



# MATCH NOTES

BNB NINGBO OPEN - NINGBO, CHN  
2026-10-19 - 2026-10-25 | \$ 1,206,446



**2**  
WIN

**3**  
MATCHES  
PLAYED

**1**  
WIN



**14**

**ELISE  
MERTENS**  
BELGIUM

**LEYLAH  
FERNANDEZ**  
CANADA

**25**

|                                             |                                |                                   |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1995-11-17                                  | Date of Birth                  | 2002-09-06                        |
| Hamont-Achel, Belgium                       | Residence                      | Boynton Beach, Florida, USA       |
| Right-handed (Two-handed backhand)          | Plays                          | Left-Handed (two-handed backhand) |
| 5' 10" (1.79m)                              | Height                         | 5' 6" (1.68m)                     |
| 12                                          | Career-High Ranking            | 13                                |
| \$21,155,310                                | Career Prize Money             | \$8,987,480                       |
| \$3,378,647                                 | Season Prize Money             | \$1,684,341                       |
| 0 / 10                                      | Singles Titles YTD / Career    | 1 / 6                             |
| 84-39 (Semi-Finalist: 2018 AUSTRALIAN OPEN) | Grand Slam W-L (best)          | 29-26 (Runner-Up: 2021 US OPEN)   |
| 0-0 / 0-0                                   | YTD / Career NINGBO W-L (best) | 0-0 / 0-0                         |
| 33-20 / 324-209                             | YTD / Career W-L               | 22-23 / 159-128                   |



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## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

| YEAR | TOURNAMENT      | SURFACE | ROUND | WINNER           | SCORE/ RESULT | TIME   |
|------|-----------------|---------|-------|------------------|---------------|--------|
| 2025 | DUBAI           | HARD    | 1r    | Elise Mertens    | 6-2 6-2       | 1h 25m |
| 2023 | GUADALAJARA     | HARD    | 2r    | Leylah Fernandez | 6-3 6-4       | 1h 34m |
| 2021 | AUSTRALIAN OPEN | HARD    | 1r    | Elise Mertens    | 6-1 6-3       | 1h 26m |

## RANKING HISTORY

| TOP RANK | YEAR-END | YEAR | TOP RANK | YEAR-END |
|----------|----------|------|----------|----------|
| 14       | -        | 2026 | 22       | -        |
| 20       | 20       | 2025 | 22       | 22       |
| 24       | 34       | 2024 | 23       | 31       |
| 26       | 29       | 2023 | 32       | 35       |
| 20       | 29       | 2022 | 13       | 40       |
| 14       | 21       | 2021 | 24       | 24       |
| 17       | 20       | 2020 | 88       | 88       |
| 12       | 17       | 2019 | 209      | 209      |
| 13       | 13       | 2018 | 451      | 487      |
| 35       | 35       | 2017 | 727      | 728      |



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

#### PLAYER NOTES

- Making tournament debut
- Faces No.25 Leylah Fernandez in 1r today
- Owns 8-3 career record against players from Canada, with record in 2026 standing at 2-0
- Has won 7 career hardcourt singles titles, most recently at 2025 Singapore
- Only player from Belgium to reach 1r
- Is currently ranked No.14; this time last year was ranked No.20
- Has won 33 matches this year, her second consecutive year winning 30+ matches (won 36 in 2025)

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

#### PLAYER NOTES

- Making tournament debut
- Faces No.14 Elise Mertens in 1r today; owns 23 wins in career over Top 20 players, most recently defeating No.5 Mirra Andrejeva at Singapore 2026
- Has won 6 career singles titles on hardcourts, including at Singapore this year
- Is currently ranked No.25; this time last year was ranked No.22
- After winning 30+ matches in back-to-back seasons in 2024-2025, enters the tournament with 24 match wins this year



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## SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Fell 1r at Wuhan (l. Snigur)
- Made SF at Beijing (l. eventual champion Zheng)
- Reached QF at Singapore (l. Chwalinska)
- Reached 3r at US Open (l. Osaka)
- Finished R-Up at Monterrey (l. Parry in F)
- Made 2r at Cincinnati (l. Parry)
- Played 3r at Toronto (l. Osaka)
- Reached QF at Wimbledon (l. eventual champion Noskova)
- Made 2r at Berlin (l. WC Bartunkova) and Bad Homburg (l. Osaka)
- Reached 2r at 's-Hertogenbosch (l. Ruse)
- Played 2r at Roland Garros (l. eventual R-Up Chwalinska)
- Made 4r at Rome (l. M. Andreeva)
- Reached 3r at Madrid (l. Ka.Pliskova)
- Made 2r at Stuttgart (l. eventual R-Up Muchova)
- Played 3r at Miami (l. Cirstea)
- Made 3r at Indian Wells (l. Bencic)
- Reached 3r at Dubai (l. Gauff)
- Made 2r at Doha (l. Kasatkina)
- Reached 4r at Australian Open (l. eventual champion Rybakina)
- Opened 2026 with Team Belgium at United Cup reaching SF (went 3-1 in singles)

- Made 3r at Wuhan (l. Ostapenko)
- Contested 2r at Beijing (after 1r bye, l. Rakhimova)
- Won the title at Singapore (d. Gibson in F)
- Reached 3r at US Open (l. Pegula)
- Played 2r at Cincinnati (l. Wang Xiyu)
- Reached 4r at Toronto (l. Osaka)
- Made 2r at Washington DC (l. Eala)
- Played 1r at Wimbledon (l. Tjen)
- Made 2r at Bad Homburg (l. Wang Xinyu)
- Played 1r at London (l. Boulter) and Nottingham (l. qualifier Sonmez)
- Fell 1r at Roland Garros (l. Parks)
- Reached QF at Strasbourg (l. Mboko)
- Fell 2r at Rome (l. Masarova)
- Made QF at Madrid (l. M.Andreeva)
- Reached QF at Stuttgart (l. eventual champion Rybakina)
- Made 3r at Charleston (l. Shnaider)
- Reached 3r at Miami (l. Pegula)
- Played 2r at Indian Wells (l. Siniakova)
- Made 2r at Dubai (l. Tjen)
- Fell in 1r at Doha (l. Li)
- Made 2r at Abu Dhabi (l. Kessler)
- Played 1r at Adelaide (l. Shnaider) and Australian Open (l. Tjen)
- Made 2r at Brisbane (l. Yastremska)

| VALUE | WTA RANK | MATCH STATS                      | VALUE | WTA RANK |
|-------|----------|----------------------------------|-------|----------|
| 236   | 10       | Aces                             | 131   | 38       |
| 58.8% | 68       | First serve %                    | 62.4% | 41       |
| 70.5% | 8        | First Serve points won %         | 65.9% | 38       |
| 46.0% | 41       | Second serve points won %        | 46.9% | 30       |
| 60.4% | 17       | Overall service points won %     | 58.8% | 27       |
| 72.7% | 18       | Service games won %              | 71.6% | 21       |
| 56.4% | 41       | Break points saved %             | 64.2% | 2        |
| 35.8% | 50       | First serve return points won %  | 34.0% | 77       |
| 56.0% | 30       | Second serve return points won % | 53.0% | 72       |
| 46.0% | 31       | Break points converted %         | 45.5% | 36       |
| 35.4% | 40       | Return games won %               | 31.9% | 63       |
| 43.9% | 40       | Return points won %              | 41.5% | 74       |

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## TITLES

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (10)

2025 - 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH, SINGAPORE  
2023 - MONASTIR  
2022 - MONASTIR  
2021 - MELBOURNE 500 GIPPSLAND TROPHY  
2019 - DOHA  
2018 - RABAT, LUGANO, HOBART  
2017 - HOBART

Runner-Up (7)

2026 - MONTERREY  
2025 - HOBART  
2024 - HOBART  
2021 - ISTANBUL  
2020 - LINZ, PRAGUE  
2017 - ISTANBUL

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (24)

2026 - AUSTRALIAN OPEN (w/Zhang)  
2025 - WTA FINALS (w/Kudermetova),  
WIMBLEDON (w/Kudermetova)  
2024 - BIRMINGHAM (w/Hsieh), INDIAN WELLS  
(w/Hsieh), AUSTRALIAN OPEN (w/Hsieh)  
2023 - GUADALAJARA (w/Hunter), ROME  
(w/Hunter)  
2022 - WTA FINALS (w/Kudermetova), DUBAI  
(w/Kudermetova)  
2021 - INDIAN WELLS (w/Hsieh), WIMBLEDON  
(w/Hsieh), ISTANBUL (w/Kudermetova),  
AUSTRALIAN OPEN (w/Sabalenka)  
2020 - OSTRAVA (w/Sabalenka)  
2019 - US OPEN (w/Sabalenka), MIAMI  
(w/Sabalenka), INDIAN WELLS (w/Sabalenka)  
2018 - WUHAN (w/Schuurs), 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH  
(w/Schuurs), LUGANO (w/Flipkens), HOBART  
(w/Schuurs)  
2017 - GUANGZHOU (w/Schuurs)  
2016 - AUCKLAND (w/Mestach)

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (6)

2026 - SINGAPORE  
2025 - OSAKA, WASHINGTON DC  
2023 - HONG KONG  
2022 - MONTERREY  
2021 - MONTERREY

Runner-Up (3)

2024 - EASTBOURNE  
2021 - US OPEN  
2020 - ACAPULCO

### DOUBLES FINALS

Runner-Up (5)

2026 - QUEENS (w/Siegemund)  
2024 - CINCINNATI (w/Putintseva)  
2023 - ROLAND GARROS (w/Townsend), MIAMI  
(w/Townsend), AUCKLAND (w/Matteksands)

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GRAND SLAMS

| AUSTRALIAN<br>OPEN | ROLAND<br>GARROS | WIMBLEDON | US OPEN |      | AUSTRALIAN<br>OPEN | ROLAND<br>GARROS | WIMBLEDON | US OPEN |
|--------------------|------------------|-----------|---------|------|--------------------|------------------|-----------|---------|
| 4r                 | 2r               | QF        | 3r      | 2026 | 1r                 | 1r               | 1r        | 3r      |
| 2r                 | 1r               | 4r        | 3r      | 2025 | 3r                 | 1r               | 2r        | 3r      |
| 2r                 | 3r               | 2r        | 4r      | 2024 | 2r                 | 3r               | 2r        | 1r      |
| 3r                 | 4r               | 2r        | 3r      | 2023 | 2r                 | 2r               | 2r        | 1r      |
| 4r                 | 4r               | 4r        | 1r      | 2022 | 1r                 | QF               |           | 2r      |
| 4r                 | 3r               | 3r        | 4r      | 2021 | 1r                 | 2r               | 1r        | RUP     |
| 4r                 | 3r               |           | QF      | 2020 | 1r                 | 3r               |           | 2r      |
| 3r                 | 3r               | 4r        | QF      | 2019 |                    |                  |           |         |
| SF                 | 4r               | 3r        | 4r      | 2018 |                    |                  |           |         |
|                    | 3r               | 1r        | 1r      | 2017 |                    |                  |           |         |
|                    |                  |           | 1r      | 2016 |                    |                  |           |         |



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- Won two singles titles in 2025 at Singapore and 's-Hertogenbosch; also reached the final at Hobart for second consecutive year and finished the 2025 season ranked inside the singles Top 20 for a fifth year (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021) and inside the doubles Top 5
- Lifted a fifth Grand Slam doubles trophy in 2025 at Wimbledon with Veronika Kudermetova; the pair then went on to win the year-end WTA Finals title for a second time together after 2022
- Kicked off 2024 season with R-Up finish at Hobart (l. Navarro) which marked her 13th WTA singles final. In doubles won Australian Open, Indian Wells and Birmingham all w/ Hsieh Su-Wei and qualified for WTA Finals for sixth consecutive time
- Ended 2023 as only Top 100 player to finish year exactly where she started, at No.29. Strongest singles results came at Monastir, successfully defending her title (d. Paolini), and SF at Monterrey (l. Garcia). Achieved a year-end doubles ranking of No.2 after lifting two titles at Guadalajara and Rome (w/Hunter) and SF at WTA Finals Cancun (l. eventual champions Siegemund/Zvonareva).
- Finished 2022 ranked No.29 in singles, her sixth consecutive Top 50 finish; also finished No.5 in doubles for her fourth consecutive Top 10 finish in doubles and second consecutive Top 5 finish
- Lifted seventh WTA title, at 2022 Monastir (d. Cornet in F), while in doubles alongside partner V.Kudermetova won Dubai and WTA Finals, as well as finished R-Up at Wimbledon
- Enjoyed a productive start to 2021 season in Melbourne, triumphing at the Gippsland Trophy (d. Kanepi in F) to lift sixth WTA singles title, then teamed up w/Sabalenka at Australian Open to claim second Grand Slam doubles title (d. Krejčíková/Siniakova in F). Later in the year, won third career Grand Slam doubles title, at Wimbledon w/Hsieh
- Won the most matches on Tour in 2020, going 34-13 across the season and finishing as R-Up at both Prague (l. Halep) and Linz (l. Sabalenka)
- Earned her milestone 200th career main draw win with victory over Kalinina in 1r at 2020 Linz
- Singles highlights in 2019 were winning biggest title of career at Doha (d. No.3 Halep in final) and advancing to QF at US Open for the first time (l. eventual champion Andreescu in 3 sets)
- Enjoyed standout season in doubles in 2019 - won maiden major doubles title at US Open w/Sabalenka (d. Azarenka/Barty in F). Also Completed 'Sunshine Double' in doubles
- In 2025, won multiple Tour titles in a calendar year for the first time, finishing as champion at WTA 250 Osaka and WTA 500 Washington DC (her first title above WTA 250 level); also partnered Venus Williams to make US Open doubles QF as a wild card team
- 2024 season highlights were reaching first final on grass finishing R-Up at Eastbourne (l. Kasatkina) and as part of title defense made SF at Hong Kong. Also reached final of Cincinnati in doubles w/Putintseva
- In 2023, earned third career title at Hong Kong (d. Siniakova); prevented from a consecutive title run by Siniakova who defeated her in Nanchang SF. Also defeated Paolini at Billie Jean King Cup Finals to lift title with Canada
- Broke into the Top 20 in doubles in 2023, after reaching final at Roland Garros, Miami (both w/Townsend) and Auckland (w/Mattek-Sands) as well as QF at US Open (w/Townsend)
- In 2022 won her second title at Monterrey (d. Osorio in F; saved 5MP), and reached the QF at Roland Garros (l. Trevisan); missed grass-court season due to grade three stress fracture in her right foot suffered during match vs. Trevisan in Paris
- Enjoyed a memorable 2021 campaign, lifting first career title in Monterrey and advancing to maiden Grand Slam final, at US Open (l. Raducanu)
- En route to the final at Flushing Meadows in 2021, upset defending champion and No. 3 Osaka in 3r, 2016 winner Kerber in R16, No.5 Svitolina in QF and No. 2 Sabalenka in SF, becoming the youngest woman to beat multiple Top-5 opponents at the same major since S. Williams at 1999 US Open
- Breakout year in 2020 saw her crack Top 100 for the first time on September 14 and finish campaign by reaching 3r at Roland Garros. Earned first career Grand Slam win at 2020 US Open (d. Zvonareva, l. Kenin in 2r) and made Grand Slam debut at 2020 Australian Open as qualifier (l. Davis in 1r)
- Reached first career WTA final and notched first tour-level back-to-back wins at 2020 Acapulco as qualifier (l. Watson in F); at 17y, 177d, she was the youngest Canadian to reach a WTA singles final in 34 years (since Helen Kelesi at 1986 Tokyo [Japan Open] won at 16y, 338d)
- Owns one singles title and two doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Won 2019 Roland Garros junior singles title (d. Navarro) becoming first Canadian to win a junior

- (w/Sabalenka), lifting the back-to-back titles at Indian Wells (d. Krejčíková/Siniakova) and Miami (d. Stosur/Zhang), and qualified for Shiseido WTA Finals Shenzhen (went 1-2 in RR)
- Advanced to first Grand Slam SF of career at 2018 Australian Open (l. eventual champion Wozniacki)
- During 2018, lifted titles at Hobart, Rabat and Lugano, finishing with 46 main draw match wins across the campaign - only Ka.Pliskova (49) and Kvitová (47) registered more. By contrast, prior to 2018 season owned only 36 wins at this level across entire career
- In doubles in 2018, won four titles and reached QF at WTA Finals (w/Schuurs)
- Finished 2017 season at No.35, up from No.120 in 2016 - first Top 50 and Top 100 year-end finish. Season highlighted by first career singles title at Hobart (as a qualifier, d. Niculescu in F)
- Registered first Top 10 win of career over No.10 Cibulková in 1r at 2017 Beijing
- Made WTA singles main draw debut at 2016 's-Hertogenbosch - made QF (as qualifier, l. Mladenovic)
- Won first WTA title of any kind in doubles at 2016 Auckland (w/Mestach)
- Played first Tour-level event of career at 2015 Antwerp (fell in qualifying)
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in Belgium in 2010; owns 11 singles and 14 doubles titles on ITF Circuit

- Grand Slam since Bouchard in 2012
- Played first WTA main draw and earned first main draw win of career at 2018 Quebec City defeating countrywoman Dabrowski in 1r (l. Watson in 2r)
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in USA in 2016

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Currently working with Christopher Heyman
- Formerly worked with Alexander Kneepkens, Robbie Ceyssens, Dieter Kindlmann, Daniel Goffin and Philippe Dehaes
- Previously trained under Belgian Federation until early teens, also spent a year at the Mouratoglou Academy in Paris
- Mother is Liliane Barbe (teaches languages and history); father is Guido Mertens (makes furniture for churches). Began playing tennis at age 4, introduced to game by older sister Lauren, an airline pilot with KLM
- First tennis memory is watching Kim Clijsters playing live
- Was home schooled, enjoyed studying languages; speaks English, Dutch/Flemish and French
- Loves animals and has lots of pets at home
- In 2021, launched a charitable initiative to support the Virunga National Park's efforts to save the gorilla population in the Democratic Republic of Congo

- Coached by Jorge Fernandez
- Born in Montréal, and resides and trains in Miami, FL with mother, Irene, father, Jorge and younger sister, Bianca Jolie who also plays tennis. Older sister, Jodeci and husband Jacques live in Ohio
- Current sponsors are: lululemon, Easy Post, Morgan Stanley, Google Canada, Gatorade Canada, Babolat and Youth Athletes United
- Trilingual: French, Spanish and English
- Hobbies include: taking dancing lessons, currently learning Salsa with her younger sister; loves to solve puzzles and Rubik's Cubes during match rain delays or in her free time at the hotel
- Loves dessert but specifically enjoys molten lava chocolate cake



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ROMANIA

**HAN  
SHI** 217  
CHINA

|                                                                              |                                |              |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| 1990-04-07                                                                   | Date of Birth                  | 2005-05-30   |
| Targoviste, Romania                                                          | Residence                      |              |
| Right-handed (two-handed backhand)                                           | Plays                          | Right-Handed |
| 5' 9" (1.76m)                                                                | Height                         |              |
| 15                                                                           | Career-High Ranking            | 200          |
| \$13,133,841                                                                 | Career Prize Money             | \$264,265    |
| \$2,327,213                                                                  | Season Prize Money             | \$101,101    |
| 1 / 4                                                                        | Singles Titles YTD / Career    | 0 / 0        |
| 76-69 (Quarter-Finalist: 2026 ROLAND GARROS; 2023 US OPEN; 2009 FRENCH OPEN) | Grand Slam W-L (best)          | 0-0          |
| 0-0 / 1-1 (Round of 16: 2023)                                                | YTD / Career NINGBO W-L (best) | 0-0 / 0-0    |
| 37-14 / 374-349                                                              | YTD / Career W-L               | 0-1 / 2-5    |

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|----------------------|------------|---------|-------|--------|---------------|------|
| First career meeting |            |         |       |        |               |      |

RANKING HISTORY

| TOP RANK | YEAR-END | YEAR | TOP RANK | YEAR-END |
|----------|----------|------|----------|----------|
| 15       | -        | 2026 | 217      | -        |
| 44       | 44       | 2025 | 200      | 402      |
| 22       | 70       | 2024 | 215      | 216      |
| 25       | 26       | 2023 | 554      | 559      |
| 24       | 38       | 2022 | 1067     | 1067     |
| 37       | 38       | 2021 | -        | -        |
| 69       | 86       | 2020 | -        | -        |
| 72       | 72       | 2019 | -        | -        |
| 33       | 86       | 2018 | -        | -        |
| 37       | 37       | 2017 | -        | -        |



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

*Total time on court: 0m*

#### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at Ningbo, where her previous result was reaching 2r in 2023
- Owns 12-16 career record against players from China, with record in 2026 standing at 3-0
- Owns 48-39 career record against qualifiers, with a record in 2026 standing at 6-1
- Has won 3 hardcourt titles in her career, including earlier this year at Cluj-Napoca
- Is currently ranked No.16; this time last year was ranked No.45
- Has won a career-high 37 matches this year (previous most wins in a season was 32 in 2013)

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

*Total time on court: 0m*

#### PLAYER NOTES

- Making tournament debut
- Faces No.16 Sorana Cirstea in 1r today; seeking first Top 20 win
- Has won 3 main draw matches in her career
- One of 3 players from China in the main draw
- Best result by China at Ningbo was quarterfinal run by Lin Zhu in 2025
- Is currently ranked No.217; this time last year was ranked No.310
- Currently No.6 ranked Chinese player in PIF WTA Rankings at No.177



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

| 2023 | Result | Rank: 26                   | Seed: 3 |
|------|--------|----------------------------|---------|
| 2r   | L      | K. SINIAKOVA (#90) 6-3 7-5 |         |
| 1r   | W      | C. LIU (#83) 7-5 4-6 6-3   |         |

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

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SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Fell 1r at Wuhan (l. Guo)
  - Made R16 at US Open (l. Pegula)
  - Made R16 at Cincinnati (l. eventual Runner-Up Pegula)
  - Played 2r at Toronto (l. Joint)
  - Reached 3r at Wimbledon (l. Noskova)
  - Played 2r at London (l. Raducanu)
  - Made QF at Roland Garros (l. eventual champion M.Andreeva)
  - Reached SF at Rome (l. Gauff)
  - Played 3r at Madrid (l. Gauff)
  - Reached SF at Rouen (l. eventual R-Up Podrez)
  - Made QF at Linz (l. eventual champion M.Andreeva)
  - Reached 4r at Miami (l. eventual R-Up Gauff)
  - Made 3r at Indian Wells (l. Noskova)
  - Reached 3r at Dubai (l. Eala)
  - Became Champion at Cluj-Napoca (d. R-Up Raducanu in F)
  - Made 2r at Australian Open (l. Osaka)
  - Reached 3r at Brisbane (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)
- Made 2r at Wuhan (as qualifier, l. Fernandez)
  - Played 1r at Beijing (as qualifier, l. eventual champion Zheng)
  - Earned 4th World Tennis title of the year at W15 Tianjin-CHN in August
  - Won 3rd World Tennis title of the year at W50 Elvas-POR in July
  - Claimed two World Tennis titles in Monastir-TUN during February, and finished R-Up at World Tennis W35 Luzhou-CHN in April

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| 45.8% | 33       | Break points converted %         | 28.0% | 0        |
| 40.2% | 10       | Return games won %               | 17.9% | 0        |
| 45.5% | 14       | Return points won %              | 36.2% | 0        |



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## TITLES

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (4)

2026 - CLUJ-NAPOCA  
2025 - CLEVELAND  
2021 - ISTANBUL  
2008 - TASHKENT

Runner-Up (4)

2021 - STRASBOURG  
2019 - TASHKENT  
2013 - TORONTO  
2007 - BUDAPEST

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (7)

2026 - LINZ (w/Zhang)  
2025 - MADRID (w/Kalinskaya)  
2019 - LUGANO (w/Mitu)  
2011 - DALLAS (w/Brianti)  
2010 - ESTORIL (w/Medina Garrigues)  
2008 - LUXEMBOURG (w/Erakovic), FES  
(w/Pavlyuchenkova)

Runner-Up (5)

2014 - TIANJIN (w/Klepac)  
2010 - BUDAPEST (w/Medina Garrigues)  
2009 - FES (w/Kirilenko), BARCELONA (w/Klepac)  
2008 - NEW HAVEN (w/Niculescu)



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## GRAND SLAMS

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



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- In 2025, won Cleveland title as qualifier (first WTA Tour singles final since 2021; d. Li in final) en route to tenth straight Top 100 year-end finish in singles; also won her biggest career doubles title at WTA 1000 Madrid (w/Kalinskaya)
- Highlights of 2024 came in the Middle East, making QF at Abu Dhabi and saving six match points in her Dubai QF match against Vondrousova to reach SF (l. eventual champion Paolini). Ended her 2024 season after Wimbledon to undergo foot surgery
- 2023 saw her best results achieved in the USA: advanced to Indian Wells QF for first time (l. Swiatek), then made SF at Miami (l. eventual champion Kvitova) and QF at US Open (l. Muchova)
- In 2022, reached SF on all three surfaces: hard court at Lyon (l. Yastremska), clay at Istanbul (l. Kudermetova), and grass at Birmingham (l. Zhang). Also enjoyed success at the Australian Open, where she fell in R16 (l. Swiatek)
- Highlight of 2021 was ending near-13-year wait for 2nd WTA Tour singles title, triumphing at Istanbul (d. Mertens in F). Also finished R-Up at Strasbourg (l. Krejčíková), reached QF at Grampians Trophy and Portoroz, and R16 at Roland Garros
- Ended 2020 by winning singles title at ITF/\$100K Dubai-UAE in December (d. Siniakova in F). Also in 2020, reached 3r at US Open and advanced to 2r at Australian Open
- In 2019, advanced to fourth career Tour singles final at Tashkent (l. Van Uytvanck); also captured fifth career Tour doubles title at 2019 Lugano (w/Mitu, d. Kudermetova/Voskoboeva in F)
- Reached R16 at 2017 Australian Open - first time advancing to that stage at a Slam since she made 2009 Roland Garros QF (l. Stosur)
- In 2016, played a mix of WTA and ITF events, improving ranking by 163 ranking places to No.81 on comeback from shoulder injury, with highlights being a SF run at Rio de Janeiro (l. Rogers) and making QF at Madrid (as wildcard, l. eventual R-Up Cibulková) and Mallorca (as qualifier, l. Jankovic)
- Reached biggest singles final of career at 2013 Toronto - posted three Top 10 wins en route to final (No.10 Wozniacki, No.7 Kvitova and No.5 Li) before falling to No.1 S. Williams. Following Toronto run, posted career-high ranking of No.21 on August 21, 2013
- Won first WTA singles title at 2008 Tashkent (d. Lisicki in F)
- During 2025, finished R-Up at World Tennis W35 Roehampton (l. Vandromme in F)
- In 2024, won her first WTA Tour main draw match at Guangzhou (l. Bouzas Maneiro and also reached R16 as a qualifier at Hong Kong (l. Pera)
- Made her WTA Tour debut at Beijing 2024 with a main draw wild card (l. Uchijima in 1r)
- Began on the ITF circuit proper in 2022, making her first final in 2023 at W15 Tianjin; claimed her first ITF title in 2024 at W50 Anning before earning a further two that season at W50 Taizhou and W35 Kunshan

- Fell 1r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2008 Australian Open (l. No.4 seed Ivanovic)
- Made first WTA singles final at 2007 Budapest (l. Dulko)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2006 Stockholm (l. Kanepi in 1r)
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in 2004

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Working with Adrian Cruciat
- Introduced to tennis at age 4 by mother, Liliana; father's name is Mihai; younger brother's name is Mihnea; full name is Sorana Mihaela Cirstea
- Speaks Romanian, English and Spanish and is studying French
- Likes all surfaces; favorite shot is forehand; most admires Steffi Graf
- Enjoys playing all ball sports, going shopping, watching movies, reading and doing crosswords
- Favorite cities are New York and London ("big cities with lots to do")
- Self-described as ambitious, stubborn and happy

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WTA

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PHILIPPINES

DIANE  
PARRY

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FRANCE

|                                   |                                |                                         |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 2005-05-23                        | Date of Birth                  | 2002-09-01                              |
| Residence                         |                                |                                         |
| Left-handed (two-handed backhand) | Plays                          | Right-Handed (one-handed backhand)      |
| 5' 9" (1.75m)                     | Height                         | 5' 7" (1.70m)                           |
| 18                                | Career-High Ranking            | 30                                      |
| \$3,354,035                       | Career Prize Money             | \$4,473,033                             |
| \$2,026,731                       | Season Prize Money             | \$1,246,723                             |
| 1 / 1                             | Singles Titles YTD / Career    | 1 / 1                                   |
| 6-7 (Round of 16: 2026 WIMBLEDON) | Grand Slam W-L (best)          | 20-23 (Round of 16: 2026 ROLAND GARROS) |
| 0-0 / 0-0                         | YTD / Career NINGBO W-L (best) | 0-0 / 0-1 (Round of 32: 2023)           |
| 33-22 / 48-49                     | YTD / Career W-L               | 19-14 / 72-73                           |

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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

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

RANKING HISTORY

| TOP RANK | YEAR-END | YEAR | TOP RANK | YEAR-END |
|----------|----------|------|----------|----------|
| 18       | -        | 2026 | 30       | -        |
| 50       | 50       | 2025 | 53       | 127      |
| 143      | 158      | 2024 | 48       | 50       |
| 189      | 205      | 2023 | 73       | 105      |
| 214      | 219      | 2022 | 58       | 76       |
| 505      | 529      | 2021 | 141      | 141      |
| -        | -        | 2020 | 297      | 305      |
| -        | -        | 2019 | 311      | 331      |
| -        | -        | 2018 | 730      | 739      |



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

#### PLAYER NOTES

- Making tournament debut
- Faces No.32 Diane Parry in 1r today; most recent Top 50 win came at the 2026 US Open with a win over No.46 Oleksandra Oliynykova
- Won first career hardcourt title this year at Washington DC
- Is currently ranked No.19; this time last year was ranked No.53
- Has won 33 matches this year; prior to this year had won 15 Tour-level matches, including a 13-13 record in 2025

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

#### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at Ningbo, where her previous result was reaching 1r in 2023
- Faces No.19 Alexandra Eala in 1r today; owns 3 wins in career over Top 20 players, most recently defeating No.6 Amanda Anisimova at 2026 Roland Garros
- Won first career hardcourt title at 2026 Monterrey
- Is currently ranked No.32; this time last year was ranked No.125
- Currently the top-ranked Frenchwoman; 1 of 4 French women in the Top 100
- Has won 19 matches at the Tour-level this year, her second most wins in a season in her career; won 25 matches in 2024



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

| 2023 | Result | Rank: 99       | Seed: -    |
|------|--------|----------------|------------|
| 1r   | L      | O. JABEUR (#7) | 7-6(3) 7-5 |



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## SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Fell 1r at Wuhan (l. Shi)
- Reached 2r at Singapore (l. Prozorova)
- Made 3r at US Open (l. Jovic)
- Reached 3r at Cincinnati (l. Anisimova)
- Made 4r at Toronto (l. Bencic)
- Won her maiden career title at Washington DC (d. Pegula in F)
- Reached 4r at Wimbledon (l. Paolini)
- Fell 1r at Bad Homburg (l. Mertens)
- Reached SF at Berlin (l. eventual champion Noskova)  
Made 2r at London (l. Jovic)
- Won title at WTA 125 Birmingham (d. Bartunkova in F)
- Fell 1r at Strasbourg (l. Oliynykova) and Roland Garros (l. Jovic)
- Played 3r at Rome (l. Rybakina)
- Made 2r at Madrid (l. Mertens)
- Fell in 1r at Stuttgart (l. Fernandez)
- Played 2r at Linz (l. Ostpenko)
- Made 4r at Miami (l. Muchova)
- Reached 4r at Indian Wells (l. Noskova)
- Reached QF at Dubai (l. Gauff)
- Played 1r at Doha (l. Valentova)
- Made QF at Abu Dhabi (l. eventual R-Up Alexandrova)
- Fell in 1r at Australian Open (l. Parks)
- Reached SF at Auckland (l. eventual R-Up, X.Wang)

- Fell 1r at Wuhan (l. Tararudee)
- Contested 2r at Beijing (after 1r bye, l. Preston)
- Made 2r at Guadalajara (l. Samsonova)
- Played 2r at US Open (l. Cirstea)
- Won first career WTA title at Monterrey (d. Mertens in F)
- Made R16 at Cincinnati (l. Swiatek)
- Played 1r at Toronto (l. Day)
- Fell 1r at Prague (l. Hontama)
- Made 2r at Wimbledon (l. Kalinskaya)
- Made 2r at Berlin (as a qualifier, l. Noskova)
- Reached 4r at a Grand Slam for the first time in her career at Roland Garros (l. eventual R-Up Chwalinska)
- Played 2r at Strasbourg (as WC, l. Zhang)
- Won the title at WTA 125 Paris (d. Keys in F via ret.)
- Fell in 1r at Rouen (l. eventual champion Kostyuk)
- Made 2r at Indian Wells (as qualifier, l. Keys)
- Reached SF at Ostrava (l. eventual R-Up Korpatsch)

| VALUE | WTA RANK | MATCH STATS                      | VALUE | WTA RANK |
|-------|----------|----------------------------------|-------|----------|
| 72    | 56       | Aces                             | 138   | 35       |
| 62.8% | 37       | First serve %                    | 57.6% | 76       |
| 62.4% | 62       | First Serve points won %         | 69.0% | 12       |
| 47.8% | 22       | Second serve points won %        | 44.7% | 57       |
| 57.0% | 46       | Overall service points won %     | 58.7% | 29       |
| 66.8% | 45       | Service games won %              | 71.1% | 24       |
| 54.8% | 54       | Break points saved %             | 59.3% | 20       |
| 36.7% | 43       | First serve return points won %  | 33.2% | 81       |
| 57.1% | 15       | Second serve return points won % | 52.3% | 83       |
| 42.6% | 70       | Break points converted %         | 41.4% | 81       |
| 37.3% | 26       | Return games won %               | 28.8% | 80       |
| 44.5% | 31       | Return points won %              | 40.5% | 82       |

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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (1)  
2026 - WASHINGTON DC  
Runner-Up (1)  
2025 - EASTBOURNE

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (1)  
2026 - MONTERREY

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (2)  
2023 - LAUSANNE (w/Bondar), MÉRIDA (w/Mcnally)  
Runner-Up (1)  
2024 - NOTTINGHAM (w/Dart)

| AUSTRALIAN<br>OPEN | ROLAND<br>GARROS | WIMBLEDON | US OPEN |      | AUSTRALIAN<br>OPEN | ROLAND<br>GARROS | WIMBLEDON | US OPEN |
|--------------------|------------------|-----------|---------|------|--------------------|------------------|-----------|---------|
| 1r                 | 1r               | 4r        | 3r      | 2026 |                    | 4r               | 2r        | 2r      |
|                    | 1r               | 1r        | 2r      | 2025 | 1r                 | 1r               | 3r        | 3r      |
|                    |                  |           |         | 2024 | 3r                 | 2r               | 1r        | 2r      |
|                    |                  |           |         | 2023 | 1r                 | 2r               | 2r        | 1r      |
|                    |                  |           |         | 2022 | 1r                 | 3r               | 3r        | 1r      |
|                    |                  |           |         | 2021 |                    | 1r               |           |         |
|                    |                  |           |         | 2020 |                    | 1r               |           |         |
|                    |                  |           |         | 2019 |                    | 2r               |           | 1r      |



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## 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
- Highlights in 2025 included 3r runs at Wimbledon (as a qualifier) and US Open, also reached R16 at Strasbourg, Hamburg and Chennai
- 2024 season highlight was posting best result at a WTA 1000 by reaching R16 at Indian Wells and first time reaching 3r at Australian Open and 2r at US Open. Also made three SF runs at Osaka, Palermo, and Nottingham. Broke into the Top 50 for the first time and achieved new career-high ranking of No.48 in October
- The 2023 Grand Slam season included two 2r runs at Roland Garros (l. Andreeva) and Wimbledon (l. Martic); fell in 1r at Australian Open (l. Townsend) and US Open (l. Boulter)
- Best Tour level showing in 2023 was a SF run at Lausanne (l. Burel)
- In 2022, lifted the WTA 125 Paris title (d. McNally via W/O) and further reached another WTA 125 final at Colina (l. Bejlek)
- Broke into Top 100 on February 28, 2022 and continued steady progress for remainder of season
- First notable 2022 performance was 3r run at Roland Garros (l. Stephens) beating defending champion Krejciikova in 1r
- In the 2022 grass season, made SF at Gaiba 125 and 3r at Wimbledon (l. Jabeur)
- Series of impressive performances in 2022 started from QF at Palermo (l. Camelia Begu) followed by SF at Granby (l. Kasatkina), QF at Portoroz (l. Lena Friedsam), and QF at Monastir before 1r exits at Cluj Napoca, Rouen 125, and W80 Poitiers
- Finished 2021 in fine form, winning 18 of last 20 matches, highlighted by two WTA 125K Series finals, winning title in Montevideo, Uruguay and finishing R-Up at Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Overall, compiled 50-23 win-loss record last year, lifting three ITF Circuit titles and rising nearly 200 places in the rankings during second half of campaign. Also fell 1r at Roland Garros (as WC, l. Sasnovich) and Strasbourg (as qualifier, l. Niemeier)
- Lifted first ITF Circuit title in 2020, at W15 tournament in Antalya, Turkey
- Reached 2r on WTA main-draw debut at 2019 Roland Garros (as WC, d. Lapko, l. Mertens)
- First contested WTA qualifying at 2018 Roland Garros
- Owns four titles in singles and three in doubles on ITF Circuit
- Made professional debut at W15 ITF Circuit event in Le Havre in 2017

## 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 Thomas Hogstedt and Julie Coin
- Started playing tennis aged five
- Favorite surface is hard