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DAY 4 – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

[4] Iva Jovic (USA #12) vs. Jasmine Paolini (ITA #35)

Paolini leads 2-1

Jovic:

- Making her tournament debut at Ningbo
- Seeking her 20th career Top 50 win today
- Career-best results on hard court are her 2 WTA titles, which came back-to-back at WTA 500 Guadalajara in 2025 (d. Arango in F) and 2026 (d. Stearns in F)
- Her victory over today's opponent Paolini at 2026 Australian Open was her first career Top 10 win, and it occurred en route to her first Grand Slam QF (l. eventual R-Up Sabalenka)
- Has won 41 Tour-level matches this year, with 27 of those victories coming on hard court
- Posted new career-high ranking of No.11 earlier this month (currently ranked No.12)

Paolini:

- Making 2nd appearance at Ningbo, where her previous result was reaching semifinals last year (l. eventual champion Rybakina)
- Seeking her first Top 20 win since defeating No.14 Bencic at Ningbo last year (0-3 vs. Top 20 players at Tour-level this year)
- 2 of her 3 career WTA titles have come on hard court: 2021 Portoroz (d. Riske-Amritraj in F) and WTA 1000 Dubai in 2024 (d. Kalinskaya in F)
- Her best tournament finish this year is SF run at WTA 500 Merida (l. eventual champion Bucsa)
- Defeated Jovic twice in 2025 (at Indian Wells and US Open) but lost to Jovic at 2026 Australian Open - all of their meetings have been on hard court

[Q] Katarzyna Kawa (POL #128) vs. [5] Belinda Bencic (SUI #14)

First meeting

Kawa:

- Making first main draw appearance at Ningbo; she fell in qualifying last year (l. Putintseva)
- Defeated Snigur in the final round of qualifying this weekend (via ret.), then defeated lucky loser Snigur again in 1r of the main draw, earning her first Tour-level win since 1r in July (d. Waltert)
- Holds 0-2 record at Tour-level vs. Top 20 players (l. No.11 Sevastova in 2019 Jurmala final; l. No.2 Jabeur in 2022 Wimbledon 2r)
- Seeking her 2nd Tour-level QF of the year after QF finish at Bogota on clay (l. eventual R-Up Udvardy)
- Bidding for her first hard court Tour-level QF of career (0-5 in hard court R16 matches at Tour-level)
- She is a 2-time WTA Tour runner-up, both times on clay at 2019 Jurmala (l. Sevastova in F) and 2025 Bogota (l. Osorio in F)

Bencic:

- Making 2nd appearance at Ningbo, where she reached the quarterfinals last year (l. Paolini)
- Holds an 8-3 record this year vs. players ranked outside the Top 100 (last week, lost to No.170 and eventual runner-up Kartal at WTA 1000 Wuhan)
- Eight of her 10 career WTA titles have been achieved on hard court, most recently two last year at Abu Dhabi (d. Krueger in F) and Tokyo (d. Noskova in F)
- Seven of her 10 career WTA titles have been at WTA 500-level, including both of her titles last year
- Her best Tour-level finishes this year are QFs at Miami (l. Gauff), Toronto (walkover vs. Gauff) and Charleston (l. Keys); she also went 5-0 in singles at United Cup where Team Switzerland finished as R-Up

Alexandra Eala (PHI #20) vs. [6] Diana Shnaider (#13)

First meeting

Eala:

- Making first main draw appearance at Ningbo; she fell in qualifying here in 2024 (l. Hon)
- Defeated Diane Parry in 1r this week, earning her first win at a Tour-level event since 3r finish at 2026 US Open (l. Jovic)
- Owns 12 wins in career over Top 20 players, most recently No.3 Pegula in the 2026 Washington DC final
- Her career-best result on hard court is winning her first WTA title at 2026 Washington DC this summer (d. Pegula in F), which is also her best performance at a WTA 500 event
- Has won 34 Tour-level matches in 2026, with 23 of those wins coming on hard court, including her Washington DC title and Auckland SF (l. eventual R-Up Wang Xinyu)
- Seeking her 6th Tour-level QF of the year (which would be her 5th on hard court in 2026), and first since her Washington DC title run

Shnaider:

- Making 4th appearance at Ningbo, where she finished runner-up in 2023 (l. Jabeur in final) and reached last year's semifinals (l. eventual runner-up Alexandrova)
- Defeated Yulia Putintseva in 1r this week, earning her 33rd Tour-level match-win of the year (22 of those wins coming on hard court)
- Owns 14 wins in career over Top 20 players, most recently No.7 Muchova last week at WTA 1000 Wuhan
- Seeking her 7th QF of the year, and 2nd consecutive after QF finish last week at WTA 1000 Wuhan (l. Ostapenko)
- Her top tournament finishes of this year are 3 semifinals, including her first career Grand Slam SF at Roland Garros (l. eventual R-Up Chwalinska)
- She has won two WTA 500 titles in her career, at 2024 Bad Homburg on grass (d. Vekic in F) and 2025 Monterrey on hard court (d. Alexandrova in F)

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NINGBO, CHINA

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[1] Elena Rybakina (KAZ #1) vs. [Q] Polina Kudermetova (UZB #105)

Rybakina leads 1-0

Rybakina:

- Making 2nd Ningbo showing, and returning as the defending champion (d. Alexandrova in last year's final)
- Has won 49 Tour-level matches in 2026; a victory today would tie her with Pegula and Andrejeva (50 each) for the Tour lead in match-wins this year
- Has claimed 3 titles this year (Australian Open, Stuttgart and US Open), tying her with Sabalenka and Andrejeva for the most Tour-level titles this year
- Eight of her 14 Tour-level titles have been on hard court, including her 2 Grand Slam titles this year at Australian Open and US Open (d. Sabalenka in both finals)
- Currently ranked World No.1, which she reached for the first time on September 14, 2026, following her US Open title – she is seeking her first match-win while holding the World No.1 ranking
- Holds a 5-1 record vs. players ranked outside the Top 100 this year, with the one loss coming in her most recent event, falling to No.118 Charaeva in Rybakina's opening match at WTA 1000 Beijing

Kudermetova:

- Making her first main draw appearance at Ningbo; she fell in qualifying last year (l. Guo Hanyu)
- Has notched one career Top 10 win, defeating No.9 Daria Kasatkina at 2025 Brisbane
- She is 0-2 vs. reigning World No.1 players, having lost to No.1 Sabalenka twice, in the 2025 Brisbane final (in 3 sets) and in the 2025 US Open 2r
- Her career-best Tour-level result on hard court is her one career WTA R-Up at 2025 Brisbane (l. Sabalenka in F), which is also her best performance at a WTA 500 event
- Seeking her first Tour-level QF since her run to the 2025 Brisbane final
- Best result by a qualifier at Ningbo was QF run by Ajla Tomljanovic in 2025 (l. eventual champion Rybakina)
- Lost to today's opponent Rybakina in their only prior meeting, at 2023 Berlin on grass

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IVA
JOVIC (4)
UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA

JASMINE
PAOLINI 35

ITALY

2007-12-06	Date of Birth	1996-01-04
	Residence	Bagni di Lucca, Italy
Right-Handed	Plays	Right-Handed
5' 8" (1.73m)	Height	5' 4" (1.63m)
11	Career-High Ranking	4
\$3,806,256	Career Prize Money	\$16,609,904
\$2,742,089	Season Prize Money	\$2,397,662
1 / 2	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 3
16-9 (Quarter-Finalist: 2026 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	39-28 (Runner-Up: 2024 WIMBLEDON, ROLAND GARROS)
0-0 / 0-0	YTD / Career NINGBO W-L (best)	1-0 / 3-1 (Semi-Finalist: 2025)
41-19 / 56-30	YTD / Career W-L	20-16 / 181-143



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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2026	AUSTRALIAN OPEN	HARD	3r	Iva Jovic	6-2 7-6(3)	1h 46m
2025	US OPEN	HARD	2r	Jasmine Paolini	6-3 6-3	1h 27m
2025	INDIAN WELLS	HARD	2r	Jasmine Paolini	7-6(3) 1-6 6-3	2h 10m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
11	-	2026	7	-
33	35	2025	4	8
206	206	2024	4	4
646	647	2023	29	30
-	-	2022	44	59
-	-	2021	51	53
-	-	2020	93	95
-	-	2019	114	117
-	-	2018	130	190
-	-	2017	130	137



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**JASMINE
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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 1st appearance at Ningbo
- After 1r bye, faces No.35 Jasmine Paolini in 2r today; Jovic owns 19 wins in career over Top 50 players, most recently No.44 Cristina Bucsa at 2026 Guadalajara
- Owns 1-3 career Tour-level record against players from Italy (1-1 in 2026: d. today's opponent Paolini at Australian Open; l. Cocciaretto in Hobart F)
- Defeating Paolini at 2026 Australian Open was her first career Top 10 win, and it came en route to her first Grand Slam QF (l. eventual R-Up Sabalenka)
- Career-best results on hard court are her 2 WTA titles, which came back-to-back at Guadalajara in 2025 (d. Arango in F) and 2026 (d. Stearns in F)
- Those two Guadalajara titles are also her career-best performances at WTA 500 events
- 1 of 2 players from United States of America in this week's main draw (Parks lost 1r to Bejlek)
- Best result by United States of America at Ningbo was QF run by McCartney Kessler in 2025 (l. eventual R-Up Alexandrova)
- Has won 41 Tour-level matches this year, with 27 of those victories coming on hard court
- Is currently ranked No.12; this time last year was ranked No.33. Reached career-high ranking of No.11 earlier this month

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. A. KALININA (#51) 6-2 7-5 (1h 40m)

Total time on court: 1h 40m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at Ningbo, where her previous result was reaching SF in 2025 (l. eventual champion Rybakina)
- Defeated Anhelina Kalinina in 1r for her 20th Tour-level win of the year
- Faces No.12 Iva Jovic in 2r today; Paolini defeated Jovic twice in 2025 (at Indian Wells and US Open) but lost to Jovic at 2026 Australian Open - all of their meetings have been on hard court
- Paolini is seeking her first Top 20 win since defeating No.14 Bencic at Ningbo last year (0-3 vs. Top 20 players at Tour-level this year)
- Owns 18-21 career Tour-level record against players from United States of America (2-2 in 2026, including her loss to today's opponent Jovic at Australian Open)
- 2 of her 3 career WTA titles have come on hard court: 2021 Portoroz (d. Riske-Amritraj in F) and WTA 1000 Dubai in 2024 (d. Kalinskaya in F)
- Only player from Italy in this week's main draw
- Best result by Italy at Ningbo was Paolini's SF run last year
- Her best tournament finish this year is SF run at WTA 500 Merida (l. eventual champion Bucsa)
- Her career-best results at WTA 500 events are 6 SFs, most recently 2026 Merida
- Is currently ranked No.35; this time last year was ranked No.6. Reached career-high ranking of No.4 in October 2024



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

2025	Result	Rank: 8	Seed: 2
SF	L	E. RYBAKINA (#9) 6-3 6-2	
QF	W	B. BENCIC (#14) 5-7 7-5 6-3	
2r	W	V. KUDERMETOVA (#31) 6-2 7-5	

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PAOLINI

SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Made 3r at Wuhan (l. eventual champion Chwalinska)
 - Reached 4r at Beijing (l. Swiatek)
 - Defended her Guadalajara title (d. Stearns in F)
 - Made 3r at Cincinnati (l. Bouzkova)
 - Played 3r at Toronto (l. Korneeva)
 - Reached R16 at Wimbledon (l. Pegula)
 - Reached SF at London (l. Raducanu)
 - Made 3r at Roland Garros (l. Osaka)
 - Played 2r at Strasbourg (l. eventual champion Navarro)
 - Reached 4r at Rome (l. eventual finalist Gauff)
 - Made 3r at Madrid (l. Fernandez)
 - Made SF at Charleston (l. eventual champion Pegula)
 - Reached 3r at Miami (l. Gibson)
 - Made 2r at Indian Wells (l. Osorio)
 - Played 2r at Austin (l. Tomljanovic)
 - Reached 3r at Dubai (l. eventual champion Pegula)
 - Made QF at Australian Open (l. eventual R-Up Sabalenka)
 - Reached the final at Hobart (l. champion Cocciaretto in F)
 - Opened the 2026 season by reaching SF at Auckland (l. eventual champion Svitolina)
- Made 3r at Wuhan (l. Kartal)
 - Contested 2r at Beijing (after 1r bye, l. Snigur)
 - Made 3r at US Open (l. Cirstea)
 - Reached QF at Wimbledon (l. Kostyuk)
 - Fell 1r at Eastbourne (l. eventual R-Up Maria)
 - Played 2r at Roland Garros (l. Sierra)
 - Made 3r at Madrid (l. Baptiste) and Rome (l. Mertens)
 - Fell in 1r at Stuttgart (l. Sonmez)
 - Played 3r at Miami (l. Ostapenko)
 - Made 4r at Indian Wells (l. Gibson)
 - Reached SF at Merida (as WC, l. eventual champion Bucsa)
 - Played 2r at Dubai (l. Eala)
 - Made 2r at Doha (l. Sakkari)
 - Reached 3r at Australian Open (l. Jovic)
 - Kicked off 2026 going 1-1 in singles for Team Italy at United Cup

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
138	36	Aces	60	70
60.6%	55	First serve %	66.4%	16
65.1%	44	First Serve points won %	60.6%	71
49.3%	12	Second serve points won %	46.4%	36
58.9%	24	Overall service points won %	55.8%	63
70.0%	30	Service games won %	64.3%	58
58.1%	27	Break points saved %	59.7%	16
39.2%	10	First serve return points won %	38.0%	22
57.0%	19	Second serve return points won %	55.5%	37
50.2%	6	Break points converted %	45.5%	38
41.2%	8	Return games won %	38.0%	23
46.1%	7	Return points won %	44.5%	31

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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS	SINGLES FINALS
Champion (2)	Champion (3)
2026 - GUADALAJARA	2025 - ROME
2025 - GUADALAJARA 500	2024 - DUBAI
Runner-Up (1)	2021 - PORTOROZ
2026 - HOBART	
	Runner-Up (6)
	2025 - CINCINNATI
	2024 - WIMBLEDON, ROLAND GARROS
	2023 - MONASTIR, PALERMO
	2022 - CLUJ-NAPOCA
	DOUBLES FINALS
	Champion (10)
	2025 - BEIJING (w/Errani), ROLAND GARROS (w/Errani), ROME (w/Errani), DOHA (w/Errani)
	2024 - BEIJING (w/Errani), OLYMPICS (w/Errani), ROME (w/Errani), LINZ (w/Errani)
	2023 - MONASTIR (w/Errani)
	2021 - HAMBURG (w/Teichmann)
	Runner-Up (4)
	2026 - MIAMI (w/Errani)
	2025 - BERLIN (w/Errani)
	2024 - ROLAND GARROS (w/Errani)
	2022 - MELBOURNE 250 #1 (w/Errani)

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



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CAREER MILESTONES

- Had breakthrough week at WTA 500 Guadalajara in 2025, making her first Tour-level QF (saved MP vs. Jimenez Kasintseva) and going on to win her first Tour title at age 17 (d. Arango in final); rose from No.73 to No.36 following her triumph in Mexico
- Also in 2025, won WTA 125 title at Ilkley (d. Marino in final) and played all four Grand Slam main draws; made Top 100 and Top 50 debuts and peaked at No.33 on October 20
- In 2024, made US Open 2r in her first Grand Slam and Tour-level appearance (as wild card); reached final at ITF W100 Tyler and ended the year with a career-high ranking of No.194
- Claimed her first ITF title in 2023 at 25K Reading
- Played her first ITF tournament in 2022 reaching the final at 15K Los Angeles; also reached 3r at 2022 Junior US Open
- In 2025 earned second WTA 1000 title of her career on home soil at Rome, also winning the doubles title with Errani - became the first woman to sweep the Rome singles and doubles titles since Monica Seles in 1990
- Also in 2025 won her first Grand Slam title in any discipline, pairing with Errani to claim the Roland Garros women's doubles crown and qualified for the 2025 WTA Finals in both singles and doubles for the second time in her career after 2024
- Breakout 2024 season saw her win the biggest title of her career at WTA 1000 Dubai and also reach her first Grand Slam finals, finishing R-Up at Roland-Garros and Wimbledon. Qualified for her first WTA Finals in singles and doubles, broke into the Top 10 for the first time in her career and finished the season as the World No.4
- Finished 2023 by breaking into Top 30 for first time, achieving No. 29 on Oct 23, 2023 after becoming runner-up at Monastir (l. Mertens). Also achieved runner-up at Palermo and SF at Zhengzhou (l. Zheng both times) as well as QFs at Lyon (l. Garcia) and Cincinnati as a qualifier (l. eventual champion Gauff). Enjoyed two Top 10 wins (No.10 Garcia and No.4 Rybakina).
- In 2022, finished R-Up at Cluj-Napoca (l. Blinkova), while made back-to-back SF at Palermo (l. Bronzetti) and Warsaw (l. eventual champion Garcia); also reached QF at Lyon (l. Yastremska), Portoroz (l. eventual champion Siniakova) and Parma (l. Kovinic)
- Broke into Top 50 on January 31, 2021
- Posted near-Top 50 season finish in 2021 after capturing first WTA singles title of career at Portoroz (d. Riske in F)
- Strong season finish also brought SF run at Courmayeur (l. eventual champion Vekic) and QF effort at Linz (l. Halep); posted best win of season over No.18 Mertens en route to 3r at Indian Wells (l. Pegula)
- Also in 2021 won the WTA 125K event in Bol, Croatia (d. Rus in F) and was R-Up at the same level in Saint Malo (l. Golubic)
- Captured first WTA doubles title in 2021, at Hamburg (w/Teichmann)
- In 2021, for first time in career, contested the full suite of all four Grand Slam events; reached 2r at Roland Garros and US Open, equalling best previous Slam result
- In 2020, reached 2r four times at WTA tournaments, including Roland Garros (l. Kvitova)

- Highlights of 2019 included QF showings at Guangzhou and Palermo, a SF run at the WTA 125K Series event at Karlsruhe, lifting seventh, eighth and ninth ITF Circuit titles of her career, at \$60KBrescia-ITA, \$25K ITF/Curitiba-BRA and \$100K ITF/Tokyo-JPN, and qualifying for maiden Grand Slam main draw at Roland Garros (l. Kasatkina in 1r)
- Ended 2018 ranked No.180, with season highlight a maiden WTA singles QF at Prague (d. No.15 Kasatkina, l. Zhang)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2017 Bastad (l. Suarez Navarro in 1r) and also fell 1r at Guangzhou and in qualifying a further three times
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2015 Rome
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in Italy in 2011

OTHER INFORMATION

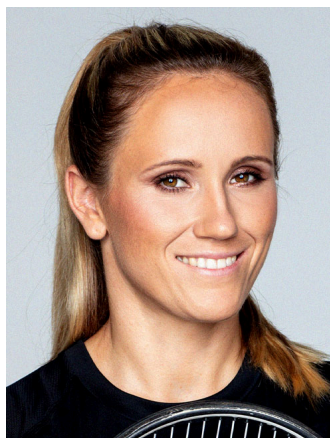
- Coached by Thomas Gutteridge
- Raised in Torrance, California
- Tennis idols are Novak Djokovic and Belinda Bencic
- Started playing tennis at age 5
- Favorite surface is grass
- Plays with a Yonex VCORE racquet

- Coached by Marc Lopez
- Resides in Bagni di Lucca and trains in Forte dei Marmi, Italy
- Father is Ugo Paolini, mother is Jacqueline Gardiner and brother is William Paolini. Grandmother lives in Lodz, Poland. Mother is of Ghanaian/Polish descent
- Idolizes Roger Federer
- Favorite shot is her forehand and favorite surface is clay
- Speaks Italian, English and Polish



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**KATARZYNA
KAWA (Q)**
POLAND

**BELINDA
(5) BENCIC**
SWITZERLAND

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1992-11-17	Date of Birth	1997-03-10
Poznan, Poland	Residence	Wollerau, Switzerland
Right-Handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 9"	Height	5' 9" (1.75m)
112	Career-High Ranking	4
\$1,608,653	Career Prize Money	\$17,433,115
\$275,660	Season Prize Money	\$2,602,776
0 / 0	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 10
1-2 (Round of 64: 2022 WIMBLEDON)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	73-40 (Semi-Finalist: 2025 WIMBLEDON; 2019 US OPEN)
1-0 / 1-0 (Round of 16: 2026)	YTD / Career NINGBO W-L (best)	1-0 / 3-1 (Quarter-Finalist: 2025)
4-4 / 21-26	YTD / Career W-L	28-13 / 315-192



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KATARZYNA
KAWA (Q)

BELINDA
BENCIC

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
119	-	2026	9	-
115	124	2025	11	11
175	258	2024	17	913
207	207	2023	9	17
129	261	2022	11	12
113	154	2021	9	23
112	113	2020	4	12
124	127	2019	7	8
285	290	2018	37	37
352	520	2017	42	165



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**KATARZYNA
KAWA (Q)**

**BELINDA
BENCIC**

TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. D. SNIGUR (#40) 1-6 6-2 6-4 (2h 19m)

Total time on court: 2h 19m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making first main draw appearance at Ningbo; she fell in qualifying last year (l. Putintseva)
- Qualified for this year's main draw with wins over Volynets and Snigur (both via ret.)
- Defeated lucky loser Snigur again in 1r of the main draw, earning her first Tour-level win since lasi 1r in July (d. Waltert)
- Faces No.14 Belinda Bencic in 2r today; Kawa is 0-2 at Tour-level vs. Top 20 players (l. No.11 Sevastova in 2019 Jurmala F; l. No.2 Jabeur in 2022 Wimbledon 2r)
- Owns 1-0 career Tour-level record against players from Switzerland (d. Waltert at 2026 lasi)
- She is a 2-time WTA Tour R-Up, both times on clay at 2019 Jurmala (l. Sevastova in F) and 2025 Bogota (l. Osorio in F)
- Bidding for her first hard court Tour-level QF (0-5 in hard court R16 matches on Tour)
- Seeking her 2nd Tour-level QF of the year after QF finish at Bogota (l. eventual R-Up Udvardy)
- Only player from Poland in this week's main draw, following the withdrawals of No.2 seed Iga Swiatek and last week's Wuhan champion Maja Chwalinska
- Has become the first player from Poland to reach the Ningbo R16
- Best result by a qualifier at Ningbo was QF run by Ajla Tomljanovic in 2025 (l. eventual champion Rybakina)
- Is currently ranked No.128; this time last year was ranked No.127. Reached career-high ranking of No.112 in November 2020

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. J. OSTAPENKO (#24) 6-3 1-1 (1h 2m)

Total time on court: 1h 2m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at Ningbo, where she reached QF last year (l. Paolini)
- Defeated Jelena Ostapenko (via ret.) in this week's 1r, which was her 10th Tour-level win over a Top 25 player in 2026
- Faces No.128 Katarzyna Kawa in 2r today; Bencic is 8-3 this year vs. players ranked outside the Top 100 (last week, lost to No.170 and eventual R-Up Kartal at WTA 1000 Wuhan)
- Owns 5-6 career Tour-level record against players from Poland (1-0 in 2026, d. Swiatek at United Cup)
- 8 of her 10 career WTA titles have come on hard court, most recently two last year at Abu Dhabi (d. Krueger in F) and Tokyo (d. Noskova in F)
- 7 of her 10 career WTA titles have been at WTA 500-level, including both of her titles last year
- Only player from Switzerland in this week's main draw; Bencic's QF run last year is the best result by Switzerland at Ningbo
- Has won 28 Tour-level matches so far this year, with 17 of those wins coming on hard court
- Her best Tour-level finishes this year are QFs at Miami (l. Gauff), Toronto (walkover vs. Gauff) and Charleston (l. Keys); she also went 5-0 in singles at United Cup where Team Switzerland finished as R-Up
- Is currently ranked No.14; this time last year was ranked No.13. Reached career-high ranking of No.4 in February 2020



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KAWA (Q)

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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

2025	Result	Rank: 14	Seed: 6
QF	L	J. PAOLINI (#8)	5-7 7-5 6-3
2r	W	Y. STARODUBTSEVA (#131)	5-7 6-4 7-5
1r	W	M. LINETTE (#56)	6-3 6-2

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SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Played 1r at Beijing (as qualifier, l. Snigur)
 - Fell 1r at Hamburg (l. Badosa)
 - Made 2r at Iasi (l. Udvardy)
 - Won title at WTA 125 Modena (d. Bronzetti in F)
 - Won title at WTA 125 Huzhou (d. Erjavec in F)
 - Reached QF at Bogota (l. eventual R-Up Udvardy)
 - Opened 2026 season competing in doubles for the United Cup-winning Poland team
- Fell 2r at Wuhan (after bye, l. Kartal)
 - Reached 3r at Beijing (l. Li)
 - Fell 1r at US Open (l. Putintseva)
 - Made 2r at Cincinnati (l. Boisson via ret.)
 - Reached QF at Toronto before withdrawing prior to the match against Gauff through right hip injury
 - Made 4r at Roland Garros for the first time in her career (l. Svitolina)
 - Played 3r at Rome (l. Kalinskaya)
 - Reached 4r at Madrid (l. Baptiste)
 - Made QF at Charleston (l. Keys) and Miami (l. eventual R-Up Gauff)
 - Made 4r at Indian Wells (l. Pegula)
 - Reached 3r at Dubai (l. eventual R-Up Svitolina)
 - Made 2r at Australian Open (l. Bartunkova)
 - Began 2026 season with a R-Up finish at United Cup with Team Switzerland (5-0 in singles)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
18	135	Aces	77	54
55.0%	0	First serve %	63.9%	29
63.2%	0	First Serve points won %	67.3%	24
46.2%	0	Second serve points won %	49.6%	10
55.5%	0	Overall service points won %	60.9%	14
62.1%	0	Service games won %	74.1%	14
57.1%	0	Break points saved %	57.2%	33
40.7%	0	First serve return points won %	36.7%	41
55.6%	0	Second serve return points won %	59.4%	4
50.6%	0	Break points converted %	49.3%	13
45.9%	0	Return games won %	39.1%	18
46.5%	0	Return points won %	45.7%	11



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TITLES

SINGLES FINALS

Runner-Up (2)
2025 - BOGOTA
2019 - JURMALA

DOUBLES FINALS

Runner-Up (2)
2024 - AUSTIN (w/Schoofs)
2022 - WARSAW (w/Rosolska)

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (10)
2025 - TOKYO, ABU DHABI
2023 - ABU DHABI, ADELAIDE #2
2022 - CHARLESTON
2021 - OLYMPICS
2019 - MOSCOW, DUBAI
2015 - TORONTO, EASTBOURNE

Runner-Up (10)

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

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (2)
2015 - WASHINGTON DC (w/Mladenovic), PRAGUE
(w/Siniakova)

Runner-Up (1)
2021 - OLYMPICS (w/Golubic)

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GRAND SLAMS

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

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KAWA (Q)**

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CAREER MILESTONES

- 2025 highlights include second WTA Tour R-Up of career at Bogota (l. defending champion Osorio), and second WTA 125 R-Up of career at Bastad (l. Cocciaretto); climbed back to No.115 during season (best singles ranking since 2021)
- In 2024, finished runner-up at WTA 125 Buenos Aires (l. Sherif); in doubles, reached the final at WTA 250 Austin (w/Schoofs)
- During 2023, strongest Tour singles result was Monastir 2r (d. No.38 Trevisan in 1r, l. Stefanini). In doubles, earned three WTA 125 titles at Cali (w/Falkowska), Kozerki (w/Lechemia) and Bari (w/Siskova), and also reached SF at WTA 250 Monastir (w/Frech)

Posted best Grand Slam result in 2022 with Wimbledon 2r (as qualifier, d. Marino, l. eventual finalist Jabeur). In doubles that year, became finalist at Warsaw (w/Rosolska) and reached QF at WTA 500 Tokyo (w/Chang)

- In 2021, reached Tour-level QF at Gdynia (l. Baindl), and on ITF Circuit reached SF at Landisville \$100K
- Best result of 2020 campaign was R-Up finish at \$100K ITF/Charleston-SC, USA; following the tournament, reached career-high ranking of No.112 (November 9, 2020). Also this year, reached 2r at Hua Hin, and made Grand Slam main draw debut at US Open
- In 2019, reached first WTA Tour singles final at Jurmala as qualifier, which was also her WTA main draw debut (finished R-Up, l. Sevastova in final)
- Posted 45-20 record across all levels in 2018 season, lifting two titles on ITF Circuit and ending the campaign back inside Top 300
- In 2015, won three ITF Circuit titles, compiled 42-19 record across all levels and rose over 400 places in the rankings
- Contested WTA qualifying for the first time at 2010 Warsaw
- On ITF Circuit, owns seven singles and 21 doubles titles
- First professional events of her career were on ITF Circuit in Poland between 2007 and 2008

- During 2025, skyrocketed from No.421 at the start of January to No.11 year-end ranking, in her first full season after maternity leave; went 2-0 in Tour finals, winning titles at WTA 500 events at Abu Dhabi and Tokyo, and also reached her second career Grand Slam SF at Wimbledon
- After giving birth to daughter Bella, returned to the courts in October 2024 to play a handful of ITF matches, as well as winning her Billie Jean King Cup Playoff match for Switzerland over Serbia's Lola Radivojevic in November
- Played last tournament of 2023 at San Diego before taking maternity leave
- In 2023, won two titles at Adelaide 2 (d. Kasatkina in F) and Abu Dhabi (d. Samsonova in F); also finished R-Up at Charleston (l. Jabeur)
- Won sixth career title in 2022, triumphing at Charleston, while finishing R-Up at Berlin (l. Jabeur) and helped Switzerland lift Billie Jean King Cup Finals in Glasgow; also reached SF at Miami (l. Osaka) and Tallinn (l. Krejciakova)
- Captured gold medal for Switzerland at Tokyo Olympics in 2021 (d. Vondrousova in F); also claimed silver in doubles (w/Golubic)
- Other 2021 highlights included R-Up finish at Adelaide (l. Swiatek) and Berlin (l. Samsonova), and six further QFs (including US Open)
- Across a disrupted 2020 reached three QFs, at Adelaide, St. Petersburg and Doha
- Was voted WTA Comeback Player of the Year in 2019 - lifted two titles at Dubai (d. Kvitova in F) and Moscow (d. Pavlyuchenkova in F) and posted a career-best 49 Tour-level match wins in 2019 fourth most among all players and breaking back into Top 10 on September 9
- Earned spot at 2019 WTA Finals in Shenzhen, becoming first Swiss player to compete in singles at the WTA Finals since Hingis in 2006, going on to reach SF at the season-ending showpiece (l. defending champion Svitolina)
- Also in 2019, marked 20th Grand Slam main draw by reaching her maiden major SF at US Open (l. eventual champion Andreescu) and finished R-Up at Mallorca (l. Kenin)
- Led the WTA with six victories over Top 5 players in 2019, including upsets over No.1 Naomi Osaka at Indian Wells, Madrid and US Open
- Standout result in 2018 was R-Up finish at Luxembourg (as qualifier, l. Goerges)
- In first round at 2018 Australian Open, defeated No.5 Venus Williams. Having also upset then-No.1 Serena Williams in SF at 2015 Toronto is one of seven women to defeat both Williams sisters before their 21st birthday (also Hingis,

- Sharapova, Clijsters, Henin, Chakvetadze and Osaka)
- Underwent left wrist surgery in spring 2017, missing five months - ranking fell outside Top 300; reached QF at Linz as WC in first WTA event back after surgery
- Run to 2016 St. Petersburg final (l. Vinci in F) saw her break into Top 10 at No.9 for the first time in her career. Also in 2016, reached SF at Sydney and ½ s-Hertogenbosch
- Won first career titles in 2015 at Eastbourne (d. Radwanska in F) and Toronto (d. Halep in F); also reached final at ½ s-Hertogenbosch (l. Giorgi) and Tokyo (l. Radwanska)
- At Toronto, beat four Top 10 players en route to the title including World No.1 Serena Williams
- Qualified for 2015 WTA Elite Trophy in Zhuhai however withdrew due to hand injury
- Won second WTA doubles title of career in 2015 at Washington, DC (w/Mladenovic), the first coming earlier in the year at Prague(w/Siniakova)
- Voted 2014 WTA Newcomer of the Year after a campaign highlighted by R-Up finish at Tianjin (l. Riske), SF at Charleston and QF run at 2014 US Open (defeated No.7 Kerber in 3r, No.10 Jankovic in R16); at 17 years of age, was youngest player through to last eight at Flushing Meadows since 1997 when Hingis won the title and broke into Top 50 on Sept 8, 2014
- Won junior singles titles at Roland Garros and Wimbledon in 2013; was named ITF Junior World Champion for 2013
- Played first WTA qualifying event at Luxembourg in October 2011, and first WTA main draw 12 months later at same event as WC (l. V.Williams, 1r); only 15 years, 7 months at the time
- Made professional debut on ITF circuit in 2011

OTHER INFORMATION

- Currently coached by Grzegorz Garczynski
- Lives and trains in Poznan, Poland
- Parents are Anna and Jacek, two sisters are Monika and Weronika, and brother is Radomir
- Hobbies include reading and traveling
- Idolizes Justine Henin and Novak Djokovic
- Favorite shot is her backhand and her favorite surfaces to compete on are both clay and grass

- Coached by Iain Hughes
- Father, Ivan, sometimes serves as her tennis coach, and Martin Hromkovic as her fitness coach. Mother is Dana; younger brother is Brian who also plays and coaches tennis; father emigrated to Switzerland from then-Czechoslovakia in 1968
- Started playing at Melanie Molitor's (mother of Martina Hingis) tennis school at age 3 until age 19 (started daily training with her from age 6 for eight years)
- Also visited the Nick Bollettieri and Evert Tennis Academy as a Junior
- Enjoys watching movies, reading, playing with dogs, baking, painting, and seeing friends

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MEETING

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ALEXANDRA
EALA
PHILIPPINES

DIANA
(6) SHNAIDER

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2005-05-23	Date of Birth	2004-04-02
	Residence	
Left-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Left-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 9" (1.75m)	Height	5' 6" (1.70m)
18	Career-High Ranking	11
\$3,354,035	Career Prize Money	\$7,225,555
\$2,026,731	Season Prize Money	\$3,101,903
1 / 1	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 5
6-7 (Round of 16: 2026 WIMBLEDON)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	21-14 (Semi-Finalist: 2026 ROLAND GARROS)
1-0 / 1-0 (Round of 16: 2026)	YTD / Career NINGBO W-L (best)	1-0 / 8-3 (Runner-Up: 2023)
34-22 / 49-49	YTD / Career W-L	33-21 / 119-78



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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

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

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
18	-	2026	13	-
50	50	2025	11	21
143	158	2024	12	13
189	205	2023	60	60
214	219	2022	182	182
505	529	2021	1054	1065



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. D. PARRY (#34) 6-3 6-1 (1h 17m)

Total time on court: 1h 17m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making first main draw appearance at Ningbo; she fell in qualifying in 2024 (l. Hon)
- Defeated Diane Parry so far this week, earning her first win at a Tour-level event since 3r finish at 2026 US Open (l. Jovic)
- Faces No.13 Diana Shnaider in 2r today; Eala owns 12 wins in career over Top 20 players, most recently No.3 Jessica Pegula in the 2026 Washington DC final
- Her career-best result on hard court is winning her first WTA title at 2026 Washington DC this summer (d. Pegula in F), which is also her career-best performance at a WTA 500 event
- Has won 34 Tour-level matches in 2026, with 23 of those wins coming on hard court, including her Washington DC title and Auckland SF (l. eventual R-Up Wang Xinyu)
- Seeking her 6th Tour-level QF of the year (it would be her 5th hard court Tour-level QF of 2026), and first since her Washington DC title run
- She is the first player from Philippines to contest a Ningbo main draw
- Is currently ranked No.20; this time last year was ranked No.53. Reached career-high ranking of No.18 in August of this year
- Winner of this match to face either No.4 seed Iva Jovic or Jasmine Paolini in QF

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. Y. PUTINTSEVA (#66) 7-5 7-6 (2h 26m)

Total time on court: 2h 26m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 4th appearance at Ningbo, where she finished runner-up in 2023 (l. Jabeur in F) and reached last year's SF (l. eventual R-Up Alexandrova)
- Defeated Yulia Putintseva in 1r this week, earning her 33rd Tour-level match-win of the year (22 of those wins coming on hard court)
- Faces No.20 Alexandra Eala in 2r today; Shnaider owns 14 wins in career over Top 20 players, most recently No.7 Karolina Muchova last week at WTA 1000 Wuhan
- First Tour-level meeting vs. a player from Philippines
- Seeking her 7th QF of the year, and 2nd consecutive after QF finish last week at WTA 1000 Wuhan (l. Ostapenko)
- Her top tournament finishes of this year are 3 semifinals, including her first career Grand Slam SF at Roland Garros (l. eventual R-Up Chwalinska)
- 3 of her 5 career WTA titles have come on hard court, at 2024 Hua Hin (d. Zhu in F), 2024 Hong Kong (d. Boulter in F) and 2025 Monterrey (d. Alexandrova in F)
- She has won 2 WTA 500 titles, at 2024 Bad Homburg on grass (d. Vekic in F) and 2025 Monterrey on hard court (d. Alexandrova in F)
- Is currently ranked No.13; this time last year was ranked No.19. Reached career-high ranking of No.11 in May 2025



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

2025	Result	Rank: 19	Seed: 7
SF	L	E. ALEXANDROVA (#10) 6-3 6-4	
QF	W	L. ZHU (#219) 2-6 6-3 6-1	
2r	W	K. MUCHOVA (#20) 2-6 6-1 6-2	
1r	W	X. WANG (#145) 7-5 6-3	

2024	Result	Rank: 16	Seed: -
1r	L	P. BADOSA (#15) 4-6 6-3 6-3	

2023	Result	Rank: 85	Seed: -
F	L	O. JABEUR (#7) 6-2 6-1	
SF	W	L. FRUHVIRTOVA (#117) 6-4 6-1	
QF	W	P. KVITOVA (#14) 6-1 4-6 6-3	
2r	W	K. RAKHIMOVA (#77) 6-3 6-2	
1r	W	Z. BAI (#123) 6-4 1-6 6-2	



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SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Fell 1r at Wuhan (l. Shi)
- Played 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. Oliynynkova) 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)

- Reached QF at Wuhan (l. Ostapenko)
- Made 3r at US Open (l. Townsend) and Beijing (l. Alexandrova)
- Reached R16 at Cincinnati (l. Rybakina)
- Made QF at Toronto (l. eventual champion Swiatek)
- Reached SF at Washington DC (l. Pegula)
- Played 2r at Wimbledon (l. Samsonova)
- Played 1r at Berlin (l. WC Bartunkova) and Bad Homburg (l. Tauson)
- Reached SF at a Grand Slam for the first time in her career at Roland Garros (l. eventual R-Up Chwalinska)
- Made 3r at Madrid (l. Bencic) and Rome (l. Osaka)
- Played 2r at Stuttgart (l. eventual champion Rybakina)
- Reached QF at Charleston (l. eventual champion Pegula)
- Made 3r at Miami (l. Bencic)
- Made 2r at Dubai (l. Jovic) and Indian Wells (l. Cirstea)
- Fell in 1r at Doha (l. Parks)
- Played 3r at Australian Open (l. Svitolina)
- Reached SF at Adelaide (l. eventual champion M.Andreeva)
- Made 3r at Brisbane (l. Keys)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
73	57	Aces	74	55
62.8%	39	First serve %	65.6%	21
62.5%	62	First Serve points won %	64.0%	51
48.0%	21	Second serve points won %	48.0%	20
57.1%	46	Overall service points won %	58.5%	31
66.9%	46	Service games won %	71.4%	22
54.5%	55	Break points saved %	57.3%	32
36.9%	36	First serve return points won %	37.9%	23
57.3%	15	Second serve return points won %	56.5%	23
43.1%	69	Break points converted %	45.8%	34
37.8%	25	Return games won %	37.2%	28
44.7%	29	Return points won %	44.8%	27

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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS	SINGLES FINALS
Champion (1) 2026 - WASHINGTON DC Runner-Up (1) 2025 - EASTBOURNE	Champion (5) 2025 - MONTERREY 2024 - HONG KONG 250, BUDAPEST, BAD HOMBURG, HUA HIN Runner-Up (1) 2023 - NINGBO
	DOUBLES FINALS
	Champion (3) 2026 - ROME (w/Andreeva) 2025 - MIAMI (w/Andreeva), BRISBANE (w/Andreeva) Runner-Up (3) 2026 - MADRID 1000 (w/Andreeva) 2025 - QUEENS (w/Danilina) 2024 - OLYMPICS (w/Andreeva)

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



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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
- Top singles results of 2025 were winning Monterrey title (d. Alexandrova in final) and making Ningbo SF, posting a Top 25 finish for second straight year; in doubles, partnered with M.Andreeva to win two titles (Brisbane and Miami) and qualify for their first WTA Finals
- Won first four titles of career in 2024 across all three surfaces; WTA 500 Bad Homburg and WTA 250s Hua Hin, Budapest and Hong Kong. Made Top 20 debut on August 12 and finished the season at World No.13
- Also in 2024, won the Paris Olympic silver medal in women's doubles with Mirra Andreeva
- Reached 2r on Grand Slam debut at 2023 Australian Open (as qualifier, l. Sakkari in 3s)
- Won WTA 125 title in Montevideo, Uruguay to end 2022 just outside Top 100. Overall win-loss record in 2022 was 56-17; reached four ITF Circuit finals, highlighted by a 15-match, three tournament winning streak, culminating with a W60 title in Istanbul
- Won first ITF Circuit tournament at W15 event in Antalya in late 2021. Made WTA qualifying debut at 2021 Moscow
- Owns four titles in singles and three in doubles on ITF Circuit
- Played first senior matches on ITF Circuit towards end of 2020
- As junior, made SF at Roland Garros in 2021 and US Open in 2022. Also won girls' doubles at three of the four majors and reached No.2 in the ITF rankings

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
- Coached by Sascha Bajin
- Started playing tennis in Tolyatti, 40 kilometers from her home and parents in Zhigulevsk
- Studied at North Carolina State where she played college tennis during the 2022-23 season before pursuing her professional tennis career
- Favorite movie is Never Back Down and favorite food is Asian

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

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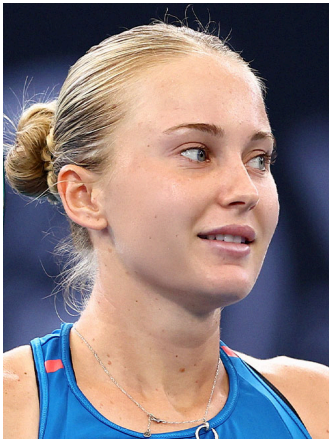
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ELENA
RYBAKINA (1)
KAZAKHSTAN

POLINA
(Q) KUDERMETOVA 105
UZBEKISTAN

1999-06-17	Date of Birth	2003-06-04
Residence		
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
6' 0" (1.84m)	Height	
1	Career-High Ranking	54
\$35,354,162	Career Prize Money	\$1,812,545
\$10,915,445	Season Prize Money	\$529,131
3 / 14	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 0
76-24 (Champion: 2026 US OPEN, AUSTRALIAN OPEN; 2022 WIMBLEDON)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	2-7 (Round of 64: 2026 AUSTRALIAN OPEN; 2025 US OPEN)
0-0 / 4-0 (Champion: 2025)	YTD / Career NINGBO W-L (best)	1-0 / 1-0 (Round of 16: 2026)
49-14 / 316-124	YTD / Career W-L	6-9 / 25-39



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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2023	BERLIN	GRASS	1r	Elena Rybakina	6-4 6-2	1h 6m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
1	-	2026	90	-
5	5	2025	54	90
3	6	2024	114	117
3	4	2023	139	157
12	22	2022	218	218
14	14	2021	564	571
17	19	2020	774	791
37	37	2019	946	958
182	191	2018	-	-
420	425	2017	-	-



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at Ningbo and returning as the defending champion (d. Alexandrova in last year's final)
- After 1r bye, faces No.105 Polina Kudermetova in 2r today; Rybakina is seeking her first match-win while holding World No.1 ranking
- Holds a 5-1 record vs. players ranked outside the Top 100 this year, with the one loss coming in her most recent event, losing to No.118 Charaeva in her opening match at WTA 1000 Beijing
- Has claimed 3 titles this year (Australian Open, Stuttgart and US Open), tying her with Sabalenka and Andreeva for the most Tour-level titles this year
- Has won 49 Tour-level matches this year; a victory today would tie her with Pegula and Andreeva (50 each) for the Tour lead in match-wins this year
- 8 of her 14 Tour-level titles have been on hard court, including her 2 Grand Slam titles this year at Australian Open and US Open (d. Sabalenka in both finals)
- 6 of her titles have come at WTA 500-level; her most recent WTA 500 title came on the clay of Stuttgart this year (d. Muchova in F)
- 1 of 2 players from Kazakhstan in this week's main draw (Putintseva lost 1r to Shnaider)
- Is currently ranked World No.1, which she reached for the first time on September 14, 2026, following her US Open title; this time last year was ranked No.7

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. C. BUCSA (#38) 7-6 6-2 (1h 16m)

Total time on court: 1h 16m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making her first main draw appearance at Ningbo; she fell in qualifying last year (l. Guo Hanyu)
- Qualified for this year's main draw with wins over Sawangkaew and Zakharova, then defeated Cristina Bucsa in the main draw 1r
- Faces World No.1 Elena Rybakina in 2r today; Kudermetova owns 1 win in career over Top 10 players, defeating No.9 Daria Kasatkina at 2025 Brisbane
- Has faced a reigning World No.1 player twice before - lost to No.1 Sabalenka in the 2025 Brisbane final (in 3 sets) and in 2025 US Open 2r
- Career-best Tour-level result on hard court is her one career WTA R-Up at 2025 Brisbane (l. Sabalenka in F), which is also her best performance at a WTA 500 event
- Seeking her first Tour-level QF since her 2025 Brisbane run to the final
- 1 of 2 players from Uzbekistan in this week's main draw (Rakhimova lost to Bouzkova in 1r)
- Best result by a qualifier at Ningbo was QF run by Ajla Tomljanovic in 2025 (l. eventual champion Rybakina)
- Is currently ranked No.105; this time last year was ranked No.75. Reached career-high ranking of No.54 in April 2025



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2025	Result	Rank: 9	Seed: 3
F	W	E. ALEXANDROVA (#10) 3-6 6-0 6-2	
SF	W	J. PAOLINI (#8) 6-3 6-2	
QF	W	A. TOMLJANOVIC (#104) 6-2 6-0	
2r	W	D. YASTREMSKA (#30) 6-4 6-7(6) 6-3	

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

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SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Contested 2r at Beijing (after 1r bye, l. Charaeva)
 - Won her first US Open title (d. Sabalenka in F)
 - Reached QF at Cincinnati (l. Swiatek, via retirement)
 - Made R-Up at Toronto (l. Swiatek in F)
 - Reached 3r at Wimbledon (l. Mertens)
 - Played 2r at Berlin (l. WC Eala)
 - Reached QF at London (l. Boulter)
 - Made 2r at Roland Garros (l. Starodubtseva)
 - Reached QF at Rome (l. eventual champion Svitolina)
 - Made 4r at Madrid (l. Potapova)
 - Won the title at Stuttgart (d. Muchova in F)
 - Reached SF at Miami (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)
 - R-Up finish at Indian Wells (l. Sabalenka in F)
 - Made 3r at Dubai (l. Ruzic, retired)
 - Reached QF at Doha (l. eventual R-Up Mboko)
 - Champion finish at Australian Open (d. Sabalenka in F)
 - Made QF at Brisbane (l. Muchova)
- Reached 3r at Beijing (l. M.Andreeva)
 - Contested 1r at Seoul (l. Rakhimova)
 - Played 1r at Toronto (as qualifier, l. Korneeva, retired in 2nd set)
 - Played 2r at Washington DC (as a qualifier, l. Svitolina)
 - Made 1r at Athens (l. eventual R-Up Sakkari)
 - Played 1r at Wimbledon (l. Samsonova)
 - Fell 1r at London (as a qualifier, l. Bouzkova)
 - Made the final at WTA 125 Oeiras-CETO (l. Ferro in F)
 - Reached 2r at Australian Open (l. Tauson)
 - Opened 2026 season with a run to WTA 125 Canberra final (l. Garland in F)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
414	1	Aces	48	83
57.3%	80	First serve %	56.2%	0
73.9%	2	First Serve points won %	64.5%	0
51.3%	2	Second serve points won %	40.0%	0
64.2%	2	Overall service points won %	53.8%	0
82.1%	1	Service games won %	60.1%	0
64.6%	1	Break points saved %	49.6%	0
34.1%	77	First serve return points won %	35.2%	0
54.6%	47	Second serve return points won %	52.7%	0
44.2%	55	Break points converted %	41.4%	0
32.1%	62	Return games won %	31.7%	0
42.3%	61	Return points won %	41.9%	0

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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (14)
2026 - US OPEN, STUTTGART, AUSTRALIAN OPEN
2025 - WTA FINALS, NINGBO, STRASBOURG
2024 - STUTTGART, ABU DHABI, BRISBANE
2023 - ROME, INDIAN WELLS
2022 - WIMBLEDON
2020 - HOBART
2019 - BUCHAREST

Runner-Up (13)
2026 - TORONTO, INDIAN WELLS
2024 - MIAMI, DOHA
2023 - MIAMI, AUSTRALIAN OPEN
2022 - PORTOROZ, ADELAIDE 500
2020 - STRASBOURG, DUBAI, ST. PETERSBURG, SHENZHEN
2019 - NANCHANG

DOUBLES FINALS

Runner-Up (2)
2023 - ADELAIDE #2 (w/Pavlyuchenkova)
2021 - INDIAN WELLS (w/Kudermetova)

SINGLES FINALS

Runner-Up (1)
2025 - BRISBANE

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



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CAREER MILESTONES

- In 2025, won her first WTA Finals title, where she posted a perfect round robin record before topping World No.1 Sabalenka in the final; by going undefeated (5-0) at 2025 WTA Finals Riyadh, she earned \$5.235m, the biggest prize money payout in women's sporting history
- Overall, won three titles in 2025, adding Strasbourg and Ningbo crowns to her Riyadh triumph; finished at No.5 in the rankings and as the year's Tour leader in total aces (516)
- Won three titles from five finals in 2024, tasting success at Brisbane, Abu Dhabi and Stuttgart and finishing R-Up at Doha and Miami. Qualified for her second WTA Finals and defeated WTA World No.1 Sabalenka in the group stage
- Reached second Grand Slam final at 2023 Australian Open (l. Sabalenka in 3s); made Top-10 debut following tournament (January 30, 2023). Also in 2023 won first two WTA 1000 titles at Indian Wells and Rome and finished R-Up at Miami. Qualified for first WTA Finals, going 1-2 in group stage.
- Lifted maiden Grand Slam title at 2022 Wimbledon (d. Jabeur in F); also finished R-Up at Adelaide (l. Barty) and Portoroz (l. Siniakova)
- Best results of 2021 were SFs at Eastbourne, Olympics and Chicago [500], and QFs at Abu Dhabi, Roland Garros, San Jose and Ostrava
- Opened 2020 by reaching the championship match at four of her first five tournaments, including a title run at Hobart (d. Zhang in F), and made Top 20 debut at No.19 on February 17, after reaching St. Petersburg final. First Top-5 win came over No.3 Ka. Pliskova during R-Up finish at 2020 Dubai
- Won maiden WTA singles title at 2019 Bucharest (d. Tig in F), breaking into Top 100 for the first time in the following week's rankings at No.65 (July 22). Went on to make Top 50 debut on September 16 after reaching second career Tour final at Nanchang (l. Peterson)
- Highlights of 2018 included reaching maiden WTA QF at St. Petersburg (l. Goerges) and clinching title at \$15K ITF/Kazan. First Top 10 win came over No.7 Garcia at 2018 St. Petersburg
- Made WTA qualifying and main draw debut at 2017 Moscow (as qualifier, l. Begu in 1r)
- Professional debut came at \$10k ITF/Antalya-TUR in 2014
- Began 2025 by posting the best result of her career by reaching the final (as a qualifier, l. Sabalenka in F) and registered first Top 10 win over No.9 Daria Kasatkina in R16. Broke into the Top 100 and made her Slam main draw debuts at Roland Garros, Wimbledon and US Open. Reached a career-high ranking of No.54 on April 14
- Finished 2024 season ranked No.106, her highest finish in the WTA year-end rankings to date; in three Tour-level main draw appearances, reached the QF stage twice - Seoul (QF) and Merida (SF); also reached the QF four times at the WTA 125 level
- 2023 saw her compete in first Tour-level main draw reaching 1r at Australian Open (as qualifier, l. Gadecki) - also her Grand Slam debut. Strongest result was quarterfinal achieved at Seoul (l. Wickmayer) and also made 2r at sHertogenbosch (l. Samsonova)
- Began competing in \$25K - \$80K ITF tournaments in 2022, reaching the final at San Bartolome \$60K (l. Rus) and breaking into Top 200
- Continued on ITF circuit in 2020 and 2021 claiming two further titles at Antalya \$15K and Kazan \$15K
- In 2019, played first WTA Tour matches in qualifying at Moscow (l. Gracheva in Q2). Won her first ITF title that year at Antalya \$15K
- Made ITF circuit debut in 2018, reaching QF at Kazan \$15K

OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Stefano Vukov
 - Trained at Spartak Club in Moscow as a junior; previous coaches included Andrei Cheshnokov (Elena Vesnina's former coach) and Evgenia Kulikovskaya
 - Nominated for 2019 WTA Newcomer of the Year Award
 - Started playing tennis aged five and favorite surface is hard
- Younger sister of Veronika Kudermetova