

# ROUND OF 16 DOHA, QATAR

DAY-4 MATCH-1 CENTER COURT

SEED	SINGLES	RANK	NAT	SET-1	SET-2
	LEYLAH FERNANDEZ	38	CAN	7	6
[5]	QINWEN ZHENG	7	CHN	5	3

MATCH TIME 1:32

SET-	1	
LEYLAH FERNANDEZ	HOLD	1-0
QINWEN ZHENG	HOLD	1-1
LEYLAH FERNANDEZ	HOLD	2-1
QINWEN ZHENG	HOLD	2-2
LEYLAH FERNANDEZ	HOLD	3-2
QINWEN ZHENG	HOLD	3-3
QINWEN ZHENG	BREAK	3-4
QINWEN ZHENG	HOLD	3-5
LEYLAH FERNANDEZ	HOLD	4-5
LEYLAH FERNANDEZ	BREAK	5-5
LEYLAH FERNANDEZ	HOLD	6-5
LEYLAH FERNANDEZ	BREAK	7-5

SET-2	:	
LEYLAH FERENANDEZ	HOLD	0-1
QINWEN ZHENG	HOLD	1-1
LEYLAH FERENANDEZ	HOLD	2-1
QINWEN ZHENG	HOLD	2-2
LEYLAH FERENANDEZ	HOLD	3-2
LEYLAH FERENANDEZ	BREAK	4-2
LEYLAH FERENANDEZ	HOLD	5-2
QINWEN ZHENG	HOLD	5-3
LEYLAH FERENANDEZ	HOLD	6-3

HEAD TO HEAD						
YEAR	RNK WINNING PLAYER	RNK LOSING PLAYER	ROUND	EVENT	CATEGORY	RESULT
2024	0 LEYLAH FERNANDEZ	0 NAME NAME	RR	DOHA	WTA-1000	7-5 6-3
2022	21 LEYLAH FERNANDEZ	77 QINWEN ZHENG	R2	MONTERREY	WTA-500	6-1 4-6 7-6(3)

THESE TWO TOP TALENTS MET FOR THE FIRST TIME 2-YEARS-AGO, IN MONTERREY'S 2ND-ROUND. LEYLAH FERNANDEZ EMERGED THE VICTOR IN A NAIL-BITING, DECIDING-SET TIEBREAK -- THEN PLAYED-ON, WINNING THREE MORE MATCHES TO CAPTURE HER SECOND MONTERREY TITLE.

LEYLAH FERNANDEZ -38- (CAN)				2024 QATAR TOTALENERGIES OPEN	
ROUND	SEED	OPPONENT	RANK	NAT	RESULT
QUARTERFINAL	[3]	ELENA RYBAKINA	4	KAZ	TBD
ROUND 3	[5]	QINWEN ZHENG	7	CHN	7-5 6-3   1:32
ROUND 2	[WC]	PAULA BADOSA	34SR	ESP	0-6 6-2 6-3   1:56
ROUND I	[12]	LUIDMILA SAMSONOVA	15		7-5 7-6(4)   2:10
DIRECT ENTRY					

[5] QINWEN ZHENG -07- (CHN)			2024 QATAR TOTALENERGIES OPEN		
ROUND	SEED	OPPONENT	RANK	NAT	RESULT
ROUND 3		LEYLAH FERNANDEZ	38	CAN	5-7 3-6   1:32
ROUND 2		MAGDA LINETTE	53	POL	6-2 2-6 6-3   1:57
ROUND I BYE					
DIRECT ENTRY					

## **PLAYER BIOGRAPHY**

AT THE 2021 US OPEN, AT JUST 19-YEARS-OLD, SHE CAPTIVATED FANS IN ARTHUR ASHE STADIUM AND ACROSS THE GLOBE - DEFEATING THREE TOP-5 TALENTS - IN AN INSPIRED RUN TO HER FIRST GRAND SLAM FINAL. NOW, 2.5-YEARS LATER - SHE OWNS 3 WTA SINGLES TITLES - IS A BILLIE JEAN KING CUP CHAMPION - AND LAST YEAR, REACHED HER FIRST GRAND SLAM DOUBLES FINAL AT ROLAND GARROS. THIS WEEK - SHE'S TAKEN OUT THE WORLD #15 LIUDMILA SAMSONOVA - AND YESTERDAY, EARNED A DECIDING-SET TRIUMPH OVER PAULA BADOSA TO REACH THE ROUND OF 16 HERE IN DOHA FOR THE FIRST TIME. FROM CANADA - PLEASE WELCOME, LEYLAH FERNANDEZ.

CURRENT RANK	CAREER-HIGH	DETAIL
38	13	Aug-22   Nearly 1-year after appearance in 2021 US Open Final

# QATAR TOTAL OPEN YEAR RANK RESULT DETAIL 2024 38 QF • R1 [12] Samsonova-15, R2 [WC] Badosa-34SR, R3 [5] Zheng-7, QF 2023 39 QR3 • QR1 Paolini-64, QR2 Yastremska-99, QR3 Ka.Pliskova-19 | 2-sets

#### **GRAND SLAM SINGLES RESULTS: 19-15** (S) 2021 US OPEN FINALIST | (D) 2023 ROLAND GARRS FINALIST **ROLAND GARROS YEAR AUSTRALIAN OPEN WIMBLEDON US OPEN DETAILS** R2 2024 2023 R2 R2 R2 R1 R1 QF R2 2022 2021 R1 R2 R1 F • US: Grand Slam F in 7th Major | 17/18-years-old R1 R3 (Not Held) R2 • AO: Qualified in Major debut | 16-years-old 2020 \*\* DOUBLES: 2023 Roland Garros Finalist alongside Taylor Townsend

### **WTA TOUR** OWNS 3 SINGLES TITLES, 5-TIME FINALIST | 3 DOUBLES FINALS, INCLUDING 1 WTA-1000 FINAL TITLES: 3 FINALS: 5 WTA FINALS: 0 APPEARANCES | WTA ELITE TROPHY: 0 APPEARANCES YEAR TITLE **FINAL DETAIL** 2024 O 2023 1 0 • W: Hong Kong-250 • W: Monterrey-500 2022 1 0 • W: Monterrey-500 | 18-years-old F: US Open | Debut Grand Slam Final | 18/19-years-old 2021 1 1 F: Acapulco-250 (Qualifier. 6-wins) | 17-years-old 2020 0 1

# TEAM EVENTS

EVENT	DETAIL
OLYMPICS	• TOKYO 2020 - R2 Krejcikova-11
BILLIE JEAN KING CUP	• 2023 CHAMPION   (16-3) Record overall - Clinched the 2023 Finals Tie over Italy   2023 Heart Award
UNITED CUP	2023 Debut   Win over Chile, Fell to Maria Sakkari (Greece)

## NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS / ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

\*\* DOUBLES: 2023 Miami-1000 Finalist alongside Taylor Townsend

YEAR	DETAIL
2019	• JUNIOR ROLAND GARROS CHAMPION   16-years-old - first Canadian teenager to win a Junior Major since Genie Bouchard in 2012
2021	• US OPEN: Started tournament as an 18-year-old ranked World #73 - ended as an 19-year-old Grand Slam Finalist (3 top-5 wins)
FAMILY	• Father Jorge is from Ecuador (former football player)   Mother Irene (née Exevea) is Filipino Canadian
☺	• 6 top-10 wins - Including three top-5 victories in her run to the 2021 US Open Final   Doha 2024: Zheng-7

# PLAYER BIOGRAPHY

LAST MONTH AT THE AUSTRALIAN OPEN - FOR THE FIRST TIME, SHE WON SIX CONSECUTIVE MATHES AT A MAJOR - AND MADE HER GRAND SLAM FINAL DEBUT AT JUST 21-YEARS-OLD. NOW A TOP-10 TALENT - OVER THE PAST TWO SEASONS, SHE HAS ROCKETED UP THE RANKINGS - COLLECTING TROPHIES, BUILDING WHAT'S BOUND TO BECOME AN EXTENSIVE RESUME. LAST YEAR, SHE CATURED HER FIRST 2 WTA SINGLES TITLES, UPSET WORLD #5 ONS JABEUR TO REACH THE US OPEN QUARTERS, AND FINISHED THE SEASON BY REACHING THE CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH OF THE YEAR-END WTA ELITE TROPHY ZHUHAI. BACK IN DOHA, COMPETING IN HER 2ND QATAR TOTAL ENERGIES OPEN - FROM CHINA, PLEASE WELCOME ZHENG QINWEN.

CURRENT RANK	CAREER-HIGH	DETAIL
7	7	• Jan-24   1st Grand Slam Final at the Australian Open •

QATAR TOTAL OPEN	SINGLES RESULTS: 1-2

YEAR	RANK	RESULT	DETAIL	
2024	7	R3	• R1 BYE   R2 Linette-53, R3 Fernandez-38 (2-sets)	
2023	24	R1	• R1 Sakkari-7   3-sets	DOHA DEBUT   20-YEARS-OLD

GRAND SLAM		2024 AUSTRALIAN OPEN FINALIST			SINGLES RESULTS: 20-9
YEAR	AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN	DETAILS
2024	F				AO: 1st Major Final
2023	R2	R2	R1	QF	US: 1st Major QF (R16 Jabeur-5)
2022	R2	R4	R3	R3	•

WTA TOUR			OWNS 2 SINGLES TITLES - 4 CAREER FINALS
TITLES: 2	FINALS: 5	WTA FINALS   0 APPEARANCES	2023 FINALIST AT WTA ELITE TROPHY ZHUHAI

YEAR	TITLE	FINAL	DETAIL		
2024	0	1	•	F: Australian Open	
2023	2	1	• W: Palermo-250, Zhengzhou-500	F: WTA Elite Trophy	Zhuhai
2022	0	1	•	F: Tokyo-500	1 ITF Women's Citcuit Singles Title
2021	0	0	•		3 ITF Women's Citcuit Singles Titles
2020	0	0	•		4 ITF Women's Citcuit Singles Titles

### **TEAM EVENTS**

EVENT	DETAIL
BILLIE JEAN KING CUP	• 2022 debut in the Playoffs. 1 Tie. (1-1 Singles)
UNITED CUP	• 2024, helped lift China to the Quarterfinals   (2-1) including 6th top-10 win (defetaed Vondrousova in win over CZE)

# NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS / ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

YEAR	DETAIL
2023	WTA Most Improved Player of the Year
2022	WTA Newcomer of the Year
2019	WTA Debut as a Qualifier in Miami, Tianjin and Wuhan
©	• 6 top-10 wins: 3 in 2023, and a victory over Vondrousova at the 2024 United Cup