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## DAY 5 – SATURDAY, MAY 9

### [9] Jasmine Paolini (ITA #8) vs. [21] Elise Mertens (BEL #22)

Mertens leads 4-2

#### *Paolini:*

- Making 7th appearance at Rome, where she is the defending champion (d. Gauff in last year's final)
- Last year, she became the first Italian woman to win this title in 40 years (since Raffaella Reggi in 1985)
- She is a 2-time WTA 1000 champion - along with her Rome title last year, she also won 2024 Dubai on hard court (d. Kalinskaya in F)
- Paolini is the only Italian to win multiple WTA 1000 titles since the format introduction in 2009
- Hit 54 winners in her second-round win over Jeanjean - the most winners she has hit in a match this season (excluding team events)
- One of her three career WTA singles titles has come on clay, here in Rome last year
- Her best result so far this season is SF at Merida (l. eventual champion Bucsa)

#### *Mertens:*

- Defeated Paolini in both of their previous clay-court meetings, at 2020 Prague and 2018 Billie Jean King Cup playoffs
- Making 7th appearance at Rome, where her best result was reaching QF in 2020 (l. eventual R-Up Ka. Pliskova)
- Career-best performances at WTA 1000 events are SF at 2020 Cincinnati/NYC (l. eventual R-Up Osaka) and 2021 Dubai (l. eventual champion Muguruza)
- Attempting to make her 17th career WTA 1000 R16, and 2nd of this year after Dubai (l. Gauff in R16)
- 2 of her 10 career WTA singles titles have come on clay: 2018 Lugano (d. Sabalenka in F) and 2018 Rabat (d. Tomljanovic in F)
- Owns 12 wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.4 Jessica Pegula at Rome last year (0-4 vs. Top 10 players since)

### [1] Aryna Sabalenka (#1) vs. [26] Sorana Cirstea (ROU #27)

Sabalenka leads 2-1

#### *Sabalenka:*

- Owns 2-1 head-to-head record against today's opponent Cirstea, defeating her most recently during her title run at 2026 Brisbane
- Making 8th appearance at Rome; her best tournament result is a runner-up finish in 2024 (l. Swiatek in F)
- She also reached the semifinals here in 2022 (l. eventual champion Swiatek) and the quarterfinals last year (l. Zheng Qinwen)
- Has won 11 WTA 1000 titles in her career, including two this year - the Sunshine Double of Indian Wells (d. Rybakina in F) and Miami (d. Gauff in F)
- Since 2009, only two players have claimed more WTA 1000 match wins as World No.1 than Aryna Sabalenka (46) - Serena Williams (104) and Iga Swiatek (58)
- She is the player with the most wins in WTA 1000 events this season (16)

### *Cirstea:*

- Defeated today's opponent Sabalenka in 2023 Miami quarterfinals, when Sabalenka was ranked World No.2
- Making 8th main draw appearance at Rome; her best tournament results are two R16 runs in 2024 (l. Keys) and 2012 (l. Kvitova)
- This is her 94th career WTA 1000 main draw; her career-best WTA 1000 result is finishing runner-up at 2013 Toronto (l. S. Williams in F)
- Seeking her 20th career appearance in a WTA 1000 R16, and her 3rd of this year after Dubai and Miami (R16 finishes at both)
- Her most recent Top 10 win was over No.9 Navarro at 2025 Dubai (0-7 vs. Top 10 players since then)
- 1 of her 4 career WTA singles titles has come on clay: 2021 Istanbul (d. Mertens in F)

### **[12] Belinda Bencic (SUI #12) vs. [22] Anna Kalinskaya (#24)**

**Bencic leads 4-0**

### *Bencic:*

- Owns an undefeated record against today's opponent Kalinskaya; this is their first meeting on clay
- Making 8th appearance at Rome, and she is into the R32 for the 5th time (also 2014, 2019, 2020 and 2022)
- A win today would put her into the Rome R16 for the first time (currently 0-4 in Rome R32 matches)
- Has won 2 WTA 1000 titles, at 2015 Toronto (d. Halep in F via ret.) and 2019 Dubai (d. Kvitova in F)
- Holds an 11-2 record this year in Tour-level matches vs. players ranked outside the Top 20 (the 2 losses were to No.126 Bartunkova at Australian Open and No.32 Baptiste at Madrid)
- One of her 10 career WTA titles has come on clay, at Charleston 2022 (d. Jabeur in F)
- Earlier this year, returned to the WTA Rankings Top 10 for the first time since April 2023

### *Kalinskaya:*

- Seeking her first win in 5 attempts vs. today's opponent Bencic (0-2 on hard court and 0-2 on grass)
- Making 4th main draw appearance at Rome; a win today would put her into the Rome R16 for the first time (currently 0-2 in Rome R32 matches)
- Her best WTA 1000 result is finishing runner-up at 2024 Dubai as a qualifier (l. Paolini in F)
- This week, after 1r bye, defeated Katerina Siniakova in 2r, saving 9 match points in a 3-hour and 29-minute contest (2nd-longest main-draw Tour match of 2026)
- Holds a 2-7 record vs. Top 20 players in 2026, with both wins coming en route to WTA 1000 Doha QF (defeated No.9 Svitolina and No.18 Navarro during that run; l. eventual champion Muchova)
- Career-best Tour-level results on clay are 4 quarterfinals, most recently 2026 Charleston (l. Jovic)

### **[3] Coco Gauff (USA #4) vs. Solana Sierra (ARG #72)**

**Gauff leads 1-0**

### *Gauff:*

- Defeated today's opponent Sierra 6-1 6-1 at United Cup during the start of the 2026 season
- Making 7th appearance at Rome, where she finished runner-up last year (l. Paolini in F)
- Gauff's 18 career match-wins at this tournament is the most she has claimed at a single WTA-level event in her career (excluding Grand Slams)
- Has won 3 WTA 1000 titles in her career, at 2023 Cincinnati (d. Muchova in F), 2024 Beijing (d. Muchova in F) and 2025 Wuhan (d. Pegula in F)
- She is 8-1 so far this season vs. opponents ranked outside the Top 50, with only loss coming against No.57 Cocciaretto at Doha
- 2 of her 11 career WTA singles titles have come on clay, at 2025 Roland Garros (d. Sabalenka in F) and 2021 Parma (d. Wang Qiang in F)

### *Sierra:*

- Making her Rome main draw tournament debut (fell in first round of qualifying in 2025, l. Ruse)
- Contesting 6th WTA 1000 main draw; her best result at this level was last month at Madrid with a R16 run (l. Pliskova)
- Her 4r run at Madrid last month is her career-best Tour-level result on clay
- Has won two WTA 125 titles, both on clay at 2025 Mallorca and 2025 Antalya #3
- Sierra is 0-2 in her career vs. Top 10 opponents, with losses against today's opponent Gauff at 2026 United Cup and Andreeva at 2026 Indian Wells
- In 2025, she became the first lucky loser in the Open Era to reach the 4r at Wimbledon

### **Viktorija Golubic (SUI #90) vs. [8] Mirra Andreeva (#7)**

**First meeting**

### *Golubic:*

- Making 3rd main draw appearance at Rome; prior to this year's tournament, she had never won a main draw match here
- Contesting 24th WTA 1000 main draw; her best result at this level is a R16 run at 2022 Indian Wells (l. Rybakina)
- Defeated Urgesi and Joint so far this week to register her second and third Tour-level main draw match wins of the 2026 season. Her only other win this year came at Ostrava (d. Kraus in 1r, l. eventual champion Boulter in 2r)
- Owns 2 career wins over Top 10 players, defeating No.6 Muguruza at 2016 Linz (via ret.) and No.9 Sakkari at 2021 Indian Wells
- 1 of her 2 career WTA singles titles came on clay at 2016 Gstaad (d. Bertens in F). She also owns one hard court title at 2024 Jiujiang (d. Sramkova in F)

### *Andreeva:*

- Making 3rd appearance at Rome; her best tournament result is a QF run in 2025 (l. eventual finalist Gauff)
- Holds two WTA 1000 titles which she won back-to-back in 2025 at Dubai (d. Tauson in F) and Indian Wells (d. Sabalenka in F)
- Reached her 3rd career WTA 1000 final at Madrid last week, becoming the first teenager to reach three WTA 1000 finals since the format's introduction in 2009
- Has a 14-0 record so far this season vs. players ranked outside the Top 50
- Two of her 5 career WTA singles titles have come on clay: 2024 Iasi (d. Avanesyan in F via ret.) and 2026 Linz (d. Potapova in F)
- Owns 19 clay court wins at WTA 1000 events, the most wins by a teenager since the format's introduction in 2009



# MATCH NOTES

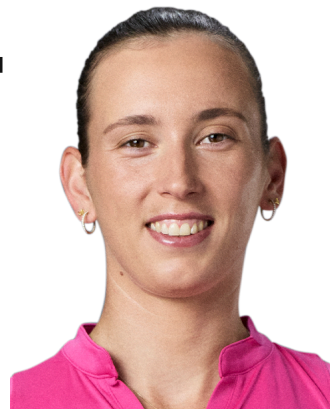
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MATCHES  
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**4**  
WIN



**8** **JASMINE PAOLINI (9)**  
ITALY

**(21)** **ELISE MERTENS (22)**  
BELGIUM

1996-01-04	<b>Date of Birth</b>	1995-11-17
Bagni di Lucca, Italy	<b>Residence</b>	Hamont-Achel, Belgium
Right-Handed	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed (Two-handed backhand)
5' 4" (1.63m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 10" (1.79m)
4	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	12
\$15,385,161	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$19,064,873
\$1,094,169	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$1,269,910
0 / 3	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	0 / 10
32-25 (Runner-Up: 2024 WIMBLEDON, ROLAND GARROS)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	77-36 (Semi-Finalist: 2018 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
1-0 / 9-5 (Champion: 2025)	<b>YTD / Career ROME W-L (best)</b>	1-0 / 7-6 (Quarter-Finalist: 2020)
10-9 / 171-136	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	14-8 / 305-197



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## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2024	EASTBOURNE	GRASS	2r	Jasmine Paolini	5-2	33m
2023	MONASTIR	HARD	F	Elise Mertens	6-3 6-0	1h 10m
2022	DOHA	HARD	1r	Elise Mertens	6-3 2-6 7-5	2h 4m
2021	INDIAN WELLS	HARD	2r	Jasmine Paolini	3-6 6-4 6-4	2h 49m
2020	PRAGUE	CLAY	1r	Elise Mertens	7-5 4-6 6-3	2h 41m
2018	FED CUP WEEK 2- PLAYOFFS	CLAY	QF	Elise Mertens	6-1 7-5	0m

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
7	-	<b>2026</b>	19	-
4	8	<b>2025</b>	20	20
4	4	<b>2024</b>	24	34
29	30	<b>2023</b>	26	29
44	59	<b>2022</b>	20	29
51	53	<b>2021</b>	14	21
93	95	<b>2020</b>	17	20
114	117	<b>2019</b>	12	17
130	190	<b>2018</b>	13	13
130	137	<b>2017</b>	35	35



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. L. JEANJEAN (#127) 6-7 6-2 6-4 (2h 55m)

*Total time on court: 2h 55m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 7th appearance at Rome, where she is the defending champion (d. Gauff in last year's final)
- She became the first Italian woman to win this title in 40 years (since Raffaella Reggi in 1985)
- She is a 2-time WTA 1000 champion - along with her Rome title last year, she also won 2024 Dubai on hard court (d. Kalinskaya in F)
- Paolini is the only Italian to win multiple WTA 1000 titles since the format introduction in 2009
- Has reached one additional WTA 1000 final, finishing R-Up at 2025 Cincinnati (l. Swiatek in F)
- After 1r bye, has beaten Leolia Jeanjean so far this week, earning her 10th Tour-level win of the year
- Hit 54 winners in her match against Jeanjean - the most winners she has hit in a match this season (excluding team events)
- Faces No.22 Elise Mertens in 3r today; owns 62 wins in career over Top 50 players, most recently No.47 Laura Siegemund at 2026 Madrid
- Owns 3-3 career Tour-level record against players from Belgium, with record in 2026 standing at 0-0
- 1 of her 3 career WTA singles titles has come on clay, here in Rome last year
- Is currently ranked No.8; this time last year was ranked No.5. Reached career-high ranking of No.4 in October 2024
- During last year's European clay swing, reached 4r at Roland Garros, Won the title at Rome, 3r at Madrid and SF at Stuttgart
- Her best result so far this season is SF at Merida (l. eventual champion Bucsa)

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. P. UDVARDY (#71) 6-4 6-2 (1h 33m)

*Total time on court: 1h 33m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 7th appearance at Rome, where her best result was reaching QF in 2020 (l. eventual R-Up Ka.Pliskova)
- Career-best performances at WTA 1000 events are SF at 2020 Cincinnati/NYC (l. eventual R-Up Osaka) and 2021 Dubai (l. eventual champion Muguruza)
- Attempting to make her 17th career WTA 1000 R16, and 2nd of this year after Dubai (l. Gauff in R16)
- Following 1r bye, has defeated Panna Udvardy so far this week to reach 3r
- Faces No.8 Jasmine Paolini in 3r today; owns 12 wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.4 Jessica Pegula at Rome 2025
- Owns 12-6 career Tour-level record against players from Italy, with record in 2026 standing at 0-0
- 2 of her 10 career WTA singles titles have come on clay: 2018 Lugano (d. Sabalenka in F) and 2018 Rabat (d. Tomljanovic in F)
- Only player from Belgium in this week's main draw
- Best result by Belgium at Rome was Champion run by Kim Clijsters in 2003
- Is currently ranked No.22; this time last year was ranked No.24. Reached career-high ranking of No.12 in November 2018
- Her best result so far this season is reaching R16 at Australian Open (l. eventual Champion Rybakina), Dubai (l. Gauff), and Stuttgart (l. Muchova)



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2025	Result	Rank: 5	Seed: 6
F	W	C. GAUFF (#3)	6-4 6-2
SF	W	P. STEARNS (#42)	7-5 6-1
QF	W	D. SHNAIDER (#11)	6-7(1) 6-4 6-2
4r	W	J. OSTAPENKO (#18)	7-5 6-2
3r	W	O. JABEUR (#36)	6-4 6-3
2r	W	L. SUN (#46)	6-4 6-3

2024	Result	Rank: 12	Seed: 11
2r	L	M. SHERIF (#80)	7-6(4) 2-6 6-4

2023	Result	Rank: 65	Seed: -
2r	L	E. RYBAKINA (#6)	7-6(4) 6-1
1r	W	X. WANG (#60)	6-4 6-7(3) 6-2

2022	Result	Rank: 55	Seed: -
1r	L	J. TEICHMANN (#29)	6-3 6-2

2020	Result	Rank: 99	Seed: -
2r	L	S. HALEP (#2)	6-3 6-4
1r	W	A. SEVASTOVA (#46)	6-2 6-3

2025	Result	Rank: 24	Seed: 25
4r	L	D. SHNAIDER (#11)	6-2 6-3
3r	W	J. PEGULA (#4)	7-5 6-1
2r	W	S. LAMENS (#71)	3-6 6-2 6-3

2024	Result	Rank: 30	Seed: 27
3r	L	I. BEGU (#161)	6-2 6-0
2r	W	K. SINIAKOVA (#36)	6-1 6-4

2023	Result	Rank: 26	Seed: 25
2r	L	A. KALINSKAYA (#57)	6-4 4-6 6-3

2021	Result	Rank: 14	Seed: 14
1r	L	V. KUDERMETOVA (#28)	4-6 6-2 6-3

2020	Result	Rank: 20	Seed: 11
QF	L	K. PLISKOVA (#4)	6-3 3-6 6-0
3r	W	D. KOVINIC (#86)	6-4 6-4
2r	W	M. LINETTE (#35)	6-2 6-4
1r	W	S. HSIEH (#62)	6-3 6-1



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## SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Made 3r at Madrid (l. Baptiste)
- 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

- Reached 3r at Madrid (l. Ka.Pliskova)
- Made 2r at Stuttgart (l. eventual R-Up Muchova)
- Played 3r at Miami (l. Cirstea)
- Made 3r at Indian Wells (l. Bencic)
- Reached 3r at Dubai (l. Gauff)
- Made 2r at Doha (l. Kasatkina)
- Reached 4r at Australian Open (l. eventual champion Rybakina)
- Opened 2026 with Team Belgium at United Cup reaching SF (went 3-1 in singles)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
42	45	<b>Aces</b>	96	15
65.1%	31	<b>First serve %</b>	59.2%	75
60.0%	78	<b>First Serve points won %</b>	71.3%	5
48.6%	20	<b>Second serve points won %</b>	49.1%	16
56.0%	56	<b>Overall service points won %</b>	62.2%	7
64.0%	59	<b>Service games won %</b>	75.9%	10
58.9%	19	<b>Break points saved %</b>	52.7%	64
38.6%	18	<b>First serve return points won %</b>	38.2%	23
54.8%	47	<b>Second serve return points won %</b>	57.9%	15
44.3%	59	<b>Break points converted %</b>	50.3%	12
38.9%	20	<b>Return games won %</b>	40.6%	13
44.5%	28	<b>Return points won %</b>	46.2%	10



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## TITLES

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (3)

2025 - ROME  
2024 - DUBAI  
2021 - PORTOROZ

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)

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (10)

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

Runner-Up (6)

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

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (24)

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

Runner-Up (14)

2025 - ROME (w/Kudermetova), MADRID  
(w/Kudermetova)  
2023 - WIMBLEDON (w/Hunter)  
2022 - WIMBLEDON (w/Zhang), BIRMINGHAM  
(w/Zhang), 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH (w/Kudermetova),  
MIAMI (w/Kudermetova), DOHA (w/Kudermetova)  
2021 - WTA FINALS (w/Hsieh)  
2019 - WUHAN (w/Sabalenka)  
2018 - CINCINNATI (w/Schuurs), BIRMINGHAM  
(w/Schuurs)  
2017 - BUCHAREST (w/Schuurs), ISTANBUL (w/  
Melichar-martinez)



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## GRAND SLAMS

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



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- 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)
- Won two singles titles in 2025 at Singapore and 's-Hertogenbosch; also reached the final at Hobart for second consecutive year and finished the 2025 season ranked inside the singles Top 20 for a fifth year (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021) and inside the doubles Top 5
- Lifted a fifth Grand Slam doubles trophy in 2025 at Wimbledon with Veronika Kudermetova; the pair then went on to win the year-end WTA Finals title for a second time together after 2022
- Kicked off 2024 season with R-Up finish at Hobart (l. Navarro) which marked her 13th WTA singles final. In doubles won Australian Open, Indian Wells and Birmingham all w/ Hsieh Su-Wei and qualified for WTA Finals for sixth consecutive time
- Ended 2023 as only Top 100 player to finish year exactly where she started, at No.29. Strongest singles results came at Monastir, successfully defending her title (d. Paolini), and SF at Monterrey (l. Garcia). Achieved a year-end doubles ranking of No.2 after lifting two titles at Guadalajara and Rome (w/Hunter) and SF at WTA Finals Cancun (l. eventual champions Siegemund/Zvonareva).
- Finished 2022 ranked No.29 in singles, her sixth consecutive Top 50 finish; also finished No.5 in doubles for her fourth consecutive Top 10 finish in doubles and second consecutive Top 5 finish
- Lifted seventh WTA title, at 2022 Monastir (d. Cornet in F), while in doubles alongside partner V.Kudermetova won Dubai and WTA Finals, as well as finished R-Up at Wimbledon
- Enjoyed a productive start to 2021 season in Melbourne, triumphing at the Gippstand Trophy (d. Kanepi in F) to lift sixth WTA singles title, then teamed up w/Sabalenka at Australian Open to claim second Grand Slam doubles title (d. Krejčíková/Siniakova in F). Later in the year, won third career Grand Slam doubles title, at Wimbledon w/Hsieh
- Won the most matches on Tour in 2020, going 34-13 across the season and finishing as R-Up at both Prague (l. Halep) and Linz (l. Sabalenka)
- Earned her milestone 200th career main draw win with victory over Kalinina in 1r at 2020 Linz
- Singles highlights in 2019 were winning biggest title of career at Doha (d. No.3 Halep in final) and advancing to QF at US Open for the first time (l. eventual champion Andreescu in 3 sets)
- Enjoyed standout season in doubles in 2019 - won maiden major doubles title at US Open w/Sabalenka (d. Azarenka/Barty in F). Also Completed 'Sunshine Double' in doubles

- 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/Curtiba-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

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

## OTHER INFORMATION

- 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

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



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MATCHES  
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**1** **ARYNA SABALENKA (1)**

**(26) SORANA CIRSTEA (27)**  
ROMANIA

1998-05-05	<b>Date of Birth</b>	1990-04-07
	<b>Residence</b>	Targoviste, Romania
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 11" (1.82m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 9" (1.76m)
1	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	21
\$49,195,893	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$11,402,770
\$4,020,272	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$577,842
3 / 24	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	1 / 4
106-27 (Champion: 2025 US OPEN; 2024 US OPEN, AUSTRALIAN OPEN; 2023 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	67-66 (Quarter-Finalist: 2023 US OPEN; 2009 FRENCH OPEN)
1-0 / 13-7 (Runner-Up: 2024)	<b>YTD / Career ROME W-L (best)</b>	1-0 / 6-7 (Round of 16: 2024, 2012)
27-2 / 395-138	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	22-7 / 359-342



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## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2026	BRISBANE	HARD	3r	Aryna Sabalenka	6-3 6-3	1h 19m
2023	MADRID	CLAY	2r	Aryna Sabalenka	6-4 6-3	1h 22m
2023	MIAMI	HARD	QF	Sorana Cirstea	6-4 6-4	1h 25m

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
1	-	2026	26	-
1	1	2025	44	44
1	1	2024	22	70
1	2	2023	25	26
2	5	2022	24	38
2	2	2021	37	38
10	10	2020	69	86
9	11	2019	72	72
11	11	2018	33	86
76	78	2017	37	37



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. B. KREJCIKOVA (#53) 6-2 6-3 (1h 24m)

*Total time on court: 1h 24m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 8th appearance at Rome, her best tournament result is a Runner-up finish in 2024 (l. Swiatek in F)
- She also reached the semifinals here in 2022 (l. eventual champion Swiatek) and the quarterfinals last year (l. Q.Zheng)
- Has won 11 WTA 1000 titles in her career, including two this year - the Sunshine Double of Indian Wells (d. Rybakina in F) and Miami (d. Gauff in F)
- Holds a 27-2 win-loss record this year, with her only losses coming to Rybakina in the Australian Open final and Baptiste in Madrid quarterfinals
- Faces No.27 Sorana Cirstea in 3r today; she is 16-1 in 2026 vs. players ranked outside the Top 20, with only loss coming against No.32 Baptiste at Madrid
- Owns 12-6 career record against players from Romania, 3-0 in 2026 with wins over today's opponent Cirstea at Brisbane, and Cristian at Indian Wells and Madrid
- 3 of her 24 career WTA singles titles have come on clay - all coming at Madrid in 2025, 2023 and 2021
- Currently ranked the PIF World No.1; and will extend her stay at No.1 after the tournament bringing her total weeks count to 90 weeks, including 82-consecutive weeks (including weeks of May 4 & 11)
- Sabalenka owns the 10th most consecutive weeks at No.1 in WTA Rankings history
- Since 2009, only two players have claimed more WTA 1000 match wins as World No.1 than Aryna Sabalenka (46) - Serena Williams (104) and Iga Swiatek (58)
- She is the player with the most wins in WTA 1000 events this season (16)
- During last year's clay court swing, finished R-Up at Roland Garros and Stuttgart, QFs at Rome, and won the title at Madrid

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. T. MARIA (#54) 6-2 6-0 (54m)

*Total time on court: 54m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 8th main draw appearance at Rome, her best tournament results are two R16 runs in 2024 (l. Keys) and 2012 (l. Kvitova)
- This is her 94th career WTA 1000 main draw; her career-best WTA 1000 result is finishing runner-up at 2013 Toronto (l. S. Williams in F)
- Seeking her 20th career appearance in a WTA 1000 R16, and her 3rd of this year after Dubai and Miami (R16 finishes at both)
- After 1r bye, defeated Tatjana Maria for her 22nd Tour-level match-win of 2026
- Holds a 7-2 clay-court record in 2026, making Madrid 3r (l. Gauff), Linz QF (l. eventual champion M. Andrejeva) and Rouen SF (gave walkover to eventual R-Up Podrez, the walkover does not count as a loss)
- Faces No.1 Aryna Sabalenka in 3r today; Cirstea owns 23 Top 10 wins at Tour-level in her career
- Her most recent Top 10 win was over No.9 Navarro at 2025 Dubai (0-7 vs. Top 10 players since then)
- She is bidding to defeat a World No.1 for the first time today (0-6 career record vs World No.1 opponents)
- 1 of her 4 career WTA singles titles has come on clay: 2021 Istanbul (d. Mertens in F)
- Best result by Romania at Rome was Champion run by Simona Halep in 2020
- Is currently ranked No.27; this time last year was ranked No.131. Reached career-high ranking of No.21 in August 2013
- Won her 4th career WTA singles title earlier this year at Cluj-Napoca (d. Raducanu in F)



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2025	Result	Rank: 1	Seed: 1
QF	L	Q. ZHENG (#8)	6-4 6-3
4r	W	M. KOSTYUK (#27)	6-1 7-6(8)
3r	W	S. KENIN (#31)	3-6 6-3 6-3
2r	W	A. POTAPOVA (#34)	6-2 6-2

2024	Result	Rank: 2	Seed: 2
F	L	I. SWIATEK (#1)	6-2 6-3
SF	W	D. COLLINS (#15)	7-5 6-2
QF	W	J. OSTAPENKO (#10)	6-2 6-4
4r	W	E. SVITOLINA (#19)	4-6 6-1 7-6(7)
3r	W	D. YASTREMSKA (#33)	6-4 6-2
2r	W	K. VOLYNETS (#109)	4-6 6-3 6-2

2023	Result	Rank: 2	Seed: 2
2r	L	S. KENIN (#134)	7-6(4) 6-2

2022	Result	Rank: 8	Seed: 3
SF	L	I. SWIATEK (#1)	6-2 6-1
QF	W	A. ANISIMOVA (#32)	4-6 6-3 6-2
3r	W	J. PEGULA (#11)	6-1 6-4
2r	W	S. ZHANG (#42)	6-2 6-0

2021	Result	Rank: 4	Seed: 7
3r	L	C. GAUFF (#35)	7-5 6-3
2r	W	S. SORRIBES TORMO (#51)	7-5 6-1

2024	Result	Rank: 32	Seed: 28
4r	L	M. KEYS (#16)	6-2 6-1
3r	W	M. VONDROUSOVA (#6)	7-6(1) 6-3
2r	W	B. FRUHVIRTOVA (#102)	7-5 6-0

2023	Result	Rank: 34	Seed: -
2r	L	J. OSTAPENKO (#20)	6-3 3-6 6-2
1r	W	K. VOLYNETS (#102)	2-6 6-3 6-4

2022	Result	Rank: 26	Seed: -
1r	L	O. JABEUR (#7)	6-0 7-6(1)

2018	Result	Rank: 43	Seed: -
1r	L	D. COLLINS (#47)	6-3 4-6 6-4

2014	Result	Rank: 27	Seed: -
1r	L	C. MCHALE (#63)	6-3 4-6 6-1



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## SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Made QF at Madrid (l. Baptiste)  
Won back-to-back titles at Miami(d. Gauff in F) and Indian Wells (d. Rybakina in F)
- R-Up finish at Australian Open (l. champion Rybakina in F)
- Claimed Brisbane title in her 2026 season opener (d. eventual R-Up Kostyuk in F)

- Played 3r at Madrid (l. Gauff)
- Reached SF at Rouen (l. eventual R-Up Podrez)
- Made QF at Linz (l. eventual champion M.Andreeva)
- Reached 4r at Miami (l. eventual R-Up Gauff)
- Made 3r at Indian Wells (l. Noskova)
- Reached 3r at Dubai (l. Eala)
- Became Champion at Cluj-Napoca (d. R-Up Raducanu in F)
- Made 2r at Australian Open (l. Osaka)
- Reached 3r at Brisbane (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
136	4	<b>Aces</b>	147	3
65.4%	29	<b>First serve %</b>	58.3%	83
72.9%	2	<b>First Serve points won %</b>	70.0%	9
55.9%	1	<b>Second serve points won %</b>	53.4%	3
67.0%	1	<b>Overall service points won %</b>	63.1%	4
86.7%	1	<b>Service games won %</b>	77.4%	6
68.0%	1	<b>Break points saved %</b>	60.6%	16
36.4%	45	<b>First serve return points won %</b>	37.1%	35
57.1%	18	<b>Second serve return points won %</b>	56.4%	27
40.2%	80	<b>Break points converted %</b>	45.1%	51
37.1%	28	<b>Return games won %</b>	37.0%	29
44.9%	25	<b>Return points won %</b>	44.4%	29



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## TITLES

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (24)

2026 - MIAMI, INDIAN WELLS, BRISBANE  
2025 - US OPEN, MADRID, MIAMI, BRISBANE  
2024 - WUHAN, US OPEN, CINCINNATI,  
AUSTRALIAN OPEN  
2023 - MADRID, AUSTRALIAN OPEN, ADELAIDE #1  
2021 - MADRID, ABU DHABI  
2020 - LINZ, OSTRAVA, DOHA  
2019 - ZHUHAI, WUHAN, SHENZHEN  
2018 - WUHAN, NEW HAVEN

Runner-Up (20)

2026 - AUSTRALIAN OPEN  
2025 - WTA FINALS, ROLAND GARROS,  
STUTTGART, INDIAN WELLS, AUSTRALIAN OPEN  
2024 - ROME, MADRID, BRISBANE  
2023 - US OPEN, STUTTGART, INDIAN WELLS  
2022 - WTA FINALS, 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH,  
STUTTGART  
2021 - STUTTGART  
2019 - SAN JOSE  
2018 - EASTBOURNE, LUGANO  
2017 - TIANJIN

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (6)

2021 - BERLIN (w/Azarenka), AUSTRALIAN OPEN  
(w/Mertens)  
2020 - OSTRAVA (w/Mertens)  
2019 - US OPEN (w/Mertens), MIAMI (w/Mertens),  
INDIAN WELLS (w/Mertens)

Runner-Up (2)

2019 - WUHAN (w/Mertens)  
2018 - LUGANO (w/Lapko)

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (4)

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

Runner-Up (4)

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

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (7)

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

Runner-Up (5)

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



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## GRAND SLAMS

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



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- Won a Tour leading four titles in 2025, including her 4th career Grand Slam title at US Open (d. Anisimova in final) as well as Madrid, Miami and Brisbane; also finished runner-up at WTA Finals, Australian Open, Roland Garros, Indian Wells and Stuttgart for a Tour leading nine finals overall
- Ended 2025 by finishing at World No.1 for the second straight year, posting the most Tour match wins of any player with 63 and setting a new WTA single-season record in prize money with \$15,008,519
- Reached seven finals across 2024, defending her Australian Open crown, winning the US Open and also won titles at Cincinnati and Wuhan. Recaptured the No.1 ranking in October and finished the season as the WTA Year-End No.1 for the first time in her career
- Outstanding 2023 saw her win debut Grand Slam title at Australian Open (d. Rybakina in F), reach second Major final at US Open (l. Gauff in F) and become the WTA World No.1 player for the first time in career (after US Open). In addition won titles at Adelaide and Madrid
- Highlight of 2022 season was R-Up finish at WTA Finals in Fort Worth (l. Garcia in F); upset No.1 Swiatek, No.2 Jabeur and No.3 Pegula en route to final - only the fourth woman in history to beat the No.1, No.2 and No.3 at the same tournament
- Lifted two titles during 2021 campaign, at Abu Dhabi and Madrid, while was R-Up at Stuttgart. Also reached a further three SFs, including at Wimbledon and US Open
- In doubles, lifted second major at 2021 Australian Open (w/Mertens, d. Krejciakova/Siniakova in F)
- Won final nine matches of 2020 to end the year with back-to-back titles - at Ostrava (d. Azarenka in F) and Linz (d. Mertens in F) - and ranked at No.10. Having also taken home the silverware at Doha (d. Kvitova in F), was one of two players (also Halep) to lift three singles titles during disrupted 2020 season
- Ended as World No.11 for the second straight year in 2019 after capturing three WTA singles titles at Shenzhen (d. Riske in F), Wuhan (d. Riske in F) and Zhuhai (d. Bertens in F)
- Made Top-10 debut on January 28, 2019 following 3r run at 2019 Australian Open
- Ended 2019 at No.2 in WTA doubles rankings after capturing first Grand Slam doubles trophy at US Open (w/Mertens, d. Azarenka/Barty in F). Earlier in the season, the pair claimed the
- In 2025, won Cleveland title as qualifier (first WTA Tour singles final since 2021; d. Li in final) en route to tenth straight Top 100 year-end finish in singles; also won her biggest career doubles title at WTA 1000 Madrid (w/Kalinskaya)
- Highlights of 2024 came in the Middle East, making QF at Abu Dhabi and saving six match points in her Dubai QF match against Vondrousova to reach SF (l. eventual champion Paolini). Ended her 2024 season after Wimbledon to undergo foot surgery
- 2023 saw her best results achieved in the USA: advanced to Indian Wells QF for first time (l. Swiatek), then made SF at Miami (l. eventual champion Kvitova) and QF at US Open (l. Muchova)
- In 2022, reached SF on all three surfaces: hard court at Lyon (l. Yastremska), clay at Istanbul (l. Kudermetova), and grass at Birmingham (l. Zhang). Also enjoyed success at the Australian Open, where she fell in R16 (l. Swiatek)
- Highlight of 2021 was ending near-13-year wait for 2nd WTA Tour singles title, triumphing at Istanbul (d. Mertens in F). Also finished R-Up at Strasbourg (l. Krejciakova), reached QF at Grampians Trophy and Portoroz, and R16 at Roland Garros
- Ended 2020 by winning singles title at ITF/\$100K Dubai-UAE in December (d. Siniakova in F). Also in 2020, reached 3r at US Open and advanced to 2r at Australian Open
- In 2019, advanced to fourth career Tour singles final at Tashkent (l. Van Uytvanck); also captured fifth career Tour doubles title at 2019 Lugano (w/Mitu, d. Kudermetova/Voskoboeva in F)
- Reached R16 at 2017 Australian Open - first time advancing to that stage at a Slam since she made 2009 Roland Garros QF (l. Stosur)
- In 2016, played a mix of WTA and ITF events, improving ranking by 163 ranking places to No.81 on comeback from shoulder injury, with highlights being a SF run at Rio de Janeiro (l. Rogers) and making QF at Madrid (as wildcard, l. eventual R-Up Cibulkova) and Mallorca (as qualifier, l. Jankovic)
- Reached biggest singles final of career at 2013 Toronto - posted three Top 10 wins en route to final (No.10 Wozniacki, No.7 Kvitova and No.5 Li) before falling to No.1 S. Williams. Following Toronto run, posted career-high ranking of No.21 on August 21, 2013
- Won first WTA singles title at 2008 Tashkent (d. Lisicki in F)

- 'Sunshine Double' by winning back-to-back titles at Indian Wells (d. Krejčíková/Siniakova in F) and Miami (d. Stosur/ Zhang in F)
- Enjoyed breakthrough season in 2018, lifting two titles, at New Haven (d. Suarez Navarro in F) and Wuhan (d. Kontaveit in F), winning 46 matches and finishing at No.11 in the rankings. Entered Top 50 on April 16 after run to Lugano final, and Top 20 on August 27 following New Haven title
- Broke into Top 100 at No.76 on October 16, 2017 after reaching first Tour-level final at Tianjin (l. Sharapova). Also in 2017 made SF at Tashkent (l. Babos) and lifted WTA 125k Series title at Mumbai (d. Jakupovic)
- Made Grand Slam main draw debut at 2017 Wimbledon, falling in 2r (as qualifier, d. Khromacheva, l. Witthoeft)
- Fell 1r on main draw debut at 2017 Dubai (as qualifier, l. Ka.Bondarenko). WTA qualifying debut came at 2016 Rabat
- Lifted first three ITF Circuit titles in 2015, including a 13-match win streak towards the year's end, winning back-to-back trophies in Antalya, Turkey
- Made debut on ITF Circuit in Minsk in 2012

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

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Anton Dubrov
- Previously coached by Dmitry Tursunov and Didi Kindlmann
- Started playing tennis when she was 6 by an accident when her father Sergey drove by the tennis courts and decided to give it a try
- Has a sweet tooth and considers something sweet as a perfect present
- Loves her grandmother's cooking, and looks forward to her pancakes when she is away from home
- Has a tiger tattoo on her left arm, which earned her the nickname "The Tiger"
- She spends her time off with family, catching up with friends, or reading; her favorite book is "The Count of Monte Cristo"

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



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MATCHES  
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WIN



**12**

**BELINDA  
BENCIC (12)**  
SWITZERLAND

**ANNA  
(22) KALINSKAYA 24**

1997-03-10	<b>Date of Birth</b>	1998-12-02
Wollerau, Switzerland	<b>Residence</b>	
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 9" (1.75m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 7" (1.75m)
4	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	11
\$16,268,925	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$6,366,949
\$1,412,586	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$552,735
0 / 10	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	0 / 0
67-37 (Semi-Finalist: 2025 WIMBLEDON; 2019 US OPEN)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	19-21 (Quarter-Finalist: 2024 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
1-0 / 4-7 (Round of 32: 2026, 2022, 2020, 2019, 2014)	<b>YTD / Career ROME W-L (best)</b>	1-0 / 4-3 (Round of 32: 2026, 2024, 2023)
17-6 / 304-185	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	12-9 / 126-116



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## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2025	ADELAIDE	HARD	1r	Belinda Bencic	6-2 1-0	54m
2023	ADELAIDE #2	HARD	2r	Belinda Bencic	6-3 6-3	1h 31m
2022	BERLIN	GRASS	2r	Belinda Bencic	6-4 1-6 6-1	1h 55m
2022	'S-HERTOGENBOSCH	GRASS	2r	Belinda Bencic	7-6(2) 6-4	1h 36m

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
9	-	2026	21	-
11	11	2025	14	33
17	913	2024	11	14
9	17	2023	53	77
11	12	2022	51	58
9	23	2021	104	110
4	12	2020	101	114
7	8	2019	96	100
37	37	2018	132	169
42	165	2017	127	146



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. B. ANDREESCU (#137) 6-4 6-1 (1h 17m)

*Total time on court: 1h 17m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 8th appearance at Rome, and she is into the R32 for the 5th time (also 2014, 2019, 2020 and 2022)
- A win today would put her into the Rome R16 for the first time (currently 0-4 in Rome R32 matches)
- Contesting her 69th career WTA 1000 main draw; she has won 2 WTA 1000 titles at 2015 Toronto (d. Halep in F via ret.) and 2019 Dubai (d. Kvitova in F)
- After 1r bye, defeated Bianca Andreescu in 2r for her 17th Tour-level match-win of the year
- Faces No.24 Anna Kalinskaya in 3r today; Bencic is 11-2 this year in Tour-level matches vs. players ranked outside the Top 20 (the 2 losses were to No.126 Bartunkova at Australian Open and No.32 Baptiste at Madrid)
- One of her 10 career WTA titles has come on clay at Charleston 2022 (d. Jabeur in F)
- Most recent Swiss woman to win this title is Martina Hingis in 2006 (d. Dinara Safina in the final)
- Is currently ranked No.12; this time last year was ranked No.39. Reached career-high ranking of No.4 in February 2020
- Earlier this year, cracked WTA Rankings Top 10 for the first time since April 2023
- So far during this year's clay court swing, reached QFs at Charleston (l. Keys) and R16 at Madrid (l. Baptiste)
- Opened this year by going 5-0 in singles during Team Switzerland's R-Up finish at 2026 United Cup (Bencic d. Swiatek in final, but Poland d. Switzerland 2-1 to win the title)

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. K. SINIAKOVA (#39) 4-6 7-6 7-5 (3h 29m)

*Total time on court: 3h 29m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 4th main draw appearance at Rome, where she is into the R32 for the 3rd time (also 2023 and 2024)
- A win today would put her into the Rome R16 for the first time (currently 0-2 in Rome R32 matches)
- Contesting her 37th career WTA 1000 main draw; her best WTA 1000 result is finishing R-Up at 2024 Dubai as a qualifier (l. Paolini in F)
- After 1r bye, defeated Katerina Siniakova in 2r, saving 9 match points in a 3-hour and 29-minute match (2nd-longest main-draw Tour match of 2026)
- Faces No.12 Belinda Bencic in 3r today; Kalinskaya owns 25 wins in career over Top 20 players, most recently No.9 Elina Svitolina at 2026 Doha
- Holds a 2-7 record vs. Top 20 players this year, with both wins coming en route to WTA 1000 Doha QF (also defeated No.18 Navarro there)
- Owns 3-6 career Tour-level record against players from Switzerland; her most recent meeting vs. a Swiss player was a win over Waltert at 2025 Singapore
- Career-best Tour-level results on clay are 4 QFs, most recently 2026 Charleston (l. Jovic)
- Is currently ranked No.24; this time last year was ranked No.28. Reached career-high ranking of No.11 in October 2024
- So far on clay this year, she made Charleston QF (l. Jovic) and lost opening match at Madrid (l. Galfi)



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2025	Result	Rank: 39	Seed: -
1r	L	M. SAKKARI (#81) 6-2	
2022	Result	Rank: 14	Seed: 12
2r	L	A. ANISIMOVA (#32) 7-6(5) 6-1	
1r	W	E. COCCIARETTO (#159) 6-4 6-2	
2021	Result	Rank: 11	Seed: 10
1r	L	K. MLADENOVIC (#53) 6-3 6-4	
2020	Result	Rank: 10	Seed: 6
2r	L	D. KOVINIC (#86) 6-3 6-1	
2019	Result	Rank: 15	Seed: -
2r	L	K. MLADENOVIC (#63) 6-2 2-6 6-1	
1r	W	A. SEVASTOVA (#13) 2-6 6-3 6-2	

2025	Result	Rank: 28	Seed: 28
2r	L	P. STEARNS (#42) 6-2 6-3	
2024	Result	Rank: 26	Seed: 23
3r	L	E. SVITOLINA (#19) 6-3 6-3	
2r	W	C. TAUSON (#78) 6-1 6-2	
2023	Result	Rank: 57	Seed: -
3r	L	E. RYBAKINA (#6) 4-3	
2r	W	E. MERTENS (#26) 6-4 4-6 6-3	
1r	W	D. YASTREMSKA (#158) 6-4 6-2	



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## SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Reached 4r at Madrid (l. Baptiste)
- Made QF at Charleston (l. Keys)
- Reached QF at 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)

- Made 2r at Madrid (l. Galfi)
- Reached QF at Charleston (l. Jovic)
- Played 2r at Miami (l. Zakharova)
- Made 3r at Indian Wells (l. Mboko)
- Played 2r at Dubai (l. Gauff)
- Made QF at Doha (l. eventual champion Muchova)
- Reached 3r at Australian Open (l. Swiatek)
- Made 2r at Adelaide (l. eventual R-Up Mboko)
- Made 2r at Brisbane (l. Pegula)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
40	48	<b>Aces</b>	35	55
67.4%	16	<b>First serve %</b>	64.8%	34
67.7%	20	<b>First Serve points won %</b>	61.7%	60
48.0%	25	<b>Second serve points won %</b>	47.9%	27
61.3%	13	<b>Overall service points won %</b>	56.8%	46
74.9%	13	<b>Service games won %</b>	66.4%	45
58.5%	24	<b>Break points saved %</b>	54.3%	52
37.6%	28	<b>First serve return points won %</b>	37.0%	41
61.3%	3	<b>Second serve return points won %</b>	55.4%	35
50.0%	13	<b>Break points converted %</b>	52.1%	4
41.7%	9	<b>Return games won %</b>	37.8%	24
46.8%	7	<b>Return points won %</b>	44.1%	34



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## TITLES

### 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)

### SINGLES FINALS

Runner-Up (3)

2025 - WASHINGTON DC  
2024 - BERLIN, DUBAI

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (4)

2025 - MADRID (w/Cirstea)  
2022 - ST. PETERSBURG (w/Mcnally)  
2021 - PORTOROZ (w/Mihalikova)  
2019 - PRAGUE (w/Hruncakova)

Runner-Up (5)

2025 - BRISBANE (w/Hon)  
2023 - OSAKA (w/Putintseva)  
2022 - WASHINGTON DC (w/Mcnally)  
2021 - MELBOURNE 500 YARRA VALLEY  
(w/Hruncakova)  
2019 - ST. PETERSBURG (w/Hruncakova)



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## GRAND SLAMS

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



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- 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. Krejčíková)
- Captured gold medal for Switzerland at Tokyo Olympics in 2021 (d. Vondroušová in F); also claimed silver in doubles (w/Golubic)
- Other 2021 highlights included R-Up finish at Adelaide (l. Świątek) 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. Kvitová 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,
- Best results of 2025 included reaching a third career final at Washington DC (l. Fernandez), SF at Singapore, and 5 additional QFs including WTA 1000 Cincinnati. In doubles, won biggest title of her career at WTA 1000 Madrid (w/Cirstea)
- Reached two finals in 2024 at Dubai and Berlin; Dubai was first time reaching a WTA 1000 final; made best career round at each Grand Slam in 2024 including first major quarterfinal at Australian Open and R16 at Wimbledon
- Made Top 20 debut on June 24, 2024 finishing the year at World No.14; hit career-high ranking of No.11 on October 28, 2024
- Made three Tour-level QF runs across 2023 at Austin (l. Collins), Charleston (l. Jabeur), and Osaka (l. Krueger); also won WTA 125 title at Midland
- Highlight of 2022 was SF run at Guadalajara 250 (l. eventual champion Stephens) and also made QFs at Washington DC (l. Kanepi) and Guadalajara 1000 (l. Bouzkova); won 3rd WTA doubles title in 2022 at St. Petersburg (w/McNally)
- In 2021, made Tour QFs at Monterrey and Courmayeur; lifted 2nd WTA doubles title at Portoroz (w/Mihalikova)
- In 2019, reached maiden WTA SF at 2019 Washington DC (l. eventual champion Pegula), scored first Top 10 win over No.10 Stephens at US Open, and broke into Top 100 on September 30 following QF run at Tashkent. Also won 1st Tour doubles title at Prague (w/Kuzmova)
- Season highlights in 2018 were making Grand Slam main draw debuts at Australian Open (l. Giorgi) and US Open (l. Goerges), coming through qualifying but falling in 1r at each
- Advanced through qualifying to reach the 2r for the first time at a Tour-level event at 2017 Kuala Lumpur (l. Han). Backed that performance up with two more 2r finishes that year at Istanbul and Gstaad, both times as qualifier
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2016 Moscow (as WC, l. Mladenovic in 1r). Also won a career-high four ITF titles in 2016
- Made professional debut in the qualifying rounds at 2014 Moscow (l. Monova)
- R-Up in junior singles at 2015 Roland Garros (l. Badosa) and won junior doubles at 2016 Australian Open (w/Mihalikova)

- 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 1 s-Hertogenbosch
  - Won first career titles in 2015 at Eastbourne (d. Radwanska in F) and Toronto (d. Halep in F); also reached final at 1 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

- 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
- Currently coached by Patricia Tarabini
- Both parents are former professional badminton players - father now works at the Federation and mother coached junior players; brother is a soccer player in Russia
- Started playing tennis when she was five after watching cousin play while spending summer at her grandmother's house
- Thinks she has a good reading of the game and likes to mix up her shot selection; favorite surface is hard
- Did not have a tennis idol when growing up but watched a lot of Justine Henin, Rafael Nadal, Roger Federer and Kim Clijsters
- Best tennis memories are playing in the Fed Cup for the first time and also the amazing atmosphere when she beat Sloane Stephens in the Arthur Ashe Stadium at the 2019 US Open
- Away from the court likes to watch basketball, cook and go shopping; describes her perfect day as spending time with her closest friends
- Has two dogs; first was given for her 13th birthday and stays in Moscow with her parents, while the second is a Pomsky called Kobe and travels with her most of the time on tour
- Loves documentaries and romantic movies; favorite musicians are Dua Lipa, Post Malone, Rihanna, Justin Bieber and DJ Khaled



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WIN

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**4**

**COCO GAUFF (3)**  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

**72**

**SOLANA SIERRA**  
ARGENTINA

2004-03-13	<b>Date of Birth</b>	2004-06-17
Delray Beach, FL, USA	<b>Residence</b>	Mar del Plata, Argentina
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed (one-handed backhand)
5' 9" (1.75m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 8" (1.72 m)
2	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	62
\$31,830,631	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$1,345,321
\$2,071,510	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$394,606
0 / 11	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	0 / 0
78-24 (Champion: 2025 ROLAND GARROS; 2023 US OPEN)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	3-5 (Round of 16: 2025 WIMBLEDON)
1-0 / 18-6 (Runner-Up: 2025)	<b>YTD / Career ROME W-L (best)</b>	2-0 / 2-0 (Round of 32: 2026)
20-8 / 265-108	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	8-9 / 14-16



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SIERRA**

## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2026	UNITED CUP	HARD		Coco Gauff	6-1 6-1	58m

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
3	-	2026	62	-
2	3	2025	64	66
2	3	2024	145	154
3	3	2023	201	212
4	7	2022	409	464
19	22	2021	811	811
47	48	2020	1069	1152
68	68	2019	1148	1156
874	875	2018	-	-



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GAUFF**

**SOLANA  
SIERRA**

## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. T. VALENTOVA (#48) 6-3 6-4 (1h 34m)

*Total time on court: 1h 34m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 7th appearance at Rome, where she finished runner-up last year (l. Paolini in F)
- Gauff's 18 career match-wins at this tournament is the most she has claimed at a single WTA-level event in her career (excluding Grand Slams)
- Has won 3 WTA 1000 titles in her career, at 2023 Cincinnati (d. Muchova in F), 2024 Beijing (d. Muchova in F) and 2025 Wuhan (d. Pegula in F)
- She reached both WTA 1000 clay-court finals last year, also finishing R-Up at 2025 Madrid (l. Sabalenka in F)
- Faces No.72 Solana Sierra in today's 3r; she is 8-1 so far this season vs. opponents ranked outside the Top 50, with only loss coming against No.57 Cocciaretto at Doha
- Owns 3-0 career record against players from Argentina, 1-0 in 2026 with a win over today's opponent Sierra at United Cup
- 2 of her 11 career WTA singles titles have come on clay, at 2025 Roland Garros (d. Sabalenka in F) and 2021 Parma (d. Wang Qiang in F)
- Most recent American to win this title is Serena Williams in 2016 (d. Keys in all-American F)
- Is currently ranked No.4; this time last year was ranked No.3. Reached career-high ranking of No.2 for the first time in June 2024
- On clay so far this year, she made Stuttgart QF (l. eventual R-Up Muchova) and Madrid R16 (l. Noskova)
- Last year, Gauff was the player with the most WTA Tour-level clay-court match-wins (18) - her highest career tally in a single calendar year
- Only Martina Hingis (154) has claimed more wins in Tier1/WTA 1000 events before turning 23 than Coco Gauff (110) since the format's introduction in 2009

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. T. KORPATSCH (#87) 6-3 6-1 (1h 12m)  
2r: d. A. KALININA (#93) 6-2 6-3 (1h 25m)

*Total time on court: 2h 37m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making Rome main draw tournament debut (fell in Q1 in 2025)
- Contesting 6th WTA 1000 event, her best result at this level came last month at Madrid with a R16 run (l. Pliskova). This is also her career-best result on clay
- Has beaten Tamara Korpatsch and Anhelina Kalinina so far this week to register 7th and 8th Tour-level wins of the 2026 season
- Faces No.4 Coco Gauff in 3r today; she is 0-2 in her career vs. Top 10 opponents, with losses against today's opponent Gauff at 2026 United Cup and Andreeva at 2026 Indian Wells
- Owns 2-3 career record against players from United States of America (2-2 in 2026), most recent was a loss to Urhobo at Charleston. Most recent win was over Stearns at Indian Wells
- Has won two WTA 125 titles, both on clay at 2025 Mallorca and 2025 Antalya #3
- Only player from Argentina competing in this year's main draw
- Best result by Argentina at Rome are Gabriela Sabatini's 4 title runs in 1992, 1991, 1989 and 1988
- Is currently ranked No.72; this time last year was ranked No.111. Reached a career-high ranking of No.62 in February 2026
- Best career-result to date is QF run at 2025 Sao Paulo (l. F.Jones)
- In 2025, she became the first lucky loser in the Open Era to reach the 4r at Wimbledon



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2025	Result	Rank: 3	Seed: 4
F	L	J. PAOLINI (#5)	6-4 6-2
SF	W	Q. ZHENG (#8)	7-6(3) 4-6 7-6(4)
QF	W	M. ANDREEVA (#7)	6-4 7-6(5)
4r	W	E. RADUCANU (#49)	6-1 6-2
3r	W	M. LINETTE (#32)	7-5 6-3
2r	W	V. MBOKO (#156)	3-6 6-2 6-1

2024	Result	Rank: 3	Seed: 3
SF	L	I. SWIATEK (#1)	6-4 6-3
QF	W	Q. ZHENG (#7)	7-6(4) 6-1
4r	W	P. BADOSA (#126)	5-7 6-4 6-1
3r	W	J. CRISTIAN (#68)	6-1 0-6 6-3
2r	W	M. FRECH (#55)	6-3 6-3

2023	Result	Rank: 5	Seed: 6
3r	L	M. BOUZKOVA (#38)	4-6 6-2 6-2
2r	W	Y. PUTINTSEVA (#51)	6-0 6-1

2022	Result	Rank: 15	Seed: 15
3r	L	M. SAKKARI (#4)	6-4 7-5
2r	W	M. BRENGLE (#61)	6-2 6-4
1r	W	A. KERBER (#19)	6-1 6-4

2021	Result	Rank: 35	Seed: -
SF	L	I. SWIATEK (#15)	7-6(3) 6-3
QF	W	A. BARTY (#1)	4-6 1-2
3r	W	A. SABALENKA (#4)	7-5 6-3
2r	W	M. SAKKARI (#19)	6-1 1-6 6-1
1r	W	Y. PUTINTSEVA (#34)	7-5 4-6 6-4

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles



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## SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Made 4r at Madrid (l. Noskova)
- Reached QF at Stuttgart (l. eventual R-Up Muchova)
- Achieved R-Up at Miami (l. Sabalenka in F)
- Made 3r at Indian Wells (l. Eala, retired due to left arm injury)
- Reached SF at Dubai (l. eventual R-Up Svitolina)
- Played 2r at Doha (l. Cocciaretto)
- Reached QF at Australian Open (l. Svitolina)
- Went 3-1 in singles during Team USA's run to the 2026 United Cup SF

- Made 4r at Madrid (l. Ka. Pliskova)
- Played 1r at Charleston (l. Urhobo, retired due to dizziness)
- Fell in 1r at Miami (l. Rakhimova)
- Made 2r at Indian Wells (l. M.Andreeva)
- Played 1r at Doha (as LL, l. Pliskova)
- Fell in 1r at Australian Open (l. Uchijima)
- Made 2r at Hobart (l. Ruzic)
- Opened 2026 with Team Argentina at United Cup reaching QF (1-2 in singles)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
68	28	<b>Aces</b>	40	46
64.2%	41	<b>First serve %</b>	61.7%	60
67.6%	22	<b>First Serve points won %</b>	60.3%	73
39.3%	87	<b>Second serve points won %</b>	42.1%	75
57.5%	41	<b>Overall service points won %</b>	53.3%	82
66.6%	42	<b>Service games won %</b>	56.5%	83
53.7%	60	<b>Break points saved %</b>	51.7%	72
42.6%	2	<b>First serve return points won %</b>	34.4%	68
55.9%	30	<b>Second serve return points won %</b>	54.3%	52
46.6%	42	<b>Break points converted %</b>	46.8%	39
45.5%	3	<b>Return games won %</b>	32.1%	57
47.7%	4	<b>Return points won %</b>	42.1%	60



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## TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (11)

- 2025 - WUHAN, ROLAND GARROS
- 2024 - WTA FINALS, BEIJING, AUCKLAND
- 2023 - US OPEN, CINCINNATI, WASHINGTON DC, AUCKLAND
- 2021 - PARMA
- 2019 - LINZ

Runner-Up (4)

- 2026 - MIAMI
- 2025 - ROME, MADRID
- 2022 - ROLAND GARROS

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (10)

- 2025 - MONTREAL (w/Kessler)
- 2024 - ROLAND GARROS (w/Siniakova)
- 2023 - MIAMI (w/Pegula), DOHA (w/Pegula)
- 2022 - SAN DIEGO (w/Pegula), TORONTO (w/Pegula), DOHA (w/Pegula)
- 2021 - PARMA (w/Mcnally)
- 2019 - LUXEMBOURG (w/Mcnally), WASHINGTON DC (w/Mcnally)

Runner-Up (6)

- 2024 - ROME (w/Routliffe)
- 2023 - ROME (w/Pegula), MADRID (w/Pegula)
- 2022 - ROLAND GARROS (w/Pegula), STUTTGART (w/Zhang)
- 2021 - US OPEN (w/Mcnally)

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



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- In 2025, won her second Grand Slam title of career at Roland Garros (d. Sabalenka in final) and her third career WTA 1000 title at Wuhan; also made WTA 1000 finals at Madrid and Rome, becoming the first American to reach three WTA 1000 finals in a calendar year since Serena Williams in 2014
- Went three for three in finals in 2024, winning Auckland, Beijing and a historic first WTA Finals Riyadh title. Success in Saudi Arabia saw her win a record \$4.8m in prize money, the most ever awarded in women's professional sports, and defeat the World No.1 and No.2 at the same event. Posted a new career-high of No.2 in June
- Won debut Grand Slam singles crown in 2023 lifting title on home soil at US Open (d. Sabalenka in F). Picked up another three titles in 2023, marking first WTA 1000 title at Cincinnati and debut WTA 500 title at Washington DC, in addition to WTA 250 Auckland. In doubles was co-ranked No.1 with Pegula after US Open.
- In 2022, reached maiden Grand Slam final at Roland-Garros (l. Swiatek); was the youngest major finalist since Sharapova won 2004 Wimbledon
- Made Top 10 debut on September 12, 2022, following QF run at US Open (l. Garcia)
- Highlight of 2021 campaign was completing singles-doubles title sweep at Parma; defeated Wang Qiang in singles final and teamed up w/McNally to win doubles
- In 2021 also reached SF at Adelaide and Rome, while at the Slams made QF at Roland-Garros and R16 at Wimbledon. Finished R-Up in doubles at 2021 US Open (w/McNally, l. Stosur/Zhang)
- First cracked the Top 50 on February 24, 2020 at No.49, following a R16 appearance at Australian Open to tie her career best Grand Slam result - during run, defeated V.Williams in 1r and her first Top-5 opponent in No.4 Osaka in 3r (l. eventual champion Kenin in 3s)
- Enjoyed breakout season in 2019, highlighted by maiden WTA singles title at Linz (as lucky loser, d. Ostapenko in F) - earned her first Top-10 win en route to title over No.8 Bertens in QF. At 15y 214d, her title run in Linz made her youngest to win a Tour-level title since Vaidisova (15y 177d) won Tashkent in 2004
- Also claimed maiden WTA doubles titles at Washington, DC (w/McNally, d. Sanchez/Stollar in F) and Luxembourg (w/McNally, d. Christian/Guarachi in F). By winning the doubles title at Washington, DC at 15y 144d, became the
- In 2025 reached R16 at Wimbledon as a lucky loser to post her best career Grand Slam result - her 1r win over Gadecki was the first Tour level match win of her career. She become the first lucky loser in the Open Era to reach the 4r at Wimbledon
- Also in 2025 made QF at Tour level for the first time at Sao Paulo (l. Jones) and won first WTA 125 titles at Antalya #3 and Mallorca
- Highlights of 2024 were reaching her first Grand Slam main draw at US Open as a qualifier (l. Maria in 1r) and making quarterfinal at WTA 125 Barranquilla (l. Ruzic). On the ITF circuit won six ITF titles bringing her career total to 12 as of 2024 year-end. Broke into the Top 150 for the first time reaching a career high of No.145 in October
- Opened 2023 by winning ITF \$25K title at Tucuman and broke into Top 200 at the end of the season after reaching QF at WTA 125 Buenos Aires (l. Pigossi)
- Claimed three ITF \$15K titles in 2022
- Began on ITF circuit in 2018 at age of 14 playing a small number of tournaments each year until playing a full season in 2022

- youngest player to win a doubles title since May 1995 (Hingis won Hamburg at 14y 219d)
- Reached R16 at 2019 Wimbledon on Grand Slam main draw debut defeating V.Williams in 1r (l. eventual champion Halep) - followed with 3r showing at US Open (as WC, l. Osaka)
  - Made WTA main draw debut as a wildcard at 2019 Miami where she earned her first WTA main draw win over good friend McNally (l. Kasatkina in 2r)
  - Made professional debut in May 2018 as a qualifier into the \$25K ITF/Osprey, FL-USA
  - Former Junior World No.1 (July 2018); won 2018 Roland-Garros girls' title (d. McNally in F) and 2018 US Open doubles title (w/McNally), while finished R-Up at 2017 US Open girls' event (l. Anisimova) becoming the youngest girls' singles finalist in tournament history at 13-years-old

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Jean Christophe Faurel
  - Father, Corey, played basketball at Georgia State; mother, Candi, excelled in gymnastics before competing in track and field at Florida State University
  - Previously worked with Diego Moyano
  - Started playing tennis at six
  - Favorite surface is hard, describes her playing style as aggressive as possible with a big serve; depends on her quickness and athleticism to keep her in any point - describes herself as a "fighter"
  - Tennis idols growing up were the Williams sisters whose tenacity and fearlessness made her want to become a professional tennis player
  - Enjoys hanging out with her brother and family, watching superhero movies and making TikTok videos
  - Does not have any pets but has been trying to convince her mom to get a dog
  - Favorite city is Paris because of the history, food and architecture. Favorite celebrity is Beyonce because she is an incredible performer
- Started playing tennis at 3 yrs old in her hometown of Mar del Plata, Argentina
  - Idol growing up was Serena Williams
  - Grew up playing on clay, so has a preference for clay courts
  - Inspired by Gabriela Sabatini



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1992-10-16	<b>Date of Birth</b>	2007-04-29
Zürich, Switzerland	<b>Residence</b>	
Right-handed (one-handed backhand)	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 7" (1.69m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 9" (1.75m)
35	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	5
\$5,041,532	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$9,327,981
\$185,761	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$1,782,849
0 / 2	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	2 / 5
15-34 (Quarter-Finalist: 2021 WIMBLEDON)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	31-12 (Semi-Finalist: 2024 ROLAND GARROS)
2-0 / 2-2 (Round of 32: 2026)	<b>YTD / Career ROME W-L (best)</b>	1-0 / 4-2 (Quarter-Finalist: 2025)
3-4 / 108-136	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	27-8 / 115-49



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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
68	-	2026	7	-
53	69	2025	5	9
67	108	2024	16	16
76	84	2023	46	46
35	77	2022	405	405
43	43	2021	-	-
76	137	2020	-	-
65	81	2019	-	-
89	92	2018	-	-
51	128	2017	-	-



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. F. URGESI (#410) 6-1 6-1 (1h 4m)  
2r: d. M. JOINT (#34) 7-5 6-2 (1h 38m)

*Total time on court: 2h 42m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 3rd main draw appearance at Rome, prior to this year's tournament she had never won a main draw match here
- Contesting 24th WTA 1000 main draw; her best result at this level is a R16 run at 2022 Indian Wells (l. Rybakina)
- Competing in fifth Tour-level main draw of 2026 after Australian Open 1r, Ostrava 2r, Miami 1r and Madrid 1r
- Has beaten Federica Urgesi and Maya Joint so far this week to register her second and third Tour-level main draw match wins of the 2026 season. Her only other win this year came at Ostrava (d. Kraus in 1r, l. eventual champion Boulter in 2r)
- Faces No.7 Mirra Andreeva in 3r today; owns 2 career wins over Top 10 players; defeating No.9 Sakkari at 2021 Indian Wells and No.6 Muguruza at 2016 Linz
- 1 of her 2 career WTA titles came on clay at 2016 Gstaad (d. Bertens in F). She also owns one hard court title at 2024 Jiujiang (d. Sramkova in F)
- Most recent Swiss woman to win this title is Martina Hingis in 2006 (d. Dinara Safina in the final)
- Is currently ranked No.90; this time last year was ranked No.87. Reached a career-high ranking of No.35 in February 2022
- Reached the final at Oeiras WTA 125 earlier this year (l. Snigur in F), also reached QF at Saint Malo 125 last month (l. Ponchet)

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. A. RUZIC (#59) 6-1 6-0 (1h 6m)

*Total time on court: 1h 6m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 3rd appearance at Rome, her best tournament result is a QF run in 2025 (l. eventual finalist Gauff)
- Owns two WTA 1000 titles which she won back-to-back in 2025 at Dubai (d. Tauson in F) and Indian Wells (d. Sabalenka in F)
- Reached her 3rd career WTA 1000 final at Madrid last week, became the first teenager to reach three WTA 1000 finals since the format's introduction in 2009
- After a 1r bye, defeated Ruzic so far this week to register her 27th match win of the season
- Faces No.90 Viktorija Golubic in 3r today; she is 14-0 this season vs. players ranked outside the Top 50
- Owns 0-1 career record against players from Switzerland, with a loss against Bencic at 2025 Wimbledon
- Two of her 5 career WTA singles titles have come on clay: 2024 Iasi (d. Avanesyan in F via ret.) and 2026 Linz (d. Potapova in F)
- Is currently ranked No.7; this time last year was ranked No.7. Reached a career high ranking of No.5 in July 2025
- Her record on clay so far this season is 13-2; with her only losses in Stuttgart SFs (l. eventual champion Rybakina) and the Madrid final (l. Kostyuk)
- Has won two titles already this season, one on hard court at Adelaide and one on clay at Linz
- Owns 19 clay court wins at WTA 1000 events, the most wins by a teenager since the format's introduction in 2009



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2025	Result	Rank: 87	Seed: -
2r	L	N. OSAKA (#48) 2-6 7-5 6-1	

2022	Result	Rank: 56	Seed: -
1r	L	V. AZARENKA (#16) 6-3 6-0	

2025	Result	Rank: 7	Seed: 7
QF	L	C. GAUFF (#3) 6-4 7-6(5)	
4r	W	C. TAUSON (#23) 5-7 6-3 6-2	
3r	W	L. NOSKOVA (#30) 6-1 7-5	
2r	W	E. ARANGO (#97) 6-2 6-4	

2024	Result	Rank: 40	Seed: -
1r	L	P. BADOSA (#126) 6-2 6-3	



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## SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Fell in 1r at Madrid (l. Bondar)
- Played 1r at Miami (as qualifier, l. Stearns)
- Made 2r at Ostrava (l. eventual champion Boulter)
- Fell in 1r at Australian Open (l. Gracheva)

- Became R-Up at Madrid (l. Kostyuk in F)
- Reached SF at Stuttgart (l. eventual champion Rybakina)
- Won her second title of the season at Linz (d. R-Up Potapova in F)
- Reached 4r at Miami (l. Mboko)
- Made 3r at Indian Wells (l. Siniakova)
- Reached QF at Dubai (l. Anisimova)
- Made 3r at Doha (l. eventual R-Up Mboko)
- Reached 4r at Australian Open (l. Svitolina)
- Claimed Adelaide title (d. R-Up Mboko in F)
- Opened 2026 season at Brisbane with QF (l. eventual R-Up Kostyuk)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
10	120	<b>Aces</b>	112	11
70.3%	0	<b>First serve %</b>	63.7%	44
57.4%	0	<b>First Serve points won %</b>	67.9%	18
45.6%	0	<b>Second serve points won %</b>	48.0%	27
53.9%	0	<b>Overall service points won %</b>	60.7%	18
57.1%	0	<b>Service games won %</b>	74.0%	16
51.8%	0	<b>Break points saved %</b>	58.6%	23
37.7%	0	<b>First serve return points won %</b>	40.8%	6
61.5%	0	<b>Second serve return points won %</b>	56.7%	23
40.0%	0	<b>Break points converted %</b>	48.8%	23
43.8%	0	<b>Return games won %</b>	42.6%	6
46.4%	0	<b>Return points won %</b>	46.7%	8



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## TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (2)  
2024 - JIUJIANG  
2016 - GSTAAD  
Runner-Up (3)  
2021 - MONTERREY, LYON  
2016 - LINZ

### DOUBLES FINALS

Runner-Up (3)  
2023 - HOBART (w/Udvardy)  
2021 - OLYMPICS (w/Bencic)  
2017 - GSTAAD (w/Stojanovic)

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (5)  
2026 - LINZ, ADELAIDE  
2025 - INDIAN WELLS, DUBAI  
2024 - IASI 250  
Runner-Up (2)  
2026 - MADRID 1000  
2024 - NINGBO

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (2)  
2025 - MIAMI (w/Shnaider), BRISBANE (w/Shnaider)  
Runner-Up (2)  
2026 - MADRID 1000 (w/Shnaider)  
2024 - OLYMPICS (w/Shnaider)

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



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- In 2025 posted best result of the season at Jiujiang with SF (l. Tagger); also made QFs at Cleveland and Osaka. Earned a WTA 125 title at Suzhou
  - Began 2024 with her best Grand Slam performance since Wimbledon 2021 (quarterfinal), with R32 at Australian Open (l. Svitolina). Her only other consecutive main draw wins came in October at Jiujiang where she claimed her second career title, eight years after earning her maiden title at 2016 Gstaad. Continued her winning streak at Limoges, ending the season with the WTA 125 title (d. Naef in F)
  - Reached QF at 2023 Nottingham (l. Watson). Advanced to second round at 2023 Wimbledon, as a qualifier (l. Keys). Also qualified at 2023 Miami and fell in second round (l. Samsonova)
  - Had a mixed 2022 falling out of Top 100 after 2r exit at Wimbledon and entering back in with QF run at Warsaw
  - Made QF at the first tournament of 2022, Melbourne 1 (l. Halep), and later on clay at Strasbourg (l. Dodin) and Warsaw (l. Paolini)
  - In addition to F run at Rouen 125 (l. Zanevska), highlight of the year include SF campaign at Nottingham (l. Amritraj)
  - Produced impressive campaign in 2021, culminating in first Top 50 year-end finish and a career-high ranking of No.43 on November 8
  - On clay, won WTA 125K Series title at Saint-Malo and then performed impressively on grass with back-to-back QF runs at Eastbourne and Wimbledon
  - After a strong start to last season on ITF Circuit, continued her resurgence by coming through qualifying to reach the final at Lyon (l. Tauson) and Monterrey (l. Fernandez)
  - Ended 2020 outside Top 100 (at No.137) for first time since 2017 - after a campaign in which she fell 1r three times (including Australian Open and US Open) and in qualifying on four occasions
  - Other than run to SF at Guangzhou, highlights of 2019 season include QF runs at Hua Hin and last week in Nanchang, and 3r showing at Wimbledon - the deepest run of her career at a major
  - Finished 2018 ranked No.92 for second-best career-end finish (after No.57 in 2016)
  - Made 2r at three events in 2018, at Gstaad, Hiroshima and Wuhan, and fell 1r on seven occasions; also won ninth career title on ITF Circuit at \$80k Poitiers-FRA
- In 2025 won two WTA 1000 titles back-to-back at Dubai and Indian Wells - becoming the youngest WTA 1000 champion since the tournament tier began in 2009 at 17-years-old. Made her Top 10 debut in February before breaking into the Top 5 for the first time in July
  - Won maiden WTA doubles title in 2025 with Diana Shnaider at Brisbane, followed by a second title at Miami and finished the 2025 season making her WTA Finals debut in doubles with Shnaider
  - Reached first two WTA finals of career in 2024 winning the title at Iasi and finishing runner-up at Ningbo
  - Made first Grand Slam semifinal at 2024 Roland Garros beating World No.2 Aryna Sabalenka in the quarterfinals
  - Made Top 20 debut on October 8, 2024 finishing the year at World No.16; also won 2024 Paris Olympic silver medal in women's doubles with Diana Shnaider
  - Opened 2023 season in April by winning 13 matches straight to claim back-to-back ITF titles in Switzerland; as WC, advanced to R16 at Madrid with wins over Fernandez, Haddad Maia and Linette (l. Sabalenka); subsequently made debut at Roland Garros (as qualifier, l. Gauff in 3r), Wimbledon (as qualifier, l. Keys in R16) and US Open (l. eventual champion Gauff in 2r)
  - Also in 2023 reached R16 at Beijing (l. Rybakina), leading to Top 50 debut (started season just inside Top 300); voted WTA Newcomer of the Year
  - In 2022, posted 39-9 win-loss record on ITF Circuit, winning first four titles at this level
  - Fell in 1r on WTA main draw debut at 2022 Monastir (as WC, l. Potapova)
  - Made professional debut at W15 ITF Circuit event at Sharm El-Sheikh in February 2022
  - Owns six ITF Circuit singles titles
  - As a junior, finished R-Up at 2023 Australian Open (l. Korneeva)

- The 2017 campaign saw her play all four Grand Slam main draws for first time in her career and post career-high ranking of No.51 on April 3, 2017
- Ended 2016 at No.57 for best year-end finish of career (up from No.178 in 2015)
- Season highlights were winning maiden WTA singles title at Gstaad (d. Bertens in F) and R-Up finish at Linz (l. Cibulkova in F)
- Made Slam debut at 2016 Australian Open (as qualifier, l. Suárez Navarro in 1r) and qualified for Roland Garros, reaching 2r (l. Safarova). Prior to 2016 Australian Open, had fallen six times in Grand Slam qualifying
- Other 2016 highlights included QFs at 's-Hertogenbosch (l. Bencic), Tokyo [Japan Open] (l. eventual champion McHale) and Guangzhou (l. Kontaveit). Reached 2r at Katowice (l. Babos) and Bastad (l. Errani), and fell 1r at Cincinnati (l. Nara) and Luxembourg (l. Lisicki)
- Posted first and second Top 50 wins (vs. No.18 Ka.Pliskova and No.33 Strycova) during 2016 Fed Cup World Group SF against Czech Republic
- Entering 2016, had posted just two Tour-level main draw wins in career. By comparison, registered 20 main draw wins in 2016
- Prior to 2016 had contested two Tour-level events, having come through qualifying on both occasions: 2013 Bad Gastein (d. Bertens, l. Hlavackova), 2014 Shenzhen (d. Wozniack, l. Beck)
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2010 Budapest, and main draw debut at 2013 Bad Gastein
- Debut on ITF Circuit came at \$10k ITF/Budapest-HUN in 2008

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Previously coached by Dominik Utzinger
- Mother, Vucica Golubic was born in Serbia and father, Ignacije Golubic was born in Croatia; both are now Swiss nationals
- Has a sister, Natalija and two brothers, Kristijan and David
- Began playing tennis at age 5; sister played tennis and family was fan of sport
- Favorite surface is hard; favorite shot is backhand
- Tennis idol growing up was Monica Seles (played with two hands both sides until age 11)
- Speaks German, English, Serbian and Croatian
- Practiced Kung Fu for a while; also enjoys Harry Potter books (has read each one multiple times)

- Coached by Conchita Martinez
- Sister Erika is also a professional player
- Originally from Krasnoyarsk and began playing aged six, but moved to Sochi and then Cannes, France, with sister to set up training base with coaches Jean-Rene Lisnard and Jean-Christophe Faurel
- Favorite surface is clay
- Represented by IMG