



# MATCH NOTES

## DUBAI DUTY FREE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

### DUBAI, UAE



February 15-21, 2026 | WTA 1000 | \$4,088,211

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## DAY 3 – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

**[Q] Varvara Gracheva (FRA #60) vs. [4] Jessica Pegula (USA #5)**

**Pegula leads 1-0**

### *Gracheva:*

- Making her 3rd appearance at this tournament; her best tournament finish is reaching Round of 16 as a qualifier in 2022 (l. Vondrousova)
- Contesting her 25th career WTA 1000 main draw; her career-best WTA 1000 finish is quarterfinals at 2025 Cincinnati as a qualifier (l. V. Kudermetova)
- Owns 4 wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.7 Maria Sakkari at 2024 Roland Garros (0-4 vs. Top 10 players since then)
- Holds a 1-7 career record vs. Top 5 players; her one Top 5 win came over No.5 Jabeur at 2023 Miami
- Her best 2026 result so far is Round of 16 last week in Doha as a qualifier (l. Sakkari)

### *Pegula:*

- Making her 5th appearance at this tournament; her best tournament finish is reaching semifinals in 2023 (l. eventual champion Krejčíková)
- Contesting her 47th career WTA 1000 main draw; she is a 3-time WTA 1000 champion at 2022 Guadalajara (d. Sakkari in final), 2023 Montreal (d. Samsonova in final) and 2024 Toronto (d. Anisimova in final)
- Holds 2-0 record this year vs. players ranked outside the Top 50 (d. Zakharova and Selekhmeteva en route to Australian Open semifinals)
- Has posted semifinal results at both of her two previous events this year, at Brisbane (l. eventual runner-up Kostyuk) and Australian Open (l. eventual champion Rybakina)
- 6 of her 9 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court, most recently 2025 Austin (d. Kessler in final)

**[5] Mirra Andreeva (#7) vs. Daria Kasatkina (AUS #61)**

**Tied 1-1**

### *Andreeva:*

- Making her 3rd appearance at this tournament, where she returns as the defending champion (d. Tauson in last year's final)
- Last year in Dubai at age 17, she became the youngest player to win a WTA 1000 singles title since the WTA 1000 tournament tier started in 2009
- Won back-to-back WTA 1000 titles last year, following her Dubai crown with the Indian Wells title (d. World No.1 Sabalenka in final)
- Contesting the 20th WTA 1000 main draw of her career
- Holds a 4-0 record this year vs. players ranked outside the Top 50
- Won her 4th career WTA singles title earlier this year at Adelaide (d. Mboko in final)



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#### ***Kasatkina:***

- Making her 9th main draw appearance at this tournament, where she was the 2018 runner-up at WTA 500-level (l. defending champion Svitolina in final)
- Contesting her 82nd career WTA 1000 main draw; her best WTA 1000 result is a runner-up finish at 2018 Indian Wells (l. Osaka in final)
- Defeated Laura Siegemund in this week's opening round – that was her first Dubai main draw win since 2019 (she had lost her last 6 main draw matches at this tournament)
- Owns 23 wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.10 Paula Badosa at 2025 Roland Garros
- 6 of her 8 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court, most recently 2024 Ningbo (d. today's opponent M. Andreeva in final)

#### **[3] Coco Gauff (USA #4) vs. Anna Kalinskaya (#23)**

**Kalinskaya leads 1-0**

#### ***Gauff:***

- Making her 6th appearance at this tournament; her best tournament finish is reaching semifinals in 2023 (l. eventual runner-up Swiatek)
- Contesting her 48th career WTA 1000 main draw; she is a 3-time WTA 1000 champion at 2023 Cincinnati (d. Muchova in final), 2024 Beijing (d. Muchova in final again) and 2025 Wuhan (d. Pegula in final)
- 9 of her 11 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court, most recently WTA 1000 Wuhan last year
- One of 9 players from United States of America in this week's main draw; 6 of them are into the 2nd round
- So far this year, went 3-1 in singles at United Cup (Team USA made semifinals), reached Australian Open quarterfinals (l. Svitolina) and lost Doha opener last week (after 1r bye, l. Cocciaretto)

#### ***Kalinskaya:***

- Making her 3rd main draw appearance at this tournament, where she finished as the 2024 runner-up as a qualifier ranked No.40 (l. Paolini in final)
- Beat 3 Top 10 players en route to the 2024 Dubai final, including today's opponent Gauff in the quarterfinals
- By reaching the 2024 Dubai final, Kalinskaya became only the second qualifier to make a WTA 1000 final since the WTA 1000 tournament tier began in 2009 (the first was 2022 Cincinnati champion Caroline Garcia)
- Owns 14 wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.9 Elina Svitolina last week in Doha
- Holds a 5-8 career record vs. Top 5 players; she has lost her last 3 meetings vs. Top 5 players (all of those last 3 meetings were vs. Swiatek, including at the 2026 Australian Open)
- Her top result so far this year is making Doha quarterfinals last week (l. eventual champion Muchova)



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#### [1] Elena Rybakina (KAZ #3) vs. [Q] Kimberly Birrell (AUS #94)

Rybakina leads 1-0

##### **Rybakina:**

- This is her sixth Dubai appearance, posting her best result in her first appearance in 2020 by reaching the final (I. Halep); also made semifinals here last season (I. eventual champion M. Andreeva)
- Is the top seed at a WTA 1000 event for the first time in her career
- Has won her past seven opening matches at WTA 1000 events, with her last defeat coming to Krueger at Miami last season
- Has won 14 of her 16 career WTA 1000 matches against qualifiers and lucky losers, with her last defeat coming via retirement to Paolini in the 2023 Cincinnati Round of 16
- Owns 7 hard court titles including claiming the trophy at the 2026 Australian Open (d. Sabalenka in final)

##### **Birrell:**

- Making her debut appearance at Dubai
- After qualifying for main draw, defeated Tatjana Maria in the 1st round to raise her WTA 1000 main draw match record to 4-10
- Owns two Top 10 wins, both achieved on home soil at Brisbane (d. No.8 Navarro in 2025 and No.10 Kasatkina in 2019)
- Looking for first win over a seeded player in 2026 after losing to No.2 seed Anisimova at Brisbane and No.8 seed Mboko at Adelaide
- Could become the first qualifier to defeat the top seed at a WTA 1000 event since Anna Kalinskaya at 2024 Dubai, who achieved the feat against Iga Swiatek in that year's semifinals

#### Alexandra Eala (PHI #47) vs. [6] Jasmine Paolini (ITA #8)

First meeting

##### **Eala:**

- Making tournament debut
- Contesting her 11th career WTA 1000 main draw; career-best WTA 1000 result is semifinals at 2025 Miami as wild card ranked No.140 (I. eventual runner-up Pegula)
- Looking to reach Round of 16 at a WTA 1000 event for the second time in her career (after 2025 Miami)
- Owns a 2-2 record against Top 10 players, defeating No.5 Keys and No.2 Swiatek before falling to No.4 Pegula in semifinals at 2025 Miami; also lost to No.2 Swiatek at 2025 Madrid
- Is 1-2 against seeded players so far this season, claiming the win over No.5 seed Linette at Auckland

##### **Paolini:**

- Making 4th main draw appearance at the tournament, where she claimed the title in 2024 (d. Kalinskaya in final)
- Her Dubai 2024 title is one of her two WTA 1000 titles along with Rome 2025 (d. Gauff in final)
- Is one of six active players to win WTA 1000 titles on both clay and hard court along with Svitolina, Ka. Pliskova, Sabalenka, Rybakina and Swiatek
- Italy has won the Dubai title on two occasions: Paolini in 2024 and Sara Errani in 2016
- Looking for her first Round of 16 of the 2026 season, after falling in the Round of 32 at Australian Open and Doha last week



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**1**  
MATCHES  
PLAYED

**1**  
WIN



**60**

**VARVARA  
GRACHEVA (Q)**  
FRANCE

**JESSICA  
(4) PEGULA**  
UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA

**5**

2000-08-02	<b>Date of Birth</b>	1994-02-24
	<b>Residence</b>	Boca Raton, FL, USA
Right-handed	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 10" (1.78m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 7" (1.70m)
39	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	3
\$4,210,985	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$22,768,268
\$201,049	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$900,633
0 / 0	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	0 / 9
20-21 (Round of 16: 2024 ROLAND GARROS)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	62-28 (Runner-Up: 2024 US OPEN)
1-0 / 2-2 (Round of 16: 2022)	<b>YTD / Career DUBAI W-L (best)</b>	0-0 / 7-4 (Semi-Finalist: 2023)
4-4 / 84-114	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	8-2 / 263-130



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## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2020	CINCINNATI (NYC)	HARD	Q	Jessica Pegula	7-5 7-6(8)	1h 49m

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
73	-	2026	6	-
65	80	2025	3	6
39	66	2024	3	7
40	44	2023	3	5
59	95	2022	3	3
77	79	2021	18	18
89	93	2020	59	62
105	105	2019	55	76
447	447	2018	124	125
875	882	2017	165	632



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. R. SRAMKOVA (#103) 7-5 1-6 6-4 (2h 24m)

*Total time on court: 2h 24m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 3rd appearance at Dubai; her best tournament finish is reaching R16 as a qualifier in 2022 (l. Vondrousova)
- Contesting her 25th career WTA 1000 main draw; her career-best WTA 1000 finish is QF at 2025 Cincinnati as a qualifier (l. V.Kudermetova)
- Defeated Rebecca Sramkova in 1r for her 4th Tour-level match-win of the year
- Faces No.5 Jessica Pegula in 2r today; owns 4 wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.7 Maria Sakkari at 2024 Roland Garros (0-4 vs. Top 10 players since then)
- Holds a 1-7 career record vs. Top 5 players; her one Top 5 win came over No.5 Jabeur at 2023 Miami
- Owns 10-14 career Tour-level record against players from United States; most recent match vs. American was loss to Li at 2025 Osaka
- Career-best Tour-level result on hard court is her one career WTA singles final at 2023 Austin (l. Kostyuk in F)
- Only player from France in this week's main draw
- Best result by France at Dubai was Amélie Mauresmo's run to the title in 2002 (2nd edition of the tournament)
- Best result by a qualifier at Dubai was Runner-Up finish by Anna Kalinskaya in 2024
- Is currently ranked No.60; this time last year was ranked No.71. Reached career-high ranking of No.39 in January 2024
- Her best 2026 result so far is R16 last week in Doha as a qualifier (l. Sakkari)

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

*Total time on court: 0m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 5th appearance at Dubai; her best tournament finish is reaching SF in 2023 (l. eventual champion Krejčíková), and she also made QF in 2021 (l. Mertens)
- Contesting her 47th career WTA 1000 main draw; she is a 3-time WTA 1000 champion at 2022 Guadalajara (d. Sakkari in F), 2023 Montreal (d. Samsonova in F) and 2024 Toronto (d. Anisimova in F)
- After 1r bye, faces No.60 Varvara Gracheva in 2r today; Pegula is 2-0 this year vs. players ranked outside Top 50 (d. Zakharova and Selekhmeteva en route to Australian Open SF)
- Owns 7-6 career Tour-level record against players from France; most recent meeting vs. player from France was loss to Boisson in 2025 Roland Garros R16
- Owns 27-5 career Tour-level record against qualifiers; most recent meeting vs. qualifier was win over Siniakova in WTA 1000 Wuhan QF last year
- 6 of her 9 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court, most recently 2025 Austin (d. Kessler in F)
- One of 9 players from United States of America in this week's main draw; 6 of them are into the 2r
- Best results by United States at this event are title runs by Lindsay Davenport in 2005, and Venus Williams in 2009, 2010 and 2014
- Is currently ranked No.5; this time last year was ranked No.5. Reached career-high ranking of No.3 for the first time in October 2022
- Has posted SF results at both of her 2 previous events this year, at Brisbane (l. eventual R-Up Kostyuk) and Australian Open (l. eventual champion Rybakina)



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2024	Result	Rank: 49	Seed: -
1r	L	T. MARIA (#54) 6-2 6-1	

  

2022	Result	Rank: 80	Seed: -
2r	L	M. VONDROUSOVA (#38) 6-2 6-0	
1r	W	A. TOMLJANOVIC (#39) 6-1 7-5	

2025	Result	Rank: 5	Seed: 5
3r	L	L. NOSKOVA (#35) 6-3 7-6(8)	
2r	W	L. SAMSONOVA (#25) 6-0 6-4	

  

2023	Result	Rank: 3	Seed: 3
SF	L	B. KREJCIKOVA (#30) 6-1 5-7 6-0	
3r	W	A. BOGDAN (#75) 6-4 6-3	
2r	W	V. TOMOVA (#99) 6-2 5-7 6-1	

  

2022	Result	Rank: 14	Seed: -
2r	L	O. JABEUR (#10) 6-3 6-1	
1r	W	C. GAUFF (#20) 6-4 6-4	

  

2021	Result	Rank: 36	Seed: -
QF	L	E. MERTENS (#18) 5-7 7-5 6-0	
3r	W	K. PLISKOVA (#6) 6-0 6-2	
2r	W	K. MLADENOVIC (#53) 6-1 6-2	
1r	W	Y. SHVEDOVA (#827) 6-2 6-1	



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## SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Reached 3r at Doha (as qualifier, l. Sakkari)
- Made 2r at Australian Open (l. eventual champion Rybakina)
- Competed in 1r at Hobart (l. Sramkova)
- Played 1r at Auckland (l. Svitolina)

- Reached SF at Australian Open (l. eventual champion Rybakina)
- Reached SF at Brisbane (l. eventual R-Up Kostyuk)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
21	47	<b>Aces</b>	34	25
63.6%	53	<b>First serve %</b>	61.7%	68
60.1%	93	<b>First Serve points won %</b>	69.8%	19
42.3%	79	<b>Second serve points won %</b>	50.4%	16
53.6%	90	<b>Overall service points won %</b>	62.4%	15
57.6%	96	<b>Service games won %</b>	76.0%	16
51.2%	83	<b>Break points saved %</b>	58.2%	37
36.5%	53	<b>First serve return points won %</b>	39.0%	27
54.3%	65	<b>Second serve return points won %</b>	58.8%	19
45.6%	64	<b>Break points converted %</b>	44.7%	68
34.1%	62	<b>Return games won %</b>	41.6%	24
42.3%	69	<b>Return points won %</b>	46.5%	23



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## TITLES

### SINGLES FINALS

Runner-Up (1)  
2023 - AUSTIN

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (9)  
2025 - BAD HOMBURG, CHARLESTON, AUSTIN  
2024 - TORONTO, BERLIN  
2023 - SEOUL, MONTREAL  
2022 - GUADALAJARA  
2019 - WASHINGTON DC

Runner-Up (11)

2025 - WUHAN, MIAMI, ADELAIDE  
2024 - US OPEN, CINCINNATI  
2023 - WTA FINALS, TOKYO, DOHA  
2022 - MADRID  
2020 - AUCKLAND  
2018 - QUEBEC CITY

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (7)  
2023 - MIAMI (w/Gauff), DOHA (w/Gauff)  
2022 - SAN DIEGO (w/Gauff), TORONTO (w/Gauff),  
WASHINGTON DC (w/Routliffe), DOHA (w/Gauff),  
MELBOURNE 250 #1 (w/Muhammad)

Runner-Up (5)

2024 - WUHAN (w/Muhammad), SAN DIEGO  
(w/Krawczyk)  
2023 - ROME (w/Gauff), MADRID (w/Gauff)  
2022 - ROLAND GARROS (w/Gauff)



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## GRAND SLAMS

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



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- Highlights of 2025 include posting her best career result on grass with SF at Eastbourne (l. Eala); also achieved the best WTA 1000 result of her career at Cincinnati with QF as a qualifier, defeating No.14 Karolina Muchova in 3r
- Began 2024 at a career high ranking of No.39 and a strong opening result at Auckland with quarterfinal (l. Gauff). Posted her best Grand Slam result to date with R16 at Roland Garros (l. M.Andreeva) and reached semifinals at WTA 125s Paris (l. Shnaider) and Hong Kong (l. Tauson)
- Stand out results of 2023 were achieving runner-up at Austin and two quarterfinals, firstly on clay at Strasbourg (l. Svitolina) and then on grass at Bad Homburg (l. Bronzetti). Also advanced to R16 at both Indian Wells (as qualifier, l. eventual champion Rybakina) and Miami (as qualifier, l. eventual champion Kvitova). Top ranking of the season of No.40 was achieved on August 7, 2023
- Best results of 2022 were runs to QF at Chennai (l. eventual champion Fruhvirtova) and 3r at Roland Garros (l. Mertens). Also reached 2r on four occasions
- Second Top 100 season in 2021 finishing the year at No.79, in a season highlighted by making her WTA SF debut at Chicago 250 and posting a career-best 14 main draw match wins
- Highlight of 2020 campaign was 3r showing at US Open (l. Martic); in 2r recovered from 6-1 5-1 down, saving 4MP to upset No.44 Mladenovic
- Ended 2019 at No.105, nearly 300 places up from her 2018 finish after a campaign in which she posted a 70-26 win-loss record, lifting five titles on the ITF Circuit, including at \$60K Valencia and \$60K Saint-Malo
- Recorded first WTA victory during 2r run at 2019 Washington DC (as qualifier, d. Blinkova, l. Hsieh)
- Fell in 1r on WTA debut (main draw and qualifying) at 2019 Lausanne (as qualifier, l. X.Han), while made Grand Slam qualifying debut at US Open later that summer
- During 2018 season, won second ITF Circuit title of career at \$15k/Antalya-TUR and reached three other QFs at this level
- Played first professional events of career on ITF Circuit in Egypt in 2016
- Contested Roland Garros, Wimbledon and US Open as a junior, with best result a 3r run at 2016 Wimbledon
- Won three singles titles in 2025 across all three surfaces - Bad Homburg (grass), Charleston (clay) and Austin (hard); also had runner-up finishes at Wuhan, Miami and Adelaide
- Qualified for the 2025 WTA Finals for a fourth consecutive year and reached the semifinals for the second time after 2023
- In 2024, won two singles titles - Toronto (WTA 1000) and Berlin - en route to year-end ranking of No.7, her third-straight year-end Top 10 finish; two-time runner-up at Cincinnati and US Open; joined Rosie Casals (1970), Evonne Goolagong Cawley (1973) and Serena Williams (2013) as the only women in the Open Era to make the final at the Canadian Open, Cincinnati Open and US Open in the same season
- Also qualified for the 2024 WTA Finals (withdrew during round-robin play due to left knee injury)
- Won two titles in 2023, her second WTA 1000 tournament at Montreal and also WTA 250 Seoul. Also finished R-Up at Doha, Tokyo and at the WTA Finals in Cancun
- In doubles ascended to No.1 ranking (co-ranked with Coco Gauff) after 2023 US Open
- Achieved career-high No.3 in October 2022 after defeating four Grand Slam champions at Guadalajara, en route to ending three-year wait for second WTA title (d. Sakkari in F)
- Qualified for WTA Finals in both singles and doubles (w/Gauff), thus becoming the first Americans to debut in singles and doubles at the season-ending showpiece since Davenport in 1994
- Reached QF at three of the four majors in 2022, breaking into Top 10 after doing so at Roland Garros (June 6, 2022)
- One of seven players to win 40 or more matches in 2022, alongside Swiatek, Jabeur, Garcia, Sakkari, Kasatkina and Bencic
- In 2021, reached the QF or better on seven occasions, including at the Australian Open
- Broke into Top 20 on November 1, 2021
- Began 2020 with runner-up finish at Auckland (l. S.Williams), other standout results were a QF at Western & Southern Open (as qualifier, l. Mertens) and a 3r showing at US Open (l. Kvitova)
- On the doubles court in 2020, reached QFs of Roland Garros (w/Muhammad) and Cincinnati (w/Rogers)
- Won her first WTA title at 2019 Washington DC (d. Giorgi in F)

- Also in 2019, fell in 1r on main draw debut at Roland-Garros (l. eventual champion Barty) and Wimbledon (l. Buzarnescu) and Miami (as a qualifier, l. Konta)
- Broke into Top 100 for the first time on February 4, 2019 following back-to-back R-Up finishes at WTA 125K Series event at Newport Beach and W100 ITF Circuit tournament in Midland-MI, USA
- Highlights of 2018 included finishing R-Up as a qualifier at Quebec City (l. Parmentier in F), recording SF finish at Houston WTA 125K Series tournament (l. S.Peng) and reaching QF or better at 10 ITF events
- Did not play between January and August 2017 after undergoing hip surgery. Primarily played at ITF Circuit events for the rest of the year, winning two doubles titles with Townsend
- Played a mixture of WTA and ITF Circuit events in 2016 with highlight coming at Washington DC, where she defeated No.14 Stosur for first Top 20 win of career on her way to a SF finish (l. Davis)
- Reached 2r in Grand Slam main draw debut at 2015 US Open (as qualifier, d. Van Uytvanck, l. Cibulkova)
- Sidelined from tennis for a year and a half between 2013 and 2015 due to a right knee injury
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2009 Ponte Vedra Beach and WTA main draw debut at 2012 Indian Wells

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Working with Maxime Tchoutakian
- Currently based mainly in France, at the ETC Academy in Cannes, where she trains alongside several touring pros, including Daniil Medvedev
- Introduced to tennis by her mother Natalia Kazakova, who was her coach until the age of 14
- Studied at the meteor sports center in Zhukovsky, before moving to Germany to train with Nina Bratchikova
- Favorite hobby is drawing, and her favorite artist is Vincent Van Gogh - particularly 'self-portrait with a severed ear'
- She owns two dogs - a Yorkshire Terrier and a Parson Russell - named Tutsi and Enya, and a parrot called Boy
- Also likes to listen to alternative rock music, particularly the band Skillet

- Working with the coaching team of Mark Knowles and Mark Merklein
- Recently parted ways with coach David Witt; formerly with Michael Joyce
- Parents are Terrence (works in oil and gas) and Kim (business owner); her parents are principal owners of the Buffalo Bills (NFL), while Terry Pegula also owns hockey team the Buffalo Sabres (NHL)
- Brothers are Michael and Matthew, sisters are Laura and Kelly; also has three pets - Laura played Division I college tennis at the University of Pittsburgh
- Introduced to tennis by family at age 7
- Nickname is JP
- Favorite shot is backhand down the line; favorite tournament is the US Open
- Tennis idol was Martina Hingis
- One word to describe her would be "Determined"
- Owns her own skincare company called 'Ready 24'
- Also enjoys golf, sports, and design
- Married Taylor Gahagen in October 2021
- Passionate about new charity with her husband called A Lending Paw



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**7** **MIRRA  
ANDREEVA (5)**

**DARIA  
KASATKINA** **61**  
AUSTRALIA

2007-04-29	<b>Date of Birth</b>	1997-05-07
	<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" (1.70m)
5	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	8
\$8,136,098	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$14,449,545
\$590,966	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$209,800
1 / 4	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	0 / 8
31-12 (Semi-Finalist: 2024 ROLAND GARROS)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	62-40 (Semi-Finalist: 2022 ROLAND GARROS)
0-0 / 6-1 (Champion: 2025)	<b>YTD / Career DUBAI W-L (best)</b>	1-0 / 6-8 (Runner-Up: 2018)
10-3 / 98-44	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	4-5 / 311-221



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## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2025	ROLAND GARROS	CLAY	4r	Mirra Andreeva	6-3 7-5	1h 34m
2024	NINGBO	HARD	F	Daria Kasatkina	6-0 4-6 6-4	1h 54m

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
7	-	2026	37	-
5	9	2025	9	37
16	16	2024	9	9
46	46	2023	8	18
405	405	2022	8	8
-	-	2021	24	26
-	-	2020	66	71
-	-	2019	10	69
-	-	2018	10	10
-	-	2017	24	24



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

*Total time on court: 0m*

#### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 3rd appearance at Dubai, where she returns as the defending champion (d. Tauson in last year's final)
- Last year in Dubai at age 17, became the youngest player to win a WTA 1000 singles title since that tournament tier started in 2009
- Contesting the 20th WTA 1000 main draw of her career; she won back-to-back WTA 1000 titles last year, following her Dubai crown with the Indian Wells title (d. Sabalenka in F)
- After 1r bye, faces No.61 Daria Kasatkina in 2r today; Andreeva is 4-0 this year vs. players ranked outside Top 50
- Owns 5-1 career Tour-level record against players from Australia (2-0 this year, d. Gadecki at Brisbane, and d. Joint en route to Adelaide title)
- 3 of her 4 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court: Adelaide this year, as well as both of her WTA 1000 titles at 2025 Dubai and 2025 Indian Wells
- Is currently ranked No.7; this time last year was ranked No.14. Reached career-high ranking of No.5 in July 2025
- Holds a 10-3 win-loss record so far this year, with her best 2026 finishes being Adelaide title (d. Mboko in F) and Brisbane QF (l. eventual R-Up Kostyuk)

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. L. SIEGEMUND (#52) 6-2 6-3 1-2 (1h 28m)

*Total time on court: 1h 28m*

#### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 9th main draw appearance at Dubai, where she was the 2018 runner-up at WTA 500-level (l. defending champion Svitolina in F)
- Contesting her 82nd career WTA 1000 main draw; her best WTA 1000 result is R-Up at 2018 Indian Wells (l. Osaka in F)
- Defeated Laura Siegemund in this week's 1r; this was her first Dubai main draw win since 2019 (had lost her last 6 main draw matches at this tournament)
- Faces No.7 Mirra Andreeva in 2r today; owns 23 wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.10 Paula Badosa at 2025 Roland Garros
- 6 of her 8 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court, most recently 2024 Ningbo (d. today's opponent M.Andreeva in F)
- One of 3 players from Australia in this week's main draw; Birrell is also in 2r and Joint lost 1r
- Best result by Australia at this tournament was SF by qualifier Rachel McQuillan at the inaugural edition in 2001
- Is currently ranked No.61; this time last year was ranked No.11. Reached career-high ranking of No.8 in October 2022
- Best results so far this year are R16 finishes at Adelaide (l. Cristian) and Doha (l. Swiatek)



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2025	Result	Rank: 14	Seed: 12
F	W	C. TAUSON (#38)	7-6(1) 6-1
SF	W	E. RYBAKINA (#7)	6-4 4-6 6-3
QF	W	I. SWIATEK (#2)	6-3 6-3
3r	W	P. STEARNS (#46)	6-1 6-1
2r	W	M. VONDROUSOVA (#39)	7-5 6-0
1r	W	E. AVANESYAN (#44)	6-2 6-1
2024	Result	Rank: 38	Seed: -
1r	L	P. STEARNS (#65)	6-2 2-6 6-1

2025	Result	Rank: 11	Seed: 10
1r	L	S. CIRSTEA (#89)	6-1 6-4
2024	Result	Rank: 13	Seed: 10
1r	L	L. BRONZETTI (#60)	7-6(5) 4-6 7-5
2023	Result	Rank: 8	Seed: 7
2r	L	B. KREJCIKOVA (#30)	6-4 4-6 7-5
2022	Result	Rank: 28	Seed: -
1r	L	I. SWIATEK (#9)	6-1 6-2
2021	Result	Rank: 58	Seed: -
1r	L	A. CORNET (#59)	6-4 3-6 6-1



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## SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Made 3r at Doha (l. eventual R-Up Mboko)
- Reached 4r at Australian Open (l. M.Andreeva)
- Claimed Adelaide title (d. R-Up Mboko in F)
- Opened 2026 season at Brisbane with QF (l. eventual R-Up Kostyuk)

- Made 3r at Doha (l. Swiatek)
- Played 1r at Abu Dhabi (l. Waltert)
- Fell in 1r at Australian Open (l. Bartunkova)
- Made 2r at Adelaide (l. Cristian)
- Played 1r at Brisbane (l. Potapova)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
32	27	<b>Aces</b>	15	66
66.7%	24	<b>First serve %</b>	65.3%	38
69.6%	20	<b>First Serve points won %</b>	58.8%	104
48.1%	31	<b>Second serve points won %</b>	39.9%	96
62.5%	14	<b>Overall service points won %</b>	52.2%	100
78.1%	12	<b>Service games won %</b>	57.5%	97
64.3%	9	<b>Break points saved %</b>	53.6%	65
42.2%	6	<b>First serve return points won %</b>	42.2%	7
56.5%	44	<b>Second serve return points won %</b>	61.4%	4
48.3%	42	<b>Break points converted %</b>	51.0%	29
42.9%	19	<b>Return games won %</b>	47.7%	5
47.3%	11	<b>Return points won %</b>	49.0%	4



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## TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (4)  
2026 - ADELAIDE  
2025 - INDIAN WELLS, DUBAI  
2024 - IASI 250  
Runner-Up (1)  
2024 - NINGBO

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (2)  
2025 - MIAMI (w/Shnaider), BRISBANE  
(w/Shnaider)  
Runner-Up (1)  
2024 - OLYMPICS (w/Shnaider)

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (8)  
2024 - NINGBO, EASTBOURNE  
2022 - GRANBY, SAN JOSE  
2021 - ST. PETERSBURG, MELBOURNE 250  
2018 - MOSCOW  
2017 - CHARLESTON

Runner-Up (11)  
2024 - SEOUL, CHARLESTON, ABU DHABI,  
ADELAIDE  
2023 - EASTBOURNE, ADELAIDE #2  
2021 - SAN JOSE, BIRMINGHAM  
2018 - INDIAN WELLS, DUBAI  
2017 - MOSCOW

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (1)  
2015 - MOSCOW (w/Vesnina)

Runner-Up (2)  
2017 - TOKYO (w/Saville)  
2016 - MOSCOW (w/Saville)

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



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- 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)
- Best results in 2025 were 4r runs at Australian Open and Roland Garros; ended her season early after Beijing to take mental health break. Ended the season ranked inside the Top 40 (No.37) for a fifth consecutive year
- In March 2025, Kasatkina announced that she would represent Australia at all tennis events in the future after being granted permanent residency
- Finished the 2024 season ranked No.9 (2nd career Top 10 finish) in a season highlighted by winning titles at Ningbo and Eastbourne, while also finishing as runner-up at Seoul, Adelaide, Abu Dhabi and Charleston; won a Tour-best 26 matches at the WTA 500 level (next most was 15 (Rybakina)); as an alternate at WTA Finals, lost one match in group play (l. Swiatek)
- Finished R-Up at two tournaments in 2023 at Adelaide 2 (l. Bencic) and Eastbourne (l. Keys); reached SFs at Charleston, Zhengzhou, and WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai
- In 2022, reached maiden Grand Slam SF at Roland Garros (l. eventual champion Swiatek) and won titles at San Jose (d. Rogers in F) and Granby (d. Saville in F); returned to Top 10 on August 8, after San Jose run
- Qualified for WTA Finals for the first time in 2022 going 1-2 in group play
- Broke back into Top 50 in early 2021, after lifting first titles since 2018, at the Phillip Island Trophy in Melbourne (d. Bouzkova in F) and then St. Petersburg (d. Gasparyan in F)
- Reached two additional finals in 2021, at Birmingham (l. Jabeur) and San Jose (l. Collins)
- Highlight of truncated 2020 season was SF showing at Lyon (l. Friedsam) - her first run to the last four at a WTA event since lifting title at 2018 Moscow
- Won consecutive matches only twice in difficult 2019 campaign, with best result a QF run at Beijing (l. Wozniacki) and St. Petersburg (l. Zvonareva)
- Ended 2018 season by lifting her second WTA singles title at Moscow (d. Jabeur in F); broke into Top 10 following the tournament, on October 22, 2018
- Also finished R-Up at 2018 Dubai (l. Svitolina) and 2018 Indian Wells (l. Osaka); Indian Wells was biggest final of career having upset No.2 Caroline Wozniacki, No.10 Angelique Kerber and No.8 Venus Williams en route
- Made Top 20 debut on February 26, 2018, following R-Up finish at Dubai (d. No.3

- Muguruza, I. Svitolina)
- Made first Grand Slam QFs at 2018 Roland Garros (I. Stephens) and 2018 Wimbledon (I. Kerber) and qualified for WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai going 1-1 in group play
- Upset No.1 Caroline Wozniacki during SF run at 2018 St. Petersburg
- Captured maiden WTA singles title in debut final at 2017 Charleston, defeating fellow teenager Jelena Ostapenko in the final - the first all-teenage final on tour since 2009 Linz (Wickmayer d. Kvitova)
- Also in 2017 reached final at Moscow (I. Goerges) and QF at Sydney, Doha and Beijing
- Ended 2016 as the highest-ranked teenager on tour (No.27), after a campaign in which she reached SF, at St. Petersburg and QF at Indian Wells, Charleston, Montreal, Rio Olympics and Moscow. Made Top 50 debut on February 15, 2016 following St. Petersburg run
- Upset No.7 Venus Williams in opening match of 2016 season at Auckland to register first Top 10 win of career
- Reached first WTA SF at 2015 Moscow (as qualifier, I. Pavlyuchenkova) recorded first Top 20 win over No.14 Suarez Navarro in QF; following the tournament made Top 100 debut at No.73 (October 26, 2015)
- Reached 3r at 2015 US Open (as LL, I. Mladenovic) on Grand Slam debut (main draw and qualifying); reached QF at Bad Gastein (as qualifier, I. Errani)
- Also in 2015, won maiden WTA doubles title at 2015 Moscow (w/Vesnina), lifted five singles titles on ITF Circuit and was nominated for WTA Newcomer of the Year in 2015
- Fell in 1r on WTA main draw debut at 2014 Moscow (as WC, I. Riske)
- Made professional debut at in qualifying debut at 2013 Moscow
- Owns seven titles on ITF circuit

## OTHER INFORMATION

- 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

- Coached by Flavio Cipolla
- Parents are Sergey and Tatiana; brother is Alexandr, who also serves as her fitness trainer; introduced to tennis by brother at age 6
- Baseliner whose favorite surface is clay; favorite shot is forehand
- Loves soccer (favorite team is FC Barcelona)
- Best tennis memory is winning Roland Garros juniors and 2015 US Open run



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

**ANNA KALINSKAYA** **23**

2004-03-13	<b>Date of Birth</b>	1998-12-02
Delray Beach, FL, USA	<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)
2	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	11
\$30,830,836	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$6,170,679
\$1,071,715	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$356,465
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>	19-21 (Quarter-Finalist: 2024 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
0-0 / 7-5 (Semi-Finalist: 2023)	<b>YTD / Career DUBAI W-L (best)</b>	1-0 / 6-2 (Runner-Up: 2024)
7-3 / 252-103	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	8-4 / 122-111



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## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2024	DUBAI	HARD	QF	Anna Kalinskaya	2-6 6-4 6-2	2h 17m

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
3	-	2026	27	-
2	3	2025	14	33
2	3	2024	11	14
3	3	2023	53	77
4	7	2022	51	58
19	22	2021	104	110
47	48	2020	101	114
68	68	2019	96	100
874	875	2018	132	169
-	-	2017	127	146



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

*Total time on court: 0m*

#### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 6th appearance at this tournament; her best tournament finish is SF in 2023 (l. eventual R-Up Swiatek)
- Contesting her 48th career WTA 1000 main draw; she is a 3-time WTA 1000 champion at 2023 Cincinnati (d. Muchova in F), 2024 Beijing (d. Muchova in F) and 2025 Wuhan (d. Pegula in F)
- After 1r bye, faces No.23 Anna Kalinskaya in 2r today; owns 62 wins in career over Top 25 players, most recently No.19 Karolina Muchova at 2026 Australian Open
- 9 of her 11 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court, most recently WTA 1000 Wuhan last year
- One of 9 players from United States of America in this week's main draw; 6 of them are into 2r
- Best results by United States at this event are title runs by Lindsay Davenport in 2005, and Venus Williams in 2009, 2010 and 2014
- 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
- So far this year, went 3-1 in singles at United Cup (Team USA made SF), reached Australian Open QF (l. Svitolina) and lost Doha opener last week (after 1r bye, l. Cocciaretto)

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. J. OSTAPENKO (#27) 2-6 6-1 6-4 (2h 19m)

*Total time on court: 2h 19m*

#### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 3rd main draw appearance at this tournament, where she finished as 2024 R-Up as a qualifier ranked No.40 (l. Paolini in F)
- Defeated 3 Top 10 players en route to the 2024 Dubai final, including today's opponent Gauff in QF
- Contesting her 33rd career WTA 1000 main draw, and her 2024 Dubai run is her career-best WTA 1000 finish
- Defeated Jelena Ostapenko in 1r for her 8th match-win of the year
- Faces No.4 Coco Gauff in 2r today; owns 14 wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.9 Elina Svitolina last week in Doha
- Holds 5-8 career record vs. Top 5 players; has lost her last 3 meetings vs. Top 5 opposition (those last 3 meetings were all vs. Swiatek, including at 2026 Australian Open)
- Owns 26-17 career Tour-level record against players from United States (1-1 in 2026, l. Pegula at Brisbane, d. Navarro at Doha)
- Career-best Tour-level results on hard court are 2 R-Ups at 2024 Dubai (l. Paolini in F) and 2025 Washington DC (l. Fernandez in F)
- Is currently ranked No.23; this time last year was ranked No.19. Reached career-high ranking of No.11 in October 2024
- Top result so far this year is Doha QF last week (l. eventual champion Muchova)



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2025	Result	Rank: 3	Seed: 3
2r	L	M. KESSLER (#53) 6-4 7-5	
2024	Result	Rank: 3	Seed: 3
QF	L	A. KALINSKAYA (#40) 2-6 6-4 6-2	
3r	W	K. PLISKOVA (#36) 2-6 6-4 6-3	
2r	W	E. COCCIARETTO (#58) 6-1 7-5	
2023	Result	Rank: 6	Seed: 5
SF	L	I. SWIATEK (#1) 6-4 6-2	
QF	W	M. KEYS (#23) 6-2 7-5	
2r	W	A. SASNOVICH (#43) 6-0 6-4	
2022	Result	Rank: 20	Seed: -
1r	L	J. PEGULA (#14) 6-4 6-4	
2021	Result	Rank: 40	Seed: -
QF	L	J. TEICHMANN (#54) 6-3 6-3	
3r	W	T. MARTINCOVA (#125) 6-4 6-2	
2r	W	M. VONDROUSOVA (#20) 3-6 6-0 6-4	
1r	W	E. ALEXANDROVA (#33) 7-6(3) 2-6 7-6(8)	

2025	Result	Rank: 19	Seed: 15
1r	L	E. SVITOLINA (#24) 6-1 6-2	
2024	Result	Rank: 40	Seed: -
F	L	J. PAOLINI (#26) 4-6 7-5 7-5	
SF	W	I. SWIATEK (#1) 6-4 6-4	
QF	W	C. GAUFF (#3) 2-6 6-4 6-2	
3r	W	J. OSTAPENKO (#9) 6-4 7-5	
2r	W	C. BUCSA (#67) 6-3 6-4	
1r	W	S. HUNTER (#128) 6-1 6-2	



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## SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- 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 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
11	83	<b>Aces</b>	21	45
66.2%	27	<b>First serve %</b>	66.3%	26
68.5%	26	<b>First Serve points won %</b>	62.7%	68
39.5%	98	<b>Second serve points won %</b>	50.5%	13
58.7%	40	<b>Overall service points won %</b>	58.6%	44
68.8%	47	<b>Service games won %</b>	70.1%	38
50.0%	89	<b>Break points saved %</b>	59.6%	30
41.4%	12	<b>First serve return points won %</b>	38.0%	35
56.2%	50	<b>Second serve return points won %</b>	56.9%	40
44.0%	73	<b>Break points converted %</b>	55.2%	13
43.0%	18	<b>Return games won %</b>	41.7%	22
46.7%	16	<b>Return points won %</b>	45.4%	32



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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 (3)

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)

### 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)

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



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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
- 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)

title at Washington, DC at 15y 144d, became the 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
- 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 Pomsy 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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**3** **ELENA RYBAKINA (1)**  
KAZAKHSTAN

**KIMBERLY (Q) BIRRELL 94**  
AUSTRALIA

1999-06-17	<b>Date of Birth</b>	1998-04-29
	<b>Residence</b>	Gold Coast, Australia
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
6' 0" (1.84m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 7" (1.70m)
3	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	60
\$27,261,649	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$2,385,725
\$2,822,932	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$247,692
1 / 12	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	0 / 0
66-22 (Champion: 2026 AUSTRALIAN OPEN; 2022 WIMBLEDON)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	3-13 (Round of 32: 2019 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
0-0 / 12-3 (Runner-Up: 2020)	<b>YTD / Career DUBAI W-L (best)</b>	1-0 / 1-0 (Round of 32: 2026)
11-2 / 278-112	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	4-3 / 41-48



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## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2025	BJK CUP QUALIFIERS	HARD	1r	Elena Rybakina	6-3 7-6(4)	0m

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
3	-	2026	76	-
5	5	2025	60	95
3	6	2024	110	115
3	4	2023	100	113
12	22	2022	167	167
14	14	2021	692	734
17	19	2020	242	735
37	37	2019	154	245
182	191	2018	259	285
420	425	2017	351	356



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

*Total time on court: 0m*

#### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 6th appearance at Dubai with her best result achieved at her first appearance in 2020 reaching the final (l. Halep); also made SF here last season (l. M.Andreeva)
- Is the top seed at a WTA 1000 event for the first time in her career
- Holds a 12-3 match record at Dubai, withdrawing from the event in two of her previous five appearances (2023-24)
- Two of her 3 losses at Dubai were to eventual champions, losing to Simona Halep (2020) and Mirra Andreeva (2025)
- Has won her past seven opening matches at WTA 1000 events, with her last defeat coming to Krueger at Miami last season
- Faces No.94 Kimberly Birrell in 2r today
- This is her first meeting against a player from Australia so far this season
- Has won 14 of her 16 career WTA 1000 matches against qualifiers and lucky losers, with her last defeat coming via retirement to Paolini at Cincinnati (R16) in 2023
- Owns 7 hard court titles: Australian Open in 2026; WTA Finals, Ningbo in 2025; Abu Dhabi, Brisbane in 2024; Indian Wells in 2023; Hobart in 2020
- Only player from Kazakhstan to feature in the main draw
- Is currently ranked No.3; this time last year was ranked No.7
- Has won 11 matches so far in 2026 including her second career Grand Slam title run at Australian Open (d. Sabalenka in F)
- Contesting her 43rd career WTA 1000 main draw; she is a 2-time WTA 1000 champion at 2023 Indian Wells (d. Sabalenka in F) and 2023 Rome (d. Kalinina in F)

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. T. MARIA (#54) 6-4 3-6 7-5 (2h 48m)

*Total time on court: 2h 48m*

#### PLAYER NOTES

- Making debut appearance at Dubai
- Has beaten Tatjana Maria so far this week to raise her WTA 1000 match record to 4-10
- Faces No.3 Elena Rybakina in 2r today; owns 2 wins in career over Top 10 players, both achieved on home soil at Brisbane (d. No.8 Navarro in 2025 & No.10 Kasatkina in 2019)
- First time facing a player from Kazakhstan at Tour level, but fell to Rybakina once before in BJK Cup last season
- Looking for first win over a seeded player in 2026 after losing to No.2 seed Anisimova at Brisbane and No.8 seed Mboko at Adelaide
- Could become the first qualifier to defeat the top seed at a WTA 1000 event since Anna Kalinskaya, who achieved the feat against Iga Swiatek en route to the final in Dubai (SF) in 2024
- Could become the first Australian to defeat the top seed at a WTA 1000 event, since the format's introduction in 2009. Australian players have a combined 0-10 record in such matches
- Best career result on hard court is R-Up which she reached at Chennai in 2025 and Osaka in 2024
- Best result by a qualifier at Dubai was R-Up by Anna Kalinskaya in 2024
- Is currently ranked No.94; this time last year was ranked No.76. Her career high of No.60 was achieved in May 2025
- Has won 4 matches so far in 2026 including reaching SF at Adelaide (l. Mboko)
- Contesting her 11th career WTA 1000 main draw



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2025	Result	Rank: 7	Seed: 6
SF	L	M. ANDREEVA (#14)	6-4 4-6 6-3
QF	W	S. KENIN (#56)	6-2 7-6(2)
3r	W	P. BADOSA (#10)	4-6 7-6(8) 7-6(2)
2r	W	M. UCHIJIMA (#62)	6-3 6-2

  

2024	Result	Rank: 4	Seed: 4
3r	W	M. FRECH (#53)	7-6(5) 3-6 6-4
2r	W	V. AZARENKA (#27)	4-6 6-2

  

2023	Result	Rank: 10	Seed: 9
2r	W	M. BOUZKOVA (#26)	7-5 6-2
1r	W	B. ANDREESCU (#36)	6-3 6-4

  

2021	Result	Rank: 23	Seed: 14
2r	L	O. JABEUR (#31)	7-6(6) 4-6 6-2
1r	W	S. ZHENG (#48)	6-0 6-4

  

2020	Result	Rank: 19	Seed: -
F	L	S. HALEP (#2)	3-6 6-3 7-6(5)
SF	W	P. MARTIC (#15)	7-6(5) 7-6(2)
QF	W	K. PLISKOVA (#3)	7-6(1) 6-3
2r	W	K. SINIAKOVA (#58)	6-3 6-3
1r	W	S. KENIN (#7)	6-7(2) 6-3 6-3

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles



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## SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Reached QF at Doha (l. Mboko)
- Champion finish at Australian Open (d. R-Up Sabalenka in F)
- Made QF at Brisbane (l. Muchova)

- Fell in 1r at Australian Open (l. Inglis)
- Reached SF at Adelaide (as WC, l. eventual R-Up Mboko)
- Made 2r at Brisbane (as WC, l. Anisimova)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
94	1	<b>Aces</b>	14	66
58.6%	97	<b>First serve %</b>	64.4%	48
73.4%	7	<b>First Serve points won %</b>	65.3%	49
52.1%	9	<b>Second serve points won %</b>	43.7%	69
64.6%	4	<b>Overall service points won %</b>	57.6%	51
82.8%	4	<b>Service games won %</b>	67.0%	55
67.1%	5	<b>Break points saved %</b>	42.0%	111
33.6%	86	<b>First serve return points won %</b>	36.9%	50
59.5%	16	<b>Second serve return points won %</b>	48.0%	110
53.1%	19	<b>Break points converted %</b>	47.2%	50
36.2%	48	<b>Return games won %</b>	28.7%	86
43.7%	49	<b>Return points won %</b>	40.8%	86



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### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (12)

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

Runner-Up (11)

2024 - MIAMI, DOHA  
2023 - MIAMI, AUSTRALIAN OPEN  
2022 - PORTOROZ, ADELAIDE 500  
2020 - STRASBOURG, DUBAI, ST. PETERSBURG,  
SHENZHEN  
2019 - NANCHANG

### DOUBLES FINALS

Runner-Up (2)

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

### SINGLES FINALS

Runner-Up (2)

2025 - CHENNAI  
2024 - OSAKA

### DOUBLES FINALS

Runner-Up (2)

2023 - MONTERREY (w/Contreras)  
2016 - HOBART (w/Wolfe)

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



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- In 2025, won her first WTA Finals title, where she posted a perfect round robin record before topping World No.1 Sabalenka in the final; by going undefeated (5-0) at 2025 WTA Finals Riyadh, she earned \$5.235m, the biggest prize money payout in women's sporting history
- Overall, won three titles in 2025, adding Strasbourg and Ningbo crowns to her Riyadh triumph; finished at No.5 in the rankings and as the year's Tour leader in total aces (516)
- Won three titles from five finals in 2024, tasting success at Brisbane, Abu Dhabi and Stuttgart and finishing R-Up at Doha and Miami. Qualified for her second WTA Finals and defeated WTA World No.1 Sabalenka in the group stage
- Reached second Grand Slam final at 2023 Australian Open (l. Sabalenka in 3s); made Top-10 debut following tournament (January 30, 2023). Also in 2023 won first two WTA 1000 titles at Indian Wells and Rome and finished R-Up at Miami. Qualified for first WTA Finals, going 1-2 in group stage.
- Lifted maiden Grand Slam title at 2022 Wimbledon (d. Jabeur in F); also finished R-Up at Adelaide (l. Barty) and Portoroz (l. Siniakova)
- Best results of 2021 were SFs at Eastbourne, Olympics and Chicago [500], and QFs at Abu Dhabi, Roland Garros, San Jose and Ostrava
- Opened 2020 by reaching the championship match at four of her first five tournaments, including a title run at Hobart (d. Zhang in F), and made Top 20 debut at No.19 on February 17, after reaching St. Petersburg final. First Top-5 win came over No.3 Ka. Pliskova during R-Up finish at 2020 Dubai
- Won maiden WTA singles title at 2019 Bucharest (d. Tig in F), breaking into Top 100 for the first time in the following week's rankings at No.65 (July 22). Went on to make Top 50 debut on September 16 after reaching second career Tour final at Nanchang (l. Peterson)
- Highlights of 2018 included reaching maiden WTA QF at St. Petersburg (l. Goerges) and clinching title at \$15K ITF/Kazan. First Top 10 win came over No.7 Garcia at 2018 St. Petersburg
- Made WTA qualifying and main draw debut at 2017 Moscow (as qualifier, l. Begu in 1r)
- Professional debut came at \$10k ITF/Antalya-TUR in 2014
- In 2025, notched second career Tour final at Chennai (l. Tjen). In Brisbane made her first WTA 500 quarterfinal and won ITF/W75 title in that city before hitting a career-high ranking of No.60 on May 5. Went on to post a season-ending ranking inside Top 100 for the first time
- In mixed doubles reached her first Grand Slam final on home soil at the 2025 Australian Open, finishing R-Up (w/Smith; l. Gadecki/Peers in all-Australian final)
- Highlight of 2024 season was reaching first Tour level singles final, finishing R-Up at Osaka (as qualifier). Also enjoyed QF run at Nottingham
- In 2023, reached first WTA QF at Merida (as qualifier, l. McNally); also made QF at Seoul (l. Bektas) and cracked Top 100 for first time. Additionally reached 2nd Tour doubles final at Monterrey (w/Contreras Gomez; l. Lizarazo/M.P.Perez)
- Reached three ITF Circuit finals in 2022, including third title at this level at W60 event in Playford, Australia. At Tour level, reached 2r at Seoul (l. Maria) and contested qualifying on eight occasions
- Missed the second half of 2019 and entire 2020 season to undergo elbow surgery
- In only her second career Grand Slam main draw appearance, reached 3r at 2019 Australian Open upsetting No.29 Vekic in 2r (as WC, l. Kerber). Earlier in the Australian Swing, opened 2019 with 2r showing at Brisbane (as WC, d. No.10 Kasatkina, l. eventual R-Up Tsurenko)
- Posted year-end finish of No.285 in 2018 (up from No.356 in 2017); that year, won ITF/60K title at Darwin-AUS
- Reached 2r on WTA main draw debut as wildcard at 2016 Hobart (l. Cibulkova); at that same event, finished R-Up in doubles w/Wolfe (l. Han/McHale)
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2014 Hobart
- Played first professional events of career on ITF Circuit in Australia in 2012

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Trained at Spartak Club in Moscow as a junior; previous coaches included Andrei Cheshnokov (Elena Vesnina's former coach) and Evgenia Kulikovskaya
  - Nominated for 2019 WTA Newcomer of the Year Award
  - Started playing tennis aged five and favorite surface is hard
- Coached by Nicole Pratt and Chris Mahony
  - Mother is Ros; brother is Cade
  - Started playing at age 4; baseliner whose favorite shot is forehand; favorite surface is hard
  - Enjoys reading, watching movies, hanging out with friends, the beach and spending time with her dogs and fish



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**ALEXANDRA  
EALA**  
PHILIPPINES

**JASMINE  
(6) PAOLINI**  
ITALY

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2005-05-23	<b>Date of Birth</b>	1996-01-04
	<b>Residence</b>	Bagni di Lucca, Italy
Left-handed (two-handed backhand)	<b>Plays</b>	Right-Handed
5' 9" (1.75m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 4" (1.63m)
40	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	4
\$1,557,177	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$14,880,401
\$205,823	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$589,409
0 / 0	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	0 / 3
1-4 (Round of 64: 2025 US OPEN)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	32-25 (Runner-Up: 2024 WIMBLEDON, ROLAND GARROS)
1-0 / 1-0 (Round of 32: 2026)	<b>YTD / Career DUBAI W-L (best)</b>	0-0 / 6-2 (Champion: 2024)
6-4 / 21-31	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	3-3 / 164-130



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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
40	-	2026	7	-
50	50	2025	4	8
143	158	2024	4	4
189	205	2023	29	30
214	219	2022	44	59
505	529	2021	51	53
-	-	2020	93	95
-	-	2019	114	117
-	-	2018	130	190
-	-	2017	130	137



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. H. BAPTISTE (#45) 6-4 0-1 (57m)

*Total time on court: 57m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 1st appearance at the tournament
- Contesting her 11th career WTA 1000 main draw; career-best WTA 1000 result is SF at 2025 Miami as wild card ranked No.140 (l. eventual R-Up Pegula)
- Looking to reach the second R16 at a WTA 1000 event (after 2025 Miami)
- Has beaten Hailey Baptiste so far this week via retirement to reach 2r
- Faces No.8 Jasmine Paolini in 2r today; owns a 2-2 record against Top 10 players defeating No.5 Keys & No.2 Swiatek at 2025 Miami before falling to No.4 Pegula in SF. Also lost to No.2 Swiatek at 2025 Madrid
- Owns 1-0 Tour career record against players from Italy, defeating Bronzetti at Eastbourne last year
- Is 1-2 against seeded players so far this season claiming the win over No.5 seed Linette at Auckland
- Best career result on hard court is SF which she has reached twice: 2025 Miami (l. eventual R-Up Pegula) and 2026 Auckland (l. eventual R-Up Wang Xinyu)
- First player from Philippines to contest the main draw at this tournament
- Is currently ranked No.47 (first player from Philippines to reach Top 100 of WTA Rankings); this time last year was ranked No.139
- Best result so far this season is SF run at Auckland (l. eventual R-Up Wang Xinyu)

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

*Total time on court: 0m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 4th main draw appearance at the tournament, where she has claimed the title in 2024 (d. Kalinskaya in F)
- Her Dubai 2024 title is one of her two WTA 1000 titles along with Rome 2025 (d. Gauff in F)
- Is one of six active players to win WTA 1000 titles on both clay and hard court along with Svitolina, Ka.Pliskova, Sabalenka, Rybakina and Swiatek
- After 1r bye, faces No.47 Alexandra Eala in 2r today; looking for her first Top 50 win of 2026 after falling to No.11 Bencic at United Cup and No.27 Jovic at Australian Open
- First Tour meeting of her career against a player from the Philippines
- Owns two hard court titles: Dubai in 2024; Portoroz in 2021
- Only player from Italy to feature in main draw
- Italy has won the Dubai title on two occasions: Paolini in 2024 and Sara Errani in 2016
- Is currently ranked No.8; this time last year was ranked at career-high No.4 (first achieved in October 2024)
- Looking for her first R16 of the 2026 season after falling in R32 at Australian Open and Doha last week
- This is the 39th WTA 1000 main draw appearance of her career



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

2025	Result	Rank: 4	Seed: 4
3r	L	S. KENIN (#56)	6-4 6-0
2r	W	E. LYS (#87)	6-2 7-5

  

2024	Result	Rank: 26	Seed: -
F	W	A. KALINSKAYA (#40)	4-6 7-5 7-5
SF	W	S. CIRSTEVA (#22)	6-2 7-6(6)
3r	W	M. SAKKARI (#11)	6-4 6-2
2r	W	L. FERNANDEZ (#33)	6-3 6-4
1r	W	B. HADDAD MAIA (#14)	4-6 6-4 6-0

  

2023	Result	Rank: 64	Seed: -
1r	L	M. KEYS (#23)	6-1 6-1



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## SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Played 1r at Doha (l. Valentova)
- Made QF at Abu Dhabi (l. eventual R-Up Alexandrova)
- Fell in 1r at Australian Open (l. Parks)
- Reached SF at Auckland (l. eventual R-Up, X.Wang)

- Made 2r at Doha (l. Sakkari)
- Reached 3r at Australian Open (l. Jovic)
- Kicked off 2026 going 1-1 in singles for Team Italy at United Cup

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
8	98	<b>Aces</b>	9	88
65.8%	32	<b>First serve %</b>	63.0%	58
61.2%	78	<b>First Serve points won %</b>	60.8%	82
44.0%	64	<b>Second serve points won %</b>	48.2%	30
55.3%	77	<b>Overall service points won %</b>	56.1%	67
63.6%	69	<b>Service games won %</b>	63.0%	72
52.4%	72	<b>Break points saved %</b>	63.6%	13
38.7%	32	<b>First serve return points won %</b>	42.5%	5
60.4%	9	<b>Second serve return points won %</b>	50.7%	98
37.6%	104	<b>Break points converted %</b>	43.4%	77
40.7%	28	<b>Return games won %</b>	44.2%	13
46.6%	21	<b>Return points won %</b>	45.6%	32



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## TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

### SINGLES FINALS

Runner-Up (1)  
2025 - EASTBOURNE

### 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 (3)  
2025 - BERLIN (w/Errani)  
2024 - ROLAND GARROS (w/Errani)  
2022 - MELBOURNE 250 #1 (w/Errani)

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



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- Breakout 2025 season saw her break into the Top 100 after SF run at WTA 1000 Miami; as a wild card she registered back-to-back Top 10 wins over No.5 Keys and No.2 Swiatek. Went on to reach maiden Tour final at Eastbourne and then won her first WTA 125 title Guadalajara. Her year-end ranking was a career high No.50
- Following her Miami 2025 result, she made history by becoming the first player from the Philippines to reach a WTA 1000 semifinal and the first to enter the WTA World Top 100 ranking
- In 2024 made 2r at WTA 1000 Madrid (l. Cirstea) as well as playing main draw at Abu Dhabi, Guadalajara, Wuhan, Guangzhou and Jiujiang. Earned fourth ITF career title at W100 Vitoria-Gasteiz and reached a career high ranking of No.143 in July
- Entered first Grand Slam in 2023 at Australian Open qualifying (l. Doi in Q1). As a qualifier reached main draw at Hua Hin (l. Maria), Osaka (l. Sakatsume), Guangzhou (l. Maria) and Monastir (l. Mertens) taking her ranking into Top 200 for first time
- Claimed first ITF title in 2022 at Chiang Rai \$25K and also played WTA Miami opening main draw match (l. Brengle) and qualifying at Madrid (l. Bondar).
- In 2021 played first Tour level match at Miami qualifying (l. Kuzmova) and reached 2r at Cluj Napoca on clay (l. Sherif).
- Best result of 2021 was reaching QF at Grenoble \$25K
- Began on the ITF circuit in 2020 at the age of 14
- In 2025 earned second WTA 1000 title of her career on home soil at Rome, also winning the doubles title with Errani - became the first woman to sweep the Rome singles and doubles titles since Monica Seles in 1990
- Also in 2025 won her first Grand Slam title in any discipline, pairing with Errani to claim the Roland Garros women's doubles crown and qualified for the 2025 WTA Finals in both singles and doubles for the second time in her career after 2024
- Breakout 2024 season saw her win the biggest title of her career at WTA 1000 Dubai and also reach her first Grand Slam finals, finishing R-Up at Roland-Garros and Wimbledon. Qualified for her first WTA Finals in singles and doubles, broke into the Top 10 for the first time in her career and finished the season as the World No.4
- Finished 2023 by breaking into Top 30 for first time, achieving No. 29 on Oct 23, 2023 after becoming runner-up at Monastir (l. Mertens). Also achieved runner-up at Palermo and SF at Zhengzhou (l. Zheng both times) as well as QFs at Lyon (l. Garcia) and Cincinnati as a qualifier (l. eventual champion Gauff). Enjoyed two Top 10 wins (No.10 Garcia and No.4 Rybakina).
- In 2022, finished R-Up at Cluj-Napoca (l. Blinkova), while made back-to-back SF at Palermo (l. Bronzetti) and Warsaw (l. eventual champion Garcia); also reached QF at Lyon (l. Yastremska), Portoroz (l. eventual champion Siniakova) and Parma (l. Kovinic)
- Broke into Top 50 on January 31, 2021
- Posted near-Top 50 season finish in 2021 after capturing first WTA singles title of career at Portoroz (d. Riske in F)
- Strong season finish also brought SF run at Courmayeur (l. eventual champion Vekic) and QF effort at Linz (l. Halep); posted best win of season over No.18 Mertens en route to 3r at Indian Wells (l. Pegula)
- Also in 2021 won the WTA 125K event in Bol, Croatia (d. Rus in F) and was R-Up at the same level in Saint Malo (l. Golubic)
- Captured first WTA doubles title in 2021, at Hamburg (w/Teichmann)
- In 2021, for first time in career, contested the full suite of all four Grand Slam events; reached 2r at Roland Garros and US Open, equalling best previous Slam result
- In 2020, reached 2r four times at WTA tournaments, including Roland Garros (l.

- Kvitova)
- Highlights of 2019 included QF showings at Guangzhou and Palermo, a SF run at the WTA 125K Series event at Karlsruhe, lifting seventh, eighth and ninth ITF Circuit titles of her career, at \$60KBrescia-ITA, \$25K ITF/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

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Joan Bosch
- Started playing tennis aged four
- Competed in the WTA Future Stars event in 2016 and 2017 in Singapore (first time at age 11 and won the Li Na Inspiration Award)
- Made WTA Tour debut at 2021 Miami in qualifying
- Trains at the Rafael Nadal Academy in Mallorca
- Preferred surface is hard
- Parents are Mike and Rizza (who was a professional swimmer who competed at the 1985 Southeast Asian Games); brother is also a budding tennis player
- Enjoys upbeat Spanish music and watching comedy and horror movies
- Loves ice cream, rice and milk tea

- Coached by Danilo Pizzorno and Sara Errani
- 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