

# China Open

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Beijing, China

## Alina Charaeva

### Flash Quotes



A. CHARAEVA/E. Rybakina

3-6, 6-4, 6-3

**Q. Massive win, biggest win of your career. What does it feel like right now?**

ALINA CHARAEVA: I don't have words honestly. First playing Elena, world No. 1. This is such a good experience. I'm really happy to manage my emotions today and bring my best tennis tonight.

**Q. What was the turnaround for you after the first set to get the win tonight?**

ALINA CHARAEVA: I think it's just about believing. I played a lot of matches lately, three-set matches. Honestly, always first set down. It's kind of like, Okay, keep trying to turn around, keep fighting.

**Q. What was your mentality going into tonight's match knowing you were playing world No. 1 and the current US Open champion?**

ALINA CHARAEVA: Of course, I was just trying to enjoy, to not be so nervous. It wasn't possible. I was so nervous anyway.

Of course, I knew if I could bring the best of myself today, I could fight her. So yeah, I'm just really happy that I could manage it.

**Q. What is it like playing in Beijing? Big crowd tonight watching you.**

ALINA CHARAEVA: Of course, it's the first-time experience. First time on the center court in Beijing. I'm really happy to see all these fans cheering for her and me as well.

I just hope to see the fans again in the third round.

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