MATCH NOTES
MERIDA OPEN
MERIDA, MEXICO
February 23 - March 1, 2026 | WTA 500 | $1,206,446

DAY 4 – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

[7] Jessica Bouzas Maneiro (ESP #48) vs. Magdalena Frech (POL #57)   Frech leads 2-1

Bouzas Maneiro:
- Making her second appearance at Merida and is into the Round of 16 for the second straight year
- Defeated qualifier Heather Watson in the opening round for her second match-win of the season (her previous 2026 win was over No.3 Gauff at United Cup)
- Seeking her first quarterfinal since WTA 1000 Montreal last summer (l. eventual champion Mboko in that round)
- Trying to reach her first WTA 500 quarterfinal; her best WTA 500 results are the Round of 16 here in Merida this year and last year

Frech:
- Making her second appearance at Merida, having lost in the first round last year
- Owns 22 career wins over Top 50 players, most recently No.17 Liudmila Samsonova at Doha earlier this month
- Her career-best WTA 500 result is winning the 2024 Guadalajara title on hard court (d. Gadecki in final); she has also made three additional WTA 500 QFs in her career, all on hard court as well
- Owns a 3-6 career Tour-level record against players from Spain; her most recent match vs. a Spanish player was a win over today's opponent Bouzas Maneiro at 2025 Madrid

[3] Ann Li (USA #39) vs. Zeynep Sonmez (TUR #81)   Sonmez leads 1-0

Li:
- In her one previous tournament appearance, Li was the WTA 250 Merida runner-up in 2024 – she lost in that final to today's opponent Sonmez
- Seeking her first quarterfinal since she won the Guangzhou title last October (d. Sun in final)
- Her career-best WTA 500 result was reaching the final at 2021 Grampians Trophy in Melbourne (vs. Kontaveit; final was not played due to delayed schedule)
- Has reached six WTA finals and won two WTA titles (2021 Tenerife and 2025 Guangzhou), all on hard court

Sonmez:
- Making her 3rd appearance at Merida, where she won the WTA 250 title in 2024 (d. today's opponent Li in final)
- Holds an 8-1 career win-loss record at this event; she also made the quarterfinals at WTA 500-level last year as a wild card (l. eventual champion Navarro)
- With her first-round win over qualifier Brace, she snapped a 4-match losing streak since her 2nd round win at the 2026 Australian Open
- Seeking her first Tour-level quarterfinal since her quarterfinal finish here in Merida last year

[1] [WC] Jasmine Paolini (ITA #7) vs. [LL] Priscilla Hon (AUS #136)   First meeting

Paolini:

- Making her tournament debut as the No.1 seed and a wild card
- Aiming to end a 3-match losing streak (l. Jovic in Australian Open 3r, l. Sakkari in Doha opener; l. Eala in Dubai opener); also seeking her first quarterfinal of the year
- Holds a 2-0 record this year vs. players ranked outside the Top 100 (d. Jeanjean at United Cup; d. Sasnovich at Australian Open)
- Is No.1 seed this week; she has been the top seed at two WTA tournaments in her career (also 2023 Monastir, finished runner-up to No.2 seed Mertens)
- Best result by Italy at Merida was Camila Giorgi's run to the title at the inaugural edition in 2023

Hon:

- Making her tournament debut as a lucky loser into the main draw
- Seeking her 3rd career Tour-level quarterfinal and first since 2019; her two previous Tour-level quarterfinals both came at Seoul in 2017 and 2019
- Holds an 0-2 career record vs. Top 10 players (l. No.5 Svitolina at 2018 Hong Kong; l. No.2 Sabalenka at 2024 US Open)
- Best results by lucky losers at Merida are Round of 16 showings by Varvara Gracheva in 2023 and Hon this year
- Currently ranked No.136; she broke into the Top 100 for the first time in October 2025, peaking at No.94

[Q] Zhang Shuai (CHN #86) vs. [2] Emma Navarro (USA #20)   Zhang leads 2-0

Zhang:

- Making her tournament debut, having qualified for the main draw
- Owns 23 wins in career over Top 20 players – her last two Top 20 wins both came over today's opponent Navarro, at 2024 Beijing and 2025 Wuhan
- Seeking her first Tour-level quarterfinal since semifinal run at Guangzhou last October (l. eventual champion Li)
- All of her three WTA singles titles have come on hard court (2013 Guangzhou, 2017 Guangzhou and 2022 Lyon)
- Attempting to become the first Chinese player to make the Merida quarterfinals; other Round of 16 showings by Chinese players at Merida were by both Wang Xinyu and Wang Xiyu in 2023

Navarro:

- Making her 2nd appearance at Merida and returning as the defending champion (d. Arango 6-0, 6-0 in last year's final, becoming just the fifth player since 2000 to win a WTA Tour final 6-0, 6-0)
- Her 2025 Merida championship run was her second career WTA singles title, and first at WTA 500-level
- Seeking her 2nd Tour-level quarterfinal of the year (also made Adelaide quarterfinals, l. Shnaider in that round)
- Owns a 5-4 career Tour-level record against players from China; her most recent match vs. a Chinese player was a loss to today's opponent Zhang at Wuhan last October
- Both of her 2 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court: 2024 Hobart and here last year

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1 WIN

3 MATCHES PLAYED

2 WIN

48 JESSICA BOUZAS MANEIRO (7)
SPAIN

MAGDALENA FRECH 57
POLAND

2002-09-24	**Date of Birth**	1997-12-15
	Residence	Lodz, Poland
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	**Plays**	Right-handed
5' 7" (1.70m)	**Height**	5' 7'' (1.71m)
40	**Career-High Ranking**	22
$2,553,196	**Career Prize Money**	$4,338,120
$256,021	**Season Prize Money**	$207,989
0 / 0	**Singles Titles YTD / Career**	0 / 1
10-9 (Round of 16: 2025 WIMBLEDON)	**Grand Slam W-L (best)**	14-19 (Round of 16: 2024 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
1-0 / 2-1 (Round of 16: 2026, 2025)	**YTD / Career MÉRIDA W-L (best)**	1-0 / 1-1 (Round of 16: 2026)
2-5 / 38-41	**YTD / Career W-L**	5-4 / 80-121

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MAGDALENA FRECH

HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2025	MADRID	CLAY	2r	Magdalena Frech	5-7 7-6(2) 6-4	2h 58m
2024	CINCINNATI	HARD	Q	Magdalena Frech	6-1 6-4	1h 33m
2022	VALENCIA	CLAY	2r	Jessica Bouzas Maneiro	6-0 3-0	0m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
40	-	**2026**	55	-
40	42	**2025**	24	59
55	55	**2024**	22	25
125	152	**2023**	63	63
205	206	**2022**	82	116
352	352	**2021**	99	102
932	932	**2020**	155	156
-	-	**2019**	149	198
-	-	**2018**	115	151
-	-	**2017**	165	166

JESSICA BOUZAS MANEIRO	MAGDALENA FRECH

TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT	**CURRENT TOURNAMENT**

1r: d. H. WATSON (#281) 6-3 6-1 (1h 9m)

1r: d. M. TIMOFEEVA (#155) 6-4 7-6 (2h 15m)

Total time on court: 1h 9m

Total time on court: 2h 15m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at Merida and is into R16 for 2nd straight year (l. Avanesyan in R16 last year)
- Defeated qualifier Heather Watson in 1r for her 2nd win of the season (previous 2026 win was over No.3 Gauff at United Cup)
- Faces No.57 Magdalena Frech in 2r today; prior to her 1r win over Watson, Bouzas Maneiro had been 0-3 this year vs. players ranked outside the Top 50
- Seeking her 1st QF since WTA 1000 Montreal last summer (l. eventual champion Mboko in that round)
- Trying to reach her 1st career WTA 500 QF; her best WTA 500 results are R16 here in Merida this year and last year
- Owns 0-1 career Tour-level record against players from Poland (l. today's opponent Frech at 2025 Madrid, in their one previous meeting in a Tour-level main draw)
- Career-best Tour-level results on hard court are QF at 2024 Guangzhou and 2025 Montreal
- One of 2 players from Spain in this week's main draw (Bucsa is into QF)
- Best results by Spain at Merida were QF runs by Paula Badosa in 2025 and Sara Sorribes Tormo in 2024 - and Cristina Bucsa this year
- Is currently ranked No.48; this time last year was ranked No.66. Reached career-high ranking of No.40 in August 2025

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at Merida; she lost in last year's 1r to Avanesyan
- Defeated qualifier Maria Timofeeva in 1r for her 5th Tour-level win of this year
- Faces No.48 Jessica Bouzas Maneiro in 2r today; owns 22 wins in career over Top 50 players, most recently No.17 Liudmila Samsonova at Doha earlier this month
- Seeking her 1st QF since Guadalajara last September (as defending champion, l. Bartunkova in that round)
- Career-best WTA 500 result is winning the 2024 Guadalajara title (d. Gadecki in F); she has also made 3 additional WTA 500 QFs in her career, all on hard court
- Owns 3-6 career Tour-level record against players from Spain; her most recent match vs. a Spanish player was a win over today's opponent Bouzas Maneiro at 2025 Madrid
- Career-best result on hard court is her run to the 2024 Guadalajara title
- One of 2 players from Poland in this week's main draw (No.8 seed Linette lost in 2r)
- Best result by Poland at Merida was QF run by Magda Linette in 2023
- Is currently ranked No.57; this time last year was ranked No.31. Reached career-high ranking of No.22 in October 2024

JESSICA BOUZAS MANEIRO

MAGDALENA FRECH

RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2025	Result	Rank: 66	Seed: -
2r	L	E. AVANESYAN (#45) 6-1 6-4	
1r	W	R. JAMRICHOVA (#310) 7-5 5-7 7-5	

2025	Result	Rank: 31	Seed: 7
1r	L	E. AVANESYAN (#45) 4-6 6-3 6-3	

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MAGDALENA FRECH

SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Fell in 1r at Dubai (l. Bencic)
- Played 1r at Doha (l. Kalinskaya)
- Fell in 1r at Australian Open (l. Hunter)
- Played 1r at Hobart (l. Preston)
- Opened 2026 at United Cup with Team Spain (1-1 in singles)

- Fell in 1r at Dubai (as LL, l. Stearns)
- Played 2r at Doha (as LL, l. Li)
- Made 2r at Australian Open (l. Paolini)
- Reached 2r at Hobart (withdrew through injury prior to her match vs. Raducanu)
- Made 2r at Brisbane (l. Noskova)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
15	70	**Aces**	25	37
58.8%	94	**First serve %**	62.4%	67
60.8%	89	**First Serve points won %**	65.9%	41
40.0%	101	**Second serve points won %**	46.0%	45
52.3%	101	**Overall service points won %**	58.4%	43
56.8%	99	**Service games won %**	69.6%	43
38.5%	118	**Break points saved %**	60.8%	20
36.2%	58	**First serve return points won %**	33.3%	92
55.4%	54	**Second serve return points won %**	56.4%	48
55.8%	10	**Break points converted %**	41.6%	94
38.7%	36	**Return games won %**	31.1%	80
44.1%	47	**Return points won %**	42.9%	67

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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (1)
2024 - GUADALAJARA 500

Runner-Up (1)
2024 - PRAGUE

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

JESSICA BOUZAS MANEIRO

MAGDALENA FRECH

CAREER MILESTONES

- Highlights of 2025 include first Grand Slam R16 of career at Wimbledon (l. Samsonova), first WTA 1000 QF of career at Montreal (l. eventual champion Mboko) and additional Tour QFs at Rabat and Rouen. Hit career-high ranking of No.40 on August 18 and finished season at No.42
- In 2024, posted career-best Grand Slam results with R32 at Wimbledon and US Open (at Wimbledon, beat defending champion Vondrousova in 1r on Centre Court for first career Top 10 win, before retiring to eventual champion Krejcikova in 3r); also claimed first WTA 125 title at Antalya (d. Begu in final)
- In 2023, won ITF W60 title at Rome and made Grand Slam main draw debut at 2023 Wimbledon (as qualifier, l. 1r to Kalinina)
- Earned first ITF title at Madrid $15K in 2020 on clay
- On ITF Circuit, owns 11 singles titles and four doubles titles
- Made professional debut in January 2018 at $15K ITF/Hammamet 2, Tunisia

- Best results in 2025 were QF runs at Washington DC (l. Rybakina) and Guadalajara (l. Bartunkova). Registered second Top 10 win of her career over No.6 Mirra Andreeva at Berlin (after No.8 Navarro at Wuhan 2024)
- In 2024 reached a career-high ranking of No.22 by reaching her career-first final at Prague (l. Linette in final) followed by her first-ever title win at Guadalajara (d. Gadecki in final); also made QF at Wuhan (l. eventual champion Sabalenka) and at Nottingham (l. eventual champion Boulter) and achieved her best result to date at a Grand Slam (R16 at the Australian Open; l. Gauff)
- In 2023 reached back-to-back QF on grass at Nottingham (l. Burrage) and Birmingham (l. eventual champion Ostapenko); advanced to 3r at Miami (l. Gracheva) and posted 2r efforts at Indian Wells, Madrid, Rome, Guadalajara and Hong Kong; at the Slams, best results were 2r at Roland Garros (l. Rakhimova) and US Open (l. Muchova); ended season on career-high ranking of No.63 after winning a 100k ITF event in Spain (d. Errani in F)
- Highlight of 2022 season was 3r run at Wimbledon - best career result at a major. Also made 2r on nine occasions
- Broke into Top 100 on October 18, 2021, following run through qualifying to 2r at Indian Wells
- Advanced to 2r three more times last season and won titles at WTA 125K Series event in Concord and W60 Prague ITF Circuit event
- Campaign in 2020 was highlighted by maiden WTA QF, at Prague (as LL, l. eventual champion Halep) - first back-to-back main draw wins at a WTA event
- Only other WTA main draw appearance in 2020 was 1r exit at Lyon (as qualifier, l. Tomova); also won her fourth career singles title on ITF Circuit, at $25K Bendigo-AUS and contested qualifying at Australian Open, Dubai and Doha
- Appeared in six WTA main draws in 2019, falling in 1r at Dubai (l. Kasatkina), Charleston (l.Buzarnescu), Lugano (l. Peterson), Nottingham (l. Mladenovic), US Open (l. Siegemund) and Guangzhou (l. Stojanovic)
- In 2018, made 2r at Roland Garros (as qualifier, l.Stephens), Rabat (l. Fett), Nottingham (l.Jakupovic) and San Jose (l.Tomljanovic). Also fell in 1r at six other tour-level events, including qualifying for Grand Slam debut at Australian Open

- Achieved career high singles ranking of No.115 after 2018 Roland Garros run (July 2, 2018)
- Won two of her four ITF singles titles in 2017, at $25k ITF/Leipzig-GER and $25k ITF/Braunschweig-GER - both on clay
- Played first WTA qualifying event at home tournament in Katowice in 2013, falling to Olaru. Made WTA main draw debut at Katowice the following year (as wildcard, l. Meusburger in 1r)

OTHER INFORMATION

- Currently working with coach Cesar Fabregas
- Started playing tennis at five years old; always enjoyed sports and chose tennis over football
- Favorite surface is clay, but also loves grass because of Wimbledon; favorite shot is backhand
- Was a fan of Garbiñe Muguruza and Rafa Nadal while growing up
- Enjoys taking coffee with family and friends, and riding horses
- Favorite cities are Galicia (her home region in Spain), Melbourne, New York and Paris
- Has a pet dog, a husky/Pomeranian mix
- Best career memory is playing defending champion Vondrousova on Centre Court at 2024 Wimbledon

- Coached by Andrzej Kobierski
- Started playing tennis aged six

0 WIN

1 MATCHES PLAYED

1 WIN

39 ANN LI (3) UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	ZEYNEP SONMEZ TURKEY **81**

2000-06-26	**Date of Birth**	2002-04-30
Atlanta, Georgia, USA	**Residence**	
Right-Handed	**Plays**	Right-Handed
5' 7" (1.70m)	**Height**	5' 7" (1.70m)
33	**Career-High Ranking**	69
$3,320,063	**Career Prize Money**	$1,565,909
$243,667	**Season Prize Money**	$271,752
0 / 2	**Singles Titles YTD / Career**	0 / 1
13-16 (Round of 16: 2025 US OPEN)	**Grand Slam W-L (best)**	5-6 (Round of 32: 2026 AUSTRALIAN OPEN; 2025 WIMBLEDON)
0-0 / 4-1 (Runner-Up: 2024)	**YTD / Career MÉRIDA W-L (best)**	1-0 / 8-1 (Champion: 2024)
4-5 / 76-68	**YTD / Career W-L**	3-4 / 22-26

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YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2024	MÉRIDA	HARD	F	Zeynep Sonmez	6-2 6-1	1h 10m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
36	-	2026	79	-
33	38	2025	69	113
93	99	2024	91	91
129	174	2023	146	159
44	140	2022	335	345
47	47	2021	530	531
97	97	2020	607	628
146	148	2019	652	663
290	310	2018	1211	-
583	583	2017	1208	1208

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ANN LI
ZEYNEP SONMEZ

TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at Merida, where she was the 2024 runner-up (l. today's opponent Sonmez in the final, at WTA 250-level)
- Seeking her 1st QF since she won the Guangzhou title last October (d. Sun in F)
- After 1r bye, faces No.81 Zeynep Sonmez in 2r today in rematch of 2024 final; Li is 3-3 this year vs. players ranked outside the Top 50
- Owns 0-1 career Tour-level record against players from Turkey, the one match being her 2024 Merida final vs. Sonmez
- Career-best WTA 500 result was reaching final at 2021 Grampians Trophy in Melbourne (vs. Kontaveit; final was not played due to delayed schedule)
- Both of her 2 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court: 2021 Tenerife and 2025 Guangzhou
- Has made 4 additional WTA singles finals, and they were all on hard court as well
- One of 3 players from United States in this week's main draw (No.2 seed and defending champion Navarro also into 2r after 1r bye; Lepchenko lost 1r)
- Best result by United States at Merida was Emma Navarro's run to the title last year
- Is currently ranked No.39; this time last year was ranked No.64. Reached career-high ranking of No.33 in October 2025

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. C. BRACE (#204) 6-2 6-0 (1h 1m)

Total time on court: 1h 1m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 3rd appearance at Merida, where she won the title at WTA 250-level in 2024 (d. today's opponent Li in final)
- At 22 years 187 days, she became the youngest player to win the title here at Merida
- Currently holds 8-1 record in Merida; she also made the QF at WTA 500-level last year as a wild card (l. eventual champion Navarro)
- Seeking her first Tour-level QF since her QF finish here last year
- Defeated qualifier Cadence Brace so far this week, ending a 4-match losing streak since she reached 3r of 2026 Australian Open
- Faces No.39 Ann Li in 2r today; owns 6 Tour-level wins in career over Top 50 players, most recently No.11 Ekaterina Alexandrova at 2026 Australian Open
- Owns 2-3 career Tour-level record against players from United States; most recent match vs. American player was win over Volynets at 2025 US Open
- Her sole career WTA title came on hard court here at Merida in 2024
- Only player from Turkey competing in this year's main draw
- Best result by Turkey at Merida was Sonmez's 2024 title run
- Is currently ranked No.81; this time last year was ranked No.88. Reached career-high ranking of No.69 in October 2025

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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2024	Result	Rank: 111 Seed: -
F	L	Z. SONMEZ (#127) 6-2 6-1
SF	W	P. KUDERMETOVA (#133) 6-3 4-6 6-2
QF	W	J. TEICHMANN (#153) 6-1 6-1
2r	W	A. RUZIC (#165) 6-2 6-2
1r	W	N. PARRIZAS DIAZ (#94) 6-0 6-4

2025	Result	Rank: 88 Seed: -
QF	L	E. NAVARRO (#10) 6-4 6-2
2r	W	M. LINETTE (#37) 6-3 3-1
1r	W	M. SAKKARI (#30) 7-5 6-2

2024	Result	Rank: 127 Seed: -
F	W	A. LI (#111) 6-2 6-1
SF	W	A. KORNEEVA (#254) 7-6(5) 6-2
QF	W	R. ZARAZUA (#62) 3-6 6-3 6-4
2r	W	E. JACQUEMOT (#148) 7-6(3) 6-3
1r	W	M. CARLE (#90) 5-7 6-1 6-2

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ZEYNEP SONMEZ

SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Fell in 1r at Dubai (l. Noskova)
- Made 3r at Doha (l. Cocciaretto)
- Played 2r at Australian Open (l. Linette)
- Made 2r at Hobart (l. eventual champion Cocciaretto)
- Played 1r at Brisbane (l. Gadecki)

- Fell in 1r at Dubai (as WC, l. Bejlek)
- Played 1r at Doha (as WC, l. Sakkari)
- Fell in 1r at Abu Dhabi (as WC, l. Eala)
- Began 2026 season with 3r at Australian Open (as qualifier, l. Putintseva)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
44	16	**Aces**	6	112
58.5%	99	**First serve %**	58.5%	100
69.0%	23	**First Serve points won %**	55.6%	117
44.3%	66	**Second serve points won %**	44.9%	58
58.8%	38	**Overall service points won %**	51.2%	110
70.3%	39	**Service games won %**	53.5%	108
53.3%	69	**Break points saved %**	50.7%	86
35.1%	77	**First serve return points won %**	35.8%	65
53.2%	75	**Second serve return points won %**	62.4%	2
44.2%	76	**Break points converted %**	45.5%	68
32.2%	72	**Return games won %**	40.5%	23
41.8%	81	**Return points won %**	45.6%	27

ANN LI   ZEYNEP SONMEZ

TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (2)
2025 - GUANGZHOU
2021 - TENERIFE
Runner-Up (4)
2025 - CLEVELAND, SINGAPORE
2024 - MÉRIDA
2021 - MELBOURNE 500 GRAMPIANS TROPHY

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (1)
2024 - MÉRIDA

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

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ZEYNEP SONMEZ

CAREER MILESTONES

- Won second career title in 2025 at Guangzhou (after Tenerife 2021) and reached further finals at Singapore (l. Mertens in F) and Cleveland (l. Cirstea in F). Made 4r at a Grand Slam for the first time at US Open (l. Pegula) and reached a peak ranking of No.33 in October before finishing the 2025 season ranked inside the Top 40 for the first time (No.38)
- Ended 2024 with her strongest result of the year at Merida with R-Up run taking her ranking back into the Top 100 for the first time since 2022. Through the season also made QF at Palermo and at WTA 125s, lifted the title at Valencia and reached the final at Bastad
- Reached four Tour-level main draws in 2023; 1r at Austin (as qualifier, l. Blinkova), 1r at Indian Wells (l. Blinkova), Cincinnati (as qualifier, l. Sabalenka) and Guadalajara (as qualifier, l. Stephens). Also reached QF at WTA 125 Valencia on clay (l. Sherif) and R-Up at ITF $100K Bonita Springs
- Her second semifinal appearance of 2022 came at Midland WTA 125 (l. Friedsam)
- Advanced to second round at Doha WTA 500 (l. Sakkari) and reached WTA 1000 Miami 3r (l. Riske-Amritraj)
- In 2022 reached Melbourne 2 (WTA 250) semifinal (l. Sasnovich)
- Ended 2021 season in fine form, winning first WTA title at Tenerife (d. Osorio in F) and making QF at Courmayeur (l. Tauson)
- Opened 2021 campaign by reaching maiden WTA final, at Grampains Trophy (final vs. Kontaveit was not played)
- Ended 2020 season with career-high ranking of No.97 (November 9, 2020) and first-ever Top 100 finish
- Best result in 2020 was 3r run at US Open (d. No.20 Riske in 2r, l. Kerber)
- Advanced to 2r on Grand Slam debut at 2020 Australian Open (as qualifier, l. eventual champion Kenin)
- Fell in 1r on WTA main draw debut at 2020 Auckland (as qualifier, l. McHale)
- Also captured third career ITF singles title at 80K ITF/Tyler-TX, USA (d. Kostyuk in F)
- Owns three ITF singles titles
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in US in 2016
- Was R-Up in girls' singles at 2017 Wimbledon (l. Liu)

- In 2025, made history for her country at Wimbledon, becoming first Turkish player to reach a Grand Slam 3r in Open Era; also made Merida QF, and notched first WTA 1000 main draw wins of career in Beijing 3r run; reached career-high No.69 on October 20
- During 2024, won first WTA Tour title at Merida, becoming first Turkish player to win WTA Tour singles title since Buyukakcay at 2016 Istanbul. Also made QF at Monastir and entered the Top 100 for the first time, ending the year at a career-high of No.89
- Made her WTA Tour main draw debut in 2023 at 's-Hertogenbosch with a 1r (l. Andreescu) and followed up with a 1r at Hamburg (l. Pera). Contested Grand Slam qualifying for the first time in 2023 at Wimbledon and US Open
- In 2023, reached her first WTA 125 final at Ljubljana (l. Bassols Ribera) and further reached a WTA 125 SF at Kozerki (l. Yastremska)
- In 2022, lifted two ITF titles at 15K Monastir and 25K Sozopol
- In 2020, lifted one ITF title at 15K Antalya

OTHER INFORMATION

- Previously coached by Henner Nehles. Lives and trains in Atlanta; formerly trained at USTA in Orlando
- Idolizes Roger Federer. Favorite surface to compete on is grass
- Hobbies include listening to music, watching movies, and reading

- Coached by Issam Jellali
- Fitness and mental coach is Mehmet Bayraktar

WTA

MATCH NOTES

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0 WIN	FIRST MEETING	**0** WIN

7	**JASMINE PAOLINI (WC) (1)** ITALY	**PRISCILLA (LL) HON** AUSTRALIA	136

1996-01-04	Date of Birth	1998-05-10
Bagni di Lucca, Italy	Residence	Brisbane, Australia
Right-Handed	Plays	Right-Handed
5' 4" (1.63m)	Height	5' 8"
4	Career-High Ranking	94
$14,915,001	Career Prize Money	$2,337,154
$624,009	Season Prize Money	$198,642
0 / 3	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 0
32-25 (Runner-Up: 2024 WIMBLEDON, ROLAND GARROS)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	5-10 (Round of 32: 2025 US OPEN)
0-0 / 0-0	YTD / Career MÉRIDA W-L (best)	1-0 / 1-0 (Round of 16: 2026)
3-4 / 164-131	YTD / Career W-L	2-1 / 18-40

MATCH NOTES

MÉRIDA OPEN - MÉRIDA, MEX
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JASMINE PAOLINI (WC)   PRISCILLA (LL) HON

HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
			First career meeting			

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
7	-	**2026**	104	-
4	8	**2025**	94	104
4	4	**2024**	162	193
29	30	**2023**	149	210
44	59	**2022**	151	151
51	53	**2021**	148	256
93	95	**2020**	122	147
114	117	**2019**	118	126
130	190	**2018**	156	158
130	137	**2017**	223	227

MATCH NOTES

MÉRIDA OPEN - MÉRIDA, MEX

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JASMINE PAOLINI (WC)	PRISCILLA (LL) HON

TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making her tournament debut as No.1 seed and a wild card
- Seeking her first QF of the season; this is already her first R16 of the year (after 1r bye)
- Aiming to end a 3-match losing streak (l. Jovic in Australian Open 3r, l. Sakkari in Doha opener; l. Eala in Dubai opener)
- After 1r bye, faces No.136 Priscilla Hon in 2r today; Paolini is 2-0 this year vs. players ranked outside the Top 100 (d. Jeanjean at United Cup and d. Sasnovich at Australian Open)
- Owns 8-3 career Tour-level record against players from Australia; her last match vs. an Australian was a win over Aiava at 2025 US Open
- Career-best WTA 500 results are 5 SF finishes, most recently at 2025 Ningbo (l. eventual champion Rybakina)
- 2 of her 3 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court: WTA 1000 Dubai in 2024, and Portoroz in 2021
- Is No.1 seed this week; has been top seed at 2 WTA tournaments in her career (also 2023 Monastir, finished R-Up to No.2 seed Mertens)
- Only player from Italy in this week's main draw
- Best result by Italy at Merida was Camila Giorgi's run to the title at the inaugural edition in 2023
- Best result by a wild card at Merida was QF run by Zeynep Sonmez in 2025
- Is currently ranked No.7; this time last year was ranked No.6. Reached career-high ranking of No.4 in October 2024

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. R. ZARAZUA (#89) 6-2 2-6 6-4 (2h 36m)

Total time on court: 2h 36m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making Merida Open tournament debut
- Is competing in her second main draw of the 2026 season after Australian Open (as wild card, l. Jovic in 2r)
- Seeking her 3rd career Tour-level QF and first since 2019; her previous Tour-level QFs both came at Seoul in 2017 and 2019
- This is her 3rd career WTA 500 R16 (also 2019 Sydney and 2022 Adelaide) and is seeking her first WTA 500 QF
- Defeated Renata Zarazua so far this week for her 2nd Tour-level win of 2026 (advanced past Stakusic via ret. at Australian Open)
- Faces No.7 Jasmine Paolini in 2r today; holds 0-2 career record vs. Top 10 players (l. No.5 Svitolina at 2018 Hong Kong; l. No.2 Sabalenka at 2024 US Open)
- First Tour-level meeting vs. a player from Italy
- Best result by a lucky loser at Merida is R16 by Varvara Gracheva in 2023 and Hon this year
- Career-best Tour-level results on hard court are her 2 Tour-level QFs at 2017 Seoul and 2019 Seoul
- Only player from Australia competing in this year's main draw
- Best result by Australia at Merida was SF run by Daria Saville in 2025
- Is currently ranked No.136; this time last year was ranked No.158. Broke inside the Top 100 for the first time in October 2025, peaking at No.94

MATCH NOTES

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JASMINE PAOLINI (WC)

PRISCILLA (LL) HON

RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

JASMINE PAOLINI (WC)

PRISCILLA (LL) HON

SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Played 2r at Dubai (l. Eala)
- Made 2r at Doha (l. Sakkari)
- Reached 3r at Australian Open (l. Jovic)
- Kicked off 2026 going 1-1 in singles for Team Italy at United Cup

- Opened 2026 season with 2r at Australian Open (as WC, l. Jovic)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
9	98	Aces	9	99
62.5%	65	First serve %	61.3%	76
60.7%	92	First Serve points won %	57.4%	108
47.3%	36	Second serve points won %	43.0%	77
55.7%	74	Overall service points won %	51.8%	106
61.9%	78	Service games won %	53.1%	109
61.9%	14	Break points saved %	55.9%	54
40.1%	18	First serve return points won %	40.6%	15
50.6%	104	Second serve return points won %	46.2%	120
43.9%	77	Break points converted %	60.0%	7
40.3%	25	Return games won %	35.3%	55
44.1%	48	Return points won %	42.1%	77

JASMINE PAOLINI (WC) — PRISCILLA (LL) HON

TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (3)

2025 - ROME
2024 - DUBAI
2021 - PORTOROZ

Runner-Up (6)

2025 - CINCINNATI
2024 - WIMBLEDON, ROLAND GARROS
2023 - MONASTIR, PALERMO
2022 - CLUJ-NAPOCA

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (10)

2025 - BEIJING (w/Errani), ROLAND GARROS (w/Errani), ROME (w/Errani), DOHA (w/Errani)
2024 - BEIJING (w/Errani), OLYMPICS (w/Errani), ROME (w/Errani), LINZ (w/Errani)
2023 - MONASTIR (w/Errani)
2021 - HAMBURG (w/Teichmann)

Runner-Up (3)

2025 - BERLIN (w/Errani)
2024 - ROLAND GARROS (w/Errani)
2022 - MELBOURNE 250 #1 (w/Errani)

DOUBLES FINALS

Runner-Up (1)

2025 - BRISBANE (w/Kalinskaya)

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
3r				**2026**	2r			
3r	4r	2r	3r	**2025**			1r	3r
4r	RUP	RUP	4r	**2024**				1r
1r	2r	1r	1r	**2023**				
1r	1r	1r	1r	**2022**	1r			
1r	2r	1r	2r	**2021**				
1r	2r	1r	1r	**2020**	2r			
	1r			**2019**	1r	2r		1r
				2018				
				2017				
				2016	1r			

JASMINE PAOLINI (WC)	PRISCILLA (LL) HON

CAREER MILESTONES

- In 2025 earned second WTA 1000 title of her career on home soil at Rome, also winning the doubles title with Errani - became the first woman to sweep the Rome singles and doubles titles since Monica Seles in 1990
- Also in 2025 won her first Grand Slam title in any discipline, pairing with Errani to claim the Roland Garros women's doubles crown and qualified for the 2025 WTA Finals in both singles and doubles for the second time in her career after 2024
- Breakout 2024 season saw her win the biggest title of her career at WTA 1000 Dubai and also reach her first Grand Slam finals, finishing R-Up at Roland-Garros and Wimbledon. Qualified for her first WTA Finals in singles and doubles, broke into the Top 10 for the first time in her career and finished the season as the World No.4
- Finished 2023 by breaking into Top 30 for first time, achieving No. 29 on Oct 23, 2023 after becoming runner-up at Monastir (l. Mertens). Also achieved runner-up at Palermo and SF at Zhengzhou (l. Zheng both times) as well as QFs at Lyon (l. Garcia) and Cincinnati as a qualifier (l. eventual champion Gauff). Enjoyed two Top 10 wins (No.10 Garcia and No.4 Rybakina).
- In 2022, finished R-Up at Cluj-Napoca (l. Blinkova), while made back-to-back SF at Palermo (l. Bronzetti) and Warsaw (l. eventual champion Garcia); also reached QF at Lyon (l. Yastremska), Portoroz (l. eventual champion Siniakova) and Parma (l. Kovinic)
- Broke into Top 50 on January 31, 2021
- Posted near-Top 50 season finish in 2021 after capturing first WTA singles title of career at Portoroz (d. Riske in F)
- Strong season finish also brought SF run at Courmayeur (l. eventual champion Vekic) and QF effort at Linz (l. Halep); posted best win of season over No.18 Mertens en route to 3r at Indian Wells (l. Pegula)
- Also in 2021 won the WTA 125K event in Bol, Croatia (d. Rus in F) and was R-Up at the same level in Saint Malo (l. Golubic)
- Captured first WTA doubles title in 2021, at Hamburg (w/Teichmann)
- In 2021, for first time in career, contested the full suite of all four Grand Slam events; reached 2r at Roland Garros and US Open, equalling best previous Slam result
- In 2020, reached 2r four times at WTA tournaments, including Roland Garros (l. Kvitova)

- In 2025, posted best Grand Slam result of her career by making US Open 3r as qualifier. Earned first WTA 1000 main draw wins by reaching Beijing 3r as qualifier leading to Top 100 debut on October 6 and reaching career-high No.94 the following week. In doubles, made first WTA Tour final at Brisbane (finished R-Up w/Kalinskaya)
- During 2024, reached main draw as a qualifier at US Open, Seoul, Ningbo and Tokyo. Also made R16 at Hong Kong for a second consecutive year (l. eventual champion Shnaider)
- Best Tour showing of 2023 was at Hong Kong with R16 (l. Blinkova); also made QF at WTA 125 Florence
- In 2022, d. No.17 Kvitova at Adelaide for first career Top 20 win; on ITF Circuit, won titles at W25 events in Netanya, Nottingham and Cairns
- Highlight of injury-disrupted 2021 season was 2r showing at WTA 125 event in Columbus; fell in qualifying at five WTA Tour events, including Roland Garros and Wimbledon
- In 2020, made 2r at Australian Open and fell 1r at Brisbane, Adelaide, Doha and Lyon. Did not play after Tour's resumption in August due to hip injury
- 2019 season highlight was notching first career Grand Slam main draw win at 2019 Roland Garros (as WC, d. lucky loser Babos, l. Keys)
- In 2018, reached 2r at Seoul as qualifier (l. Minella); also contested qualifying at 10 Tour-level events (incl. all four majors), and won ITF Circuit title at $60K/Bendigo-AUS
- WTA main draw debut came as wildcard at 2016 Brisbane (l. Crawford)
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2015 Hobart
- On ITF Circuit, winner of 13 singles titles and 13 doubles titles
- Played first professional events of career on ITF Circuit in Australia in 2012
- Peaked at No.13 in the junior world rankings

- Highlights of 2019 included QF showings at Guangzhou and Palermo, a SF run at the WTA 125K Series event at Karlsruhe, lifting seventh, eighth and ninth ITF Circuit titles of her career, at $60KBrescia-ITA, $25K ITF/Curtiba-BRA and $100K ITF/Tokyo-JPN, and qualifying for maiden Grand Slam main draw at Roland Garros (l. Kasatkina in 1r)
- Ended 2018 ranked No.180, with season highlight a maiden WTA singles QF at Prague (d. No.15 Kasatkina, l. Zhang)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2017 Bastad (l. Suarez Navarro in 1r) and also fell 1r at Guangzhou and in qualifying a further three times
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2015 Rome
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in Italy in 2011

OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Danilo Pizzorno and Sara Errani
- Resides in Bagni di Lucca and trains in Forte dei Marmi, Italy
- Father is Ugo Paolini, mother is Jacqueline Gardiner and brother is William Paolini. Grandmother lives in Lodz, Poland. Mother is of Ghanaian/Polish descent
- Idolizes Roger Federer
- Favorite shot is her forehand and favorite surface is clay
- Speaks Italian, English and Polish

- Coached by Alejandro Dulko and Cara Black
- Previously worked with Guillaume Peyre and Anthony Richardson
- Born, raised and lives in Brisbane, Australia
- Parents are Ming and Connie, siblings are Hannah and Joannah
- Hobbies include going to the beach, food, getting lost exploring in a new place for vacation
- Idolizes Justine Henin and Roger Federer
- Favorite shot is her backhand and favorite surface to play on is hard court

2 WIN   **2** MATCHES PLAYED   **0** WIN

86 SHUAI ZHANG (Q)
CHINA

EMMA (2) NAVARRO 20
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

1989-01-21	**Date of Birth**	2001-05-18
Tianjin, China	**Residence**	Charleston, SC, USA
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	**Plays**	Right-Handed
5' 10" (1.77m)	**Height**	5' 7'' (1.70m)
22	**Career-High Ranking**	8
$12,372,093	**Career Prize Money**	$5,844,307
$468,427	**Season Prize Money**	$203,698
0 / 3	**Singles Titles YTD / Career**	0 / 2
40-50 (Quarter-Finalist: 2019 WIMBLEDON; 2016 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	**Grand Slam W-L (best)**	24-13 (Semi-Finalist: 2024 US OPEN)
1-0 / 1-0 (Round of 16: 2026)	**YTD / Career MÉRIDA W-L (best)**	0-0 / 4-0 (Champion: 2025)
2-2 / 222-275	**YTD / Career W-L**	4-6 / 98-74

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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2025	WUHAN	HARD	1r	Shuai Zhang	6-2 2-6 6-3	1h 36m
2024	BEIJING	HARD	2r	Shuai Zhang	6-4 6-2	1h 15m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
73	-	**2026**	15	-
102	102	**2025**	8	15
206	219	**2024**	8	8
22	208	**2023**	38	38
24	24	**2022**	127	143
35	63	**2021**	233	233
30	35	**2020**	462	463
31	46	**2019**	412	486
27	35	**2018**	761	763
23	36	**2017**	-	-

MATCH NOTES

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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. V. LEPCHENKO (#152) 6-2 6-1 (1h 7m)

Total time on court: 1h 7m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making her tournament debut after qualifying for the main draw (d. Piter and Trevisan in qualifying)
- Defeated fellow qualifer Varvara Lepchenko in 1r for 2nd Tour-level win of the year (also won opening match at Brisbane, d. Krueger as qualifier)
- Faces No.20 Emma Navarro in 2r today; owns 23 wins in career over Top 20 players - her last 2 Top 20 wins both came over today's opponent Navarro, at 2024 Beijing and 2025 Wuhan
- Seeking 1st Tour-level QF since SF run at Guangzhou last October (l. eventual champion Li)
- Career-best WTA 500 results are SF finishes at 2014 Birmingham (l. eventual champion Ivanovic) and 2022 Tokyo (l. eventual champion Samsonova)
- All of her 3 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court (2013 Guangzhou, 2017 Guangzhou and 2022 Lyon)
- Owns 35-37 career Tour-level record against players from United States (2-0 in 2026, d. Krueger at Brisbane and Lepchenko this week)
- Only player from China in this week's main draw
- Trying to become the first Chinese player to make Merida QF; other R16 showings by Chinese players at Merida were by Wang Xinyu and Wang Xiyu in 2023
- Best results by qualifiers at Merida were runner-up finishes by Emiliana Arango in 2025 (l. Navarro in F) and Rebecca Peterson in 2023 (l. Giorgi in F)
- Is currently ranked No.86; this time last year was ranked No.168. Reached career-high ranking of No.22 in January 2023

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making her 2nd appearance at Merida and returning as the defending champion (d. Arango in last year's final)
- Her 2025 Merida championship run was her 2nd career WTA singles title, and first at WTA 500-level
- After 1r bye, faces No.86 Zhang Shuai in 2r today; Navarro is 4-2 this year vs. players ranked outside the Top 50
- Seeking her 2nd Tour-level QF of the year (also made Adelaide QF, l. Shnaider in that round)
- Owns 5-4 career Tour-level record against players from China; her most recent match vs. a Chinese player was her loss to today's opponent Zhang at Wuhan last October
- Owns 17-4 career Tour-level record against qualifiers (2-0 in 2026; d. Putintseva at Adelaide and d. Ruse at Dubai)
- Both of her 2 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court: 2024 Hobart and here last year
- One of 3 players from United States in this week's main draw (No.3 seed Li is into 2r after 1r bye; Lepchenko lost to Zhang 1r)
- Best result by United States at Merida was Navarro's title run last year
- Is currently ranked No.20; this time last year was ranked No.10. Reached career-high ranking of No.8 in September 2024

SHUAI ZHANG (Q)	EMMA NAVARRO

RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

2025	Result	Rank: 10	Seed: 1
F	W	E. ARANGO (#133) 6-0 6-0	
SF	W	E. AVANESYAN (#45) 6-3 6-3	
QF	W	Z. SONMEZ (#88) 6-4 6-2	
2r	W	P. MARTIC (#124) 6-1 6-2	

SHUAI ZHANG (Q)

EMMA NAVARRO

SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Fell in 1r at Australian Open (l. Preston)
- Made 2r at Brisbane (l. Rybakina)

- Made 2r at Dubai (l. Mertens)
- Played 2r at Doha (l. Kalinskaya)
- Made 2r at Abu Dhabi (l. Baptiste)
- Fell in 1r at Australian Open (l. Linette)
- Reached QF at Adelaide (l. Shnaider)
- Played 1r at Auckland (l. F.Jones)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
11	83	Aces	25	35
69.2%	12	First serve %	61.2%	77
64.5%	54	First Serve points won %	66.4%	39
51.7%	10	Second serve points won %	50.7%	13
60.6%	22	Overall service points won %	60.3%	24
72.3%	27	Service games won %	73.2%	22
58.1%	37	Break points saved %	50.8%	85
31.5%	102	First serve return points won %	32.5%	97
58.7%	21	Second serve return points won %	54.0%	69
45.5%	69	Break points converted %	43.4%	83
31.9%	73	Return games won %	30.0%	86
41.6%	84	Return points won %	41.0%	90

SHUAI ZHANG (Q)

EMMA NAVARRO

TITLES

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (3)

2022 - LYON
2017 - GUANGZHOU
2013 - GUANGZHOU

Runner-Up (4)

2022 - BIRMINGHAM
2021 - NOTTINGHAM
2020 - HOBART
2016 - ZHUHAI

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (2)

2025 - MÉRIDA
2024 - HOBART

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (17)

2026 - AUSTRALIAN OPEN (w/Mertens), ADELAIDE (w/Siniakova)
2025 - WASHINGTON DC (w/Townsend)
2024 - GUANGZHOU (w/Siniakova)
2023 - ABU DHABI (w/Stefani)
2022 - NOTTINGHAM (w/Haddad Maia)
2021 - OSTRAVA (w/Mirza), US OPEN (w/Stosur), CINCINNATI (w/Stosur)
2019 - AUSTRALIAN OPEN (w/Stosur)
2018 - HONG KONG (w/Stosur), HIROSHIMA (w/Hozumi), ISTANBUL (w/Liang)
2014 - PATTAYA CITY (w/Peng)
2012 - GUANGZHOU (w/Tanasugarn), ESTORIL (w/Chuang)
2011 - OSAKA (w/Date)

Runner-Up (20)

2025 - MONTREAL (w/Townsend), STUTTGART (w/Alexandrova), AUSTIN (w/Kessler), ABU DHABI (w/Mladenovic)
2024 - SEOUL (w/Kato), US OPEN (w/Mladenovic), BIRMINGHAM (w/Kato)
2022 - WIMBLEDON (w/Mertens), BIRMINGHAM (w/Mertens), STUTTGART (w/Gauff)
2021 - COURMAYEUR (w/Hozumi)
2020 - HOBART (w/Peng)
2019 - NANCHANG (w/Peng), MIAMI (w/Stosur)
2017 - ZHUHAI (w/Lu), BIRMINGHAM (w/Chan)
2014 - HOBART (w/Raymond)
2013 - OSAKA (w/Stosur), KUALA LUMPUR (w/Husarova)
2012 - MONTERREY (w/Date)

SHUAI ZHANG (Q)

EMMA NAVARRO

GRAND SLAMS

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

SHUAI ZHANG (Q)	EMMA NAVARRO

CAREER MILESTONES

- Strong singles results on Tour in home nation of China in 2025, making Guangzhou SF (first WTA Tour SF since 2022; l. eventual champion Li) and defeating No.14 Navarro to make Wuhan R16 (l. eventual champion Gauff)
- Also in 2025, posted Top 20 year-end ranking in doubles, winning Washington D.C. title (w/Townsend) and making four additional WTA Tour doubles finals
- In 2024, broke a streak of 24 losses to reach WTA 1000 quarterfinal at Beijing. In doubles, won her 14th career title at Guangzhou, paired with Katerina Siniakova for the first time
- Reached R16 at 2023 Australian Open (l. Pliskova) taking her ranking to a career-high of No.22; failed to win a singles match after Lyon in January and ended her season early after Montreal (l. Blinkova)
- In doubles, won the 2023 title at Abu Dhabi (w/Stefani) and reached semifinals at Doha (w/Olmos) and Wimbledon (w/Dolehide)

  In 2022, won third career singles title at Lyon (d. Yastremska in F) and 12th doubles title at Nottingham (w/Haddad Maia). Finished the season at No.24, very close to previous best career ranking of No.23 (Nov 14, 2016); in doubles climbed as high as No.2 on July 11, 2022
- Reached fourth singles final of career in 2021, finishing R-Up at Nottingham (l. Konta). Also advanced to SF at Palermo and QF at San Jose
- Enjoyed strong campaign in doubles in 2021, winning her 2nd Grand Slam title at US Open (w/Stosur), as well as additional titles at Cincinnati (w/Stosur) and Ostrava (w/Mirza). Qualified for WTA Finals (w/Stosur), however failed to progress from group stage
- Season highlight in 2020 was reaching third career WTA singles final (l. Rybakina in F) and finishing R-Up in doubles at Hobart (w/Peng), which marks the first time she made it through to the championship match in both singles and doubles at the same Tour-level event
- Also in 2020, made R16 at Roland Garros for the first time; now has advanced to second week at Grand Slams across hard, grass and clay
- Standout singles results of 2019 season were reaching second Grand Slam singles QF of career at Wimbledon (l. eventual champion Halep), finishing R-Up at WTA 125 event in Anning (l. S.Zheng) and closing out season by winning $100k ITF/Tokyo-JPN (d.Paolini in F)
- Won first Grand Slam doubles title at 2019 Australian Open (w/Stosur; d. Babos/Mladenovic

- In 2025, won second Tour singles title of her career at Merida (d. Arango in final); made 7 additional Tour QFs, including her 3rd straight Grand Slam QF at Australian Open (l. Swiatek)
- Voted 2024 WTA Most Improved Player of the Year Award, finished the year ranked No.8 with a singles record of 54-24, winning her first career title at 2024 Hobart; climbed to a year-end ranking at No.8 after finishing 2023 at No.38 (and No.143 in 2022)
- 2023 was a stand-out year, achieving a career best with semifinal at WTA 500 San Diego (l. Kenin) and ending season with a ranking of No. 32. Also reached two quarterfinals on clay, Strasbourg (l. Blinkova) and Palermo (l. eventual champion Zheng), and one semifinal on grass, Bad Homburg (l. Siniakova)
- In 2022, posted 31-18 win-loss record. At Tour-level, made 2r at Charleston (as WC, l. Jabeur), fell 1r at Monterrey (as WC, l. Zacarias) and Indian Wells (as WC, l. Anisimova), and contested qualifying at San Diego
- Elsewhere in 2022, reached three ITF Circuit finals, including lifting second career title at this level at W60 tournament in Liepaja, Latvia, while made SF at WTA 125K Series event in Vancouver
- Lifted maiden ITF Circuit title at W25 event in Orlando in November 2021
- Won the NCAA Division I women's singles title in May 2021 to earn a WC into US Open, where she fell 1r (l. McHale)
- Fell 2r on professional debut at $10k Charleston, SC-USA (l. Di Lorenzo) in 2015
- Began her collegiate career by winning her first 14 NCAA singles matches and moving up to a No.6 ITA ranking
- Ended 2019 at No.3 in ITF Junior rankings, following a season that included a R-Up finish at Roland Garros (l. Fernandez), a SF run at Wimbledon and victory at the Adidas Easter Bowl

in F); also reached final at Miami w/Stosur (l. Mertens/Sabalenka). Team qualified for WTA Finals in Shenzhen (Zhang's debut at the season finale) where they advanced to SF (l. eventual champions Babos/Mladenovic)
- Won her 2nd WTA Tour singles title at 2017 Guangzhou (d. Krunic in final)
- Enjoyed Grand Slam breakthrough at 2016 Australian Open, where she advanced to QF as qualifier (l. Konta). Run also marked first time winning back-to-back main draw matches since semifinal run at 2014 Birmingham
- In that 2016 Australian Open run, defeated No.2 Halep in 1r and No.17 Keys in R16; ranked No.133, became lowest-ranked player to advance to last eight at Australian Open since unranked Henin reached final in 2010, and first qualifier to do so since Gavaldon in 1990
- Contemplated retirement after ending 2015 ranked No.186, her lowest year-end finish since 2008 (No.212) and down from No.62 in 2014
- Won her 1st WTA Tour singles title at 2013 Guangzhou (d. King in final)
- First broke into Top 100 on August 9, 2010 and Top 50 on February 3, 2014
- Scored first Top 10 win over then No.1-ranked Safina in 1r at 2009 Beijing; at No.226, was the lowest-ranked player ever to beat a World No.1
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2006 Beijing; made WTA main draw debut at 2006 Guangzhou
- Winner of 23 singles titles and eight doubles titles on ITF Circuit

OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Liu Shuo
- Father, Zhang Zhi Qiang, was a soccer player; mother, Wang Feng Qin, was a basketball player. Started playing tennis aged five when parents took her to local club
- Started working with Chinese Tennis Association at age 12
- Idolized Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal
- Best tennis memory was playing mixed doubles with Pete Sampras in 2011, winning Australian Open doubles championship in 2019 with best friend Sam Stosur, and quarterfinals at 2016 Australian Open and 2019 Wimbledon
- Relaxes by listening to music, taking photos and exploring the places she travels to

- Currently coached by Peter Ayers
- Born in New York City and raised in Charleston, SC
- Attended the University of Virginia where she studied Arts & Science and played collegiate tennis
- 2021 NCAA Singles Champion (freshman year)
- 2019 Australian Open Junior Doubles Finalist
- 2019 Roland Garros Junior Doubles Champion and Singles Finalist
- 2019 Wimbledon Junior Singles Semi-Finalist
- Is the daughter of businessman Ben Navarro and the grand-daughter of former American football player and coach Frank Navarro