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**DAY 3 – WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25****[8] Magda Linette (POL #47) vs. [Q] Victoria Jimenez Kasintseva (AND #122)****First meeting*****Linette:***

- Making 3rd appearance at Merida, where her previous best result was a QF finish in 2023 (l. eventual finalist Peterson)
- Has reached two QFs already in 2026 at Auckland (l. Eala) and Hobart (l. Jovic)
- Career-best results at the WTA 500 level are six quarterfinal showings, including two QF finishes in 2025 at Abu Dhabi and Strasbourg
- Two of her three WTA career titles have come on hard court: Hua Hin in 2020 and Bronx in 2019. Also owns one clay court title at Prague 2024
- Is 2-0 so far in 2026 against qualifiers, with wins over Selekhmeteva at Hobart and Kartal at Doha

***Jimenez Kasintseva:***

- Making her Merida Open tournament debut and is competing in her first Tour-level main draw of the 2026 season
- Contesting only her 2nd career WTA 500 main draw; in her previous WTA 500 main draw, made QF at 2025 Guadalajara 500 (l. eventual champion Jovic in 3rd-set TB, held 1 match point)
- Owns 1 career win over Top 50 players, coming against No.26 Veronika Kudermetova at Guadalajara 2025
- This is the first time a player from Andorra has competed in the Merida Open main draw
- Seeking her 8th career Tour-level win today

**Emiliana Arango (COL #59) vs. [4] Marie Bouzkova (CZE #34)****First meeting*****Arango:***

- Making 2nd appearance at this tournament; last year she made her 1st career WTA Tour final here as a qualifier (finished R-Up to Navarro), which resulted in her Top 100 debut the following week
- Career-best Tour-level results on hard courts are R-Up finishes at 2025 Merida (l. Navarro) and 2025 Guadalajara 500 (l. Jovic)
- Those two R-Ups last year are also her career-best performances at WTA 500 events
- Owns 5 career wins over Top 50 players, most recently No.37 Magda Linette at Guadalajara 2025. Arango lost her last 5 consecutive meetings against Top 50 opponents
- Defeated Anastasia Potapova in the previous round to register her first match win since defeating Uchijima at Hong Kong last October

***Bouzkova:***

- Making her Merida Open tournament debut
- Career-best result at a WTA 500 event is R-Up finish at Washington DC in 2024 (l. Badosa in F)
- Both of her career Tour-level titles have come on hard court; at Prague in 2025 and 2022
- Is currently ranked No.34; this time last year was ranked No.49. Broke inside the Top 25 for the first time in December 2022 reaching a peak ranking of No.24
- Is 3-2 so far this season in opening matches; with 2r runs at Brisbane, Adelaide, Australian Open, and 1r exits at Doha and Dubai

**[WC] Katie Boulter (GBR #69) vs. Camila Osorio (COL #61)****Tied 1-1*****Boulter:***

- Making her Merida Open tournament debut
- Contesting her first tournament since winning 4th career WTA Tour singles title at 2026 Ostrava (d. Korpatsch in F); she is currently on a 6-match winning streak
- Two of her 4 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court (2024 San Diego and 2026 Ostrava)
- She has won one WTA 500 title in her career (2024 San Diego, d. Kostyuk in F)
- Is 3-1 so far in 2026 vs. Top 100 players; most recent encounter was a win over No.66 Haddad Maia in the 1r here

***Osorio:***

- Making 2nd appearance at Merida, on her previous appearance in 2023 she fell in the 1r (l. No.1 seed Linette)
- Career-best result at a WTA 500 event is SF run at Guadalajara 2024 (l. Gadecki)
- Is 3-4 so far this season against Top 100 players; with wins over No.24 Raducanu and No.44 Siniakova at Doha, and No.36 Tjen in the previous round here
- Career-best Tour-level results on hard court are Runner-Up finishes at Monterrey in 2022 and Tenerife in 2021
- Owns three WTA Tour-level titles, all coming on the home soil of clay at Bogota in 2021, 2024 and 2025

**Cristina Bucsa (ESP #63) vs. [WC] Marina Stakusic (CAN #122)****First meeting*****Bucsa:***

- Making Merida Open tournament debut
- Career-best result at a WTA 500 event is QF finish at Abu Dhabi in 2024 (l. eventual champion Rybakina)
- Defeated Vekic in the 1r here to register her 2nd win of the season after defeating Bondar in Brisbane 1r
- Best career result on hard court is Runner-Up run at Hong Kong 2025 (l. Mboko in F)
- Owns 5-5 career record against wild cards, most recent was a loss to Raducanu at London 2025

***Stakusic:***

- Making 2nd appearance at Merida, where she reached the R16 in 2024 (d. Joint, l. Stojanovic)
- Contesting her first tournament since qualifying for 2026 Australian Open and retiring vs. Hon in 1r
- 7 of her 10 career wins are against Top 100 players, most recent was No.49 Yastremska in the previous round
- Career-best Tour-level results on hard court are two QF finishes at Guadalajara in 2024 and 2025
- Those two Guadalajara QFs are also her career-best performances at WTA 500 events



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**MAGDA  
LINETTE (8)**  
POLAND

122

**VICTORIA  
(Q) JIMENEZ  
KASINTSEVA**  
ANDORRA

1992-02-12	<b>Date of Birth</b>	2005-08-09
Poznan, Poland	<b>Residence</b>	Ordino, Andorra
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	<b>Plays</b>	Left-handed
5' 7" (1.71m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 11" (1.80 m)
19	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	107
\$8,435,338	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$867,474
\$330,544	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$0
0 / 3	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	0 / 0
28-42 (Semi-Finalist: 2023 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	0-1 (Round of 128: 2025 US OPEN)
1-0 / 4-2 (Quarter-Finalist: 2023)	<b>YTD / Career MÉRIDA W-L (best)</b>	1-0 / 1-0 (Round of 16: 2026)
10-5 / 215-223	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	1-0 / 7-15



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## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

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

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
39	-	2026	107	-
27	55	2025	107	107
22	38	2024	146	151
19	24	2023	121	303
45	49	2022	124	129
40	57	2021	373	373
33	40	2020	-	-
41	42	2019	-	-
55	83	2018	-	-
70	71	2017	-	-



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. T. MARIA (#54) 7-6 6-3 (1h 35m)

*Total time on court: 1h 35m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 3rd appearance at Merida, where her previous best result was a QF finish in 2023 (l. eventual finalist Peterson)
- Defeated Tatjana Maria in the 1r to register her 10th win of the 2026 season
- Career-best results at the WTA 500 level are six quarterfinal showings, including two QF finishes in 2025 at Abu Dhabi and Strasbourg
- Faces No.122 Victoria Jimenez Kasintseva in 2r today; since the start of the 2025 season Linette has gone 3-3 vs. players ranked outside the Top 100. Her most recent encounter was a win over No.582 Venus Williams at Auckland 2026
- First career meeting against a player from Andorra
- Is 2-0 so far in 2026 against qualifiers, with wins over Selekhmeteva at Hobart and Kartal at Doha
- Two of her three WTA career titles have come on hard court: Hua Hin in 2020 and Bronx in 2019. Also owns one clay court title at Prague 2024
- One of 2 players from Poland to reach the 2r alongside Frech
- Best result by Poland at Merida was QF run by Magda Linette herself in 2023
- Is currently ranked No.47; this time last year was ranked No.37. Reached a career-high ranking of No.19 in March 2023
- Has reached two QFs already in 2026 at Auckland (l. Eala) and Hobart (l. Jovic)

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. Y. PUTINTSEVA (#78) 6-4 1-6 6-4 (2h 30m)

*Total time on court: 2h 30m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making her Merida Open tournament debut
- Is competing in her first Tour-level main draw of the 2026 season at Merida this week
- Defeated Yulia Putintseva in the 1r to register her first Tour-level main draw win of the season after falling in qualifying at Brisbane and Australian Open
- Faces No.47 Magda Linette in 2r today; owns 1 career win over Top 50 players, which came against No.26 Veronika Kudermetova at Guadalajara 2025
- First career meeting against a player from Poland
- Career-best Tour-level results on hard court are QFs at 2022 Seoul and 2025 Guadalajara 500
- Contesting only her 2nd career WTA 500 main draw; in her previous WTA 500 main draw, made QF at 2025 Guadalajara 500 (l. eventual champion Jovic in 3rd-set TB, held 1 match point)
- This is the first time a player from Andorra has competed in the Merida Open main draw
- One of 2 qualifiers through to the 2r alongside Zhang Shuai (Priscilla Hon also advanced as a lucky loser)
- Best results by qualifiers at Merida are Runner-Up finishes by Emiliania Arango in 2025 and Rebecca Peterson in 2023
- Is currently ranked No.122; this time last year was ranked No.149. Reached career-high ranking of No.107 in October 2025
- Seeking her 8th career Tour-level win today



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**VICTORIA  
(Q) JIMENEZ KASINTSEVA**

## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2025	Result	Rank: 37	Seed: -
2r	L	Z. SONMEZ (#88)	6-3 3-1
1r	W	E. COCCIARETTO (#71)	6-4 6-0

  

2023	Result	Rank: 21	Seed: 1
QF	L	R. PETERSON (#140)	6-2 6-4
2r	W	P. UDVARDY (#91)	6-0 2-5
1r	W	C. OSORIO (#61)	6-7(2) 7-5 6-2

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles



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(Q) JIMENEZ KASINTSEVA**

## SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Made 3r at Dubai (l. Tauson)
- Played 2r at Doha (l. M.Andreeva)
- Reached 3r at Australian Open (l. Muchova)
- Made QF at Hobart (l. eventual R-Up Jovic)
- Reached QF at Auckland (l. Eala)

- No notes have been added for this player

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
65	8	<b>Aces</b>	0	0
59.0%	92	<b>First serve %</b>	71.4%	0
65.1%	49	<b>First Serve points won %</b>	52.3%	0
47.4%	37	<b>Second serve points won %</b>	23.1%	0
57.8%	48	<b>Overall service points won %</b>	44.0%	0
70.2%	42	<b>Service games won %</b>	42.9%	0
54.1%	63	<b>Break points saved %</b>	50.0%	0
35.4%	75	<b>First serve return points won %</b>	45.8%	0
52.3%	86	<b>Second serve return points won %</b>	65.4%	0
44.3%	77	<b>Break points converted %</b>	41.2%	0
31.6%	76	<b>Return games won %</b>	53.8%	0
41.8%	82	<b>Return points won %</b>	51.0%	0



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## TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (3)

2024 - PRAGUE  
2020 - HUA HIN  
2019 - BRONX

Runner-Up (5)

2024 - ROUEN  
2023 - GUANGZHOU  
2022 - CHENNAI  
2019 - SEOUL  
2015 - TOKYO INTERNATIONAL

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (2)

2022 - EASTBOURNE (w/Krunic), CHARLESTON  
(w/Klepac)

Runner-Up (3)

2017 - BOGOTA (w/Cepede Royg)  
2016 - TIANJIN (w/Xu)  
2014 - GUANGZHOU (w/Cornet)

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN	AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
3r				<b>2026</b>			
1r	1r	1r	1r	<b>2025</b>			1r
1r	1r	1r	1r	<b>2024</b>			
SF	1r	3r	2r	<b>2023</b>			
2r	2r	2r	1r	<b>2022</b>			
	3r	3r	1r	<b>2021</b>			
1r	1r		3r	<b>2020</b>			
1r	2r	3r	2r	<b>2019</b>			
3r	1r	1r	1r	<b>2018</b>			
1r	3r	1r	1r	<b>2017</b>			
1r	1r	1r	1r	<b>2016</b>			
	1r	1r	2r	<b>2015</b>			



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LINETTE**

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(Q) JIMENEZ KASINTSEVA**

## CAREER MILESTONES

- Top results of 2025 include SF at Nottingham, her second career WTA 1000 QF at Miami, and additional QFs at Strasbourg and Abu Dhabi; finished inside Top 100 for the 11th straight season
- Won her third career title in 2024 at Prague; also reached the final at Rouen and made her first career WTA 1000 quarterfinal at Wuhan (l. Gauff)
- Opened 2023 by going 3-1 in singles for Poland in the City Final in Sydney at inaugural United Cup (l. Keys), then achieved best Grand Slam result with SF at Australian Open (l. eventual champion Sabalenka). Broke into Top 20 for first time reaching No. 19 on March 20, 2023
- Also in 2023, reached final at Guangzhou (l. Wang Xiyu) and ended the year by qualifying for Zhuhai Elite Trophy (0-2 in group stage)
- 2022 season highlight was R-Up finish at Chennai (l. L.Fruhvirtova). Also won two doubles titles, at Charleston (w/Klepac) and Eastbourne (w/Krunic)
- Posted seventh successive Top 100 season in 2021, finishing at No.57 after starting her season at Miami in March, due to a knee injury. Reached two semifinals, at Strasbourg (l. Cirstea) and Cleveland (l. Begu), and made 3r at Roland Garros and Wimbledon
- Won second WTA singles title at Hua Hin in 2020 (d. Kung in F), rising to new career-high ranking of No.33 (on February 17). Also made US Open 3r this year
- Winner of 2020 WTA Shot of the Year; became the third Polish woman to win this award (after A.Radwanska and Swiatek)
- Her 2019 campaign was highlighted by lifting maiden WTA title at the Bronx and finished R-Up at Seoul (l. Muchova); broke into Top 50 on September 9, 2019
- Season highlights in 2018 included QF run at Washington DC (l. Vekic), where her win over No.17 Osaka in 2r was first Top 20 victory. Also made 3r of Australian Open
- Highlight of 2017 campaign was SF at Kuala Lumpur (l. Hibino). Also made QF at Bogota and reached 3r at major for first time at Roland Garros
- In 2016, enjoyed run to QF at Tokyo [Pan Pacific Open] (as qualifier, l. eventual champion Wozniacki); also advanced to QF at Katowice (l. Parmentier)
- Reached maiden WTA singles final at 2015 Tokyo [Japan Open] (l. Wickmayer)
- Broke into Top 100 on June 15, 2015
- Reached second career Tour-level QF in 2025 at Guadalajara (after Seoul 2022) and made Grand Slam main draw debut at US Open as a qualifier (l. Maya Joint in 1r). At WTA 125 level, made finals for the first time at Antalya #2 and Makarska. Posted a year-end ranking at a career high No.107
- 2024 season highlight was reaching 2r at WTA 1000 Madrid for the first time in her career (l. Paolini). Also made QF run at WTA 125 Ljubljana
- In 2023 competed in 1r main draw at Miami and Madrid and won fourth ITF career title at W25 Austin
- In 2022 produced a breakthrough performance at Seoul by reaching the semifinal (l. Ostapenko). Also played qualifying at all four Grand Slams and closed the season with a career high ranking of No.121 in November
- Ended 2021 campaign at No.375 after winning 22 of her last 30 matches
- In November 2021, won maiden ITF Circuit title at Aparecida de Goiania, Brazil, followed by SF run at WTA 125K Series event in Montevideo, Uruguay
- Fell in 1r on WTA main draw debut at 2021 Madrid (as WC, l. Bertens)
- Highlight of 2020 was winning girls' singles at Australian Open title (d. Baszak in F), becoming the first player representing Andorra - the 16th smallest country in the world - to win a Grand Slam title. Was the youngest player in the field at 2020 Australian Open (14-years-old)
- Also reached her first SF on the ITF Circuit in 2020 at \$15K ITF/Melilla-ESP
- Played first professional event of career on ITF Circuit in Spain in 2020
- Gained an ITF junior ranking for the first time in 2019, making her way to six titles from April to November
- In 2018, at just 12-years-old, won the Future Tennis Aces tournament held in conjunction with Roland Garros

- Played first two WTA main draws in 2013: 2r at Strasbourg (l. Cornet) and SF at Baku (l. Peer)
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in Poland in 2007; owns 12 singles titles and eight doubles titles on ITF Circuit

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Mark Gellard. Previously worked with Nikola Horvat and Izo Zunic
  - Parents are Tomasz and Beata; sister is Dagmara
  - Started playing at age 6, favorite shot is backhand; favorite surfaces are hard and grass, and favorite tournament is Roland Garros
  - Tennis idol growing up was Monica Seles
- Coached by Joan Jimenez Guerra (father)
  - Resides in Andorra with her family and she trains at Viktory Academy also in Andorra, her father's tennis academy
  - Began playing tennis aged five and favorite surface is clay. Best tennis memory is winning Australian Open Junior in 2020 when she also became world number one at 14 years old. Current European Junior Champion
  - Parents are Joan Jimenez Guerra (owner of tennis academy), and Yulia Kasintseva (business and tax consultant)
  - Likes to listen to Taylor Swift
  - Speaks five languages: English, Spanish, Catalan, Russian and French



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FIRST MEETING

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**EMILIANA  
ARANGO**  
COLOMBIA

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**MARIE  
(4) BOUZKOVA**  
CZECH REPUBLIC

2000-11-28	<b>Date of Birth</b>	1998-07-21
Bradenton, FL, USA	<b>Residence</b>	Bradenton, FL, USA
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	<b>Plays</b>	Right-Handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 7" (1.75m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 11" (1.80m)
46	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	24
\$1,472,235	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$6,625,839
\$156,410	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$257,291
0 / 0	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	0 / 2
1-4 (Round of 64: 2025 ROLAND GARROS)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	21-27 (Quarter-Finalist: 2022 WIMBLEDON)
1-0 / 5-1 (Runner-Up: 2025)	<b>YTD / Career MÉRIDA W-L (best)</b>	0-0 / 0-0
1-5 / 25-35	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	3-5 / 141-125



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BOUZKOVA**

## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

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

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
46	-	2026	37	-
46	48	2025	39	43
109	180	2024	34	45
112	112	2023	24	34
220	377	2022	26	26
249	249	2021	46	89
475	493	2020	46	51
401	599	2019	53	57
345	437	2018	142	142
455	494	2017	169	187



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ARANGO**

**MARIE  
BOUZKOVA**

## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. A. POTAPOVA (#76) 7-6 6-2 1-0 (1h 56m)

*Total time on court: 1h 56m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd main draw appearance at Merida
- Last year at this tournament, she made her 1st career WTA Tour final as a qualifier (finished R-Up to Navarro), which resulted in her Top 100 debut the following week
- Defeated Anastasia Potapova in the previous round to register her first match win since defeating Uchijima at Hong Kong last October
- Faces No.34 Marie Bouzkova in 2r today; owns 5 career wins over Top 50 players, most recent was over No.37 Magda Linette at Guadalajara 2025. Has lost her last 5 consecutive meetings against Top 50 opponents
- Owns 1-0 career record against players from Czech Republic, with a win over Palicova at Prague 2023
- Career-best Tour-level results on hard courts are R-Up finishes at 2025 Merida (l. Navarro) and 2025 Guadalajara 500 (l. Jovic)
- Those two R-Ups last year are also her career-best performances at WTA 500 events
- Best result by Colombia at Merida was Arango's finalist showing last year
- Is currently ranked No.59; this time last year was ranked No.133. Reached career-high ranking of No.46 in October 2025
- Prior to Merida this week, Arango had fallen in the opening rounds at all the events she'd played in so far this season - Brisbane, Hobart, Australian Open, Ostrava and Doha

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

*Total time on court: 0m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making Merida Open tournament debut
- Career-best result at a WTA 500 event is R-Up run at Washington DC 2024 (l. Badosa in F)
- After a 1r bye, faces No.59 Emiliana Arango in 2r today; went 16-6 in 2025 vs. opponents ranked outside the Top 50, and is 1-0 in 2026 with a win over No.80 Zarazua at Australian Open
- Is 3-2 so far this season in opening matches; with 2r runs at Brisbane, Adelaide, Australian Open, and 1r exits at Doha, Dubai
- Owns 3-1 career record against players from Colombia, all meetings coming against Camila Osorio (defeated Osorio on their most recent encounter at Wuhan 2025)
- Both of her career Tour-level titles have come on hard court, at Prague in 2025 and 2022
- Only player from Czech Republic competing in this year's main draw
- Best result by Czech Republic at Merida was Semi-Finalist run by Katerina Siniakova in 2023
- Is currently ranked No.34; this time last year was ranked No.49. Broke inside the Top 25 for the first time in December 2022 (peaked at No.24)
- During the Middle East swing this month, suffered 1r defeats at Doha and Dubai



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2025	Result	Rank: 133	Seed: -
F	L	E. NAVARRO (#10) 6-0 6-0	
SF	W	D. SAVILLE (#121) 6-3 4-6 6-2	
QF	W	R. SRAMKOVA (#40) 5-7 6-3 6-0	
2r	W	F. JONES (#136) 3-6 6-3 3-4	
1r	W	M. CARLE (#100) 6-2 6-3	

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles



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## SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Fell in 1r at Doha (l. X.Wang)
- Lost 2r at Ostrava (after 1r bye, l. eventual R-Up Korpatsch)
- Played 1r at Australian Open (l. Kessler)
- Fell in 1r at Hobart (l. Ruzic)
- Opened 2026 season with 1r at Brisbane (l. Kessler)

- Fell in 1r at Dubai (l. Mertens)
- Played 1r at Doha (l. eventual R-Up Mboko)
- Made 2r at Australian Open (l. Swiatek)
- Played 2r at Adelaide (as LL, l. eventual champion M.Andreeva)
- Made 2r at Brisbane (l. Badosa)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
0	0	<b>Aces</b>	17	61
67.4%	19	<b>First serve %</b>	64.8%	45
52.8%	121	<b>First Serve points won %</b>	59.3%	98
37.5%	110	<b>Second serve points won %</b>	46.1%	43
47.8%	119	<b>Overall service points won %</b>	54.6%	83
41.8%	121	<b>Service games won %</b>	59.8%	86
46.7%	100	<b>Break points saved %</b>	56.6%	45
39.5%	22	<b>First serve return points won %</b>	35.0%	76
52.6%	79	<b>Second serve return points won %</b>	53.1%	74
35.3%	111	<b>Break points converted %</b>	40.4%	94
31.6%	70	<b>Return games won %</b>	27.4%	90
44.2%	44	<b>Return points won %</b>	41.3%	80



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ARANGO**

**MARIE  
BOUZKOVA**

## TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

### SINGLES FINALS

Runner-Up (2)  
2025 - GUADALAJARA 500, MÉRIDA

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (2)  
2025 - PRAGUE  
2022 - PRAGUE

Runner-Up (6)

2024 - WASHINGTON DC, BOGOTA  
2023 - NANCHANG  
2022 - GUADALAJARA  
2021 - MELBOURNE 250  
2020 - MONTERREY

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (6)

2025 - EASTBOURNE (w/Danilina)  
2023 - SEOUL (w/Mattek-sands), BEIJING  
(w/Sorribes Tormo)  
2022 - ISTANBUL (w/Sorribes Tormo)  
2021 - PRAGUE (w/Hradecka), BIRMINGHAM  
(w/Hradecka)

Runner-Up (3)

2024 - AUCKLAND (w/Mattek-sands)  
2021 - CHARLESTON (w/Hradecka)  
2020 - LEXINGTON (w/Teichmann)

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



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- In 2025 reached maiden Tour finals at WTA 500s Merida (as a qualifier) and Guadalajara; earned her first career WTA 125 title at Cancun and after beginning the year ranked No.169, she broke into the Top 50 for the first time and reached a career-high ranking of No.46 in October
- In 2024 won main draw matches at WTA 1000 events Miami and Madrid as a qualifier; also made the final at WTA 125 Santa Cruz and semifinal at WTA 125 Guadalajara
- Moved into Top 150 for first time in 2023 with breakthrough QF performances at Guadalajara (l. eventual champion Sakkari) and Cluj Napoca (l. Ruse)
- Missed first half of 2022 campaign. Best result on return was SF showing at W60 ITF Circuit event at Caldas da Rainha
- Posted 38-20 win-loss record in 2021, lifting two ITF Circuit titles
- Won maiden ITF Circuit title at W15 Antalya in 2017
- Fell in 1r on WTA debut at 2016 Bogota
- On the ITF Junior Circuit, posted career-high ranking of No.8 in January 2018, having reached SF at previous year's US Open (l. eventual champion Anisimova)
- In 2025, won second WTA Tour singles title of career at Prague (d. fellow Czech Noskova in final); also made SF at Monterrey and QF at Brisbane and Bogota, finishing inside the Top 50 for the fourth straight season. In doubles, won Eastbourne title w/Danilina
- Reached two WTA singles finals in 2024, at Bogota (l. Osorio) and Washington, DC (l. Badosa); finished season with SF run at Jiujiang (l. Golubic). In Grand Slam play, achieved best result at Roland Garros to date, advancing to 3r (l. Swiatek)
- Enjoyed success in second half of 2023 season with 4r at Wimbledon (l. eventual champion Vondrousova), 3r at US Open (l. Jabeur) and R-Up at Nanchang (l. Siniakova). Lifted two more doubles trophies in 2023 at Beijing (w/Sorribes Tormo) and Seoul (w/Mattek Sands)
- In 2022, won first WTA Tour singles title at Prague (d. Potapova in F) and made first Grand Slam QF at Wimbledon (l. Jabeur); finished R-Up at WTA 250 event in Guadalajara (l. Stephens in F), then had a SF run later in the year at the WTA 1000 event in the same city (l. Sakkari)
- Finished 2022 season ranked No.25 in singles, having started it only just inside Top 100. Also won her third career doubles title at 2022 Istanbul (w/Sorribes Tormo)
- Advanced to second career WTA singles final at 2021 Phillip Island Trophy in Melbourne, defeating No.8 Andreescu in SF (l. Kasatkina in F); followed up with SF at Guadalajara (l. Sorribes Tormo)
- In doubles in 2021, won first WTA titles of career, both w/Hradecka at Birmingham (d. Jabeur/Perez in F) and Prague (d. Stojanovic/Kuzmova in F); reached an additional final at Charleston (w/Hradecka, l. Melichar/Schuurs) and also made QF at Wimbledon and US Open
- Before tour's hiatus in March 2020, advanced to first career WTA singles final at Monterrey where she finished R-Up to Svitolina; broke into Top 50 at No.47 following the tournament
- Other highlights of 2020 came at Lexington, where she made the fourth Tour-level QF of her career (l. eventual champion Brady) and reached maiden WTA doubles final (w/Teichmann, l. Carter/Stefani)
- Standout performance of 2019 season was a SF run in her first Premier 5 appearance at Toronto (as qualifier, l. S. Williams in 3s); upset No.4 Halep and No.8 Stephens en route, her first career Top 20 wins

- Also in 2019, made QF at Guangzhou and was R-Up at WTA 125 Guadalajara. Lifted 12th and biggest title of career on ITF Circuit at \$80K Nur-Sultan-KAZ (d. Kostic in F), broke into the Top 100 for the first time at No.92 following the tournament (on July 22)
- Won first Grand Slam main draw match during 2r showing at 2019 Wimbledon (as LL, d. Barthel, l. Sakkari)
- Highlights of 2018 season were winning maiden Tour-level match during 2r showing at Quebec City (as qualifier, l. Lepchenko) and qualifying for first Grand Slam at US Open, where she fell in 1r (l. Bogdan)
- Fell 1r on WTA main draw debut at 2015 Acapulco (as wild card, l. Karatantcheva)
- Professional debut was opening round loss in qualifying at 2013 Katowice
- Girls' singles champion at 2014 US Open (d. Kalinina in F)

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Mauricio Hadad
- Trains at IMG in Bradenton FL
- Favorite surface is clay
- Started playing tennis aged three
- Turned pro at 17 in 2018
- Loves animals. Hobbies include walking and kayaking with her toy Australian shepherd, Oreo
- Growing up her tennis idol was Nadal
- Sponsored by Colsanitas and Wilson

- Working with Antonin Bolardt
- Mother is Kveta. Has a younger brother, Benjamin Milan
- Began playing tennis at club owned by her parents in Prague. Moved to Florida at age 10 - initially trained at Bollietieri Academy for two years, continued to work with her dad and then Requeni from 2014
- Admires the play of Serena Williams and Rafael Nadal
- Has memorably played with the same type of giant water bottle courtside for more than 10 years
- Speaks Czech, English, Spanish and some German
- Favorite music is from Queen, ABBA, Roxette and Beatles, while favorite movies are Czech comedy classics
- Currently pursuing a degree in business administration through Indiana University East



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**KATIE  
BOULTER (WC)**  
UNITED KINGDOM

61

**CAMILA  
OSORIO**  
COLOMBIA

1996-08-01	<b>Date of Birth</b>	2001-12-22
Leicester, Great Britain	<b>Residence</b>	Cúcuta, Colombia
Right-handed (double-handed backhand)	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed (double-handed backhand)
5' 11" (1.82m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 7" (1.70m)
23	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	33
\$4,092,182	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$3,385,131
\$138,788	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$182,236
1 / 4	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	0 / 3
15-19 (Round of 32: 2023 US OPEN, WIMBLEDON; 2022 WIMBLEDON)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	10-20 (Round of 32: 2021 WIMBLEDON)
1-0 / 1-0 (Round of 16: 2026)	<b>YTD / Career MÉRIDA W-L (best)</b>	1-0 / 1-1 (Round of 16: 2026)
7-2 / 88-83	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	3-4 / 92-84



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BOULTER (WC)**

**CAMILA  
OSORIO**

## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2023	CINCINNATI	HARD	Q	Camila Osorio	4-6 7-6(5) 1-0	1h 51m
2021	NOTTINGHAM	GRASS	1r	Katie Boulter	6-2 6-3	1h 28m

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
75	-	2026	62	-
23	100	2025	51	82
23	24	2024	57	63
50	58	2023	61	79
118	124	2022	33	82
148	148	2021	53	55
315	365	2020	184	186
82	352	2019	186	186
92	100	2018	722	723
199	199	2017	963	1026



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**CAMILA  
OSORIO**

## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. B. HADDAD MAIA (#66) 6-4 6-4 (1h 54m)

*Total time on court: 1h 54m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making her Merida Open tournament debut
- Contesting her first tournament since winning her 4th career WTA Tour singles title at 2026 Ostrava (d. Korpatsch in F)
- Currently on a 6-match winning streak
- She has won one WTA 500 title in her career (2024 San Diego, d. Kostyuk in F)
- Faces No.62 Camila Osorio in today's 2r; is 3-1 so far in 2026 vs. Top 100 players. Most recent encounter was a win over No.66 Haddad Maia in the 1r here
- Owns 1-2 career record against players from Colombia, most recent was a loss against today's opponent Osorio at Cincinnati qualifying (Boulter retired in the third set)
- 2 of her 4 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court (2024 San Diego and 2026 Ostrava)
- Also owns two grass court titles, at Nottingham in 2023 & 2024
- Only player from United Kingdom to reach the 2r after Watson's 1r exit
- Best result by United Kingdom at Merida was R16 run by Francesca Jones last year
- One of 3 wildcards through to the 2r alongside Paolini and Stakusic
- Best result by a wild card at Merida was QF run by Zeynep Sonmez in 2025 (who won the title here in 2024)
- Is currently ranked No.69; this time last year was ranked No.26. Reached career-high ranking of No.23 in November 2024

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. J. TJEN (#46) 6-4 6-3 (1h 14m)

*Total time on court: 1h 14m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at Merida, on her previous appearance in 2023 she fell in the 1r (l. No.1 seed Linette)
- Defeated Janice Tjen in the 1r to register her first career win at the Merida Open
- Best result at a WTA 500 event is SF run at Guadalajara 2024 (l. Gadecki)
- Faces No.69 Katie Boulter in today's 2r; is 3-4 so far this season against Top 100 players with wins over No.24 Raducanu and No.44 Siniakova at Doha, and No.36 Tjen in the previous round here
- Owns 1-1 record in 2026 vs. players from United Kingdom; both meetings coming against Emma Raducanu (defeated her at Doha, lost to her at Hobart)
- Owns 6-4 career record against wild cards, most recent was win over compatriot Arango at Madrid 2025
- Career-best Tour-level results on hard court are Runner-Up finishes at Monterrey in 2022 and Tenerife in 2021
- Owns three WTA Tour-level titles, all coming on the home soil of clay at Bogota in 2021, 2024 and 2025
- One of 2 players from Colombia through to the 2r alongside Arango
- Best result by Colombia at Merida was Runner-Up run by Emiliana Arango in 2025
- Is currently ranked No.61; this time last year was ranked No.53. Reached a career-high ranking of No.33 in April 2022
- Won the title at Manila 125 last month, registering wins over Eala, Sierra and Vekic en route to the trophy



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BOULTER (WC)**

**CAMILA  
OSORIO**

## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

2023	Result	Rank: 61	Seed: -
1r	L	M. LINETTE (#21)	6-7(2) 7-5 6-2



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OSORIO**

## SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Champion run at Ostrava (d. R-Up Korpatsch in F)
- Fell in 1r at Australian Open (l. Bencic)
- Opened the 2026 season with a 2r finish at Auckland (as WC, l. eventual champion Svitolina)

- Made 3r at Doha (as qualifier, l. Ostapenko)
- Played 1r at Australian Open (l. Li)
- Fell in 1r at Hobart (as WC, l. Raducanu)
- Played 1r at Auckland (l. Marcinko)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
19	55	<b>Aces</b>	16	65
56.8%	113	<b>First serve %</b>	65.1%	40
70.6%	17	<b>First Serve points won %</b>	63.0%	65
45.9%	46	<b>Second serve points won %</b>	45.7%	51
59.9%	27	<b>Overall service points won %</b>	57.0%	57
70.8%	37	<b>Service games won %</b>	64.7%	63
60.0%	25	<b>Break points saved %</b>	60.0%	24
42.0%	8	<b>First serve return points won %</b>	37.4%	44
56.5%	47	<b>Second serve return points won %</b>	53.1%	76
51.2%	24	<b>Break points converted %</b>	52.8%	19
47.3%	6	<b>Return games won %</b>	34.1%	62
47.5%	12	<b>Return points won %</b>	43.1%	65



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**CAMILA OSORIO**

## TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (4)  
2026 - OSTRAVA  
2024 - NOTTINGHAM, SAN DIEGO  
2023 - NOTTINGHAM  
Runner-Up (1)  
2024 - HONG KONG 250

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (3)  
2025 - BOGOTA  
2024 - BOGOTA  
2021 - BOGOTA  
Runner-Up (2)  
2022 - MONTERREY  
2021 - TENERIFE

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



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BOULTER (WC)**

**CAMILA  
OSORIO**

## CAREER MILESTONES

- Highlights of 2025 were reaching QF on home grass at Nottingham (l. Kessler) and making QF with the Great Britain team at the United Cup (won two round robin matches and lost to Swiatek in QF). Also won a WTA 125 title at Paris
- 2024 season saw Boulter rise to a career high ranking of No.23, achieved on Nov 4, 2024. Successfully defended title at Nottingham (d. Ka. Pliskova in F) and won San Diego (d. Kostyuk in F). Made SF at Tokyo (l. Kenin) and wrapped up the year with a final run at Hong Kong (l. champion Shnaider)
- In 2023 captured first WTA singles title of career on home soil at Nottingham; made Top 50 debut at No.50 the week of September 11; advanced to 3r at Wimbledon for second year in a row (l. Rybakina), and at US Open for first time (l. Stearns)
- Also in 2023, reached 2r as qualifier at both Montreal and Beijing; on ITF Circuit won one singles title at Canberra and reached two finals in Japan; went 2-0 in singles in November's Billie Jean King Cup play-offs against Sweden
- During the 2022 grass court season, advanced to QF at Nottingham (ret. vs. Davis w/right elbow injury) and 2r at Wimbledon (l. Sabalenka)
- Opened 2021 season by reaching 3r at the Gippstand Trophy in Melbourne (l. Osaka); upset No.14 seed Gauff in 2r
- Ended 2020 by finishing R-Up at \$15k ITF/Sharm El-Sheikh-EGY. Earlier in the year, made 2r at Acapulco (l. Zhu) and fell 1r at Australian Open (l. Svitolina) in only Tour-level outings
- Suffered a stress fracture in her back which forced her out for much of 2019. Best results prior to injury were 2r showing at Australian Open and SF run at \$25K ITF/Solapur-IND (l. Raina)
- Won the WTA's first-ever 10-point match tie-break at a Slam to see off Makarova in 1r at 2019 Australian Open
- Reached career-high No.82 on February 18, 2019
- Broke into the Top 100 the week of October 15, 2018
- Made significant strides in 2018, reaching first WTA QF of career at Nottingham (l. eventual champion Barty) - defeated Stosur en route for her first win over a Grand Slam winner. Also enjoyed QF run at Tianjin (d. No.432 Sakkari, l. Ka.Pliskova) and R-Up finish at \$100K ITF/Southsea-GBR (l. Flipkens)
- Also in 2018, reached 2r for the first time at a major, at Wimbledon (d. Cepede Royg, l. Osaka)
- 2025 highlight was winning her home-soil Bogota title for a second straight year and third time in career (d. Kawa in F); also reached SF at Rabat and QF at Singapore
- In 2024, earned second career title at Bogota (d. Bouzkova) as well as semifinals at WTA 500 Guadalajara and WTA 125 Lleida
- During 2023, made SF at Lyon (l. Garcia), and reached first WTA 1000 R16 of career at Rome by notching first career Top 5 win (d. Garcia, l. Haddad Maia). Also made QF at Palermo (l. Sherif) and Nanchang (l. Bouzkova)
- In 2022, made QF at Guadalajara 250 (l. Kalinskaya), R-Up run at Monterrey (l. Fernandez), and SF at Bogota (l. Pigossi) in title defense campaign
- Won maiden WTA title on home soil at 2021 Bogota (d. Zidansek in F); at No.180 was the lowest-ranked WTA title winner since No.299 Gasparyan triumphed at 2018 Tashkent
- Also in 2021, finished R-Up at Tenerife (l. Li), reached SF at Charleston 250 and Belgrade, and battled through qualifying to reach 3r at Wimbledon. Made Top 100 debut on May 24, following SF run at Belgrade as qualifier
- Finished 2020 ranked at No.186 (the same position she ended 2019). Reached SF at \$25K ITF/Saint Malo-FRA, and contested qualifying at Australian Open and Roland Garros
- In 2019, won second and third career ITF Circuit titles, both at \$25K Guayaquil-ECU
- During 2018, won first ITF Circuit singles title at \$15K Cucuta-COL
- Fell 1r on WTA main draw debut at 2017 Bogota (as WC, l. Blinkova)
- Made professional debut in qualifying at 2016 Bogota (l. Perrin in 3s)
- On the ITF Junior Circuit rose to No.1 in September 2019, shortly after winning US Open junior singles title (d. Yepifanova in F)

- Fell in 1r on Tour-level main draw singles debut at 2017 Wimbledon (as WC, l. McHale)
- On ITF Circuit, winner of seven singles titles and four doubles titles
- Played first professional events of career on ITF Circuit in Great Britain in 2011
- Appeared in girls' singles at all four Slams, reaching 3r at Australian Open, Wimbledon and US Open, and was R-Up in doubles at 2014 Australian Open (w/Jorovic, l. Kalinina/Kulichkova). Other junior highlights include winning Lemon Bowl in Rome at age of 11, and reaching final at Junior Orange Bowl in Florida at age 14

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Michael Joyce
- Formerly worked with Biljana Veselinovic
- Receives support from the LTA via their Pro Scholarship Programme and trains at National Tennis Centre in London
- Mother is Sue (ex-tennis coach), Father is David
- Began playing tennis aged 5; tennis idol is Serena Williams
- Hobbies include hockey, cycling, shopping and cooking; supports Leicester City football club

- Coached by Romain Deridder
- Left her hometown of Cúcuta for the Club Med academy in Florida aged 11
- Grandfather Rolando, father Carlos and brother Sebastián all played football professionally, while mother Adriana was a basketball player
- Family dogs are named Neymar and Messi



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**CRISTINA  
BUCSA**  
SPAIN

**MARINA  
(WC) STAKUSIC**  
CANADA

**142**

1998-01-01	<b>Date of Birth</b>	2004-11-27
Cantabria, Spain	<b>Residence</b>	
Right-Handed	<b>Plays</b>	Right-Handed
5' 9" (1.76m)	<b>Height</b>	
50	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	114
\$4,355,337	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$543,447
\$250,024	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$99,368
0 / 0	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	0 / 0
12-17 (Round of 16: 2025 US OPEN)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	0-2 (Round of 128: 2026 AUSTRALIAN OPEN; 2024 WIMBLEDON)
1-0 / 1-0 (Round of 16: 2026)	<b>YTD / Career MÉRIDA W-L (best)</b>	1-0 / 2-1 (Round of 16: 2026, 2024)
2-5 / 47-80	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	1-1 / 10-12



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(WC) STAKUSIC**

## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

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

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
50	-	2026	123	-
54	54	2025	114	131
56	71	2024	116	127
65	83	2023	258	258
104	107	2022	382	382
149	159	2021	1128	1250
154	161	2020	-	-
164	164	2019	-	-
331	346	2018	-	-
398	415	2017	-	-



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**CRISTINA  
BUCSA**

**MARINA  
(WC) STAKUSIC**

## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. D. VEKIC (#99) 6-3 6-2 (1h 24m)

*Total time on court: 1h 24m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making Merida Open tournament debut
- Best result at a WTA 500 event is QF finish at Abu Dhabi in 2024 (l. eventual champion Rybakina)
- Defeated Donna Vekic in the 1r here to register her second win of the season after defeating Bondar in the 1r at Brisbane
- Prior to Merida this week, Bucsa suffered four consecutive 1r defeats at Dubai, Doha, Abu Dhabi and Australian Open
- Faces No.142 Marina Stakusic in 2r today; went 4-4 in 2025 vs. opponents ranked outside the Top 100. Her most recent encounter against a player outside the Top 100 was a win over No.238 Ye Xin Ma at Hong Kong 2025
- Owns 1-4 career record against players from Canada, with sole win coming against Andreescu at Australian Open 2023
- Owns 5-5 career record against wild cards, most recent was a loss to Raducanu at London 2025
- Best career result on hard court is Runner-Up run at Hong Kong 2025 (l. Mboko in F)
- One of 2 players from Spain through to the 2r here alongside Bouzas Maneiro
- Best results by players from Spain at Merida are QF runs by Paula Badosa in 2025 and Sara Sorribes Tormo in 2024
- Is currently ranked No.63; this time last year was ranked No.99. Reached a career-high ranking of No.50 in January this year

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. D. YASTREMSKA (#44) 6-4 6-3 (1h 27m)

*Total time on court: 1h 27m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at Merida, where she reached the R16 in 2024 (d. Joint, l. Stojanovic)
- Contesting her first tournament since qualifying for 2026 Australian Open main draw and retiring vs. Hon in 1r
- Defeated Dayana Yastremska in the 1r to register her 10th career Tour-level win
- Faces No.63 Cristina Bucsa in 2r today; owns 7 career wins over Top 100 players, most recently defeating No.49 Yastremska in the previous round here
- First career meeting against a player from Spain
- Career-best Tour-level results on hard court are 2 QFs at WTA 500 Guadalajara in 2024 (l. eventual champion Frech) and 2025 (l. eventual finalist Arango)
- Those 2 Guadalajara QFs are also her career-best performances at WTA 500 events
- Only player from Canada to reach the 2r after Brace's 1r exit
- Best result by Canada at Merida was Stakusic's R16 run in 2024
- One of 3 wildcards through to the 2r alongside Paolini and Boulter
- Best result by a wild card at Merida was QF run by Zeynep Sonmez in 2025 (who won the title here in 2024)
- Is currently ranked No.142; this time last year was ranked a career-high No.114



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

2024	Result	Rank: 116	Seed: -
2r	L	N. STOJANOVIC (#560)	6-3 6-3
1r	W	M. JOINT (#110)	2-6 7-6(2) 7-6(2)



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## SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Played 1r at Dubai (l. Seidel)
  - Fell in 1r at Doha (l. Yastremska)
  - Played 1r at Abu Dhabi (l. Kartal)
  - Fell in 1r at Australian Open (l. Svitolina)
  - Made 2r at Brisbane (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)
- Fell in 1r at Australian Open (as qualifier, l. Hon, retired)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
7	108	<b>Aces</b>	2	136
65.8%	33	<b>First serve %</b>	71.2%	0
57.3%	109	<b>First Serve points won %</b>	63.8%	0
34.8%	119	<b>Second serve points won %</b>	52.6%	0
49.6%	118	<b>Overall service points won %</b>	60.6%	0
50.7%	113	<b>Service games won %</b>	72.7%	0
35.7%	120	<b>Break points saved %</b>	40.0%	0
37.9%	36	<b>First serve return points won %</b>	40.0%	0
50.7%	103	<b>Second serve return points won %</b>	57.4%	0
52.9%	16	<b>Break points converted %</b>	52.9%	0
36.5%	46	<b>Return games won %</b>	40.9%	0
43.7%	53	<b>Return points won %</b>	45.8%	0



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## TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

### SINGLES FINALS

Runner-Up (1)  
2025 - HONG KONG

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (8)  
2025 - MONTERREY (w/Melichar-martinez),  
BOGOTA (w/Sorribes Tormo)  
2024 - CLEVELAND (w/Xu), OLYMPICS (w/Sorribes  
Tormo), STRASBOURG (w/Niculescu), MADRID  
(w/Sorribes Tormo), BOGOTA (w/Rakhimova)  
2023 - LYON (w/Schoofs)

Runner-Up (4)  
2026 - BRISBANE (w/Perez)  
2025 - MIAMI (w/Kato)  
2024 - OSAKA (w/Niculescu)  
2022 - PORTOROZ (w/Mihalikova)

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



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- Posted singles breakthroughs in 2025, reaching first WTA Tour final at Hong Kong (l. Mboko in final), making first Grand Slam R16 at US Open (l. eventual champion Sabalenka) and ending season at new career-high ranking of No.54; also won two doubles titles at Bogota (w/Sorribes Tormo) and Monterrey (w/Melichar-Martinez)
  - Began 2024 at a career-high ranking of No.56 in January and posted her best singles results of the year in the first half of the season with quarterfinals at Abu Dhabi and Bogota. Achieved longest winning streak of the year at Beijing with three wins to reach R16 (l. Muchova)
  - Her 2024 doubles results included a bronze medal at Paris Olympics (w/Sorribes Tormo), as well as four WTA Tour titles at Bogota (w/Rakhimova), Madrid (w/Sorribes Tormo), Strasbourg (w/Niculescu) and Cleveland (w/Xu)
  - In 2023, made first Grand Slam 3r at Australian Open as qualifier (l. Swiatek); also notched first Top 20 victory (d. Bencic at Cincinnati) and won first WTA 125 title at Limoges (d. Jacquemot in final)
  - Appeared in main draw at a Grand Slam for the first time at 2021 US Open, falling 1r (as qualifier, l. Teichmann)
  - Scored first Tour-level win in 2r showing at 2021 Belgrade (d. Kovinic, l. Sasnovich)
  - Fell 1r on WTA main-draw debut at 2021 Bogota (l. Parrizas Diaz)
  - Made Tour-level qualifying debut at 2019 Wimbledon
  - Won first ITF Circuit title in 2017, at W15 event in Santarem, Portugal
  - Owns four titles in singles and nine in doubles on ITF Circuit
- Key 2025 results include QF at WTA 500 Guadalajara (as qualifier, l. eventual finalist Arango) and R-Up at WTA 125 Austin (l. Zarazua); also won ITF/W100 title at Irapuato; hit new-career high ranking of No.114 on February 24
  - In 2024, won first WTA 125 title at Tampico and reached first career WTA Tour QF at Guadalajara; also made Grand Slam main draw debut at Wimbledon coming through qualifying; played first Grand Slam qualifying at 2024 Roland Garros
  - Broke into Top 200 on May 20, 2024 and Top 150 on August 12, 2024
  - In 2023, lifted three ITF singles titles and improved ranking to a peak of No.258
  - Played first full season in 2022; entered WTA 1000 Toronto qualifying (as wild card), and reached 2r of main draw at WTA 250 Granby (as qualifier, l. Kostyuk)
  - Began professional career at ITF \$25K Denver in 2019 at the age of 14

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Currently coached by Ion Bucsa (father)
  - Trains and lives in Cantabria, Spain
  - Hobbies include reading books and enjoying walks through nature
  - Idolizes Serena Williams and Kim Clijsters
  - Favorite surface is grass
- No notes have been added for this player