

IGA ŚWIĄTEK

Iga Świątek is a professional tennis player. She was born on 31st May 2001 in Warsaw, in a family of strong sports traditions. Her father is a former representative of Poland in rowing, having entered many international sports competitions, among other Summer Olympic Games in Seoul in 1988. Iga started her tennis training when she was five years old. She quickly started triumphing at the junior level, achieving the highest in her career, fifth place in the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors ranking. In 2016 she was part of a team, which won the Junior Fed Cup for the second time in the history of Polish tennis. The same year, she also won her first professional ITF tournament in Stockholm. In 2018, at age 17, Iga succeeded in junior competition in Grand Slam Wimbledon in female singles. She also achieved the title of female doubles in the Junior French Open and a gold medal during Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires.

Iga's first Grand Slam Senior tournament was the Australian Open. However, it was her performance in Lugano, where she achieved her first final in a WTA tournament, that turned out to be the breakthrough. The same year she made it to the third round of Rogers Cup in Toronto and the fourth round of the French Open. Next season, during the Australian Open, Iga repeated her best score in Grand Slam tournaments. Iga's first global success was achieved in Paris, in October 2020, when at age 19, she won the French Open in singles. Her victory on the courts of Roland Garros was at the same time the first triumph in the history of Polish tennis players in Grand Slam tournaments. In 2021 Iga won two WTA tournaments in Adelaide and Rome. The year 2022 is so far the best in her career. She repeated her Grand Slam success by winning Roland Garros for the second time. It was her sixth consecutive victory after the Qatar Open, BNP Paribas Open, Miami Open, Porsche Tennis Grand Prix and Internazionali BNL d'Italia. Having won these tournaments, she achieved a streak of 35 won matches in a row.

Privately she loves cats and enjoys reading Ken Follett's novels and listening to music. Before matches, she chooses rock'n'roll - mainly legendary bands like Pearl Jam, Pink Floyd, Red Hot Chilli Peppers and AC/DC. In her free time, her picks are alternative music, jazz, soul and pop. Since the beginning of her adult career, she has been engaging in charitable and social initiatives. In 2021 she donated 200 thousand PLN to foundations operating in the field of children's mental health, she took part in Szlachetna Paczka, aiding families in need. She also participated in the charitable work of WOŚP - Great Orchestra of Christmas Charity - her auctions raised more than 300 thousand PLN. The event "Iga Świątek and Friends for Ukraine" is Iga's first huge project in the field of charity help.

Iga's inspiring quote: "You did not wake up to be ordinary"