	128	2022	182	182
44	44	2021	1054	1065
151	152	2020	-	-
267	267	2019	-	-
715	863	2018	-	-
938	938	2017	-	-



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

*Total time on court: 0m*

#### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 3rd appearance at Bad Homburg, where her best tournament result was 2r in 2025 (l. Andreeva)
- Faces No.16 Diana Shnaider in 1r today; owns 9 wins in career over Top 20 players, most recently No.8 Madison Keys at 2025 Montreal
- Career-best Tour-level result on grass is QF at 2025 Nottingham (l. Linette)
- Only player from Denmark in this week's main draw
- Best result by Denmark at Bad Homburg was QF run by Caroline Wozniacki in 2024 (ret. vs. Navarro)
- So far in this year's grass swing, lost opening matches at 's-Hertogenbosch (l. Pohankova) and Berlin (l. Parry)
- During last year's grass swing, reached 4r at Wimbledon, 2r at Bad Homburg and QF at Nottingham (6-3 on grass in 2025)
- Best results at WTA 500 events are SFs at 2025 Linz (l. eventual R-Up Yastremska) and 2026 Abu Dhabi (l. eventual champion Bejlek)
- Best tournament finish so far this year is her Abu Dhabi SF
- Is currently ranked No.25; this time last year was ranked No.23. Reached career-high ranking of No.12 in September 2025

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

*Total time on court: 0m*

#### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 3rd appearance at Bad Homburg, where she was the 2024 champion (d. Vekic in F)
- Faces No.25 Clara Tauson in 1r today; Shnaider is 15-4 this year vs. players ranked outside the Top 20
- Owns 1-0 career Tour-level record against players from Denmark (d. today's opponent Tauson in 2024 US Open 2r)
- 1 of her 5 career WTA singles titles has come on grass: her title here in 2024
- So far in this year's grass swing, fell 1r at Berlin (l. Bartunkova)
- During last year's grass swing, reached 2r at Wimbledon, 1r at Bad Homburg, 2r at Berlin and QF at Queen's Club (4-4 on grass in 2025)
- She is a 2-time champion at WTA 500-level: here in 2024, and at 2025 Monterrey (d. Alexandrova in F)
- Her best tournament finishes so far this year are SFs at Roland Garros (her first Grand Slam QF and SF; l. eventual R-Up Chwalinska) and Adelaide (l. eventual champion Andreeva)
- Is currently ranked No.16; this time last year was ranked No.12. Reached career-high ranking of No.11 in May 2025



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2025	Result	Rank: 23	Seed: -
2r	L	M. ANDREEVA (#7)	3-6 6-3 6-1
1r	W	M. FRECH (#25)	6-7(6) 6-3 6-3

  

2021	Result	Rank: 93	Seed: -
1r	L	A. BLINKOVA (#90)	7-6 4-6 6-2

2025	Result	Rank: 12	Seed: 6
1r	L	D. VEKIC (#22)	6-3 6-3

  

2024	Result	Rank: 47	Seed: -
F	W	D. VEKIC (#49)	6-3 2-6 6-3
SF	W	E. NAVARRO (#19)	7-5 2-6 6-3
QF	W	P. BADOSA (#113)	6-3 7-6(3)
2r	W	D. YASTREMSKA (#28)	6-2 6-2
1r	W	A. KERBER (#221)	7-5 6-3



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## SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Played 1r at Berlin (l. qualifier Parry)
- Made 1r at 's-Hertogenbosch (l. WC Pohankova)
- Fell 1r at Roland Garros (l. Snigur)
- Played 2r at Strasbourg (l. Cristian)
- Made 2r at Rome (l. Oliynykova)
- Played 2r at Miami (l. Boulter, retired due to lower back injury)
- Made 3r at Indian Wells (l. Gibson)
- Reached QF at Dubai (l. eventual champion Pegula)
- Played 1r at Doha (l. Siniakova)
- Reached SF at Abu Dhabi (l. eventual champion Bejlek)
- Made 3r at Australian Open (l. Mboko)
- Played 2r at Adelaide (l. Tomljanovic, retired)
- Made R32 at Brisbane (l. Sasnovich)

- Played 1r at Berlin (l. WC Bartunkova)
- 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
129	13	<b>Aces</b>	41	60
62.8%	44	<b>First serve %</b>	65.9%	21
67.8%	17	<b>First Serve points won %</b>	63.2%	52
43.3%	68	<b>Second serve points won %</b>	46.7%	35
58.6%	27	<b>Overall service points won %</b>	57.6%	36
69.3%	30	<b>Service games won %</b>	69.9%	29
53.4%	55	<b>Break points saved %</b>	58.6%	23
33.5%	76	<b>First serve return points won %</b>	38.5%	17
53.4%	65	<b>Second serve return points won %</b>	54.3%	52
45.2%	44	<b>Break points converted %</b>	47.7%	27
29.3%	75	<b>Return games won %</b>	36.6%	33
41.2%	74	<b>Return points won %</b>	44.2%	36



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## TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (3)  
2025 - AUCKLAND  
2021 - LUXEMBOURG, LYON  
Runner-Up (2)  
2025 - DUBAI  
2021 - COURMAYEUR

### SINGLES FINALS

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

### DOUBLES FINALS

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

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



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- In 2025, won Auckland title (first Tour title since 2021) and reached first career WTA 1000 final at Dubai (l. M.Andreeva); made Top 20 debut, finishing at career-high No.12 in the year-end rankings
- Highlight of 2024 season was posting best Grand Slam result by reaching R16 at Roland Garros for the first time in her career. Also achieved R-Up at two WTA 125s, Hong Kong and Oeiras
- In 2023 matched her career best Grand Slam result at Roland Garros where she reached the 3r as a qualifier (l.Avanesyan); also reached the Linz QF (l. Martic)
- Back injury restricted her to just 11 WTA main-draw outings in 2022, with best result a QF showing at Melbourne Summer Set 2 (l. Sasnovich). Also finished R-Up in her last event of the year at WTA 125K Series event in Limoges and won one ITF Circuit title at W25 Selva Gardener
- Came through qualifying to win maiden WTA title in Lyon in March 2021 (in final, beat fellow qualifier Golubic - last time two qualifiers met in a WTA final was at 2017 Tokyo [Japan Open], when Diyas beat Kato); also in 2021, won a second title in Luxembourg and finished runner-up at Courmayeur
- Ended 2020 season ranked No.152 (up from No.267 at the end of 2019) after posting 30-7 win-loss record. Best results were 2r at Roland Garros (as qualifier, d.No.25 Brady, l. Collins) and lifting two titles on ITF Circuit
- Made Tour-level debut (main draw and qualifying) with 1r exit at 2019 Lugano (as wildcard qualifier, l. Rodina). Also lifted four ITF Circuit singles titles in 2019
- Won maiden ITF Circuit title in just her second tournament, at \$15k ITF/Stockholm-SWE in 2017
- Reached SF on professional debut at \$15k ITF/Antalya-TUR in 2017
- On ITF Junior Circuit has lifted nine singles titles, including at 2019 Australian Open (d. Fernandez in F). In 2019 she became the first Dane to top the junior world rankings
- 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

- Coached by Kasper Elsvad
- Started playing tennis aged six; tennis is the only sport she has played
- 2019 Australian Open girls' champion, defeating Leylah Fernandez in final
- Self-described style as aggressive explaining, "I like to come in the court and finish at net if I have the opportunity"
- Uncle, Michael Tauson, is a former ATP player
- Trains in Belgium at the Justine Henin Academy with her coach
- In free time, also enjoys talking to friends via Facetime or watch Netflix; enjoys watching crime shows, like The Blacklist

- 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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SIERRA (Q)**  
ARGENTINA

**QINWEN  
(WC) ZHENG**  
CHINA

153

2004-06-17	<b>Date of Birth</b>	2002-10-08
Mar del Plata, Argentina	<b>Residence</b>	Barcelona, Spain
Right-handed (one-handed backhand)	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 8" (1.72 m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 10" (1.78m)
56	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	4
\$1,636,067	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$10,320,213
\$685,351	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$395,461
0 / 0	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	0 / 5
5-6 (Round of 16: 2025 WIMBLEDON)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	31-16 (Runner-Up: 2024 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
0-0 / 0-0	<b>YTD / Career BAD HOMBURG W-L (best)</b>	0-0 / 0-0
11-12 / 17-19	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	8-8 / 136-77



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## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

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First career meeting

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
56	-	<b>2026</b>	23	-
64	66	<b>2025</b>	4	24
145	154	<b>2024</b>	5	5
201	212	<b>2023</b>	15	15
409	464	<b>2022</b>	25	25
811	811	<b>2021</b>	143	143
1069	1152	<b>2020</b>	324	324
1148	1156	<b>2019</b>	633	649
-	-	<b>2018</b>	933	933



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

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#### PLAYER NOTES

- Making her tournament debut
- Was the No.1 seed in qualifying, and qualified for the main draw with wins over Ella Seidel and Anna Blinkova
- Faces No.153 Zheng Qinwen in 1r today; this is her first Tour-level meeting vs. a player from China
- Has twice posted R16 finishes at grass-court Tour-level events: 2026 's-Hertogenbosch (l. McNally) and 2025 Wimbledon (as LL, l. Siegemund)
- Her 2025 Wimbledon run was the first time in the Open Era that a lucky loser made R16 of the women's singles draw at that tournament
- Only player from Argentina in the main draw
- Best result by Argentina at Bad Homburg was QF run by Nadia Podoroska in 2021 (l. Kvitova)
- Best result by a qualifier at Bad Homburg was SF run by Viktoriya Tomova in 2024 (l. eventual R-Up Vekic)
- So far in this year's grass swing, made R16 at 's-Hertogenbosch (l. McNally)
- Her Wimbledon R16 performance last year was her first Tour-level main draw on grass
- This is her 2nd career WTA 500 main draw, after 2026 Charleston (ret. vs. Urhobo in 1r)
- Is currently ranked a career-high No.56; this time last year was ranked No.100

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

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#### PLAYER NOTES

- Making her tournament debut
- As a main draw wild card, faces No.56 Solana Sierra in 1r today
- Owns 2-0 career Tour-level record against players from Argentina (both wins over Podoroska, at 2023 US Open and 2024 Beijing)
- Career-best Tour-level result on grass is SF at 2025 Queen's Club (l. eventual R-Up Anisimova)
- One of 2 players from China in this week's main draw (also Wang Xinyu) - they are the first players from China to contest the main draw at this event
- Best results by wild cards at Bad Homburg were QF runs by Paula Badosa in 2024, Caroline Wozniacki in 2024, Sabine Lisicki in 2022 and Victoria Azarenka in 2021
- So far in this year's grass swing, fell 1r at Queen's Club (l. Cristian) and made 2r at Nottingham (l. Gibson)
- Posted a 2-2 record on grass last year, following her Queen's SF with a 1r loss at Wimbledon (l. Siniakova)
- She has won two WTA 500 titles in her career, at 2023 Zhengzhou (d. Krejčíková in F) and 2024 Tokyo (d. Kenin in F)
- Is currently ranked No.153; this time last year was ranked No.5. Reached career-high ranking of No.4 in June 2025
- Last year, underwent elbow surgery in July and played only one event after Wimbledon (ret. in Beijing 3r); returned to Tour at Doha this February



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

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## SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Played 2r at 's-Hertogenbosch (l. McNally)
- Made 3r at Roland Garros (l. Cirstea)
- Reached 3r at Rome (l. eventual finalist Gauff) and Roland Garros (l. Cirstea)
- Made 4r at Madrid (l. Ka.Pliskova)
- Played 1r at Charleston (l. Urhobo, retired due to dizziness)
- Fell in 1r at Miami (l. Rakhimova)
- Made 2r at Indian Wells (l. M.Andreeva)
- Played 1r at Doha (as LL, l. Pliskova)
- Fell in 1r at Australian Open (l. Uchijima)
- Made 2r at Hobart (l. Ruzic)
- Opened 2026 with Team Argentina at United Cup reaching QF (1-2 in singles)

- Made 2r at Nottingham (l. Gibson)
- Played 1r at London (l. Cristian)
- Fell 1r at Roland Garros (l. eventual R-Up Chwalinska)
- Made 3r at Madrid (l. Rybakina) and Rome (l. Ostapenko)
- Reached 4r at Miami (l. Sabalenka)
- Played 2r at Indian Wells (l. Ruzic)
- Made 3r at Doha (l. Rybakina)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
52	51	<b>Aces</b>	154	9
61.4%	53	<b>First serve %</b>	56.7%	81
60.2%	73	<b>First Serve points won %</b>	73.9%	1
42.9%	71	<b>Second serve points won %</b>	49.2%	10
53.5%	81	<b>Overall service points won %</b>	63.2%	4
57.0%	83	<b>Service games won %</b>	76.6%	5
57.6%	31	<b>Break points saved %</b>	60.7%	13
34.5%	68	<b>First serve return points won %</b>	30.5%	84
54.4%	49	<b>Second serve return points won %</b>	49.3%	84
46.5%	34	<b>Break points converted %</b>	46.7%	33
32.5%	54	<b>Return games won %</b>	21.9%	84
42.0%	61	<b>Return points won %</b>	37.3%	84



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## TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (5)

2024 - TOKYO, OLYMPICS, PALERMO

2023 - ZHENGZHOU, PALERMO

Runner-Up (5)

2024 - WTA FINALS, WUHAN, AUSTRALIAN OPEN

2023 - ZHUHAI

2022 - TOKYO

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
1r	3r			<b>2026</b>		1r		
	1r	4r	1r	<b>2025</b>	2r	QF	1r	
			1r	<b>2024</b>	RUP	3r	1r	QF
				<b>2023</b>	2r	2r	1r	QF
				<b>2022</b>	2r	4r	3r	3r



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- In 2025 reached R16 at Wimbledon as a lucky loser to post her best career Grand Slam result - her 1r win over Gadecki was the first Tour level match win of her career. She became the first lucky loser in the Open Era to reach the 4r at Wimbledon
- Also in 2025 made QF at Tour level for the first time at Sao Paulo (l. Jones) and won first WTA 125 titles at Antalya #3 and Mallorca
- Highlights of 2024 were reaching her first Grand Slam main draw at US Open as a qualifier (l. Maria in 1r) and making quarterfinal at WTA 125 Barranquilla (l. Ruzic). On the ITF circuit won six ITF titles bringing her career total to 12 as of 2024 year-end. Broke into the Top 150 for the first time reaching a career high of No.145 in October
- Opened 2023 by winning ITF \$25K title at Tucuman and broke into Top 200 at the end of the season after reaching QF at WTA 125 Buenos Aires (l. Pigossi)
- Claimed three ITF \$15K titles in 2022
- Began on ITF circuit in 2018 at age of 14 playing a small number of tournaments each year until playing a full season in 2022
- Best results in an injury-affected 2025 season include semifinals at Rome and London and a run to the Roland Garros QF; underwent elbow surgery in July and played only one event after Wimbledon (ret. in Beijing 3r)
- Enjoyed best season of career in 2024, reaching her first Grand Slam final at the Australian Open, winning titles at Tokyo and Palermo, contesting the title match at her home tournament in Wuhan and closing out the season at her first WTA Finals, losing to Gauff in the final
- An outstanding 2024 also saw her make her Top 10 and Top 5 debuts in the PIF WTA Rankings and the gold medal placed around her neck at the 2024 Paris Olympics
- Won first two WTA titles in 2023 at Palermo (d. Paolini in F) and Zhengzhou (d. Krejčíková in F); also reached final at WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai (l. Haddad Maia), SF at Abu Dhabi and first career Grand Slam QF at US Open (l. Sabalenka)
- Earned 2023 WTA Most Improved Player of Year, ending the season at No.15 and inside the Top 20 for the first time; she made her Top 20 debut on May 22, 2023
- In 2022, won WTA Newcomer of the Year, reached first WTA final at Tokyo (l. Samsonova) and also made SF at Melbourne Summer Set 1 (as qualifier), QF at Toronto and R16 at Roland Garros. Broke into Top 100 on January 31, and cracked Top 50 after her Roland Garros run
- Scored first Top 20 win over No.19 Simona Halep at 2022 Roland Garros, then earned two Top 10 wins over No.5 Ons Jabeur at Toronto and No.4 Paula Badosa at Tokyo. Also won title at WTA 125 event in Valencia in June 2022
- Reached 2r on WTA main draw debut in 2021 at Palermo (as qualifier, l. Cristian)
- Made WTA qualifying debut in 2019, appearing in qualifying at Miami, Tianjin and Wuhan
- Made ITF debut in 2018; has gone on to amass eight ITF singles titles with 8-0 record in finals

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Started playing tennis at 3 yrs old in her hometown of Mar del Plata, Argentina
- Idol growing up was Serena Williams
- Coached by Pere Riba
- Trains in Barcelona

- Grew up playing on clay, so has a preference for clay courts
- Inspired by Gabriela Sabatini

- Parents encouraged her to play multiple sports in her childhood, including table tennis
- Tennis idol is Roger Federer



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**VENUS  
WILLIAMS (WC)**  
UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA

**IRINA-CAMELIA  
(Q) BEGU**  
ROMANIA

**211**

1980-06-17	<b>Date of Birth</b>	1990-08-26
Palm Beach Gardens, FL, USA	<b>Residence</b>	Bucharest, Romania
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	<b>Plays</b>	Right-Handed (two-handed backhand)
6' 1" (1.85m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 11" (1.81m)
1	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	22
\$43,077,000	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$8,937,426
\$209,636	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$66,290
0 / 49	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	0 / 6
271-87 (Champion: 2008 WIMBLEDON; 2007 WIMBLEDON; 2005 WIMBLEDON; 2001 US OPEN, WIMBLEDON; 2000 US OPEN, WIMBLEDON)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	42-52 (Round of 16: 2022 ROLAND GARROS; 2016 FRENCH OPEN; 2015 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
0-0 / 0-0	<b>YTD / Career BAD HOMBURG W- L (best)</b>	0-0 / 0-0
0-7 / 781-285	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	0-1 / 242-235



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## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2017	TORONTO	HARD	1r	Venus Williams	6-1 3-6 6-3	1h 57m

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
458	-	2026	139	-
564	572	2025	69	147
406	970	2024	74	83
404	407	2023	27	76
312	1010	2022	33	34
76	313	2021	54	60
52	78	2020	70	76
34	53	2019	66	99
5	40	2018	33	66
5	5	2017	28	43



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

*Total time on court: 0m*

#### PLAYER NOTES

- The former World No.1, who turned 46 last week, is making her tournament debut
- As a main draw wild card, faces No.211 Irina-Camelia Begu in 1r today
- Williams is contesting her first singles event since Madrid in April (l. Quevedo in 1r)
- Owns 17-6 career Tour-level record against players from Romania - this is her first meeting vs. a Romanian since defeating Buzarnescu in 2021 Wimbledon 1r
- Her 5 career grass-court titles are all Grand Slams - Wimbledon titles in 2000 (d. Davenport in F), 2001 (d. Henin in F), 2005 (d. Davenport in F), 2007 (d. Bartoli in F) and 2008 (d. S.Williams in F)
- One of 4 players from United States of America in the main draw (also No.8 seed Jovic, Navarro and Li)
- Best result by United States of America at Bad Homburg was title run by Jessica Pegula last year (d. Swiatek in F)
- Best results by wild cards at Bad Homburg were QF runs by Paula Badosa in 2024, Caroline Wozniacki in 2024, Sabine Lisicki in 2022 and Victoria Azarenka in 2021
- Reached World No.1 ranking for the first time on February 25, 2002, and held the top spot for a total of 11 weeks
- This is her first grass-court singles match since a 1r loss to eventual semifinalist Svitolina at 2023 Wimbledon

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

*Total time on court: 0m*

#### PLAYER NOTES

- Making her tournament debut
- Qualified for this week's main draw with wins over Tamara Korpatsch and Diane Parry
- Faces No.471 Venus Williams in 1r today; this is Begu's 2nd Tour-level match of the year (also l. Siegemund in Madrid 1r)
- After winning Iasi title last July, did not play any matches until Madrid this April
- Owns 25-19 career Tour-level record against players from United States (0-0 in 2026)
- Career-best Tour-level results on grass are R16s at 2012-2013 's-Hertogenbosch and 2016 Birmingham
- 1 of 2 players from Romania in main draw (also fellow qualifier Ruse)
- Best result by Romania at Bad Homburg was SF run by Simona Halep in 2022
- Best result by a qualifier at Bad Homburg was SF run by Viktoriya Tomova in 2024 (l. eventual R-Up Vekic)
- During last year's grass swing, reached 2r at Wimbledon (d. Juvan in 1r; l. Kasatkina)
- Is currently ranked No.211; this time last year was ranked No.117. Reached career-high ranking of No.22 in August 2016



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles



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## SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Played 1r at Madrid (as WC, l. Quevedo)
  - Fell in 1r at Miami (as WC, l. Jones)
  - Played 1r at Indian Wells (as WC, l. Parry)
  - Fell in 1r at Austin (as WC, l. Tomljanovic)
  - Played 1r at Australian Open (as WC, l. Danilovic)
  - Fell in 1r at Hobart (as WC, l. Maria)
  - Played 1r at Auckland (as WC, l. Linette)
- Fell in 1r at Madrid (l. Siegemund)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
26	88	<b>Aces</b>	1	212
60.3%	0	<b>First serve %</b>	74.5%	0
64.2%	0	<b>First Serve points won %</b>	44.7%	0
38.5%	0	<b>Second serve points won %</b>	23.1%	0
54.0%	0	<b>Overall service points won %</b>	39.2%	0
58.0%	0	<b>Service games won %</b>	25.0%	0
51.4%	0	<b>Break points saved %</b>	45.5%	0
31.0%	0	<b>First serve return points won %</b>	36.6%	0
47.8%	0	<b>Second serve return points won %</b>	50.0%	0
43.2%	0	<b>Break points converted %</b>	66.7%	0
19.0%	0	<b>Return games won %</b>	25.0%	0
37.0%	0	<b>Return points won %</b>	37.8%	0



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## TITLES

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (49)

2016 - KAOHSIUNG  
2015 - ZHUHAI, WUHAN, AUCKLAND  
2014 - DUBAI  
2012 - LUXEMBOURG  
2010 - ACAPULCO, DUBAI  
2009 - ACAPULCO, DUBAI  
2008 - TOUR CHAMPIONSHIPS, ZURICH,  
WIMBLEDON  
2007 - SEOUL, WIMBLEDON, MEMPHIS  
2005 - WIMBLEDON, ISTANBUL  
2004 - WARSAW, CHARLESTON  
2003 - ANTWERP  
2002 - NEW HAVEN, SAN DIEGO, STANFORD,  
AMELIA ISLAND, ANTWERP, PARIS, GOLD COAST  
2001 - US OPEN, NEW HAVEN, SAN DIEGO,  
WIMBLEDON, HAMBURG, MIAMI  
2000 - OLYMPICS, US OPEN, NEW HAVEN, SAN  
DIEGO, STANFORD, WIMBLEDON  
1999 - ZURICH, NEW HAVEN, ROME, HAMBURG,  
MIAMI, OKLAHOMA CITY  
1998 - MUNICH - GRAND SLAM CUP, MIAMI,  
OKLAHOMA CITY

Runner-Up (34)

2017 - WTA FINALS, WIMBLEDON, AUSTRALIAN  
OPEN  
2016 - STANFORD  
2014 - QUEBEC CITY, MONTREAL, AUCKLAND  
2010 - MADRID, MIAMI  
2009 - TOUR CHAMPIONSHIPS, STANFORD,  
WIMBLEDON  
2007 - TOKYO - JAPAN OPEN  
2005 - STANFORD, ANTWERP  
2004 - STANFORD, BERLIN  
2003 - WIMBLEDON, WARSAW, AUSTRALIAN OPEN  
2002 - US OPEN, WIMBLEDON, FRENCH OPEN,  
HAMBURG  
2000 - LINZ  
1999 - MUNICH - GRAND SLAM CUP, SAN DIEGO,  
STANFORD, HANNOVER  
1998 - ZURICH, STANFORD, ROME, SYDNEY  
1997 - US OPEN

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (22)

Most recently:

2016 - WIMBLEDON (w/Williams)

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (6)

2025 - IASI  
2022 - PALERMO  
2017 - BUCHAREST  
2016 - FLORIANOPOLIS  
2015 - SEOUL  
2012 - TASHKENT

Runner-Up (4)

2021 - CLEVELAND  
2014 - MOSCOW  
2011 - BUDAPEST, MARBELLA

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (9)

2019 - HUA HIN (w/Niculescu)  
2018 - BUCHAREST (w/Mitu), SHENZHEN (w/Halep)  
2017 - TIANJIN (w/Errani), BUCHAREST (w/Olaru)  
2014 - SEOUL (w/Arruabarrena), RIO DE JANEIRO  
(w/Irigoyen)  
2013 - 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH (w/Medina Garrigues)  
2012 - HOBART (w/Niculescu)

Runner-Up (7)

2018 - TASHKENT (w/Olaru), EASTBOURNE  
(w/Buzarnescu)  
2015 - MOSCOW (w/Niculescu), WUHAN  
(w/Niculescu), RIO DE JANEIRO (w/Irigoyen)  
2012 - LUXEMBOURG (w/Niculescu), FES  
(w/Cadantu-ignatik)



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1999 - SAN DIEGO (w/Williams)

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## GRAND SLAMS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
1r				<b>2026</b>				
			1r	<b>2025</b>	1r	1r	2r	
				<b>2024</b>		3r	1r	
		1r	1r	<b>2023</b>	2r	3r	2r	1r
			1r	<b>2022</b>	2r	4r	3r	2r
2r	1r	2r		<b>2021</b>	1r	1r	3r	1r
1r	1r		1r	<b>2020</b>	1r	2r		1r
3r	1r	1r	2r	<b>2019</b>	2r	3r		
1r	1r	3r	3r	<b>2018</b>	2r	3r	1r	2r
RUP	4r	RUP	SF	<b>2017</b>	2r	1r	2r	1r
1r	4r	SF	4r	<b>2016</b>	1r	4r	1r	1r
QF	1r	4r	QF	<b>2015</b>	4r	3r	3r	1r
1r	2r	3r	3r	<b>2014</b>	1r		2r	2r
3r	1r		2r	<b>2013</b>	2r	1r	1r	1r
	2r	1r	2r	<b>2012</b>	1r	2r	1r	2r
3r		4r	2r	<b>2011</b>		2r	1r	1r
QF	4r	QF	SF	<b>2010</b>				
2r	3r	RUP	4r	<b>2009</b>				
QF	3r	WON	QF	<b>2008</b>				
	3r	WON	SF	<b>2007</b>				
1r	QF	3r		<b>2006</b>				
4r	3r	WON	QF	<b>2005</b>				
3r	QF	2r	4r	<b>2004</b>				
RUP	4r	RUP		<b>2003</b>				
QF	RUP	RUP	RUP	<b>2002</b>				
SF	1r	WON	WON	<b>2001</b>				
	QF	WON	WON	<b>2000</b>				
QF	4r	QF	SF	<b>1999</b>				
QF	QF	QF	SF	<b>1998</b>				
	2r	1r	RUP	<b>1997</b>				



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- Played three WTA events in 2025, at Washington DC, Cincinnati and US Open; went 1-3 with a win over No.35 Peyton Stearns at Washington DC. In doubles, reached the quarterfinals at the US Open (w/Fernandez)  
In the 2024 season, played 1r at Indian Wells and Miami
- In the 2023 season, made 2r at Auckland, Birmingham and WTA 1000 Cincinnati
- In 2022, fell 1r at Washington DC, Toronto, Cincinnati and US Open
- Reached four QFs across 2019, including Auckland (l. eventual R-Up Andreescu), Indian Wells (l. eventual R-Up Kerber), Birmingham (l. eventual champion Barty) and Cincinnati (l. eventual champion Keys)
- Scored her best win of the 2019 season at Indian Wells, ousting No.3 Kvitova in 3s. Also defeated defending champion and then-ranked No.5 Bertens in Cincinnati
- Season highlights in 2018 were SF run at Indian Wells (d. S.Williams in 3r, l. eventual R-Up Kasatkina) and QF effort at Miami (l. Collins)
- Winnings at Indian Wells took her career total past \$40 million - S.Williams (\$92 million) is the only other player to pass this milestone
- Teamed up in Fed Cup for Serena's first competitive match back since giving birth in September 2017 (played dead doubles rubber, l. Kerkhove/Schuurs)
- Ended 2017 season as runner-up at WTA Finals (l. Wozniacki) - the oldest player to ever reach the title bout at the season finale
- Reached two other finals in 2017, at Australian Open (l. S.Williams) and Wimbledon (l. Muguruza) - only player in 2017 to reach two Grand Slam finals
- Shortly after her 37th birthday, returned to Top 10 by reaching 2017 Wimbledon final, becoming (at the time) the third oldest player to rank in Top 10 in WTA history behind Billie Jean King (September 26, 1983 - 39 years, 322 days) and Martina Navratilova (December 26, 1994 - 38 years, 75 days); also surpassed by 37-year-old Serena in February 2019  
During 2016 season won 49th career singles title at Kaohsiung (d. Doi). Is sixth-oldest player to win a WTA singles title, after Billie Jean King (39) at 1983 Birmingham, Kimiko Date (38) at 2009 Seoul, Serena Williams (38) at 2020 Auckland, Martina Navratilova (37) at 1994 Paris [Indoor] and Francesca Schiavone (36) at 2017 Bogotá
- In 2025 won sixth career title at Iasi (d. Teichmann in F), also reached SF at WTA 125 Parma (l. Mboko). In doubles, reached QF at Roland Garros (w/Wickmayer)
- In 2024 finished the season ranked No.83 - her 11th consecutive Top 100 finish; made semifinal at Palermo, her best result at the Tour-level; also reached three WTA 125 finals, winning titles at Montreux and Cali
- Opened 2023 by reaching SF at Adelaide 1 (l. eventual champion Sabalenka). Also made QF at Madrid (l. Sakkari in 3s) in fourth overall QF at a WTA 1000, followed by third round showing at Roland Garros. (l. Muchova)
- Won fifth WTA title at 2022 Palermo (d. Bronzetti in F). Last season also made SF at St. Petersburg and lifted title at WTA 125K Series event in Bucharest
- In 2021, finished R-Up at Cleveland (l. Kontaveit) - her first singles final since 2017 Bucharest
- Other key results from 2021 were QF runs at Gippsland Trophy (l. Osaka), Phillip Island Trophy (l. Andreescu) and Tenerife (l. Li)
- Defeated No.14 Konta at 2021 Gippsland Trophy for first Top-20 win since overcoming No.5 Ostapenko at 2018 Madrid
- Shortly after Tour's resumption in August 2020, made first WTA SF in over two years at Prague (l. eventual champion Halep); win over No.43 Sevastova in 1r was first over a Top 50 player since 2018 Roland Garros; also reached 2r at Roland Garros in September (l. Halep)
- Prior to tour's hiatus was in good form, winning the title at WTA 125K Series event at Indian Wells and another title at \$100K ITF/Cairo-EGY
- Best results of 2019 were 3r run at Roland Garros (l. Anisimova) and three QF runs at Hobart (l. Schmiedlova), Budapest (l. Vondrousova) and Bucharest (l. Siegemund)
- Reached two singles SFs - Shenzhen and Istanbul - and one QF in 2018. Also defeated No.5 Ostapenko at 2018 Madrid for second Top 5 win of career having also beaten No.4 Muguruza at 2016 Madrid
- Won two doubles titles in 2018 - Shenzhen and Bucharest - finishing the year at a career-best No.23 in the WTA Doubles Rankings. Reached SF stage of 2018 Australian Open doubles event w/Niculescu
- Highlight of 2017 was lifting fourth singles title of her career at Bucharest without dropping a set (d. Goerges in F); also took home the doubles trophy without dropping a set w/Olaru

- With 49 titles, currently 11th on list of Open Era titleholders, chasing Monica Seles (53 titles)
- At Grand Slam level in 2016, advanced to SF at Wimbledon (l. Kerber) which was first time reaching that stage at a major since 2010 US Open
- At 2016 Rio Olympics won silver medal in the mixed doubles (w/Ram, l. Mattek-Sands/Sock)
- Returned to Top 10 for first time since March 2011 following victory in final of the 2015 WTA Elite Trophy
- Was diagnosed with Sjögrens Syndrome in 2011, missing the end of that season and start of 2012
- Won singles gold medal at 2000 Sydney Olympics (d. Dementieva in F); won doubles gold three times with sister Serena, at Sydney, Beijing and London
- Lifted four titles - including first two majors at Wimbledon and US Open, beating Davenport in both finals - in 2000
- Spent 11 weeks at World No.1 in singles (first ascended to top spot week of February 25, 2002) and topped the doubles rankings for eight weeks in 2010
- Lifted maiden WTA title at 1998 Memphis (d. Kruger in F)
- First career final came at 1997 US Open (l. Hingis)
- Made WTA main draw debut at Oakland in 1994; as unranked WC, defeated Stafford in 1r before falling to then-world No.2 Sánchez Vicario in three sets

- Also in 2017 reached two SFs: Istanbul (l. Mertens) and Moscow (l. Kasatkina), and one QF at Charleston (l. eventual champion Kasatkina)
- Represented Romania at 2016 Rio Olympics, making 1r exits in singles (l. Hibino) and doubles (w/Niculescu, l. Chan/Chan)
- Posted career-best singles ranking at No.22 (August 22, 2016)
- Other notable results in 2016 included SF at Rome (l. S.Williams), QF at Charleston (l. Kerber) and QF at Madrid (l. Halep)
- In run to QF at 2016 Madrid was one of four Romanians for reach QF - which was first time this had occurred at a Premier Mandatory event (also Halep, Cirstea and Tig). Secured two milestones during Madrid: career-best win vs. No.4 Muguruza, and 300th match win of career (all levels) with 3r defeat of McHale
- Struggled with right shoulder injury in 2013 - first felt pain at 2013 Australian Open and missed three months of action
- Lifted maiden WTA title at 2012 Tashkent (d. Vekic in F)
- Reached 2r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2011 Roland Garros (d. Rezaï, l. Kuznetsova)
- Appeared in first two WTA finals in 2011, at Mallorca (l. Azarenka) and then Budapest (l. Vinci). Voted WTA Newcomer of the Year in 2011 (media vote)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2009 Budapest (fell in 1r to Peer)
- Holds 12 singles titles and 19 doubles titles on ITF Circuit

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Currently coached by Hugo Armando; Previously coached by Eric Hechtman
- Sisters are Serena, Isha (lawyer, singer), Lyndrea (actress, singer, stylist, computer science major) and Yetunde (deceased September 14, 2003); is a Jehovah's Witness, along with sisters and mother
- Full name is Venus Ebony Starr Williams
- After being diagnosed with Sjögren's Syndrome in 2011, adopted a vegan/raw foods diet to help decrease inflammation in her body and reduce energy-sapping symptoms of the disease (is a self-described "cheagan")
- Interior design company is V Starr Interiors ([www.vstarrinteriors.com](http://www.vstarrinteriors.com)); clothing line is EleVen; has written several books, most recently "Come To Win" in 2010
- Favorite tennis players growing up included Pete Sampras, Boris Becker and Monica Seles; favorite players now include Serena Williams, Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal, Gael Monfils and Bernard Tomic
- Loves karaoke (favorite songs to sing are 6 Underground by the Sneaker Pimps, Stupid Girl by Garbage, Call Me by Blondie, Gold Dust Woman by Fleetwood Mac, Tom Sawyer by Rush and Barracuda by Heart)
- Favorite books include "I Am Number Four" by Pittacus Lore, the Fablehaven series by Brandon Mull, the Harry Potter series by JK Rowling, comic books (especially DC) and the Bible
- Favorite cities are Palm Beach Gardens, Rome, Hong Kong and Paris
- Favorite designers are Ralph Lauren, Armani, Matthew Williamson and Dolce & Gabbana

- Coached by Victor Crivoi
- Mother's name is Steluta (civil servant); father's name is Paul (electrician); brother is Andrei
- Started playing tennis at age 3 with aunt, who was a coach
- Did gymnastics and played handball when younger
- Idol growing up was Martina Hingis
- Best early tennis memory was winning European 16 & Under title in 2006
- Favorite city is New York; favorite tournament was Marbella

- Also enjoys art, Asian antiques, dancing, writing poetry, sewing, studying new subjects, getting the mail and receiving packages, being at home and playing the guitar





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30

**ALEXANDRA  
EALA**  
PHILIPPINES

**ELISE  
MERTENS**  
BELGIUM

26

2005-05-23	<b>Date of Birth</b>	1995-11-17
	<b>Residence</b>	Hamont-Achel, Belgium
Left-handed (two-handed backhand)	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed (Two-handed backhand)
5' 9" (1.75m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 10" (1.79m)
29	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	12
\$2,150,540	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$19,336,728
\$799,186	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$1,541,765
0 / 0	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	0 / 10
1-5 (Round of 64: 2025 US OPEN)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	78-37 (Semi-Finalist: 2018 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
0-0 / 0-0	<b>YTD / Career BAD HOMBURG W-L (best)</b>	0-0 / 0-1 (Round of 32: 2025)
20-15 / 35-42	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	18-12 / 309-201



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**ALEXANDRA  
EALA**

**ELISE  
MERTENS**

## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2026	MADRID 1000	CLAY	2r	Elise Mertens	6-2 6-1	1h 16m
2023	MONASTIR	HARD	1r	Elise Mertens	7-5 6-0	1h 45m

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
29	-	2026	19	-
50	50	2025	20	20
143	158	2024	24	34
189	205	2023	26	29
214	219	2022	20	29
505	529	2021	14	21
-	-	2020	17	20
-	-	2019	12	17
-	-	2018	13	13
-	-	2017	35	35



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

*Total time on court: 0m*

#### PLAYER NOTES

- Making her tournament debut
- Faces No.26 Elise Mertens in 1r today; Eala is 16-7 this year at Tour-level vs. players ranked outside the Top 20
- Owns 0-2 career Tour-level record against players from Belgium - both of those losses to today's opponent Mertens at 2023 Monastir and 2026 Madrid
- First player from Philippines to contest the main draw of this event
- Started her 2026 grass-court swing by winning the WTA 125 title in Birmingham (d. Bartunkova in F), then made 2r at Queen's Club (l. Jovic) and SF at Berlin (l. eventual champion Noskova)
- Went 10-5 on grass last year (spanning all tournament levels and qualifying), including her first career WTA Tour singles final at Eastbourne (l. Joint in F in 3rd-set TB)
- Her Berlin SF run last week is her career-best result at a WTA 500 event
- Her best Tour-level tournament finishes this season are SF runs at Auckland (l. eventual R-Up Wang Xinyu) and Berlin
- Is currently ranked No.30; this time last year was ranked No.74. Reached career-high ranking of No.29 in March 2026

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

*Total time on court: 0m*

#### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at Bad Homburg; she fell 1r last year (l. Svitolina)
- Faces No.30 Alexandra Eala in 1r today; Mertens is 15-6 this year in Tour-level matches vs. players ranked outside the Top 20
- Owns 2-0 career Tour-level record against players from Philippines - both of those wins over today's opponent Eala at 2023 Monastir and 2026 Madrid
- 1 of her 10 career WTA singles titles has come on grass, at 2025 's-Hertogenbosch (d. Ruse in F)
- Only player from Belgium in this week's main draw
- Best result by Belgium at Bad Homburg was Round of 16 run by Greet Minnen in 2022 (l. Lisicki)
- So far in this year's grass swing, made 's-Hertogenbosch 2r (l. Ruse) and Berlin 2r (l. Bartunkova)
- During last year's grass swing, reached 4r at Wimbledon, 1r at Bad Homburg and won title at 's-Hertogenbosch (8-2 record on grass last year)
- She is a 2-time champion at WTA 500 events, winning titles at 2019 Doha (d. Halep in F) and 2021 Gippsland Trophy (d. Kanepi in F)
- Is currently ranked No.26; this time last year was ranked No.24. Reached career-high ranking of No.12 in November 2018



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

2025	Result	Rank: 24	Seed: -
1r	L	E. SVITOLINA (#14)	7-5 6-4



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## SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Made 2r at London (l. Jovic) and SF at Berlin (l. eventual champion Noskova)
- 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)
- Made 2r at Indian Wells (l. Gibson)
- Reached QF at Dubai (l. GauLL)
- 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)

- Made 2r at Berlin (l. WC Bartunkova)
- 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
39	66	<b>Aces</b>	122	16
64.1%	38	<b>First serve %</b>	59.4%	63
60.9%	62	<b>First Serve points won %</b>	70.2%	6
46.3%	39	<b>Second serve points won %</b>	47.5%	26
55.7%	62	<b>Overall service points won %</b>	61.0%	8
63.2%	61	<b>Service games won %</b>	72.8%	16
52.4%	64	<b>Break points saved %</b>	52.9%	58
36.2%	46	<b>First serve return points won %</b>	37.9%	31
56.5%	26	<b>Second serve return points won %</b>	55.9%	32
42.4%	66	<b>Break points converted %</b>	48.5%	24
35.2%	38	<b>Return games won %</b>	38.4%	21
44.0%	40	<b>Return points won %</b>	45.0%	24



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## TITLES

### SINGLES FINALS

Runner-Up (1)  
2025 - EASTBOURNE

### 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)  
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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## GRAND SLAMS

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



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- 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
- 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. Krejckikova/Siniakova in F). Later in the year, won third career Grand Slam doubles title, at Wimbledon w/Hsieh
- Won the most matches on Tour in 2020, going 34-13 across the season and finishing as R-Up at both Prague (l. Halep) and Linz (l. Sabalenka)
- Earned her milestone 200th career main draw win with victory over Kalinina in 1r at 2020 Linz
- Singles highlights in 2019 were winning biggest title of career at Doha (d. No.3 Halep in final) and advancing to QF at US Open for the first time (l. eventual champion Andreescu in 3 sets)
- Enjoyed standout season in doubles in 2019 - won maiden major doubles title at US Open w/Sabalenka (d. Azarenka/Barty in F). Also

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