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DAY 3 – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

Marie Bouzkova (CZE #26) vs. [LL] Anastasia Zakharova (#111)

First meeting

Bouzkova:

- Making her tournament debut at Ningbo
- Two of her 4 career WTA titles have come on hard court, at Prague 2025 (d. Noskova in F) and Prague 2022 (d. Potapova in F)
- Has won 32 Tour-level matches so far in 2026; her best results this year are two title runs at Nottingham on grass (d. Navarro in F) and Bogota on clay (d. Udvardy in F)
- Seeking her 6th quarterfinal appearance of the year
- Reached a career-high ranking of No.21 in July of this year

Zakharova:

- Making her tournament debut at Ningbo
- Entered main draw as a lucky loser following the withdrawal of No.2 seed Iga Swiatek (left thigh injury)
- Owns 3 Tour-level wins in career over Top 50 players, most recently No.21 Anna Kalinskaya at Miami 2026
- Her best Tour-level finish this year is reaching Memphis quarterfinals on hard court (l. Zarazua)
- Nine of her 11 Tour-level match-wins this year have been on hard court, including Memphis quarterfinals and 3rd round finish at WTA 1000 Miami as a qualifier (l. Mboko)
- Reached career-high ranking of No.65 on April 6 of this year

Leylah Fernandez (CAN #30) vs. [Q] Aliaksandra Sasnovich (#122)

Tied 2-2

Fernandez:

- Making her tournament debut at Ningbo
- Defeated No.7 seed Elise Mertens so far this week for her 10th win in her last 13 matches
- All of her 6 career WTA titles have come on hard court, including one in 2026 at Singapore last month (d. Gibson in F)
- Two of her titles have been at WTA 500-level, at 2025 Washington DC (d. Kalinskaya in F) and Singapore last month
- Holds a 6-2 record this year vs. players ranked outside the Top 100
- Seeking her 5th Tour-level quarterfinal of the year

Sasnovich:

- Making 2nd appearance at Ningbo, where she qualified for last year's main draw and fell 1r (l. Sonmez)
- Qualified again for this year's main draw, then defeated Daria Kasatkina in 1r for her first Tour-level win since defeating Gibson in WTA 1000 Beijing 1r
- Her best career showing at a WTA 500 event was finishing R-Up at 2018 Brisbane (l. Svitolina in F)
- Best career Tour-level results on hard court are 4 R-Up finishes at 2015 Seoul (l. Begu), 2018 Brisbane (l. Svitolina), 2022 Melbourne #2 (l. Anisimova), and 2022 Cleveland (l. Samsonova)
- Trying to reach her first Tour-level quarterfinal since her SF finish at 2025 Cluj-Napoca

[8] Sorana Cirstea (ROU #17) vs. Sara Bejlek (CZE #32)

Cirstea leads 1-0

Cirstea:

- Making 2nd appearance at Ningbo, where her previous result was reaching 2r in 2023 (l. Siniakova)
- Has won 3 WTA hard court titles in her career, including earlier this year at Cluj-Napoca (d. Raducanu in F)
- Seeking her 6th Tour-level QF of the year, and her first since QF run at 2026 Roland Garros (l. eventual champion M. Andreeva)
- Has won a career-high 38 Tour-level matches this year (previous most wins in a season was 32 in 2013)
- Recently reached career-high ranking of No.15 on September 14, 2026 – earlier this year, she became the oldest player in WTA Rankings history (since 1975) to make her Top 20 debut
- Best results by Romania at Ningbo were Round of 16 runs by Jaqueline Cristian in 2024, and Sorana Cirstea in 2023 and this year

Bejlek:

- Making her tournament debut at Ningbo
- Owns 4 wins in career over Top 20 players (all occurring this year), most recently over No.1 Sabalenka in 2026 Cincinnati R16
- Her top career result was achieved on hard court, winning her first career WTA title at 2026 Abu Dhabi in February (as qualifier ranked No.101, d. Alexandrova in F)
- Owns 0-2 career Tour-level record against players from Romania, with record in 2026 standing at 0-1 (l. today's opponent Cirstea at Wimbledon)
- 20 of her 23 Tour-level match-wins this year have been on hard court, including her Abu Dhabi title, Cincinnati SF, and QFs at Guadalajara, Athens and Prague

Ekaterina Alexandrova (#33) vs. [3] Marta Kostyuk (UKR #10)

Alexandrova leads 2-1

Alexandrova:

- Making 2nd appearance at Ningbo; she was runner-up in her tournament debut last year (l. Rybakina in F)
- Owns 22 wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.6 Linda Noskova at 2026 Beijing
- Holds a 3-3 record vs. Top 10 players this year; her other Top 10 wins in 2026 were over No.5 M.Andreeva at Bad Homburg and No.1 Sabalenka at Toronto
- 3 of her 5 career WTA titles have come on hard court, most recently 2025 Linz (d. Yastremska in F)
- Her title run at 2025 Linz is also her career-best result at a WTA 500 event; her last 6 WTA finals have all been at WTA 500-level, including here last year and Abu Dhabi this year (l. Bejlek in F)
- Seeking her 5th Tour-level quarterfinal of the year

Kostyuk:

- Making her tournament debut at Ningbo
- Career-best results at WTA 500 events are 3 runner-up finishes at 2024 Stuttgart (l. Rybakina), 2024 San Diego (l. Boulter) and 2026 Brisbane (l. Sabalenka)
- Seeking her first match-win since defeating today's opponent Alexandrova in 2026 US Open 3r, which was her first win over Alexandrova in 3 attempts
- Holds a 24-3 record at Tour-level this year vs. players ranked outside the Top 20 (two of those losses have been at her last 2 events, to No.50 Samsonova at Guadalajara and No.35 Sakkari at Wuhan)
- This year, has won 2 WTA titles (both on clay at Rouen and WTA 1000 Madrid), reached 2 Grand Slam semifinals (Roland Garros and Wimbledon) and made her WTA Rankings Top 10 debut on September 14

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MARIE BOUZKOVA
CZECH REPUBLIC

ANASTASIA ZAKHAROVA [LL]

111

1998-07-21	Date of Birth		2002-01-18
Bradenton, FL, USA	Residence		
Right-Handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-Handed	
5' 11" (1.80m)	Height	5' 7" (1.70 m)	
21	Career-High Ranking	65	
\$8,531,911	Career Prize Money	\$1,970,648	
\$2,197,963	Season Prize Money	\$772,279	
2 / 4	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 0	
28-30 (Quarter-Finalist: 2022 WIMBLEDON)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	4-7 (Round of 32: 2024 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	
1-0 / 1-0 (Round of 16: 2026)	YTD / Career NINGBO W-L (best)	0-0 / 0-0	
32-20 / 170-140	YTD / Career W-L	11-17 / 22-39	



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ZAKHAROVA [LL]

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
21	-	2026	65	-
39	43	2025	79	101
34	45	2024	106	109
24	34	2023	166	194
26	26	2022	156	165
46	89	2021	198	198
46	51	2020	242	252
53	57	2019	357	358
142	142	2018	973	975
169	187	2017	-	-



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. K. RAKHIMOVA (#67) 6-4 6-4 (2h 4m)

Total time on court: 2h 4m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making tournament debut at Ningbo
- Has defeated Kamilla Rakhimova so far this week to reach her first R16 since 4r run at Cincinnati 2026
- Faces No.111 Anastasia Zakharova in 2r today
- 2 out of her 4 singles titles have come on hard court at Prague 2025 (d. Noskova in F) and Prague 2022 (d. Potapova in F)
- One of 2 players from Czech Republic to reach 2r (alongside Bejlek)
- Best result by Czech Republic at Ningbo was Semi-Finalist run by Karolina Muchova in 2024, Linda Fruhvirtova in 2023
- Last time 2 players from Czech Republic reached 2r at Ningbo was 2024
- Is currently ranked No.26; this time last year was ranked No.41. Has reached a career high of No.21 in July 2026
- During last year's Asian swing reached 4r at Beijing, 2r at Wuhan and Osaka
- Has won 32 Tour-level matches so far in 2026; best results are two title runs at Nottingham (d. Navarro in F) and Bogota (d. Udvardy in F)
- Winner of today's match will face either No.8 seed Sorana Cirstea or Sara Bejlek in QF

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making tournament debut at Ningbo
- Faces No.26 Marie Bouzkova in 2r today; owns 3 career Tour-level wins over Top 50 players, most recently No.21 Anna Kalinskaya at Miami 2026
- Owns 2-4 career record against players from Czech Republic, with record in 2026 standing at 2-3
- Best career result on hard-court is Semi-Finalist at Cleveland in 2025 (l. eventual Champion Cirstea)
- Her best Tour-level finish this year is reaching Memphis quarterfinals on hard court (l. Zarazua)
- Lowest ranked player (No.526) to reach 2r at Ningbo was Vera Zvonareva in 2023
- Is currently ranked No.111; this time last year was ranked No.84. Reached career-high ranking of No.65 on April 6 of this year
- During last year's Asian swing reached 2r at Jiujiang, 1r at Guangzhou, 1r at Wuhan, 1r at Beijing, 1r at Seoul
- Nine of her 11 Tour-level match-wins this year have been on hard court, including Memphis quarterfinals and 3rd round finish at WTA 1000 Miami as a qualifier (l. Mboko)



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles



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SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Made 2r at Wuhan (l. eventual champion Chwalinska)
- Reached 3r at Beijing (l. eventual champion Zheng)
- Made 3r at US Open (l. Swiatek)
- Reached 4r at Cincinnati (l. eventual Champion Gauff)
- Played 2r at Toronto (1r bye, l. Townsend)
- Made QF at Prague (l. Valentova)
- Reached 4r at Wimbledon (l. Mertens)
- Won first career grass court title at Nottingham (d. Navarro in F)
- Played 2r at London (l. Vekic)
- Made 3r at Roland Garros (l. eventual champion M.Andreeva)
- Reached QF at Strasbourg (l. Li)
- Played 2r at Madrid (l. Kalinina) and Rome (l. Townsend)
- Won title at Bogota (d. R-Up Udvardy in F)
- Made 3r at Miami (l. M.Andreeva)
- Played 1r at Indian Wells (l. Townsend)
- Reached QF at Merida (l. eventual R-Up Frech)
- Fell in 1r at Dubai (l. Mertens)
- Played 1r at Doha (l. eventual R-Up Mboko)
- Made 2r at Australian Open (l. Swiatek)
- Played 2r at Adelaide (as LL, l. eventual champion M.Andreeva)
- Made 2r at Brisbane (l. Badosa)

- Reached 2r at Beijing (l. Bencic)
- Played 1r at Seoul (l. Ostapenko)
- Fell 1r at US Open (l. Osaka)
- Reached QF at Memphis (l. Zarazua)
- Played 1r at Wimbledon (l. eventual R-Up Muchova)
- Made 2r at Eastbourne (l. eventual R-Up Maria)
- Fell 1r at Roland Garros (l. Muchova)
- Made 2r at Rome (l. Noskova)
- Played 1r at Madrid (l. Osorio)
- Fell in 1r at Charleston (l. Yastremska)
- Reached 3r at Miami (as qualifier, l. Mboko)
- Made 2r at Indian Wells (as qualifier, l. Raducanu)
- Played 2r at Austin (l. Krueger)
- Made 2r at Dubai (as LL, l. Ruzic)
- Played 1r at Doha (as qualifier, l. Ostapenko)
- Made 2r at Cluj-Napoca (l. Potapova)
- Fell in 1r at Australian Open (l. Pegula)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
91	51	Aces	26	120
68.3%	12	First serve %	66.9%	14
64.8%	47	First Serve points won %	60.1%	75
45.6%	47	Second serve points won %	44.9%	54
58.7%	28	Overall service points won %	55.1%	71
69.7%	32	Service games won %	62.0%	72
58.3%	24	Break points saved %	50.2%	80
38.1%	20	First serve return points won %	32.6%	83
57.0%	17	Second serve return points won %	53.9%	57
45.4%	41	Break points converted %	44.0%	57
37.5%	27	Return games won %	29.4%	78
45.1%	21	Return points won %	41.2%	78



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TITLES

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (4)

2026 - NOTTINGHAM, BOGOTA
2025 - PRAGUE
2022 - PRAGUE

Runner-Up (6)

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

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (7)

2026 - CINCINNATI (w/Noskova)
2025 - EASTBOURNE (w/Danilina)
2023 - SEOUL (w/Mattek-sands), BEIJING
(w/Sorribes Tormo)
2022 - ISTANBUL (w/Sorribes Tormo)
2021 - PRAGUE (w/Hradecka), BIRMINGHAM
(w/Hradecka)

Runner-Up (3)

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

DOUBLES FINALS

Runner-Up (3)

2024 - MONASTIR (w/Korneeva)
2022 - PRAGUE (w/Gabueva)
2021 - NUR-SULTAN (w/Gabueva)



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GRAND SLAMS

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



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CAREER MILESTONES

- In 2025, won second WTA Tour singles title of career at Prague (d. fellow Czech Noskova in final); also made SF at Monterrey and QF at Brisbane and Bogota, finishing inside the Top 50 for the fourth straight season. In doubles, won Eastbourne title w/Danilina
- Reached two WTA singles finals in 2024, at Bogota (l. Osorio) and Washington, DC (l. Badosa); finished season with SF run at Jiujiang (l. Golubic). In Grand Slam play, achieved best result at Roland Garros to date, advancing to 3r (l. Swiatek)
- Enjoyed success in second half of 2023 season with 4r at Wimbledon (l. eventual champion Vondrousova), 3r at US Open (l. Jabeur) and R-Up at Nanchang (l. Siniakova). Lifted two more doubles trophies in 2023 at Beijing (w/Sorribes Tormo) and Seoul (w/Mattek Sands)
- In 2022, won first WTA Tour singles title at Prague (d. Potapova in F) and made first Grand Slam QF at Wimbledon (l. Jabeur); finished R-Up at WTA 250 event in Guadalajara (l. Stephens in F), then had a SF run later in the year at the WTA 1000 event in the same city (l. Sakkari)
- Finished 2022 season ranked No.25 in singles, having started it only just inside Top 100. Also won her third career doubles title at 2022 Istanbul (w/Sorribes Tormo)
- Advanced to second career WTA singles final at 2021 Phillip Island Trophy in Melbourne, defeating No.8 Andreescu in SF (l. Kasatkina in F); followed up with SF at Guadalajara (l. Sorribes Tormo)
- In doubles in 2021, won first WTA titles of career, both w/Hradecka at Birmingham (d. Jabeur/Perez in F) and Prague (d. Stojanovic/Kuzmova in F); reached an additional final at Charleston (w/Hradecka, l. Melichar/Schuurs) and also made QF at Wimbledon and US Open
- Before tour's hiatus in March 2020, advanced to first career WTA singles final at Monterrey where she finished R-Up to Svitolina; broke into Top 50 at No.47 following the tournament
- Other highlights of 2020 came at Lexington, where she made the fourth Tour-level QF of her career (l. eventual champion Brady) and reached maiden WTA doubles final (w/Teichmann, l. Carter/Stefani)
- Standout performance of 2019 season was a SF run in her first Premier 5 appearance at Toronto (as qualifier, l. S. Williams in 3s); upset No.4 Halep and No.8 Stephens en route, her first career Top 20 wins
- 2025 highlights include first career WTA Tour SF at Cleveland (l. eventual champion Cirstea), 2r at both Wimbledon and US Open, and first two Top 50 wins of career (d. Vekic at Queen's Club; d. Baptiste at Cleveland). Made Top 100 debut on June 16, hitting career-high of No.79 on September 15
- Opened the 2024 season with her first Grand Slam main draw at Australian Open making third round, and closed out the season by posting her best career Tour-level result with QF at Hong Kong
- Played mainly ITF in 2023, with strongest Tour-level appearance at Hua Hin reaching 2r (l. Andreescu)
- Moved into Top 200 for first time in 2022 with best result of the season making main draw in Prague (as qualifier, l. Cornet) and Portoroz (as qualifier, l. Zidansek)
- Had doubles success in 2021 reaching Nur-Sultan final, and also 2022 with final at Prague (both w/Gabueva)
- In 2021, reached first Tour-level main draw at Gdynia (as lucky loser, l. Gorgodze), also making 1r at Luxembourg (as qualifier, l. Dodin), Ostrava (as qualifier, l. Sorribes Tormo) and Nur-Sultan (as qualifier, l. Diyas)
- Made first ITF final in 2019 on hard court at Shymkent W15 and earned first ITF title the next month at the same location on clay. Later the same year, played first WTA qualifying matches at Moscow (l. Cepelova in Q2)
- Played first ITF match at Minsk W15 in 2017 at the age of 15

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

OTHER INFORMATION

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

- Currently coached by father Vladimir Zakharov
- Started playing tennis at the age of eight
- Mother is Alexandra Zakharova



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**LEYLAH
FERNANDEZ**
CANADA

**ALIAKSANDRA
(Q) SASNOVICH**

122

2002-09-06	Date of Birth		1994-03-22
Boynton Beach, Florida, USA	Residence		
Left-Handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	
5' 6" (1.68m)	Height	5' 9" (1.74m)	
13	Career-High Ranking	29	
\$8,987,480	Career Prize Money	\$6,886,951	
\$1,684,341	Season Prize Money	\$489,016	
1 / 6	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 0	
29-26 (Runner-Up: 2021 US OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	30-38 (Round of 16: 2022 ROLAND GARROS; 2018 WIMBLEDON)	
1-0 / 1-0 (Round of 16: 2026)	YTD / Career NINGBO W-L (best)	1-0 / 1-1 (Round of 16: 2026)	
25-24 / 162-129	YTD / Career W-L	7-11 / 158-173	



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ALIAKSANDRA
(Q) SASNOVICH

HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2025	VIC 125	CLAY	2r	Aliaksandra Sasnovich	6-4 2-6 6-2	2h 25m
2024	TOKYO	HARD	1r	Leylah Fernandez	5-7 6-2 5-2	2h 44m
2023	NANCHANG	HARD	QF	Leylah Fernandez	6-3 6-4	1h 23m
2023	ROME	CLAY	1r	Aliaksandra Sasnovich	7-6(4) 4-6 6-3	2h 37m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
22	-	2026	102	-
22	22	2025	92	111
23	31	2024	81	146
32	35	2023	30	88
13	40	2022	29	31
24	24	2021	84	91
88	88	2020	62	90
209	209	2019	30	67
451	487	2018	30	30
727	728	2017	85	87



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**LEYLAH
FERNANDEZ**

**ALIAKSANDRA
(Q) SASNOVICH**

TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. E. MERTENS (#15) 2-6 6-3 7-5 (2h 49m)

Total time on court: 2h 49m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making her tournament debut
- Defeated No.7 seed Elise Mertens so far this week for her 10th win in her last 13 matches
- Faces No.122 Aliaksandra Sasnovich in 2r today; Fernandez is 6-2 this year vs. players ranked outside the Top 100
- All of her 6 career WTA titles have come on hard court, including one in 2026 at Singapore last month (d. Gibson in F)
- Her best Grand Slam performance also occurred on hard court, finishing R-Up at 2021 US Open (l. qualifier Raducanu in all-teenage final)
- Two of her titles have been at WTA 500-level, at 2025 Washington DC (d. Kalinskaya in F) and Singapore last month
- Only player from Canada in this week's main draw; she is the first player from Canada to reach a Ningbo R16
- Has won 25 Tour-level matches this year, with 16 of those coming on hard court
- Is currently ranked No.30; this time last year was ranked No.22. Reached career-high ranking of No.13 in August 2022
- Winner of this match will face either No.3 seed Marta Kostyuk or last year's R-Up Ekaterina Alexandrova in QF

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. D. KASATKINA (#74) 6-4 6-2 (1h 16m)

Total time on court: 1h 16m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at Ningbo, where she qualified for last year's main draw and fell 1r (l. Sonmez)
- Qualified again for this year's main draw, with wins over Bondar and Kalinina (via ret.)
- In the main draw, defeated Daria Kasatkina for her first Tour-level win since defeating Gibson in WTA 1000 Beijing 1r
- Faces No.30 Leylah Fernandez in 2r today; Sasnovich is 2-8 at Tour-level this year vs. Top 50 players, with her most recent Top 50 win over No.37 Talia Gibson at 2026 Beijing
- Owns 3-3 career Tour-level record against players from Canada; most recent Tour-level match vs. a Canadian was a win over Stakusic at 2025 Cluj-Napoca
- Her best showing at a WTA 500 event was finishing R-Up at 2018 Brisbane (l. Svitolina in F)
- Best career Tour-level results on hard court are 4 R-Up finishes at 2015 Seoul (l. Begu), 2018 Brisbane (l. Svitolina), 2022 Melbourne #2 (l. Anisimova), and 2022 Cleveland (l. Samsonova)
- Best result by a qualifier at Ningbo was QF run by Ajla Tomljanovic in 2025 (l. eventual champion Rybakina)
- Is currently ranked No.122; this time last year was ranked No.108. Reached career-high ranking of No.29 in September 2022



MATCH NOTES

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ALIAKSANDRA
(Q) SASNOVICH

RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

2025	Result	Rank: 114	Seed: -
1r	L	Z. SONMEZ (#76) 2-6 7-5 6-3	

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ALIAKSANDRA (Q) SASNOVICH

SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- 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)
- Reached 2r at Singapore (l. M.Andreeva) and Beijing (l. Alexandrova)
 - Fell 1r at Prague (l. Timofeeva)
 - Reached 2r at Athens (l. Valentova)
 - Played 1r at Stuttgart (as qualifier, l. eventual R-Up Muchova)
 - Fell in 1r at Linz (as qualifier, l. Pliskova)
 - Played 1r at Miami (as qualifier, l. Badosa)
 - Fell in 1r at Dubai (as qualifier, l. Cirstea)
 - Played 2r at Abu Dhabi (as LL, l. Eala)
 - Fell in 1r at Australian Open (as qualifier, l. Paolini)
 - Opened 2026 reaching R16 at Brisbane as a qualifier (l. Samsonova)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
132	38	Aces	30	112
62.5%	41	First serve %	62.8%	0
65.7%	40	First Serve points won %	61.5%	0
46.6%	33	Second serve points won %	43.1%	0
58.6%	30	Overall service points won %	54.7%	0
71.1%	24	Service games won %	59.8%	0
63.7%	4	Break points saved %	56.3%	0
34.3%	74	First serve return points won %	37.5%	0
53.2%	68	Second serve return points won %	54.8%	0
45.9%	33	Break points converted %	49.6%	0
32.4%	58	Return games won %	37.2%	0
41.7%	67	Return points won %	43.9%	0



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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

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/Mattek-sands)

SINGLES FINALS

Runner-Up (5)
2024 - BUDAPEST
2022 - CLEVELAND, MELBOURNE 250 #2
2018 - BRISBANE
2015 - SEOUL

DOUBLES FINALS

Runner-Up (1)
2023 - HONG KONG (w/Kalashnikova)

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



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CAREER MILESTONES

- 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
- Top 2025 result was Cluj-Napoca SF (l. eventual champion Potapova); also made SF at WTA 125 events in Paris and Vic, and reached Wimbledon 2r as a qualifier (d. Gracheva in 1r for first Grand Slam main draw win since 2023 Wimbledon)
- Reached fifth WTA singles final of career at 2024 Budapest (l. Shnaider); season also highlighted by run to 3r at Rome as a qualifier (l. Kerber). In doubles, reached SF at Dubai (w/Siegemund)
- 2023 Tour highlights include a SF run at s-Hertogenbosch (l. Alexandrova) and QF at Nanchang (l. Fernandez)
- Highlights in 2022 were R-Up finishes at Melbourne Summer Set 2 (l. Anisimova) and Cleveland (l. Samsonova); also made QF at St. Petersburg, Berlin and Hamburg, leading to career-high ranking of No.29 on September 19
- Best results in 2021 were runs to QFs at Belgrade and Cleveland and R16 at Indian Wells
- Reached first WTA QF in 18 months at 2020 Palermo (as qualifier, l. Martic) and also advanced to QF stage at Istanbul and Linz; made 3r at 2020 US Open (d. No.19 Vondrousova en route for first Top 20 win in over a year)
- Made strong start to 2019 season, recording first career Top 5 victory over No.4 Svitolina en route to Brisbane QF (l. Vekic), followed by Sydney SF (as qualifier, l. eventual champion Kvitova) and Australian Open 3r (l. Pavlyuchenkova)
- Reached first Grand Slam SF in doubles at 2019 US Open (w/Kuzmova, l. Azarenka/Barty)
- In 2018, reached second career WTA final at Brisbane (as qualifier, d. No.11 Mladenovic and No.16 Sevastova en route, finished R-Up to No.6 Svitolina). Also made SF at Moscow River Cup and first Grand Slam R16 at Wimbledon. First broke into Top 50 on January 29
- Highlight of 2016 was run through qualifying to QF at Tokyo Pan Pacific Open; defeated No.6 Ka.Pliskova en route for first career Top 10 win
- Reached first career WTA Tour singles final at 2015 Seoul (as qualifier, l. Begu); made Top 100 debut on September 8, 2015 (after US Open; rose from No.120 to No.97)
- In 2014, won 11th and most recent singles title on ITF Circuit. Also owns seven ITF Circuit doubles titles
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2013 Brussels; made WTA main draw debut at 2014 US Open
- Played first event of career at 2009 ITF/Minsk 2

- 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

- 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 Rubiks Cubes during match rain delays or in her free time at the hotel
 - Loves dessert but specifically enjoys molten lava chocolate cake
- Currently coached by Dzmitry Klimenko
 - Mother is Natalia; younger sister is Polina
 - Started playing at age 9; introduced to sport by father
 - Favorite shot is backhand down the line; favorite surface is indoor hardcourt; favorite tournaments are US Open and Stuttgart
 - Studying for a physical culture degree at university in Minsk
 - Speaks English, Belarusian, Russian and a little bit of French
 - Dream is to win Wimbledon one day

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CIRSTEA (8)

ROMANIA

SARA
BEJLEK

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CZECH REPUBLIC

1990-04-07	Date of Birth	2006-01-31
Targoviste, Romania	Residence	
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Left-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 9" (1.76m)	Height	5' 3" (1.63 m)
15	Career-High Ranking	28
\$13,133,841	Career Prize Money	\$2,263,492
\$2,327,213	Season Prize Money	\$1,281,601
1 / 4	Singles Titles YTD / Career	1 / 1
76-69 (Quarter-Finalist: 2026 ROLAND GARROS; 2023 US OPEN; 2009 FRENCH OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	2-10 (Round of 64: 2026 ROLAND GARROS; 2025 ROLAND GARROS)
1-0 / 2-1 (Round of 16: 2026, 2023)	YTD / Career NINGBO W-L (best)	1-0 / 1-0 (Round of 16: 2026)
38-15 / 375-350	YTD / Career W-L	23-18 / 29-29



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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2026	WIMBLEDON	GRASS	1r	Sorana Cirstea	6-1 7-6(6)	1h 32m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
15	-	2026	28	-
44	44	2025	75	76
22	70	2024	114	142
25	26	2023	155	190
24	38	2022	181	189
37	38	2021	375	380
69	86	2020	-	-
72	72	2019	-	-
33	86	2018	-	-
37	37	2017	-	-



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. H. SHI (#177) 6-3 6-2 (1h 15m)

Total time on court: 1h 15m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at Ningbo, where her previous result was reaching 2r in 2023
- Has defeated Han Shi so far this week to reach her first 2r since 4r run at US Open 2026
- Faces No.32 Sara Bejlek in 2r today; owns 135 wins in career over Top 50 players, most recently No.21 Jasmine Paolini at US Open 2026
- Owns 27-33 career record against players from Czech Republic, with record in 2026 standing at 5-2
- Has won 3 hardcourt titles in her career, including earlier this year at Cluj-Napoca
- Only player from Romania in the main draw
- Best result by Romania at Ningbo was Round of 16 run by Jaqueline Cristian in 2024; Sorana Cirstea in 2023 and this year
- Is currently ranked No.17; this time last year was ranked No.45. Recently reached career-high ranking of No.15 on September 14, 2026
- During last year's Asian swing reached QF at Hong Kong, SF at Osaka, 2r at Wuhan, 2r at Beijing, 2r at Seoul
- Has won a career-high 38 matches this year (previous most wins in a season was 32 in 2013)

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. A. PARKS (#64) 4-6 6-3 6-3 (2h 24m)

Total time on court: 2h 24m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making tournament debut at Ningbo
- Has defeated Alycia Parks so far this week to reach her first R16 since QF run at Guadalajara 2026
- Faces No.17 Sorana Cirstea in 2r today; Bejlek owns 4 wins in career over Top 20 players (all occurring this year), most recently No.1 Sabalenka in 2026 Cincinnati R16
- Owns 0-2 career record against players from Romania, with record in 2026 standing at 0-1 (l. Cirstea at Wimbledon)
- Her top career result was achieved on hard court, winning her first career WTA title at 2026 Abu Dhabi in February (as qualifier ranked No.101, d. Alexandrova in F)
- One of 2 players from Czech Republic to reach 2r (alongside Bouzkova)
- Best result by Czech Republic at Ningbo was Semi-Finalist run by Karolina Muchova in 2024, Linda Fruhvirtova in 2023
- Is currently ranked No.32; this time last year was ranked No.101. Reached career-high ranking of No.28 last month
- 20 of her 23 Tour-level match-wins this year have been on hard court, including her Abu Dhabi title, Cincinnati SF, and QFs at Guadalajara, Athens and Prague



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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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BEJLEK

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)
- Fell 1r at Wuhan (l. Paolini)
 - Made 3r at Beijing (l. Osaka)
 - Reached QF at Guadalajara (l. Bucsa)
 - Fell 1r at US Open (l. Bucsa)
 - Made SF at Cincinnati (l. eventual Champion Gauff)
 - Played 2r at Toronto (l. eventual champion Swiatek)
 - Reached QF at Athens (l. Tauson) and Prague (l. eventual champion Tagger)
 - Played 1r at Wimbledon (l. Cirstea)
 - Made 2r at Eastbourne (gave w/o to Sonmez)
 - Played 1r at Nottingham (l. Ka. Pliskova)
 - Fell in 1r at 's-Hertogenbosch (l. Yastremska)
 - Made 2r at Roland Garros (l. Swiatek)
 - Played 1r at Strasbourg(l. eventual champion Navarro)
 - Made 1r at Rome (l. Siegemund)
 - Reached 3r at Charleston (l. Bencic)
 - Played 1r at Miami (l. Gibson)
 - Made 2r at Dubai (as WC, l. Bencic via walkover)
 - Champion run at Abu Dhabi (as qualifier, d. R-Up Alexandrova in F)
 - 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
231	11	Aces	47	86
59.0%	66	First serve %	62.1%	47
68.8%	14	First Serve points won %	61.0%	69
49.4%	11	Second serve points won %	46.9%	30
60.8%	15	Overall service points won %	55.7%	64
73.7%	16	Service games won %	63.2%	66
56.4%	39	Break points saved %	54.4%	57
38.6%	16	First serve return points won %	39.4%	9
56.7%	22	Second serve return points won %	55.9%	31
45.9%	32	Break points converted %	45.1%	43
40.5%	10	Return games won %	39.2%	13
45.6%	14	Return points won %	45.3%	19



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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)

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (1)

2026 - ABU DHABI



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GRAND SLAMS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
2r	QF	3r	4r	2026	1r	2r	1r	1r
1r		1r	2r	2025	1r	2r		
1r	1r	1r		2024	1r			
1r	1r	3r	QF	2023	1r	1r		
4r	2r	2r	2r	2022				1r
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. Krejckova), 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 Cibulkova) 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)
- 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. Krejckova) 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

- 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 Craciut
- 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

- Coached by Jakub Kahoun
- Standing under 5-foot-3, Bejlek relies on tennis IQ, variety, left-handed angles, slice and defensive skill to outmaneuver bigger opponents, using craft and feel to disrupt baseline power players
- Part of a strong Czech tennis tradition, she draws inspiration from compatriot Petra Kvitova and childhood idol Rafael Nadal

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UKRAINE

1994-11-15	Date of Birth	2002-06-28
Prague, Czech Republic	Residence	Chaiky, Ukraine
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-Handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 9" (1.75m)	Height	5' 9" (1.75m)
10	Career-High Ranking	10
\$11,467,483	Career Prize Money	\$11,168,749
\$1,795,780	Season Prize Money	\$4,337,527
0 / 5	Singles Titles YTD / Career	2 / 3
43-38 (Round of 16: 2025 US OPEN, WIMBLEDON, ROLAND GARROS; 2023 WIMBLEDON)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	43-27 (Semi-Finalist: 2026 WIMBLEDON, ROLAND GARROS)
1-0 / 4-1 (Runner-Up: 2025)	YTD / Career NINGBO W-L (best)	0-0 / 0-0
21-24 / 251-198	YTD / Career W-L	35-11 / 159-118

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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2026	US OPEN	HARD	3r	Marta Kostyuk	6-3 6-2	1h 17m
2022	PORTOROZ	HARD	1r	Ekaterina Alexandrova	7-6(5) 5-7 7-5	2h 49m
2021	ROME	CLAY	1r	Ekaterina Alexandrova	6-3 6-1	1h 15m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
10	-	2026	10	-
10	10	2025	18	26
15	28	2024	16	18
16	21	2023	32	39
19	19	2022	49	70
30	33	2021	50	50
25	33	2020	97	98
35	35	2019	116	155
73	93	2018	118	118
69	73	2017	491	518



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. H. GUO (#189) 6-2 6-3 (1h 22m)

Total time on court: 1h 22m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at Ningbo; she finished R-Up in her tournament debut last year (l. Rybakina in F)
- Defeated wild card Guo Hanyu so far this week, for her first win since defeating Noskova in WTA 1000 Beijing R16
- Faces No.10 Marta Kostyuk in 2r today; Alexandrova owns 22 wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.6 Linda Noskova at 2026 Beijing
- Holds a 3-3 record vs. Top 10 players this year; her other Top 10 wins in 2026 were over No.5 M.Andreeva at Bad Homburg and No.1 Sabalenka at Toronto
- 3 of her 5 career WTA titles have come on hard court, most recently 2025 Linz (d. Yastremska in F)
- Her title run at 2025 Linz is also her career-best result at a WTA 500 event; her last 6 WTA finals have all been at WTA 500-level, including here last year
- Her best tournament finish this year was R-Up at WTA 500 Abu Dhabi (l. Bejlek in F)
- Has won 21 Tour-level matches so far this year, with 15 of those wins coming on hard court
- Is currently ranked No.33; this time last year was ranked at her career-high of No.10

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making her tournament debut
- After 1r bye, faces No.33 Ekaterina Alexandrova in 2r today; Kostyuk's most recent Top 50 win came over Alexandrova at 2026 US Open
- Seeking her first match-win since defeating Alexandrova in 2026 US Open 3r (win total does not include advancing past Townsend in Guadalajara R16 via walkover)
- Kostyuk is 24-3 at Tour-level this year vs. players ranked outside the Top 20 (two of those losses have been at her last 2 events, to No.50 Samsonova at Guadalajara and No.35 Sakkari at Wuhan)
- Career-best results at WTA 500 events are 3 R-Ups at 2024 Stuttgart (l. Rybakina), 2024 San Diego (l. Boulter) and 2026 Brisbane (l. Sabalenka)
- 1 of her 3 career WTA titles has been on hard court: her first WTA title at 2023 Austin (d. Gracheva in F)
- 1 of 3 players from Ukraine starting this week's main draw (Snigur and Kalinina lost 1r)
- Best result by Ukraine at Ningbo was Round of 16 run by Yuliia Starodubtseva in 2025, Dayana Yastremska in 2025, Kateryna Baindl in 2023
- Has won 2 WTA titles this year, both on clay at WTA 1000 Madrid (d. M.Andreeva in F) and Rouen (d. Podrez in first all-Ukrainian WTA final)
- Is currently ranked a career-high No.10; this time last year was ranked No.27



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2025	Result	Rank: 10	Seed: 4
F	L	E. RYBAKINA (#9) 3-6 6-0 6-2	
SF	W	D. SHNAIDER (#19) 6-3 6-4	
QF	W	M. KESSLER (#33) 6-3 6-3	
2r	W	Y. YUAN (#108) 6-3 6-3	

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles



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SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Fell 1r at Wuhan (l. Fernandez)
- Made QF at Beijing (l. M. Andreeva)
- Reached 3r at US Open (l. Kostyuk)
- Contested 2r at Monterrey (after 1r bye, l. Tauson)
- Played 3r at Cincinnati (l. Bejlek)
- Reached QF at Toronto (l. Svitolina)
- Fell in 1r at Memphis (l. eventual champion Liutova via ret.)
- Reached 3r at Wimbledon (l. Jovic)
- Reached QF at Bad Homburg (l. Osaka)
- Made 2r at Berlin (l. Sabalenka)
- Played 1r at 's-Hertogenbosch (l. Udvardy)
- Fell 1r at Roland Garros (l. Osorio)
- Played 2r at Strasbourg (l. Li)
- Played 2r at Stuttgart (l. Noskova) and Rome (l. Siegemund)
- Made 2r at Linz (l. Pliskova)
- Reached 3r at Miami (l. Cristian)
- Played 2r at Indian Wells (l. Gibson)
- Contested 2r at Doha (l. Ostapenko) and Dubai (l. Linette)
- Finished R-Up at Abu Dhabi (l. champion Bejlek in F)
- Fell 1r at Adelaide (l. Cristian) and Australian Open (l. Sonmez)
- Opened season with 3r at Brisbane (l. Muchova)

- Fell 2r at Wuhan (after bye, l. Sakkari)
- Made QF at Guadalajara (l. Samsonova)
- Reached 4r at US Open (l. Noskova)
- Made QF at Cincinnati (l. eventual Champion Gauff)
- Played 4r at Toronto (l. eventual champion Swiatek)
- Reached SF at Wimbledon (l. eventual champion Noskova)
- Reached SF at a Grand Slam for first time in her career at Roland Garros (l. eventual champion M.Andreeva)
- Earned first WTA 1000 title of career at Madrid (d. M.Andreeva in F)
- Became champion at Rouen (d. Podrez in F)
- Played 3r at Miami (l. Rybakina)
- Made 3r at Indian Wells (l. eventual R-Up Rybakina)
- Fell in 1r at Australian Open (l. Jacquemot)
- Reached the final in her 2026 season opener at Brisbane (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
209	14	Aces	179	23
57.6%	76	First serve %	57.5%	77
66.5%	31	First Serve points won %	70.9%	5
46.2%	40	Second serve points won %	46.8%	31
57.9%	38	Overall service points won %	60.7%	16
69.2%	35	Service games won %	74.1%	13
56.7%	36	Break points saved %	60.4%	13
35.5%	59	First serve return points won %	40.3%	6
52.8%	77	Second serve return points won %	58.6%	6
41.0%	81	Break points converted %	48.8%	15
31.4%	69	Return games won %	43.3%	3
42.3%	60	Return points won %	47.0%	4

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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (5)
2025 - LINZ
2023 - 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH
2022 - SEOUL, 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH
2020 - SHENZHEN
Runner-Up (8)
2026 - ABU DHABI
2025 - NINGBO, SEOUL, MONTERREY
2024 - LINZ
2023 - CLEVELAND
2021 - MOSCOW
2018 - LINZ

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (3)
2026 - BERLIN (w/Noskova), ABU DHABI (w/Joint)
2019 - BUDAPEST (w/Zvonareva)

Runner-Up (1)
2025 - STUTTGART (w/Zhang)

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (3)
2026 - MADRID 1000, ROUEN
2023 - AUSTIN

Runner-Up (3)
2026 - BRISBANE
2024 - STUTTGART, SAN DIEGO

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (2)
2023 - BIRMINGHAM (w/Krejcikova)
2022 - PORTOROZ (w/Martincova)

Runner-Up (1)
2021 - TENERIFE (w/Kichenok)

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

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CAREER MILESTONES

- 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, Kudermetova 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
- Best results in 2025 were three QF finishes all at WTA 1000 events: Doha (l. eventual champion Anisimova), Madrid (l. eventual champion Sabalenka) and Montreal. Made 4r at a Grand Slam for the second time in her career (after QF at 2024 Australian Open) at US Open (l. Muchova)
- Reached two WTA 500 finals in 2024 at San Diego and Stuttgart finishing runner-up at both. Also made first Grand Slam quarterfinal at Australian Open and first WTA 1000 semifinal at Indian Wells
- Earned five Top 10 wins in 2024, entered the year with only three in career and made Top 20 debut on May 6, 2024 finishing the year at No.18
- In 2023, won maiden singles title at Austin (d. Gracheva) and doubles title at Birmingham (w/Krejčíková)
- Reached QF at two WTA 500 events; Adelaide 1 (l. Jabeur) and Washington (l. Samsonova). Achieved a peak singles ranking of No. 32 on August 7, 2023 and No. 27 in doubles on May 8, 2023
- Best result of 2022 was SF showing at Granby (l. Saville). Also made 3r at Australian Open and Eastbourne
- Highlights in second half of 2021 were QF at Chicago (l. Gracheva) and SF at Cluj-Napoca (l. Halep); broke into Top 50 on November 1, 2021, after Cluj-Napoca
- On clay, enjoyed career-best R16 run at Roland Garros (l. Swiatek) and advanced to SF at Istanbul (l. eventual champion Cirstea)
- Opened 2021 by reaching first career WTA SF, at Abu Dhabi (l. V.Kudermetova)
- Broke into Top 100 at No.97 on November 2, 2020, after reaching back-to-back finals on ITF Circuit in US
- Made 3r at 2020 US Open (l. eventual champion Osaka in 3s)
- In February 2020, picked up third ITF singles title of career, at a \$60k event in Cairo
- Season highlight in 2019 was reaching first WTA QF, at Strasbourg (l. Garcia)
- Made Grand Slam main draw debut at 2018 Australian Open and reached 3r, having received a WC into the qualifying event by virtue of winning the junior title there in 2017 (d. Masarova in F). Was first player born in 2002 to play in a Grand Slam main draw. Was also youngest player to reach the 3r at a major since 1997 US Open when Mirjana Lucic-Baroni (15 years, 182 days) reached this stage

- 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

- Scored two Top 50 wins in 2018, over No.27 Peng (Australian Open), No.26 Gavrilova (Fed Cup)
- Won first ITF Circuit title of career at \$25k ITF/Dunakeszi-HUN in 2017 (d. Pera in F)
- Played first WTA qualifying at 2017 Mallorca (l. Kalinskaya in 1r)
- Made Fed Cup debut for Ukraine in 2018
- Won 2017 Australian Open girls' singles title (d. Masarova in F) and ITF Junior Masters event in Chengdu, China in October 2017; rose as high as No.3 in junior rankings in June 2017
- Played first professional event at \$10k ITF/Kharkhiv-UKR in August 2016 (fell in 1r)

OTHER INFORMATION

- 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

- Currently coached by Sandra Zaniewska. Previously coached by Andrea Volpini. Consistently works with her mother Talina (a former professional)
- Currently trains in both Monaco and Kiev
- Father is Oleg; has two sisters, Zoryana and Mariya. Began playing tennis at age five
- One of first coaches was her uncle Taras Beyko, a respected player for the USSR and Ukraine in the late 1980s and early 1990s
- Currently managed by IMG
- Favorite shot is her serve