



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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QUARTERFINALS – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

[3] Clara Tauson (DEN #16) vs. McCartney Kessler (USA #32)

Kessler leads 1-0

Tauson:

- Making tournament debut
- First meeting against a player from USA in the 2026 season
- Posted her best WTA 500 result at 2025 Linz by reaching SF (l. Yastremska)
- Owns three career titles which all came on hard court (2021 Lyon, 2021 Luxembourg, 2024 Auckland); reached a further two finals on hard court at 2021 Courmayeur and 2025 Dubai
- A win today would be the 8th SF of her career and first since 2025 Montreal (l. Osaka)

Kessler:

- Won her first main draw matches at Abu Dhabi this week after falling in 1r as a qualifier last year (l. eventual finalist Krueger)
- Owns 4 wins in her career over Top 20 players, most recently over No.18 Samsonova at Ningbo 2025
- Two of her 3 titles have come on hard court, 2024 Cleveland and 2025 Hobart
- Has equalled the best WTA 500 result of her career was QF at 2025 Ningbo (l. eventual finalist Alexandrova)
- Has defeated Tauson once before at WTA 125 Angers in 2023
- Looking for the fifth SF of her career; is undefeated in SF matches (4-0)

[Q] Sonay Kartal (GBR #61) vs. [Q] Sara Bejlek (CZE #101)

First meeting

Bejlek:

- Making Abu Dhabi debut
- Competing in her second WTA 500 main draw after Brisbane 2025 (played 1r as a qualifier, l. Blinkova)
- This is the second QF of her career after Prague 2025 and a win today would be the first Tour semifinal of her career
- 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

Kartal:

- Making 2nd appearance at Abu Dhabi, where she also reached main draw in 2025 as a qualifier (l. Volynets in 1r)
- Defeated lucky loser Zarazua in R16 here after withdrawal of defending champion Bencic
- Looking for her second QF of the season after Auckland (l. eventual champion Svitolina)
- Has surpassed her best WTA 500 result of R16 at London 2025
- With a win would reach the second SF of her career after 2024 Monastir where she won her only career title



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Alexandra Eala (PHI #45) vs. [2] Ekaterina Alexandrova (#11)

First meeting

Eala:

- Making 2nd appearance at this tournament; fell 1r in 2024 as a wild card (l. Linette)
- Defeated Zeynep Sonmez and Aliaksandra Sasnovich so far this week to post her first WTA 500 main draw career wins after she fell 1r at 2024 Abu Dhabi (l. Linette) and 2024 Guadalajara 500 (as qualifier, l. Bouzkova)
- The best Tour-level results of her career on hard court are two SF finishes at 2025 Miami and 2026 Auckland
- With a win today, would reach her 4th career SF; holds a record of 1-2 in SF matches achieving her only win on grass at Eastbourne last year

Alexandrova:

- Is 2-2 against Top 50 players so far this season posting wins over No.28 at Brisbane and No.43 Dayana Yastremska in previous round here
- Owns 3 hard court 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 rounds at Adelaide and Australian Open
- A win today would be the 32nd Tour SF of her career and first since 2025 Ningbo (l. Rybakina in the final)

[5] Liudmila Samsonova (#18) vs. [WC] Hailey Baptiste (USA #56)

Tied 1-1

Samsonova:

- Making 4th straight appearance at Abu Dhabi, with her best results were in 2023 as R-Up (l. Bencic) and SF in 2024 (l. eventual champion Rybakina)
- Has won two WTA 500 titles in her career, at 2021 Berlin (grass) and 2022 Tokyo (hard court)
- Three of her 5 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court, all in 2022, at Tokyo, Cleveland and Washington DC
- Through to her second QF of 2026 after Brisbane (l. Pegula); looking for her first SF since Berlin 2025 (grass)

Baptiste:

- Competing in Abu Dhabi main draw for the first time after playing qualifying last year
- Owns four wins in her career over Top 20 players including No.18 Navarro in previous round here this week
- Defeated Navarro once before in qualifying at 2018 Baton Rouge
- Has equalled her best Tour result on hard court with QF run at 2025 Auckland (l. eventual finalist Osaka)
- With a win would reach the first Tour SF of her career
- Best result by a wild card at Abu Dhabi was Bencic's run to the title last year



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16 CLARA
TAUSON (3)
DENMARK

MCCARTNEY
KESSLER **32**
UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA

2002-12-21	Date of Birth	1999-07-08
Kongens Lyngby, Denmark	Residence	Chattanooga, Tennessee
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed
6' (1.82 m)	Height	5' 9" (1.75m)
12	Career-High Ranking	30
\$4,692,990	Career Prize Money	\$2,055,736
\$264,639	Season Prize Money	\$176,712
0 / 3	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 3
22-18 (Round of 16: 2025 WIMBLEDON; 2024 ROLAND GARROS)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	3-8 (Round of 64: 2026 AUSTRALIAN OPEN; 2025 US OPEN; 2024 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
1-0 / 1-0 (Quarter-Finalist: 2026)	YTD / Career ABU DHABI W-L (best)	2-0 / 2-1 (Quarter-Finalist: 2026)
3-3 / 89-73	YTD / Career W-L	4-3 / 43-36



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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2023	ANGERS 125	HARD	1r	Mccartney Kessler	7-6(2) 6-3	1h 37m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
12	-	2026	31	-
12	12	2025	30	31
50	52	2024	63	68
76	85	2023	231	231
33	128	2022	948	948
44	44	2021	994	1009
151	152	2020	1217	1273
267	267	2019	775	1224
715	863	2018	896	1020
938	938	2017	938	939



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. S. WALTERT (#94) 6-3 6-1 (1h 9m)

Total time on court: 1h 9m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making Abu Dhabi debut
- After 1r bye as No.3 seed, has beaten Simona Waltert so far this week to reach first QF of 2026
- Faces No.32 McCartney Kessler in QF today; owns 31 wins in career over Top 50 players, most recently No.42 Olga Danilovic at Wuhan 2025
- First meeting against a player from USA in 2026
- Record in WTA QF matches stands at 7-7
- Owns three career titles which all came on hard court (2021 Lyon, 2021 Luxembourg, 2024 Auckland); reached a further two finals on hard court at 2021 Courmayeur and 2025 Dubai
- Posted her best WTA 500 result at 2025 Linz by reaching SF (l. Yastremska)
- Only player from Denmark to feature in the main draw
- Is currently ranked No.16; this time last year was ranked No.34
- Looking for the 8th Tour SF of her career and first since 2025 Montreal (l. Osaka)

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. A. PAVLYUCHENKOVA (#100) 6-3 6-3 (1h 26m)

2r: d. L. FERNANDEZ (#25) 6-3 6-2 (1h 20m)

Total time on court: 2h 46m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at this tournament; she contested last year's 1r as a qualifier (l. eventual finalist Krueger)
- Has beaten Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova and Leylah Fernandez so far this week to reach her first QF of 2026
- Faces No.16 Clara Tauson in QF today; owns 4 wins in career over Top 20 players, most recently No.18 Liudmila Samsonova at Ningbo 2025
- Her sole career Tour meeting against a player from Denmark was falling to Wozniacki at 2024 Charleston; defeated Tauson once before at WTA 125 Angers in 2023
- Record against seeds in 2026 stands at 1-2 with one win over No.6 seed Fernandez in previous round here
- Record in WTA QF matches stands at 4-1
- Two of her 3 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court, at 2024 Cleveland and 2025 Hobart
- Has equalled her best WTA 500 result with QF at 2025 Ningbo (l. eventual finalist Alexandrova)
- One of 2 players from United States of America to reach QF along with Baptiste
- Best result by United States at this tournament was R-Up finish by Ashlyn Krueger last year (l. Bencic in F)
- Is currently ranked No.32; this time last year was ranked No.57. Reached career-high ranking of No.30 in June of 2025
- So far this season, made Brisbane 2r (l. Keys), Hobart 1r (l. Danilovic) and Australian Open 2r (l. Pegula)
- With a win today would reach the fifth Tour SF of her career; has a SF match record of 4-0



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

2025	Result	Rank: 57	Seed: -
1r	L	A. KRUEGER (#51)	6-3 6-7(4) 6-3



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SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Reached 3r at Australian Open (l. Mboko)
- Played 2r at Adelaide (l. Tomljanovic, retired)
- Made R32 at Brisbane (l. Sasnovich)

- Made 2r at Australian Open (l. Pegula)
- Played 1r at Hobart (l. Danilovic)
- Made 2r at Brisbane (l. Keys)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
33	15	Aces	18	37
62.9%	55	First serve %	63.9%	46
68.2%	26	First Serve points won %	62.7%	68
46.9%	36	Second serve points won %	52.9%	8
60.3%	25	Overall service points won %	59.2%	32
69.8%	33	Service games won %	70.8%	31
58.7%	26	Break points saved %	61.2%	17
31.4%	93	First serve return points won %	36.9%	46
63.1%	4	Second serve return points won %	54.8%	57
63.9%	3	Break points converted %	43.9%	71
36.5%	43	Return games won %	37.9%	35
43.6%	46	Return points won %	43.8%	45



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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (3)
2025 - AUCKLAND
2021 - LUXEMBOURG, LYON
Runner-Up (2)
2025 - DUBAI
2021 - COURMAYEUR

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (3)
2025 - NOTTINGHAM, HOBART
2024 - CLEVELAND
Runner-Up (1)
2025 - AUSTIN

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (1)
2025 - MONTREAL (w/Gauff)
Runner-Up (1)
2025 - AUSTIN (w/Zhang)

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



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CAREER MILESTONES

- In 2025, won Auckland title (first Tour title since 2021) and reached first career WTA 1000 final at Dubai (l. M.Andreeva); made Top 20 debut, finishing at career-high No.12 in the year-end rankings
- Highlight of 2024 season was posting best Grand Slam result by reaching R16 at Roland Garros for the first time in her career. Also achieved R-Up at two WTA 125s, Hong Kong and Oeiras
- In 2023 matched her career best Grand Slam result at Roland Garros where she reached the 3r as a qualifier (l.Avanesyan); also reached the Linz QF (l. Martic)
- Back injury restricted her to just 11 WTA main-draw outings in 2022, with best result a QF showing at Melbourne Summer Set 2 (l. Sasnovich). Also finished R-Up in her last event of the year at WTA 125K Series event in Limoges and won one ITF Circuit title at W25 Selva Gardener
- Came through qualifying to win maiden WTA title in Lyon in March 2021 (in final, beat fellow qualifier Golubic - last time two qualifiers met in a WTA final was at 2017 Tokyo [Japan Open], when Diyas beat Kato); also in 2021, won a second title in Luxembourg and finished runner-up at Courmayeur
- Ended 2020 season ranked No.152 (up from No.267 at the end of 2019) after posting 30-7 win-loss record. Best results were 2r at Roland Garros (as qualifier, d.No.25 Brady, l. Collins) and lifting two titles on ITF Circuit
- Made Tour-level debut (main draw and qualifying) with 1r exit at 2019 Lugano (as wildcard qualifier, l. Rodina). Also lifted four ITF Circuit singles titles in 2019
- Won maiden ITF Circuit title in just her second tournament, at \$15k ITF/Stockholm-SWE in 2017
- Reached SF on professional debut at \$15k ITF/Antalya-TUR in 2017
- On ITF Junior Circuit has lifted nine singles titles, including at 2019 Australian Open (d. Fernandez in F). In 2019 she became the first Dane to top the junior world rankings
- Highlights in 2025 were titles at Hobart (d. Mertens in final) and Nottingham (d. Yastremska in final), R-Up at Austin (l. Pegula) and reaching a career-high ranking of No.30 on June 30. In doubles won her first Tour title with Gauff at WTA 1000 Montreal
- 2024 was a breakthrough year, making her Tour-level debut at Auckland (as a qualifier, l. Sun), winning her first Tour-level match at the Australian Open and claiming her maiden WTA Tour title at Cleveland. She also won her first WTA 125 title at Puerto Vallarta and entered the Top 100 for the first time, peaking at No.63 on August 26
- Lifted first ITF title in 2023 at Rome \$60K; also was a wild card into 2023 US Open qualifying, where she won two matches before falling in the final round
- Reached first ITF final in 2021 at Lubbock \$15K
- Made ITF debut in 2016 at Charleston \$10K at the age of 17

OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Kasper Elsvad
- Started playing tennis aged six

- Coached by McClain Kessler
- Trains at Manker Petten Tennis Club, Tennessee
- Tennis idol: Maria Sharapova
- Describes her tennis as an aggressive & competitive game style



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61 **SONAY KARTAL (Q)**
UNITED KINGDOM

SARA (Q) BEJLEK **101**
CZECH REPUBLIC

2001-10-28	Date of Birth	2006-01-31
Brighton	Residence	
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Left-handed (two-handed backhand)
5'4" (163cm)	Height	5' 3" (1.59 m)
44	Career-High Ranking	75
\$1,835,044	Career Prize Money	\$1,120,117
\$125,406	Season Prize Money	\$119,926
0 / 1	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 0
6-8 (Round of 16: 2025 WIMBLEDON)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	1-7 (Round of 64: 2025 ROLAND GARROS)
2-0 / 2-1 (Quarter-Finalist: 2026)	YTD / Career ABU DHABI W-L (best)	2-0 / 2-0 (Quarter-Finalist: 2026)
4-2 / 26-23	YTD / Career W-L	3-2 / 9-13



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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
63	-	2026	76	-
44	71	2025	75	76
88	89	2024	114	142
195	235	2023	155	190
198	198	2022	181	189
985	993	2021	375	380



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. C. BUCSA (#57) 6-3 7-6 (1h 33m)
2r: d. R. ZARAZUA (#92) 6-0 6-3 (57m)

Total time on court: 2h 30m

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 and Renata Zarazua so far this week to reach her second QF of the season after Auckland (l. eventual champion Svitolina)
- Faces No.101 Sara Bejlek in QF today
- Owns 0-3 career record against players from Czech Republic, and this is her first such meeting this season
- This is her first meeting against a qualifier this year, but defeated lucky loser Zarazua in previous round
- Record in WTA QF matches stands at 1-2
- Owns one hard court title: Monastir 2024
- Has surpassed her previous best WTA 500 result of R16 at London 2025
- Only player from United Kingdom to feature in the 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 to reach the second SF of her career after 2024 Monastir

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. A. KRUEGER (#55) 6-3 6-0 (1h 7m)
2r: d. J. OSTAPENKO (#24) 6-4 6-3 (1h 26m)

Total time on court: 2h 33m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making debut at the tournament
- Has beaten Ashlyn Krueger and Jelena Ostapenko in the main draw this week to reach the second Tour QF of her career after 2025 Prague
- This is her second WTA 500 main draw appearance after Brisbane 2025 (played 1r as a qualifier, l. Blinkova)
- Faces No.61 Sonay Kartal in QF today
- First Tour meeting against a player from United Kingdom
- First meeting against a qualifier this season
- Record in WTA QF matches stands at 0-1
- 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
- A win today would be the first Tour SF of her career



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

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

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles



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SEASON 2026 HISTORY

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

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

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
15	45	Aces	4	111
67.4%	17	First serve %	62.5%	58
70.3%	15	First Serve points won %	64.1%	51
58.3%	1	Second serve points won %	47.8%	35
66.4%	2	Overall service points won %	58.0%	39
79.4%	6	Service games won %	70.8%	30
48.1%	80	Break points saved %	54.8%	51
35.9%	57	First serve return points won %	40.5%	19
56.7%	42	Second serve return points won %	60.6%	11
47.9%	48	Break points converted %	41.3%	82
35.4%	52	Return games won %	42.2%	20
43.1%	55	Return points won %	47.3%	14



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SINGLES FINALS

Champion (1)
2024 - MONASTIR

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



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CAREER MILESTONES

- 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. Noskova); 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

- 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. Krejckikova) 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

OTHER INFORMATION

- 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

- Coached by Jakub Kahoun

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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**ALEXANDRA
EALA**
PHILIPPINES

**EKATERINA
(2) ALEXANDROVA**

11

2005-05-23	Date of Birth	1994-11-15
	Residence	Prague, Czech Republic
Left-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 9" (1.75m)	Height	5' 9" (1.75m)
45	Career-High Ranking	10
\$1,493,017	Career Prize Money	\$9,841,783
\$141,663	Season Prize Money	\$151,780
0 / 0	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 5
1-4 (Round of 64: 2025 US OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	39-35 (Round of 16: 2025 US OPEN, WIMBLEDON, ROLAND GARROS; 2023 WIMBLEDON)
2-0 / 2-1 (Quarter-Finalist: 2026)	YTD / Career ABU DHABI W-L (best)	1-0 / 1-0 (Quarter-Finalist: 2026)
5-2 / 20-29	YTD / Career W-L	2-3 / 232-177



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**EKATERINA
ALEXANDROVA**

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
49	-	2026	10	-
50	50	2025	10	10
143	158	2024	15	28
189	205	2023	16	21
214	219	2022	19	19
505	529	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. Z. SONMEZ (#79) 6-4 6-3 (1h 29m)
2r: d. A. SASNOVICH (#109) 2-6 6-4 7-6 (2h 51m)

Total time on court: 4h 20m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at this tournament; fell 1r in 2024 as wild card (l. Linette)
- Has beaten Zeynep Sonmez and Aliaksandra Sasnovich so far this week to post her first WTA 500 main draw career wins after she fell 1r at 2024 Abu Dhabi (l. Linette) and 2024 Guadalajara 500 (as qualifier, l. Bouzkova)
- Faces No.11 Ekaterina Alexandrova in QF today; owns 4 wins in career over Top 20 players, most recently No.14 Clara Tauson at US Open 2025
- This is her first meeting against a Top 20 player in 2016
- Has a record of 1-1 against seeded players this season (d. No.5 seed Linette at Auckland; l. No.7 seed Wang Xinyu at Auckland)
- Record in WTA QF matches stands at 3-1
- Best Tour-level results on hard court are two 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)
- With a win today, would reach her 4th career SF; holds a record of 1-2 in SF matches achieving her only win on grass at Eastbourne last year

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. D. YASTREMSKA (#43) 6-3 6-0 (1h 10m)

Total time on court: 1h 10m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making debut at the tournament
- After 1r bye, has beaten Dayana Yastremska so far this week to reach first QF since 2025 Tokyo
- Faces No.45 Alexandra Eala in QF today; is 2-2 against Top 50 players so far this season posting wins over No.28 At Brisbane and No.43 Dayana Yastremska in previous round here
- First Tour meeting against a player from the Philippines
- Record in WTA QF matches stands at 29-16
- 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
- Is currently ranked No.11; this time last year was ranked No.25. Made her Top 10 debut in October 2025 at No.10
- A win today would be the 32nd Tour SF of her career and first since 2025 Ningbo (l. Rybakina in the final)



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

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

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles



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SEASON 2026 HISTORY

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

- 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
7	93	Aces	26	24
65.3%	31	First serve %	61.7%	66
63.1%	61	First Serve points won %	66.2%	38
43.3%	62	Second serve points won %	41.3%	77
56.2%	61	Overall service points won %	56.7%	53
65.5%	53	Service games won %	63.0%	66
54.7%	53	Break points saved %	52.4%	63
41.4%	13	First serve return points won %	41.7%	11
61.4%	6	Second serve return points won %	54.0%	66
39.2%	90	Break points converted %	53.7%	22
45.8%	11	Return games won %	39.3%	31
48.5%	5	Return points won %	46.7%	23



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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Runner-Up (1)
2025 - EASTBOURNE

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	1r	2r	2025	1r	4r	4r	4r
				2024	1r	1r		3r
				2023	3r	3r	4r	3r
				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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ALEXANDROVA**

CAREER MILESTONES

- 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. Sherif).
 - Best result of 2021 was reaching QF at Grenoble \$25K
 - Began on the ITF circuit in 2020 at the age of 14
 - 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 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

- 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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18 **LIUDMILA SAMSONOVA (5)**

HAILEY (WC) BAPTISTE 56
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

1998-11-11	Date of Birth	2001-11-03
	Residence	
Right-Handed	Plays	Right-Handed
5' 11" (1.82m)	Height	5' 5" (1.69m)
12	Career-High Ranking	47
\$8,116,975	Career Prize Money	\$2,779,009
\$166,991	Season Prize Money	\$256,958
0 / 5	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 0
29-23 (Quarter-Finalist: 2025 WIMBLEDON)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	11-11 (Round of 16: 2025 ROLAND GARROS)
2-0 / 9-3 (Runner-Up: 2023)	YTD / Career ABU DHABI W-L (best)	2-0 / 2-0 (Quarter-Finalist: 2026)
4-3 / 151-118	YTD / Career W-L	4-3 / 42-53



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**HAILEY
(WC) BAPTISTE**

HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2025	ROME	CLAY	2r	Hailey Baptiste	6-3 2-6 6-4	2h 24m
2020	AUSTRALIAN OPEN	HARD	Q	Liudmila Samsonova	1-6 6-2 6-2	1h 35m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
17	-	2026	61	-
16	17	2025	47	61
13	27	2024	80	93
12	16	2023	131	131
19	20	2022	119	181
39	39	2021	160	160
114	127	2020	229	231
123	139	2019	244	285
177	180	2018	452	457
520	552	2017	-	-



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. S. KENIN (#28) 6-4 6-0 (1h 17m)
2r: d. J. TJEN (#47) 6-2 6-2 (1h 12m)

Total time on court: 2h 29m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 4th straight appearance at this tournament, where she was R-Up in 2023 (l. Bencic) and made SF in 2024 (l. eventual champion Rybakina)
- Has beaten Sofia Kenin and Janice Tjen so far this week to reach her second QF of 2026 after Brisbane (l. Pegula)
- Faces No.56 Hailey Baptiste in QF today
- Is 1-1 against players from USA in 2026 (l. Pegula at Brisbane; d. Kenin here at Abu Dhabi)
- Has a record of 1-0 against wild cards this season defeating Emerson Jones at Brisbane
- Record in WTA QF matches stands at 18-10
- Has won two WTA 500 titles in her career, at 2021 Berlin (grass) and 2022 Tokyo (hard court)
- 3 of her 5 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court, all in 2022, at Tokyo, Cleveland and Washington DC
- Is currently ranked No.18; this time last year was ranked No.20. Reached career-high ranking of No.12 in February of 2023
- Aiming for the 19th SF of her career with a win today and first since 2025 Berlin (l. Wang Xinyu)

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. T. KOSTOVIC (#171) 4-6 6-3 6-4 (2h 20m)
2r: d. E. NAVARRO (#17) 7-6 0-6 6-3 (2h 6m)

Total time on court: 4h 26m

PLAYER NOTES

- Received main draw wild card to make her tournament main draw debut; fell in qualifying last year (l. No.837 Sonobe)
- Has beaten Teodora Kostovic and Emma Navarro so far this week to reach the second QF of her career after Auckland 2024 (l. Osaka)
- Faces No.18 Liudmila Samsonova in QF today; owns 4 wins in career over Top 20 players: No.12 Kasatkina at Miami 2025, No.10 Krejckova at Wuhan 2024 and No.17 Keys at Washington 2019 and No.17 Emma Navarro in previous round here this week
- Is 1-1 against seeded players in 2026 (l. No.3 seed Gauff at Australian Open; d. No.4 seed Navarro here this week)
- Record in WTA QF matches stands at 0-1
- Best Tour result on hard court is QF run at 2025 Auckland (l. eventual finalist Osaka)
- One of 2 players from United States of America to reach QF along with Kessler
- Best result by United States at this tournament was R-Up finish by Ashlyn Krueger last year (l. Bencic in F)
- Best result by a wild card at this tournament was Bencic's run to the title last year
- Is currently ranked No.56; this time last year was ranked No.93. Reached career-high ranking of No.47 in August of 2025
- Started 2026 with opening losses at Brisbane and Hobart before 3r run at Australian Open (l. Gauff)
- Looking for first career Tour SF with a win today



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2025	Result	Rank: 20	Seed: 5
1r	L	V. KUDERMETOVA (#52) 5-7 6-1 7-6(5)	

2024	Result	Rank: 15	Seed: 8
SF	L	E. RYBAKINA (#5) 6-0 4-6 6-2	
QF	W	B. KREJCIKOVA (#12) 7-5 6-4	
2r	W	A. KALININA (#32) 6-1 6-3	
1r	W	L. TSURENKO (#37) 6-0 6-1	

2023	Result	Rank: 19	Seed: 8
F	L	B. BENCIC (#9) 1-6 7-6(8) 6-4	
SF	W	Q. ZHENG (#29) 6-4 1-6 6-4	
QF	W	V. KUDERMETOVA (#11) 6-3 6-3	
2r	W	B. KREJCIKOVA (#30) 7-5 7-6(6)	
1r	W	C. LIU (#56) 3-6 6-2 6-0	

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles



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SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Played 1r at Australian Open (l. Siegemund)
- Fell in 1r at Adelaide (l. Vondrousova)
- Began 2026 season with QF at Brisbane (l. Pegula)

- Reached 3r at Australian Open (l. Gauff)
- Fell in 1r at Hobart (l. Zarazua)
- Played 1r at Brisbane (l. Putintseva)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
23	27	Aces	27	21
60.6%	75	First serve %	62.2%	60
64.4%	49	First Serve points won %	65.7%	41
49.7%	19	Second serve points won %	48.0%	32
58.6%	35	Overall service points won %	59.0%	34
68.1%	40	Service games won %	71.9%	27
60.3%	20	Break points saved %	52.8%	61
38.5%	30	First serve return points won %	33.5%	78
61.0%	9	Second serve return points won %	52.7%	75
54.2%	19	Break points converted %	32.8%	101
45.1%	12	Return games won %	25.0%	93
46.5%	24	Return points won %	39.1%	91



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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (5)

2024 - 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH
2022 - TOKYO, CLEVELAND, WASHINGTON DC
2021 - BERLIN

Runner-Up (4)

2025 - STRASBOURG
2023 - BEIJING, MONTREAL, ABU DHABI

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (3)

2025 - NINGBO (w/Melichar-martinez)
2024 - SEOUL (w/Melichar-martinez)
2023 - DUBAI (w/Kudermetova)

Runner-Up (1)

2025 - 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH (w/Melichar-martinez)

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (1)

2021 - CHARLESTON 250 (w/Mcnally)

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



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(WC) BAPTISTE**

CAREER MILESTONES

- Reached ninth career final in 2025 with runner-up finish at Strasbourg, as well as SF at Adelaide and Berlin and reached QF at a Grand Slam for the first time at Wimbledon (l. eventual champion Swiatek). Ended the year ranked inside the Top 20 for a third consecutive year (No.17)
- Won third career WTA doubles title in 2025 at Ningbo (w/Melichar-Martinez) and reached a further doubles finals at 's-Hertogenbosch (w/Melichar-Martinez)
- In 2024, won one title at 's-Hertogenbosch (d. Andreescu in final); also reached SF at Abu Dhabi (l. eventual champion Rybakina); notably reached the QF at Cincinnati (l. eventual champion Sabalenka) and 4r at US Open (l. Swiatek)
- Won one doubles title in 2024 at Seoul (w/Melichar-Martinez)

Ended 2023 ranked No.16; reached three finals at Abu Dhabi (l. Bencic in F), Montreal (l. Pegula in F) and Beijing (l. Swiatek)

- Also in 2023, reached SF at Washington DC and qualified for WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai going 1-1 in group play
- In doubles in 2023, won title at Dubai (w/Veronika Kudermetova)
- Lifted three titles in 2022, at Washington DC (d. Kanepi in F), Cleveland (d. Sasnovich in F) and Tokyo (d. Q.Zheng in F) ending year at No.20, her first Top 20 year-end ranking
- Also made SF at 2022 Stuttgart, QF at Adelaide 250, R16 at US Open and made Top 20 debut on October 24; earned first Top 10 win of career over No.7 Karolina Pliskova at Stuttgart
- Highlight of 2021 was coming through qualifying to lift maiden WTA title at Berlin (d. Bencic in F) and breaking into Top 50 on September 13 finishing the year at No.39, her first year-end Top 100 ranking
- Reached two further SFs in 2021, at Luxembourg and Courmayeur and reached R16 at Wimbledon
- Earned first Top 20 win of career over No.11 Kiki Bertens at 2021 Miami
- In 2020 reached 2r at Brisbane (as qualifier, d.No.24 Stephens, l. No.7 Kvitova) and Palermo (as qualifier, l. Martic), and fell 1r four times (including Australian Open, US Open and Roland Garros)
- Appeared in the first WTA main draws of her career in 2019, highlighted by SF run at Palermo (as LL, l. eventual champion Teichmann), 2r

- In 2025, reached first WTA Tour QF of career at Auckland (l. Osaka) and first Grand Slam R16 of career at Roland Garros (l. Keys); made Top 50 debut, peaking at a career-high ranking of No.47 on August 25
- During 2024, made Tour-level R16 at Bogota, Seoul and Wuhan as well as reaching 2r at Roland Garros. Also made semifinal at WTA 125 Puerto Vallarta and broke into the Top 100 for the first time, achieving a career high ranking of No.80 in October
- Won back-to-back Tour main draw matches for the first time at 2023 Guadalajara 1000 reaching R16 (l. Garcia)
- During 2022 season, reached 2r at Australian Open (as qualifier, l. Inglis), Guadalajara 250 (as qualifier, l. Osorio) and Charleston (l. Cornet)
- In 2021, made 2r at Roland Garros as qualifier (l. Kenin), and also reached 2r at Chicago 500 (as WC, l. Azarenka) and Charleston (as WC, l. Jabeur); won first WTA Tour doubles title at Charleston 250 w/McNally (d. Perez/Sanders in F)
- In 2020, made Grand Slam main draw debut as wild card at US Open (l. Mladenovic in 1r); also contested qualifying at Australian Open and Lexington
- Highlight of 2019 was 2r showing on WTA main draw debut at Washington DC (as wild card, d. No.17 Keys, l. Mladenovic); also contested qualifying at US Open, and on ITF Circuit won \$25K titles at Tucson, Sumter and Plantation
- As a junior reached career-high ranking of No.38 in 2018
- Made debut on ITF Circuit in Florida in 2017

showing at Lausanne (l. Han) and falling 1r on Grand Slam main draw debut at Roland Garros (as qualifier, l. Vekic)

- Contested qualifying at a WTA event for the first time at 2019 Australian Open
- Made professional debut on ITF circuit in 2013; owns four singles titles on the ITF Circuit

OTHER INFORMATION

- Previously trained in Rome with Alessandro Dumitrache and worked with Alessandro Piccari
- Parents are Dmitry Samsonov and Svetlana Samsonova
- Hobbies include listening to and playing music, attending concerts and watching films
- Idolizes Maria Sharapova
- Favorite shot is her forehand and favorite surface to play on is hard court

- Coached by Eric Hechtman
- Formerly coached by Peter Lucassen at the USTA National Campus in Orlando
- Met Williams sisters as a kid when they were playing World Team Tennis and managed to hit with both
- Pet dog, a half-Shar Pei, half-Pug named Tsonga