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DUBAI DUTY FREE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

DUBAI, UAE



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SEMIFINALS – FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

[4] Jessica Pegula (USA #5) vs. [2] Amanda Anisimova (USA #6)

Pegula leads 4-0

Pegula:

- Appearing at Dubai for a fifth time, she has equalled her best result of SF in 2023 (l. eventual champion Krejčíková)
- Looking to win her first five Tour matches against a single opponent for the second time in her career, currently holding a 5-0 record against Ashlyn Krueger
- This is her sixth consecutive SF after US Open, Beijing, Wuhan and WTA Finals in 2025, Brisbane and Australian Open in 2026
- Since the event's inauguration in 2001, three players from the same nation (Anisimova, Pegula and Gauff) have reached the semifinals for the first time
- This is the ninth all-American semifinal at a WTA 1000 event since the format's introduction in 2009
- With a win today would reach her first final since Wuhan 2025 (l. Gauff)

Anisimova:

- Has reached Dubai semifinal for the first time, surpassing her previous best result of reaching 2r in 2020, 2021 and 2023
- Since the event's inauguration in 2001, this is the second all-American SF at Dubai, after Venus Williams-Serena Williams in 2009
- Since 2009, is the fourth player to win each of her first four WTA 1000 quarterfinals on hard court after Ashleigh Barty, Jelena Ostapenko and Iga Świątek
- Looking to reach her fourth career WTA 1000 final – she lost to Pegula in the final at Toronto in 2024, before claiming tournament victories at Doha and Beijing last season
- Since the start of last season, only two players have claimed more WTA Top 10 wins than Anisimova (11) – Aryna Sabalenka (16) and Elena Rybakina (14)
- Since 2001, could become just the second player representing the USA to reach the final at both Dubai and Doha, after Monica Seles



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[7] Elina Svitolina (UKR #9) vs. [3] Coco Gauff (USA #4)

Tied 2-2

Svitolina:

- Two-time Dubai champion winning the title in 2017 (d. Wozniacki) and 2018 (d. Kasatkina)
- Defeated Gauff in their only meeting so far this season in the quarterfinal at Australian Open
- Looking to reach a fifth career final at WTA 1000 events, and her first since claiming the Rome title in 2018
- Since the format's introduction in 2009, Svitolina (7 years 277 days since Rome 2018) could have the longest gap of any player between two WTA 1000 finals (gap calculated at start of respective events)
- Could claim a 25th career WTA Top five win, becoming the third active player to achieve the feat after Victoria Azarenka and Aryna Sabalenka
- Looking to reach her second final of the 2026 season after claiming the title at Auckland (d. Wang Xinyu in F)
- Is 6-1 against seeded players so far this season with her only loss to No.1 Sabalenka at Australian Open

Gauff:

- Making 6th appearance at Dubai and has equalled her best previous showing in 2023 with SF (l. eventual R-Up Swiatek)
- Owns three WTA 1000 titles: 2023 Cincinnati, 2024 Beijing and 2025 Wuhan
- Among players from USA since 2009, only Serena Williams (26) and Pegula (14) have reached more WTA 1000 semifinals than Gauff (13)
- Since the format's introduction in 2009, Gauff could become the third player to reach 6+ WTA 1000 finals before the age of 22, after Caroline Wozniacki and Swiatek
- Since 1990, Gauff (101) is one of just three players to have claimed 100+ Tier I/WTA 1000 match wins before the age of 23, along with Martina Hingis, Caroline Wozniacki and Victoria Azarenka
- Could move to No.3 this week by winning the title in Dubai



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**JESSICA
PEGULA (4)**
UNITED STATES OF
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**AMANDA
(2) ANISIMOVA**
UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA

1994-02-24	Date of Birth	2001-08-31
Boca Raton, FL, USA	Residence	Miami Beach, FL, USA
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed
5' 7" (1.70m)	Height	5' 11" (1.80m)
3	Career-High Ranking	3
\$22,768,268	Career Prize Money	\$12,918,510
\$900,633	Season Prize Money	\$531,474
0 / 9	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 4
62-28 (Runner-Up: 2024 US OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	48-24 (Runner-Up: 2025 US OPEN, WIMBLEDON)
3-0 / 10-4 (Semi-Finalist: 2026, 2023)	YTD / Career DUBAI W-L (best)	2-0 / 4-4 (Semi-Finalist: 2026)
11-2 / 266-130	YTD / Career W-L	7-3 / 163-95



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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2026	AUSTRALIAN OPEN	HARD	QF	Jessica Pegula	6-2 7-6(1)	1h 35m
2024	TORONTO	HARD	F	Jessica Pegula	6-3 2-6 6-1	1h 27m
2024	CHARLESTON	CLAY	2r	Jessica Pegula	3-6 6-4 7-6(3)	2h 26m
2020	CINCINNATI (NYC)	HARD	2r	Jessica Pegula	7-5 6-2	1h 19m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
6	-	2026	3	-
3	6	2025	4	4
3	7	2024	36	36
3	5	2023	23	359
3	3	2022	22	23
18	18	2021	30	78
59	62	2020	22	30
55	76	2019	21	24
124	125	2018	92	95
165	632	2017	182	192



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. V. GRACHEVA (#60) 6-4 6-0 0-1 (1h 10m)
3r: d. I. JOVIC (#20) 6-4 6-2 (1h 17m)
QF: d. C. TAUSON (#15) 6-3 2-6 6-4 (1h 55m)

Total time on court: 4h 22m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 5th appearance at Dubai, where her best previous result was reaching SF in 2023 (l. eventual champion Barbora Krejckikova)
- 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)
- Has beaten Varvara Gracheva, Iva Jovic and Clara Tauson so far this week to reach SF
- This is her third consecutive SF of the season after Brisbane and Australian Open; looking for her first final of the year today
- Faces No.6 Amanda Anisimova in SF today; owns 28 wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.4 Anisimova at Australian Open 2026
- Match record of 4-0 over players from USA so far this season
- Is 5-2 against seeded players in 2026 with the two losses her only match losses of the season so far (l. Kostyuk at Brisbane, l. Rybakina at Australian Open)
- Record in WTA SF matches stands at 21-17
- 6 of her 9 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court, most recent 2025 Austin (d. Kessler in F)
- One of 3 players from United States of America to reach SF; since Dubai's first year in 2001, three players from the same nation have reached the SF for the first time
- 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
- A win today would be her first final since Wuhan 2025

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. B. KREJCIKOVA (#53) 0-0 (0m)
3r: d. J. TJEN (#46) 6-1 6-3 (1h 10m)
QF: d. M. ANDREEVA (#7) 2-6 7-5 7-6 (2h 38m)

Total time on court: 3h 48m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 5th main draw appearance at this tournament; her best previous tournament results are 2r finishes in 2021 (l. eventual champion Muguruza) and 2023 (l. Azarenka)
- Contesting her 45th career WTA 1000 main draw; she is a 2-time WTA 1000 champion at 2025 Doha (d. Ostapenko in F) and 2025 Beijing (d. Noskova in F), and reached a further final at WTA 1000 R-Up at 2024 Toronto (l. Pegula in F)
- After 1r bye and walkover to Barbora Krejckikova, has beaten Janice Tjen and Mirra Andreeva so far this week to reach SF
- This is her first SF of the season after reaching QF at Australian Open where she lost to today's opponent Pegula
- Faces No.5 Jessica Pegula in SF today; owns 19 wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.7 Mirra Andreeva here at Dubai 2026
- Record against players from USA in 2026 stands at 1-1 (d. Stearns, l. Pegula at Australian Open)
- Record against seeded players stands at 1-2 in 2026 with only win posted over No.5 seed Andreeva here in Dubai
- Record in WTA SF matches stands at 9-5
- 3 of her 4 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court: Both of her WTA 1000 titles at 2025 Doha and 2025 Beijing, as well as 2022 Melbourne 250 #2
- One of 3 players from United States of America to reach SF
- 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.6; this time last year was ranked No.18. Reached career-high ranking of No.3 last month
- Looking for the 10th Tour final of her career and first since 2025 Beijing where she won the title



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

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

2025	Result	Rank: 18	Seed: -
1r	L	M. KESSLER (#53)	6-2 6-3
2023	Result	Rank: 35	Seed: -
2r	L	V. AZARENKA (#14)	4-6 6-4 7-6(5)
1r	W	V. ZVONAREVA (#436)	6-3 6-2
2021	Result	Rank: 32	Seed: -
2r	L	G. MUGURUZA (#16)	6-4 6-2
1r	W	A. KONJUH (#401)	6-2 6-2
2020	Result	Rank: 29	Seed: -
1r	L	B. STRYCOVA (#35)	7-6(3) 2-6 6-4



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SEASON 2026 HISTORY

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

- Made 2r at Doha (l. Pliskova, retired)
- Reached QF at Australian Open (l. Pegula)
- Opened 2026 with a 3r at Brisbane (l. eventual R-Up Kostyuk)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
50	11	Aces	29	29
62.3%	64	First serve %	63.2%	56
70.1%	17	First Serve points won %	67.7%	31
52.2%	9	Second serve points won %	46.8%	41
63.3%	10	Overall service points won %	60.0%	26
78.1%	11	Service games won %	72.1%	30
58.8%	32	Break points saved %	61.3%	18
38.5%	28	First serve return points won %	35.7%	66
57.0%	39	Second serve return points won %	59.7%	12
46.9%	52	Break points converted %	47.1%	49
39.8%	28	Return games won %	40.6%	23
45.4%	30	Return points won %	44.8%	35



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TITLES

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (9)

2025 - BAD HOMBURG, CHARLESTON, AUSTIN

2024 - TORONTO, BERLIN

2023 - SEOUL, MONTREAL

2022 - GUADALAJARA

2019 - WASHINGTON DC

Runner-Up (12)

2025 - WUHAN, MIAMI, ADELAIDE

2024 - US OPEN, CINCINNATI

2023 - WTA FINALS, TOKYO, DOHA, UNITED CUP

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)

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (4)

2025 - BEIJING, DOHA

2022 - MELBOURNE 250 #2

2019 - BOGOTA

Runner-Up (5)

2025 - US OPEN, WIMBLEDON, QUEENS

2024 - TORONTO

2018 - HIROSHIMA



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GRAND SLAMS

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



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CAREER MILESTONES

- 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)
- In 2025, won first two WTA 1000 titles of her career at Doha (d. Ostapenko in final) and Beijing (d. Noskova in final), and reached her first two Grand Slam finals at Wimbledon (l. Swiatek) and US Open (l. Sabalenka)
- Made Top 20, Top 10 and Top 5 debuts during 2025, finishing the season at a career-high No.4 ranking
- In 2024 made first WTA 1000 final of career at Toronto, finishing R-Up to Pegula (defeated No.3 Sabalenka en route). Also enjoyed run to R16 at Australian Open, her third time reaching that stage in Melbourne
- Played a small number of tournaments in 2023 before taking a break away from the sport after Madrid in April
- Lifted second career title at Melbourne Summer Set 2 (d. Sasnovich in F) in January 2022. Also in 2022, made SF at Charleston (l. Jabeur) and five further QFs, including at Wimbledon (l. Halep)
- Ended 2021 season with 3r run at Indian Wells to secure her fourth consecutive Top-100 finish. Best results were QF runs at Parma and Bad Homburg
- Opened 2020 with SF showing at Auckland, going on to reach 3r at US Open, Roland Garros and Doha; during Doha run, earned third career Top 10 win over No.7 Svitolina (l. Kuznetsova in 3r due to walkover)
- Posted career best Grand Slam result with SF run at 2019 Roland Garros - first player (man or woman) born in 2000s to advance to this stage of a major. Scored maiden win over a Top 5 player during 2019 Roland Garros, upsetting No.3 and defending champion Halep in QF
- Won maiden title at 2019 Bogota (d. Sharma in F); at 17y 222d was the youngest American to win a title since S. Williams at 1999 Indian Wells (17y 169d)
- Made Top 100 debut at No.95 on September 17, 2018, after reaching first WTA final at Hiroshima (as qualifier, l. Hsieh)
- Also in 2018, upset No.9 Kvitova to become the joint-youngest player to reach R16 at Indian Wells, along with Majoli, who made SF in 1994 (both aged 16 years, 199 days)
- Played only two ITF tournaments before making WTA main draw debut at 2017 Miami (l. Townsend in 3s), with Grand Slam bow coming at 2017 Roland Garros (l. Nara in 1r)
- In juniors, won US Open girls' singles in 2017 (d. Gauff in F) and was R-Up at 2016 Roland Garros; reached No.2 in junior world rankings

- 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

- Made professional debut at 2016 US Open qualifying (l. Hozumi in 2r)

OTHER INFORMATION

- 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

- Coached by Rob Brandsma and Rick Vleeshouwers
- Mother is Olga, who was born and raised in Moscow; sister is Maria Anisimova-Egee and lives in New York. Speaks English and Russian
- Born in New Jersey but moved to Miami at age 3. Started playing tennis after going to her sister's practices every day and eventually developed a passion for the sport
- Tennis idols growing up were Serena Williams and Maria Sharapova
- Off the court enjoys music, running, writing, jet skiing and going to the beach. Has one dog named Miley



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ELINA SVITOLINA (7)
UKRAINE

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COCO GAUFF (3)
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

1994-09-12	Date of Birth	2004-03-13
Monte Carlo, Monaco	Residence	Delray Beach, FL, USA
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 9" (1.74m)	Height	5' 9" (1.75m)
3	Career-High Ranking	2
\$27,553,996	Career Prize Money	\$30,830,836
\$896,925	Season Prize Money	\$1,071,715
1 / 19	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 11
113-48 (Semi-Finalist: 2026 AUSTRALIAN OPEN; 2023 WIMBLEDON; 2019 US OPEN, WIMBLEDON)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	78-24 (Champion: 2025 ROLAND GARROS; 2023 US OPEN)
3-0 / 23-8 (Champion: 2018, 2017)	YTD / Career DUBAI W-L (best)	3-0 / 10-5 (Semi-Finalist: 2026, 2023)
14-2 / 418-220	YTD / Career W-L	10-3 / 255-103



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YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2026	AUSTRALIAN OPEN	HARD	QF	Elina Svitolina	6-1 6-2	59m
2024	US OPEN	HARD	3r	Coco Gauff	3-6 6-3 6-3	2h 3m
2024	AUCKLAND	HARD	F	Coco Gauff	6-7(4) 6-3 6-3	2h 35m
2021	AUSTRALIAN OPEN	HARD	2r	Elina Svitolina	6-4 6-3	1h 17m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
9	-	2026	3	-
13	14	2025	2	3
17	23	2024	2	3
24	25	2023	3	3
15	236	2022	4	7
4	15	2021	19	22
4	5	2020	47	48
3	6	2019	68	68
3	4	2018	874	875
3	6	2017	-	-



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GAUFF**

TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. P. BADOSA (#70) 6-4 (48m)
3r: d. B. BENCIC (#13) 4-6 6-1 6-3 (2h 0m)
QF: d. A. RUZIC (#67) 3-6 6-2 6-3 (2h 2m)

Total time on court: 4h 50m

PLAYER NOTES

- A two-time champion at the event (2017, 2018) is making 11th appearance at Dubai; also has reached SF two other times (2016,2019)
- After 1r bye , has beaten Paula Badosa (via retirement), Belinda Bencic and Antonia Ruzic so far this week to reach SF
- Looking to reach her fifth career final at WTA 1000 events, and her first since claiming the title at Rome in 2018
- Faces No.4 Coco Gauff in SF today; owns 44 wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.3 Gauff at Australian Open 2026
- Could claim a 25th career WTA Top five win, becoming the third active player to achieve the feat after Azarenka and Sabalenka
- Undefeated against players from USA in 2026 with a record of 2-0 (d. Jovic at Auckland, d. Gauff at Australian Open)
- Is 6-1 against seeded players so far this season with her only loss to No.1 Sabalenka at Australian Open
- Record in WTA SF matches stands at 23-26
- A 12-time hardcourt champion, including earlier this year at 2026 Auckland
- Only player from Ukraine to reach SF
- Is currently ranked No.9; this time last year was ranked No.24; her career high of No.3 was reached in September 2017
- Looking for her second final of the season after claiming the title at Auckland (d. Wang Xinyu)

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. A. KALINSKAYA (#23) 6-4 6-4 (1h 32m)
3r: d. E. MERTENS (#22) 2-6 7-6 6-3 (2h 18m)
QF: d. A. EALA (#47) 6-0 6-2 (1h 7m)

Total time on court: 4h 57m

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)
- This is her 13th career WTA 1000 SF and second at Dubai
- After 1r bye, has beaten Anna Kalinskaya, Elise Mertens and Alexandra Eala so far this week to reach SF
- This is her first singles SF of the season after reaching QF at Australian Open (l. Svitolina) (also made SF at United Cup with Team USA)
- Faces No.9 Elina Svitolina in SF today; owns 34 wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.2 Iga Swiatek at United Cup 2026
- 9 of her 11 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court, most recently WTA 1000 Wuhan last year
- One of 3 players from United States of America to reach SF along with Pegula and Anisimova
- 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
- Looking for her first final of the season and first since Wuhan 2025 where she defeated Pegula to claim the title



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2025	Result	Rank: 24	Seed: -
2r	L	C. TAUSON (#38)	7-6(5) 3-6 7-6(4)
1r	W	A. KALINSKAYA (#19)	6-1 6-2
2024	Result	Rank: 20	Seed: 15
3r	L	I. SWIATEK (#1)	6-1 6-4
2r	W	T. MARIA (#54)	6-3 6-3
1r	W	A. KALININA (#32)	6-3 7-6(7)
2022	Result	Rank: 15	Seed: 10
2r	L	J. TEICHMANN (#35)	7-6(0) 6-2
1r	W	M. SHERIF (#65)	6-2 6-3
2021	Result	Rank: 5	Seed: 1
2r	L	S. KUZNETSOVA (#41)	2-6 6-4 6-1
2020	Result	Rank: 6	Seed: 3
1r	L	J. BRADY (#52)	6-2 6-1

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)



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SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Made 3r at Doha (l. Kalinskaya)
- Reached SF at Australian Open (l. eventual R-Up Sabalenka)
- Won the Auckland title in her 2026 season opener (d. Wang Xinyu in F)

- 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

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
63	7	Aces	17	59
61.0%	75	First serve %	61.8%	67
67.6%	32	First Serve points won %	69.8%	19
49.5%	24	Second serve points won %	38.6%	103
60.6%	22	Overall service points won %	57.9%	45
74.8%	16	Service games won %	66.9%	56
57.9%	36	Break points saved %	51.2%	81
41.0%	13	First serve return points won %	43.7%	2
58.1%	27	Second serve return points won %	56.1%	48
57.9%	8	Break points converted %	49.6%	37
44.0%	15	Return games won %	47.2%	7
47.2%	13	Return points won %	48.2%	8



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TITLES

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (19)

2026 - AUCKLAND
2025 - ROUEN
2023 - STRASBOURG
2021 - CHICAGO 250
2020 - STRASBOURG, MONTERREY
2018 - WTA FINALS, ROME, DUBAI, BRISBANE
2017 - TORONTO, ROME, ISTANBUL, DUBAI, TAIPEI CITY
2016 - KUALA LUMPUR
2015 - MARRAKECH
2014 - BAKU
2013 - BAKU

Runner-Up (5)

2024 - AUCKLAND
2019 - WTA FINALS
2016 - ZHUHAI, NEW HAVEN
2015 - ZHUHAI

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (2)

2015 - ISTANBUL (w/Saville)
2014 - ISTANBUL (w/Doi)

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)

2025 - ROME, MADRID, UNITED CUP
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)



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GRAND SLAMS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
SF				2026	QF			
QF	QF	3r	1r	2025	QF	WON	1r	4r
4r	4r	QF	3r	2024	SF	SF	4r	4r
	QF	SF	3r	2023	4r	QF	1r	WON
3r				2022	1r	RUP	3r	QF
4r	3r	2r	QF	2021	2r	QF	4r	2r
3r	QF			2020	4r	2r		1r
QF	3r	SF	SF	2019			4r	3r
QF	3r	1r	4r	2018				
3r	QF	4r	4r	2017				
2r	4r	2r	3r	2016				
3r	QF	2r	3r	2015				
3r	2r	1r	1r	2014				
1r	2r	1r	2r	2013				
			1r	2012				



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CAREER MILESTONES

- Went 16-3 on clay at Tour-level events in 2025, including her 18th career title at Rouen, Madrid SF, Rome QF and Roland Garros QF; also made Australian Open QF (l. eventual champion Keys)
- Achieved runner-up in her opening tournament of 2024 at Auckland (l. Gauff in F) before finishing R16 at Australian Open (l. Noskova, retired due to low back injury). Reached QF at Wimbledon (l. Rybakina), 4r at Roland Garros (l. Rybakina) and 3r at US Open (l. Gauff). Ended season after US Open
- Returned to the Tour in April 2023, following birth of daughter Skai. Won Strasbourg (d. Blinkova) for a second time (also in 2020) before achieving Grand Slam results of QF at Roland Garros (l. Sabalenka) and SF at Wimbledon (l. eventual champion Vondrousova)
- 2022 season reached 3r at Australian Open (l. Azarenka) and QF at Monterrey (l. Osorio), before going on maternity leave in spring
- Highlight of 2021 was lifting 16th career title at Chicago [250]. Also made SF at Miami, Stuttgart and the Olympics (won bronze medal)
- Won her 14th and 15th titles in 2020, firstly at Monterrey (d. Bouzkova in F) and then Strasbourg (d. Rybakina in F). Contested her 30th consecutive major at 2020 Australian Open (streak ended by missing 2020 US Open)
- In 2019, made first two Grand Slam SFs of career at Wimbledon (l. eventual champion Halep) and US Open (l. S.Williams). Became the first woman from Ukraine to reach a major SF (on the men's, Andrei Medvedev made that stage at 1993 and 1999 Roland Garros, finishing runner-up in 1999)
- Also in 2019, made Australian Open QF and reached the title match as defending champion at the Shiseido WTA Finals (l. Barty)
- In 2018, won 13th - and most prestigious - career title at 2018 WTA Finals (d. Stephens in F), after going 3-0 during round robin stage. Ended year ranked No.4. Also won titles at Rome (as defending champion, d. No.1 Halep in F), Dubai (as defending champion, d. Kasatkina in F) and Brisbane (d. Sasnovich in F)
- Enjoyed standout 2017, finishing year at No.6, winning a tour-leading five titles and posting second-most wins (53, behind Wozniacki with 60). Season culminated by qualifying for WTA Finals in Singapore, becoming first Ukrainian woman to qualify for the season-ending tournament in singles (fell at round robin stage with 1-2 record)
- 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

- In 2017, became first player to win three Premier 5 titles in a single season (Dubai, Rome, Toronto), since such tournaments were introduced in 2009
- One of five players to make Top 10 debut in 2017, after winning Dubai in February (also Ostapenko, Garcia, Mladenovic and Vandeweghe). Peaked in rankings at No.3 on September 11, 2017
- On four occasions could have reached World No.1 - at 2017 US Open, then needed to win 2017 Beijing (fell QF), then needed to triumph at 2017 WTA Finals (fell in group stage), or reach final at 2018 Australian Open (fell in QF)
- End to 2016 season also saw her reach first SF at Premier Mandatory level at Beijing (l. A.Radwanska). Qualified for 2016 WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai for the second time (l. Kvitova in F)
- Reached three finals in 2016, winning Kuala Lumpur (d. Bouchard in F) and R-Up at New Haven (l. A.Radwanska) and Zhuhai (l. Kvitova). Another 2016 season highlight was QF at Rio Olympics
- Owns two career doubles titles: 2014 Istanbul (w/Doi) and 2015 Istanbul (w/Gavrilova)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2012 Baku (lost in 1r but went on to win title there in both 2013 and 2014)
- Played first ITF Circuit events of career in 2008
- Junior highlights include winning 2010 Roland Garros girls' title at age 15 (d. Jabeur in F)

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 Andrew Bettles
- Parents are Mykhaylo and Olena; brother is Yulian. Introduced to tennis at age 5 by family
- Married to ATP tennis player Gael Monfils on July 16, 2021. Daughter Skai Monfils was born on October 15, 2022
- Tennis idol growing up was Andre Agassi
- Speaks English, Ukrainian, and French
- Hobbies are learning about business and economics, studies nutrition
- Extremely passionate about her foundation, created in 2019, and spends a lot of time continuing to expand the programming of the Elina Svitolina Foundation
- Enjoys cooking, reading and hiking
- Favorite food is Mom's and Grandma's Ukrainian dishes
- People most admired are Kobe Bryant and Nik Vujicic; Favorite artists are Eminem, AC/DC and Okean Elzy

- 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