



MATCH NOTES

MUBADALA ABU DHABI OPEN

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ABU DHABI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

February 1-7, 2026 | WTA 500 | \$1,206,446



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FINAL – SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

[Q] Sara Bejlek (CZE #101) vs. [2] Ekaterina Alexandrova (#11)

First meeting

Bejlek:

- Making tournament debut as a qualifier; has reached her first career WTA Tour semifinal and final this week
- Her victories this week over No.24 Jelena Ostapenko and No.16 Clara Tauson (her first career Top 20 win) are her career-best wins by opponent ranking
- Contesting only her second WTA 500 main draw of career, after 2025 Brisbane (played 1r as qualifier, l. Blinkova)
- First player from Czech Republic to make this tournament's final; the previous best result by a Czech at Abu Dhabi was semifinal run by Linda Noskova in 2025
- She is also the first qualifier to make this tournament's final; the previous best result by a qualifier at Abu Dhabi was quarterfinal run by Shelby Rogers in 2023
- This is the second straight year a player ranked outside the Top 100 has made this tournament's final: No.157 Bencic won the title last year as a wild card

Alexandrova:

- Into her 13th career WTA singles final; she saved match point in yesterday's semifinal win over Hailey Baptiste
- This is her first WTA singles final since her runner-up finish at Ningbo in October of 2025 (l. Rybakina in final)
- Seeking her 6th career WTA singles title (holds a 5-7 record in WTA singles finals)
- Attempting to win her 2nd career WTA 500 title, having previously won 2025 Linz (d. Yastremska in final)
- Since the start of 2025, Alexandrova is 9-2 vs. players ranked outside the Top 100 (however, she is 0-1 this year, losing to No.112 Sonmez in 1r of 2026 Australian Open)
- Prior to Abu Dhabi this week, she had won only one match so far in 2026 (at Brisbane) after falling in her opening matches at Adelaide and Australian Open
- She has also made this week's doubles final alongside Maya Joint (they will face Mihalikova/Nicholls for the 2026 Abu Dhabi doubles title after the singles final)

2026 WTA TOUR SINGLES FINALS

END DATE	TOURNAMENT	LEVEL	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
Jan 11	United Cup	WTA 500	Poland	Switzerland
Jan 11	Brisbane	WTA 500	[1] Aryna Sabalenka	[16] Marta Kostyuk
Jan 11	Auckland	WTA 250	[1] Elina Svitolina	[7] Wang Xinyu
Jan 17	Adelaide	WTA 500	[3] Mirra Andreeva	[8] Victoria Mboko
Jan 17	Hobart	WTA 250	[Q] Elisabetta Cocciaretto	[3] Iva Jovic
Feb 1	Australian Open	Grand Slam	[5] Elena Rybakina	[1] Aryna Sabalenka
Feb 7	Abu Dhabi	WTA 500	Final: [Q] Sara Bejlek vs. [2] Ekaterina Alexandrova	
Feb 7	Cluj-Napoca	WTA 250	Final: [1] Emma Raducanu vs. [3] Sorana Cirstea	
Feb 7	Ostrava	WTA 250	Final: Katie Boulter vs. Tamara Korpatsch	



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**SARA
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CZECH REPUBLIC

**EKATERINA
(2) ALEXANDROVA** 11

2006-01-31	Date of Birth	1994-11-15
	Residence	Prague, Czech Republic
Left-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 3" (1.59 m)	Height	5' 9" (1.75m)
75	Career-High Ranking	10
\$1,120,117	Career Prize Money	\$9,841,783
\$119,926	Season Prize Money	\$151,780
0 / 0	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 5
1-7 (Round of 64: 2025 ROLAND GARROS)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	39-35 (Round of 16: 2025 US OPEN, WIMBLEDON, ROLAND GARROS; 2023 WIMBLEDON)
4-0 / 4-0 (Runner-Up: 2026)	YTD / Career ABU DHABI W-L (best)	3-0 / 3-0 (Runner-Up: 2026)
5-2 / 11-13	YTD / Career W-L	4-3 / 234-177



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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
76	-	2026	10	-
75	76	2025	10	10
114	142	2024	15	28
155	190	2023	16	21
181	189	2022	19	19
375	380	2021	30	33
-	-	2020	25	33
-	-	2019	35	35
-	-	2018	73	93
-	-	2017	69	73



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. A. KRUEGER (#55) 6-3 6-0 (1h 7m)
2r: d. J. OSTAPENKO (#24) 6-4 6-3 (1h 26m)
QF: d. S. KARTAL (#61) 6-0 6-2 (1h 3m)
SF: d. C. TAUSON (#16) 7-5 3-6 7-5 (2h 49m)

Total time on court: 6h 25m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making debut at the tournament, having qualified for main draw
- Has reached her first Tour-level SF and final this week, and is now seeking her first career WTA Tour singles title
- In the main draw, defeated Ashlyn Krueger, Jelena Ostapenko, Sonay Kartal and Clara Tauson so far this week
- Her victories this week over No.24 Ostapenko and No.16 Tauson (her 1st career Top 20 win) are her career-best wins by opponent ranking
- Faces No.11 Ekaterina Alexandrova in today's final; a victory here would become her new career-best win by opponent ranking
- Contesting only her second WTA 500 main draw appearance of career, after 2025 Brisbane (played 1r as a qualifier, l. Blinkova)
- Prior to her run this week, her career-best Tour-level result on hard court was 2025 Prague QF (l. Wang Xinyu)
- Only player from Czech Republic in this week's main draw
- First player from Czech Republic to make this tournament's final; the previous best result by a Czech at Abu Dhabi was SF run by Linda Noskova in 2025
- First qualifier to make this tournament's final; the previous best result by a qualifier at Abu Dhabi was QF run by Shelby Rogers in 2023
- Is currently ranked No.101; this time last year was ranked No.141. Reached career-high ranking of No.75 in November of 2025
- Second straight year a player ranked outside Top 100 makes this tournament's final: No.157 Bencic won the title last year as a wild card

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. D. YASTREMSKA (#43) 6-3 6-0 (1h 10m)
QF: d. A. EALA (#45) 6-3 6-3 (1h 30m)
SF: d. H. BAPTISTE (#56) 3-6 7-6 6-3 (2h 29m)

Total time on court: 5h 9m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making her debut at this tournament
- After 1r bye, defeated Dayana Yastremska, Alexandra Eala and Hailey Baptiste to reach her 13th career WTA singles final
- This is her first WTA singles final since R-Up finish at Ningbo in October of 2025 (l. Rybakina in F)
- Seeking her 6th career WTA singles title (holds a 5-7 record in WTA singles finals)
- Faces No.101 Sara Bejlek in today's final; since the start of 2025, Alexandrova is 9-2 vs. players ranked outside Top 100
- Owns 21-16 career Tour-level record against players from Czech Republic (0-1 in 2026, l. Muchova at Brisbane)
- Owns 39-21 career Tour-level record against qualifiers (0-2 in 2026, l. Cristian at Adelaide and l. Sonmez at Australian Open)
- Seeking her 2nd career WTA 500 title, having previously won 2025 Linz (d. Yastremska in final)
- Has won 3 hard-court WTA singles titles: Linz in 2025; Seoul in 2022; Shenzhen in 2020
- Prior to Abu Dhabi this week, had won only one match so far in 2026 (at Brisbane) after falling in opening matches at Adelaide and Australian Open
- 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 also made this week's doubles final alongside Maya Joint (they face Mihalikova and Nicholls for the 2026 Abu Dhabi doubles title)
- Saved match point vs. Baptiste in the singles semifinals



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

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SEASON 2026 HISTORY

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

- 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
4	113	Aces	35	14
65.1%	40	First serve %	60.8%	78
63.1%	60	First Serve points won %	66.7%	36
50.0%	21	Second serve points won %	42.3%	76
58.5%	38	Overall service points won %	57.1%	54
69.4%	38	Service games won %	66.3%	50
56.0%	47	Break points saved %	55.0%	52
43.2%	7	First serve return points won %	42.5%	11
60.8%	9	Second serve return points won %	54.6%	65
45.7%	64	Break points converted %	53.3%	22
46.4%	10	Return games won %	40.0%	32
49.2%	5	Return points won %	47.1%	20



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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

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)

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
1r				2026	1r			
1r	2r			2025	1r	4r	4r	4r
1r				2024	1r	1r		3r
1r	1r			2023	3r	3r	4r	3r
			1r	2022	1r	2r		2r
				2021	3r	2r	2r	2r
				2020	3r	3r		2r
				2019	1r	3r	1r	2r
				2018	2r	1r	1r	1r
				2017	1r	2r	1r	2r
				2016			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 Olumouc, CZE
- 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, '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

- Coached by Jakub Kahoun

- 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