



MATCH NOTES

MUBADALA ABU DHABI OPEN
PRESENTED BY ABU DHABI SPORTS COUNCIL
ABU DHABI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
February 1-7, 2026 | WTA 500 | \$1,206,446



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DAY 4 – WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Dayana Yastremska (UKR #43) vs. [2] Ekaterina Alexandrova (#11)

Tied 3-3

Yastremska:

- Making 2nd appearance at this tournament; she contested the 2023 edition as a qualifier (l. Teichmann in 1r)
- Career-best performances at WTA 500 events are R-Up finishes at 2020 Adelaide (l. Barty) and 2025 Linz (l. Alexandrova)
- Owns 17 wins in career over Top 20 players, most recently No.11 Emma Navarro at Montreal 2025
- Two of her 3 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court, at 2018 Hong Kong and 2019 Hua Hin
- Has equalled best results by Ukraine at this tournament with R16 runs by Anhelina Kalinina in 2024 and Marta Kostyuk in 2023
- Looking for her first QF since Hamburg 2025 (reached SF)

Alexandrova:

- Is 1-2 against Top 50 players so far this season posting her only win over No.28 Kenin at Brisbane
- The last time she faced Yastremska was in the 2025 Linz final; Alexandrova's only WTA 500 title
- Owns 3 hard court titles: Linz in 2025; Seoul in 2022; Shenzhen in 2020
- Has won only one match so far in 2026 (at Brisbane) after falling in opening rounds at Adelaide and Australian Open
- Looking for her first QF since Tokyo 2025 (l. Kenin in QF)

[Q] Sara Bejlek (CZE #101) vs. [7] Jelena Ostapenko (LAT #24)

First meeting

Bejlek:

- Making Abu Dhabi debut
- This is her second WTA 500 main draw appearance after Brisbane 2025 (played 1r as a qualifier, l. Blinkova)
- Owns 3 wins in career over Top 50 players, most recently No.25 Marta Kostyuk at Roland Garros 2025
- Looking for second QF of her career after Prague 2025
- Record against seeds in 2026 stands at 0-1 (l. No.3 seed Jovic at Auckland)
- Best result by Czech Republic at Abu Dhabi was SF by Linda Noskova in 2025

Ostapenko:

- Making 3rd Abu Dhabi appearance; has equaled her best tournament showing with 2r in 2023 (l. Zheng Qinwen)
- Is 1-1 against qualifiers in 2026 (l. Valentova via retirement at Adelaide and d. Selekhmeteva here in 1r)
- She is a 5-time champion at WTA 500 events, winning titles at 2021 Eastbourne, 2022 Dubai, 2024 Adelaide, 2024 Linz and 2025 Stuttgart
- Five of her 9 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court; most recently 2024 Linz (d. Alexandrova in F)
- Looking for her first QF of 2026



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[1] Belinda Bencic (SUI #9) vs. [Q] Sonay Kartal (GBR #61)

First meeting

Bencic:

- Making 3rd appearance at Abu Dhabi where she is a two-time and reigning champion (2025 & 2023)
- Is undefeated in Abu Dhabi with a match record of 9-0
- As well as her two Abu Dhabi titles, owns WTA 500 titles at 2025 Tokyo, 2023 Adelaide #2, 2022 Charleston, 2019 Moscow and 2015 Eastbourne
- Made history with Elina Svitolina as two mothers in the WTA Top 10 at the same time for the first time this week
- In 2025 had a 3-2 record in QF matches; looking for her first singles QF of the season (was R-Up with Team Switzerland at United Cup)
- Owns 7-4 career record against players from United Kingdom, including defeating Boulter at Australian Open this year

Kartal:

- Making 2nd appearance at Abu Dhabi, where she also reached main draw in 2025 as a qualifier (l. Volynets in 1r)
- Has a 1-2 record against Top 10 players with her only win over No.5 M.Andreeva at Beijing 2025
- Looking for her second QF of the season after Auckland (l. eventual champion Svitolina)
- Has equalled her best WTA 500 result with R16 at London 2025
- Record against seeded players so far in 2026 stands at 1-2, with her win posted against No.6 seed Tjen at Auckland

[LL] Aliaksandra Sasnovich (#109) vs. Alexandra Eala (PHI #45)

First meeting

Sasnovich:

- Making first main draw appearance at this tournament; fell in qualifying in 2023 and 2024
- Lost in final qualifying round this year as well (l. Kartal) but entered main draw as lucky loser
- Career-best performance at a WTA 500 event is R-Up at 2018 Brisbane (l. Svitolina in F)
- Best career results on hard court are four R-Up finishes, at 2015 Seoul, 2018 Brisbane, 2022 Melbourne #2 and 2022 Cleveland
- Best result by a lucky loser at this tournament was Cristina Bucsa's QF run in 2024
- Looking for her first QF since Cluj-Napoca in 2025 (reached SF)

Eala:

- Making 2nd appearance at this tournament; fell 1r in 2024 as a wild card (l. Linette)
- Has beaten Zeynep Sonmez so far this week to post her first WTA 500 main draw win after she fell 1r at 2024 Abu Dhabi (l. Linette) and 2024 Guadalajara 500 (as qualifier, l. Bouzkova)
- Career-best Tour-level results on hard court are two SF finishes at 2025 Miami and 2026 Auckland
- With a win today would reach her second QF of 2026 after reaching SF at Auckland (l. Wang Xinyu)



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PLAYED

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43

**DAYANA
YASTREMSKA**
UKRAINE

**EKATERINA
(2) ALEXANDROVA**

11

2000-05-15	Date of Birth	1994-11-15
Odessa, Ukraine	Residence	Prague, Czech Republic
Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 7" (1.75m)	Height	5' 9" (1.75m)
21	Career-High Ranking	10
\$6,175,207	Career Prize Money	\$9,841,783
\$143,965	Season Prize Money	\$151,780
0 / 3	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 5
24-24 (Semi-Finalist: 2024 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	39-35 (Round of 16: 2025 US OPEN, WIMBLEDON, ROLAND GARROS; 2023 WIMBLEDON)
1-0 / 1-1 (Round of 16: 2026)	YTD / Career ABU DHABI W-L (best)	0-0 / 0-0
3-3 / 129-134	YTD / Career W-L	1-3 / 231-177



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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2025	LINZ	HARD	F	Ekaterina Alexandrova	6-2 3-6 7-5	2h 11m
2022	'S-HERTOGENBOSCH	GRASS	1r	Ekaterina Alexandrova	2-6 7-6(1) 6-2	1h 57m
2019	MIAMI	HARD	1r	Dayana Yastremska	6-3 6-2	1h 6m
2018	BUDAPEST	CLAY	SF	Ekaterina Alexandrova	6-2 2-6 6-4	0m
2018	ILKLEY	GRASS	SF	Dayana Yastremska	6-4 6-3	0m
2018	ST. PETERSBURG	HARD	Q	Dayana Yastremska	4-6 6-3 6-2	2h 3m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
27	-	2026	10	-
27	27	2025	10	10
25	33	2024	15	28
97	106	2023	16	21
74	102	2022	19	19
29	97	2021	30	33
21	29	2020	25	33
22	22	2019	35	35
60	60	2018	73	93
164	189	2017	69	73



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. B. HADDAD MAIA (#68) 6-2 7-5 (1h 40m)

Total time on court: 1h 40m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at this tournament; she contested the 2023 edition as a qualifier (l. Teichmann in 1r)
- Has beaten Beatriz Haddad Maia so far this week to reach 2r
- Career-best performances at WTA 500 events are R-Up finishes at 2020 Adelaide (l. Barty) and 2025 Linz (l. Alexandrova)
- Faces No.11 Ekaterina Alexandrova in 2r today; owns 17 wins in career over Top 20 players, most recently No.11 Emma Navarro at Montreal 2025
- Record against seeds in 2026 standing at 1-1 (d. No.13 seed Fernandez at Brisbane; l. No.4 seed Pegula at Brisbane)
- 2 of her 3 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court, at 2018 Hong Kong and 2019 Hua Hin
- Only player from Ukraine in this week's main draw
- Has equalled best results by Ukraine at this tournament with R16 runs by Anhelina Kalinina in 2024 and Marta Kostyuk in 2023
- Is currently ranked No.43; this time last year was ranked No.50. Reached career-high ranking of No.21 in January of 2020
- Looking for her first QF of the season and first QF since Hamburg 2025 (reached SF)

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making debut at the tournament
- After 1r bye faces No.43 Dayana Yastremska in 2r today; is 1-2 against Top 50 players so far this season posting her only win over No.28 Kenin at Brisbane
- Owns one WTA 500 title: Linz 2025 (d. Yastremska in final)
- Owns 3 hard court titles: Linz in 2025; Seoul in 2022; Shenzhen in 2020
- Is currently ranked No.11; this time last year was ranked No.25. Made her Top 10 debut in October 2025 at No.10
- Has won only one match so far in 2026 (at Brisbane) after falling in opening rounds at Adelaide and Australian Open
- Looking for her first QF of 2026 and first since Tokyo 2025 (l. Kenin in QF)



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2023	Result	Rank: 102	Seed: -
1r	L	J. TEICHMANN (#28) 6-3 7-6(5)	

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles



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SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Played 1r at Australian Open (l. Ruse)
- Fell in 1r at Adelaide (l. Siniakova)
- Made 3r at Brisbane (l. Pegula)

- Played 1r at Australian Open (l. Sonmez)
- Fell in 1r at Adelaide (l. Cristian)
- Opened season with 3r at Brisbane (l. Muchova)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
12	55	Aces	23	24
60.5%	73	First serve %	63.8%	46
59.4%	89	First Serve points won %	64.8%	48
50.3%	17	Second serve points won %	39.8%	85
55.8%	64	Overall service points won %	55.8%	65
61.9%	71	Service games won %	59.6%	79
52.0%	63	Break points saved %	48.6%	77
34.5%	68	First serve return points won %	37.0%	40
54.5%	60	Second serve return points won %	54.8%	58
41.7%	79	Break points converted %	50.0%	33
33.3%	54	Return games won %	33.3%	53
42.6%	55	Return points won %	44.5%	34



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TITLES

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (3)

2019 - STRASBOURG, HUA HIN

2018 - HONG KONG

Runner-Up (4)

2025 - NOTTINGHAM, LINZ

2022 - LYON

2020 - ADELAIDE

DOUBLES FINALS

Runner-Up (1)

2019 - BEIJING (w/Ostapenko)

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (5)

2025 - LINZ

2023 - 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH

2022 - SEOUL, 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH

2020 - SHENZHEN

Runner-Up (7)

2025 - NINGBO, SEOUL, MONTERREY

2024 - LINZ

2023 - CLEVELAND

2021 - MOSCOW

2018 - LINZ

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (1)

2019 - BUDAPEST (w/Zvonareva)

Runner-Up (1)

2025 - STUTTGART (w/Zhang)



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GRAND SLAMS

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



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CAREER MILESTONES

- Reached a second career WTA 500 final in 2025 at Linz (after Adelaide 2020); also reached the final at Nottingham and reached 3r at Australian Open, Roland Garros and Wimbledon
 - In 2024 enjoyed fairytale run to first Grand Slam semifinal at Australian Open (as qualifier), including defeat of No.7 Vondrousova and two-time major champion Azarenka. Posted highest ranking for almost four years, rising to No.25 in July.
 - In 2023, achieved best results at WTA 125 series events, winning Kozerki (d. Minnen) and SF finishes at Reus (l. Mandlik) and Angers (l. Burel).
 - Best result of 2022 was R-Up finish at Lyon (as WC, l. Zhang). Also made QF at Dubai (as qualifier, l. Vondrousova), Bogota (l. Pigossi) and Birmingham (l. Zhang)
 - In first tournament of 2021, reached SF at Hamburg (l. eventual champion Ruse). Also made QF at Courmayeur (l. Paolini)
 - Highlight of 2020 was finishing R-Up at Adelaide (l. Barty); scored three consecutive Top 20 wins en route to final, over No.18 Kerber, No.20 Vekic and No.12 Sabalenka
 - Captured two WTA singles titles in 2019 at Hua Hin (d. Tomljanovic in F after trailing 5-2 in third set) and Strasbourg (d. Garcia after saving 1mp)
 - Advanced to QF at 2019 Wuhan, where she recorded maiden Top 5 win against No.2 Ka.Pliskova in R16 (l. Kvitova), and made Grand Slam breakthrough with R16 run at 2019 Wimbledon (l. Zhang)
 - Qualified for WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai in 2019, going 1-1 in RR stage (d. No.20 Vekic, l. eventual R-Up Bertens) and reached maiden doubles final, at Beijing (w/Ostapenko, l. Kenin/Mattek-Sands)
 - During 2018 campaign, won first career WTA title at 2018 Hong Kong (d. Q.Wang in F) and scored first Top 20 win over No.13 Muguruza in SF showing at Luxembourg (l. Bencic)
 - Became first woman born in the 2000s to crack the Top 100 on the WTA rankings, debuting at No.100 (July 16, 2018)
 - Also in 2018, won third - and most recent - ITF singles title in at \$60k ITF/Rome-ITA and reached two further finals
 - Won first WTA main draw match and reached first tour-level QF at 2017 Istanbul, defeating former World No.9 Petkovic en route (l. Cepelova)
 - In 2025 claimed first career WTA 500 title at Linz and reached three additional finals all at 500 events; Monterrey, Seoul and Ningbo. Made her Top 10 debut on October 13 and finished the season inside the Top 10
- Played WTA Finals debut match at the 2025 WTA Finals as an alternate in the round robin stage, lost to eventual champion Elena Rybakina
- In 2024, highlights included reaching the final at Linz (l. Ostapenko in Final) and semifinals at Adelaide (l. eventual champion Ostapenko), Miami (l. eventual champion Collins), 's-Hertogenbosch (l. eventual champion Samsonova) and Monterrey (l. Sun); also made quarterfinals at Wuhan (l. Xin. Wang) and her best Grand Slam result of the season came during a 3r run at US Open (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)
 - In 2023, won fourth career singles title at 's-Hertogenbosch, successfully defending the title and defeating top seed, Kudrmetova in the final. A run of successful results followed with SF at Berlin (l. eventual champion, Kvitova), 4r at Wimbledon (l. Sabalenka) - a career best result at any of the majors and runner-up at Cleveland (l. Sorribes Tormo).
 - Reached a 2023 peak ranking of No. 16 on February 20 following a 3r finish at Australian Open (l. Linette), before posting two QF results at Miami (l. eventual champion Kvitova) and Charleston (l. Bencic). Another QF then came in the Asian Swing at Tokyo (l. Pavlyuchenkova).
 - In 2022, won titles at 's-Hertogenbosch (d. Sabalenka in F) and Seoul (d. Ostapenko in F). Also advanced to SF at Charleston, Madrid and Ostrava, making Top 20 debut on October 10, 2022
 - Reached third WTA singles final in 2021, enjoying run to final at home tournament of Moscow (l. Kontaveit). Other key result was SF run at Gippsland Trophy (l. Kanepi)
 - Posted two best wins-by-ranking of career in 2021, defeating No.2 Halep (Gippsland Trophy) and No.2 Sabalenka (Moscow)
 - Reached 2r on Olympic debut at Tokyo 2020
 - Opened 2020 season by lifting her maiden WTA singles title, at Shenzhen (d. Rybakina in F)
 - Made Top 50 debut on June 17, 2019 after QF run at 's-Hertogenbosch
 - Registered 30 Tour-level match wins during 2019, in which she reached SF at Budapest, Seoul and Linz and made QF at St. Petersburg,

- Made WTA main draw debut as a WC at 2016 Istanbul (l. Hibino in 1r)
- Played first matches of career on ITF Circuit in 2015
- In juniors, rose as high as No.6 in the ITF rankings and was R-up in 2016 Wimbledon girls' event (l. Potapova)

- 's-Hertogenbosch, Eastbourne and Moscow. Also advanced to 3r at a major for the first time, at Roland Garros
- Won sole WTA doubles title at 2019 Budapest (w/Zvonareva)
- Came through qualifying to make maiden WTA final appearance at 2018 Linz (l. Giorgi)
- Advanced to first WTA QF at 2018 Seoul, scoring maiden Top 10 win of her career en route, over No.10 Ostapenko
- Made Top 100 debut at No.93 on March 20, 2017 after winning title at \$60K ITF/Shenzhen-CHN
- At 2016 Wimbledon, ranked No.223, won her way through qualifying on her maiden Slam appearance, going on to reach 2r (upset No.23 seed Ivanovic in 1r)
- Won WTA 125K Series title at Limoges in 2016, 2018-19
- Reached 2r on WTA main draw debut at 2016 Katowice (as qualifier, l. eventual R-Up Giorgi)
- Contested qualifying for the first time at a WTA-level tournament at 2014 Bad Gastein
- Played first professional events of career on ITF Circuit in Europe in 2011

OTHER INFORMATION

- Previously worked with Sascha Bajin and Olivier Jeunehomme; physio and hitting partner is Jan Blecha
- Born and resides in Odessa, Ukraine
- Started playing tennis aged five and trained as a junior in Istanbul, at Koza WOS
- Nominated for 2019 WTA Newcomer of the Year

- Coached by Igor Andreev
- Worked with her father, Evgeny. Was previously coached by Vojta Flegl
- Mother is Julia, also has sister, Anna, and brother Jury. Began playing tennis at age 6
- Favorite shot is forehand; favorite surface is hard
- Speaks Russian, English and Czech
- Likes to cook, especially making cakes
- Admires Serena Williams



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SARA BEJLEK (Q)
CZECH REPUBLIC

JELENA (7) OSTAPENKO
LATVIA

24

2006-01-31	Date of Birth	1997-06-08
	Residence	Riga, Latvia
Left-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 3" (1.59 m)	Height	5' 10" (1.77m)
75	Career-High Ranking	5
\$1,120,117	Career Prize Money	\$18,996,076
\$119,926	Season Prize Money	\$271,590
0 / 0	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 9
1-7 (Round of 64: 2025 ROLAND GARROS)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	60-39 (Champion: 2017 ROLAND GARROS)
1-0 / 1-0 (Round of 16: 2026)	YTD / Career ABU DHABI W-L (best)	1-0 / 2-2 (Round of 16: 2026, 2023)
2-2 / 8-13	YTD / Career W-L	2-3 / 273-205



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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
76	-	2026	23	-
75	76	2025	15	23
114	142	2024	9	15
155	190	2023	12	13
181	189	2022	11	18
375	380	2021	28	28
-	-	2020	40	44
-	-	2019	22	44
-	-	2018	5	22
-	-	2017	7	7



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CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. A. KRUEGER (#55) 6-3 6-0 (1h 7m)

Total time on court: 1h 7m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making Abu Dhabi debut
- Has beaten Ashlyn Krueger in the main draw this week to reach 2r
- This is her second WTA 500 main draw appearance after Brisbane 2025 (played 1r as a qualifier, l. Blinkova)
- Faces No.24 Jelena Ostapenko in 2r today; owns 3 wins in career over Top 50 players, most recently No.25 Marta Kostyuk at Roland Garros 2025
- First Tour meeting against a player from Latvia
- Record against seeds in 2026 stands at 0-1 (l. No.3 seed Jovic at Auckland)
- Best career result on hard court is QF at Prague 2025
- Only player from Czech Republic to feature in the main draw
- Best result by Czech Republic at Abu Dhabi was SF by Linda Noskova in 2025
- Best result by a qualifier at Abu Dhabi was QF by Shelby Rogers in 2023
- Is currently ranked No.101; this time last year was ranked No.141
- Looking for second QF of her career after Prague 2025

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. O. SELEKHMETEVA (#76) 5-7 7-6 6-2 (2h 43m)

Total time on court: 2h 43m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 3rd appearance at this tournament; her tournament-best showing is 2r in 2023 (l. Zheng Qinwen)
- Has beaten qualifier Oksana Selekhmeteva so far this week to reach 2r
- Faces qualifier No.101 Sara Bejlek in 2r today
- In 2026 record against Czech players stands at 0-1 (l. Valentova at Adelaide via retirement)
- Is 1-1 against qualifiers in 2026 (l. Valentova via retirement at Adelaide and d. Selekhmeteva here in 1r)
- She is a 5-time champion at WTA 500 events, winning titles at 2021 Eastbourne, 2022 Dubai, 2024 Adelaide, 2024 Linz and 2025 Stuttgart
- 5 of her 9 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court; her most recent hard court title is 2024 Linz (d. Alexandrova in F)
- Only player from Latvia in this week's main draw
- Is currently ranked No.24; this time last year was ranked No.35. Reached career-high ranking of No.5 in March of 2018
- Owns 1 Grand Slam singles title, 2017 Roland Garros, which was her 1st career Tour-level title, and she won as an unseeded player (d. Halep in F)
- Looking for her first QF of 2026



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

2025	Result	Rank: 35	Seed: 7
1r	L	O. JABEUR (#33) 7-6(4) 7-5	

2023	Result	Rank: 12	Seed: 5
2r	L	Q. ZHENG (#29) 7-6(10) 6-1	
1r	W	D. COLLINS (#42) 7-5 1-6 7-5	



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**SARA
BEJLEK (Q)**

**JELENA
OSTAPENKO**

SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Fell in 1r at Australian Open (l. Krueger)
- Opened the 2026 season with a 2r finish at Auckland (l. Jovic)

- Made 2r at Australian Open (l. X.Wang)
- Fell in 1r at Adelaide (l. Valentova, retired)
- Made 2r at Brisbane (l. Cirstea)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
3	118	Aces	11	62
60.7%	70	First serve %	56.3%	98
64.2%	53	First Serve points won %	68.9%	19
43.8%	57	Second serve points won %	35.9%	100
56.1%	59	Overall service points won %	54.5%	73
68.4%	40	Service games won %	61.7%	71
57.1%	39	Break points saved %	46.5%	85
40.5%	15	First serve return points won %	34.0%	71
60.0%	11	Second serve return points won %	58.0%	27
40.5%	84	Break points converted %	42.9%	70
41.7%	21	Return games won %	35.6%	45
46.6%	20	Return points won %	42.7%	54



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TITLES

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (9)

2025 - STUTTGART
2024 - LINZ, ADELAIDE
2023 - BIRMINGHAM
2022 - DUBAI
2021 - EASTBOURNE
2019 - LUXEMBOURG
2017 - SEOUL, ROLAND GARROS

Runner-Up (9)

2025 - DOHA
2022 - SEOUL, EASTBOURNE
2021 - LUXEMBOURG
2019 - LINZ
2018 - MIAMI
2017 - CHARLESTON
2016 - DOHA
2015 - QUEBEC CITY

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (12)

2026 - BRISBANE (w/Hsieh)
2025 - CHARLESTON (w/Routliffe), ABU DHABI
(w/Perez)
2024 - US OPEN (w/Kichenok), EASTBOURNE
(w/Kichenok), BRISBANE (w/Kichenok)
2022 - CINCINNATI (w/Kichenok), BIRMINGHAM
(w/Kichenok)
2021 - MOSCOW (w/Siniakova)
2018 - DOHA (w/Dabrowski)
2017 - STUTTGART (w/Atawo), ST. PETERSBURG
(w/Rosolska)

Runner-Up (11)

2025 - WIMBLEDON (w/Hsieh), DUBAI (w/Hsieh),
AUSTRALIAN OPEN (w/Hsieh)
2024 - AUSTRALIAN OPEN (w/Kichenok)
2023 - DOHA (w/Kichenok)
2022 - EASTBOURNE (w/Kichenok), DUBAI
(w/Kichenok)
2021 - DOHA (w/Niculescu)
2020 - DOHA (w/Dabrowski)
2019 - BEIJING (w/Yastremska), JURMALA
(w/Voskoboeva)



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GRAND SLAMS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
1r				2026	2r			
1r	2r			2025	1r	3r	1r	2r
1r				2024	3r	2r	QF	1r
1r	1r			2023	QF	2r	2r	QF
			1r	2022	3r	2r	4r	1r
				2021	1r	1r	3r	
				2020	2r	3r		
				2019	1r	1r	1r	3r
				2018	3r	1r	SF	3r
				2017	3r	WON	QF	3r
				2016	1r	1r	1r	1r
				2015			2r	2r



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CAREER MILESTONES

- In 2025 reached QF at Tour level for the first time at Prague (l. Wang Xinyu) and registered her first Grand Slam main draw match win by reaching 2r at Roland Garros as a qualifier (defeated No.25 Marta Kostyuk in 1r)
- Also in 2025 won three WTA 125 titles at Makarska, Rende and Queretaro, and broke into the Top 100 for the first time reaching a career-high of No.75 in November
- 2024 breakthrough performance saw her reach R16 at WTA 1000 Madrid as a qualifier. Also reached main draw as a qualifying at Australian Open and made two WTA 125 SFs at Colina and Buenos Aires and achieve a career high ranking of No.114 in May
- In 2023, played main draw at Australian Open (l. Krejčíková) and Roland Garros (l. Rakhimova) both as a qualifier; also played qualifying at Austin, Rome, Wimbledon and US Open
- Also in 2023, won title at WTA 125K event at Colina, Chile and two titles on ITF circuit at W25 Santa Margherita di Pula, ITA and W25 Parnu, EST
- Made Tour-level qualifying debut at 2022 Wimbledon and made WTA main draw debut at 2022 US Open coming through qualifying where she fell to No.35 Liudmila Samsonova in 1r
- Also in 2022, won three ITF titles at W60 Olomouc, CZE; W60 Ceska Lipa, CZE; and W25 Santa Margherita di Pula, ITA
- Standout junior results came at 2022 Roland Garros (l. Havlickova), when she reached SF in singles and won girls' doubles title w/Havlickova
- Made professional debut in 2021 on ITF circuit winning first title at W60 Olomouc, CZE
- 2025 singles highlights include ninth career title at Stuttgart (d. World No.1 Sabalenka in final) and reaching WTA 1000 Doha final (l. Anisimova in final). In doubles, qualified for WTA Finals Riyadh w/Hsieh after making two Grand Slam finals (R-Up at Australian Open and Wimbledon). Also won doubles titles at Charleston (w/Routliffe) and Abu Dhabi (w/Perez)
- Won seventh and eighth titles of career in 2024 at Adelaide and Linz. In doubles won first Grand Slam title at 2024 Australian Open and qualified for 2024 WTA Finals Riyadh (both with Lyudmyla Kichenok)
- Won sixth career title at 2023 Birmingham (d. Krejčíková in F) and reached SF at Rome; in doubles achieved R-Up at Doha (w/L.Kichenok)
- In 2022, lifted fifth career singles title at Dubai (d. V. Kudrmetova in F) and finished R-Up at Eastbourne (l. Kvitova) and Seoul (l. Alexandrova); in doubles, won two titles w/L. Kichenok at Birmingham and Cincinnati and qualified for WTA Finals (reached SF)
- Lifted first grass court title at 2021 Eastbourne (as WC, d. Kontaveit in F); also that year, finished R-Up at Luxembourg (l. Tauson), represented Latvia at the Tokyo Olympics (l. Vesnina in 1r) and won doubles title at 2021 Moscow (w/Siniakova)
- Highlights of 2020 season included three Top 10 wins and reaching QF at Strasbourg
- 2019 season saw her capture third career title at Luxembourg (d. Goerges in F) right after finishing R-Up at Linz (l. Gauff). Also R-Up in mixed doubles at 2019 Wimbledon w/Lindstedt
- 2018 campaign highlighted by finishing R-Up at Miami (l. Stephens); beat No.9 Petra Kvitova and No.4 Elina Svitolina to register multiple Top 10 wins in the same tournament for the first time
- Also in 2018, reached Wimbledon SF to become first Latvian woman to reach final four at All England Club (l. eventual champion Kerber) and achieved career-high ranking of No.5 on March 19
- Enjoyed career-best season in 2017, making Top 10 debut on Sept. 11 and finishing the year in the Top 10 for the first time (at No.7)
- Champion at 2017 Roland Garros (d. Halep in F) becoming first woman to win first tour-level title at a Grand Slam since Barbara Jordan at 1979 Australian Open. Also became the first unseeded player to lift the trophy in the Open Era and the first Latvian player to reach the championship match at a Grand Slam

- Followed up Roland Garros title run with QF appearance at 2017 Wimbledon; also won title at Seoul (d. Haddad Maia in F) and reached final at Charleston (l. Kasatkina). Qualified for debut WTA Finals in 2017 and went 1-2 in group stage
- In doubles, won first and second career titles in 2017, at St. Petersburg (w/Rosolska) and Stuttgart (w/Atawo)
- Breakthrough result of 2016 season was reaching final at Doha, launching her into Top 50 at No.40 (l. Suárez Navarro); also in 2016 reached SF at Katowice and QF at Birmingham and Florianopolis, ending year at No.44
- Ended 2015 at No.79 for first Top 100 finish (up from No.308 in 2014). Having leapt 229 spots, was second highest year-end rankings jump, after Kasatkina who went from No.370 to No.72 (298 spots)
- Highlights of 2015 were reaching first career WTA final at Quebec City (l. Beck) and 2r at Wimbledon and US Open. Scored first Top 10 win over No.9 Carla Suárez Navarro in 1r at 2015 Wimbledon
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2014 Tashkent as WC advancing to 2r (l. Pervak)
- Began professional career playing ITF in 2012 winning first career title at \$10k/ITF Stockholm, SWE; owns seven career ITF singles titles

OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Jakub Kahoun

- Formerly worked with David Taylor, Glen Schaap and Marion Bartoli
- Mother is Jelena Jakovleva, while father, Jevgenijs Ostapenko, is a former football player; half-brother's name is Maksim Ostapenko (graduated from art academy in California and lives there now); also has a dog named Juljeta
- Introduced to tennis at age 5 by mother (who was also her first coach)
- Favorite shots are serve and backhand; favorite surfaces are grass and hard; favorite tournament is Wimbledon
- Speaks Russian, Latvian and English
- Tennis idols are Serena Williams
- Enjoys spending time with parents and dog, listening to music and going out with friends. Was a ballroom dancer for seven years



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BELINDA BENCIC (1)
SWITZERLAND



SONAY (Q) KARTAL
UNITED KINGDOM

1997-03-10	Date of Birth	2001-10-28
Wollerau, Switzerland	Residence	Brighton
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 9" (1.75m)	Height	5'4" (163cm)
4	Career-High Ranking	44
\$15,788,708	Career Prize Money	\$1,835,044
\$932,369	Season Prize Money	\$125,406
0 / 10	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 1
67-37 (Semi-Finalist: 2025 WIMBLEDON; 2019 US OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	6-8 (Round of 16: 2025 WIMBLEDON)
0-0 / 9-0 (Champion: 2025, 2023)	YTD / Career ABU DHABI W-L (best)	1-0 / 1-1 (Round of 16: 2026)
6-1 / 293-180	YTD / Career W-L	3-2 / 25-23



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(Q) KARTAL**

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
10	-	2026	63	-
11	11	2025	44	71
17	913	2024	88	89
9	17	2023	195	235
11	12	2022	198	198
9	23	2021	985	993
4	12	2020	-	-
7	8	2019	-	-
37	37	2018	-	-
42	165	2017	-	-



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 3rd appearance at Abu Dhabi where she is a two-time and reigning champion (2025 & 2023)
- Is undefeated in Abu Dhabi with a match record of 9-0
- As well as her two Abu Dhabi titles, owns WTA 500 titles at 2025 Tokyo, 2023 Adelaide #2, 2022 Charleston, 2019 Moscow and 2015 Eastbourne
- Faces No.61 Sonay Kartal in 2r today
- Owns 7-4 career record against players from United Kingdom, including defeating Boulter at Australian Open this year
- Fell to a qualifier once this season losing to Bartunkova in 2r at Australian Open
- Owns 8 hard court titles, most recently Tokyo 2025 (d. Noskova in F)
- Is No. 1 seed this week; has been top seed at 7 tournaments in her career
- One of 2 players from Switzerland to reach 2r along with Waltert
- Is currently ranked No.9; this time last year was ranked No.157
- Reached a peak ranking of No.4 on Feb 17, 2020
- Made history with Elina Svitolina as two mothers in the WTA Top 10 for the first time this week
- In 2025 had a 3-2 record in QF matches; looking for her first singles QF of the season (was R-Up with Team Switzerland at United Cup)

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. C. BUCSA (#57) 6-3 7-6 (1h 33m)

Total time on court: 1h 33m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at Abu Dhabi, where she also reached main draw in 2025 as a qualifier (l. Volynets in 1r)
- Has beaten Cristina Bucsa so far this week in the main draw to reach 2r
- Faces No.9 Belinda Bencic in 2r today; has a 1-2 record against Top 10 players with her only win over No.5 M.Andreeva at Beijing 2025
- First Tour meeting in her career against a player from Switzerland
- Record against seeded players so far in 2026 stands at 1-2, with her win posted against No.6 seed Tjen at Auckland
- Owns one hard court title: Monastir 2024
- Only player from United Kingdom to feature in main draw
- Best result by a qualifier at Abu Dhabi was QF by Shelby Rogers in 2023
- Is currently ranked No.61; this time last year was ranked No.91
- Looking for her second QF of the season after Auckland (l. eventual champion Svitolina)
- Her best WTA 500 result came at London 2025 with R16



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2025	Result	Rank: 157	Seed: -
F	W	A. KRUEGER (#51) 4-6 6-1 6-1	
SF	W	E. RYBAKINA (#5) 3-6 6-3 6-4	
QF	W	M. VONDROUSOVA (#37) 7-5 6-3	
2r	W	V. KUDERMETOVA (#52) 6-0 6-0	
1r	W	R. SRAMKOVA (#44) 6-2 3-6 6-1	

2023	Result	Rank: 9	Seed: 2
F	W	L. SAMSONOVA (#19) 1-6 7-6(8) 6-4	
SF	W	B. HADDAD MAIA (#14) 6-2 6-3	
QF	W	S. ROGERS (#46) 7-6(5) 6-2	
2r	W	M. KOSTYUK (#57) 6-4 7-5	

2025	Result	Rank: 91	Seed: -
1r	L	K. VOLYNETS (#68) 3-6 6-4 6-4	



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**SONAY
(Q) KARTAL**

SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Made 2r at Australian Open (L. Bartunkova)
- Began 2026 season with a R-Up finish at United Cup with Team Switzerland (5-0 in singles)

- Fell in 1r at Australian Open (L. Kalinskaya)
- Reached QF at Auckland (l. eventual champion Svitolina)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
8	81	Aces	14	47
69.2%	11	First serve %	66.4%	22
71.4%	12	First Serve points won %	69.1%	18
46.4%	40	Second serve points won %	56.1%	1
63.7%	6	Overall service points won %	64.8%	3
76.0%	16	Service games won %	76.7%	12
53.8%	56	Break points saved %	48.1%	80
42.1%	7	First serve return points won %	34.4%	68
61.2%	7	Second serve return points won %	55.3%	53
52.2%	26	Break points converted %	46.3%	55
47.4%	6	Return games won %	32.8%	58
49.7%	3	Return points won %	41.9%	70



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TITLES

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (10)

2025 - TOKYO, ABU DHABI
2023 - ABU DHABI, ADELAIDE #2
2022 - CHARLESTON
2021 - OLYMPICS
2019 - MOSCOW, DUBAI
2015 - TORONTO, EASTBOURNE

Runner-Up (11)

2026 - UNITED CUP
2023 - CHARLESTON
2022 - BERLIN
2021 - BERLIN, ADELAIDE 500
2019 - MALLORCA
2018 - LUXEMBOURG
2016 - ST. PETERSBURG
2015 - TOKYO, 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH
2014 - TIANJIN

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (2)

2015 - WASHINGTON DC (w/Mladenovic), PRAGUE
(w/Siniakova)

Runner-Up (1)

2021 - OLYMPICS (w/Golubic)

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (1)

2024 - MONASTIR



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GRAND SLAMS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
2r				2026	1r			
4r		SF	2r	2025	1r	2r	4r	1r
				2024			3r	
4r	1r	4r	4r	2023			1r	
2r	3r	1r	3r	2022			1r	
3r	2r	1r	QF	2021				
3r				2020				
3r	3r	3r	SF	2019				
2r	2r	4r	1r	2018				
1r				2017				
4r		2r	3r	2016				
1r	2r	4r	3r	2015				
2r	1r	3r	QF	2014				



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CAREER MILESTONES

- During 2025, skyrocketed from No.421 at the start of January to No.11 year-end ranking, in her first full season after maternity leave; went 2-0 in Tour finals, winning titles at WTA 500 events at Abu Dhabi and Tokyo, and also reached her second career Grand Slam SF at Wimbledon
 - After giving birth to daughter Bella, returned to the courts in October 2024 to play a handful of ITF matches, as well as winning her Billie Jean King Cup Playoff match for Switzerland over Serbia's Lola Radivojevic in November
 - Played last tournament of 2023 at San Diego before taking maternity leave
 - In 2023, won two titles at Adelaide 2 (d. Kasatkina in F) and Abu Dhabi (d. Samsonova in F); also finished R-Up at Charleston (l. Jabeur)
 - Won sixth career title in 2022, triumphing at Charleston, while finishing R-Up at Berlin (l. Jabeur) and helped Switzerland lift Billie Jean King Cup Finals in Glasgow; also reached SF at Miami (l. Osaka) and Tallinn (l. Krejčíková)
 - Captured gold medal for Switzerland at Tokyo Olympics in 2021 (d. Vondroušová in F); also claimed silver in doubles (w/Golubic)
 - Other 2021 highlights included R-Up finish at Adelaide (l. Świątek) and Berlin (l. Samsonova), and six further QFs (including US Open)
 - Across a disrupted 2020 reached three QFs, at Adelaide, St. Petersburg and Doha
 - Was voted WTA Comeback Player of the Year in 2019 - lifted two titles at Dubai (d. Kvitová in F) and Moscow (d. Pavlyuchenkova in F) and posted a career-best 49 Tour-level match wins in 2019 fourth most among all players and breaking back into Top 10 on September 9
 - Earned spot at 2019 WTA Finals in Shenzhen, becoming first Swiss player to compete in singles at the WTA Finals since Hingis in 2006, going on to reach SF at the season-ending showpiece (l. defending champion Svitolina)
 - Also in 2019, marked 20th Grand Slam main draw by reaching her maiden major SF at US Open (l. eventual champion Andreescu) and finished R-Up at Mallorca (l. Kenin)
Led the WTA with six victories over Top 5 players in 2019, including upsets over No.1 Naomi Osaka at Indian Wells, Madrid and US Open
 - Standout result in 2018 was R-Up finish at Luxembourg (as qualifier, l. Goerges)
 - In first round at 2018 Australian Open, defeated No.5 Venus Williams. Having also upset then-No.1 Serena Williams in SF at 2015 Toronto is one of seven women to defeat both Williams sisters
 - In 2025, made first career Grand Slam R16 at home major of Wimbledon (l. Pavlyuchenkova). Also reached Indian Wells R16 in first career WTA 1000 main draw appearance (as LL, l. Sabalenka), eventually following up with first WTA 1000 QF at Beijing (l. Nosková); peaked at career-high ranking of No.44 on July 14
 - Breakthrough year in 2024 saw her win first title at Monastir and reach 3r at Wimbledon as a qualifier. Her ranking entered the Top 100 for the first time and peaked at No.85 by year-end
- In 2023 reached main draw at Nottingham as a qualifier
- Played first WTA main draw matches in 2022 on grass at Nottingham and Wimbledon
 - Began on the ITF circuit in 2019 and won her first ITF titles in 2021 at W15 Antalya and W15 Monastir

- before their 21st birthday (also Hingis, Sharapova, Clijsters, Henin, Chakvetadze and Osaka)
- Underwent left wrist surgery in spring 2017, missing five months - ranking fell outside Top 300; reached QF at Linz as WC in first WTA event back after surgery
 - Run to 2016 St. Petersburg final (l. Vinci in F) saw her break into Top 10 at No.9 for the first time in her career. Also in 2016, reached SF at Sydney and s-Hertogenbosch
 - Won first career titles in 2015 at Eastbourne (d. Radwanska in F) and Toronto (d. Halep in F); also reached final at s-Hertogenbosch (l. Giorgi) and Tokyo (l. Radwanska)
 - At Toronto, beat four Top 10 players en route to the title including World No.1 Serena Williams
 - Qualified for 2015 WTA Elite Trophy in Zhuhai however withdrew due to hand injury
 - Won second WTA doubles title of career in 2015 at Washington, DC (w/Mladenovic), the first coming earlier in the year at Prague(w/Siniakova)
 - Voted 2014 WTA Newcomer of the Year after a campaign highlighted by R-Up finish at Tianjin (l. Riske), SF at Charleston and QF run at 2014 US Open (defeated No.7 Kerber in 3r, No.10 Jankovic in R16); at 17 years of age, was youngest player through to last eight at Flushing Meadows since 1997 when Hingis won the title and broke into Top 50 on Sept 8, 2014
 - Won junior singles titles at Roland Garros and Wimbledon in 2013; was named ITF Junior World Champion for 2013
 - Played first WTA qualifying event at Luxembourg in October 2011, and first WTA main draw 12 months later at same event as WC (l. V.Williams, 1r); only 15 years, 7 months at the time
 - Made professional debut on ITF circuit in 2011

OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Iain Hughes
- Father, Ivan, sometimes serves as her tennis coach, and Martin Hromkovic as her fitness coach. Mother is Dana; younger brother is Brian who also plays and coaches tennis; father emigrated to Switzerland from then-Czechoslovakia in 1968
- Started playing at Melanie Molitor's (mother of Martina Hingis) tennis school at age 3 until age 19 (started daily training with her from age 6 for eight years)
- Also visited the Nick Bollettieri and Evert Tennis Academy as a Junior
- Enjoys watching movies, reading, playing with dogs, baking, painting, and seeing friends
- Coached by Julie Hobbs and Ben Reeves
- Started playing tennis at the age of six at Pavillion & Avenue Tennis Club, where she still trains to this day
- Her first memory of tennis was when she was first brought on court to meet her current coach, Julie Hobbs, falling over and being too scared to come back. But after much persuasion, Hobbs managed to convince her to come back and the two have been inseparable ever since
- Favorite Tournament: Wimbledon
- Nickname: Karts
- Likes: Music, Animals, Shoes
- Tennis Idols: Kim Clijsters, Roger Federer, Andy Murray



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ALIAKSANDRA SASNOVICH (LL)

ALEXANDRA EALA
PHILIPPINES

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1994-03-22	Date of Birth	2005-05-23
	Residence	
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Left-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 9" (1.74m)	Height	5' 9" (1.75m)
29	Career-High Ranking	45
\$6,514,957	Career Prize Money	\$1,493,017
\$117,022	Season Prize Money	\$141,663
0 / 0	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 0
30-38 (Round of 16: 2022 ROLAND GARROS; 2018 WIMBLEDON)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	1-4 (Round of 64: 2025 US OPEN)
1-0 / 1-0 (Round of 16: 2026)	YTD / Career ABU DHABI W-L (best)	1-0 / 1-1 (Round of 16: 2026)
3-2 / 154-164	YTD / Career W-L	4-2 / 19-29



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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
102	-	2026	49	-
92	111	2025	50	50
81	146	2024	143	158
30	88	2023	189	205
29	31	2022	214	219
84	91	2021	505	529
62	90	2020	-	-
30	67	2019	-	-
30	30	2018	-	-
85	87	2017	-	-



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. P. BADOSA (#65) 6-4 3-6 6-1 (1h 58m)

Total time on court: 1h 58m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 1st main draw appearance at this tournament; fell in qualifying in 2023 and 2024
- Lost in final qualifying round this year as well (l. Kartal) but entered main draw as lucky loser
- Has beaten Paula Badosa so far this week to reach 2r
- Faces No.45 Alexandra Eala in 2r today; is 1-2 against Top 50 players so far in 2026 with her sole win over No.14 Tauson at Brisbane
- First Tour meeting against a player from the Philippines
- Career-best performance at a WTA 500 event is R-Up at 2018 Brisbane (l. Svitolina in F)
- Career-best results on hard court are 4 R-Up finishes, at 2015 Seoul, 2018 Brisbane, 2022 Melbourne #2 and 2022 Cleveland
- Best result by a lucky loser at this tournament was Cristina Bucsa's QF run in 2024
- Is currently ranked No.104; this time last year was ranked No.128. Reached career-high ranking of No.29 in September of 2022
- So far this year, made Brisbane R16 as qualifier (l. Samsonova) and Australian Open 1r as qualifier (l. Paolini)
- Looking for her first QF since Cluj-Napoca in 2025 (reached SF)

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. Z. SONMEZ (#79) 6-4 6-3 (1h 29m)

Total time on court: 1h 29m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at this tournament; fell 1r in 2024 as wild card (l. Linette)
- Has beaten Zeynep Sonmez so far this week to post her first WTA 500 main draw win after she fell 1r at 2024 Abu Dhabi (l. Linette) and 2024 Guadalajara 500 (as qualifier, l. Bouzkova)
- Faces No.109 Aliaksandra Sasnovich in 2r today
- Career-best Tour-level results on hard court are 2 SF finishes at 2025 Miami and 2026 Auckland
- Only player from Philippines in this week's main draw
- Is currently ranked No.45 - first player from Philippines to reach Top 50 of WTA Rankings. This time last year was ranked No.137
- Last week, made QF run on home soil at WTA 125 Manila (l. eventual champion Osorio)
- Looking for second QF of 2026 after reached SF at Auckland (l. Wang Xinyu)



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

2024	Result	Rank: 187	Seed: -
1r	L	M. LINETTE (#55)	7-6(4) 6-1



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SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Fell in 1r at Australian Open (as qualifier, l. Paolini)
- Opened 2026 reaching R16 at Brisbane as a qualifier (l. Samsonova)

- Fell in 1r at Australian Open (l. Parks)
- Reached SF at Auckland (l. eventual R-Up, X.Wang)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
5	102	Aces	7	88
60.5%	75	First serve %	63.6%	47
64.4%	51	First Serve points won %	65.7%	41
46.3%	42	Second serve points won %	41.8%	72
57.2%	48	Overall service points won %	57.0%	49
66.0%	50	Service games won %	66.7%	49
52.9%	58	Break points saved %	56.6%	42
37.7%	35	First serve return points won %	41.5%	10
58.0%	28	Second serve return points won %	65.1%	1
45.5%	62	Break points converted %	41.3%	80
40.0%	26	Return games won %	48.5%	5
44.5%	35	Return points won %	49.9%	1



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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Runner-Up (5)

2024 - BUDAPEST

2022 - CLEVELAND, MELBOURNE 250 #2

2018 - BRISBANE

2015 - SEOUL

DOUBLES FINALS

Runner-Up (1)

2023 - HONG KONG (w/Kalashnikova)

SINGLES FINALS

Runner-Up (1)

2025 - EASTBOURNE

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
1r				2026	1r			
		2r	1r	2025		1r	1r	2r
1r			1r	2024				
2r	1r	2r	1r	2023				
1r	4r		2r	2022				
1r	2r	3r	1r	2021				
1r	2r		3r	2020				
3r	1r	1r	2r	2019				
3r	2r	4r	3r	2018				
1r	2r	1r	2r	2017				
2r	1r	2r	1r	2016				
		2r	1r	2015				
			2r	2014				



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CAREER MILESTONES

- Top 2025 result was Cluj-Napoca SF (l. eventual champion Potapova); also made SF at WTA 125 events in Paris and Vic, and reached Wimbledon 2r as a qualifier (d. Gracheva in 1r for first Grand Slam main draw win since 2023 Wimbledon)
- Reached fifth WTA singles final of career at 2024 Budapest (l. Shnaider); season also highlighted by run to 3r at Rome as a qualifier (l. Kerber). In doubles, reached SF at Dubai (w/Siegemund)
- 2023 Tour highlights include a SF run at s▯ Hertogenbosch (l. Alexandrova) and QF at Nanchang (l. Fernandez)
- Highlights in 2022 were R-Up finishes at Melbourne Summer Set 2 (l. Anisimova) and Cleveland (l. Samsonova); also made QF at St. Petersburg, Berlin and Hamburg, leading to career-high ranking of No.29 on September 19
- Best results in 2021 were runs to QFs at Belgrade and Cleveland and R16 at Indian Wells
- Reached first WTA QF in 18 months at 2020 Palermo (as qualifier, l. Martic) and also advanced to QF stage at Istanbul and Linz; made 3r at 2020 US Open (d. No.19 Vondrousova en route for first Top 20 win in over a year)
- Made strong start to 2019 season, recording first career Top 5 victory over No.4 Svitolina en route to Brisbane QF (l. Vekic), followed by Sydney SF (as qualifier, l. eventual champion Kvitova) and Australian Open 3r (l. Pavlyuchenkova)
- Reached first Grand Slam SF in doubles at 2019 US Open (w/Kuzmova, l. Azarenka/Barty)
- In 2018, reached second career WTA final at Brisbane (as qualifier, d. No.11 Mladenovic and No.16 Sevastova en route, finished R-Up to No.6 Svitolina). Also made SF at Moscow River Cup and first Grand Slam R16 at Wimbledon. First broke into Top 50 on January 29
- Highlight of 2016 was run through qualifying to QF at Tokyo Pan Pacific Open; defeated No.6 Ka.Pliskova en route for first career Top 10 win
- Reached first career WTA Tour singles final at 2015 Seoul (as qualifier, l. Begu); made Top 100 debut on September 8, 2015 (after US Open; rose from No.120 to No.97)
- In 2014, won 11th and most recent singles title on ITF Circuit. Also owns seven ITF Circuit doubles titles
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2013 Brussels; made WTA main draw debut at 2014 US Open
- Played first event of career at 2009 ITF/Minsk 2
- Breakout 2025 season saw her break into the Top 100 after SF run at WTA 1000 Miami; as a wild card she registered back-to-back Top 10 wins over No.5 Keys and No.2 Swiatek. Went on to reach maiden Tour final at Eastbourne and then won her first WTA 125 title Guadalajara. Her year-end ranking was a career high No.50
- Following her Miami 2025 result, she made history by becoming the first player from the Philippines to reach a WTA 1000 semifinal and the first to enter the WTA World Top 100 ranking
- In 2024 made 2r at WTA 1000 Madrid (l. Cirstea) as well as playing main draw at Abu Dhabi, Guadalajara, Wuhan, Guangzhou and Jiujiang. Earned fourth ITF career title at W100 Vitoria-Gasteiz and reached a career high ranking of No.143 in July
- Entered first Grand Slam in 2023 at Australian Open qualifying (l. Doi in Q1). As a qualifier reached main draw at Hua Hin (l. Maria), Osaka (l. Sakatsume), Guangzhou (l. Maria) and Monastir (l. Mertens) taking her ranking into Top 200 for first time
- Claimed first ITF title in 2022 at Chiang Rai \$25K and also played WTA Miami opening main draw match (l. Brengle) and qualifying at Madrid (l. Bondar).
- In 2021 played first Tour level match at Miami qualifying (l. Kuzmova) and reached 2r at Cluj Napoca on clay (l. Sheriff).
- Best result of 2021 was reaching QF at Grenoble \$25K
- Began on the ITF circuit in 2020 at the age of 14

OTHER INFORMATION

- Currently coached by Dzmitry Klimenko
- Mother is Natalia; younger sister is Polina
- Started playing at age 9; introduced to sport by father
- Favorite shot is backhand down the line; favorite surface is indoor hardcourt; favorite tournaments are US Open and Stuttgart
- Studying for a physical culture degree at university in Minsk
- Speaks English, Belarusian, Russian and a little bit of French
- Dream is to win Wimbledon one day

- Coached by Joan Bosch
- Started playing tennis aged four
- Competed in the WTA Future Stars event in 2016 and 2017 in Singapore (first time at age 11 and won the Li Na Inspiration Award)
- Made WTA Tour debut at 2021 Miami in qualifying
- Trains at the Rafael Nadal Academy in Mallorca
- Preferred surface is hard
- Parents are Mike and Rizza (who was a professional swimmer who competed at the 1985 Southeast Asian Games); brother is also a budding tennis player
- Enjoys upbeat Spanish music and watching comedy and horror movies
- Loves ice cream, rice and milk tea