

WTA

MATCH NOTES

UNICREDIT IASI OPEN - IASI, ROU
2026-07-13 - 2026-07-19 | \$ 246,388



1
WIN

2
MATCHES
PLAYED

1
WIN



97

MAYAR
SHERIF
EGYPT

PAULA
BADOSA

115

SPAIN

1996-05-05	Date of Birth	1997-11-15
Cairo, Egypt	Residence	Dubai, UAE
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 11" (1.80m)	Height	5' 11" (1.80m)
31	Career-High Ranking	2
\$3,353,956	Career Prize Money	\$9,796,553
\$291,699	Season Prize Money	\$517,630
0 / 1	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 4
5-18 (Round of 64: 2026 ROLAND GARROS; 2024 ROLAND GARROS; 2023 ROLAND GARROS; 2022 ROLAND GARROS; 2021 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	41-24 (Semi-Finalist: 2025 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
4-0 / 4-0 (Finalist: 2026)	YTD / Career IASI W-L (best)	4-0 / 4-0 (Finalist: 2026)
5-3 / 44-78	YTD / Career W-L	12-14 / 177-113



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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2023	CHARLESTON	CLAY	1r	Paula Badosa	6-3 6-1	1h 32m
2013	LLEIDA	CLAY	QF	Mayar Sherif	6-3 6-0	0m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
93	-	2026	25	-
50	93	2025	9	25
53	100	2024	11	12
31	49	2023	11	66
44	63	2022	2	13
61	61	2021	8	8
132	132	2020	69	70
212	212	2019	86	97
779	-	2018	143	143
767	780	2017	242	247



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. D. GALFI (#137) 6-2 6-0 (1h 15m)
2r: d. K. QUEVEDO (#100) 6-3 7-6 (1h 59m)
QF: d. Y. PUTINTSEVA (#82) 6-2 3-6 7-6 (3h 9m)
SF: d. O. OLIYNYKOVA (#52) 6-3 6-1 (1h 28m)

Total time on court: 7h 51m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making her tournament debut
- Defeated Dalma Galfi, Kaitlin Quevedo, No.9 seed Yulia Putintseva and No.3 seed Oleksandra Oliynykova to reach the final
- This is her first Tour-level final since 2024 Rabat, where she finished R-Up (l. Stearns in F)
- Faces No.115 Paula Badosa in today's final; Sherif is 2-1 in Tour-level matches this year vs. players ranked outside Top 100 (both wins over Galfi)
- Owns 3-3 career Tour-level record against players from Spain (1-0 in 2026, d. Quevedo in this week's 2r)
- This is Sherif's 4th career WTA final (all on clay), and she is seeking her 2nd career WTA title (holds 1-2 career record in WTA finals)
- Her 1 career WTA title came on clay, at 2022 Parma (d. Sakkari in F)
- She also reached 2 additional WTA finals on clay at 2021 Cluj-Napoca (l. Petkovic in F) and 2024 Rabat (l. Stearns in F)
- Entered Iasi having won last week's WTA 125 event in Contrexeville on clay (d. Vandromme in F)
- Also won another WTA 125 clay-court title this year, at Brescia in June (d. Wang Xiyu in F)
- Contesting her 4th Tour-level main draw of 2026; before this week, her best Tour-level result of the year was Roland Garros 2r (as qualifier, d. Galfi in 1r, l. Gauff in 2r)
- First time a player from Egypt has contested the main draw at this event
- Is currently ranked No.97; this time last year was ranked No.99. Reached career-high ranking of No.31 in June 2023

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. A. KALININA (#59) 6-3 6-1 (1h 32m)
2r: d. A. IBRAGIMOVA (#275) 7-6 1-6 6-4 (2h 48m)
QF: d. P. UDVARDY (#71) 6-4 7-6 (2h 0m)
SF: d. T. ZIDANSEK (#148) 3-6 7-5 7-6 (2h 36m)

Total time on court: 8h 56m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making her Iasi tournament debut
- Defeated No.4 seed Anhelina Kalinina, Alevtina Ibragimova, No.5 seed Panna Udvardy and Tamara Zidansek to make the final
- This is her first Tour-level final since she won the title at 2024 Washington D.C. (d. Bouzkova in F)
- Faces No.97 Mayar Sherif in today's final; Badosa is 6-10 this year in Tour-level matches vs. Top 100 players
- Owns 1-0 career Tour-level record against players from Egypt (d. today's opponent Sherif at 2023 Charleston)
- Lost to Sherif in their first meeting at a World Tennis/ITF 10K event in 2013 (Badosa was ranked No.916 and Sherif was ranked No.686)
- This is her 5th career WTA final and she is seeking her 5th career WTA title - she holds a 4-0 career record in WTA finals
- 1 of her 4 WTA titles has come on clay - her first career title at 2021 Belgrade (d. Konjuh in F via ret.)
- Entered Iasi having won last week's WTA 125 title in Bastad on clay (d. Waltert in F)
- One of 2 players from Spain in this week's main draw (Quevedo lost 2r)
- Has become the first player from Spain to reach Iasi QF and beyond at WTA 250-level
- Before this week, her top result of 2026 was Berlin QF on grass (l. eventual champion Noskova, who then also went on to win Wimbledon)
- Is currently ranked No.115; this time last year was ranked No.10. Reached career-high ranking of No.2 in April 2022
- In 2025, she played only one Tour event after Wimbledon due to injuries



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

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SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Won the title at WTA 125 Contrexeville (d. Vandromme in F)
Won the title at WTA 125 Brescia (d. Wang Xiyu in F)
 - Made 2r at Roland Garros as qualifier (l. Gauff)
 - Fell in 1r at Charleston (l. Yuan)
 - Opened the 2026 season with 1r at Cluj-Napoca (l. Oliynykova)
- Won the title at WTA 125 Bastad (d. Waltert in F)
 - Played 1r at Wimbledon (l. Navarro)
 - Reached QF at Berlin (as a WC, l. Noskova)
 - Played 1r at 's-Hertogenbosch (as a WC, l. Snigur)
 - Fell in 1r at Madrid (as WC, l. Grabher)
 - Played 1r at Stuttgart (as WC, l. Lys)
 - Fell in 1r at Linz (as WC, l. Tagger)
 - Reached 3r at Charleston (as WC, l. Kalinskaya)
 - Made 2r at Miami (l. Jovic)
 - Played 1r at Indian Wells (l. Putintseva)
 - Made 2r at Dubai (l. eventual R-Up Svitolina, retired)
 - Fell in 1r at Abu Dhabi (l. Sasnovich)
 - Made 2r at Australian Open (l. Selekhmeteva)
 - Played 1r at Adelaide (l. Bouzkova)
 - Reached 3r at Brisbane (l. Rybakina)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
4	185	Aces	119	24
80.7%	0	First serve %	55.1%	93
58.7%	0	First Serve points won %	68.7%	16
58.9%	0	Second serve points won %	40.1%	88
58.7%	0	Overall service points won %	55.9%	65
71.4%	0	Service games won %	63.3%	67
60.6%	0	Break points saved %	52.1%	76
40.2%	0	First serve return points won %	37.0%	39
55.2%	0	Second serve return points won %	55.2%	44
46.8%	0	Break points converted %	36.3%	92
39.1%	0	Return games won %	33.8%	50
44.6%	0	Return points won %	43.4%	49

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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS	SINGLES FINALS
Champion (1)	Champion (4)
2022 - PARMA	2024 - WASHINGTON DC
Runner-Up (2)	2022 - SYDNEY
2024 - RABAT	2021 - INDIAN WELLS, BELGRADE
2021 - CLUJ-NAPOCA	
DOUBLES FINALS	
Champion (2)	
2025 - MÉRIDA (w/Piter)	
2024 - MONASTIR (w/Blinkova)	
Runner-Up (2)	
2022 - MELBOURNE 250 #2 (w/Martincova)	
2021 - CLUJ-NAPOCA (w/Piter)	

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
	2r			2026	2r		1r	
1r	1r	1r	1r	2025	SF	3r	1r	
1r	2r	1r	1r	2024	3r	3r	4r	QF
1r	2r	1r	1r	2023			2r	
1r	2r		1r	2022	4r	3r	4r	2r
2r			1r	2021	1r	QF	4r	2r
	1r			2020	2r	4r		1r
				2019	1r		1r	1r

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CAREER MILESTONES

- In 2025, won WTA 125 title at Parma and finished R-Up at WTA 125 Tucuman; captured second career WTA Tour doubles title at Merida (w/Piter); and won a pair of ITF/W100 singles titles at Madrid and Biarritz
- During 2024, finished R-Up at WTA 250 Rabat (l. Stearns in F) and won her first WTA Tour doubles title at Monastir (w/Blinkova); also reached a further four WTA 125 finals, all on clay: Lleida, Parma, Makarska and Contrexeville
- In 2023, enjoyed SF run at Palermo (l. Q. Zheng) and was a quarterfinalist at Monterrey (l. Garcia) and Madrid, where she became the first Egyptian player to reach QF at a WTA 1000 event (l. Sabalenka in 3s)
- Also in 2023, won back-to-back WTA 125 titles at Makarska (saving six championship points against Paolini in F) and Valencia (d. Bassols Ribera in F), afterwards attaining new career-high ranking of No.31 (week of June 19); best Grand Slam result came at Roland Garros (2r, l. Potapova)
- Broke new ground in 2022 by winning her first career WTA Tour singles title at Parma, becoming the first Egyptian player to win a WTA Tour title; she defeated No.7 Sakkari in the Parma final for her first career Top 10 win
- Also in 2022, reached 2r on three further occasions on Tour (including Roland Garros) and won WTA 125 titles at Marbella, Karlsruhe and Colina
- Broke into Top 100 for first time on August 9, 2021 - highest-ranked Egyptian woman ever
- In 2021, reached first Tour-level finals at Cluj-Napoca, finishing R-Up in singles (l. Petkovic) and doubles (w/Piter); also won first career WTA 125 title at Karlsruhe and reached 2r on three further occasions on Tour (including at Australian Open and Indian Wells)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2020 Prague, and made Grand Slam main draw debut at 2020 Roland Garros, falling 1r as qualifier on both occasions; became the first woman representing Egypt to contest the main draw of a Grand Slam event
- Fell in qualifying at 2020 Australian Open (l. Li in 1r), her first time contesting qualifying at Tour level
- Ended 2019 at No.212 after winning six ITF titles, including a 26-match winning streak, and finishing the year with a win-loss record of 68-17 (at all levels); cracked Top 200 for the first time on November 11, 2019 at No.189
- In 2025, reached first Grand Slam SF at Australian Open (l. No.1 Sabalenka), which sent her into the Top 10 for the first time since October 2022; made 3 more QFs (Merida, Strasbourg and Berlin) but was affected by injuries, contesting only one event after Wimbledon (Beijing 3r)
- Voted 2024 WTA Comeback Player of the Year after finishing the year at No.12 (after finishing 2023 at No.66); won 4th career title at Washington DC and also reached SF at Cincinnati, Beijing and Ningbo; also advanced to QF at US Open
- In 2023, made SF at Adelaide #2, reached back-to-back QF at Charleston and Stuttgart and an additional QF at Rome, but withdrew from Roland Garros with a back injury. Her last match of the year was at Wimbledon, where she fell in R64 then ended her season due to continuing injury
- In 2022, Badosa rose to career-high ranking of No.2 (April 25), won the title at Sydney, and advanced to SF at Indian Wells, Stuttgart and San Jose
- Captured the first two WTA singles titles of her career in 2021 at Belgrade (d. Konjuh in F) and Indian Wells (d. Azarenka in F); qualified for 2021 WTA Finals in Guadalajara, where she advanced to the SF stage
- Broke into the WTA Top 20 on October 18, 2021 after winning the Indian Wells title and reached the Top 10 on November 8, 2021; nominated for 2021 WTA Most Improved Player of the Year (won by Krejickova), as voted on by members of the media
- At 2020 Roland Garros, upset former finalist Stephens and 2017 champion Ostapenko en route to reaching R16 for the first time at a major. That year also reached SF at Istanbul (l. Bouchard)
- Campaign in 2019 highlighted by SF run at Palermo (l. Bertens) and QF showing at Seoul (l. Y.Wang); also fell 1r on Grand Slam main draw debut at Australian Open (as qualifier, l. Birrell)
- Finished 2018 inside Top 200 for the first time (at No.143); picked up three ITF titles at \$25k ITF/Glasgow-UK, ITF/\$25k Les Franqueses del Valles-FRA and ITF/\$60k Valencia-ESP
- Claimed third title on ITF Circuit in 2017 at ITF/\$25k El Espinar; fell 1r at Miami and in qualifying at Madrid
- In 2016, fell 1r at Miami, Madrid and Mallorca and in qualifying at Rio de Janeiro

- Won the 2019 African Games to earn a place at Tokyo Olympics in 2021
- Owns 11 singles and six doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Won first ITF Circuit title in 2013 at \$10K Sharm El-Sheik
- Made ITF Circuit debut in 2010, at a \$10K event in Ain Alsoukhna-Suiz in Egypt

- As wildcard, made breakthrough on WTA Tour with 3r run at 2015 Miami Open (l. Ka.Pliskova); also came through qualifying at 2015 Madrid, fell 1r to Errani via ret. w/left leg injury
- Continued at ITF Circuit level during 2013-2014 before playing second WTA qualifying draw at 2015 Antwerp, where she advanced to 2r (l. Bondarenko)
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2013 Palermo, winning one match via retirement before falling in 2r (l.Gatto-Monticone)
- Won first title on ITF Circuit at \$10k ITF/Sant Jordi-ESP in 2012; now owns seven singles titles at ITF level
- Played first professional tournament of career at \$10k ITF/Gexto-ESP in 2012 (l. 1r)
- Won girls' singles title at 2015 Roland Garros (d. Kalinskaya in F) and reached QF at Roland Garros and Wimbledon in 2014; finished 2015 as No.8 in ITF World Junior rankings

OTHER INFORMATION

- Coach since she was 16 is Justo Gonzalez Martinez; trains in Elche, southeast Spain
- Mother is Amal, father is Sherif and has three sisters, Rawan, Dalva, Rana (also a player on tour); introduced to tennis by her sister and parents at the age of four
- Studied at Pepperdine University in Malibu, California, graduating in 2018 with a bachelor degree of science in Sports Medicine
- Has a sponsorship deal with a bank in Egypt
- Love listening to drums and would like to play one day
- Speaks English, Arabic, French and Spanish

- Currently coached by Pol Toledo; Previously worked with Jorge García
- Born in New York City, often trains in Barcelona, near her hometown Begur in the Costa Brava, but lives in Dubai
- Aggressive baseliner whose favorite shot is serve. Favorite tournament is US Open
- Childhood idol was Maria Sharapova, whose dedication, work ethic and values inspired her to become a pro
- Enjoys reading, always travels with books and her favorite is Tuesdays with Morrie (Mitch Albom)
- Professional goals are to reach her full potential
- Speaks English, Spanish and Catalan, and would like to learn more languages