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## MIAMI OPEN presented by Itaú

### MIAMI, FL, USA



March 17-29, 2026 | WTA 1000 | \$9,415,725

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## SEMIFINALS – THURSDAY, MARCH 26

SEMIFINALIST	RANK	MIAMI W-L	YTD W-L	CAREER W-L	YTD TITLES	CAREER TITLES	2026 PRIZE \$	CAREER PRIZE \$
[1] Aryna Sabalenka	1	18-6	21-1	389-137	2	23	\$2,699,517	\$47,875,138
[3] Elena Rybakina	2	16-5	21-4	288-114	1	12	\$3,437,102	\$27,875,819
[4] Coco Gauff	4	12-6	15-5	260-105	0	11	\$1,316,090	\$31,075,211
[13] Karolina Muchova	14	10-3	18-3	164-80	1	2	\$1,142,443	\$11,564,473

### [4] Coco Gauff (USA #4) vs. [13] Karolina Muchova (CZE #14)

**Gauff leads 5-0**

#### **Gauff:**

- Making 7th appearance at Miami; she is into her first Miami semifinal of career after Round of 16 finishes in 2022, 2024 and 2025
- 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)
- 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; I. Kasatkina in 2r)
- Has become the youngest American to reach the semifinals at the Miami Open since Serena Williams in 2003 (Williams went on to win the title that year)
- Holds a 3-2 record vs. Top 20 players this year, including her win over No.12 Bencic in the previous round
- Since the event's inauguration in 1985, Gauff is the third player to reach the semifinals at the Miami Open playing only three-setters en route, after Judith Wiesner (1990) and Svetlana Kuznetsova (2016)
- If Gauff reaches the final in Miami, she will move to No.3 in the WTA Rankings next week, overtaking Swiatek

#### **Muchova:**

- Has reached the Miami semifinals for the first time in her 5th tournament appearance; previous best result was R32 (2022, 2023 and 2025)
- Contesting her 29th career WTA 1000 main draw; she won her 1st career WTA 1000 title last month at Doha (d. Mboko in final)
- She has also been a 2-time WTA 1000 runner-up at 2023 Cincinnati and 2024 Beijing – she lost both of those finals to today's opponent Gauff
- Has reached two WTA 1000 semifinals in a single calendar year for the first time in her career
- Holds a 3-3 record vs. Top 10 players this year, including her win over No.9 Mboko in the previous round
- Her 2 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court: WTA 1000 Doha this year, as well as 2019 Seoul
- Best result by Czech Republic at Miami was the title run by Petra Kvitova in 2023 (d. Rybakina in final)
- If Muchova makes the Miami final, she will return to the WTA Rankings Top 10 for the first time since February 2024



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#### [1] Aryna Sabalenka (#1) vs. [3] Elena Rybakina (KAZ #2)

**Sabalenka leads 9-7**

*This is the first time that the World No.1 and World No.2 have played before the title match at a WTA Tour event (excluding WTA Finals and Grand Slams) since the 1987 Miami event, where No.2 Stefanie Graf defeated No.1 Martina Navratilova in the semifinals ... Overall, this is the 10th time that the World No.1 and World No.2 will meet before a final*

#### **Sabalenka:**

- The defending champion is making her 8th appearance at Miami (defeated Pegula in last year's final)
- Won her 10th career WTA 1000 title earlier this month at Indian Wells (d. Rybakina in final; saved a match point in the final-set tiebreak)
- Currently on a 10-match winning streak (6 wins en route to Indian Wells title, and 4 wins so far at Miami)
- She is also the first player to claim 10 consecutive wins at the Miami Open without dropping a set since Serena Williams (11 between 2002 and 2003)
- Holds a 3-1 record vs. Top 10 players this year – the one loss was to today's opponent Rybakina in the Australian Open final
- Sabalenka could become the fourth player since 2000 to reach the final at her first four WTA-level events of a season, joining Hingis (2001), S. Williams (2003) and Azarenka (2012)
- The week of March 23 marks Sabalenka's 75th consecutive week at World No.1 (83 total weeks) – she will remain at No.1 following this event

#### **Rybakina:**

- Making her 6th Miami appearance, where she is a 2-time runner-up in 2023 (l. Kvitova in final) and 2024 (l. Collins in final)
- Contesting her 45th career WTA 1000 main draw; she is a 2-time WTA 1000 champion at 2023 Indian Wells (d. Sabalenka in final) and 2023 Rome (d. Kalinina in final via retirement)
- Coming off a run to her 6th career WTA 1000 final earlier this month at Indian Wells (l. Sabalenka in 3rd-set tiebreak) - that was her first WTA 1000 final since 2024 Miami
- Rybakina is the only player to have made the Round of 16 or better at each of the four WTA 1000 events in 2026 (Doha, Dubai, Indian Wells and Miami)
- Holds a 6-1 record vs. Top 10 players this year – the one loss was to today's opponent Sabalenka in the Indian Wells final
- Leads the Tour in total aces this year (181 entering today's match)
- Reached a new career-high ranking of World No.2 on Monday, March 16, following her Indian Wells performance – she will remain at No.2 after this event



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

**(13) KAROLINA MUCHOVA (14)**  
CZECH REPUBLIC

2004-03-13	<b>Date of Birth</b>	1996-08-21
Delray Beach, FL, USA	<b>Residence</b>	Prague, Czech Republic
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed (double-handed backhand)
5' 9" (1.75m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 11" (1.80m)
2	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	8
\$31,075,211	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$11,564,473
\$1,316,090	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$1,142,443
0 / 11	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	1 / 2
78-24 (Champion: 2025 ROLAND GARROS; 2023 US OPEN)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	51-26 (Runner-Up: 2023 ROLAND GARROS)
4-0 / 12-6 (Semi-Finalist: 2026)	<b>YTD / Career MIAMI W-L (best)</b>	4-0 / 10-3 (Semi-Finalist: 2026)
15-5 / 260-105	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	18-3 / 164-80



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## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2026	AUSTRALIAN OPEN	HARD	4r	Coco Gauff	6-1 3-6 6-3	1h 59m
2025	UNITED CUP	HARD	2r	Coco Gauff	6-1 6-4	1h 27m
2024	BEIJING	HARD	F	Coco Gauff	6-1 6-3	1h 16m
2023	US OPEN	HARD	SF	Coco Gauff	6-4 7-5	2h 3m
2023	CINCINNATI	HARD	F	Coco Gauff	6-3 6-4	1h 56m

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
3	-	2026	11	-
2	3	2025	12	19
2	3	2024	8	22
3	3	2023	8	8
4	7	2022	31	149
19	22	2021	19	32
47	48	2020	21	27
68	68	2019	21	21
874	875	2018	141	145
-	-	2017	210	272



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### 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)  
4r: d. S. CIRSTEIA (#35) 6-4 3-6 6-2 (1h 59m)  
QF: d. B. BENCIC (#12) 6-3 1-6 6-3 (2h 15m)

*Total time on court: 8h 19m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 7th appearance at Miami; she is into her 1st Miami SF of career after R16 finishes in 2022, 2024 and 2025
- 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; she has reached her 14th career WTA 1000 SF, and 2nd of this year (l. eventual R-Up Svitolina in 2026 Dubai SF)
- Seeking a spot in her 15th career WTA Tour singles final, and first since Wuhan last October
- After 1r bye, defeated Elisabetta Cocciaretto, Alycia Parks, Sorana Cirstea and No.12 seed Belinda Bencic so far this week - all in 3 sets
- Faces No.14 Karolina Muchova in SF today; Gauff is 3-2 vs. Top 20 players this year, including a win over No.12 Bencic in the previous round
- Owns 22-6 career Tour-level record against players from Czech Republic (1-0 in 2026, d. Muchova in Australian Open R16)
- 9 of her 11 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court, most recently WTA 1000 Wuhan last year
- Most recent American woman to win the Miami title is Danielle Collins in 2024 (d. Rybakina in F)
- Is currently ranked No.4; this time last year was ranked No.3. Reached career-high ranking of No.2 for the first time in June 2024
- Since the WTA 1000 format began in 2009, Gauff is now the third American to reach SF at each of the 3 WTA 1000 events in the United States (Indian Wells, Miami and Cincinnati), joining Serena Williams and Venus Williams
- Gauff is the youngest American to reach the semifinals at the Miami Open since Serena Williams in 2003

### 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)  
4r: d. A. EALA (#29) 6-0 6-2 (1h 0m)  
QF: d. V. MBOKO (#9) 7-5 7-6 (1h 47m)

*Total time on court: 6h 52m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 5th appearance at Miami; she has reached SF here for the first time after R32 exits in 2022, 2023 and 2025
- 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)
- This is her 5th career WTA 1000 SF
- Aiming to reach her 8th career WTA Tour singles final, and 2nd of the year after her 2026 Doha title
- After 1r bye, defeated Camila Osorio, Katie Boulter, No.31 seed Alexandra Eala and No.10 seed Victoria Mboko to make her 3rd SF of the year, following Brisbane SF (l. eventual champion Sabalenka) and Doha title
- Faces No.4 Coco Gauff in SF today; Muchova owns 18 wins in career over Top 10 players, most recently No.9 Victoria Mboko in previous round (3-3 vs. Top 10 players this year)
- Owns 16-21 career Tour-level record against players from United States of America (1-1 in 2026: d. Parks in Australian Open 2r; l. Gauff in Australian Open R16)
- Both of her 2 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court: WTA 1000 Doha this year, as well as 2019 Seoul
- One of 8 Czechs to start this fortnight's main draw, and the only one to reach R16 and beyond
- Best result by Czech Republic at Miami was the title run by Petra Kvitova in 2023 (d. Rybakina in F)
- Last time a player from Czech Republic reached SF at Miami was 2023 (eventual champion Kvitova)
- Is currently ranked No.14; this time last year was ranked No.14. Reached career-high ranking of No.8 in September 2023



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

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

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. CIRSTEA (#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



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## SEASON 2026 HISTORY

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

- Made 4r at 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)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
37	38	<b>Aces</b>	61	21
62.6%	60	<b>First serve %</b>	65.7%	33
68.5%	23	<b>First Serve points won %</b>	70.4%	13
36.9%	109	<b>Second serve points won %</b>	52.9%	5
56.7%	55	<b>Overall service points won %</b>	64.4%	5
64.3%	68	<b>Service games won %</b>	80.9%	4
51.3%	84	<b>Break points saved %</b>	61.3%	15
43.1%	1	<b>First serve return points won %</b>	38.8%	17
55.7%	39	<b>Second serve return points won %</b>	53.1%	71
46.6%	44	<b>Break points converted %</b>	40.3%	86
45.5%	3	<b>Return games won %</b>	35.5%	45
47.7%	6	<b>Return points won %</b>	43.9%	36



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## TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (11)

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

Runner-Up (3)

- 2025 - ROME, MADRID
- 2022 - ROLAND GARROS

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (10)

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

Runner-Up (6)

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

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (2)

- 2026 - DOHA
- 2019 - SEOUL

Runner-Up (5)

- 2024 - BEIJING, PALERMO
- 2023 - CINCINNATI, ROLAND GARROS
- 2019 - PRAGUE

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



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- In 2025, won her second Grand Slam title of career at Roland Garros (d. Sabalenka in final) and her third career WTA 1000 title at Wuhan; also made WTA 1000 finals at Madrid and Rome, becoming the first American to reach three WTA 1000 finals in a calendar year since Serena Williams in 2014
- Went three for three in finals in 2024, winning Auckland, Beijing and a historic first WTA Finals Riyadh title. Success in Saudi Arabia saw her win a record \$4.8m in prize money, the most ever awarded in women's professional sports, and defeat the World No.1 and No.2 at the same event. Posted a new career-high of No.2 in June
- Won debut Grand Slam singles crown in 2023 lifting title on home soil at US Open (d. Sabalenka in F). Picked up another three titles in 2023, marking first WTA 1000 title at Cincinnati and debut WTA 500 title at Washington DC, in addition to WTA 250 Auckland. In doubles was co-ranked No.1 with Pegula after US Open.
- In 2022, reached maiden Grand Slam final at Roland-Garros (l. Swiatek); was the youngest major finalist since Sharapova won 2004 Wimbledon
- Made Top 10 debut on September 12, 2022, following QF run at US Open (l. Garcia)
- Highlight of 2021 campaign was completing singles-doubles title sweep at Parma; defeated Wang Qiang in singles final and teamed up w/McNally to win doubles
- In 2021 also reached SF at Adelaide and Rome, while at the Slams made QF at Roland-Garros and R16 at Wimbledon. Finished R-Up in doubles at 2021 US Open (w/McNally, l. Stosur/Zhang)
- First cracked the Top 50 on February 24, 2020 at No.49, following a R16 appearance at Australian Open to tie her career best Grand Slam result - during run, defeated V.Williams in 1r and her first Top-5 opponent in No.4 Osaka in 3r (l. eventual champion Kenin in 3s)
- Enjoyed breakout season in 2019, highlighted by maiden WTA singles title at Linz (as lucky loser, d. Ostapenko in F) - earned her first Top-10 win en route to title over No.8 Bertens in QF. At 15y 214d, her title run in Linz made her youngest to win a Tour-level title since Vaidisova (15y 177d) won Tashkent in 2004
- Also claimed maiden WTA doubles titles at Washington, DC (w/McNally, d. Sanchez/Stollar in F) and Luxembourg (w/McNally, d. Christian/Guarachi in F). By winning the doubles
- 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.

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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



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

**ELENA (3) RYBAKINA 2**  
KAZAKHSTAN

1998-05-05	<b>Date of Birth</b>	1999-06-17
	<b>Residence</b>	
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 11" (1.82m)	<b>Height</b>	6' 0" (1.84m)
1	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	2
\$47,875,138	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$27,875,819
\$2,699,517	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$3,437,102
2 / 23	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	1 / 12
106-27 (Champion: 2025 US OPEN; 2024 US OPEN, AUSTRALIAN OPEN; 2023 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	66-22 (Champion: 2026 AUSTRALIAN OPEN; 2022 WIMBLEDON)
4-0 / 18-6 (Champion: 2025)	<b>YTD / Career MIAMI W-L (best)</b>	4-0 / 16-5 (Runner-Up: 2024, 2023)
21-1 / 389-137	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	21-4 / 288-114



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## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2026	INDIAN WELLS	HARD	F	Aryna Sabalenka	3-6 6-3 7-6(6)	2h 31m
2026	AUSTRALIAN OPEN	HARD	F	Elena Rybakina	6-4 4-6 6-4	2h 18m
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	3	-
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



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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)  
4r: d. Q. ZHENG (#26) 6-3 6-4 (1h 25m)  
QF: d. H. BAPTISTE (#45) 6-4 6-4 (1h 20m)

*Total time on court: 5h 52m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 8th appearance at Miami, where she returns as the defending champion (d. Pegula in last year's final)
- Contesting her 61st career WTA 1000 main draw; she has reached her 21st career WTA 1000 SF, and she is seeking her 15th career WTA 1000 final
- Won her 10th career WTA 1000 title earlier this month at Indian Wells (d. Rybakina in final; saved a match point in the final-set tiebreak)
- After 1r bye, defeated Ann Li, Caty McNally, No.23 seed Zheng Qinwen and Hailey Baptiste to reach SF without losing a set
- Faces No.2 Elena Rybakina in SF today; Sabalenka is 3-1 vs. Top 10 players this year, with the one loss coming to today's opponent Rybakina in Australian Open final
- Owns 11-8 career Tour-level record against players from Kazakhstan (1-1 in 2026: l. Rybakina in Australian Open F; d. Rybakina in Indian Wells F)
- 20 of her 23 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court, including two in 2026 (Brisbane and Indian Wells)
- Is currently ranked World No.1 - the week of March 23 marks Sabalenka's 75th consecutive week at World No.1 (83 total weeks)
- Is currently on a 10-match winning streak
- Sabalenka is the first player to claim 10 consecutive wins at the Miami Open without dropping a set since Serena Williams (11 between 2002 and 2003)
- Since 2000, Sabalenka could become the 4th player to reach the final at her first four WTA-level events of a season, joining Hingis (2001), S.Williams (2003) and Azarenka (2012)
- Sabalenka is attempting to become just the 2nd player since 1989 to reach both finals at the Sunshine Double in back-to-back years, after Sharapova (2012-13)

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

2r: d. Y. PUTINTSEVA (#75) 6-3 6-3 (1h 17m)  
3r: d. M. KOSTYUK (#28) 6-3 6-4 (1h 21m)  
4r: d. T. GIBSON (#68) 6-2 6-2 (1h 4m)  
QF: d. J. PEGULA (#5) 2-6 6-3 6-4 (2h 15m)

*Total time on court: 5h 57m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making 6th appearance at Miami, where she is a 2-time R-Up in 2023 (l. Kvitova in F) and 2024 (l. Collins in F)
- Contesting her 45th career WTA 1000 main draw; she is a 2-time WTA 1000 champion at 2023 Indian Wells (d. Sabalenka in F) and 2023 Rome (d. Kalinina in F via ret.)
- This is her 13th career WTA 1000 SF; she is seeking her 7th career WTA 1000 final
- Coming off a run to her 6th career WTA 1000 final earlier this month at Indian Wells (l. Sabalenka in 3rd-set TB) - that was her first WTA 1000 final since 2024 Miami
- After 1r bye, defeated Yulia Putintseva, No.27 seed Marta Kostyuk, Talia Gibson and No.5 seed Jessica Pegula to make her 3rd SF of the year
- Faces No.1 Aryna Sabalenka in SF today; Rybakina is 6-1 vs. Top 10 players this year, with the one loss coming to today's opponent Sabalenka in Indian Wells final
- 7 of her 12 career WTA singles titles have come on hard court, most recently her 2nd career Grand Slam title at 2026 Australian Open (d. Sabalenka in F)
- Best results by Kazakhstan at Miami were the R-Up finishes by Rybakina in 2023 and 2024
- Reached a new career-high ranking of No.2 this week; this time last year was ranked No.8
- Currently holds the No.1 position on the Race to the WTA Finals Leaderboard, based on points earned in 2026
- Rybakina is the only player to have made the Round of 16 or better at each of the four WTA 1000 events in 2026 (Doha, Dubai, Indian Wells and Miami)
- Leads the Tour in total aces this year (181)
- Rybakina currently has 99 career WTA 1000 main draw match-wins; with a victory today, she would become the 10th active player to claim 100+ WTA 1000 main draw match-wins



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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. CIRSTEVA (#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: 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



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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)

- 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)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
107	7	<b>Aces</b>	181	1
66.1%	27	<b>First serve %</b>	59.4%	81
73.0%	4	<b>First Serve points won %</b>	73.0%	5
56.0%	1	<b>Second serve points won %</b>	52.9%	5
67.2%	1	<b>Overall service points won %</b>	64.8%	2
87.7%	1	<b>Service games won %</b>	83.6%	2
70.3%	1	<b>Break points saved %</b>	70.0%	2
36.8%	44	<b>First serve return points won %</b>	34.4%	77
56.5%	30	<b>Second serve return points won %</b>	55.4%	45
41.4%	79	<b>Break points converted %</b>	51.7%	16
36.8%	31	<b>Return games won %</b>	34.2%	52
45.0%	20	<b>Return points won %</b>	42.5%	63



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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 (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)



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## GRAND SLAMS

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

- 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. Witthöft)
  - 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