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## SEMIFINALS – FRIDAY, MAY 22

**Emma Navarro (USA #39) vs. Ann Li (USA #30)**

**Navarro leads 1-0**

*Navarro:*

- Making 4th appearance at Strasbourg, and has reached SF here for the first time
- She previously made Strasbourg QF in both 2023 (l. eventual R-Up Blinkova) and 2025 (l. Haddad Maia); also made R16 in 2024 (l. Haddad Maia)
- Has reached her first SF since her 2025 Merida title run in March of last year
- This is her first clay-court SF at Tour-level; she previously posted clay-court QF finishes on Tour at 2023 Strasbourg, 2023 Palermo, 2025 Charleston and 2025 Strasbourg
- Career-best WTA 500 result is winning the 2025 Merida title (d. Arango in F)
- Earned the 100th Tour-level win of her career by defeating No.3 seed Jovic in this week's 2r

*Li:*

- Making her first appearance at Strasbourg
- Has reached her first SF since her title run at 2025 Guangzhou (d. Sun in F)
- Holds an 8-4 record on clay this year; she also made Rouen QF (l. eventual champion Kostyuk), Madrid R16, Rome 2r and Linz 1r
- This is her first Tour-level clay-court SF; she previously made clay-court QFs at 2024 Palermo (l. Begu), 2025 Rabat (l. eventual champion Joint) and 2026 Rouen (l. eventual champion Kostyuk)
- Is currently ranked No.30; she posted a new career-high ranking of No.29 earlier this month
- Most recent American to win this title is Madison Keys in 2024 (d. Danielle Collins in all-American final)

**[1/WC] Victoria Mboko (CAN #9) vs. Jaqueline Cristian (ROU #33)**

**First meeting**

*Mboko:*

- Making tournament debut at Strasbourg, as a wild card
- This week marks her first career clay-court QF and SF at Tour-level
- Contesting just her 4th career WTA main draw on clay after 2025 Rome (as qualifier, l. eventual R-Up Gauff in 2r), 2025 Roland Garros (as qualifier, l. Zheng Qinwen in 3r) and 2026 Madrid (l. McNally in 2r)
- Has a 15-1 record this year vs. players ranked outside the Top 20 (the one loss was to McNally at Madrid)
- Career-best WTA 500 result is runner-up finish at 2026 Adelaide (l. M. Andreeva in F)
- She is the first Canadian to make Strasbourg SF since Eugenie Bouchard in 2013 (l. eventual champion Cornet in SF)
- Currently ranked a career-high No.9; she made her Top 10 debut earlier this year on February 16

*Cristian:*

- Making 1st main draw appearance at Strasbourg; she fell in qualifying in 2018 (l. Piter) and 2019 (l. Kostyuk)
- This is her first career WTA 500 SF; she previously made WTA 500 QFs at 2021 St. Petersburg (l. Kuznetsova), 2024 Charleston (l. eventual R-Up Kasatkina) and 2026 Adelaide (l. Birrell)
- Contesting her first SF on Tour since 2025 Osaka (l. eventual R-Up Valentova in SF)
- Has notched one career Top 10 win, over No.10 Krejciikova at 2024 Beijing (0-10 vs. Top 10 players since then)
- She is the first Romanian to make Strasbourg SF since Sorana Cirstea was 2021 R-Up (l. Krejciikova in F)
- Her career-best Tour-level result on clay is runner-up finish at 2025 Rabat (l. Joint in F)



# MATCH NOTES

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NAVARRO**

**UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA**

**ANN  
LI**

**30**

**UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA**

|                                     |   |                                   |
|-------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| 2001-05-18                          | <b>Date of Birth</b>                      | 2000-06-26                        |
| Charleston, SC, USA                 | <b>Residence</b>                          | Atlanta, Georgia, USA             |
| Right-Handed                        | <b>Plays</b>                              | Right-Handed                      |
| 5' 7" (1.70m)                       | <b>Height</b>                             | 5' 7" (1.70m)                     |
| 8                                   | <b>Career-High Ranking</b>                | 29                                |
| \$5,917,862                         | <b>Career Prize Money</b>                 | \$3,544,133                       |
| \$277,253                           | <b>Season Prize Money</b>                 | \$467,737                         |
| 0 / 2                               | <b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>        | 0 / 2                             |
| 24-13 (Semi-Finalist: 2024 US OPEN) | <b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>              | 13-16 (Round of 16: 2025 US OPEN) |
| 3-0 / 7-3 (Semi-Finalist: 2026)     | <b>YTD / Career STRASBOURG W-L (best)</b> | 3-0 / 3-0 (Semi-Finalist: 2026)   |
| 7-9 / 101-77                        | <b>YTD / Career W-L</b>                   | 13-12 / 85-75                     |



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## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

| YEAR | TOURNAMENT | SURFACE | ROUND | WINNER       | SCORE/ RESULT | TIME |
|------|------------|---------|-------|--------------|---------------|------|
| 2019 | CHARLESTON | CLAY    | 2r    | Emma Navarro | 6-3 6-4       | 0m   |

## RANKING HISTORY

| TOP RANK | YEAR-END | YEAR | TOP RANK | YEAR-END |
|----------|----------|------|----------|----------|
| 15       | -        | 2026 | 29       | -        |
| 8        | 15       | 2025 | 33       | 38       |
| 8        | 8        | 2024 | 93       | 99       |
| 38       | 38       | 2023 | 129      | 174      |
| 127      | 143      | 2022 | 44       | 140      |
| 233      | 233      | 2021 | 47       | 47       |
| 462      | 463      | 2020 | 97       | 97       |
| 412      | 486      | 2019 | 146      | 148      |
| 761      | 763      | 2018 | 290      | 310      |
| -        | -        | 2017 | 583      | 583      |



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. S. BEJLEK (#35) 6-1 6-4 (1h 26m)  
2r: d. I. JOVIC (#17) 6-4 4-6 6-1 (2h 23m)  
QF: d. S. ZHANG (#73) 2-6 7-6 6-2 (2h 29m)

*Total time on court: 6h 18m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 4th appearance at Strasbourg and has reached the SF here for the first time
- She previously reached Strasbourg QF in both 2023 (l. eventual R-Up Blinkova) and 2025 (l. Haddad Maia); also made R16 in 2024 (l. Haddad Maia)
- Career-best WTA 500 result is winning the 2025 Merida title (d. Arango in F)
- Defeated Sara Bejlek, No.3 seed Iva Jovic and Zhang Shuai this week, reaching her first SF since her 2025 Merida title run in March of last year
- Her victories over Bejlek and Jovic were her first Top 50 wins of 2026 (previously 0-5 vs. Top 50 players in 2026)
- Her wins this week were also her first Tour-level victories since defeating Ruse in 2026 Dubai 1r in February
- Seeking her 3rd career WTA singles final; she won titles at 2024 Hobart (d. Mertens in F) and 2025 Merida
- Faces No.30 Ann Li in SF today; Navarro owns 24 wins in career over Top 30 players, most recently Jovic in this week's 2r
- Owns 15-14 career Tour-level record against fellow American players (1-1 in 2026: d. Jovic this week; l. Baptiste at Abu Dhabi)
- This is her first Tour-level clay-court SF; she previously posted clay-court QF finishes on Tour at 2023 Strasbourg, 2023 Palermo, 2025 Charleston and 2025 Strasbourg
- Most recent American to win this title is Madison Keys in 2024 (d. Collins in all-American F)
- Is currently ranked No.39; this time last year was ranked No.9. Reached career-high ranking of No.8 in September 2024
- Earned her 100th Tour-level win of career by defeating Jovic in this week's 2r

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. M. JOINT (#34) 6-1 6-2 (1h 7m)  
2r: d. E. ALEXANDROVA (#14) 4-6 6-4 6-3 (1h 58m)  
QF: d. M. BOUZKOVA (#27) 6-3 7-5 (1h 45m)

*Total time on court: 4h 50m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making first appearance at Strasbourg
- Defeated Maya Joint, No.2 seed Ekaterina Alexandrova and No.8 seed Marie Bouzkova to reach SF
- Has reached her first SF since her title run at 2025 Guangzhou (d. Sun in F)
- Seeking her 7th career WTA singles final; she has won 2 WTA singles titles at 2021 Tenerife (d. Osorio in F) and 2025 Guangzhou
- Now holds an 8-4 record on clay this year; she also made Rouen QF (l. eventual champion Kostyuk), Madrid R16, Rome 2r and Linz 1r
- Career-best performance at a WTA 500 event was finalist at 2021 Grampians Trophy in Melbourne (final vs. Kontaveit was not played)
- Faces No.39 Emma Navarro in SF today; Li owns 19 wins in career over Top 50 players, including all 3 of her wins this week
- Owns 12-12 career Tour-level record against fellow American players (2-0 in 2026: d. Volynets at Hobart; d. Parks at Madrid)
- This is her first Tour-level clay-court SF; she previously made clay-court QFs at 2024 Palermo (l. Begu), 2025 Rabat (l. eventual champion Joint) and 2026 Rouen (l. eventual champion Kostyuk)
- Most recent American to win this title is Madison Keys in 2024 (d. Collins in all-American F)
- Is currently ranked No.30; this time last year was ranked No.57. Reached career-high ranking of No.29 earlier this month



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

| 2025 | Result | Rank: 9                             | Seed: 2 |
|------|--------|-------------------------------------|---------|
| QF   | L      | B. HADDAD MAIA (#23) 3-6 7-6(3) 6-2 |         |
| 2r   | W      | A. BLINKOVA (#65) 6-4 6-1           |         |
| 2024 | Result | Rank: 24                            | Seed: - |
| 2r   | L      | B. HADDAD MAIA (#14) 6-4 7-6(1)     |         |
| 1r   | W      | A. CORNET (#107) 6-4 6-1            |         |
| 2023 | Result | Rank: 82                            | Seed: - |
| QF   | L      | A. BLINKOVA (#66) 6-4 6-4           |         |
| 2r   | W      | J. TEICHMANN (#75) 2-6 6-3 6-2      |         |
| 1r   | W      | T. MARTINCOVA (#91) 6-2 6-3         |         |

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles



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## SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Made 2r at Indian Wells (l. Kartal) and Rome (l. Cocciaretto)
- Played 2r at Merida (l. Zhang)
- Made 2r at Dubai (l. Mertens)
- Played 2r at Doha (l. Kalinskaya)
- Made 2r at Abu Dhabi (l. Baptiste)
- Fell in 1r at Australian Open (l. Linette)
- Reached QF at Adelaide (l. Shnaider)
- Played 1r at Auckland (l. F.Jones)

- Fell 2r at Rome (l. Samsonova)
- Made 4r at Madrid (l. Fernandez)
- Reached QF at Rouen (l. eventual champion Kostyuk)
- Fell in 1r at Linz (l. Yastremska)
- Made 2r at Miami (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)
- Played 1r at Indian Wells (l. Gibson)
- Made 2r at Merida (l. Sonmez)
- Fell in 1r at Dubai (l. Noskova)
- Made 3r at Doha (l. Cocciaretto)
- Played 2r at Australian Open (l. Linette)
- Made 2r at Hobart (l. eventual champion Cocciaretto)
- Played 1r at Brisbane (l. Gadecki)

| VALUE | WTA RANK | MATCH STATS                             | VALUE | WTA RANK |
|-------|----------|---|-------|----------|
| 39    | 50       | <b>Aces</b>                             | 124   | 10       |
| 59.1% | 77       | <b>First serve %</b>                    | 59.7% | 69       |
| 64.0% | 48       | <b>First Serve points won %</b>         | 67.9% | 17       |
| 48.6% | 16       | <b>Second serve points won %</b>        | 44.8% | 51       |
| 57.7% | 37       | <b>Overall service points won %</b>     | 58.6% | 29       |
| 66.9% | 39       | <b>Service games won %</b>              | 70.5% | 27       |
| 52.8% | 65       | <b>Break points saved %</b>             | 59.0% | 21       |
| 36.4% | 48       | <b>First serve return points won %</b>  | 35.8% | 56       |
| 55.1% | 43       | <b>Second serve return points won %</b> | 52.3% | 84       |
| 44.6% | 57       | <b>Break points converted %</b>         | 47.4% | 38       |
| 34.8% | 43       | <b>Return games won %</b>               | 31.5% | 67       |
| 43.4% | 45       | <b>Return points won %</b>              | 41.8% | 69       |



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## TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (2)  
2025 - MÉRIDA  
2024 - HOBART

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (2)  
2025 - GUANGZHOU  
2021 - TENERIFE

Runner-Up (4)  
2025 - CLEVELAND, SINGAPORE  
2024 - MÉRIDA  
2021 - MELBOURNE 500 GRAMPIANS TROPHY

| AUSTRALIAN OPEN | ROLAND GARROS | WIMBLEDON | US OPEN |             | AUSTRALIAN OPEN | ROLAND GARROS | WIMBLEDON | US OPEN |
|-----------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------|---------|
| 1r              |               |           |         | <b>2026</b> | 2r              |               |           |         |
| QF              | 1r            | 4r        | 3r      | <b>2025</b> | 1r              | 2r            | 2r        | 4r      |
| 3r              | 4r            | QF        | SF      | <b>2024</b> |                 |               |           | 1r      |
|                 | 2r            | 1r        | 1r      | <b>2023</b> |                 |               |           |         |
|                 |               |           |         | <b>2022</b> | 1r              | 1r            | 2r        | 1r      |
|                 |               |           | 1r      | <b>2021</b> | 3r              | 2r            | 1r        | 1r      |
|                 |               |           |         | <b>2020</b> | 2r              |               |           | 3r      |



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- In 2025, won second Tour singles title of her career at Merida (d. Arango in final); made 7 additional Tour QFs, including her 3rd straight Grand Slam QF at Australian Open (l. Swiatek)
- Voted 2024 WTA Most Improved Player of the Year Award, finished the year ranked No.8 with a singles record of 54-24, winning her first career title at 2024 Hobart; climbed to a year-end ranking at No.8 after finishing 2023 at No.38 (and No.143 in 2022)
- 2023 was a stand-out year, achieving a career best with semifinal at WTA 500 San Diego (l. Kenin) and ending season with a ranking of No. 32. Also reached two quarterfinals on clay, Strasbourg (l. Blinkova) and Palermo (l. eventual champion Zheng), and one semifinal on grass, Bad Homburg (l. Siniakova)
- In 2022, posted 31-18 win-loss record. At Tour-level, made 2r at Charleston (as WC, l. Jabeur), fell 1r at Monterrey (as WC, l. Zacarias) and Indian Wells (as WC, l. Anisimova), and contested qualifying at San Diego
- Elsewhere in 2022, reached three ITF Circuit finals, including lifting second career title at this level at W60 tournament in Liepaja, Latvia, while made SF at WTA 125K Series event in Vancouver
- Lifted maiden ITF Circuit title at W25 event in Orlando in November 2021
- Won the NCAA Division I women's singles title in May 2021 to earn a WC into US Open, where she fell 1r (l. McHale)
- Fell 2r on professional debut at \$10k Charleston, SC-USA (l. Di Lorenzo) in 2015
- Began her collegiate career by winning her first 14 NCAA singles matches and moving up to a No.6 ITA ranking
- Ended 2019 at No.3 in ITF Junior rankings, following a season that included a R-Up finish at Roland Garros (l. Fernandez), a SF run at Wimbledon and victory at the Adidas Easter Bowl
- Won second career title in 2025 at Guangzhou (after Tenerife 2021) and reached further finals at Singapore (l. Mertens in F) and Cleveland (l. Cirstea in F). Made 4r at a Grand Slam for the first time at US Open (l. Pegula) and reached a peak ranking of No.33 in October before finishing the 2025 season ranked inside the Top 40 for the first time (No.38)
- Ended 2024 with her strongest result of the year at Merida with R-Up run taking her ranking back into the Top 100 for the first time since 2022. Through the season also made QF at Palermo and at WTA 125s, lifted the title at Valencia and reached the final at Bastad
- Reached four Tour-level main draws in 2023; 1r at Austin (as qualifier, l. Blinkova), 1r at Indian Wells (l. Blinkova), Cincinnati (as qualifier, l. Sabalenka) and Guadalajara (as qualifier, l. Stephens). Also reached QF at WTA 125 Valencia on clay (l. Sherif) and R-Up at ITF \$100K Bonita Springs
- Her second semifinal appearance of 2022 came at Midland WTA 125 (l. Friedsam)
- Advanced to second round at Doha WTA 500 (l. Sakkari) and reached WTA 1000 Miami 3r (l. Riske-Amritraj)
- In 2022 reached Melbourne 2 (WTA 250) semifinal (l. Sasnovich)
- Ended 2021 season in fine form, winning first WTA title at Tenerife (d. Osorio in F) and making QF at Courmayeur (l. Tauson)
- Opened 2021 campaign by reaching maiden WTA final, at Grampains Trophy (final vs. Kontaveit was not played)
- Ended 2020 season with career-high ranking of No.97 (November 9, 2020) and first-ever Top 100 finish
- Best result in 2020 was 3r run at US Open (d. No.20 Riske in 2r, l. Kerber)
- Advanced to 2r on Grand Slam debut at 2020 Australian Open (as qualifier, l. eventual champion Kenin)
- Fell in 1r on WTA main draw debut at 2020 Auckland (as qualifier, l. McHale)
- Also captured third career ITF singles title at 80K ITF/Tyler-TX, USA (d. Kostyuk in F)
- Owns three ITF singles titles
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in US in 2016
- Was R-Up in girls' singles at 2017 Wimbledon (l. Liu)

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Currently coached by Peter Ayers
  - Born in New York City and raised in Charleston, SC
  - Attended the University of Virginia where she studied Arts & Science and played collegiate tennis
  - 2021 NCAA Singles Champion (freshman year)
  - 2019 Australian Open Junior Doubles Finalist
  - 2019 Roland Garros Junior Doubles Champion and Singles Finalist
  - 2019 Wimbledon Junior Singles Semi-Finalist
  - Is the daughter of businessman Ben Navarro and the grand-daughter of former American football player and coach Frank Navarro
- Coached by Carlos Boluda. Lives and trains in Atlanta; formerly trained at USTA in Orlando
  - Idolizes Roger Federer. Favorite surface to compete on is grass
  - Hobbies include listening to music, watching movies, and reading



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**9** **VICTORIA MBOKO (WC) (1)**  
CANADA

**33** **JAQUELINE CRISTIAN**  
ROMANIA

|   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| 2006-08-26                              | <b>Date of Birth</b>                      | 1998-06-05   |
| Burlington, ON                          | <b>Residence</b>                          |  |
| Right-handed (two-handed backhand)      | <b>Plays</b>                              | Right-Handed   |
| 5' 11" (1.80)                           | <b>Height</b>                             | 5' 11" (1.82m)   |
| 9                                       | <b>Career-High Ranking</b>                | 28   |
| \$2,952,098                             | <b>Career Prize Money</b>                 | \$3,465,970  |
| \$1,445,499                             | <b>Season Prize Money</b>                 | \$546,311  |
| 0 / 2                                   | <b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>        | 0 / 0  |
| 6-4 (Round of 16: 2026 AUSTRALIAN OPEN) | <b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>              | 8-13 (Round of 32: 2025 US OPEN, ROLAND GARROS, AUSTRALIAN OPEN) |
| 2-0 / 2-0 (Semi-Finalist: 2026)         | <b>YTD / Career STRASBOURG W-L (best)</b> | 3-0 / 3-0 (Semi-Finalist: 2026)                                  |
| 21-7 / 41-18                            | <b>YTD / Career W-L</b>                   | 14-12 / 86-85  |



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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 |
|----------|----------|------|----------|----------|
| 9        | -        | 2026 | 28       | -        |
| 18       | 18       | 2025 | 39       | 39       |
| 284      | 350      | 2024 | 57       | 73       |
| 316      | 323      | 2023 | 97       | 98       |
| 492      | 499      | 2022 | 58       | 148      |
| -        | -        | 2021 | 71       | 71       |
| -        | -        | 2020 | 162      | 167      |
| -        | -        | 2019 | 201      | 205      |
| -        | -        | 2018 | 201      | 284      |
| -        | -        | 2017 | 254      | 254      |



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**JAQUELINE  
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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. L. BOISSON (#50) 6-4 6-3 (1h 22m)  
QF: d. L. FERNANDEZ (#24) 6-4 6-4 (1h 32m)

*Total time on court: 2h 54m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making tournament debut at Strasbourg, as a wild card
- Career-best WTA 500 result is R-Up finish at 2026 Adelaide (l. M.Andreeva in F)
- After 1r bye, defeated Lois Boisson and No.7 seed Leylah Fernandez to make SF, notching her first 2 clay-court wins of the year
- This is her 3rd SF of the year after Adelaide R-Up and Doha R-Up (l. Muchova in F)
- Seeking a spot in her 5th career WTA singles final
- Faces No.33 Jaqueline Cristian in SF today; Mboko is 15-1 this year vs. players ranked outside the Top 20 (the one loss was to McNally at Madrid)
- This is her first Tour-level meeting vs. a player from Romania in her career
- This week marks her first career clay-court QF and SF at Tour-level
- Contesting just her 4th career WTA main draw on clay after 2025 Rome (as qualifier, l. eventual R-Up Gauff in 2r), 2025 Roland Garros (as qualifier, l. Zheng Qinwen in 3r) and 2026 Madrid (l. McNally in 2r)
- This week, she is No.1 seed at a WTA Tour event for the first time in her career
- She is the first Canadian to make Strasbourg SF since Eugenie Bouchard in 2013 (l. eventual champion Cornet in SF)
- Attempting to become the first Canadian to make Strasbourg final since Carling Bassett-Seguso won the title in 1987, the inaugural edition
- Most recent wild card to win this title is Elina Svitolina in 2023 (d. Blinkova in F)
- Is currently ranked a career-high No.9; this time last year was ranked No.122
- Made her Top 10 debut in the PIF WTA Rankings earlier this year on February 16

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. M. KESSLER (#47) 6-1 6-1 (1h 17m)  
2r: d. C. TAUSON (#21) 6-1 7-5 (1h 47m)  
QF: d. D. KASATKINA (#62) 7-6 3-6 6-2 (2h 34m)

*Total time on court: 5h 38m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 1st main draw appearance at Strasbourg; she fell in qualifying in 2018 (l. Piter) and 2019 (l. Kostyuk)
- This is her first career WTA 500 SF; she previously made WTA 500 QFs at 2021 St. Petersburg (l. Kuznetsova), 2024 Charleston (l. eventual R-Up Kasatkina) and 2026 Adelaide (l. Birrell)
- Defeated McCartney Kessler, No.4 seed Clara Tauson and Daria Kasatkina to make this week's SF
- This is her first SF on Tour since 2025 Osaka (l. eventual R-Up Valentova)
- Seeking her 3rd career WTA singles final, and first since runner-up finish at 2025 Rabat (l. Joint in F)
- Faces No.9 Victoria Mboko in SF today; Cristian has one career Top 10 win, over No.10 Krejckova at 2024 Beijing (0-10 vs. Top 10 players since then)
- Owns 2-2 career Tour-level record against players from Canada; her most recent match vs. a Canadian was a loss to Fernandez at 2025 Monterrey
- Career-best Tour-level result on clay is runner-up finish at 2025 Rabat (l. Joint in F)
- She is the first Romanian to make Strasbourg SF since Sorana Cirstea was 2021 R-Up (l. Krejckova in F)
- Best result by Romania at Strasbourg was Irina Spirlea's title run in 1998 (d. Julie Halard-Decugis in F)
- Holds a 5-4 record on clay this year: also reached Madrid 3r and Rouen 2r, and lost Rome and Linz openers
- Is currently ranked No.33; this time last year was ranked No.74. Reached career-high ranking of No.28 earlier this month



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

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## SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Played 2r at Madrid (l. McNally)
- Reached QF at Miami (l. Muchova)
- Reached QF at Indian Wells (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)
- Finished with R-Up at Doha (l. champion Muchova in F)
- Reached 4r at Australian Open (l. eventual R-Up Sabalenka)
- Reached final at Adelaide (l. champion Andreeva in F)
- Opened 2026 season going 1-1 in singles play at United Cup for Team Canada

- Reached 2r at Rome (l. Ka.Pliskova)
- Made 3r at Madrid (l. Sabalenka)
- Made 2r at Rouen (l. Boulter)
- Fell in 1r at Linz (l. Korpatsch)
- Reached 4r at Miami (l. Pegula)
- Made 3r at Indian Wells (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)
- Reached 3r at Dubai (l. M.Andreeva)
- Played 1r at Doha (l. eventual champion Muchova)
- Made 2r at Cluj-Napoca (l. Snigur)
- Fell in 1r at Australian Open (l. Muchova)
- Reached QF at Adelaide (as qualifier, l. Birrell)
- Played 1r at Brisbane (l. Bouzkova)

| VALUE | WTA RANK | MATCH STATS                             | VALUE | WTA RANK |
|-------|----------|---|-------|----------|
| 136   | 7        | <b>Aces</b>                             | 74    | 29       |
| 66.4% | 22       | <b>First serve %</b>                    | 62.2% | 57       |
| 68.2% | 13       | <b>First Serve points won %</b>         | 62.3% | 58       |
| 48.5% | 17       | <b>Second serve points won %</b>        | 45.8% | 42       |
| 61.6% | 11       | <b>Overall service points won %</b>     | 56.0% | 54       |
| 76.8% | 5        | <b>Service games won %</b>              | 63.3% | 62       |
| 53.6% | 56       | <b>Break points saved %</b>             | 55.6% | 41       |
| 37.0% | 40       | <b>First serve return points won %</b>  | 36.7% | 45       |
| 55.6% | 37       | <b>Second serve return points won %</b> | 54.6% | 51       |
| 49.1% | 21       | <b>Break points converted %</b>         | 44.6% | 58       |
| 35.1% | 42       | <b>Return games won %</b>               | 33.7% | 52       |
| 43.4% | 42       | <b>Return points won %</b>              | 42.7% | 54       |



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## TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (2)  
2025 - HONG KONG, MONTREAL  
Runner-Up (2)  
2026 - DOHA, ADELAIDE

### SINGLES FINALS

Runner-Up (2)  
2025 - RABAT  
2021 - LINZ

### DOUBLES FINALS

Runner-Up (2)  
2025 - CLUJ-NAPOCA (w/Moratelli)  
2019 - BUCHAREST (w/Ruse)

| AUSTRALIAN OPEN | ROLAND GARROS | WIMBLEDON | US OPEN |             | AUSTRALIAN OPEN | ROLAND GARROS | WIMBLEDON | US OPEN |
|-----------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------|---------|
| 4r              |               |           |         | <b>2026</b> | 1r              |               |           |         |
|                 | 3r            | 2r        | 1r      | <b>2025</b> | 3r              | 3r            | 1r        | 3r      |
|                 |               |           |         | <b>2024</b> | 1r              | 1r            | 1r        | 1r      |
|                 |               |           |         | <b>2023</b> | 1r              |               | 2r        |         |
|                 |               |           |         | <b>2022</b> | 2r              |               |           | 1r      |



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- A breakthrough season in 2025 saw her lift her first WTA title during a fairytale run on home soil at Montreal as an 18-year-old wild card, registering her first Top 10 win over No.2 Gauff along the way. Three months later she was crowned champion of WTA 250 Hong Kong.
- Started 2025 ranked outside the Top 300 and closed the season with a year-end career high ranking of No.18
- Played only at ITF level in 2024 earning a further title at W35 Darmstadt (Germany) and broke into the Top 300 for the first time
- In 2023 secured her second ITF career title at W60 Saskatoon
- In 2022 played qualifying at WTA 1000 Toronto and main draw at WTA 250 Granby in her first WTA Tour level appearances
- Claimed her first ITF title in 2022 at W25 Saskatoon (Canada)
- Played first ITF tournament at W15 Prokuplje (Serbia) in 2021 at the age of 14
- Best result of 2025 was reaching second career Tour final at Rabat (l. Joint in F); also achieved her best Grand Slam results with 3r at Australian Open, Roland Garros and US Open. Won her first WTA 125 title at Puerto Vallarta and ended the season at a career high ranking of No.39
- A strong 2024 season began with semifinal at Cluj-Napoca followed by a further three quarterfinals at Charleston, Palermo and Iasi taking her ranking to a career high of No.57 in July
- In 2023 reached semifinal at Prague (l. Hibino) and also WTA 125 semifinals at Bucharest and Rouen
- Suffered knee injury in 2r match at Doha 2022 against Kasatkina and took the next six months off
- Ended 2021 campaign in fine form, reaching SF at Nur-Sultan (l. eventual champion Van Uytvanck), QF at Cluj-Napoca (l. Halep) before finishing R-Up at Linz (l. Riske)
- Broke into Top 100 on November 8, 2021
- Advanced to maiden WTA QF at 2021 St. Petersburg (l. Kuznetsova)
- Season highlight in 2020 was 2r run at Lyon (as qualifier, l. Kenin)
- In 2019, posted 2r showing at Bucharest (l. Rybakina), also fell 1r at Nanchang (as qualifier, l. Golubic)
- Reached 2r on WTA main draw debut at 2017 Bucharest (d. Kozlova. l. eventual champion Begu)
- In 2016, compiled a 46-18 win-loss record, lifting five titles on ITF Circuit and rising 400 places in rankings
- Contested maiden WTA qualifying at 2015 Bucharest
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in Europe in 2012

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Wim Fissette
- Born in North Carolina in United States, but moved to Toronto as a small child
- Grew up watching tennis at Sobeys Stadium (Toronto, WTA 1000)
- Coached by Javier Marti
- Favorite surface is clay
- Started playing tennis aged five