



# MATCH NOTES

## MIAMI OPEN presented by Itaú

### MIAMI, FL, USA



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## DAY 7 – MONDAY, MARCH 23

### STADIUM:

**Sorana Cirstea (ROU #35) vs. [4] Coco Gauff (USA #4)**

**Gauff leads 1-0**

#### *Cirstea:*

- Making 16th appearance at Miami, her tournament-best result is SF in 2023, recording two Top 5 wins over No.4 Garcia and No.2 Sabalenka before falling to eventual champion Kvitova
- Contesting 92nd WTA 1000 main draw; career-best result at this level is R-Up at Toronto 2013 (l. S. Williams)
- Seeking her 6th career WTA 1000 QF and first since Dubai 2025 (l. Muchova)
- Owns 23 career wins over Top 10 players, most recently No.9 Emma Navarro at Dubai 2025
- Has won 15 matches already in 2026; including capturing 4th career title on home soil at Cluj-Napoca

#### *Gauff:*

- Making 7th appearance at Miami; seeking first career QF here after R16 finishes in 2025, 2024 and 2022
- Gauff has made the 3rd round or better at each of the last five editions of the Miami Open, but it is the only WTA 1000 event where she has not yet reached the quarterfinal stage
- Contesting her 50th 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) and 2025 Wuhan (d. Pegula in final)
- She is seeking her 23<sup>rd</sup> career WTA 1000 QF, and second in 2026 after SF run at Dubai (l. Svitolina)
- Made her WTA main draw debut and won her first Tour-level match of career here in Miami in 2019 (d. fellow wild card McNally in 1r; l. Kasatkina in 2r)
- Defeated today's opponent Cirstea on their only previous encounter in three-sets at Australian Open 2020

**[1] Aryna Sabalenka (#1) vs. [23] Qinwen Zheng (CHN #26)**

**Sabalenka leads 7-1**

#### *Sabalenka:*

- Sabalenka could reach a 32nd career WTA 1000 quarterfinal, trailing only Victoria Azarenka (38) for the most of any currently active player
- Since 1989, Aryna Sabalenka (2025-26) could become just the second WTA No.1 to reach back-to-back quarterfinals in Indian Wells and Miami after Martina Hingis (1998-2001)
- Sabalenka has claimed 18 match wins in straight sets at WTA level in 2026 – only Elina Svitolina (20) and Elena Rybakina (19) have claimed more match wins overall this season
- Since 1989, only four active players (min. 20 matches) hold a better win rate in matches at the Sunshine Double than Aryna Sabalenka (75.5%, 37-12) – Iga Swiatek, Bianca Andreescu, Elena Rybakina and Venus Williams
- Sabalenka (542) is one of just two players with 500+ winners so far at WTA level in 2026 along with Elena Rybakina (606) – excluding team events
- The week of March 23 marks Sabalenka's 75th consecutive week at No.1 (83 total weeks)

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#### **Zheng:**

- Zheng could reach a 10th career quarterfinal at WTA-1000 events, becoming just the third player born since 2000 to achieve the feat after Iga Swiatek and Coco Gauff
- Since the event's inauguration in 1985, Zheng could become just the second Asian player to defeat the WTA No.1 at the Miami Open, after Hsieh Su Wei (2018)
- Since 1975, just four players representing an Asian country have defeated the WTA No.1 on multiple surfaces – Kimiko Date, Jie Zheng, Hsieh Su Wei and Elena Rybakina. Qinwen Zheng could become the fifth.
- Zheng (9.5) is averaging the most aces per match of any player at WTA level so far in 2026 – minimum five matches, excluding team events.
- Qinwen Zheng (71.7%) and Aryna Sabalenka (69.5%) have saved the highest and second-highest percentage of break points at WTA level in 2026 - minimum five matches, excluding team events.

#### **[3] Elena Rybakina (KAZ #2) vs. [Q] Talia Gibson (AUS #68)**

**First meeting**

#### **Rybakina:**

- Rybakina has won 12 of her 14 career WTA level main draw meetings against Australian opponents - only losing to Ashleigh Barty (Third Round at the Australian Open 2020 and final in Adelaide 2022).
- Rybakina is the only player to have made the Round of 16 at each of the four WTA-1000 events in 2026 (Doha, Dubai, Indian Wells and Miami).
- Currently with 19, Rybakina is looking to become the fifth player to reach 20+ WTA-1000 quarter-finals since Wuhan 2019 (when she made her first) - after Aryna Sabalenka, Iga Swiatek, Jessica Pegula and Coco Gauff
- Currently holds the No.1 position on the Race to the WTA Finals Leaderboard, based on points earned in 2026

#### **Gibson:**

- Gibson is the third player to reach the Round of 16 at both Indian Wells and Miami the same season as qualifier/lucky loser after Gisela Dulko (2004) and Varvara Gracheva (2023).
- Gibson could become the first player since both tournaments are calendarized (1989) to reach the quarter-finals at both Indian Wells and Miami the same season as qualifier/lucky.
- Gibson could become third player to reach the quarterfinals at both Sunshine Double's event while ranked outside the Top 60 (No.112 in Indian Wells and No.68 in Miami) after Nathalie Herreman (1990) and Sorana Cirstea (2023).
- Gibson could become the second Australian player to reach the quarterfinals at both Sunshine Double's event after Samantha Stosur in 2010.
- Gibson (244) has hit the most combined winners of any player in Indian Wells and Miami this season – Gibson (31) has also hit the most backhand winners so far at this year's Miami Open.
- Gibson has claimed five Top 20 wins in Indian Wells (Alexandrova, Tauson and Paolini) and Miami (Osaka and Jovic) 2026 - since both tournaments are calendarized (1989), only Steffi Graf in 1996, Martina Hingis in 2000 (eight each), Serena Williams in 1999 and Kim Clijsters in 2005 (seven each) had more in a single calendar year
- By reaching the R16 this week, is projected to move to No.56 in the rankings; with a win today is projected to move into the Top 50; Gibson started the Sunshine Swing at No.112

#### GRANDSTAND:

#### [13] Karolina Muchova (CZE #14) vs. [31] Alexandra Eala (PHI #29)

First meeting

##### *Muchova:*

- Making 5th appearance at Miami; has reached R16 here for first time after R32 exits in 2025, 2023 and 2022
- Contesting her 29th career WTA 1000 main draw; she won her 1st career WTA 1000 title last month at Doha)
- Seeking 8th career WTA 1000 QF today (second in 2026 after title run at Doha)
- Is currently 13-0 so far this season vs. opponents ranked outside the Top 20
- Her 2 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court: WTA 1000 Doha this year, as well as 2019 Seoul

##### *Eala:*

- Making 4th main draw appearance at Miami
- Last year at this event, she reached her first Tour-level quarterfinal and semifinal as a wild card ranked No.140 (l. eventual runner-up Jessica Pegula in semifinals)
- Picked up her first Top 10 wins of career during semifinal run in Miami last year (d. No.5 Madison Keys in 3rd round and No.2 Iga Swiatek in quarterfinals)
- Seeking third career WTA 1000 QF after Dubai 2026 (l. Gauff) and Miami 2025 (d. Swiatek in QF, l. Pegula in SF)
- Currently sitting at a new career-high ranking of No.29 this week; this time last year was ranked No.140

#### [6] Amanda Anisimova (USA #6) vs. [12] Belinda Bencic (SUI #12)

Tied 2-2

##### *Anisimova:*

- Making 8th appearance at Miami, she has now equalled her tournament-best result here after also reaching R16 last year (l. Raducanu)
- Contesting 47th career WTA 1000 main draw; she is seeking her 7th career WTA 1000 QF and first on home soil
- Has won 2 career WTA 1000 titles, at 2025 Doha (d. Ostapenko in F) and 2025 Beijing (d. Noskova in F)
- Last defeated today's opponent Bencic on clay at Rome 2022
- Has won 19 of her last 21 matches against opponents ranked outside the Top 10, with only losses coming against No.418 Ka.Pliskova (via retirement) at Doha 2026 and No.26 Kostyuk at Brisbane 2026
- Has won 11 matches so far in 2026 including reaching Australian Open QF for the first time (l. Pegula) - she has now made QF or better at all 4 Grand Slam events

##### *Bencic:*

- Making 9th appearance at Miami; her tournament-best result is SF in 2022 (l. Osaka)
- Contesting her 67th career WTA 1000 main draw; has won 2 WTA 1000 titles 2015 Toronto and 2019 Dubai
- Trying to reach her 12th career WTA 1000 QF, and her first since Indian Wells 2025
- Defeated today's opponent Anisimova in three-sets on their most recent encounter at Indian Wells 2025
- Owns 37 Tour-level wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.2 Iga Swiatek at 2026 United Cup
- 8 of her 10 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court, including her gold medal at the 2021 Tokyo Olympics (d. Vondrousova in gold-medal final)
- Earlier this year, cracked WTA Rankings Top 10 for the first time since April 2023

#### ADDITIONAL FEATURED MATCH-UPS:

#### [8] Mirra Andreeva (#10) vs. [10] Victoria Mboko (CAN #9)

Tied 1-1

##### **Andreeva:**

- Making 2nd appearance at Miami, on her previous appearance in 2025 she reached R32 (l. Anisimova)
- Owns two WTA 1000 titles which she won back-to-back last year at Dubai and Indian Wells
- Her 2025 Dubai title made her the youngest WTA 1000 champion since this tournament tier began in 2009
- Contesting her 22nd career WTA 1000 main draw; seeking 9th WTA 1000 QF (2nd in 2026 after QF run at Dubai)
- Holds a 14-5 win-loss record so far this year, with top result being Adelaide title run (d. today's opponent Mboko in F)

##### **Mboko:**

- Making 2nd appearance at Miami; last year as a wild card defeated Osorio in 1r to mark first career Tour-level win
- Contesting just her 8th WTA 1000 main draw (made her WTA 1000 main draw debut here at Miami last year); and is seeking her fourth career WTA 1000 QF (third in 2026 after QF run at Indian Wells and R-Up run at Doha)
- Owns one WTA 1000 title, captured on home soil at Montreal 2025 as an 18-year-old wild card, recording her first Top 10 victory over World No.2 Gauff along the way
- Has registered 5 career wins over Top 10 players, 4 of which have come already this season (most recently No.6 Amanda Anisimova at Indian Wells 2026)
- Made her WTA Rankings Top 10 debut last month; this time last year was ranked No.162

#### [34] Jaqueline Cristian (ROU #36) vs. [5] Jessica Pegula (USA #5)

Pegula leads 1-0

##### **Cristian:**

- Making second appearance at Miami
- Bidding to reach the QF at a WTA for the first time in her career; this is her 18th WTA 1000 appearance and second time reached the R16 (also R16 at 2026 Dubai)
- Has a 1-14 record against Top 10, Barbora Krejčíková at Beijing 2024 is the only Top 10 opponent she has defeated in her career

##### **Pegula:**

- Making seventh appearance at tournament having advanced to the final last year (l. Sabalenka)
- Making 49th WTA 1000 appearance having reached R16 a total of 36 times
- Has made the quarterfinals in all the last four seasons at the Miami Open (2022-2025): she could become the first player since Agnieszka Radwanska (2010-2014) to make the QFs for five years in a row at the event.
- With a win would become the third American to make five consecutive quarterfinals at the Miami Open since the tournament's inception in 1985 after Chris Evert (1985-1989) and Serena Williams (2001-2005)
- Since 2022, Pegula along with Aryna Sabalenka (75 each) have registered the most wins in WTA-level tournaments held on American soil
- Since 2022, Pegula along with Iga Świątek (11 each) have reached the most quarterfinals in WTA-1000 events held in North America



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ROMANIA

**COCO  
(4) GAUFF**

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UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA

1990-04-07	<b>Date of Birth</b>	2004-03-13
Targoviste, Romania	<b>Residence</b>	Delray Beach, FL, USA
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 9" (1.76m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 9" (1.75m)
21	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	2
\$11,155,264	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$31,075,211
\$330,336	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$1,316,090
1 / 4	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	0 / 11
67-66 (Quarter-Finalist: 2023 US OPEN; 2009 FRENCH OPEN)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	78-24 (Champion: 2025 ROLAND GARROS; 2023 US OPEN)
3-0 / 17-15 (Semi-Finalist: 2023)	<b>YTD / Career MIAMI W-L (best)</b>	2-0 / 10-6 (Round of 16: 2026, 2025, 2024, 2022)
15-4 / 352-339	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	13-5 / 258-105



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## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2020	AUSTRALIAN OPEN	HARD	2r	Coco Gauff	4-6 6-3 7-5	2h 6m

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
31	-	2026	3	-
44	44	2025	2	3
22	70	2024	2	3
25	26	2023	3	3
24	38	2022	4	7
37	38	2021	19	22
69	86	2020	47	48
72	72	2019	68	68
33	86	2018	874	875
37	37	2017	-	-



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. S. ZHANG (#61) 6-3 6-4 (1h 9m)  
2r: d. L. NOSKOVA (#13) 6-2 3-6 6-4 (1h 56m)  
3r: d. E. MERTENS (#19) 6-3 6-2 (1h 18m)

*Total time on court: 4h 23m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 16th appearance at Miami, her tournament-best result is SF in 2023, recording two Top 5 wins over No.4 Garcia and No.2 Sabalenka before falling to eventual champion Kvitova
- Contesting 92nd WTA 1000 main draw; her career-best result at this level is Runner-Up run at Toronto 2013 (l. S. Williams)
- She has also reached the WTA 1000 SF stage twice more at Dubai in 2024 (l. eventual champion Paolini) and here at Miami in 2023 (l. eventual champion Kvitova)
- Seeking her 9th career WTA 1000 QF and first since Dubai 2025 (l. Muchova)
- Has beaten Shuai Zhang, Linda Noskova and Elise Mertens so far this week to make R16 at a WTA 1000 event for the 19th time
- Faces No.4 Coco Gauff in 4r today; owns 23 career wins over Top 10 players, most recently No.9 Emma Navarro at Dubai 2025
- Owns 8-27 career record against Top 5 players; most recent meeting was loss to No.1 Sabalenka at Brisbane 2026. Most recent win was over No.4 Rybakina at US Open 2023
- Owns 41-36 career record against players from United States of America, most recent was win over Dolehide at Beijing 2025
- 3 of her 4 career WTA titles have come on hard court at Cluj-Napoca in 2026, Cleveland in 2025 and Tashkent in 2008
- Best results by Romania at Miami are SF runs by Sorana Cirstea in 2023 and Simona Halep in 2019 & 2015
- Is currently ranked No.35; this time last year was ranked No.101. Reached a career-high ranking of No.21 in August 2013
- Has won 15 matches already in 2026; includes capturing her fourth career title on home soil at Cluj-Napoca (d. Raducanu in F)
- Reached R32 last week at Indian Wells (defeated Maria and Shnaider in the first two rounds before falling to Noskova in the 3r)

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. E. COCCIARETTO (#44) 3-6 6-4 6-3 (2h 15m)  
3r: d. A. PARKS (#105) 3-6 6-0 6-1 (1h 50m)

*Total time on court: 4h 5m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 7th appearance at Miami; she is seeking her first career QF here after R16 finishes in 2025, 2024 and 2022
- Made WTA main-draw debut and won her 1st Tour-level match of career here in Miami in 2019 (d. fellow wild card McNally in 1r; l. Kasatkina in 2r)
- 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)
- Contesting her 50th career WTA 1000 main draw this week; and is seeking 23rd career WTA 1000 QF
- Miami Open is the only WTA 1000 event where Gauff has not reached the quarterfinal stage
- After 1r bye, defeated Elisabetta Cocciaretto and Alycia Parks to make R16 at a WTA 1000 event for a 32nd time
- Faces No.35 Sorana Cirstea in 4r today; she is 11-3 so far this season against players ranked outside the Top 20
- Owns 6-4 career record against players from Romania, most recent meeting was a win over Todoni at Wimbledon 2024
- 9 of her 11 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court, most recently WTA 1000 Wuhan last year
- Six American women have won the title here, most recently Danielle Collins in 2024
- 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
- Has won 13 matches so far this season including SF run at Dubai and QF run at Australian Open (l. Svitolina in both). Also led Team USA to a SF finish at United Cup going 3-0 in singles play
- Was forced to retire against Eala at Indian Wells earlier this month due to a left arm injury



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2025	Result	Rank: 101	Seed: -
2r	L	D. COLLINS (#15)	6-4 7-6(3)
1r	W	E. COCCIARETTO (#82)	6-3 7-6(5)
2024	Result	Rank: 24	Seed: 19
4r	L	D. COLLINS (#53)	6-3 6-2
3r	W	D. KASATKINA (#11)	7-5 6-2
2r	W	S. STEPHENS (#41)	6-2 6-1
2023	Result	Rank: 74	Seed: -
SF	L	P. KVITOVA (#12)	7-5 6-4
QF	W	A. SABALENKA (#2)	6-4 6-4
4r	W	M. VONDROUSOVA (#103)	7-6(3) 6-4
3r	W	K. MUCHOVA (#55)	7-5 6-1
2r	W	C. GARCIA (#4)	6-2 6-3
1r	W	F. CONTRERAS (#179)	7-6(6) 6-2
2022	Result	Rank: 27	Seed: 24
2r	L	S. ZHANG (#43)	6-1 6-1
2021	Result	Rank: 66	Seed: -
2r	L	A. KONTAVEIT (#24)	6-3 4-6 6-3
1r	W	K. SCOTT (#443)	6-2 6-2

2025	Result	Rank: 3	Seed: 3
4r	L	M. LINETTE (#34)	6-4 6-4
3r	W	M. SAKKARI (#51)	6-2 6-4
2r	W	S. KENIN (#46)	6-0 6-0
2024	Result	Rank: 3	Seed: 3
4r	L	C. GARCIA (#27)	6-3 1-6 6-2
3r	W	O. DODIN (#84)	6-4 6-0
2r	W	N. PODOROSKA (#78)	6-1 6-2
2023	Result	Rank: 6	Seed: 6
3r	L	A. POTAPOVA (#26)	6-7(8) 7-5 6-2
2r	W	R. MARINO (#83)	6-4 6-3
2022	Result	Rank: 17	Seed: 14
4r	L	I. SWIATEK (#2)	6-3 6-1
3r	W	S. ZHANG (#43)	7-6(1) 7-5
2r	W	Q. WANG (#101)	7-5 6-4
2021	Result	Rank: 36	Seed: 31
2r	L	A. SEVASTOVA (#57)	1-6 6-2 6-3



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## SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Made 3r at Indian Wells (l. Noskova)
- Reached 3r at Dubai (l. Eala)
- Became Champion at Cluj-Napoca (d. R-Up Raducanu in F)
- Made 2r at Australian Open (l. Osaka)
- Reached 3r at Brisbane (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)

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

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
119	2	<b>Aces</b>	30	44
57.4%	102	<b>First serve %</b>	62.1%	64
70.4%	13	<b>First Serve points won %</b>	68.3%	24
52.9%	4	<b>Second serve points won %</b>	37.6%	108
62.9%	9	<b>Overall service points won %</b>	56.6%	60
78.2%	9	<b>Service games won %</b>	64.1%	69
62.7%	9	<b>Break points saved %</b>	52.9%	70
37.1%	40	<b>First serve return points won %</b>	42.8%	4
57.5%	20	<b>Second serve return points won %</b>	56.3%	35
46.0%	49	<b>Break points converted %</b>	47.2%	40
37.6%	27	<b>Return games won %</b>	45.9%	4
44.9%	24	<b>Return points won %</b>	47.9%	6



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## TITLES

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (4)  
2026 - CLUJ-NAPOCA  
2025 - CLEVELAND  
2021 - ISTANBUL  
2008 - TASHKENT  
Runner-Up (4)  
2021 - STRASBOURG  
2019 - TASHKENT  
2013 - TORONTO  
2007 - BUDAPEST

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (6)  
2025 - MADRID (w/Kalinskaya)  
2019 - LUGANO (w/Mitu)  
2011 - DALLAS (w/Brianti)  
2010 - ESTORIL (w/Medina Garrigues)  
2008 - LUXEMBOURG (w/Erakovic), FES  
(w/Pavlyuchenkova)  
Runner-Up (5)  
2014 - TIANJIN (w/Klepac)  
2010 - BUDAPEST (w/Medina Garrigues)  
2009 - FES (w/Kirilenko), BARCELONA (w/Klepac)  
2008 - NEW HAVEN (w/Niculescu)

### 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  
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)



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## GRAND SLAMS

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



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- In 2025, won Cleveland title as qualifier (first WTA Tour singles final since 2021; d. Li in final) en route to tenth straight Top 100 year-end finish in singles; also won her biggest career doubles title at WTA 1000 Madrid (w/Kalinskaya)
- Highlights of 2024 came in the Middle East, making QF at Abu Dhabi and saving six match points in her Dubai QF match against Vondrousova to reach SF (l. eventual champion Paolini). Ended her 2024 season after Wimbledon to undergo foot surgery
- 2023 saw her best results achieved in the USA: advanced to Indian Wells QF for first time (l. Swiatek), then made SF at Miami (l. eventual champion Kvitova) and QF at US Open (l. Muchova)
- In 2022, reached SF on all three surfaces: hard court at Lyon (l. Yastremska), clay at Istanbul (l. Kudermetova), and grass at Birmingham (l. Zhang). Also enjoyed success at the Australian Open, where she fell in R16 (l. Swiatek)
- Highlight of 2021 was ending near-13-year wait for 2nd WTA Tour singles title, triumphing at Istanbul (d. Mertens in F). Also finished R-Up at Strasbourg (l. Krejckikova), reached QF at Grampians Trophy and Portoroz, and R16 at Roland Garros
- Ended 2020 by winning singles title at ITF/\$100K Dubai-UAE in December (d. Siniakova in F). Also in 2020, reached 3r at US Open and advanced to 2r at Australian Open
- In 2019, advanced to fourth career Tour singles final at Tashkent (l. Van Uytvanck); also captured fifth career Tour doubles title at 2019 Lugano (w/Mitu, d. Kudermetova/Voskoboeva in F)
- Reached R16 at 2017 Australian Open - first time advancing to that stage at a Slam since she made 2009 Roland Garros QF (l. Stosur)
- In 2016, played a mix of WTA and ITF events, improving ranking by 163 ranking places to No.81 on comeback from shoulder injury, with highlights being a SF run at Rio de Janeiro (l. Rogers) and making QF at Madrid (as wildcard, l. eventual R-Up Cibulkova) and Mallorca (as qualifier, l. Jankovic)
- Reached biggest singles final of career at 2013 Toronto - posted three Top 10 wins en route to final (No.10 Wozniacki, No.7 Kvitova and No.5 Li) before falling to No.1 S. Williams. Following Toronto run, posted career-high ranking of No.21 on August 21, 2013
- 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

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

- 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

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

- 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



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

**QINWEN (23) ZHENG 26**

1998-05-05	<b>Date of Birth</b>	2002-10-08
	<b>Residence</b>	Barcelona, Spain
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 11" (1.82m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 10" (1.78m)
1	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	4
\$47,875,138	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$10,000,257
\$2,699,517	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$75,505
2 / 23	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	0 / 5
106-27 (Champion: 2025 US OPEN; 2024 US OPEN, AUSTRALIAN OPEN; 2023 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	31-15 (Runner-Up: 2024 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
2-0 / 16-6 (Champion: 2025)	<b>YTD / Career MIAMI W-L (best)</b>	2-0 / 8-4 (Quarter-Finalist: 2025)
19-1 / 387-137	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	4-2 / 132-71



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## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2025	ROLAND GARROS	CLAY	QF	Aryna Sabalenka	7-6(3) 6-3	1h 57m
2025	ROME	CLAY	QF	Qinwen Zheng	6-4 6-3	1h 37m
2025	MIAMI	HARD	QF	Aryna Sabalenka	6-2 7-5	1h 36m
2024	WTA FINALS	HARD	GRP	Aryna Sabalenka	6-3 6-4	1h 24m
2024	WUHAN	HARD	F	Aryna Sabalenka	6-3 5-7 6-3	2h 40m
2024	US OPEN	HARD	QF	Aryna Sabalenka	6-1 6-2	1h 13m
2024	AUSTRALIAN OPEN	HARD	F	Aryna Sabalenka	6-3 6-2	1h 16m
2023	US OPEN	HARD	QF	Aryna Sabalenka	6-1 6-4	1h 13m

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
1	-	2026	23	-
1	1	2025	4	24
1	1	2024	5	5
1	2	2023	15	15
2	5	2022	25	25
2	2	2021	143	143
10	10	2020	324	324
9	11	2019	633	649
11	11	2018	933	933
76	78	2017	-	-



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. A. LI (#39) 7-6 6-4 (1h 42m)  
3r: d. C. MCNALLY (#72) 6-4 6-2 (1h 25m)

*Total time on court: 3h 7m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Returns to Miami as defending champion and is making 8th appearance at the tournament; has reached the QF stage three times previously (also QF in 2023 and 2021 in addition to last year's title run)
- Has defeated Ann Li and Caty McNally so far this week after 1r bye
- Faces No.26 Qinwen Zheng in 4r today; owns 7 wins over Zheng; has only defeated Elise Mertens (11), Elena Rybakina (9) and Jessica Pegula (9) more times
- Could reach a 32nd career WTA 1000 quarterfinal, trailing only Victoria Azarenka (38) for the most of any currently active player
- Owns 22-3 career record against players from China, with record in 2026 standing at 1-0
- Owns 150-67 career record against seeds, with a record in 2026 standing at 10-1
- Has won 20 of 23 of career titles on hardcourts, including two this year - Indian Wells and Brisbane
- Is No. 1 seed this week; has been top seed at 40 tournaments in her career
- Is currently ranked No.1; this week marks her 75th consecutive week at No.1
- Having won the title at Indian Wells, has won 8-straight matches
- Has won 19 matches so far in 2026; only Elina Svitolina (20) has won more

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. S. STEPHENS (#717) 6-3 6-2 (1h 19m)  
3r: d. M. KEYS (#18) 4-6 6-2 6-4 (2h 17m)

*Total time on court: 3h 36m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 5th appearance at Miami; bidding to equal her best result at the tournament having reached QF in 2025
- Following 1r bye, has defeated Sloane Stephens and Madison Keys so far this week
- Faces No.1 Aryna Sabalenka in 4r today; owns two career wins over WTA World No.1 ranked opponents defeating Iga Swiatek at 2024 Olympics and Sabalenka at 2025 Rome (both on clay)
- Owns 43-39 career record against seeds, with a record in 2026 standing at 1-1
- Owns two career hardcourt titles: Tokyo in 2024; Zhengzhou in 2023
- Best result by China at Miami was Runner-Up run by Na Li in 2014
- Is currently ranked No.26; this time last year was ranked No.9
- Lost in opening round at Indian Wells (I. Ruzic)



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2025	Result	Rank: 1	Seed: 1
F	W	J. PEGULA (#4)	7-5 6-2
SF	W	J. PAOLINI (#7)	6-2 6-2
QF	W	Q. ZHENG (#9)	6-2 7-5
4r	W	D. COLLINS (#15)	6-4 6-4
3r	W	E. RUSE (#102)	6-1
2r	W	V. TOMOVA (#64)	6-3 6-0

2024	Result	Rank: 2	Seed: 2
3r	L	A. KALININA (#36)	6-4 1-6 6-1
2r	W	P. BADOSA (#80)	6-4 6-3

2023	Result	Rank: 2	Seed: 2
QF	L	S. CIRSTEJA (#74)	6-4 6-4
4r	W	B. KREJCIKOVA (#13)	6-3 6-2
3r	W	M. BOUZKOVA (#36)	6-1 6-2
2r	W	S. ROGERS (#42)	6-4 6-3

2022	Result	Rank: 5	Seed: 1
2r	L	I. BEGU (#70)	6-4 6-4

2021	Result	Rank: 8	Seed: 7
QF	L	A. BARTY (#1)	6-4 6-7(5) 6-3
4r	W	M. VONDROUSOVA (#20)	6-1 6-2
3r	W	V. KUDERMETOVA (#37)	7-6(4) 6-4
2r	W	T. PIRONKOVA (#131)	0-6 6-3 7-6(9)

2025	Result	Rank: 9	Seed: 9
QF	L	A. SABALENKA (#1)	6-2 7-5
4r	W	A. KRUEGER (#40)	6-2 7-6(3)
3r	W	T. TOWNSEND (#90)	6-1 7-6(3)
2r	W	L. DAVIS (#229)	6-1 7-5

2024	Result	Rank: 7	Seed: 7
3r	L	V. AZARENKA (#32)	6-4 7-5
2r	W	K. SINIAKOVA (#42)	4-6 6-3 1-0

2023	Result	Rank: 23	Seed: 23
4r	L	A. POTAPOVA (#26)	6-4 7-6(4)
3r	W	L. SAMSONOVA (#15)	5-7 7-6(5) 6-3
2r	W	I. BEGU (#34)	2-6 6-1 6-1

2022	Result	Rank: 72	Seed: -
1r	L	M. LINETTE (#63)	7-6(4) 6-4



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## SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Became Champion at Indian Wells (d. R-Up Rybakina in F)
- R-Up finish at Australian Open (l. champion Rybakina in F)
- Claimed Brisbane title in her 2026 season opener (d. eventual R-Up Kostyuk in F)

- Lost in opening match at Indian Wells (following 1r bye, l. Ruzic)
- Made 3r at Doha (l. Rybakina)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
99	7	<b>Aces</b>	57	19
66.1%	24	<b>First serve %</b>	57.5%	101
72.6%	5	<b>First Serve points won %</b>	73.4%	3
56.3%	1	<b>Second serve points won %</b>	50.5%	12
67.1%	1	<b>Overall service points won %</b>	63.6%	6
87.4%	1	<b>Service games won %</b>	80.5%	4
69.5%	2	<b>Break points saved %</b>	71.7%	1
38.0%	30	<b>First serve return points won %</b>	31.7%	98
56.2%	36	<b>Second serve return points won %</b>	54.8%	52
40.1%	85	<b>Break points converted %</b>	42.2%	75
37.4%	29	<b>Return games won %</b>	25.7%	93
45.4%	19	<b>Return points won %</b>	40.2%	93



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## TITLES

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (23)

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

Runner-Up (20)

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

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (6)

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

Runner-Up (2)

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

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (5)

2024 - TOKYO, OLYMPICS, PALERMO  
2023 - ZHENGZHOU, PALERMO

Runner-Up (5)

2024 - WTA FINALS, WUHAN, AUSTRALIAN OPEN  
2023 - ZHUHAI  
2022 - TOKYO



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## GRAND SLAMS

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



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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)
- Best results in an injury-affected 2025 season include semifinals at Rome and London and a run to the Roland Garros QF; underwent elbow surgery in July and played only one event after Wimbledon (ret. in Beijing 3r)
- Enjoyed best season of career in 2024, reaching her first Grand Slam final at the Australian Open, winning titles at Tokyo and Palermo, contesting the title match at her home tournament in Wuhan and closing out the season at her first WTA Finals, losing to Gauff in the final
- An outstanding 2024 also saw her make her Top 10 and Top 5 debuts in the PIF WTA Rankings and the gold medal placed around her neck at the 2024 Paris Olympics
- Won first two WTA titles in 2023 at Palermo (d. Paolini in F) and Zhengzhou (d. Krejčíková in F); also reached final at WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai (l. Haddad Maia), SF at Abu Dhabi and first career Grand Slam QF at US Open (l. Sabalenka)
- Earned 2023 WTA Most Improved Player of Year, ending the season at No.15 and inside the Top 20 for the first time; she made her Top 20 debut on May 22, 2023
- In 2022, won WTA Newcomer of the Year, reached first WTA final at Tokyo (l. Samsonova) and also made SF at Melbourne Summer Set 1 (as qualifier), QF at Toronto and R16 at Roland Garros. Broke into Top 100 on January 31, and cracked Top 50 after her Roland Garros run
- Scored first Top 20 win over No.19 Simona Halep at 2022 Roland Garros, then earned two Top 10 wins over No.5 Ons Jabeur at Toronto and No.4 Paula Badosa at Tokyo. Also won title at WTA 125 event in Valencia in June 2022
- Reached 2r on WTA main draw debut in 2021 at Palermo (as qualifier, l. Cristian)
- Made WTA qualifying debut in 2019, appearing in qualifying at Miami, Tianjin and Wuhan
- Made ITF debut in 2018; has gone on to amass eight ITF singles titles with 8-0 record in finals

Earlier in the season, the pair claimed the '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. Witthoef)
- 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"

- Coached by Pere Riba
- Trains in Barcelona
- Parents encouraged her to play multiple sports in her childhood, including table tennis
- Tennis idol is Roger Federer



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**FIRST MEETING**

**2** **ELENA RYBAKINA (3)**  
KAZAKHSTAN

**[Q]** **TALIA GIBSON 68**  
AUSTRALIA

1999-06-17	<b>Date of Birth</b>	2004-06-18
	<b>Residence</b>	
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
6' 0" (1.84m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 9" (1.76m)
2	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	68
\$27,875,819	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$1,264,571
\$3,437,102	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$387,013
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>	2-5 (Round of 64: 2026 AUSTRALIAN OPEN; 2025 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
2-0 / 14-5 (Runner-Up: 2024, 2023)	<b>YTD / Career MIAMI W-L (best)</b>	3-0 / 3-0 (Round of 16: 2026)
19-4 / 286-114	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	8-4 / 10-12



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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
3	-	2026	110	-
5	5	2025	105	136
3	6	2024	125	125
3	4	2023	301	301
12	22	2022	364	364
14	14	2021	1077	1200
17	19	2020	1052	1076
37	37	2019	-	-
182	191	2018	-	-
420	425	2017	-	-



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. Y. PUTINTSEVA (#75) 6-3 4-3 (1h 17m)  
3r: d. M. KOSTYUK (#28) 6-3 6-4 (1h 21m)

*Total time on court: 2h 38m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 6th appearance at Miami; this is third time reaching R16 here having also finished as a two-time runner-up at the tournament (2023, 2024)
- Following 1r bye, has defeated Yulia Putintseva and Marta Kostyuk so far this week
- Faces No.68 Talia Gibson in 4r today
- Owns 14-4 career record against players from Australia, with record in 2026 standing at 1-0
- Owns 47-7 career record against qualifiers, with a record in 2026 standing at 2-0
- Has won seven hardcourt titles including Australian Open this year
- Is currently ranked No.2; this time last year was ranked No.8
- Has won 19 matches so far in 2026; only Elina Svitolina has won more matches in 2026

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

1r: d. S. BEJLEK (#41) 6-1 6-0 (1h 9m)  
2r: d. N. OSAKA (#15) 7-5 6-4 (1h 27m)  
3r: d. I. JOVIC (#17) 6-2 6-2 (1h 12m)

*Total time on court: 3h 48m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making tournament debut
- Reached main draw via qualifying; in opening rounds of main draw defeated Sara Bejlek, Naomi Osaka and Iva Jovic
- Faces No.2 Elena Rybakina in 4r today; earned first (to date only) Top 10 win at Indian Wells defeating No.7 Jasmine Paolini
- Is the third player to reach the Round of 16 at both Indian Wells and Miami the same season as qualifier/lucky loser after Gisela Dulko (2004) and Varvara Gracheva (2023)
- Could become the first player since both tournaments are calendarized (1989) to reach the quarterfinals at both Indian Wells and Miami the same season as qualifier/lucky
- With a win, would become the second Australian player to reach the quarterfinals at both Sunshine Double events after Samantha Stosur in 2010
- By reaching the R16 this week, is projected to move to No.56 in the rankings; with a win today is projected to move into the Top 50; Gibson started the Sunshine Swing at No.112
- Is currently ranked No.68; this time last year was ranked No.135



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2025	Result	Rank: 8	Seed: 7
2r	L	A. KRUEGER (#40) 6-4 2-6 6-4	

  

2024	Result	Rank: 4	Seed: 4
F	L	D. COLLINS (#53) 7-5 6-3	
SF	W	V. AZARENKA (#32) 6-4 0-6 7-6(2)	
QF	W	M. SAKKARI (#9) 7-5 6-7(4) 6-4	
4r	W	M. KEYS (#18) 6-3 7-5	
3r	W	T. TOWNSEND (#72) 6-3 6-7(3) 6-4	
2r	W	C. TAUSON (#92) 3-6 7-5 6-4	

  

2023	Result	Rank: 7	Seed: 10
F	L	P. KVITOVA (#12) 7-6(14) 6-2	
SF	W	J. PEGULA (#3) 7-6(3) 6-4	
QF	W	M. TREVISAN (#24) 6-3 6-0	
4r	W	E. MERTENS (#39) 6-4 6-3	
3r	W	P. BADOSA (#29) 3-6 7-5 6-3	
2r	W	A. KALINSKAYA (#64) 7-5 4-6 6-3	

  

2022	Result	Rank: 18	Seed: 17
3r	L	J. PEGULA (#21) 6-3 6-4	
2r	W	E. RUSE (#57) 6-4 7-5	

  

2021	Result	Rank: 23	Seed: 21
3r	L	S. SORRIBES TORMO (#58) 6-1 3-6 6-2	
2r	W	K. KANEPI (#64) 6-4 6-0	

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles



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## SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- R-Up finish at Indian Wells (l. champion Sabalenka in F)
  - Made 3r at Dubai (l. Ruzic, retired)
  - Reached QF at Doha (l. eventual R-Up Mboko)
  - Champion finish at Australian Open (d. R-Up Sabalenka in F)
  - Made QF at Brisbane (l. Muchova)
- Reached QF at Indian Wells (as qualifier, l. Noskova)
  - Made 2r at Australian Open (as WC, l. Shnaider)
  - Fell in 1r at Hobart (as WC, l. X.Wang)
  - Played 1r at Brisbane (as WC, l. Yastremska)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
155	1	<b>Aces</b>	69	14
58.8%	87	<b>First serve %</b>	59.9%	78
73.0%	4	<b>First Serve points won %</b>	72.2%	8
53.1%	4	<b>Second serve points won %</b>	47.6%	32
64.8%	2	<b>Overall service points won %</b>	62.4%	12
82.9%	3	<b>Service games won %</b>	78.2%	10
69.1%	3	<b>Break points saved %</b>	63.3%	7
34.2%	79	<b>First serve return points won %</b>	33.2%	90
55.8%	41	<b>Second serve return points won %</b>	54.1%	59
52.8%	12	<b>Break points converted %</b>	48.9%	31
34.4%	52	<b>Return games won %</b>	32.6%	63
42.7%	59	<b>Return points won %</b>	41.1%	83



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## TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

### 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 (12)

- 2026 - INDIAN WELLS
- 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)

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



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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
- Registered first Tour-level win of her career at 2025 Australian Open (as a WC, d. Sonmez), lost 2r to Badosa. Qualified for first Wimbledon main draw (l. Osaka in 1r) and received a US Open main draw wild card (l. Frech in 1r). Also reached 2r at Cleveland as a qualifier and reached a career-high ranking of No.105 in August
- Broke into Top 200 on April 1, 2024 and Top 150 on September 16, 2024. Won three further titles on ITF circuit in 2024 and made it to the final round of qualifying at both Wimbledon and US Open
- In 2023 played first main draw Tour-level matches at Hobart and Australian Open
- In 2022 contested qualifying at Australian Open and claimed first ITF titles at W15 Rancho Santa Fe and W15 Caloundra (x2)
- Played first ITF tournaments in 2019 and 2020

## 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 Jarrad Bunt
  - Started Tennis at age 5 at Blue Gum Park Tennis Club in Perth
  - At a young age realized tennis "is such an awesome social sport, let alone the competitive, professional side of it."
  - Started 2026 season with a goal of reaching Top 100 (achieved in March 2026)
  - Powerful backhand and strong serve



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**KAROLINA  
MUCHOVA (13)**  
CZECH REPUBLIC

**ALEXANDRA  
(31) EALA**  
PHILIPPINES

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1996-08-21	<b>Date of Birth</b>	2005-05-23
Prague, Czech Republic	<b>Residence</b>	
Right-handed (double-handed backhand)	<b>Plays</b>	Left-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 11" (1.80m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 9" (1.75m)
8	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	29
\$11,564,473	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$1,745,329
\$1,142,443	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$393,975
1 / 2	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	0 / 0
51-26 (Runner-Up: 2023 ROLAND GARROS)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	1-4 (Round of 64: 2025 US OPEN)
2-0 / 8-3 (Round of 16: 2026)	<b>YTD / Career MIAMI W-L (best)</b>	2-0 / 6-3 (Semi-Finalist: 2025)
16-3 / 162-80	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	12-6 / 27-33



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EALA**

## 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
11	-	2026	31	-
12	19	2025	50	50
8	22	2024	143	158
8	8	2023	189	205
31	149	2022	214	219
19	32	2021	505	529
21	27	2020	-	-
21	21	2019	-	-
141	145	2018	-	-
210	272	2017	-	-



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. C. OSORIO (#58) 4-6 6-2 7-5 (2h 34m)  
3r: d. K. BOULTER (#67) 6-3 7-5 (1h 31m)

*Total time on court: 4h 5m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 5th appearance at Miami, she has reached R16 here for the first time after R32 exits in 2025, 2023 and 2022
- Contesting her 29th career WTA 1000 main draw; she won her 1st career WTA 1000 title last month at Doha (d. Mboko in F)
- She has also been a 2-time WTA 1000 R-Up at 2023 Cincinnati and 2024 Beijing (lost both of those finals to Gauff)
- Seeking 8th career WTA 1000 QF
- After a 1r bye, defeated Camila Osorio and Katie Boulter so far this week to reach 15th career WTA 1000 R16
- Faces No.29 Alexandra Eala in 4r today; she is 13-0 so far this season vs. opponents ranked outside the Top 20
- First career meeting against a player from the Philippines
- Both of her 2 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court: WTA 1000 Doha this year, as well as 2019 Seoul
- Only player from Czech Republic remaining in this year's draw
- Best result by Czech Republic at Miami was Champion run by Petra Kvitová in 2023
- Is currently ranked No.14; this time last year was ranked No.14. Reached career-high ranking of No.8 in September 2023
- Has won 16 matches so far this season; including title run at Doha (d. Mboko in F) and SF run at Brisbane (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. L. SIEGEMUND (#53) 6-7 6-3 6-3 (3h 20m)  
3r: d. M. LINETTE (#50) 6-3 7-6 0-1 (1h 48m)

*Total time on court: 5h 8m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 4th main draw appearance at Miami
- Last year at this event, she reached her first Tour-level QF and SF as a wild card ranked No.140 (l. eventual R-Up Pegula in SF)
- Picked up her first Top 10 wins of career during SF run in Miami last year (d. No.5 Keys in 3r and No.2 Swiatek in QF)
- Last year, Eala became just the 3rd wild card to make the Miami SF, joining Justine Henin (2010) and Victoria Azarenka (2018)
- Made Top 100 debut after 2025 Miami, becoming first player from Philippines to crack the PIF WTA Rankings Top 100
- Contesting her 13th career WTA 1000 main draw, with her 2025 Miami SF being her best WTA 1000 result
- Seeking her third career WTA 1000 QF after Dubai 2026 (l. Gauff) and Miami 2025 (d. Swiatek in QF, l. Pegula in SF)
- Faces No.14 Karolina Muchova in 4r today; owns 6 career wins over Top 20 players, most recently No.4 Gauff (via retirement) at Indian Wells 2026. Most recent completed match win was over No.8 Paolini at Dubai 2026
- Owns 0-8 career record against players from Czech Republic, 0-2 in 2026 with losses against Noskova at Indian Wells and Valentova at Doha
- Career-best Tour-level results on hard court are SF finishes at 2025 Miami and 2026 Auckland (l. eventual R-Up Wang Xinyu)
- Only player from Philippines in the main draw
- Best result by Philippines at Miami was Eala's SF run last year
- Currently sitting at a new career-high ranking of No.29 this week; this time last year was ranked No.140
- Last week, she became the first left-handed player to win 10 Tour-level matches in 2026 (currently has won 12 Tour-level matches this year)



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2025	Result	Rank: 14	Seed: 15
3r	L	E. SVITOLINA (#22)	6-2 3-6 6-2
2r	W	V. AZARENKA (#32)	6-0

  

2023	Result	Rank: 55	Seed: -
3r	L	S. CIRSTEVA (#74)	7-5 6-1
2r	W	L. ZHU (#40)	6-4 6-2
1r	W	J. TEICHMANN (#32)	6-0 6-2

  

2022	Result	Rank: 74	Seed: -
2r	W	L. FERNANDEZ (#22)	6-4 7-6(3)
1r	W	T. MARTINCOVA (#46)	7-6(3) 7-6(3)

  

2019	Result	Rank: 113	Seed: -
2r	L	A. KERBER (#4)	3-6 6-3 6-3
1r	W	N. HIBINO (#119)	6-3 6-3

2025	Result	Rank: 140	Seed: -
SF	L	J. PEGULA (#4)	7-6(3) 5-7 6-3
QF	W	I. SWIATEK (#2)	6-2 7-5
3r	W	M. KEYS (#5)	6-4 6-2
2r	W	J. OSTAPENKO (#25)	7-6(2) 7-5
1r	W	K. VOLYNETS (#73)	6-3 7-6(3)

  

2023	Result	Rank: 219	Seed: -
1r	L	I. BEGU (#34)	6-2 7-5

  

2022	Result	Rank: 565	Seed: -
1r	L	M. BRENGLE (#59)	6-2 6-1



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## SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Made 4r at Indian Wells (l. Swiatek)
- Became champion at Doha (d. R-Up Mboko in F)
- Reached 4r at Australian Open (l. Gauff)
- Opened 2026 season with SF finish at Brisbane (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)

- Reached 4r at Indian Wells (l. Noskova)
- Made 2r at Indian Wells (l. Gibson)
- Reached QF at Dubai (l. Gauff)
- 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)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
56	20	<b>Aces</b>	15	91
65.4%	39	<b>First serve %</b>	65.8%	30
69.9%	15	<b>First Serve points won %</b>	61.7%	75
51.8%	7	<b>Second serve points won %</b>	47.9%	29
63.6%	4	<b>Overall service points won %</b>	57.0%	56
79.1%	6	<b>Service games won %</b>	66.0%	57
60.6%	19	<b>Break points saved %</b>	48.0%	101
38.8%	17	<b>First serve return points won %</b>	37.4%	38
53.7%	64	<b>Second serve return points won %</b>	57.9%	15
38.6%	93	<b>Break points converted %</b>	39.3%	88
35.9%	44	<b>Return games won %</b>	38.1%	23
44.2%	33	<b>Return points won %</b>	45.3%	19



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## TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (2)  
2026 - DOHA  
2019 - SEOUL  
Runner-Up (5)  
2024 - BEIJING, PALERMO  
2023 - CINCINNATI, ROLAND GARROS  
2019 - PRAGUE

### DOUBLES FINALS

Runner-Up (1)  
2024 - OLYMPICS (w/Noskova)

### SINGLES FINALS

Runner-Up (1)  
2025 - EASTBOURNE

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



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- Began the 2025 season reaching the semifinals at United Cup, Linz and Dubai as well as QFs at US Open (l. Osaka) and Tokyo (l. eventual champion Bencic). Also made first WTA 1000 semifinal in doubles at Beijing with Priscilla Hon
- Started 2024 season by reaching QF (l. Keys) at Eastbourne, her first event since US Open 2023. Reached two finals at Beijing (l. Gauff in F) and Palermo (l. Zheng in F). Made consecutive SF at US Open (l. Pegula) and reached another SF at Ningbo (l. M. Andreeva, retired in 2nd set).
- Enjoyed break-out season in 2023, reaching debut Slam final at Roland-Garros (l. Swiatek), debut WTA 1000 final at Cincinnati (l. Gauff) and made Top 10 debut in August. Also secured debut qualification for WTA Finals but did not compete due to injury
- Best result in 2022 was QF showing at Tallinn (l. Kanepi). Also made 3r at Roland Garros and 2r at Ostrava
- Back, abdominal and ankle injuries restricted her to just four tournaments in first half of 2022
- Broke into Top 20 for first time in career in 2021, peaking at No.19 (May 17)
- Posted best result at a Grand Slam in 2021 with SF run at Australian Open (l. Brady) and matched best return at Wimbledon by making QF (l. Kerber, made QF in 2019). Also made last eight at Madrid (l. Pavlyuchenkova)
- Defeated the World No.1 and No.2 during 2021, defeating No.1 Barty at Australian Open and No.2 Osaka at Madrid (only other player to manage this was Badosa)
- Broke into Top 20 for first time in career in 2021, peaking at No.19 (May 17)
- Posted best result at US Open by reaching R16 in 2020 - handed V.Williams her first-ever opening round loss in New York in 22 appearances, then saved three MPs vs. Cirstea in 3r, before falling to eventual R-Up Azarenka
- Finished 2019 season in rich vein of form, winning 18 of last 24 matches, including capturing maiden WTA title at Seoul (d. Linette in F), SFs at Zhuhai (l. eventual champion Sabalenka) and Moscow (l. Pavlyuchenkova) and maiden major QF at Wimbledon (l. Svitolina)
- During run to last eight at 2019 Wimbledon upset No.3 Ka.Pliskova in R16 to record her first Top 10 victory; following the tournament, broke into Top 50 at No.43 on July 15, 2019
- First WTA final appearance came during R-Up finish on home soil at 2019 Prague (l.
- 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. Sheriff).
- Best result of 2021 was reaching QF at Grenoble \$25K
- Began on the ITF circuit in 2020 at the age of 14

Teichmann) - made Top 100 debut at No.74 following the tournament (May 6, 2019)

- Advanced to maiden WTA QF at 2019 Doha (as qualifier, l. Svitolina)
- Billie Jean King Cup debut came during 4-0 World Group play-off win over Canada in 2019
- Reached 3r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2018 US Open (as qualifier, d. No.12 Muguruza in 2r, l. Barty in 3r)
- Fell 1r on WTA main draw debut at 2017 Seoul (as qualifier, l. Hon)
- Won second - and most recent - career ITF Circuit title in 2016 and posted 39-18 win-loss record; at Tour-level fell in qualifying at US Open
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in Croatia in 2013

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Born in city of Olomouc in eastern Czech Republic, but moved to train in Prague in 2019
- Started playing tennis at aged seven with dad, a former professional footballer in Czech Republic
- Roger Federer was tennis idol growing up

- 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



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**6**

**AMANDA ANISIMOVA (6)**  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

**12**

**BELINDA (12) BENCIC**  
SWITZERLAND

2001-08-31	<b>Date of Birth</b>	1997-03-10
Miami Beach, FL, USA	<b>Residence</b>	Wollerau, Switzerland
Right-handed	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 11" (1.80m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 9" (1.75m)
3	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	4
\$13,197,262	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$15,927,610
\$810,226	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$1,071,271
0 / 4	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	0 / 10
48-24 (Runner-Up: 2025 US OPEN, WIMBLEDON)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	67-37 (Semi-Finalist: 2025 WIMBLEDON; 2019 US OPEN)
2-0 / 7-6 (Round of 16: 2026, 2025)	<b>YTD / Career MIAMI W-L (best)</b>	2-0 / 12-8 (Semi-Finalist: 2022)
11-5 / 167-97	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	11-3 / 298-182



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## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2025	INDIAN WELLS	HARD	2r	Belinda Bencic	6-4 6-7(3) 6-1	2h 24m
2022	ROME	CLAY	2r	Amanda Anisimova	7-6(5) 6-1	1h 46m
2022	AUSTRALIAN OPEN	HARD	2r	Amanda Anisimova	6-2 7-5	1h 28m
2019	MALLORCA	GRASS	QF	Belinda Bencic	6-2 6-2	1h 2m

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
3	-	2026	9	-
4	4	2025	11	11
36	36	2024	17	913
23	359	2023	9	17
22	23	2022	11	12
30	78	2021	9	23
22	30	2020	4	12
21	24	2019	7	8
92	95	2018	37	37
182	192	2017	42	165



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. A. TOMLJANOVIC (#81) 6-1 5-7 6-4 (2h 12m)  
3r: d. Y. STARODUBTSEVA (#108) 6-4 6-2 (1h 23m)

*Total time on court: 3h 35m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 8th appearance at Miami, she has now equalled her tournament-best result here after also reaching R16 last year (l. Raducanu)
- Contesting 47th career WTA 1000 main draw; and is seeking her 7th career WTA 1000 QF
- She is yet to reach the QF stage at a WTA 1000 event on American soil
- Has won 2 career WTA 1000 titles, at 2025 Doha (d. Ostapenko in F) and 2025 Beijing (d. Noskova in F)
- Additionally finished R-Up at WTA 1000 Toronto in 2024 (l. Pegula in F), and reached SF at WTA 1000 Dubai last month (l. Pegula)
- After 1r bye, defeated Ajla Tomljanovic and Yuliia Starodubtseva to make R16 at a WTA 1000 event for the 15th time
- Faces No.12 Belinda Bencic in 4r today; has won 19 of her last 21 matches against opponents ranked outside the Top 10, with only two losses coming against No.418 Ka.Pliskova (via retirement) at Doha 2026 and No.26 Kostyuk at Brisbane 2026
- Owns 5-3 career record against players from Switzerland, 1-0 in 2026 with a win over Waltert at Australian Open
- 3 of her 4 career WTA titles have come on hard court: both of her WTA 1000 titles (Doha and Beijing in 2025) as well as Melbourne 250 #2 in 2022
- Six American women have won the title here at Miami, most recent was Danielle Collins in 2024
- Is currently ranked No.6; this time last year was ranked No.17. Posted a career high at the start on the 2026 season with No.3
- Has won 11 matches so far in 2026 including reaching Australian Open QF for the first time (l. Pegula) - she has now made QF or better at all 4 Grand Slam events

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. Z. SONMEZ (#83) 6-3 6-2 (1h 9m)  
3r: d. D. SHNAIDER (#20) 6-3 6-3 (1h 24m)

*Total time on court: 2h 33m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 9th appearance at Miami; her tournament-best result is SF in 2022 (l. Osaka)
- Contesting her 67th career WTA 1000 main draw; she has won 2 WTA 1000 titles at 2015 Toronto (d. Halep in F via ret.) and 2019 Dubai (d. Kvitova in F)
- Trying to reach her 12th career WTA 1000 QF, and her first since Indian Wells 2025
- After 1r bye, defeated Zeynep Sonmez and Diana Shnaider so far this week, reaching her third R16 this year after Dubai (l. eventual R-Up Svitolina in R16) and Indian Wells (l. Pegula in R16)
- Bencic also started this year by going 5-0 in singles during Team Switzerland's R-Up finish at 2026 United Cup (Bencic d. Swiatek in final, but Poland d. Switzerland 2-1 to win the title)
- Faces No.6 Amanda Anisimova in 4r today; owns 37 Tour-level wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.2 Iga Swiatek at 2026 United Cup
- Owns 40-29 career Tour-level record against players from United States; 0-1 in 2026 with a loss to Pegula at Indian Wells (R16)
- 8 of her 10 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court, including her gold medal at the 2021 Tokyo Olympics (d. Vondrousova in gold-medal final)
- Only player from Switzerland through to this fortnight's R16, after 1r exits for Masarova, Golubic and Waltert
- Best result by Switzerland at Miami was SF run by Belinda Bencic in 2022
- Is currently ranked No.12; this time last year was ranked No.45. Reached career-high ranking of No.4 in February 2020
- Earlier this year, cracked WTA Rankings Top 10 for the first time since April 2023



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2025	Result	Rank: 17	Seed: 17
4r	L	E. RADUCANU (#60) 6-1 6-3	
3r	W	M. ANDREEVA (#6) 7-6(5) 2-6 6-3	
2r	W	M. SHERIF (#67) 6-2 6-2	

  

2023	Result	Rank: 35	Seed: -
1r	L	M. BRENGLE (#86) 7-6(5) 5-2	

  

2022	Result	Rank: 41	Seed: -
1r	L	S. ROGERS (#48) 3-6 6-0 6-3	

  

2021	Result	Rank: 32	Seed: 28
3r	L	B. ANDREESCU (#9) 7-6(4) 6-7(2) 6-4	
2r	W	S. STEPHENS (#49) 6-3 6-3	

  

2019	Result	Rank: 73	Seed: -
2r	L	A. KONTAVEIT (#19) 6-3 1-6 6-4	
1r	W	A. PETKOVIC (#67) 6-4 6-3	

2025	Result	Rank: 45	Seed: -
2r	L	E. SVITOLINA (#22) 6-1 6-2	
1r	W	D. YASTREMSKA (#42) 6-4 1-6 7-5	

  

2023	Result	Rank: 9	Seed: 9
3r	L	E. ALEXandroVA (#18) 7-6(8) 6-3	
2r	W	L. FERNANDEZ (#53) 6-1 6-1	

  

2022	Result	Rank: 28	Seed: 22
SF	L	N. OSAKA (#77) 4-6 6-3 6-4	
QF	W	D. SAVILLE (#249) 6-1 6-2	
4r	W	A. SASNOVICH (#60) 6-2 6-3	
3r	W	H. WATSON (#115) 6-4 6-1	
2r	W	M. KOSTYUK (#55) 6-3 6-1	

  

2021	Result	Rank: 12	Seed: 11
3r	L	M. VONDROUSOVA (#20) 4-6 6-4 6-4	
2r	W	Z. DIYAS (#89) 6-2 6-1	

  

2019	Result	Rank: 20	Seed: 23
2r	L	Y. PUTINTSEVA (#44) 6-3 7-5	



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## SEASON 2026 HISTORY

- Made 4r at Indian Wells (l. Mboko)
- Reached SF at Dubai (l. eventual champion Pegula)
- 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)

- Made 4r at Indian Wells (l. Pegula)
- Reached 3r at Dubai (l. eventual R-Up Svitolina)
- Made 2r at Australian Open (l. Bartunkova)
- Began 2026 season with a R-Up finish at United Cup with Team Switzerland (5-0 in singles)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
48	27	<b>Aces</b>	17	80
64.5%	45	<b>First serve %</b>	65.6%	34
65.6%	45	<b>First Serve points won %</b>	68.8%	20
47.2%	35	<b>Second serve points won %</b>	49.4%	19
59.1%	33	<b>Overall service points won %</b>	62.1%	13
71.0%	33	<b>Service games won %</b>	75.7%	14
54.2%	59	<b>Break points saved %</b>	57.3%	39
38.1%	26	<b>First serve return points won %</b>	38.4%	24
61.3%	5	<b>Second serve return points won %</b>	63.4%	1
52.2%	14	<b>Break points converted %</b>	54.6%	7
43.6%	9	<b>Return games won %</b>	44.5%	6
46.8%	8	<b>Return points won %</b>	48.1%	5



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## TITLES

### 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

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (10)  
2025 - TOKYO, ABU DHABI  
2023 - ABU DHABI, ADELAIDE #2  
2022 - CHARLESTON  
2021 - OLYMPICS  
2019 - MOSCOW, DUBAI  
2015 - TORONTO, EASTBOURNE  
Runner-Up (11)  
2026 - UNITED CUP  
2023 - CHARLESTON  
2022 - BERLIN  
2021 - BERLIN, ADELAIDE 500  
2019 - MALLORCA  
2018 - LUXEMBOURG  
2016 - ST. PETERSBURG  
2015 - TOKYO, 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH  
2014 - TIANJIN

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (2)  
2015 - WASHINGTON DC (w/Mladenovic), PRAGUE  
(w/Siniakova)  
Runner-Up (1)  
2021 - OLYMPICS (w/Golubic)



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## GRAND SLAMS

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



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- 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
- During 2025, skyrocketed from No.421 at the start of January to No.11 year-end ranking, in her first full season after maternity leave; went 2-0 in Tour finals, winning titles at WTA 500 events at Abu Dhabi and Tokyo, and also reached her second career Grand Slam SF at Wimbledon
- After giving birth to daughter Bella, returned to the courts in October 2024 to play a handful of ITF matches, as well as winning her Billie Jean King Cup Playoff match for Switzerland over Serbia's Lola Radivojevic in November
- Played last tournament of 2023 at San Diego before taking maternity leave
- In 2023, won two titles at Adelaide 2 (d. Kasatkina in F) and Abu Dhabi (d. Samsonova in F); also finished R-Up at Charleston (l. Jabeur)
- Won sixth career title in 2022, triumphing at Charleston, while finishing R-Up at Berlin (l. Jabeur) and helped Switzerland lift Billie Jean King Cup Finals in Glasgow; also reached SF at Miami (l. Osaka) and Tallinn (l. Krejčíková)
- Captured gold medal for Switzerland at Tokyo Olympics in 2021 (d. Vondroušová in F); also claimed silver in doubles (w/Golubic)
- Other 2021 highlights included R-Up finish at Adelaide (l. Swiatek) and Berlin (l. Samsonova), and six further QFs (including US Open)
- Across a disrupted 2020 reached three QFs, at Adelaide, St. Petersburg and Doha
- Was voted WTA Comeback Player of the Year in 2019 - lifted two titles at Dubai (d. Kvitová in F) and Moscow (d. Pavlyuchenkova in F) and posted a career-best 49 Tour-level match wins in 2019 fourth most among all players and breaking back into Top 10 on September 9
- Earned spot at 2019 WTA Finals in Shenzhen, becoming first Swiss player to compete in singles at the WTA Finals since Hingis in 2006, going on to reach SF at the season-ending showpiece (l. defending champion Svitolina)
- Also in 2019, marked 20th Grand Slam main draw by reaching her maiden major SF at US Open (l. eventual champion Andreescu) and finished R-Up at Mallorca (l. Kenin)
- Led the WTA with six victories over Top 5 players in 2019, including upsets over No.1 Naomi Osaka at Indian Wells, Madrid and US Open
- Standout result in 2018 was R-Up finish at Luxembourg (as qualifier, l. Goerges)
- In first round at 2018 Australian Open, defeated No.5 Venus Williams. Having also upset then-No.1 Serena Williams in SF at 2015 Toronto is one of seven women to defeat both Williams sisters

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

- before their 21st birthday (also Hingis, Sharapova, Clijsters, Henin, Chakvetadze and Osaka)
- Underwent left wrist surgery in spring 2017, missing five months - ranking fell outside Top 300; reached QF at Linz as WC in first WTA event back after surgery
- Run to 2016 St. Petersburg final (l. Vinci in F) saw her break into Top 10 at No.9 for the first time in her career. Also in 2016, reached SF at Sydney and  $\text{\AA}$ s-Hertogenbosch
- Won first career titles in 2015 at Eastbourne (d. Radwanska in F) and Toronto (d. Halep in F); also reached final at  $\text{\AA}$ s-Hertogenbosch (l. Giorgi) and Tokyo (l. Radwanska)
- At Toronto, beat four Top 10 players en route to the title including World No.1 Serena Williams
- Qualified for 2015 WTA Elite Trophy in Zhuhai however withdrew due to hand injury
- Won second WTA doubles title of career in 2015 at Washington, DC (w/Mladenovic), the first coming earlier in the year at Prague(w/Siniakova)
- Voted 2014 WTA Newcomer of the Year after a campaign highlighted by R-Up finish at Tianjin (l. Riske), SF at Charleston and QF run at 2014 US Open (defeated No.7 Kerber in 3r, No.10 Jankovic in R16); at 17 years of age, was youngest player through to last eight at Flushing Meadows since 1997 when Hingis won the title and broke into Top 50 on Sept 8, 2014
- Won junior singles titles at Roland Garros and Wimbledon in 2013; was named ITF Junior World Champion for 2013
- Played first WTA qualifying event at Luxembourg in October 2011, and first WTA main draw 12 months later at same event as WC (l. V.Williams, 1r); only 15 years, 7 months at the time
- Made professional debut on ITF circuit in 2011

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by 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

- Coached by Iain Hughes
- Father, Ivan, sometimes serves as her tennis coach, and Martin Hromkovic as her fitness coach. Mother is Dana; younger brother is Brian who also plays and coaches tennis; father emigrated to Switzerland from then-Czechoslovakia in 1968
- Started playing at Melanie Molitor's (mother of Martina Hingis) tennis school at age 3 until age 19 (started daily training with her from age 6 for eight years)
- Also visited the Nick Bollettieri and Evert Tennis Academy as a Junior
- Enjoys watching movies, reading, playing with dogs, baking, painting, and seeing friends