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QUARTERFINALS – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

Sara Bejlek (CZE #32) vs. Marie Bouzkova (CZE #26)

First meeting

Bejlek:

- Making her tournament debut at Ningbo
- Her top career result was achieved on hard court, winning her first career WTA title at 2026 Abu Dhabi in February (as a qualifier ranked No.101, d. Alexandrova in F) – that is also her career-best WTA 500 showing
- This is her 6th quarterfinal of the year, and she is seeking her 3rd semifinal of the year, following Abu Dhabi title and SF run at WTA 1000 Cincinnati (l. eventual champion Gauff)
- 21 of her 24 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
- Has won 5 of her last 7 matches against Top 30 players, including her win over Cirstea earlier this week

Bouzkova:

- Making her tournament debut at Ningbo
- Has won 33 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)
- This is her 6th quarterfinal of the year, and she is seeking her 3rd semifinal of the year, following her 2 titles
- 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)
- Reached a career-high ranking of No.21 in July of this year
- Best results by Czech Republic at Ningbo were SF runs by Karolina Muchova in 2024 and Linda Fruhvirtova in 2023 – the winner of this match will equal those results

Leylah Fernandez (CAN #30) vs. Ekaterina Alexandrova (#33)

Alexandrova leads 3-2

Fernandez:

- Making her tournament debut at Ningbo
- 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
- This is her 5th quarterfinal of the year, and she is seeking her 2nd semifinal of the year, following her Singapore title run (l-3 in QF matches this year)
- Has won 11 of her last 14 matches
- Defeated today's opponent Alexandrova last week in WTA 1000 Wuhan opening round – all of their 5 prior meetings have been on hard court

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Alexandrova:

- Making 2nd appearance at Ningbo; she was runner-up in her tournament debut last year (l. Rybakina in F)
- Three 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)
- This is her 5th quarterfinal of the year, and she is seeking her 2nd semifinal of the year after Abu Dhabi R-Up (1-3 in QF matches this year)
- Has won 11 of her last 15 matches vs. players ranked outside the Top 20 (one of those losses was to today's opponent Fernandez last week in Wuhan)

[4] Iva Jovic (USA #12) vs. [6] Diana Shnaider (#13)

Jovic leads 1-0

Jovic:

- Making her tournament debut at Ningbo
- Her 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)
- Those two Guadalajara titles are also her career-best performances at WTA 500 events
- Owns 4 wins in career over Top 20 players, most recently No.18 Alexandra Eala at US Open 2026
- Has won 42 Tour-level matches this year, with 28 of those victories coming on hard court
- Posted new career-high ranking of No.11 earlier this month (currently ranked No.12)
- Won her only previous meeting against today's opponent Shnaider earlier this year at WTA 1000 Dubai on hard court

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)
- Owns 15 wins in career over Top 20 players, most recently against No.20 Alexandra Eala here this week
- Her best 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)
- Three 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)
- Has won 34 Tour-level matches this year, with 23 of those wins coming on hard court

[1] Elena Rybakina (KAZ #1) vs. [Q] Katarzyna Kawa (POL #128)

First meeting

Rybakina:

- Making 2nd Ningbo showing, and returning as the defending champion (d. Alexandrova in last year's final)
- After 1r bye, defeated Polina Kudermetova (via retirement) so far this week to post her first match-win while holding the World No.1 ranking
- Holds a 6-1 record vs. players ranked outside the Top 100 this year, with the one loss coming in her previous event, losing to No.118 Charaeva in her opening match at WTA 1000 Beijing
- Has won 50 Tour-level matches this year; she is tied with Pegula and Andreeva (50 each) for the Tour lead in match-wins in 2026
- Has claimed 3 titles this year (Australian Open, Stuttgart and US Open), tying her with Sabalenka and Andreeva for the most Tour-level titles in 2026
- 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)
- Reached World No.1 ranking for the first time on September 14, 2026, following her 2026 US Open title

Kawa:

- Making first main draw appearance at Ningbo; she fell in qualifying last year (l. Putintseva)
- This is her 2nd Tour-level quarterfinal of the year after QF finish at Bogota on clay (l. eventual R-Up Udvardy)
- Has reached her first hard court Tour-level quarterfinal of her career (previously 0-5 in hard court R16 matches at Tour-level), and this is also her first appearance in a WTA 500 quarterfinal
- Victory over No.14 Bencic in the previous round was her first career Top 20 win – she is now seeking her first career Top 10 win (currently 0-1 vs. Top 10 players at Tour-level: l. No.2 Jabeur in 2022 Wimbledon 2r)
- 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)
- Has become the first player from Poland to reach the Ningbo QF
- Has equaled the best result by a qualifier at Ningbo, which was QF run by Ajla Tomljanovic in 2025 (l. eventual champion Rybakina)



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**SARA
BEJLEK**
CZECH REPUBLIC

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**MARIE
BOUZKOVA**
CZECH REPUBLIC

2006-01-31	Date of Birth	1998-07-21
	Residence	Bradenton, FL, USA
Left-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-Handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 3" (1.63 m)	Height	5' 11" (1.80m)
28	Career-High Ranking	21
\$2,263,492	Career Prize Money	\$8,531,911
\$1,281,601	Season Prize Money	\$2,197,963
1 / 1	Singles Titles YTD / Career	2 / 4
2-10 (Round of 64: 2026 ROLAND GARROS; 2025 ROLAND GARROS)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	28-30 (Quarter-Finalist: 2022 WIMBLEDON)
2-0 / 2-0 (Quarter-Finalist: 2026)	YTD / Career NINGBO W-L (best)	2-0 / 2-0 (Quarter-Finalist: 2026)
24-18 / 30-29	YTD / Career W-L	33-20 / 171-140

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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

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

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
28	-	2026	21	-
75	76	2025	39	43
114	142	2024	34	45
155	190	2023	24	34
181	189	2022	26	26
375	380	2021	46	89
-	-	2020	46	51
-	-	2019	53	57
-	-	2018	142	142
-	-	2017	169	187



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. A. PARKS (#64) 4-6 6-3 6-3 (2h 24m)
2r: d. S. CIRSTEIA (#17) 7-6 6-4 (1h 59m)

Total time on court: 4h 23m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making tournament debut at Ningbo
- Defeated Alycia Parks and No.8 seed Sorana Cirstea to make her 6th QF of the year
- Faces No.26 Marie Bouzkova in QF today; Bejlek has won 5 of her last 7 matches against Top 30 players, including her win over Cirstea earlier this week
- Owns 2-2 career Tour-level record against her fellow players from Czech Republic (2-1 in 2026)
- 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) - this is also her career-best WTA 500 performance
- Seeking her 3rd SF of the year, following Abu Dhabi title and SF run at WTA 1000 Cincinnati (l. eventual champion Gauff)
- 21 of her 24 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
- One of 2 players from Czech Republic to reach QF (alongside today's opponent Bouzkova)
- Best results by Czech Republic at Ningbo were SF runs by Karolina Muchova in 2024 and Linda Fruhvirtova in 2023 - the winner of this match will equal those results
- Is currently ranked No.32; this time last year was ranked No.101. Reached career-high ranking of No.28 last month

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. K. RAKHIMOVA (#67) 6-4 6-4 (2h 4m)
2r: d. A. ZAKHAROVA (#111) 7-5 6-2 (1h 54m)

Total time on court: 3h 58m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making tournament debut at Ningbo
- Defeated Kamilla Rakhimova and Anastasia Zakharova to reach her 6th QF of the year
- Faces No.32 Sara Bejlek in QF today; Bouzkova is 32-13 at Tour-level this year vs. players ranked outside the Top 20
- Owns 11-12 career Tour-level record against her fellow players from Czech Republic (3-1 in 2026)
- 2 of her 4 WTA titles have come on hard court, at Prague 2025 (d. Noskova in F) and Prague 2022 (d. Potapova in F)
- Has won 33 Tour-level matches so far in 2026; her best results this year are 2 title runs at Nottingham on grass (d. Navarro in F) and Bogota on clay (d. Udvardy in F)
- Seeking her 3rd SF of the year, following her 2 titles this year
- One of 2 players from Czech Republic to reach QF (alongside today's opponent Bejlek)
- Best results by Czech Republic at Ningbo were SF runs by Karolina Muchova in 2024 and Linda Fruhvirtova in 2023 - the winner of this match will equal those results
- Is currently ranked No.26; this time last year was ranked No.41. Has reached a career high of No.21 in July 2026



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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

- 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)

- 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)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
50	81	Aces	92	51
62.5%	42	First serve %	68.4%	12
60.9%	69	First Serve points won %	64.8%	47
47.1%	29	Second serve points won %	45.5%	50
55.7%	63	Overall service points won %	58.7%	28
63.4%	65	Service games won %	69.7%	32
54.1%	60	Break points saved %	58.0%	26
39.5%	9	First serve return points won %	38.4%	18
55.5%	36	Second serve return points won %	56.9%	19
45.4%	42	Break points converted %	45.4%	40
39.2%	14	Return games won %	37.9%	24
45.3%	18	Return points won %	45.2%	19

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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS	SINGLES FINALS
Champion (1)	Champion (4)
2026 - ABU DHABI	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)

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



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CAREER MILESTONES

- In 2025 reached QF at Tour level for the first time at Prague (l. Wang Xinyu) and registered her first Grand Slam main draw match win by reaching 2r at Roland Garros as a qualifier (defeated No.25 Marta Kostyuk in 1r)
- Also in 2025 won three WTA 125 titles at Makarska, Rende and Queretaro, and broke into the Top 100 for the first time reaching a career-high of No.75 in November
- 2024 breakthrough performance saw her reach R16 at WTA 1000 Madrid as a qualifier. Also reached main draw as a qualifying at Australian Open and made two WTA 125 SFs at Colina and Buenos Aires and achieve a career high ranking of No.114 in May
- In 2023, played main draw at Australian Open (l. 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 Olumouc, CZE
- 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

- 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. Sakkari)
- 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

- 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 Kvitová and childhood idol Rafael Nadal

- 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

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WIN



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LEYLAH FERNANDEZ
CANADA

EKATERINA ALEXANDROVA

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2002-09-06	Date of Birth	1994-11-15
Boynton Beach, Florida, USA	Residence	Prague, Czech Republic
Left-Handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 6" (1.68m)	Height	5' 9" (1.75m)
13	Career-High Ranking	10
\$8,987,480	Career Prize Money	\$11,467,483
\$1,684,341	Season Prize Money	\$1,795,780
1 / 6	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 5
29-26 (Runner-Up: 2021 US OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	43-38 (Round of 16: 2025 US OPEN, WIMBLEDON, ROLAND GARROS; 2023 WIMBLEDON)
2-0 / 2-0 (Quarter-Finalist: 2026)	YTD / Career NINGBO W-L (best)	2-0 / 5-1 (Runner-Up: 2025)
26-24 / 163-129	YTD / Career W-L	22-24 / 252-198



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EKATERINA
ALEXANDROVA

HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2026	WUHAN	HARD	1r	Leylah Fernandez	6-4 3-6 6-3	2h 26m
2025	ADELAIDE	HARD	1r	Ekaterina Alexandrova	6-4 3-6 6-2	2h 13m
2023	US OPEN	HARD	1r	Ekaterina Alexandrova	7-6(4) 5-7 6-4	3h 4m
2022	CINCINNATI	HARD	1r	Ekaterina Alexandrova	6-4 7-5	1h 19m
2022	ADELAIDE 500	HARD	1r	Leylah Fernandez	6-3 6-4	1h 17m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
22	-	2026	10	-
22	22	2025	10	10
23	31	2024	15	28
32	35	2023	16	21
13	40	2022	19	19
24	24	2021	30	33
88	88	2020	25	33
209	209	2019	35	35
451	487	2018	73	93
727	728	2017	69	73



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**LEYLAH
FERNANDEZ**

**EKATERINA
ALEXANDROVA**

TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. E. MERTENS (#15) 2-6 6-3 7-5 (2h 49m)
2r: d. A. SASNOVICH (#122) 7-5 6-7 6-3 (3h 3m)

Total time on court: 5h 52m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making her tournament debut
- Defeated No.7 seed Elise Mertens and Aliaksandra Sasnovich so far this week to reach her 5th QF of the year
- Has won 11 of her last 14 matches
- Faces No.33 Ekaterina Alexandrova in QF today; Fernandez won their most recent meeting at Wuhan last week
- 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
- Seeking her 2nd SF of the year, following her Singapore title run (1-3 in QF matches this year)
- Has won 26 Tour-level matches this year, with 17 of those coming on hard court
- Only player from Canada in this week's main draw; she is the first player from Canada to reach a Ningbo R16 and QF
- Is currently ranked No.30; this time last year was ranked No.22. Reached career-high ranking of No.13 in August 2022

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. H. GUO (#189) 6-2 6-3 (1h 22m)
2r: d. M. KOSTYUK (#10) 6-4 (32m)

Total time on court: 1h 54m

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 and No.3 seed Marta Kostyuk (via ret.) to reach her 5th QF of the year
- Faces No.30 Leylah Fernandez in QF today; Alexandrova has won 11 of her last 15 matches vs. players ranked outside the Top 20 (one of those losses was to today's opponent Fernandez last week in Wuhan)
- 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)
- Seeking her 2nd SF of the year after Abu Dhabi R-Up (1-3 in QF matches this year)
- Has won 22 Tour-level matches so far this year, with 16 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



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

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	



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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)

- 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)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
133	38	Aces	209	14
62.5%	41	First serve %	57.7%	76
65.8%	40	First Serve points won %	66.7%	29
46.5%	37	Second serve points won %	46.5%	36
58.5%	30	Overall service points won %	58.2%	35
71.1%	25	Service games won %	69.5%	33
63.1%	4	Break points saved %	56.7%	36
34.6%	71	First serve return points won %	35.5%	61
53.2%	70	Second serve return points won %	52.7%	78
46.2%	29	Break points converted %	41.2%	79
32.8%	57	Return games won %	31.3%	70
41.9%	65	Return points won %	42.3%	61



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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

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)

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



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CAREER MILESTONES

- In 2025, 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
- In 2025 claimed first career WTA 500 title at Linz and reached three additional finals all at 500 events; Monterrey, Seoul and Ningbo. Made her Top 10 debut on October 13 and finished the season inside the Top 10
- Played WTA Finals debut match at the 2025 WTA Finals as an alternate in the round robin stage, lost to eventual champion Elena Rybakina
- In 2024, highlights included reaching the final at Linz (l. Ostapenko in Final) and semifinals at Adelaide (l. eventual champion Ostapenko), Miami (l. eventual champion Collins), 's-Hertogenbosch (l. eventual champion Samsonova) and Monterrey (l. Sun); also made quarterfinals at Wuhan (l. Xin. Wang) and her best Grand Slam result of the season came during a 3r run at US Open (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)
- In 2023, won fourth career singles title at 's-Hertogenbosch, successfully defending the title and defeating top seed, Kudrmetova in the final. A run of successful results followed with SF at Berlin (l. eventual champion, Kvitova), 4r at Wimbledon (l. Sabalenka) - a career best result at any of the majors and runner-up at Cleveland (l. Sorribes Tormo).
- Reached a 2023 peak ranking of No. 16 on February 20 following a 3r finish at Australian Open (l. Linette), before posting two QF results at Miami (l. eventual champion Kvitova) and Charleston (l. Bencic). Another QF then came in the Asian Swing at Tokyo (l. Pavlyuchenkova).
- In 2022, won titles at 's-Hertogenbosch (d. Sabalenka in F) and Seoul (d. Ostapenko in F). Also advanced to SF at Charleston, Madrid and Ostrava, making Top 20 debut on October 10, 2022
- Reached third WTA singles final in 2021, enjoying run to final at home tournament of Moscow (l. Kontaveit). Other key result was SF run at Gippsland Trophy (l. Kanepi)
- Posted two best wins-by-ranking of career in 2021, defeating No.2 Halep (Gippsland Trophy) and No.2 Sabalenka (Moscow)
- Reached 2r on Olympic debut at Tokyo 2020
- Opened 2020 season by lifting her maiden WTA singles title, at Shenzhen (d. Rybakina in F)
- Made Top 50 debut on June 17, 2019 after QF run at 's-Hertogenbosch
- Registered 30 Tour-level match wins during 2019, in which she reached SF at Budapest, Seoul and Linz and made QF at St. Petersburg, 's-Hertogenbosch, Eastbourne and Moscow. Also

- 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

- advanced to 3r at a major for the first time, at Roland Garros
- Won sole WTA doubles title at 2019 Budapest (w/Zvonareva)
- Came through qualifying to make maiden WTA final appearance at 2018 Linz (l. Giorgi)
- Advanced to first WTA QF at 2018 Seoul, scoring maiden Top 10 win of her career en route, over No.10 Ostapenko
- Made Top 100 debut at No.93 on March 20, 2017 after winning title at \$60K ITF/Shenzhen-CHN
- At 2016 Wimbledon, ranked No.223, won her way through qualifying on her maiden Slam appearance, going on to reach 2r (upset No.23 seed Ivanovic in 1r)
- Won WTA 125K Series title at Limoges in 2016, 2018-19
- Reached 2r on WTA main draw debut at 2016 Katowice (as qualifier, l. eventual R-Up Giorgi)
- Contested qualifying for the first time at a WTA-level tournament at 2014 Bad Gastein
- Played first professional events of career on ITF Circuit in Europe in 2011

OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by 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

- Coached by Igor Andreev
- Worked with her father, Evgeny. Was previously coached by Vojta Flegl
- Mother is Julia, also has sister, Anna, and brother Jury. Began playing tennis at age 6
- Favorite shot is forehand; favorite surface is hard
- Speaks Russian, English and Czech
- Likes to cook, especially making cakes
- Admires Serena Williams

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Iva Jovic (4)
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2007-12-06	Date of Birth	2004-04-02
Residence		
Right-Handed	Plays	Left-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 8" (1.73m)	Height	5' 6" (1.70m)
11	Career-High Ranking	11
\$3,806,256	Career Prize Money	\$7,225,555
\$2,742,089	Season Prize Money	\$3,101,903
1 / 2	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 5
16-9 (Quarter-Finalist: 2026 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	21-14 (Semi-Finalist: 2026 ROLAND GARROS)
1-0 / 1-0 (Quarter-Finalist: 2026)	YTD / Career NINGBO W-L (best)	2-0 / 9-3 (Runner-Up: 2023)
42-19 / 57-30	YTD / Career W-L	34-21 / 120-78



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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2026	DUBAI	HARD	2r	Iva Jovic	6-4 1-6 6-0	1h 46m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
11	-	2026	13	-
33	35	2025	11	21
206	206	2024	12	13
646	647	2023	60	60
-	-	2022	182	182
-	-	2021	1054	1065



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. J. PAOLINI (#35) 6-4 6-3 (1h 22m)

Total time on court: 1h 22m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 1st appearance at Ningbo
- After 1r bye, has beaten Jasmine Paolini so far this week to reach her first QF since lifting the title at Guadalajara 2026
- Faces No.13 Diana Shnaider in QF today; owns 4 wins in career over Top 20 players, most recently No.18 Alexandra Eala at 2026 US Open
- Owns 13-17 career record against seeds, with a record in 2026 standing at 9-12
- 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
- Only player from United States of America to reach QF
- Has matched best result by United States of America at Ningbo - QF run by McCartney Kessler in 2025 (l. eventual R-Up Alexandrova)
- Has won 42 Tour-level matches this year, with 28 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
- Winner of today's match to face either No.1 seed Elena Rybakina or Katarzyna Kawa in SF

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

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

2r: d. A. EALA (#20) 7-5 6-4 (1h 55m)

Total time on court: 4h 21m

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 and Alexandra Eala to reach her 7th QF of the year
- Faces No.12 Iva Jovic in QF today; owns 15 wins in career over Top 20 players, most recently against No.20 Alexandra Eala here this week
- Owns 20-12 career record against players from United States of America, with record in 2026 standing at 5-6
- 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)
- 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)
- Has won 34 Tour-level matches this year, with 23 of those wins coming on hard court
- 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

- 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)
- 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)

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141	33	Aces	74	55
60.6%	55	First serve %	65.7%	20
65.2%	43	First Serve points won %	64.0%	51
49.3%	11	Second serve points won %	47.9%	22
58.9%	24	Overall service points won %	58.4%	31
70.0%	30	Service games won %	71.3%	23
57.8%	29	Break points saved %	57.1%	33
39.4%	10	First serve return points won %	38.1%	20
56.9%	20	Second serve return points won %	56.4%	23
50.3%	6	Break points converted %	45.8%	35
41.5%	7	Return games won %	37.5%	27
46.2%	6	Return points won %	44.9%	23



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TITLES

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (2)
2026 - GUADALAJARA
2025 - GUADALAJARA 500
Runner-Up (1)
2026 - HOBART

SINGLES FINALS

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)



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GRAND SLAMS

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



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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

- 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

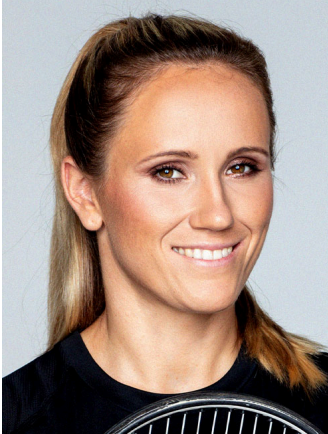
- Coached by Thomas Gutteridge
- Raised in Torrance, California
- Tennis idols are Novak Djokovic and Belinda Bencic
- Started playing tennis at age 5
- Favorite surface is grass
- Plays with a Yonex VCORE racquet

- Coached by 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

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FIRST
MEETING

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ELENA
RYBAKINA (1)
KAZAKHSTAN

KATARZYNA
KAWA [Q] 128

POLAND

1999-06-17	Date of Birth	1992-11-17
	Residence	Poznan, Poland
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-Handed (two-handed backhand)
6' 0" (1.84m)	Height	5' 9"
1	Career-High Ranking	112
\$35,354,162	Career Prize Money	\$1,608,653
\$10,915,445	Season Prize Money	\$275,660
3 / 14	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 0
76-24 (Champion: 2026 US OPEN, AUSTRALIAN OPEN; 2022 WIMBLEDON)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	1-2 (Round of 64: 2022 WIMBLEDON)
1-0 / 5-0 (Champion: 2025)	YTD / Career NINGBO W-L (best)	2-0 / 2-0 (Quarter-Finalist: 2026)
50-14 / 317-124	YTD / Career W-L	5-4 / 22-26



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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
1	-	2026	119	-
5	5	2025	115	124
3	6	2024	175	258
3	4	2023	207	207
12	22	2022	129	261
14	14	2021	113	154
17	19	2020	112	113
37	37	2019	124	127
182	191	2018	285	290
420	425	2017	352	520



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. P. KUDERMETOVA (#105) 5-0 (30m)

Total time on court: 30m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 2nd appearance at Ningbo and returning as the defending champion (d. Alexandrova in last year's final)
- After 1r bye, has defeated Polina Kudermetova (via ret.) so far this week to earn her first match-win while holding World No.1 ranking
- Faces No.128 Katarzyna Kawa in QF today
- Holds a 6-1 record vs. players ranked outside the Top 100 this year, with the one loss coming in her previous 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
- Owns 11-8 career record against players from Poland, with record in 2026 standing at 2-2
- 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
- Has won 50 Tour-level matches this year; tied with Pegula and Andreeva (50 each) for the Tour lead in match-wins

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. D. SNIGUR (#40) 1-6 6-2 6-4 (2h 19m)
2r: d. B. BENCIC (#14) 7-5 6-2 (1h 43m)

Total time on court: 4h 2m

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 and Bencic so far this week to reach her first hard court Tour-level QF (2nd Tour-level QF of the year after QF finish at Bogota)
- Faces No.1 Elena Rybakina in QF today; seeking first career win over Top 10 player
- 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)
- Owns 0-1 career record against players from Kazakhstan, with record in 2026 standing at 0-0
- 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 QF
- 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



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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)
- 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

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
415	1	Aces	23	127
57.3%	81	First serve %	54.0%	0
73.9%	2	First Serve points won %	64.5%	0
51.3%	2	Second serve points won %	46.3%	0
64.3%	2	Overall service points won %	56.1%	0
82.2%	1	Service games won %	63.9%	0
64.6%	1	Break points saved %	57.8%	0
34.2%	77	First serve return points won %	40.4%	0
54.8%	46	Second serve return points won %	57.6%	0
44.0%	56	Break points converted %	47.8%	0
32.4%	59	Return games won %	46.3%	0
42.4%	60	Return points won %	47.2%	0



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TITLES

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 (2)
2025 - BOGOTA
2019 - JURMALA

DOUBLES FINALS

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



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GRAND SLAMS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
WON	2r	3r	WON	2026				
4r	4r	3r	4r	2025				
2r	QF	SF	2r	2024				
RUP	3r	QF	3r	2023				
2r	3r	WON	1r	2022			2r	
2r	QF	4r	3r	2021				
3r	2r		2r	2020				1r
	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
- 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), Kozarki (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

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

- 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