



MATCH NOTES

ROTHESAY INTERNATIONAL - EASTBOURNE, GBR
2023-06-26 - 2023-07-01 | \$ 780,637



24 **MADISON KEYS**
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

LINDA FRUHVIRTOVA **57**
CZECH REPUBLIC

1995-02-17	Date of Birth	2005-05-01
Orlando, FL, USA	Residence	
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 10" (1.78m)	Height	5' 8" (1.72m)
7	Career-High Ranking	50
\$15,931,937	Career Prize Money	\$874,512
\$971,525	Season Prize Money	\$467,292
0 / 6	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 1
93-40 (Runner-Up: 2017 US OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	4-3 (Round of 16: 2023 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
0-0 / 6-2 (Champion: 2014)	YTD / Career EASTBOURNE W-L (best)	0-0 / 0-0
16-8 / 268-164	YTD / Career W-L	8-11 / 21-21
0-0 / 35-13	YTD / Career Grass W-L	0-0 / 0-0
4-4 / 68-67	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L	3-6 / 9-6
1-1 / 60-53	YTD / Career TB W-L	0-0 / 0-3
Quarter-Finalist: CHARLESTON, DUBAI	YTD Best Result	Round of 16: HUA HIN, AUSTRALIAN OPEN



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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
11	11	2022	74	78
16	56	2021	296	296
11	16	2020	780	793
9	13	2019	-	-
10	17	2018	-	-
8	19	2017	-	-
7	8	2016	-	-
16	18	2015	-	-
27	31	2014	-	-
36	37	2013	-	-



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 4th appearance at EASTBOURNE, where she is a previous champion, lfiing the title in 2014 (d. Kerber)
- Triumph in 2014 made her the first teenage titlist since Caroline Wozniacki in 2009
- Faces No.57 Linda Fruhvirtova in 1r today in first match of her grass court season - hasn't lost an opening match since Indian Wells (l. Cirstea)
- Owns 19-10 career record against players from Czech Republic, with record in 2023 standing at 1-1
- Also owns a further grass court title at 2016 Birmingham
- One of 7 players from United States of America in main draw, most at Eastbourne since 2003
- Is currently ranked No.24; this time last year was ranked No.24
- During last year's EUROPEAN GRASS swing reached 3r at EASTBOURNE (withdrew from Wimbledon)
- Has been involved in 8 three-set matches in 2023

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 1st appearance at EASTBOURNE, entering the draw as a LL following qualifying loss to Xiyu Wang
- This is her second Tour event on grass, after Birmingham last week (made QF, l. Krejckikova)
- Faces No.24 Madison Keys in 1r today; owns 4 wins in career over Top 50 players, most recently overcoming No.31 Jil Teichmann at CHARLESTON 2023
- One of 5 players from Czech Republic to begin the main draw, most at Eastbourne since 2012
- Is currently ranked No.57; this time last year was ranked No.176
- Has won 8 matches so far in 2023
- Has been involved in 9 three-set matches in 2023



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2022	Result	Rank: 24	Seed: 11
3r	L	J. OSTAPENKO (#14)	6-3
2r	W	L. DAVIS (#102)	6-4 6-3
2015	Result	Rank: 21	Seed: 12
2r	L	B. BENCIC (#31)	6-2 6-2
2014	Result	Rank: 47	Seed: -
F	W	A. KERBER (#9)	6-3 3-6 7-5
SF	W	H. WATSON (#70)	6-3 6-1
QF	W	L. DAVIS (#58)	6-2 6-1
2r	W	E. VESNINA (#32)	7-5 7-6(9)
1r	W	J. JANKOVIC (#7)	6-3 6-3

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles



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SEASON 2023 HISTORY

- Upset in 2r at Roland Garros (l. Day)
- Reached QF at Charleston (l. Kasatkina) and R16 at Rome (l. Kalinina); withdrew from Madrid w/injury
- Suffered exits in 2r at Indian Wells (after 1r bye, l. Cirstea via ret. w/dizziness) and 3r at Miami (l. Krejckikova)
- Fell 1r at Doha (l. Ostapenko), then bounced back to reach QF at Dubai (l. Gauff)
- Made 3r at Australian Open (l. Azarenka)
- Helped United States win the inaugural United Cup in opening week of 2023, winning all five singles matches

- Made QF at Birmingham (l. Krejckikova)
- Fell in 1r at Roland Garros (l. Pavlyuchenkova)
- Reached 2r at Madrid (l. Ostapenko), before 1r exits at Rome (l. Ruse) and Rabat (l. Buyukakcay)
- Made 2r at Charleston (l. Dolehide) and contested qualifying at Stuttgart
- Fell in 2r at Indian Wells (l. Kalinina) and 1r at Miami (l. Sebov)
- Reached 2r at Hua Hin (l. Zidansek) and Dubai (as WC, l. Ostapenko)
- Opened season with 1r exit at Auckland (l. Raducanu), then reached R16 for first time at a major at Australian Open (l. Vekic)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
95	22	Aces	60	44
65.5%	23	First serve %	62.6%	42
64.4%	38	First Serve points won %	64.1%	41
49.2%	12	Second serve points won %	32.1%	80
59.2%	23	Overall service points won %	52.2%	77
70.7%	19	Service games won %	53.4%	79
54.1%	49	Break points saved %	49.3%	74
38.4%	20	First serve return points won %	41.5%	5
59.6%	6	Second serve return points won %	53.2%	57
46.0%	35	Break points converted %	52.1%	8
41.4%	10	Return games won %	39.7%	12
46.3%	11	Return points won %	45.6%	14

Best win by ranking: No.5 vs Garcia in DUBAI 2r
 Longest match: 2h 33m vs Kasatkina in CHARLESTON QF
 Shortest match: 35m vs Cirstea in INDIAN WELLS 2r
 Match points saved:
 Most aces in a match: 11 vs Montgomery in MIAMI 2r

Best win by ranking: No.31 vs Teichmann in CHARLESTON 1r
 Longest match: 2h 57m vs Zidansek in HUA HIN 2r
 Shortest match: 54m vs Ostapenko in DUBAI 2r
 Match points saved:
 Most aces in a match: 7 vs Dolehide in CHARLESTON 2r



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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (6)

- 2022 - ADELAIDE 250
- 2019 - CINCINNATI, CHARLESTON
- 2017 - STANFORD
- 2016 - BIRMINGHAM
- 2014 - EASTBOURNE

Runner-Up (5)

- 2020 - BRISBANE
- 2017 - US OPEN
- 2016 - MONTREAL, ROME
- 2015 - CHARLESTON

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (1)

- 2022 - CHENNAI

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
3r	2r			2023	4r	1r		
SF	4r		3r	2022				2r
	3r	4r	1r	2021				
3r	1r		3r	2020				
4r	QF	2r	4r	2019				
QF	SF	3r	SF	2018				
	2r	2r	RUP	2017				
4r	4r	4r	4r	2016				
SF	3r	QF	4r	2015				
2r	1r	3r	2r	2014				
3r	2r	3r	1r	2013				
1r				2012				
			2r	2011				



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CAREER MILESTONES

- At 2022 Adelaide, won first title in over two years (d. Riske in F), followed by SF run at Australian Open - best Slam showing since 2018
- Other highlights last year were SF at Cincinnati and two further QF runs, including at Indian Wells
- In Grand Slam play, 2021 season was highlighted by R16 run at Wimbledon (l. Golubic). Finished campaign inside Top 100 for ninth successive year, but outside Top 20 for first time since 2014
- Ended 2020 ranked No.16, with best result being R-Up finish at Brisbane (l. Ka.Pliskova)
- Lifted biggest title of career during 2019 season at WTA 1000 Cincinnati (d. Kuznetsova in F); afterwards returned to Top 10 for first time since week of June 25, 2018
- Reached QF at 2019 Roland-Garros (l. Barty), one of three Americans to make last eight (also Anisimova and Stephens) - the first time since 2004 (Capriati, S.Williams and V.Williams)
- Reached first Grand Slam final in 2017 at US Open, losing out to Stephens in 10th all-American final in the Open Era. At 22, became the youngest Flushing Meadows finalist since 19-year-old Wozniacki lost to Clijsters in 2009
- Enjoyed first Top-10 year-end finish in 2016 (at No.8), as youngest player in Top 20
- Broke into Top 10 on June 20, 2016, becoming 118th player to reach the elite bracket since computer rankings were introduced. Also first American to make Top-10 debut since S.Williams in 1999
- Made WTA Finals debut at Singapore in 2016, going 1-2 in round-robin play
- Represented USA at 2016 Rio Olympics, reaching SF (lost Bronze medal match against Kvitova)
- Qualified for WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai in 2015, 2018-19; went 1-1 in round-robin stage on all three appearances, with best result SF run in 2018 (withdrew before match vs. Muguruza w/left knee injury)
- Advanced to maiden major SF at 2015 Australian Open (l. eventual champion S.Williams); broke into Top 20 following conclusion of tournament, on February 2
- Was second-youngest player to win a WTA title in 2014, at Eastbourne (after Vekic at Kuala Lumpur); also, youngest American to win a title since V.King in October 2006 (17y 254d at Bangkok)
- Made Tour-level debut at 2009 Ponte Vedra Beach (as WC, d. Kudryavtseva); was seventh youngest player to win a WTA main draw match at 14y 48d and youngest since Hingis in 1994
- Highlight of 2022 was maiden WTA title run at Chennai (d. Linette in F), helping her rise from No.305 to No.77 in the rankings
- First title win of the season came early at W25 Cancun followed by R16 run at Miami Open (l. Badosa)
- Had early exits on clay and grass swing, notably 2r at Charleston (l. Bencic), 1r at Madrid (l. Kanepi), and qualifying rounds at Roland Garros and Wimbledon
- Came back strongly with a 2r run at US Open (as qualifier, l. Muguruza) followed by first singles title at Chennai (d. Linette)
- In 2021, reached QF at Charleston [250] (as WC, l. eventual champion Sharma) and made 2r at Cleveland (as LL, l. Linette) Also lifted first ITF Circuit titles of her career at W15 events in Monastir, Tunisia
- Fell 1r on WTA debut at 2020 Prague (as WC, l. Kr.Pliskova)
- Before the tour stopped in March 2020, she competed in her first ITF \$100K event, beating a former WTA top-100 player in the first round
- Best junior Slam singles result was SF run at 2021 Wimbledon
- In May 2019, she was directly accepted in the main draw for Roland Garros girls' singles - the youngest player in the draw and first 2005 born player to play in a junior Grand Slam
- In February 2019, as a 13-year-old, she won the prestigious Les Petits As title in France, losing only 15 games the entire tournament - something that had never been done in the history of the event
- In the past, she has won the Junior Orange Bowl (2017) and a long list of Tennis Europe and ITF Junior events as well

OTHER INFORMATION

- Fitness trainer is Rodney Marshall
 - Mother is Christine; siblings are Sydney, Montana and Hunter. Was introduced to tennis by watching it on television as a little girl
 - Favorite shot is serve; favorite surface is hard
 - Favorite food is tacos; favorite movie is Imitation Game; favorite singer is Beyoncé; favorite types of music are hip-hop, pop, rap and country
 - Favorite places are Charleston and Rome
 - Also enjoys interior design, plants, baking, friends and family, watching TV and shopping
 - Most memorable experience is playing a match in an earthquake in Costa Rica
 - Goal is to work hard and be the best she can be
 - Very passionate about her charity, Kindness Wins, which is a platform for kindness, with special emphasis on kindness to self, kindness to youth and kindness to others in times of struggle.
- Currently working with Sven Groeneveld
 - Born, lives and trains in Prague, Czech Republic but also spends time in Nice, France at the Mouratoglou Academy
 - Her sister Brenda followed in her footsteps by winning the Les Petits As girls singles title in 2020 (she was only 12 years old at the time), becoming the youngest winner in the tournament's 38-year history, and completing the first-ever sister-combination to win the event in back-to-back years (Linda in 2019, Brenda in 2020). On the heels of that win, Roland Garros had already awarded her a WC for the girls' singles before the event was moved to September
 - Favorite surface is clay
 - Hobbies include singing, family time, and travel



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3 **ELENA RYBAKINA**
KAZAKHSTAN

XIYU WANG **75**
CHINA

1999-06-17	Date of Birth	2001-03-28
	Residence	Beijing, China
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Left-Handed (Two-Handed Backhand)
6' 0" (1.84m)	Height	5' 11" (1.82m)
3	Career-High Ranking	49
\$10,255,312	Career Prize Money	\$1,284,470
\$3,894,354	Season Prize Money	\$324,575
2 / 5	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 0
32-13 (Champion: 2022 WIMBLEDON)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	3-7 (Round of 32: 2022 US OPEN)
0-0 / 3-2 (Semi-Finalist: 2021)	YTD / Career EASTBOURNE W-L (best)	0-0 / 0-0
30-7 / 154-72	YTD / Career W-L	8-12 / 33-43
0-0 / 18-6	YTD / Career Grass W-L	0-1 / 1-3
6-4 / 39-33	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L	5-5 / 13-16
9-1 / 42-34	YTD / Career TB W-L	4-5 / 18-13
2-4 / 12-9	YTD / Career L Hand W-L	2-0 / 4-1
5-1 / 8-9	YTD / Career TOP 5 W-L	0-1 / 1-3
Champion: ROME, INDIAN WELLS	YTD Best Result	Round of 16: ROME, MÉRIDA



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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2021	ABU DHABI	HARD	2r	Elena Rybakina	6-4 6-4	1h 33m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
12	22	2022	50	50
14	14	2021	118	128
17	19	2020	106	123
37	37	2019	115	143
182	191	2018	180	200
420	425	2017	585	592
612	616	2016	-	-



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 3rd appearance at EASTBOURNE, where her best result came with SF run in 2021 (L. Ostapenko)
- Is a grass court champion, having won Wimbledon in 2022
- Faces No.75 Xiyu Wang in 1r today - has lost two opening round matches this season, at Adelaide and Madrid
- Owns 11-1 career record against players from China (loss coming to Zhang Shuai at 2022 Australian Open), first time facing a Chinese player this season
- Is No. 1 seed this week, the first time in her career she is Top Seed at an event
- Only player from Kazakhstan to the draw
- Is currently ranked No.3; this time last year was ranked No.23
- During last year's EUROPEAN GRASS swing reached WON at WIMBLEDON after 2r at exits at EASTBOURNE and S'HERTOGENBOSCH
- Has won 29 matches so far in 2023; she is ranked No.3 on tour for match wins, behind Aryna Sabalenka, Iga Swiatek

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making debut appearance at EASTBOURNE, coming through qualifying with wins of Galfi and Fruhvirtova
- Faces No.3 Elena Rybakina in 1r today; owns 1 wins in career over Top 10 players, which was over No.3 Maria Sakkari at US OPEN 2022
- Bidding to score second main draw win on grass today, after 2021 Nottingham (d. Di Giuseppe)
- One of 3 players from China in the draw, most since 2017
- Best result by a Chinese woman at EASTBOURNE was QF run by Na Li in 2013
- Best result by a QUALIFIER at EASTBOURNE was title run by Ekaterina Makarova in 2010
- Is currently ranked No.75; this time last year was ranked No.105



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2022	Result	Rank: 21	Seed: 9
2r	L	L. TSURENKO (#114) 1-6 7-5 6-3	
2021	Result	Rank: 21	Seed: -
SF	L	J. OSTAPENKO (#43) 6-4 6-1	
QF	W	A. SEVASTOVA (#61) 2-6 7-6(7) 7-6(5)	
2r	W	E. SVITOLINA (#5) 6-4 7-6(3)	
1r	W	H. DART (#141) 6-2 6-7(5) 6-4	

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles



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XIYU WANG

SEASON 2023 HISTORY

- Coming off 2r exit at Berlin (l. Vekic)
- Reached 3r at Roland Garros before withdrawing due to illness prior to facing Sorribes Tormo
- At Rome, lifted fifth career title (d. Kalinina in F)
- Defeated in 2r at Stuttgart (l. Haddad Maia via ret. w/low back injury) and Madrid (after 1r bye, l. Kalinskaya)
- Won both singles rubbers to help Kazakhstan to 3-1 Billie Jean King Cup win over Poland
- Won fourth career title at Indian Wells (d. No.1 Swiatek in SF, No.2 Sabalenka in F), then finished R-Up at Miami (l. Kvitova)
- Advanced to QF at Abu Dhabi (l. Haddad Maia) and 3r at Dubai (withdrew before match vs. Gauff w/low back injury)
- Finished R-Up at Australian Open (l. Sabalenka); upset No.1 Swiatek, Ostapenko and Azarenka en route to become first woman to beat three Slam champions at Australian Open since Capriati in 2001
- Made 2r at Adelaide 1 (l. Kostyuk) and fell 1r at Adelaide 2 (l. Kvitova)

- Fell 1r at Nottingham (l. Sakkari) and Birmingham (l. Marino)
- Fell 1r at Charleston (l. Baptiste), then reached 3r at Madrid (l. Krejckova) and R16 at Rome (l. Zheng), Had 1r exit at Roland-Garros (l. Garcia)
- Advanced to 2r at Indian Wells (l. Potapova in 3-sets) and Miami (l. B.Fruhvirtova)
- Lost in opening round at Monterrey (l. Parrizas Diaz)
- Reached 2r at Merida (recorded first win of season defeating Riske-Amritraj; l. Birrell)
- Lost in opening round of first three tournaments of the season - Auckland (1r, ret. vs. Muchova), Australian Open (l. Ka.Pliskova) and Hua Hin (l. Lin)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
292	1	Aces	75	33
56.7%	70	First serve %	64.8%	29
74.1%	1	First Serve points won %	66.7%	27
48.8%	14	Second serve points won %	41.8%	71
63.1%	4	Overall service points won %	58.0%	37
79.7%	4	Service games won %	66.5%	40
65.8%	1	Break points saved %	58.2%	20
34.5%	59	First serve return points won %	33.8%	68
56.8%	18	Second serve return points won %	53.1%	58
41.0%	70	Break points converted %	37.4%	75
32.4%	56	Return games won %	27.5%	72
42.9%	47	Return points won %	41.0%	66

Best win by ranking: No.1 vs Swiatek in ROME QF
No.1 vs Swiatek in INDIAN WELLS SF
No.1 vs Swiatek in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 4r
Longest match: 2h 45m vs Muchova in INDIAN WELLS QF
Shortest match: 36m vs Kalinskaya in ROME 3r
Match points saved: 1 vs Badosa in MIAMI 3r

Best win by ranking: No.27 vs Begu in ROME 2r
No.27 vs Andreescu in MADRID 2r
Longest match: 3h 22m vs Riske-amritraj in MÉRIDA 1r
Shortest match: 41m vs Pliskova in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 1r
Match points saved: 1 vs Townsend in ROME 3r
2 vs Riske-amritraj in MÉRIDA 1r



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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (5)

2023 - ROME, INDIAN WELLS

2022 - WIMBLEDON

2020 - HOBART

2019 - BUCHAREST

Runner-Up (9)

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
RUP	3r			2023	1r	1r		
2r	3r	WON	1r	2022	2r		1r	3r
2r	QF	4r	3r	2021		1r		
3r	2r		2r	2020				
	1r		1r	2019				1r



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CAREER MILESTONES

- Finished R-Up at 2023 Australian Open (l. Sabalenka in 3s); made Top-10 debut following tournament (January 30, 2023)
- Lifted maiden major at 2022 Wimbledon (d. Jabeur in F)
- Last season also finished R-Up at Adelaide (l. Barty) and Portoroz (l. Siniakova)
- Best result of 2021 were SFs at Eastbourne, Olympics and Chicago [500], and QFs at Abu Dhabi, Roland Garros, San Jose and Ostrava
- Opened 2020 season by reaching the championship match at four of her first five tournaments, including a title run at Hobart (d. Zhang in F)
- Made first final appearance at a Premier-level tournament with R-Up finish at St. Petersburg (l. Bertens); was rewarded with Top 20 debut at No.19 following run in Russia (February 17, 2020)
- First win over a Top-5 ranked opponent came over No.3 Ka.Pliskova during R-Up finish at 2020 Dubai
- Won back-to-back Slam matches for the first time during 3r showing at 2020 Australian Open (l. Barty)
- 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, 2019)
- Also in 2019, went on to make Top 50 debut on September 16, 2019, after reaching second career final at Nanchang (l. Peterson), produced SF appearances at Luxembourg and 's-Hertogenbosch, and made Grand Slam main draw debut at 2019 Roland Garros, falling 1r (as qualifier, l. Siniakova)
- Finished 2019 campaign with 57-21 win-loss record (across all levels) to end season at No.37, up from 2018's final ranking of No.191. On the ITF Circuit in 2019, lifted silverware on three occasions: back-to-back at \$25k Moscow-RUS and \$25k Kazan-RUS, and at \$60k ITF/Launceston-AUS
- Highlights of 2018 included reaching maiden WTA QF at St. Petersburg (l. Goerges) and clinching title at \$15k ITF/Kazan-RUS
- 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
- Recorded first Top 100 season finish in 2022, ending the year ranked No.50; season highlighted by reaching the semifinals at two WTA 250 tournaments - Cluj-Napoca and Washington DC; also reached the quarterfinals at Granby and Budapest
- In 2021, made 2r at Abu Dhabi (l. Rybakina) and Nottingham (l. Riske). Also finished R-Up at W25 ITF Circuit event in Florence, SC, USA
- Ended 2020 season at No.123, making steady progress from No.143 in 2019
- Enjoyed WTA breakthrough by reached her maiden tour-level SF on debut appearance at Acapulco as qualifier, where she defeated No.2 seed Y.Wang and two-time champion Errani before l. eventual champion Watson; following this week, posted new career-high ranking of No.106 on March 2
- Also reached her maiden WTA QF at Hua Hin earlier that month (l. eventual champion Linette), upsetting No.15 Martic in 1r for first victory over a Top 20 player
- Best result of 2019 at Tour-level was 2r showing at Miami (as WC, l. Bertens). Also fell 1r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2019 US Open (as LL, l. Flipkens)
- Won third singles title on ITF Circuit at \$60k Internacional de Solgironès in 2019
- Season highlights in 2018 were maiden ITF Singles titles at \$25,000 Nonthaburi and \$25,000 Tsukuba
- Also won three doubles titles in 2018; at \$25k Barcelona (w/Ho), \$25k Madrid (w/Gonzalez), \$25k Nonthaburi (w/X.Wang)
- At tour-level in 2018 contested Wuhan; fell 2r to Kasatkina in what was her first match vs. Top 20 opponent
- Made WTA singles main draw debut at 2017 Tianjin Open as wildcard, defeating Kovinic in 1r; made WTA qualifying debut at 2018 Miami
- Made professional debut at 2016 \$10k ITF/Anning, CHN
- In Juniors, became first Chinese girl to win a Grand Slam Junior singles title at 2018 US Open; also teamed up with Wang Xinyu to claim Junior doubles title at 2018 Wimbledon
- As a junior, achieved career-high ranking of No.1 in both singles and doubles
- Took bronze in the girls' doubles (w/X.Wang) at 2018 Summer Youth Olympics in Buenos Aires

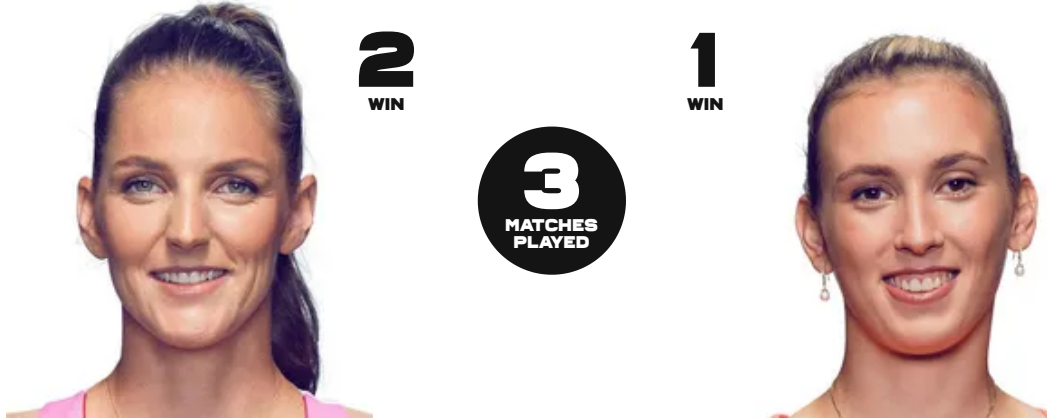
OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Stefano Vukov
 - 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
- Working with Mico Ratkovic; trains in Beijing
 - Father is Frank Wang, owner of a fabric factory, while mother is Ma Xiaodan
Favorite surface is hard, started playing tennis aged eight
 - In spare time, enjoys making Lego and watching anime



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**KAROLINA
PLISKOVA**
CZECH REPUBLIC

**ELISE
MERTENS** 28
BELGIUM

1992-03-21	Date of Birth	1995-11-17
Monte Carlo, Monaco	Residence	Hamont-Achel, Belgium
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (Two-handed backhand)
6' 1" (1.86m)	Height	5' 10" (1.79m)
1	Career-High Ranking	12
\$25,042,076	Career Prize Money	\$11,922,670
\$747,481	Season Prize Money	\$981,027
0 / 16	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 7
86-42 (Runner-Up: 2021 WIMBLEDON; 2016 US OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	58-25 (Semi-Finalist: 2018 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
0-0 / 16-5 (Champion: 2019, 2017)	YTD / Career EASTBOURNE W-L (best)	0-0 / 4-5 (Round of 16: 2019, 2018)
13-10 / 383-210	YTD / Career W-L	15-12 / 216-134
0-0 / 46-23	YTD / Career Grass W-L	0-0 / 21-21
3-2 / 130-68	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L	4-4 / 62-50
1-3 / 78-86	YTD / Career TB W-L	2-3 / 38-44
3-6 / 71-83	YTD / Career TOP 20 W-L	2-5 / 19-53
Quarter-Finalist: STUTTGART, DUBAI, AUSTRALIAN OPEN	YTD Best Result	Semi-Finalist: MONTERREY



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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2022	CINCINNATI	HARD	2r	Elise Mertens	7-6(3) 6-3	1h 35m
2020	ROME	CLAY	QF	Karolina Pliskova	6-3 3-6 6-0	2h 9m
2019	EASTBOURNE	GRASS	3r	Karolina Pliskova	6-1 6-2	58m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
4	32	2022	20	29
3	4	2021	14	21
2	6	2020	17	20
2	2	2019	12	17
4	8	2018	13	13
1	4	2017	35	35
5	6	2016	120	120
7	11	2015	157	157
24	24	2014	249	264
63	67	2013	577	577



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 8th appearance at EASTBOURNE, where she is a two-time champion, lifting the title here in 2017 (d. Wozniacki) and 2019 (d. Kerber)
- Also made QF in 2018, but has lost openers last two appearances here in 2021 (l. Giorgi) and 2022 (l. Boulter)
- In addition to titles here, also won 2016 Nottingham and made 2021 Wimbledon final (l. Barty)
- Faces Mertens today in opening match, and bidding to avoid third 1r exit here at Eastbourne in a row. Overall has lost her last four matches on Tour, last enjoying a win at Stuttgart in April
- Owns 11-4 career record against players from Belgium, with record in 2023 standing at 1-0 (d. Bonaventure at Abu Dhabi)
- There are 5 players from Czech Republic in the singles main draw, most since 2012
- Is currently ranked No.18; this time last year was ranked No.7
- During last year's EUROPEAN GRASS swing made 2r at WIMBLEDON and here at Eastbourne in addition to QF at BERLIN

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 6th appearance at EASTBOURNE, with her best result coming in 2019 with run to 3r
- This is her first grass event of the season, contesting first match since making R16 at Roland-Garros
- Faces No.18 Karolina Pliskova in 1r today; owns 19 wins in career over Top 20 players, most recently defeating No.3 Jessica Pegula at Roland-Garros
- Owns 13-8 career record against players from Czech Republic, and first time facing Czech opposition this season
- Best career result on grass is reaching the QF at 2016 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH and 2019 Mallorca
- Only player from Belgium in the singles main draw
- Justine Henin (2006-07) and Kim Clijsters are the two Belgian women to win Eastbourne
- Is currently ranked No.28; this time last year was ranked No.31
- During last year's GRASS swing reached 4r at WIMBLEDON, 2r at EASTBOURNE and at S'HERTOGENBOSCH and 1r at BIRMINGHAM
- Has been involved in 8 three-set matches in 2023



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2022	Result	Rank: 7	Seed: 4
2r	L	K. BOULTER (#127) 1-6 6-4 6-4	
2021	Result	Rank: 10	Seed: 5
1r	L	C. GIORGI (#75) 2-6 6-2 6-2	
2019	Result	Rank: 3	Seed: 2
F	W	A. KERBER (#5) 6-1 6-4	
SF	W	K. BERTENS (#4) 6-1 6-2	
QF	W	E. ALEXANDROVA (#52) 6-2 6-0	
3r	W	E. MERTENS (#21) 6-1 6-2	
2r	W	M. BETOVA (#61) 6-3 6-3	
2018	Result	Rank: 7	Seed: 2
QF	L	A. SABALENKA (#45) 6-3 2-6 7-6(5)	
3r	W	B. STRYCOVA (#23) 6-3 6-4	
2r	W	A. PAVLYUCHENKOVA (#29) 6-4 2-6 6-3	
2017	Result	Rank: 3	Seed: 3
F	W	C. WOZNIACKI (#6) 6-4 6-4	
QF	W	S. KUZNETSOVA (#8) 6-7(7) 6-2 6-4	
3r	W	S. PENG (#38) 7-6(3) 6-4	
2r	W	A. RISKE-AMRITRAJ (#46) 6-4 6-3	

2022	Result	Rank: 30	Seed: 13
2r	L	K. FLIPKENS (#257) 6-2 2-6 6-1	
2021	Result	Rank: 16	Seed: 7
1r	L	C. GAUFF (#23) 0-6 7-6(4) 7-5	
2019	Result	Rank: 21	Seed: -
3r	L	K. PLISKOVA (#3) 6-1 6-2	
2r	W	M. VONDROUSOVA (#16) 6-1 5-7 6-2	
1r	W	M. PUIG (#53) 6-4 7-6(2)	
2018	Result	Rank: 15	Seed: 9
3r	L	A. SABALENKA (#45) 7-5 2-6 7-6(4)	
2r	W	S. KUZNETSOVA (#57) 6-1 6-1	
2017	Result	Rank: 56	Seed: -
2r	L	A. PAVLYUCHENKOVA (#17) 3-6 6-4 6-1	
1r	W	T. BABOS (#42) 6-1 6-1	



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SEASON 2023 HISTORY

- Opened grass court season with a 1r exit at Berlin (l. Kvitova)
- Fell in opening round of Roland Garros (l. Stephens)
- Advanced to QF at Stuttgart (l. eventual champion Swiatek), then withdrew from Madrid (w/knee injury) and fell 2r at Rome (after 1r bye, l. Bondar)
- Reached R16 at Indian Wells (l. Sakkari) and 3r at Miami (l. Vondrousova)
- During Middle East swing, reached QF at Dubai (withdrew before match vs. Swiatek w/viral illness). Also defeated in 2r at Abu Dhabi (l. Rybakina) and 1r at Doha (as qualifier, l. Alexandrova)
- Advanced to QF at Australian Open (l. Linette)
- Opened 2023 campaign with 1r exits at Adelaide 1 (l. Ostapenko) and Adelaide 2 (as qualifier, l. Collins)

- Reached 4r at Roland Garros in singles (l. Pavlyuchenkova); also made 3r in doubles w/ partner Hunter (l. Kudermetova/Samsonova)
- On clay, made 3r at Madrid (l. Sherif) and fell 1r at Rome (l. Kalinskaya) and Bogota (l. Bjorklund); bounced back from Rome setback to lift first doubles title of the season (w/Hunter, d. Gauff/Pegula in F)
- Advanced to SF at Monterrey (l. Garcia), R16 at Miami (l. Rybakina) and suffered 1r exit at Indian Wells (l. Wang Xinyu)
- Defeated in 2r at Abu Dhabi (l. Kudermetova) and in 1r at Doha (as qualifier, l. Collins)
- Suffered 1r exit at Hobart (l. Zanevska), then reached 3r at Australian Open (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)
- Opened season representing Belgium at United Cup, going 1-1 in singles matches

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
125	14	Aces	103	20
65.9%	20	First serve %	55.7%	72
68.6%	13	First Serve points won %	66.5%	28
39.1%	78	Second serve points won %	43.2%	62
58.5%	30	Overall service points won %	56.1%	52
70.0%	28	Service games won %	64.7%	50
57.5%	25	Break points saved %	57.8%	22
34.6%	57	First serve return points won %	38.5%	18
55.7%	30	Second serve return points won %	58.5%	9
53.4%	3	Break points converted %	49.6%	21
34.6%	41	Return games won %	43.2%	6
42.7%	49	Return points won %	46.4%	9

Best win by ranking: No.7 vs Sakkari in DUBAI 2r
 Longest match: 2h 45m vs Kalinina in DUBAI 3r
 Shortest match: 47m vs Bonaventure in ABU DHABI 1r
 Match points saved:
 Most aces in a match: 15 vs Vekic in STUTTGART 2r

Best win by ranking: No.3 vs Pegula in ROLAND GARROS 3r
 Longest match: 3h 9m vs Pavlyuchenkova in ROLAND GARROS 4r
 Shortest match: 1h 9m vs Shnaider in MONTERREY 1r
 Match points saved:
 Most aces in a match: 10 vs Collins in DOHA 1r



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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

- Champion (16)
 2020 - BRISBANE
 2019 - ZHENGZHOU, EASTBOURNE, ROME, BRISBANE
 2018 - TOKYO, STUTTGART
 2017 - EASTBOURNE, DOHA, BRISBANE
 2016 - CINCINNATI, NOTTINGHAM
 2015 - PRAGUE
 2014 - LINZ, SEOUL
 2013 - KUALA LUMPUR
- Runner-Up (16)
 2021 - MONTREAL, WIMBLEDON, ROME
 2020 - ROME
 2019 - MIAMI
 2018 - TIANJIN
 2016 - US OPEN, EASTBOURNE
 2015 - ZHUHAI, STANFORD, BIRMINGHAM, DUBAI, SYDNEY
 2014 - HONG KONG, NÜRNBERG, PATTAYA CITY

DOUBLES FINALS

- Champion (5)
 2016 - BIRMINGHAM (w/Strycova)
 2014 - HONG KONG (w/Pliskova), BAD GASTEIN (w/Pliskova), NÜRNBERG (w/Krajicek)
 2013 - LINZ (w/Pliskova)
- Runner-Up (2)
 2016 - INDIAN WELLS (w/Goerges)
 2013 - PALERMO (w/Pliskova)

SINGLES FINALS

- Champion (7)
 2022 - MONASTIR
 2021 - MELBOURNE 500 GIPPSLAND TROPHY
 2019 - DOHA
 2018 - RABAT, LUGANO, HOBART
 2017 - HOBART
- Runner-Up (4)
 2021 - ISTANBUL
 2020 - LINZ, PRAGUE
 2017 - ISTANBUL

DOUBLES FINALS

- Champion (17)
 2023 - ROME (w/Hunter)
 2022 - WTA FINALS (w/Kudermetova), DUBAI (w/Kudermetova)
 2021 - INDIAN WELLS (w/Hsieh), WIMBLEDON (w/Hsieh), ISTANBUL (w/Kudermetova), AUSTRALIAN OPEN (w/Sabalenka)
 2020 - OSTRAVA (w/Sabalenka)
 2019 - US OPEN (w/Sabalenka), MIAMI (w/Sabalenka), INDIAN WELLS (w/Sabalenka)
 2018 - WUHAN (w/Schuurs), 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH (w/Schuurs), LUGANO (w/Flipkens), HOBART (w/Schuurs)
 2017 - GUANGZHOU (w/Schuurs)
 2016 - AUCKLAND (w/Mestach)
- Runner-Up (11)
 2022 - WIMBLEDON (w/Zhang), BIRMINGHAM (w/Zhang), S'HERTOGENBOSCH (w/Kudermetova), MIAMI (w/Kudermetova), DOHA (w/Kudermetova)
 2021 - WTA FINALS (w/Hsieh)
 2019 - WUHAN (w/Sabalenka)
 2018 - CINCINNATI (w/Schuurs), BIRMINGHAM (w/Schuurs)
 2017 - BUCHAREST (w/Schuurs), ISTANBUL (w/Melichar-martinez)

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
QF	1r			2023	3r	4r		
	2r	2r	QF	2022	4r	4r	4r	1r
2r	2r	RUP	QF	2021	4r	2r	2r	4r
3r	2r		2r	2020	4r	3r		QF



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CAREER MILESTONES

- Best results last season were SF runs at Strasbourg (l. Juvan) and Toronto (l. Haddad Maia) and QF showings at Berlin (l. Gauff) and US Open (l. Sabalenka). Was first time she failed to reach a Tour-level final since 2012
- Reached three finals across 2021, at Rome (l. Swiatek), her second Slam final at Wimbledon (l. Barty) and Montreal (l. Giorgi)
- Ended 2021 season by qualifying for WTA Finals for the fifth consecutive year - only four active players have qualified more than her
- Made Olympic debut, reaching R16 at Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games (l. Giorgi)
- Lifted a WTA-leading four titles across the 2019 season (tied with Barty) - triumphed at Brisbane, Rome, Eastbourne and Zhengzhou. Dropped 19 games across five matches during Eastbourne title win (d. Kerber in F) - most economic title run in 2019
- Also reached first Premier Mandatory final at 2019 Miami, losing to Barty in straight sets, and produced best Australian Open performance of career, reaching SF (l. eventual champion Osaka in 3s); saved four match points to beat S.Williams in QF
- Lost to twin sister Kr.Pliskova in 2r at Birmingham, in what was their first career main-draw encounter
- Helped the Czech Republic lift Billie Jean King Cup in 2015-16 and 2018
- Claimed No.1 ranking on July 17, 2017 despite making 2r exit at Wimbledon (l. Rybarikova). Was the first Czech woman to achieve the No.1 ranking since the computer rankings were introduced in 1975 (Martina Navratilova became No.1 on July 10, 1978 while representing USA)
- Is a Grand Slam finalist, reaching the title match at 2016 US Open (l. Kerber) and also 2021 Wimbledon (l. Barty)
- Made Top-10 debut after 2015 Stanford R-Up finish; was first time in WTA history that three Czech women ranked inside Top 10 at the same time (also Kvitova and Safarova)
- Scored first Top-20 win of her career over No.16 Petrova in 1r at 2013 Wimbledon
- Won first career WTA title at 2013 Kuala Lumpur (d. Mattek-Sands in F)
- At 2013 Linz, with sister Kristyna, became first set of twins to ever win a tour-level doubles title
- Reached first WTA QF as WC at 2008 Prague (l. Azarenka)
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in 2006
- Finished 2022 ranked No.29 in singles, her sixth consecutive Top 50 finish; also finished No.5 in doubles for her fourth consecutive Top 10 finish in doubles and second consecutive Top 5 finish
- Former doubles No.1, having first climbed to the top on May 10, 2021; has spent 23 weeks atop the WTA Doubles Rankings
- Last season lifted seventh WTA title, at 2022 Monastir (d. Cornet in F), while in doubles alongside partner Kudermetova won Dubai and WTA Finals, as well as finished R-Up at Wimbledon
- Enjoyed a productive start to 2021 season in Melbourne, triumphing at the Gippsland Trophy (d. Kanepi in F) to lift sixth WTA singles title, then teamed up w/Sabalenka at Australian Open to claim second Grand Slam doubles title (d. Krejckikova/Siniakova in F). Later in the year, won third career Grand Slam doubles title, at Wimbledon w/Hsieh
- Won the most matches on Tour in 2020, going 34-13 across the season and finishing as R-Up at both Prague (l. Halep) and Linz (l. Sabalenka)
- Earned her milestone 200th career main draw win with victory over Kalinina in 1r at 2020 Linz
- Singles highlights in 2019 were winning biggest title of career at Doha (d. No.3 Halep in final) and advancing to QF at US Open for the first time (l. eventual champion Andreescu in 3s)
- Enjoyed standout season in doubles in 2019 - won maiden major doubles title at US Open w/Sabalenka (d. Azarenka/Barty in F). Also Completed 'Sunshine Double' in doubles (w/Sabalenka), lifting the back-to-back titles at Indian Wells (d. Krejckikova/Siniakova) and Miami (d. Stosur/Zhang), and qualified for Shiseido WTA Finals Shenzhen (went 1-2 in RR)
- Advanced to first Grand Slam SF of career at 2018 Australian Open (l. eventual champion Wozniacki)
- During 2018, lifted titles at Hobart, Rabat and Lugano, finishing with 46 main-draw match wins across the campaign - only Ka.Pliskova (49) and Kvitova (47) registered more. By contrast, prior to 2018 season owned only 36 wins at this level across entire career
- In doubles in 2018, won four titles and reached QF at WTA Finals (w/Schuurs)
- Finished 2017 season at No.35, up from No.120 in 2016 - first Top 50 and Top 100 year-end finish. Season highlighted by first career singles title at Hobart (as a qualifier, d. Niculescu in F)
- Registered first Top-10 win of career over No.10 Cibulkova in 1r at 2017 Beijing
- Made WTA singles main draw debut at 2016 's-Hertogenbosch - made QF (as qualifier, l.

Mladenovic)

- Won first WTA title of any kind in doubles at 2016 Auckland (w/Mestach)
- Played first Tour-level event of career at 2015 Antwerp (fell in qualifying)
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in Belgium in 2010; owns 11 singles and 14 doubles titles on ITF Circuit

OTHER INFORMATION

- Working with Sascha Bajin; fitness coach is Martin Nosko and Ivan Trebaticka; trains at and plays for Sparta Praha tennis club
- Married Michal Hrdlicka after 2018 Wimbledon
- Away from the court, enjoys fresh-water fishing, as well as contributing to her foundation which benefits various causes, including pediatric oncology and children battling cancer in her native Czech Republic
- Enjoys listening to Czech pop music and watching movies (favorites is Public Enemies). Favorite author is Paulo Coelho
- Currently coached by Alexander Kneepkens. Formerly worked with Robbie Ceyssens, Dieter Kindlmann, Daniel Goffin and Philippe Dehaes
- Previously trained under Belgian Federation until early teens, also spent a year at the Mouratoglou Academy in Paris
- Mother is Liliane Barbe (teaches languages and history); father is Guido Mertens (makes furniture for churches). Began playing tennis at age 4, introduced to game by older sister Lauren, an airline pilot with KLM
- First tennis memory is watching Kim Clijsters playing live
- Was home schooled, enjoyed studying languages; speaks English, Dutch/Flemish and French
- Loves animals and has lots of pets at home
- In 2021, launched a charitable initiative to support the Virunga National Park's efforts to save the gorilla population in the Democratic Republic of Congo. During 2021 season she will be wearing a Virunga Ranger necklace and sporting a badge on her bag to help raise awareness



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FIRST MEETING



36 **SHUAI ZHANG**
CHINA

HARRIET DART **134**
UNITED KINGDOM

1989-01-21	Date of Birth	1996-07-28
Tianjin, China	Residence	
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 10" (1.77m)	Height	5' 9" (1.75m)
22	Career-High Ranking	84
\$9,762,215	Career Prize Money	\$1,879,708
\$436,641	Season Prize Money	\$237,629
0 / 3	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 0
39-43 (Quarter-Finalist: 2019 WIMBLEDON; 2016 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	5-12 (Round of 32: 2019 WIMBLEDON)
0-0 / 3-4 (Round of 16: 2019)	YTD / Career EASTBOURNE W-L (best)	0-0 / 4-5 (Quarter-Finalist: 2022)
4-11 / 205-245	YTD / Career W-L	3-6 / 27-48
0-1 / 25-23	YTD / Career Grass W-L	2-1 / 14-16
1-3 / 55-57	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L	0-2 / 13-15
0-1 / 55-54	YTD / Career TB W-L	1-3 / 13-8
Round of 16: LYON, AUSTRALIAN OPEN	YTD Best Result	Quarter-Finalist: NOTTINGHAM



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**SHUAI
ZHANG**

**HARRIET
DART**

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
24	24	2022	84	98
35	63	2021	120	120
30	35	2020	140	150
31	46	2019	121	142
27	35	2018	153	153
23	36	2017	277	315
24	24	2016	335	338
61	186	2015	345	385
30	62	2014	530	532
51	51	2013	811	1019



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**SHUAI
ZHANG**

**HARRIET
DART**

TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 5th appearance at EASTBOURNE, where her best previous result was reaching 3r in 2019 (l. Cornet)
- Faces No.134 Harriet Dart in 1r today - bidding for first win since Lyon in February, currently on a 10-match losing streak
- Owns 6-8 career record against players from United Kingdom, and playing UK opposition for the first time this season
- Is a two-time grass court finalist, reaching the title match at 2021 Nottingham and 2022 Birmingham
- Best result by a Chinese woman at EASTBOURNE was Quarter-Finalist run by Na Li in 2013
- This is the first time 2 players from China are in the singles main draw at EASTBOURNE since 2017
- Is currently ranked No.36; this time last year was ranked No.41
- Enjoyed strong results last year on grass, reaching 3r at WIMBLEDON, R-Up at BIRMINGHAM and QFs at NOTTINGHAM

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

Total time on court: 0m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making 7th overall appearance at Eastbourne, with her best result here coming in 2022 with run to QF (l. eventual champion Kvitova)
- Aside from QF run made 2r in 2018 (l. Sevastova) and has lost openers in 2015, 2019 and 2021. Fell in 2017 qualifying
- Enters the main draw on WC - a WC has won the title here three times, Jelena Ostapenko in 2021, Julie Halard-decugis in 2000 and Monica Seles in 1996
- Faces No.36 Shuai Zhang in 1r today; owns 6 wins in career over Top 50 players, most recently overcoming No.25 Anhelina Kalinina at NOTTINGHAM 2023
- Is a three-time grass Quarter-Finalist making this stage at NOTTINGHAM in 2022 and 2023 and Eastbourne last year.
- A British woman has reached the SF here at Eastbourne but no further - Watson in 2014 and 2017 and Konta in 2016 and 2017
- Is currently ranked No.134; this time last year was ranked No.94
- So far during the grass court swing has made back to back QFs, at Nottingham (l. Boulter) and Birmingham (l. Potapova), racking up four wins. Prior to swing, only had one win to her name, coming at the United Cup in January (d. Inglis)



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2019	Result	Rank: 51	Seed: -
3r	L	A. CORNET (#55)	6-2 6-2
2r	W	D. SAVILLE (#78)	6-3 6-1
1r	W	K. SWAN (#207)	7-6(7) 4-6 6-4
2017	Result	Rank: 31	Seed: -
2r	L	K. MLADENOVIC (#13)	6-0 6-4
1r	W	V. LEPCHENKO (#67)	6-2 6-1
2016	Result	Rank: 63	Seed: -
1r	L	L. TSURENKO (#42)	6-1 7-6(3)
2014	Result	Rank: 33	Seed: -
1r	L	V. LEPCHENKO (#57)	5-7 6-4 6-1

2022	Result	Rank: 103	Seed: -
QF	L	P. KVITOVA (#31)	6-3 6-4
3r	W	M. KOSTYUK (#79)	6-4 2-6 6-4
2r	W	J. TEICHMANN (#23)	7-6(7) 4-6 6-3
1r	W	M. BRENGLE (#57)	3-6 6-1 6-4
2021	Result	Rank: 141	Seed: -
1r	L	E. RYBAKINA (#21)	6-2 6-7(5) 6-4
2019	Result	Rank: 170	Seed: -
1r	L	A. KONTAVEIT (#20)	3-6 6-4 6-2
2018	Result	Rank: 181	Seed: -
2r	L	A. SEVASTOVA (#21)	6-3 6-4
1r	W	K. PLISKOVA (#78)	7-5 3-6 6-3
2015	Result	Rank: 358	Seed: -
1r	L	D. CIBULKOVA (#49)	6-1 6-3



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SEASON 2023 HISTORY

- Suffered 1r loss at Nottingham (l. Maria) then Birmingham (l. Bektas)
- Fell 1r in singles at Charleston (l. Grabher), Strasbourg (l. Friedsam), and Roland Garros (l. Frech). Reached 2r in doubles at Roland Garros w/ partner Mladenovic (l. eventual champions Hsieh/Wang).
- Defeated in 2r at Indian Wells (after 1r bye, l. Peterson) and withdrew from Miami
- Suffered 1r exits at Abu Dhabi (l. Kontaveit), Doha (l. Kvitova) and Dubai (l. Zheng)
- Made 2r exit during defense of Lyon title (l. Zanevska)
- Reached R16 at Australian Open (l. Ka.Pliskova)
- Fell 1r at Adelaide 1 (l. Samsonova) and contested qualifying at Adelaide 2
- Reached QF at Nottingham (l. Boulter) and Birmingham (l. Potapova)
- Fell in 2r of Roland Garros qualifying (l. Jacquemot)
- Won W25 Nottingham in May (d. Preston in F)
- Lost in opening round at Austin (l. Andreeva) after falling in 1r at Australian Open (l. Teichmann)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
22	92	Aces	28	85
62.1%	43	First serve %	53.7%	0
63.1%	50	First Serve points won %	63.9%	0
41.0%	73	Second serve points won %	43.4%	0
54.7%	69	Overall service points won %	54.4%	0
59.3%	71	Service games won %	60.4%	0
41.5%	79	Break points saved %	44.3%	0
31.3%	77	First serve return points won %	36.2%	0
50.8%	75	Second serve return points won %	53.1%	0
45.5%	38	Break points converted %	47.4%	0
25.5%	76	Return games won %	33.3%	0
38.6%	77	Return points won %	42.9%	0

Best win by ranking: No.37 vs Martic in AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2r
 Longest match: 2h 21m vs Kontaveit in ABU DHABI 1r
 Shortest match: 13m vs Peterson in INDIAN WELLS 2r
 Match points saved:
 Most aces in a match: 3 vs Friedsam in STRASBOURG 1r
 3 vs Kontaveit in ABU DHABI 1r

Best win by ranking: No.25 vs Kalinina in NOTTINGHAM 2r
 Longest match: 3h 32m vs Andreeva in AUSTIN 1r
 Shortest match: 57m vs Pegula in UNITED CUP
 Match points saved:
 Most aces in a match: 6 vs Kalinina in NOTTINGHAM 2r



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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS

Champion (3)

2022 - LYON
2017 - GUANGZHOU
2013 - GUANGZHOU

Runner-Up (4)

2022 - BIRMINGHAM
2021 - NOTTINGHAM
2020 - HOBART
2016 - ZHUHAI

DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (13)

2023 - ABU DHABI (w/Stefani)
2022 - NOTTINGHAM (w/Haddad Maia)
2021 - OSTRAVA (w/Mirza), US OPEN (w/Stosur),
CINCINNATI (w/Stosur)
2019 - AUSTRALIAN OPEN (w/Stosur)
2018 - HONG KONG (w/Stosur), HIROSHIMA
(w/Hozumi), ISTANBUL (w/Liang)
2014 - PATTAYA CITY (w/Peng)
2012 - GUANGZHOU (w/Tanasugarn), ESTORIL
(w/Chuang)
2011 - OSAKA (w/Date)

Runner-Up (13)

2022 - WIMBLEDON (w/Mertens), BIRMINGHAM
(w/Mertens), STUTTGART (w/Gauff)
2021 - COURMAYEUR (w/Hozumi)
2020 - HOBART (w/Peng)
2019 - NANCHANG (w/Peng), MIAMI (w/Stosur)
2017 - ZHUHAI (w/Lu), BIRMINGHAM (w/Chan)
2014 - HOBART (w/Raymond)
2013 - OSAKA (w/Stosur), KUALA LUMPUR
(w/Husarova)
2012 - MONTERREY (w/Date)

DOUBLES FINALS

Runner-Up (2)

2023 - NOTTINGHAM (w/Watson)
2022 - GRANBY (w/Van Der Hoek)

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
4r	1r			2023	1r			
3r	1r	3r	4r	2022	1r	1r	2r	2r
1r	1r	1r	2r	2021			1r	1r
3r	4r		1r	2020	2r			
3r	2r	QF	3r	2019	1r		3r	1r
2r	2r	1r	1r	2018			1r	



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CAREER MILESTONES

- Won third career singles title at Lyon (d. Yastremska in F) and 12th doubles title in Nottingham (w/Haddad Maia) in 2022
- Finished the season at No. 24, very close to best career ranking No. 23(Nov 14, 2016); in doubles climbed as high as No. 2 on July 11, 2022
- Reached fourth singles final of career in 2021, finishing R-Up at Nottingham (l. Konta). Also advanced to SF at Palermo and QF at San Jose
- Enjoyed strong campaign in doubles in 2021 winning three titles, at Cincinnati and US Open (w/Stosur) and Ostrava (w/Mirza). Qualified for WTA Finals for first time (w/Stosur) however failed to progress from group stage
- Season highlight in 2020 was reaching third career WTA singles final (l. Rybakina in F) and finished R-Up in doubles at Hobart (w/Peng), which marks the first time she made it through to the championship match in both singles and doubles at the same tour-level event
- Also in 2020, made R16 at Roland Garros for the first time; now has advanced to second week in three Grand Slams across hard, grass and clay
- Standout results of 2019 season were reaching second Grand Slam singles QF of career at Wimbledon (l. eventual champion Halep), finishing R-Up at WTA125K Series event in Anning, China (l. S.Zheng) and closing out season by winning \$100k ITF/Tokyo-JPN (d.Paolini in F)
- Registered first Top 10 doubles season in 2019- finished at No.10 while posted career-high ranking at No.9 on May 20
- Won first Grand Slam title in doubles at 2019 Australian Open (w/Stosur; d. Babos/Mladenovic in F); also reached final at Miami w/Stosur (l. Mertens/Sabalenka). Team qualified for WTA Finals in Shenzhen (Zhang's debut at the season finale) where they advanced to SF (l. eventual champions Babos/Mladenovic)
- First Top 30 season in 2016, posted career-high ranking of No.23 on November 14
- Enjoyed Grand Slam breakthrough at 2016 Australian Open, where she advanced to QF as qualifier (d. No.2 Halep and No.17 Key en route, l. Konta). Run also marked first time winning back-to-back main draw matches since semifinal run at 2014 Birmingham
- As a qualifier during 2016 Melbourne run, defeated No.2 Halep and No.17 Keys (l. Konta). Ranked No.133, became lowest-ranked player to advance to last eight in Melbourne since unranked Henin reached final in 2010, and first qualifier to do so since Gavaldon in 1990
- Contemplated retirement after ending 2015 ranked No.186, her lowest year-end finish since
- Highlight of last season came during grass court season, when she reached maiden WTA QFs, first at Nottingham (l. Riske-Amritraj) and then Eastbourne (l. eventual champion Kvitova)
- Also scored first Top-20 wins of her career in 2022, over No.18 Svitolina (Indian Wells), No.9 Kasatkina (US Open) and No.13 Badosa (Billie Jean King Cup)
- Broke into Top 100 on March 21, 2022, following run through qualifying to R16 at Indian Wells
- In 2021, made 2r at Monterrey (as LL, l. Kuzmova), Nottingham (l. Davis), Montreal (as qualifier, l. Andreescu) and Chicago [500] (as LL, l. Kudermetova). Also fell 1r on six occasions (including Wimbledon and US Open) and finished R-Up at W80 ITF Circuit event at Tyler, TX, USA
- Best results of 2020 were a run through qualifying to 2r at Australian Open (l. Halep) and R-Up finish at \$25k ITF/Cherbourg-en-Cotentin-FRA
- Ended 2019 campaign at No.142; season was highlighted by 3r run at Wimbledon (l. Barty) and 2r showings at Brisbane (l. Sevastova) and Nottingham (l. Tomljanovic)
- Also in 2019 fell in 1r at Australian Open, Monterrey, Birmingham, Eastbourne, US Open, Tashkent and Tianjin; rose to career-high No.121 in the rankings following run through qualifying at Melbourne Park (January 28)
- Highlights in 2018 included reaching 2r at Eastbourne and making Grand Slam main draw debut at Wimbledon (l. Ka.Pliskova in 1r)
- Also in 2018 fell 1r at Washington, DC, Linz and in qualifying at Istanbul, US Open, Hiroshima, Seoul, Tashkent and Moscow [Kremlin Cup]
- Won two ITF Circuit titles in 2018 at \$25k/Altenkirchen-GER and \$25k/Oslo-NOR
- In 2017, played mainly on ITF Circuit, reaching SF four times. At tour level, fell 1r at Nanchang (as qualifier, l. Q.Wang) and in qualifying at Birmingham and Wimbledon
- Played sparingly in 2013-16, spending time on sidelines with foot and hip injuries
- WTA main draw debut came at 2015 Eastbourne (as WC, l. Cibulkova)
- WTA qualifying debut was at 2014 Eastbourne (l. Babos)
- On ITF Circuit, winner of four singles titles and 14 doubles titles
- Played first professional events of career on ITF Circuit in Great Britain in 2011

- 2008 (No.212) and down from No.62 in 2014
- Winner of two WTA singles titles, at 2013 Guangzhou (d. King in F) and 2017 Guangzhou (d. Krunic in F); also won WTA 125K Series events at Nanjing in 2013 and Honolulu in 2017
- Scored first Top 10 win over then top ranked Safina in 1r at 2009 Beijing; at No.226, was the lowest-ranked player ever to beat a World No.1
- First broke into Top 100 on August 9, 2010 and Top 50 on February 3, 2014
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2006 Beijing; made WTA main draw debut at 2006 Guangzhou
- Winner of 21 singles titles and eight doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Member of Chinese Fed Cup team in 2007, 2009-10, 2012, 2014-15, 2019-20. Chinese Olympic Team, 2012, 2016
- In mixed doubles, reached SF at 2018 US Open (w/Peers)

OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Liu Shuo
- Father, Zhang Zhi Qiang, was a soccer player; mother, Wang Feng Qin, was a basketball player. Started playing tennis aged five when parents took her to local club
- Started working with Chinese Tennis Association at age 12
- Idolized Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal
- Best tennis memory was playing mixed doubles with Pete Sampras in 2011, winning Australian Open doubles champion in 2019 with best friend Sam Stosur, and quarterfinalists at 2016 Australian Open and 2019 Wimbledon
- Relaxes by listening to music, taking photos and exploring the places she travels to

- Coached by Nigel Sears
- Father is Nick (surveyor), Mother is Susie (teacher)
- Sister is Phoebe (at university studying Politics)
- Introduced to tennis aged 7 by her parents at the club they met at
- Best Tennis Memory is representing Great Britain in the Fed Cup
- Supports Arsenal FC
- Hobbies include going to concerts, fashion and interior design
- Enjoys spending time with family and friends