



MATCH NOTES

TRANSYLVANIA OPEN POWERED BY KAUFLAND -
CLUJ-NAPOCA, ROU

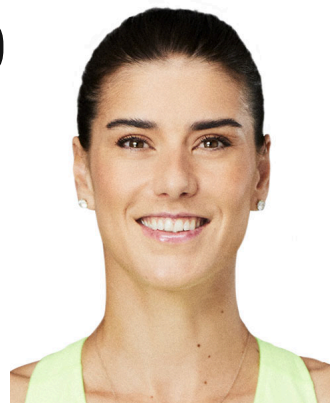
2026-02-01 - 2026-02-07 | \$ 283,347



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MATCHES
PLAYED



30

**EMMA
RADUCANU (1)**
UNITED KINGDOM

**(3) SORANA
CIRSTEA**
ROMANIA

36

| | | |
|------------------------------------|--|--|
| 2002-11-13 | Date of Birth | 1990-04-07 |
| London, Great Britain | Residence | Targoviste, Romania |
| Right handed (two handed backhand) | Plays | Right-handed (two-handed backhand) |
| 5' 7" (1.75m) | Height | 5' 9" (1.76m) |
| 10 | Career-High Ranking | 21 |
| \$6,216,072 | Career Prize Money | \$11,013,349 |
| \$258,694 | Season Prize Money | \$188,421 |
| 0 / 1 | Singles Titles YTD / Career | 0 / 3 |
| 26-14 (Champion: 2021 US OPEN) | Grand Slam W-L (best) | 67-66 (Quarter-Finalist: 2023 US OPEN; 2009 FRENCH OPEN) |
| 4-0 / 6-1 (Runner-Up: 2026) | YTD / Career CLUJ-NAPOCA W-L (best) | 4-0 / 4-2 (Runner-Up: 2026) |
| 6-3 / 85-67 | YTD / Career W-L | 7-2 / 344-337 |



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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

| YEAR | TOURNAMENT | SURFACE | ROUND | WINNER | SCORE/ RESULT | TIME |
|------|------------|---------|-------|---------------|---------------|--------|
| 2021 | WIMBLEDON | GRASS | 3r | Emma Raducanu | 6-3 7-5 | 1h 40m |

RANKING HISTORY

| TOP RANK | YEAR-END | YEAR | TOP RANK | YEAR-END |
|----------|----------|------|----------|----------|
| 29 | - | 2026 | 41 | - |
| 29 | 29 | 2025 | 44 | 44 |
| 54 | 58 | 2024 | 22 | 70 |
| 68 | 285 | 2023 | 25 | 26 |
| 10 | 75 | 2022 | 24 | 38 |
| 19 | 19 | 2021 | 37 | 38 |
| 333 | 343 | 2020 | 69 | 86 |
| 459 | 503 | 2019 | 72 | 72 |
| 692 | 692 | 2018 | 33 | 86 |
| - | - | 2017 | 37 | 37 |



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. G. MINNEN (#125) 6-0 6-4 (1h 10m)
2r: d. K. JUVAN (#97) 7-5 6-1 (1h 37m)
QF: d. M. CHWALINSKA (#146) 6-0 6-4 (1h 11m)
SF: d. O. OLIYNYKOVA (#91) 7-5 3-6 6-3 (2h 48m)

Total time on court: 6h 46m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd tournament appearance and is into the final for the first time
- Previous tournament appearance came at inaugural edition in 2021 (L. Kostyuk in QF)
- Defeated Greet Minnen, Kaja Juvan, Maja Chwalinska and Oleksandra Oliynykova so far this week to reach her 2nd career Tour-level final, and first since 2021
- Her one prior final was her title run at the 2021 US Open (d. Fernandez in all-teen final), where she became the first qualifier to win a Grand Slam title in the Open Era
- Faces No.36 Sorana Cirstea in today's final; owns 36 Tour-level wins in career over Top 50 players, most recently No.41 Jaqueline Cristian at 2025 Seoul
- Owns 5-0 career Tour-level record against players from Romania, most recently her 2025 Seoul win over Cristian
- Career-best result on hard court is her 2021 US Open title
- Is No.1 seed this week; has been top seed at 5 tournaments in her career (including Hobart earlier this year)
- Seeking to become the first British singles titlist on Tour since Sonay Kartal at Monastir in September 2024 (her countrywoman Katie Boulter is also in a final today, in Ostrava)
- Only player from United Kingdom in this week's main draw
- Has surpassed the previous best result by United Kingdom at this event, which was SF run by Harriet Dart in 2024
- Is currently ranked No.30; this time last year was ranked No.56. Reached career-high ranking of No.10 in July of 2022

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. K. RAKHIMOVA (#93) 6-4 6-4 (1h 40m)
2r: d. T. ZIDANSEK (#153) 6-1 6-0 (53m)
QF: d. A. POTAPOVA (#58) 7-5 6-4 (2h 1m)
SF: d. D. SNIGUR (#144) 6-0 6-3 (56m)

Total time on court: 5h 30m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 3rd appearance at this event and is into the final for the first time
- Was previously 0-2 at this event (lost in 1r in 2023 and 2025)
- Defeated Kamilla Rakhimova, Tamara Zidansek, defending champion Anastasia Potapova and Daria Snigur so far this week
- Has reached her 8th career WTA singles final and first since she won last year's Cleveland title as a qualifier (d. Li in F)
- Seeking her 4th career WTA singles title (holds 3-4 record in WTA singles finals)
- Faces No.30 Emma Raducanu in today's final; Cirstea is seeking her 4th Top 50 win of the year (most recent Top 50 win came over No.39 Lys at 2026 Australian Open)
- Owns 6-8 career Tour-level record against players from United Kingdom (1-0 last year, d. Boulter at Osaka)
- Aiming to become the first Romanian champion at this event - previous best results by Romania at this event were R-Up finishes by Ana Bogdan in 2024, Elena-Gabriela Ruse in 2023 and Simona Halep in 2021
- 1 of 6 Romanians to start this week's main draw, and the only one to make QF and beyond
- 2 of her 3 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court, at 2008 Tashkent and Cleveland last year
- At age 35, oldest player to contest this week's main draw
- Is currently ranked No.36; this time last year was ranked No.64. Reached career-high ranking of No.21 in August of 2013
- Most recent Romanian to win a WTA singles title is Cirstea at Cleveland last year



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

| 2021 | Result | Rank: 23 | Seed: 3 |
|------|--------|------------------------------|---------|
| QF | L | M. KOSTYUK (#55) 6-2 6-1 | |
| 2r | W | A. BOGDAN (#106) 6-3 6-4 | |
| 1r | W | P. HERCOG (#124) 4-6 7-5 6-1 | |

| 2025 | Result | Rank: 64 | Seed: - |
|------|--------|--------------------------------|---------|
| 1r | L | M. STAKUSIC (#119) 6-1 1-6 6-4 | |

| 2023 | Result | Rank: 26 | Seed: 1 |
|------|--------|-----------------------|---------|
| 1r | L | E. LYS (#133) 6-3 6-3 | |



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SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Made 2r at Australian Open (l. Potapova)
- Reached QF finish at Hobart (l. Preston)
- Began 2026 season with Team Great Britain at United Cup (0-1 in singles)

- Made 2r at Australian Open (l. Osaka)
- Reached 3r at Brisbane (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)

| VALUE | WTA RANK | MATCH STATS | VALUE | WTA RANK |
|-------|----------|---|-------|----------|
| 10 | 73 | Aces | 51 | 5 |
| 69.5% | 11 | First serve % | 57.6% | 99 |
| 61.3% | 79 | First Serve points won % | 70.8% | 16 |
| 48.9% | 34 | Second serve points won % | 52.9% | 9 |
| 57.5% | 46 | Overall service points won % | 63.2% | 8 |
| 64.8% | 58 | Service games won % | 78.9% | 9 |
| 52.9% | 65 | Break points saved % | 62.7% | 15 |
| 40.8% | 19 | First serve return points won % | 38.1% | 37 |
| 65.0% | 1 | Second serve return points won % | 58.1% | 29 |
| 51.9% | 28 | Break points converted % | 45.9% | 60 |
| 46.2% | 11 | Return games won % | 38.2% | 38 |
| 48.6% | 7 | Return points won % | 45.7% | 33 |



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TITLES

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (1)
2021 - US OPEN

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (3)
2025 - CLEVELAND
2021 - ISTANBUL
2008 - TASHKENT

Runner-Up (4)
2021 - STRASBOURG
2019 - TASHKENT
2013 - TORONTO
2007 - BUDAPEST

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (6)
2025 - MADRID (w/Kalinskaya)
2019 - LUGANO (w/Mitu)
2011 - DALLAS (w/Brianti)
2010 - ESTORIL (w/Medina Garrigues)
2008 - LUXEMBOURG (w/Erakovic), FES
(w/Pavlyuchenkova)

Runner-Up (5)
2014 - TIANJIN (w/Klepac)
2010 - BUDAPEST (w/Medina Garrigues)
2009 - FES (w/Kirilenko), BARCELONA (w/Klepac)
2008 - NEW HAVEN (w/Niculescu)



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GRAND SLAMS

| AUSTRALIAN OPEN | ROLAND GARROS | WIMBLEDON | US OPEN | | AUSTRALIAN OPEN | ROLAND GARROS | WIMBLEDON | US OPEN |
|-----------------|---------------|-----------|------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------|---------|
| 2r | | | | 2026 | 2r | | | |
| 3r | 2r | 3r | 3r | 2025 | 1r | | 1r | 2r |
| 2r | | 4r | 1r | 2024 | 1r | 1r | 1r | |
| 2r | | | | 2023 | 1r | 1r | 3r | QF |
| 2r | 2r | 2r | 1r | 2022 | 4r | 2r | 2r | 2r |
| | | 4r | WON | 2021 | 3r | 4r | 3r | 2r |
| | | | | 2020 | 2r | 1r | | 3r |
| | | | | 2019 | 1r | 2r | 1r | 3r |
| | | | | 2018 | 2r | 1r | 2r | 2r |
| | | | | 2017 | 4r | 2r | 3r | 2r |
| | | | | 2016 | | 1r | 1r | 1r |
| | | | | 2015 | 1r | | | |
| | | | | 2014 | 1r | 3r | 1r | 2r |
| | | | | 2013 | 3r | 3r | 2r | 2r |
| | | | | 2012 | 3r | 1r | 3r | 2r |
| | | | | 2011 | 2r | 3r | 1r | 1r |
| | | | | 2010 | 2r | 1r | 1r | 1r |
| | | | | 2009 | 1r | QF | 3r | 3r |
| | | | | 2008 | 1r | 2r | 2r | 2r |



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CAREER MILESTONES

- Best result in 2025 was reaching SF Washington DC (l. Kalinskaya). Reached QF at a WTA 1000 event for the first time at Miami; also made QF on home soil at London, Queen's Club. Ended the season ranked inside the Top 30 (No.29) for a second year after 2021. In doubles, reached first Tour-level SF at Washington DC with Elena Rybakina
- Returned to the courts in 2024 winning opening round matches at Auckland, Australian Open and Abu Dhabi. Went on to reach semifinals at Nottingham, as well as quarterfinals at Stuttgart, Eastbourne, Washington and Seoul. Achieved her first career Top 10 wins over No.5 Jessica Pegula at Eastbourne and No.9 Maria Sakkari at Wimbledon
- In 2023 made 4r of Indian Wells (l. Swiatek) before falling in opening rounds at Miami and Stuttgart. Ended her season after Stuttgart and took time away to undergo minor surgery on both hands and ankle in May 2023
- Struggled with injuries and form throughout 2022 dropping as low as No.83 after 1r exit at US Open
- Best performance came late in the year with SF run in Seoul (l. Ostapenko via ret. w/left glute injury). Also made QF at Stuttgart (l. eventual champion Swiatek) and Washington DC (l. eventual champion Samsonova) with best win-by-ranking coming over No.22 Azarenka during 3r run at Cincinnati
- Earned a career best year in 2021 jumping over 300 ranking spots and finishing the season inside the Top 20 at a career high of No.19 earning her the 2021 WTA Newcomer of the Year Award
- Reached QF at Cluj-Napoca 2 (l. Kostyuk) and made appearances at Indian Wells and Linz
- Won the 2021 US Open in only her fourth Tour-level appearance (d. fellow teenager Fernandez in F); did not drop a set and upset No.12 Bencic and No.18 Sakkari along the way to become the first qualifier to lift a Grand Slam title
- Fell in 1r at San Jose (as WC, l. Zhang) and finished R-Up at WTA 125K Series event in Chicago (l. Tauson)
- At Wimbledon, became the youngest British woman in the Open Era to reach R16 (l. Tomljanovic via ret.); upset Top 50 players Vondrousova and Cirstea en route
- Made debut WTA main draw appearance at 2021 Nottingham (as WC, l. Dart in 1r)
- In 2025, won Cleveland title as qualifier (first WTA Tour singles final since 2021; d. Li in final) en route to tenth straight Top 100 year-end finish in singles; also won her biggest career doubles title at WTA 1000 Madrid (w/Kalinskaya)
- Highlights of 2024 came in the Middle East, making QF at Abu Dhabi and saving six match points in her Dubai QF match against Vondrousova to reach SF (l. eventual champion Paolini). Ended her 2024 season after Wimbledon to undergo foot surgery
- 2023 saw her best results achieved in the USA: advanced to Indian Wells QF for first time (l. Swiatek), then made SF at Miami (l. eventual champion Kvitova) and QF at US Open (l. Muchova)
- In 2022, reached SF on all three surfaces: hard court at Lyon (l. Yastremska), clay at Istanbul (l. Kudermetova), and grass at Birmingham (l. Zhang). Also enjoyed success at the Australian Open, where she fell in R16 (l. Swiatek)
- Highlight of 2021 was ending near-13-year wait for 2nd WTA Tour singles title, triumphing at Istanbul (d. Mertens in F). Also finished R-Up at Strasbourg (l. Krejcikova), reached QF at Grampians Trophy and Portoroz, and R16 at Roland Garros
- Ended 2020 by winning singles title at ITF/\$100K Dubai-UAE in December (d. Siniakova in F). Also in 2020, reached 3r at US Open and advanced to 2r at Australian Open
- In 2019, advanced to fourth career Tour singles final at Tashkent (l. Van Uytvanck); also captured fifth career Tour doubles title at 2019 Lugano (w/Mitu, d. Kudermetova/Voskoboeva in F)
- Reached R16 at 2017 Australian Open - first time advancing to that stage at a Slam since she made 2009 Roland Garros QF (l. Stosur)
- In 2016, played a mix of WTA and ITF events, improving ranking by 163 ranking places to No.81 on comeback from shoulder injury, with highlights being a SF run at Rio de Janeiro (l. Rogers) and making QF at Madrid (as wildcard, l. eventual R-Up Cibulkova) and Mallorca (as qualifier, l. Jankovic)
- Reached biggest singles final of career at 2013 Toronto - posted three Top 10 wins en route to final (No.10 Wozniacki, No.7 Kvitova and No.5 Li) before falling to No.1 S. Williams. Following Toronto run, posted career-high ranking of No.21 on August 21, 2013

- Ended 2020 by finishing R-Up at \$25k ITF/Sunderland-GBR
- Won title at \$25k ITF/Pune-IND in 2019
- Lifted first two ITF Circuit titles in 2018, at \$15k ITF/Antalya-TUR and \$15k ITF/Tiberias-GRE
- In Juniors she reached back-to-back quarterfinals at Wimbledon and US Open in 2018

- Won first WTA singles title at 2008 Tashkent (d. Lisicki in F)
- Fell 1r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2008 Australian Open (l. No.4 seed Ivanovic)
- Made first WTA singles final at 2007 Budapest (l. Dulko)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2006 Stockholm (l. Kanepi in 1r)
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in 2004

OTHER INFORMATION

- Only child, parents are Ian (Romanian) and Renee (Chinese). Born in Toronto and moved to Bromley, south of London, at the age of two
- Favorite shot is forehand and favorite surface is hard
- Started playing tennis aged five
- In the summer of 2021, completed her A-level exams in maths and English
- Has a wide variety of interests in sports such as go-karting, horse riding, tap dancing, golf, skiing and basketball

- Working with Adrian Cruciat
- Introduced to tennis at age 4 by mother, Liliana; father's name is Mihai; younger brother's name is Mihnea; full name is Sorana Mihaela Cirstea
- Speaks Romanian, English and Spanish and is studying French
- Likes all surfaces; favorite shot is forehand; most admires Steffi Graf
- Enjoys playing all ball sports, going shopping, watching movies, reading and doing crosswords
- Favorite cities are New York and London ("big cities with lots to do")
- Self-described as ambitious, stubborn and happy