



MATCH NOTES

Australian Open MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA



JANUARY 18 – FEBRUARY 1, 2026 | GRAND SLAM | \$111,500,000 AUD

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SINGLES FINAL - SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

[1] Aryna Sabalenka (#1) vs. [5] Elena Rybakina (KAZ #5)

15th meeting: Sabalenka leads series 8-6 – rematch of 2023 Australian Open Final

A CLOSER LOOK AT THE FINALISTS

FINALISTS	RANK	AGE	AO W-L	YTD W-L	CAREER W-L	YTD TITLES	CAREER TITLES	2026 PRIZE \$	CAREER PRIZE \$
[1] Aryna Sabalenka	1	27	34-6	11-0	379-136	1	22	\$222,345	\$45,397,966
[5] Elena Rybakina	5	26	20-6	8-1	275-111	0	11	\$37,640	\$24,476,357

A FAMILIAR FOE IN THE FINAL OF AO

This will be the 15th head-to-head meeting between Sabalenka and Rybakina. The series dates back to their first meeting at 2009 Wuhan, a match won by Sabalenka in the quarterfinals.

Sabalenka owns the series advantage with an 8-6 record.

For Sabalenka, this is her most frequent opponent in her career (next most: Mertens and Swiatek, 13 times each).

For Rybakina, this is also her most frequent opponent in her career (next most: Swiatek, 11 times).

They are the first pair to face each other in a Women’s Singles Grand Slam final both without having dropped a set en route since Wimbledon 2008 and first at Australian Open since 2004 (Justine Henin vs Kim Clijsters).

Aryna Sabalenka and Elena Rybakina are the first pair to meet in the final at the WTA Finals and then the following year’s Australian Open, since Martina Hingis and Lindsay Davenport (1999-2000).

Sabalenka won the first four meetings – all in 3-sets – Including the 2023 Australian Open final.

Rybakina’s first win in the series came at 2023 Indian Wells in the final.

The two met three times at the WTA Finals – 2023, 2024, 2025.

Sabalenka and Rybakina become the fourth pair of players this century to meet in multiple Australian Open Finals:

- Jennifer Capriati vs Martina Hingis – 2001 (Capriati won), 2002 (Capriati won)
- Serena Williams vs Venus Williams – 2003 (Serena), 2017 (Serena)
- Serena Williams vs Maria Sharapova – 2007 (Serena), 2015 (Serena)
- Aryna Sabalenka vs Elena Rybakina – 2023 (Sabalenka), 2026 (??)



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GRAND SLAM ROUND RESULTS

FINALISTS	R128	R64	R32	R16	QF	SF	F	WON	TOTAL*
[1] Aryna Sabalenka	5	4	4	3	1	6	3	4	31*
[5] Elena Rybakina	3	6	6	4	3	1	1	1	26*

*including Australian Open 2026

SINGLES FINAL QUICK HITS

- In the Open Era, 36 of the Australian Open women's titles have been won by one of the Top 2 seeds; the top seed has won the title 21 times, most recently in 2022

- Sabalenka is bidding to win her third Australian Open title. In the Open Era,

OPEN ERA – MOST AUSTRALIAN OPEN WOMEN’S SINGLES TITLES

Serena Williams	7	2003, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2015, 2017
Margaret Court	4	1969, 1970, 1971, 1973
Evonne Goolagong	4	1974, 1975, 1976, 1977 (Dec)
Stefanie Graf	4	1988, 1989, 1990, 1994
Monica Seles	4	1991, 1992, 1993, 1996
Martina Navratilova	3	1981, 1983, 1985
Martina Hingis	3	1997, 1998, 1999

PIF WTA RANKINGS WATCH

Here is a look at the projected PIF WTA Rankings after the Australian Open:

1. Aryna Sabalenka
2. Iga Swiatek
3. Elena Rybakina
4. Amanda Anisimova
5. Coco Gauff
6. Jessica Pegula
7. Mirra Andreeva
8. Jasmine Paolini
9. Belinda Bencic
10. Elina Svitolina

- By reaching the semifinal, Svitolina booked her return to the Top 10 next week for the first time since the week of Oct 25, 2021. Svitolina replaces Madison Keys in the Top 10; the 2025 Australian Open champion will drop to No.15 in the Rankings.



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Sabalenka:

- Sabalenka is the third player in the Open Era to reach 4+ consecutive Women's Singles Finals at the Australian Open, after Evonne Goolagong (seven, 1971-1977) and Martina Hingis (six, 1997-2002).
- Sabalenka's previous Australian Open finals: winning the title in 2023 (d. Rybakina in final) and 2024 (d. Zheng in final), and finishing as runner-up in 2025 (l. Keys)
- Making her 31st Grand Slam main draw appearance; she has claimed four Grand Slam singles titles, having also won the US Open title twice (in 2024 and 2025)
- Competing in 8th career Grand Slam final today, and a fourth consecutive Australian Open final
- Is the current PIF WTA World No.1, this is her 75th week in the No.1 position, sitting 11th on the all-time list
- Sabalenka has now the seventh-most Women's Singles Finals at the Australian Open in the Open Era (four, equalling Monica Seles, Margaret Court and Maria Sharapova).
- Only Steffi Graf and Evonne Goolagong (four each) have made more Women's Singles finals at the Australian Open in the Open Era without dropping a set than Aryna Sabalenka (three, equalling Chris Evert, Martina Navratilova and Margaret Court).
- Since 1975, Aryna Sabalenka is the sixth player to reach back-to-back Women's Singles Finals at the Australian Open as World No. 1 after Martina Navratilova, Steffi Graf, Monica Seles, Martina Hingis and Serena Williams.
- Sabalenka is looking to claim her third title at the Australian Open (equalling Martina Navratilova and Martina Hingis) - only Serena Williams (seven), Margaret Court, Monica Seles, Evonne Goolagong and Steffi Graf (all four) would have more in the Open Era.
- Sabalenka is the third player in the Open Era to reach the final in seven consecutive hard-court Grand Slam events, after Martina Hingis (Australian Open 1997 - Australian Open 2000) and Steffi Graf (US Open 1987 - US Open 1990), equalling the longest streak during this period.
- Since the Australian Open moved to hard court in 1988, Aryna Sabalenka is the second player to reach 7+ consecutive Women's Singles Finals at Grand Slams on this surface, after Martina Hingis.
- Only S. Williams (18), Graf (13), Hingis (nine), Navratilova and Seles (eight each) have made more Women's Singles Grand Slam hard court Finals than Aryna Sabalenka in the Open Era (seven, equalling Chris Evert).
- Sabalenka (85.0%, 68-12) has the highest Women's Singles win rate of any active player at Grand Slams on hard court - minimum 10 matches.
- Sabalenka could become the fourth player in the Open Era to claim five Women's Singles Grand Slam titles on hard court after Serena Williams, Steffi Graf and Monica Seles.
- Only Serena Williams (11) and Justine Henin (10) have made more WTA level finals on Australian soil than Aryna Sabalenka (eight) since 2000 - she could claim her sixth title, equalling Justine Henin (only Serena Williams would have more with nine).
- Sabalenka is the first player to win her first 11 seasonal WTA level matches in straight sets since Agnieszka Radwanska (13 to start 2013).
- Sabalenka (8 hours and 41 minutes) and Elena Rybakina (7 hours and 57 minutes) are the players with the most time spent on court at the Australian Open



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Rybakina:

- Making 7th main draw appearance at Australian Open; this is second time reaching the final (R-Up in 2023, l. Sabalenka in final)
- Through to 3rd Grand Slam final, also at Wimbledon 2022 (Won) and at Australian Open 2023 (R-Up); only two players competing for an Asian country have managed more in the Open Era: Naomi Osaka and Li Na (4 each)
- Rybakina could claim her second Grand Slam title after Wimbledon 2022: she could become the sixth player in the Open Era to win her first two Women's Singles Majors on hard and grass court after Amelie Mauresmo, Lindsay Davenport, Maria Sharapova, Martina Hingis and Venus Williams.
- Rybakina could become the first player to claim the Women's Singles title at the Australian Open with three Top 10 players defeated in QF (Swiatek), SF (Pegula) and F (Sabalenka) since Naomi Osaka in 2019.
- In the last decade, Rybakina is the third player to reach the final of the WTA Finals and the Australian Open Women's Singles in the subsequent year after Aryna Sabalenka and Caroline Wozniacki.
- Among active players, only Venus Williams (15) has more wins against the WTA World No. 1 than Rybakina (8).
- Among players with 5+ meetings against the WTA World No. 1, only Serena Williams (58.6%) and Steffi Graf (57.9%) hold a higher winning percentage than Rybakina (57.1%, 8-6) versus the #1.
- Rybakina holds a 1-1 career record in Majors against the World No. 1, defeating Iga Swiatek in 2023 but losing to Ashleigh Barty in 2020.
- Rybakina is one of the four active players to claim 9+ consecutive wins against Top 10 opponents along with Iga Swiatek, Venus Williams and Victoria Azarenka.
- Rybakina has won 19 of her last 20 WTA level matches, only losing to Karolina Muchova in Brisbane's quarter-final this season in this run.
- Owns the most wins on Tour since the end of Wimbledon last year (37); and has won 19 of her last 20 matches - only losing to Muchova in QF at Brisbane earlier this month



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NO.1 SEEDS' PERFORMANCES AT AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Aryna Sabalenka is bidding to be the first No.1 seed to win the title at the Australian Open since the feat was most recently achieved by Ashleigh Barty in 2022:

YEAR	NO.1 SEED	RESULT
1969	Billie Jean King (USA)	R-Up
1970	Margaret Smith Court (AUS)	Won
1971	Margaret Smith Court (AUS)	Won
1972	Evonne Goolagong (AUS)	R-Up
1973	Margaret Smith Court (AUS)	Won
1974	Chris Evert (USA)	R-Up
1975	Margaret Smith Court (AUS)	QF
1976	Evonne Goolagong (AUS)	Won
1977-J	Dianne Balestrat (AUS)	R-Up
1977-D	Evonne Goolagong (AUS)	Won
1978	Sue Barker (GBR)	QF
1979	Virginia Ruzici (ROU)	1r
1980	Martina Navratilova (USA)	SF
1981	Chris Evert (USA)	R-Up
1982	Martina Navratilova (USA)	R-Up
1983	Martina Navratilova (USA)	Won
1984	Martina Navratilova (USA)	SF
1985	Chris Evert (USA)	R-Up
1986	Not held	
1987	Martina Navratilova (USA)	R-Up
1988	Stefanie Graf (GER)	Won
1989	Stefanie Graf (GER)	Won
1990	Stefanie Graf (GER)	Won
1991	Stefanie Graf (GER)	QF
1992	Monica Seles (YUG)	Won
1993	Monica Seles (YUG)	Won
1994	Stefanie Graf (GER)	Won
1995	Arantxa Sánchez Vicario (ESP)	R-Up
1996	Monica Seles (YUG)	Won
1997	Stefanie Graf (GER)	4r

YEAR	NO.1 SEED	RESULT
1998	Martina Hingis (SUI)	Won
1999	Lindsay Davenport (USA)	SF
2000	Martina Hingis (SUI)	R-Up
2001	Martina Hingis (SUI)	R-Up
2002	Jennifer Capriati (USA)	Won
2003	Serena Williams (USA)	Won
2004	Justine Henin (BEL)	Won
2005	Lindsay Davenport (USA)	R-Up
2006	Lindsay Davenport (USA)	QF
2007	Maria Sharapova (RUS)	R-Up
2008	Justine Henin (BEL)	QF
2009	Jelena Jankovic (SRB)	4r
2010	Serena Williams (USA)	Won
2011	Caroline Wozniacki (DEN)	SF
2012	Caroline Wozniacki (DEN)	QF
2013	Victoria Azarenka (BLR)	Won
2014	Serena Williams (USA)	4r
2015	Serena Williams (USA)	Won
2016	Serena Williams (USA)	R-Up
2017	Angelique Kerber (GER)	4r
2018	Simona Halep (ROU)	R-Up
2019	Simona Halep (ROU)	4r
2020	Ashleigh Barty (AUS)	SF
2021	Ashleigh Barty (AUS)	QF
2022	Ashleigh Barty (AUS)	Won
2023	Iga Swiatek (POL)	R16
2024	Iga Swiatek (POL)	3r
2025	Aryna Sabalenka	R-Up
2026	Aryna Sabalenka	???



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GRAND SLAM CHAMPIONS (ACTIVE PLAYERS)

PLAYERS	GS TITLES	GRAND SLAM TITLES BREAKDOWN
Venus Williams	7	Wimbledon: 2000-01, 2005, 2007-08; US Open: 2000-01
Iga Swiatek	6	Roland Garros: 2020, 2022, 2023, 2024; US Open: 2022; Wimbledon 2025
Naomi Osaka	4	Australian Open: 2019, 2021; US Open: 2018, 2020
Aryna Sabalenka	4	Australian Open: 2023, 2024; US Open: 2024, 2025
Victoria Azarenka	2	Australian Open: 2012-13
Barbora Krejčíková	2	Roland Garros: 2021; Wimbledon: 2024
Coco Gauff	2	US Open: 2023; Roland Garros: 2025
Jelena Ostapenko	1	Roland Garros: 2017
Sloane Stephens	1	US Open: 2017
Bianca Andreescu	1	US Open: 2019
Sofia Kenin	1	Australian Open: 2020
Madison Keys	1	Australian Open: 2025
Emma Raducanu	1	US Open: 2021
Elena Rybakina	1	Wimbledon: 2022
Marketa Vondroušová	1	Wimbledon: 2023
Caroline Wozniacki	1	Australian Open: 2018

AUSTRALIAN OPEN HONOR ROLL (OPEN ERA)

YEAR	[SEED] CHAMPION	[SEED] RUNNER-UP	SCORE
1969	(2) Margaret Smith-Court (AUS)	(1) Billie Jean King (USA)	64 61
1970	(1) Margaret Court (AUS)	(2) Kerry Melville (AUS)	61 63
1971	(1) Margaret Court (AUS)	(2) Evonne Goolagong (AUS)	26 76(5-0) 75
1972	(2) Virginia Wade (GBR)	(1) Evonne Goolagong (AUS)	64 64
1973	(1) Margaret Court (AUS)	(2) Evonne Goolagong (AUS)	64 75
1974	(2) Evonne Goolagong (AUS)	(1) Chris Evert (USA)	76(5) 46 60
1975	(3) Evonne Goolagong (AUS)	(8) Martina Navratilova (TCH)	63 62
1976	(1) Evonne Goolagong-Cawley (AUS #3)	(5) Renata Tomanova (TCH #44)	62 62
1977-Jan	(2) Kerry Melville Reid (AUS #8)	(1) Dianne Fromholtz (AUS #5)	75 62
1977-Dec	(1) Evonne Goolagong-Cawley (AUS #unr)	(5) Helen Gourlay-Cawley (AUS #33)	63 60
1978	(-) Chris O'Neil (AUS #111)	(7) Betsy Nagelsen (USA #87)	63 76(5)
1979	(5) Barbara Jordan (USA #68)	(4) Sharon Walsh (USA #54)	63 63
1980	(3) Hana Mandlikova (TCH #5)	(4) Wendy Turnbull (AUS #8)	60 75
1981	(3) Martina Navratilova (USA #3)	(1) Chris Evert-Lloyd (USA #1)	67(4) 64 75
1982	(2) Chris Evert-Lloyd (USA #2)	(1) Martina Navratilova (USA #1)	63 26 63
1983	(1) Martina Navratilova (USA #1)	(9) Kathy Jordan (USA #14)	62 76(5)
1984	(2) Chris Evert-Lloyd (USA #2)	(9) Helena Sukova (CZE #9)	67(4) 61 63
1985	(2) Martina Navratilova (USA #1)	(1) Chris Evert-Lloyd (USA #2)	62 46 62
1986	Not held - tournament moved from December to January timeslot		
1987	(2) Hana Mandlikova (CZE #4)	(1) Martina Navratilova (USA #1)	75 76(1)
1988	(1) Stefanie Graf (GER #1)	(3) Chris Evert (USA #3)	61 76(4)
1989	(1) Stefanie Graf (GER #1)	(5) Helena Sukova (CZE #6)	64 64
1990	(1) Stefanie Graf (GER #1)	(6) Mary Joe Fernandez (USA #11)	63 64
1991	(2) Monica Seles (YUG #2)	(10) Jana Novotna (CZE #12) 57	57 63 61
1992	(1) Monica Seles (YUG #1)	(6) Mary Joe Fernandez (USA #8)	62 63
1993	(1) Monica Seles (YUG #1)	(2) Stefanie Graf (GER #2) 46	46 63 62
1994	(1) Stefanie Graf (GER #1)	(2) Arantxa Sánchez Vicario (ESP #2)	60 62
1995	(4) Mary Pierce (FRA #5)	(1) Arantxa Sánchez Vicario (ESP #2)	63 62
1996	(1) Monica Seles (USA co-#1)	(8) Anke Huber (GER #9)	64 61
1997	(4) Martina Hingis (SUI #4)	(-) Mary Pierce (FRA #22)	62 62
1998	(1) Martina Hingis (SUI #1)	(8) Conchita Martínez (ESP #11)	63 63
1999	(2) Martina Hingis (SUI #2)	(-) Amélie Mauresmo (FRA #29)	62 63
2000	(2) Lindsay Davenport (USA #2)	(1) Martina Hingis (SUI #1)	61 75
2001	(12) Jennifer Capriati (USA #12)	(1) Martina Hingis (SUI #1)	64 63
2002	(1) Jennifer Capriati (USA #1)	(3) Martina Hingis (SUI #4)	46 76(7) 62
2003	(1) Serena Williams (USA #1)	(2) Venus Williams (USA #2)	76(4) 36 64
2004	(1) Justine Henin (BEL #1)	(2) Kim Clijsters (BEL #2)	63 46 63
2005	(7) Serena Williams (USA #7)	(1) Lindsay Davenport (USA #1)	26 63 60
2006	(3) Amélie Mauresmo (FRA #3)	(8) Justine Henin (BEL #6)	61 20 ret. (GI illness)
2007	(-) Serena Williams (USA #81)	(1) Maria Sharapova (#2)	61 62
2008	(5) Maria Sharapova (#5)	(4) Ana Ivanovic (SRB #3)	75 63
2009	(2) Serena Williams (USA #2)	(3) Dinara Safina (#3)	60 63
2010	(1) Serena Williams (USA #1)	(WC) Justine Henin (BEL-NR)	64 36 62
2011	(3) Kim Clijsters (BEL #3)	(9) Li Na (CHN #11)	36 63 63
2012	(3) Victoria Azarenka (#3)	(4) Maria Sharapova (#4)	63 60
2013	(1) Victoria Azarenka (#1)	(6) Li Na (CHN #6)	46 64 63
2014	(4) Li Na (CHN #4)	(20) Dominika Cibulkova (SVK #24)	76(3) 60
2015	(1) Serena Williams (USA #1)	(2) Maria Sharapova (#2)	63 76(5)
2016	(7) Angelique Kerber (GER #6)	(1) Serena Williams (USA #1)	64 36 64
2017	(2) Serena Williams (USA #2)	(13) Venus Williams (USA #17)	64 64
2018	(2) Caroline Wozniacki (DEN #2)	(1) Simona Halep (ROU #1)	76(2) 36 64
2019	(4) Naomi Osaka (JPN #4)	(8) Petra Kvitova (CZE #6)	76(2) 57 64
2020	(14) Sofia Kenin (USA #15)	Garbine Muguruza (ESP #32)	46 62 62
2021	(3) Naomi Osaka (JPN #3)	(22) Jennifer Brady (USA #24)	64 63
2022	(1) Ashleigh Barty (AUS #1)	(27) Danielle Collins (USA #30)	63 76(2)
2023	(5) Aryna Sabalenka (#5)	(22) Elena Rybakina (KAZ #25)	46 63 64
2024	(2) Aryna Sabalenka (#2)	(15) Zheng Qinwen (CHN #15)	63 62
2025	(19) Madison Keys (USA #14)	(1) Aryna Sabalenka (#1)	63 26 75



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1 **ARYNA SABALENKA (1)**

(5) **ELENA RYBAKINA** **5**
KAZAKHSTAN

1998-05-05	Date of Birth	1999-06-17
	Residence	
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 11" (1.82m)	Height	6' 0" (1.84m)
1	Career-High Ranking	3
\$45,397,966	Career Prize Money	\$24,476,357
\$222,345	Season Prize Money	\$37,640
1 / 22	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 11
106-26 (Champion: 2025 US OPEN; 2024 US OPEN, AUSTRALIAN OPEN; 2023 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	65-22 (Champion: 2022 WIMBLEDON)
6-0 / 34-6 (Champion: 2024, 2023)	YTD / Career AUSTRALIAN OPEN W-L (best)	6-0 / 20-6 (Runner-Up: 2026, 2023)
11-0 / 379-136	YTD / Career W-L	8-1 / 275-111



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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2025	WTA FINALS	HARD	F	Elena Rybakina	6-3 7-6(0)	1h 47m
2025	WUHAN	HARD	QF	Aryna Sabalenka	6-3 6-3	1h 25m
2025	CINCINNATI	HARD	QF	Elena Rybakina	6-1 6-4	1h 15m
2025	BERLIN	GRASS	QF	Aryna Sabalenka	7-6(6) 3-6 7-6(6)	2h 42m
2024	WTA FINALS	HARD	GRP	Elena Rybakina	6-4 3-6 6-1	1h 41m
2024	MADRID	CLAY	SF	Aryna Sabalenka	1-6 7-5 7-6(5)	2h 17m
2024	BRISBANE	HARD	F	Elena Rybakina	6-0 6-3	1h 13m
2023	WTA FINALS	HARD	1r	Aryna Sabalenka	6-2 3-6 6-3	2h 27m
2023	BEIJING	HARD	QF	Elena Rybakina	7-5 6-2	1h 34m
2023	INDIAN WELLS	HARD	F	Elena Rybakina	7-6(11) 6-4	2h 3m
2023	AUSTRALIAN OPEN	HARD	F	Aryna Sabalenka	4-6 6-3 6-4	2h 28m
2021	WIMBLEDON	GRASS	4r	Aryna Sabalenka	6-3 4-6 6-3	1h 49m
2021	ABU DHABI	HARD	QF	Aryna Sabalenka	6-4 4-6 6-3	1h 58m
2019	WUHAN	HARD	QF	Aryna Sabalenka	6-3 1-6 6-1	1h 42m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
1	-	2026	5	-
1	1	2025	5	5
1	1	2024	3	6
1	2	2023	3	4
2	5	2022	12	22
2	2	2021	14	14
10	10	2020	17	19
9	11	2019	37	37
11	11	2018	182	191
76	78	2017	420	425



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**ELENA
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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. T. RAKOTOMANGA RAJAONAH (#118) 6-4 6-1 (1h 16m)
2r: d. Z. BAI (#702) 6-3 6-1 (1h 12m)
3r: d. A. POTAPOVA (#55) 7-6 7-6 (2h 2m)
4r: d. V. MBOKO (#16) 6-1 7-6 (1h 26m)
QF: d. I. JOVIC (#27) 6-3 6-0 (1h 29m)
SF: d. E. SVITOLINA (#12) 6-2 6-3 (1h 16m)

Total time on court: 8h 41m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making her 9th main draw appearance at the Australian Open, and is into the final for the 4th straight year
- Is the 3rd woman in the Open Era to reach 4+ consecutive Australian Open singles finals, joining Evonne Goolagong and Martina Hingis
- Won this title in 2023 (d. today's opponent Rybakina in F) and 2024 (d. Zheng in F), and finished as R-Up in 2025 (l. Keys)
- Making her 31st Grand Slam main draw appearance; this is her 8th career Grand Slam singles final, and she owns 4 Grand Slam singles titles, having also won the US Open twice (in 2024 and 2025)
- Has reached the singles final at the last 7 hard-court Grand Slam events (incl. this event) - since 1988, Sabalenka is the 2nd woman to reach 7+ consecutive hard-court Grand Slam singles finals, joining Martina Hingis
- Has the highest women's singles win rate of any active player at hard-court Grand Slams (85.0%, 68-12 - minimum 10 matches)
- Currently on an 11-match winning streak to start the 2026 season (Brisbane title and Australian Open final)
- Faces No.5 Elena Rybakina in today's final; owns 56 wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.7 Madison Keys at 2026 Brisbane
- Leads the women's singles field in winners this fortnight (172)
- 19 of her 22 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court, including earlier this season when she defended her Brisbane title
- Is the current PIF WTA World No.1; this is her 75th week in the No.1 position, sitting 11th on the all-time list
- Won the Australian Open doubles title with Elise Mertens in 2021

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. K. JUVAN (#100) 6-4 6-3 (1h 12m)
2r: d. V. GRACHEVA (#77) 7-5 6-2 (1h 15m)
3r: d. T. VALENTOVA (#54) 6-2 6-3 (1h 22m)
4r: d. E. MERTENS (#21) 6-1 6-3 (1h 17m)
QF: d. I. SWIATEK (#2) 7-5 6-1 (1h 35m)
SF: d. J. PEGULA (#6) 6-3 7-6 (1h 40m)

Total time on court: 8h 21m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 7th main draw appearance at Australian Open and is into the final for the 2nd time
- Previously finished as Australian Open runner-up in 2023, losing in the final to today's opponent Sabalenka
- Contesting her 26th Grand Slam main draw; this is her 3rd career Grand Slam singles final, and she has won one Grand Slam singles title - 2022 Wimbledon (d. Jabeur in final)
- Faces No.1 Aryna Sabalenka in today's final; Rybakina has won her last 9 matches against Top 10 players, most recently No.6 Jessica Pegula in this event's SF
- Rybakina is one of 4 active players to claim 9+ consecutive wins against Top 10 opponents, along with Iga Swiatek, Venus Williams and Victoria Azarenka
- Rybakina has an 8-6 career record vs. players ranked World No.1 at the time of their meeting, and she is 1-1 vs. those players at Grand Slams (l. Barty at 2020 Australian Open; d. Swiatek at 2023 Australian Open)
- Owns the most match wins on Tour since the end of Wimbledon last year (37), and has won 19 of her last 20 matches - only losing to Muchova in the QFs at Brisbane earlier this month
- Rybakina has served the most aces so far at this year's Australian Open in women's singles (41)
- 6 of her 11 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court, most recently her undefeated run at the 2025 WTA Finals
- Best results by Kazakhstan at Australian Open are Rybakina's two trips to the final
- Is currently ranked No.5; this time last year was ranked No.7. Reached career-high ranking of No.3 for the first time in June of 2023, and is projected to return to No.3 following the Australian Open



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2025	Result	Rank: 1	Seed: 1
F	L	M. KEYS (#14)	6-3 2-6 7-5
SF	W	P. BADOSA (#12)	6-4 6-2
QF	W	A. PAVLYUCHENKOVA (#32)	6-2 2-6 6-3
4r	W	M. ANDREEVA (#15)	6-1 6-2
3r	W	C. TAUSON (#42)	7-6(5) 6-4
2r	W	J. BOUZAS MANEIRO (#54)	6-3 7-5
1r	W	S. STEPHENS (#81)	6-3 6-2

2024	Result	Rank: 2	Seed: 2
F	W	Q. ZHENG (#15)	6-3 6-2
SF	W	C. GAUFF (#4)	7-6(2) 6-4
QF	W	B. KREJCIKOVA (#11)	6-2 6-3
4r	W	A. ANISIMOVA (#442)	6-3 6-2
3r	W	L. TSURENKO (#33)	6-0 6-0
2r	W	B. FRUHVIRTOVA (#107)	6-3 6-2
1r	W	E. SEIDEL (#173)	6-0 6-1

2023	Result	Rank: 5	Seed: 5
F	W	E. RYBAKINA (#25)	4-6 6-3 6-4
SF	W	M. LINETTE (#45)	7-6(1) 6-2
QF	W	D. VEKIC (#64)	6-3 6-2
4r	W	B. BENCIC (#10)	7-5 6-2
3r	W	E. MERTENS (#32)	6-2 6-3
2r	W	S. ROGERS (#51)	6-3 6-1
1r	W	T. MARTINCOVA (#74)	6-1 6-4

2022	Result	Rank: 2	Seed: 2
4r	L	K. KANEPI (#115)	5-7 6-2 7-6(7)
3r	W	M. VONDROUSOVA (#41)	4-6 6-3 6-1
2r	W	X. WANG (#100)	1-6 6-4 6-2
1r	W	S. HUNTER (#128)	5-7 6-3 6-2

2021	Result	Rank: 7	Seed: 7
4r	L	S. WILLIAMS (#11)	6-4 2-6 6-4
3r	W	A. LI (#69)	6-3 6-1
2r	W	D. KASATKINA (#75)	7-6(5) 6-3

2025	Result	Rank: 7	Seed: 6
4r	L	M. KEYS (#14)	6-3 1-6 6-3
3r	W	D. YASTREMSKA (#33)	6-3 6-4
2r	W	I. JOVIC (#191)	6-0 6-3
1r	W	E. JONES (#293)	6-1 6-1

2024	Result	Rank: 3	Seed: 3
2r	L	A. BLINKOVA (#57)	6-4 4-6 7-6(20)
1r	W	K. PLISKOVA (#38)	7-6(6) 6-4

2023	Result	Rank: 25	Seed: 22
F	L	A. SABALENKA (#5)	4-6 6-3 6-4
SF	W	V. AZARENKA (#24)	7-6(4) 6-3
QF	W	J. OSTAPENKO (#17)	6-2 6-4
4r	W	I. SWIATEK (#1)	6-4 6-4
3r	W	D. COLLINS (#11)	6-2 5-7 6-2
2r	W	K. JUVAN (#104)	6-2 6-1
1r	W	E. COCCIARETTO (#48)	7-5 6-3

2022	Result	Rank: 12	Seed: 12
2r	L	S. ZHANG (#74)	6-4 1-0
1r	W	Z. DIYAS (#104)	6-7(3) 7-6(3) 6-1

2021	Result	Rank: 21	Seed: 17
2r	L	F. FERRO (#46)	6-4 6-4
1r	W	V. ZVONAREVA (#145)	4-6 6-4 6-4



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SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Claimed Brisbane title in her 2026 season opener (d. eventual R-Up Kostyuk in F)

- Made QF at Brisbane (l. Muchova)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
21	12	Aces	28	3
63.8%	48	First serve %	53.3%	105
79.9%	2	First Serve points won %	74.5%	9
53.1%	6	Second serve points won %	51.6%	10
70.2%	1	Overall service points won %	63.8%	8
91.1%	1	Service games won %	81.3%	7
71.4%	4	Break points saved %	72.7%	3
40.9%	16	First serve return points won %	34.4%	62
57.9%	33	Second serve return points won %	56.6%	41
41.3%	67	Break points converted %	55.0%	26
45.2%	15	Return games won %	34.4%	47
47.5%	16	Return points won %	42.5%	59



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TITLES

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (22)

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

Runner-Up (19)

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

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (6)

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

Runner-Up (2)

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

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (11)

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)



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GRAND SLAMS

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



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CAREER MILESTONES

- Won a Tour leading four titles in 2025, including her 4th career Grand Slam title at US Open (d. Anisimova in final) as well as Madrid, Miami and Brisbane; also finished runner-up at WTA Finals, Australian Open, Roland Garros, Indian Wells and Stuttgart for a Tour leading nine finals overall
- Ended 2025 by finishing at World No.1 for the second straight year, posting the most Tour match wins of any player with 63 and setting a new WTA single-season record in prize money with \$15,008,519
- Reached seven finals across 2024, defending her Australian Open crown, winning the US Open and also won titles at Cincinnati and Wuhan. Recaptured the No.1 ranking in October and finished the season as the WTA Year-End No.1 for the first time in her career
- Outstanding 2023 saw her win debut Grand Slam title at Australian Open (d. Rybakina in F), reach second Major final at US Open (l. Gauff in F) and become the WTA World No.1 player for the first time in career (after US Open). In addition won titles at Adelaide and Madrid
- Highlight of 2022 season was R-Up finish at WTA Finals in Fort Worth (l. Garcia in F); upset No.1 Swiatek, No.2 Jabeur and No.3 Pegula en route to final - only the fourth woman in history to beat the No.1, No.2 and No.3 at the same tournament
- Lifted two titles during 2021 campaign, at Abu Dhabi and Madrid, while was R-Up at Stuttgart. Also reached a further three SFs, including at Wimbledon and US Open
- In doubles, lifted second major at 2021 Australian Open (w/Mertens, d. Krejčíková/Siniakova in F)
- Won final nine matches of 2020 to end the year with back-to-back titles - at Ostrava (d. Azarenka in F) and Linz (d. Mertens in F) - and ranked at No.10. Having also taken home the silverware at Doha (d. Kvitová in F), was one of two players (also Halep) to lift three singles titles during disrupted 2020 season
- Ended as World No.11 for the second straight year in 2019 after capturing three WTA singles titles at Shenzhen (d. Riske in F), Wuhan (d. Riske in F) and Zhuhai (d. Bertens in F)
- Made Top-10 debut on January 28, 2019 following 3r run at 2019 Australian Open
- Ended 2019 at No.2 in WTA doubles rankings after capturing first Grand Slam doubles trophy at US Open (w/Mertens, d. Azarenka/Barty in F). Earlier in the season, the pair claimed the
- In 2025, won 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

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

OTHER INFORMATION

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