



| SEED | WOMEN'S SINGLES | RANK | NAT | SET-1 | SET-2 |
|------|------------------|------|-----|-------|-------|
| [10] | KAROLINA MUCHOVA | 10 | CZE | 6 | 6 |
| [30] | SORANA CIRSTEA | 30 | ROU | 0 | 3 |

MATCH TIME 1:38

| SET-1 | | |
|------------------|-------|-----|
| KAROLINA MUCHOVA | BREAK | 1-0 |
| KAROLINA MUCHOVA | HOLD | 2-0 |
| KAROLINA MUCHOVA | BREAK | 3-0 |
| KAROLINA MUCHOVA | HOLD | 4-0 |
| KAROLINA MUCHOVA | BREAK | 5-0 |
| KAROLINA MUCHOVA | HOLD | 6-0 |

10 DEUCES

| SET-2 | | |
|------------------|-------|-----|
| SORANA CIRSTEA | HOLD | 0-1 |
| SORANA CIRSTEA | BREAK | 0-2 |
| KAROLINA MUCHOVA | BREAK | 1-2 |
| KAROLINA MUCHOVA | HOLD | 2-2 |
| SORANA CIRSTEA | HOLD | 2-3 |
| KAROLINA MUCHOVA | HOLD | 3-3 |
| KAROLINA MUCHOVA | BREAK | 4-3 |
| KAROLINA MUCHOVA | HOLD | 5-3 |
| KAROLINA MUCHOVA | BREAK | 6-3 |

HEAD TO HEAD

| YEAR | RNK | WINNING PLAYER | RNK | LOSING PLAYER | ROUND | EVENT | CATEGORY | RESULT |
|------|-----|------------------|-----|------------------|-------|---------|------------|----------------|
| 2023 | 10 | KAROLINA MUCHOVA | 30 | SORANA CIRSTEA | QF | US OPEN | GRAND SLAM | 6-0 6-3 |
| 2023 | 17 | KAROLINA MUCHOVA | 31 | SORANA CIRSTEA | R2 | MONTRAL | WTA-1000 | 7-5 6-4 |
| 2023 | 74 | SORANA CIRSTEA | 55 | KAROLINA MUCHOVA | R3 | MIAMI | WTA-1000 | 7-5 6-1 |
| 2023 | 112 | KAROLINA MUCHOVA | 70 | SORANA CIRSTEA | R2 | DUBAI | WTA-1000 | 6-4 7-6(4) |
| 2020 | 26 | KAROLINA MUCHOVA | 77 | SORANA CIRSTEA | R3 | US OPEN | GRAND SLAM | 6-3 2-6 7-6(7) |

TONIGHT MARKS THE 5TH CAREER MEETING BETWEEN THESE TWO TALENTS. KAROLINA MUCHOVA HAS WON THREE OF THEIR PREVIOUS MATCHES. THEIR FIRST CLASH HEPPENED HERE IN NEW YORK 3-YEARS-AGO - WHERE KAROLINA MUCHOVA EMERGED THE VICTOR IN A DECIDING-SET TIEBREAK TO REACH THE 4TH ROUND.

[10] KAROLINA MUCHOVA

2023 US OPEN ROAD TO THE SEMIFINALS

| ROUND | SEED | OPPONENT | RANK | NAT | RESULT |
|--------------|------|-----------------|------|-----|-------------|
| SEMIFINAL | [6] | COCO GAUFF | 6 | USA | |
| QUARTERFINAL | [30] | SORANA CIRSTEA | 30 | ROU | 6-0 6-3 |
| ROUND 4 | | XINYU WANG | 53 | CHN | 6-3 5-7 6-1 |
| ROUND 3 | | TAYLOR TOWNSEND | 132 | USA | 7-6(0) 6-3 |
| ROUND 2 | | MAGDALENA FRECH | 25 | POL | 6-3 6-3 |
| ROUND 1 | | STORM HUNTER | 158 | AUS | 6-4 6-0 |
| DIRECT ENTRY | | | | | |

[30] SORANA CIRSTEA -30- (ROU)

2023 US OPEN ROAD TO THE QUARTERFINALS

| ROUND | SEED | OPPONENT | RANK | NAT | RESULT |
|--------------|------|------------------|------|-----|----------------|
| QUARTERFINAL | [10] | KAROLINA MUCHOVA | 10 | CZE | 0-6 3-6 |
| ROUND 4 | [15] | BELINDA BENCIC | 13 | SUI | 6-3 6-3 |
| ROUND 3 | [4] | ELENA RYBAKINA | 4 | KAZ | 6-3 6-7(6) 6-4 |
| ROUND 2 | | ANNA KALINSKAYA | 89 | --- | 6-3 6-4 |
| ROUND 1 | | KAYLA DAY | 93 | USA | 6-2 6-3 |
| DIRECT ENTRY | | | | | |

PLAYER BIOGRAPHY

WHAT THIS 27-YEAR-OLD HAS ACCOMPLISHED IN 2023...IS REMARKABLE. SHE STARTED THE YEAR RANKED OUTSIDE THE TOP-150 - BUT WITH UNFLINCHING DETERMINATION, PERSEVERED - REACHING HER FIRST GRAND SLAM FINAL AT ROLAND GARROS, UPSETTING WORLD #2 ARYNA SABALENKA TO REACH THE CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH. THEN, OVER THE SUMMER IN CINCINNATI, SHE UPSET SABALENKA AGAIN, REACHED HER FIRST WTA-1000 FINAL, AND ARRIVED IN NEW YORK WITH A CAREER-HIGH RANKING OF WORLD #10. TONIGHT, SHE RETURNS TO THE BRIGHT LIGHTS OF ARTHUR ASHE STADIUM FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 4-YEARS, BATTLING FOR A SPOT IN HER 3RD GRAND SLAM QUARTERFINAL. FROM THE CZECH REPUBLIC, PLEASE WELCOME KAROLINA MUCHOVA.

| CURRENT RANK | CAREER-HIGH | DETAIL |
|--------------|-------------|--|
| 10 | 10 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aug-2023 After reaching her first WTA-1000 in Cincinnati just before the start of the Open INJURED after the 2021 US Open, did not play again until Miami-2022 (Abdominal/back - 7-months) In 2022, during her comeback - rolled her ankle at Roland Garros <i>Still recovering at start of 2023</i> NOTE: Eligible players can use Special Ranking for entry into 8 tournaments within a year of their return |

US OPEN

BEST: ROUND OF 16 DURING THE PANDEMIC OPEN

SINGLES RESULTS: 12-5

| YEAR | RANK | RESULT | DETAIL |
|------|------|--------|---|
| 2023 | 10 | | • |
| 2022 | 235 | R1 | • Ajla Tomljanovic -46- (AUS) 2-sets |
| 2021 | 24 | R1 | • Sara Sorribes Tormo -41- (ESP) 2-sets |
| 2020 | 26 | R4 | • Victoria Azarenka -27- 3-sets |
| 2019 | 44 | R3 | • Serena Williams -08- (USA) 2-sets |
| 2018 | 202 | R3 | • Qualified. Upset Garbine Muguruza -12- (ESP) in R2 - Fell to Ashleigh Barty -17- (AUS) 2-sets |
| 2017 | | | • |
| 2016 | 223 | Q1 | • Amandine Hesse -179- (FRA) 3-sets |

ARTHUR ASHE STADIUM

ARTHUR ASHE STADIUM DEBUT

20-year-old Qualifier

GRAND SLAM

2023 ROLAND GARROS FINALIST

SINGLES RESULTS: 38-18

| YEAR | AUSTRALIAN OPEN | ROLAND GARROS | WIMBLEDON | US OPEN | DETAILS |
|------|-----------------|---------------|-----------|---------|---|
| 2023 | R2 | F | R1 | | • 1st Major Final at Roland Garros |
| 2022 | | R3 | R1 | R1 | • |
| 2021 | SF | R3 | QF | R1 | • AO: First Major SF / Injury break after US Open |
| 2020 | R2 | R1 | Not Held | R4 | • |
| 2019 | R1 | R2 | QF | R3 | • WIMBLEDON: First Major QF |
| 2018 | | Q1 | Q2 | R3 | • US: Qualified, upset Muguruza in R2 |
| 2017 | | | | | • |
| 2016 | | | | Q1 | • |

WTA TOUR

SINGLES RECORD: 275-136

TITLES: 1 FINALS: 4 OWNS 1 WTA SINGLES TITLE, 4 FINALS | 2023 HAS BEEN AN AMAZING COMEBACK

| YEAR | TITLE | FINAL | DETAIL |
|------|-------|-------|---|
| 2023 | 0 | 2 | • Started season ranked outside top-150 Roland Garros Final, Cincinnati-1000 Final Cracked the top-10 |
| 2022 | 0 | 0 | • INJURIES CONTINUED 2.5 MONTHS OF THE SEASON - HAD TO RELY ON SPECIAL RANKINGS WHEN SHE RETURNED |
| 2021 | 0 | 0 | • MISSED THE LAST QUARTER OF THE SEASON WITH INJURIES, STEPPED AWAY AFTER THE US OPEN |
| 2020 | 0 | 0 | • |
| 2019 | 1 | 1 | • First WTA Final in Prague-250 First Title in Seoul-250 Qualified for WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai (reached SF) |

TEAM EVENTS

| YEAR | DETAIL |
|----------------------|---|
| BILLIE JEAN KING CUP | • Team Czech Republic since 2019 - Has played 5 Ties for her country 3-2 overall in Singles and Doubles |

ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

| YEAR | DETAIL |
|------|--|
| ☺ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wins over Top-10 opponents: 11 Including 2 this year over Aryna Sabalenka -02- (to reach RG Final and Cincinnati Final) Career best 5-wins over top-10 opponents in 2023 - in 10 matches with top-10 opponents Upset World #1 Ashleigh Barty in QF of 2021 Australian Open to reach first Major SF |

PLAYER BIOGRAPHY

AT 33-YEARS-OLD, THIS SEASON HAS BEEN A RENAISSANCE FOR THIS TOP-RANKED ROMANIAN TALENT. IN 2023, SHE HAS NOW EARNED FOUR TRIUMPHS OVER TOP-5 OPPONENTS - INCLUDING A 3RD-ROUND US OPEN VICTORY LAST WEEK OVER WORLD #4 AND WIMBLEDON CHAMPION ELENA RYBAKINA. IN 2009, AT JUST 19-YEARS-OLD, SHE REACHED HER FIRST GRAND SLAM QUARTERFINAL AT ROLAND GARROS. TONIGHT, 14-YEARS-LATER, SHE'S TURNED BACK THE CLOCK - AND IS THROUGH TO HER SECOND MAJOR QUARTERFINAL, UNDER THE LIGHTS...HERE, ON THE SPORT'S BIGGEST STAGE. FROM ROMANIA, PLEASE WELCOME SORANA CIRSTEА.

| CURRENT RANK | CAREER-HIGH | DETAIL |
|--------------|-------------|---|
| 30 | 21 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aug-2013 After first WTA-1000 Final in Montreal (upset 4 top-15 talents, fell to #1 Serena Williams) • |

US OPEN BEST: 2023 US OPEN QUARTERFINALIST SINGLES RESULTS: 18-15

| YEAR | RANK | RESULT | DETAIL |
|------|------|--------|---|
| 2023 | 30 | QF | • First Grand Slam QF in 14-years -- Fell to Karolina Muchova -10- (CZE) 2-sets |
| 2022 | 37 | R2 | • Belinda Bencic -13- (SUI) 3-sets |
| 2021 | 39 | R2 | • Shelby Rogers -43- (USA) 2-sets |
| 2020 | 77 | R3 | • Karolina Muchova -26- (CZE) 3-sets |
| 2019 | 106 | R3 | • [Q] Taylor Townsend -116- (USA) |
| 2018 | 51 | R2 | • Maria Sharapova -22- 2-sets |
| 2017 | 54 | R2 | • Jelena Ostapenko -12- (LAT) 2-sets |
| 2016 | 86 | R1 | • [Q] Anna Bogdan -116- (ROU) 3-sets |
| 2015 | 176 | Q3 | • Maya Hibi -177- (JPN) 2-sets |
| 2014 | 80 | R2 | • Genie Bouchard -08- (CAN) 3-sets |
| 2013 | 22 | R2 | • Karumi Nara -109- (JPN) 2-sets |
| 2012 | 38 | R2 | • Anna Tatishvili -73- (USA) 3-sets |
| 2011 | 94 | R1 | • Yanina Wickmayer -22- (BEL) 2-sets |
| 2010 | 81 | R1 | • Sofia Arvidsson -55- (SWE) 2-sets |
| 2009 | 26 | R3 | • Eventual Finalist Caroline Wozniacki -08- (DEN) 2-sets |
| 2008 | 53 | R2 | • Svetlana Kuznetsova -04- 2-sets |
| 2007 | 130 | Q1 | • Alison Riske-Amritraj (unranked Qualifying Wild Card) 2-sets |

ARTHUR ASHE STADIUM

17-years-old

GRAND SLAM US OPEN IS HER 59TH MAJOR (COMPETING IN THE MAIN DRAW) SINGLES RESULTS: 65-59

| YEAR | AUSTRALIAN OPEN | ROLAND GARROS | WIMBLEDON | US OPEN | DETAILS |
|------|-----------------|---------------|-----------|---------|---|
| 2023 | R1 | R1 | R3 | QF | • US: 1st Grand Slam Quarterfinal in 14-years |
| 2022 | R4 | R2 | R2 | R2 | • |
| 2021 | R3 | R4 | R3 | R2 | • |
| 2020 | R2 | R1 | Not Held | R3 | • |
| 2019 | R1 | R2 | R1 | R3 | • |
| 2018 | R2 | R1 | R2 | R2 | • |
| 2017 | R4 | R2 | R3 | R2 | • |
| 2016 | | R1 | R1 | R1 | • |
| 2015 | R1 | Q3 | Q2 | Q3 | • |
| 2014 | R1 | R3 | R1 | R2 | • |
| 2013 | R3 | R3 | R2 | R2 | • |
| 2012 | R3 | R1 | R3 | R2 | • |
| 2011 | R2 | R3 | R1 | R1 | • |
| 2010 | R2 | R1 | R1 | R1 | • |
| 2009 | R1 | QF | R3 | R3 | • First Grand Slam QF at 19-years-old |
| 2008 | R1 | R2 | R2 | R2 | • |
| 2007 | | | Q2 | Q1 | • |

WTA TOUR SINGLES RECORD: 525-398

TITLES: 2 FINALS: 6 OWNS 2 WTA SINGLES TITLES (2021: ISTANBUL-250 | 2008: TASHKENT-250)

2023 SEASON RENAISSANCE

- SEP: Second Grand Slam Quarterfinal, first in 14-years. First US Open Quarterfinal.
- MAY: Captured the WTA-125 title at the Catalonia Open
- MAR: SF at Miami-1000 (2nd career WTA-1000 Semifinal) - Upset World #4 Caroline Garcia in R2, Upset World #2 Aryna Sabalenka in QF
- MAR: QF at Indian Wells-1000 - Upset World #5 Caroline Garcia to reach the Quarters

TEAM EVENTS

| YEAR | DETAIL |
|----------|---|
| 2008, 12 | • OLYMPIC GAMES: Fell in R1 in both Beijing and London |
| 2006-18 | • BILLIE JEAN KING CUP: Team Romania since 2006. 19 Ties: (11-6 Singles, 5-7 Doubles) |

ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

| YEAR | DETAIL |
|------|--|
| 2009 | • AUSTRALIAN OPEN. Upset World #10 Caroline Wozniacki and World #5 Jelena Jankovic to reach the Quarterfinals. (19-years-old) |
| ☺ | • 20 career victories over top-10 opponents, including 4 this year alone (incuding Elena Rybakina -04- in R3 of this year's US Open) |