

MATCH NOTES

CINCINNATI - USA, OH | Aug 13 - Aug 19, 2018 | \$2,874,299 | PREMIER 5

CINCINNATI Tournament History

"-Q" Qualifying match

ELINA SVITOLINA

2017		
R16	L - JULIA GOERGES (GER #37)	7-5 6-4
2016		
R2	L - DARIA GAVRILOVA (AUS #47)	6-2 6-2
2015		
SF	L - SERENA WILLIAMS (USA #1)	6-4 6-3
2014		
QF	L - ANA IVANOVIC (SRB #11)	6-2 6-3

KIKI BERTENS

2017		
R2	L - JOHANNA KONTA (GBR #7)	6-3 6-3
2016		
R1	L - ALIZ CORNET (FRA #58)	7-6(1) 6-3
2014		
R1-Q	L - MAR A-TERESA TORR -FLOR (ESP #60)	6-4 6-1
2012		
R1	L - SESIL KARATANTCHEVA (BUL #92)	6-2 6-1

SVITOLINA:

Cincinnati

- Making fifth appearance at Western & Southern Open
- Best result was SF run in 2015 (d. Bouchard, Garcia and Safarova, l. eventual champion S.Williams)
- Also reached QF on debut in 2014 (l. Ivanovic); win over No.4 Kvitova in 2r was first over a Top 10 player
- After a 1r bye, saw off Kuznetsova in 2r to score her eighth consecutive win over a Russian opponent
- Earlier today ended the run of 16-year-old Anisimova. Now owns 23-5 record on hard courts this year, second behind tour leader, Halep (26-3)
- Faces No.17 Bertens today; owns nine Top 20 wins this season, six of which have come on hard courts
- One of two Ukrainians in starting field (also Tsurenko, who plays Halep in QF)

Season

- As defending champion, fell in SF at Montréal (l. Stephens)
- Suffered 1r upset at Wimbledon (l. Maria) – one of 10 seeds to fall at first hurdle
- Made a QF run at Birmingham (l. eventual R-Up Buzarnescu), having also fallen to Buzarnescu at Roland Garros 3r
- Defended her title in Rome (d. Halep in F). Now owns four victories over No.1 ranked players: d. Halep (2018 Rome), S.Williams (2016 Rio Olympics) and Kerber (2017 Brisbane and 2016 Beijing)
- Boasts 12-2 record in tour-level finals. Has won her past eight matches at this stage, with last defeat coming against Kvitova at 2016 Zhuhai
- Owns four Top 10 wins in 2018 (No.9 Konta and No.4 Ka.Pliskova at Brisbane; No.9 Kerber at Dubai and No.1 Halep in Rome)
- Had a 2r exit in Madrid (l. Suárez Navarro) after reaching the QF in Stuttgart (l. Garcia) in her first clay tournament of the year
- Enjoyed a 4-2 record through the ☐Sunshine Double☐ posting a 3r result at Indian Wells (l. Suárez Navarro) and a

- After R16 run on green clay of Charleston (I. Sevastova), returned to Australia where she spearheaded the country's return to Fed Cup World Group in 2019, posting singles wins over Kerkhove and Lemoine of the Netherlands
- Also made R16 run at Miami (I. Svitolina) where she won the doubles event (w/Vandeweghe, d. Krejčíková/Siniakova in F)
- Made 2r exit at Indian Wells (after 1r bye, I. Sakkari)
- After reaching 3r at Australian Open (I. Osaka) and representing Australia in Fed Cup (vs. Ukraine), took a short break from the tour due to injury (left toe)
- Posted career-high No.16 ranking following run in Melbourne (January 29, 2018)
- Started the year with a 1r exit in Brisbane (I. Tsurenko), before finishing R-Up to Kerber in Sydney

Career

- Posted first Top 20 season in 2017 (finishing at a then-career-high No.17)
- Clinched career first WTA singles title at 2017 Kuala Lumpur (as qualifier, d. Hibino in F)
- Reached two additional finals in 2017, at Birmingham (I. Kvitová) and Wuhan (I. Garcia)
- Made Top 20 debut and became Australia's No.1 on October 23, 2017
- Winner of seven WTA doubles titles (five w/Dellacqua, one w/Vandeweghe, one w/Schuurs)
- Qualified for first WTA Finals in doubles in 2017 (w/Dellacqua)
- Reached a career-high doubles ranking of No.5 on May 21, 2018
- Took a break from tennis after 2014 US Open that lasted almost two years
- Returned to professional tennis in 2016, having enjoyed a successful stint as an all-rounder for the Brisbane Heat cricket team in the 2015-16 Women's Big Bash League
- Started 2017 ranked No.271 in singles and improved her position by 254 spots to end the season at No.17
- Nominated for tennis Australia's Newcombe Medal prize in 2017
- Return to tennis was initially hindered by right arm injury sustained in August 2016, following promising start: returned at \$50k ITF/Eastbourne-GBR in May, advancing to SF as a qualifier (I. Riske) and the following week, QF at WTA International-level Nottingham (as qualifier, I. eventual champion Ka.Pliskova)
- Finished 2013 ranked No.12 in doubles – only teenager ranked in doubles Top 30
- On ITF Circuit, has won four singles titles and nine doubles titles (including three in 2016)
- Won 2011 Wimbledon girls' singles title; finished 2011 as world No.2 ranked junior behind Khromacheva
- In juniors, won national singles titles in 18&U, 16&U, 14&U and 12&U age categories. Member of Junior Fed Cup winning team in 2011 (Australia d. Canada in F)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2012 Hobart as WC

Grand Slam History

- 2018 Wimbledon marked 16th Grand Slam main draw appearance. Matched best result at the majors by advancing to 3r at Wimbledon in 2018, having also reached this stage at 2017 Australian Open (I. Barthel), 2018 Australian Open (I. Osaka) and 2017 US Open (I. eventual champion Stephens)
- Has reached 2r at 2013 US Open (I. Pavlyuchenkova), 2013 Roland Garros (I. Kirilenko) and 2018 Roland Garros (I. S.Williams)
- First Grand Slam main draw appearance (2012 Australian Open) came from winning Tennis Australia's 2012 WC Play-Off in Dec. 2011
- Advanced to three Grand Slam doubles finals in 2013 (Australian Open, Wimbledon, US Open) and also Roland Garros in 2017 (all w/Dellacqua)

Other Information

- Father is Robert, mother is Josie; sisters are Ali and Sara. Started playing at age 5 when parents introduced her to the sport

- In April 2018, named National Indigenous Tennis Ambassador by Tennis Australia, In conjunction with the announcement, she flew to the remote Wurrumiyanga community on Bathurst Island in the Northern Territory to conduct a clinic at a local school
- In 2015, earned a contract with the Brisbane Heat for the inaugural Women's Big Bash League (cricket) before returning to tennis in 2016
- Currently coached by Craig Tyzzer; formerly coached by Jason Stoltenberg and Jim Joyce



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[13] MADISON KEYS (USA #13) vs. ARYNA SABALENKA (BLR #34)

Head to Head: First meeting

MADISON KEYS	WTA RANKING	ARYNA SABALENKA
13		34
18	PORSCHE RACE TO SINGAPORE LEADERBOARD	28
17-02-1995 (23)	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	05-05-1998 (20)
\$1,312,428	YTD PRIZE MONEY	\$481,961
\$8,846,253	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	\$763,028
0 / 3	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 0
0 / 0	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 0
7-4	CINCINNATI W-L (MD) *	3-0
21-10 / 171-102	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	26-16 / 38-24
4-5 / 44-42	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	15-7 / 18-11
8-5 / 45-40	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	7-3 / 9-7
8-5 / 100-67	YTD / CAREER HARD W-L (MD) *	15-7 / 26-14
2-1 / 14-16	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	3-3 / 5-3
1-0 / 6-17	YTD / CAREER TOP 5 W-L (MD & Q) *	2-2 / 2-2
2-2 / 14-26	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD & Q) *	4-3 / 4-4
3-3 / 29-41	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD & Q) *	7-6 / 8-7

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ROAD TO THE QUARTERFINALS

[13] MADISON KEYS (USA #13)

R16: d. [4] ANGLIQUE KERBER (GER #4) 2-6,7-6(3),6-4 (1h58)

R32: d. CAMILA GIORGI (ITA #40) 6-2,6-2 (0h59)

R64: d. BETHANIE MATTEK-SANDS (USA #380) 3-6,7-6(3),6-4 (2h12)

Total games: 79
Won/lost: 43-36
Sets won/lost: 6-2
Total time on court: 5h09
Average time on court: 1h43
Average rank of opponent: 141

vs. ARYNA SABALENKA (BLR #34)

R16: d. [6] CAROLINE GARCIA (FRA #5) 6-4,3-6,7-5 (2h34)

R32: d. [9] KAROLINA PLISKOVA (CZE #8) 2-6,6-3,7-5 (1h55)

R64: d. JOHANNA KONTA (GBR #39) 4-6,6-3,6-4 (2h25)

Total games: 89
Won/lost: 47-42
Sets won/lost: 6-3
Total time on court: 6h54
Average time on court: 2h18
Average rank of opponent: 17

CINCINNATI Tournament History

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MADISON KEYS

2017	
R16	L - GARBIÑE MUGURUZA (ESP #6) 6-4 3-6 7-6(3)
2015	
R2	L - JELENA JANKOVIC (SRB #25) 7-6(4) 6-4

ARYNA SABALENKA

2017	
R2-Q	L - DONNA VEKIC (CRO #50) 2-6 6-4 6-1



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2014			
R2	L - MARIA SHARAPOVA (RUS #6)	6-1	3-6 6-3

2012			
R1	L - ROBERTA VINCI (ITA #26)	6-3	6-3

KEYS:

Cincinnati

- Making fifth appearance at Western & Southern Open, where she has advanced to the QF for the first time
- Previous best showing was R16 run in 2017 (l. eventual champion Muguruza after holding 3mp)
- Overcame a 6-3 4-2 deficit to beat Mattek-Sands in 1r, then produced a dominant serving display – struck eight aces and won 93% of points on first serve – to swat aside LL Giorgi in 2r
- In R16 on Thursday, recovered from a set and a break down to end five-match losing streak against No.4 Kerber
- Now owns six career Top 5 victories, having also beaten No.5 Li (2013 Madrid), No.4 Kvitova (2015 Australian Open), No.4 Muguruza (2016 Rome and 2017 Stanford) and No.4 Svitolina (2017 US Open)
- Faces Sabalenka today in her fourth QF of 2018, having also reached this stage or better at Australian Open (QF), Charleston (SF) and Roland Garros (SF)
- One of a tournament-leading nine American women in starting field at 2018 Cincinnati
- Playing second tournament with new coach David Taylor – reached 3r in their first event together at Wimbledon
- Withdrew from San Jose and Montréal w/right wrist injury

Season

- Fell in 3r of Wimbledon to qualifier Rodina in 3s
- Wimbledon marked her only grass court event of 2018 after withdrawing from Birmingham w/abdominal injury
- Clay season highlighted by run to SF at Roland Garros (l. Stephens), which followed Rome withdrawal before R16 meeting with No.1 Halep due to a rib injury
- Made back-to-back 1r exits at Stuttgart (l. Pavlyuchenkova) and Madrid (l. Sorribes Tormo)
- Secured Fed Cup final return for reigning champions USA with victory over France's Parmentier in fourth rubber
- Advanced to SF stage in Charleston (l. eventual champion Bertens after holding 1mp)
- Suffered early 2r exits Doha (l. Bellis), Indian Wells (l. Collins) and Miami (l. Azarenka via ret. w/left thigh injury)
- Reached fourth Grand Slam QF of career at Australian Open (l. Kerber)
- Posted 13th career win over a Top 10 opponent when she defeated No.8 Garcia in R16 in Melbourne
- At Australian Open, was one of just two players to reach last eight who also reached quarters at the previous major, 2017 US Open (also Ka.Pliskova)
- Started 2018 campaign in Brisbane where she made 1r exit (l. Konta)

Career

- Posted third successive Top 20 season in 2017, finishing at No.19 despite delayed start having undergone left wrist surgery in November 2016 (first event played was Indian Wells, where she reached R16)
- 2017 season highlighted by reaching maiden Grand Slam final in New York, losing out to Stephens in 10th all-American US Open final in the Open Era. At 22, became the youngest Flushing Meadows finalist since 19-year-old Wozniacki lost to Clijsters in 2009
- Also in 2017, won third career tour-level singles title, and first on hard courts, at Stanford (d. Vandeweghe in F). Previous two titles were won on grass, at 2014 Eastbourne (d. Kerber in F; second youngest title winner of season) and 2016 Birmingham (d. Strycova in F); also a runner-up on four occasions
- Enjoyed first Top 10 year-end finish in 2016 (at No.8), as youngest player in the year-end Top 25
- Broke into Top 10 on June 20, 2016, becoming 118th player to reach the elite bracket since computer rankings were introduced. Became first American to make Top 10 debut since S.Williams in 1999
- Reached a career-high singles ranking of No.7 on October 10, 2016
- 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)
- Owns five career Top 5 victories: No.5 Li (2013 Madrid), No.4 Kvitova (2015 Australian Open), No.4 Muguruza (2016 Rome and 2017 Stanford) and No.4 Svitolina (2017 US Open)
- Qualified for WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai in 2015 (went 1-1 in round robin stage)
- Cracked Top 20 on February 2, 2015
- Was second-youngest player to win a WTA title in 2014, at Eastbourne (after Vekic at Kuala Lumpur) and became youngest American to win a singles title since Vania King in October 2006 (17 years, 254 days, Bangkok)
- Nominated for WTA Newcomer of the Year in 2013
- On ITF Circuit won three singles titles and one doubles title
- Made tour-level debut at 2009 Ponte Vedra Beach at 14 years old (as WC, d. Kudryavtseva); was seventh youngest player to win a WTA main draw match at 14 years, 48 days, and youngest since Hingis in 1994

Grand Slam History

- 2018 Wimbledon marked 24th Grand Slam main draw appearance
- Best result at a major was 2017 US Open R-Up finish to Stephens. Best result prior to that was breakthrough SF run at Australian Open in 2015 when she defeated No.18 V.Williams and No.4 Kvitova en route (l. eventual champion S.Williams)
- Before Melbourne Park run, had never previously passed 3r at a major. Became just the third American teenager since 1995 to reach SF at the Australian Open – also Chanda Rubin (1996, SF) and Sloane Stephens (2013, SF)
- Achieved best result at Roland Garros to date with SF run in 2018 (l. Stephens) – means she has now reached at least QF at all four majors

- At Wimbledon, best result so far is QF in 2015 (l. A.Radwanska)
- In 2016 was one of only four players to reach at least R16 across the Slams (also A.Radwanska, Suárez Navarro and S.Williams)
- Made Grand Slam main draw debut at 2011 US Open, advancing to 2r (was first 16-year-old to compete at Flushing Meadows since Kristie Ahn in 2008)

Other Information

- Now coached by David Taylor; fitness coach is Rodney Marshall
- Previously coached by Jesse Levine, Thomas Hogstedt, Dieter Kindlmann and Lindsay Davenport
- Unveiled as Evian's first American ambassador in 2017
- Prior to 2016 US Open was unveiled as ambassador for FearlesslyGIRL, an organization dedicated to empowering young women and their communities

SABALENKA:

Cincinnati

- Making Cincinnati main draw debut this week
- Last year, led by a set and a break before losing to Vekic in final round of qualifying
- Ranked No.34 entering this year's tournament. By contrast, 12 months ago sat at No.110 in the rankings
- Trailed by a set and a break before beating Konta in 1r
- Saved match points to upset No.9 Ka.Pliskova in 2r and No.5 Garcia in R16
- Wins over Ka.Pliskova and Garcia were third and fourth career Top 10 wins (also No.7 Ka.Pliskova at 2018 Eastbourne and No.2 Wozniacki at 2018 Montréal)
- Now has 26 WTA main draw wins to her name in 2018. Prior to 2018, owned just 12 main draw victories
- Faces Keys today in her sixth QF of 2018; has posted 2-3 record from previous five
- Has spent 6h 54m on court this week. In contrast, Keys has spent nearly two hours less, 5h 09m
- Also contested 22 three-set matches in 2018 – Buzarnescu (20) is the only other player to play more than 20
- Fell 1r in doubles w/Hsieh this week (l. Pavlyuchenkova/Sevastova)

Season

- Coming off R16 showing at Montréal (l. Mertens, after holding 1mp); in 2r in Canada, saved 3mp to upset No.2 Wozniacki
- Contested qualifying at San Jose
- Suffered 1r exit at Wimbledon (l. Buzarnescu)
- Reached first Premier-level final at Eastbourne (l. Wozniacki). Recorded wins over No.13 Goerges, No.15 Mertens and No.7 Pliskova en route to final – the third, fourth and fifth Top 20 wins of her career (previously defeated No.18 Kuznetsova (2018 Indian Wells) and No.13 Stephens (2017 Fed Cup Final))
- Posted career-high ranking of No.32 after Eastbourne (July 2, 2018)

- Started grass court swing with QF appearance at 's-Hertogenbosch (l. eventual R-Up Flipkens) prior to falling 1r at Mallorca (l. Van Uytvanck)
- Fell at the first hurdle of Roland Garros (l. Bertens)
- Advanced through qualifying at both Madrid and Rome but fell in 1r to Pera and Hsieh, respectively
- Reached second career WTA final at Lugano (l. Mertens)
- Produced 3r run on Premier Mandatory debut at Indian Wells (d. 2017 R-Up Kuznetsova in 2r, l. Vondrousova) prior to advancing to 2r in Miami the following week (l. Kvitova)
- Contested qualifying at Dubai (l. Errani in final round after holding 1mp)
- Won both singles rubbers (d. Lottner and Maria), but could not prevent Belarus slipping to 3-2 defeat against Germany in Fed Cup World Group I
- Fell 1r on Australian Open debut (l. Barty)
- Opened 2018 season with back-to-back QFs at Shenzhen (l. eventual champion Halep) and Hobart (l. Tsurenko)

Career

- Posted first Top 100 season finish in 2017, ending year at No.78
- Season highlight was reaching first tour-level final at Tianjin (l. Sharapova). Also made SF run at Tashkent (l. Babos)
- Made Grand Slam main draw debut 2017 Wimbledon, falling in 2r (as qualifier, l. Witthoeft), and WTA main draw debut at 2017 Dubai (as qualifier, l. Ka.Bondarenko)
- Member of Belarus Fed Cup Team that advanced to competition final in 2017 – went 1-1 in singles and 0-1 in doubles as side lost to USA
- Scored first Top 20 win of career with defeat of No.13 Stephens during Fed Cup final in Minsk
- Rounded out season by lifting WTA 125k Series title at Mumbai (d. Jakupovic)
- In 2016 rose nearly 400 places in the rankings, ending year at No.155. Won on ITF Circuit at \$50k ITF/Tianjin-CHN and \$50k ITF/Toyota-JPN
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2016 Rabat
- On ITF Circuit has won five singles titles and one doubles title
- Made debut on ITF Circuit in 2012 at \$25k ITF/Minsk-BLR

Grand Slam History

- Reached 2r on Grand Slam debut at 2017 Wimbledon (as qualifier, l. Witthoeft)
- Made 1r exit on only other three major appearances, at 2018 Australian Open (l. Barty), 2018 Roland Garros (l. Bertens) and 2018 Wimbledon (l. Buzarnescu)
- Also fell in qualifying at 2016 and 2017 US Opens, 2017 Australian Open and 2017 Roland Garros

Other Information

- Coached by Dmitry Tursunov
- Started playing aged 6
- Favorite surface is hard



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[8] PETRA KVITOVA (CZE #6) vs. [15] ELISE MERTENS (BEL #14)

Head to Head: First meeting

PETRA KVITOVA	WTA RANKING	ELISE MERTENS
6		14
4	PORSCHE RACE TO SINGAPORE LEADERBOARD	8
08-03-1990 (28)	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	17-11-1995 (22)
\$2,791,505	YTD PRIZE MONEY	\$1,608,530
\$26,832,323	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	\$2,404,770
5 / 25	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	3 / 4
0 / 0	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	3 / 5
8-6	CINCINNATI W-L (MD) *	3-0
41-9 / 392-181	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	40-14 / 75-38
15-3 / 118-74	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	11-4 / 25-12
6-7 / 77-57	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	9-6 / 16-14
20-5 / 257-123	YTD / CAREER HARD W-L (MD) *	20-8 / 38-20
3-2 / 44-14	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	5-1 / 6-1
3-1 / 24-29	YTD / CAREER TOP 5 W-L (MD & Q) *	2-4 / 2-5
7-1 / 52-47	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD & Q) *	2-4 / 3-7
14-3 / 98-79	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD & Q) *	2-6 / 5-17

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[8] PETRA KVITOVA (CZE #6)

R16: d. KRISTINA MLADENOVIC (FRA #57) 6-4,6-2 (1h29)

R32: d. SERENA WILLIAMS (USA #27) 6-3,2-6,6-3 (1h58)

R64: BYE

Total games: 44

Won/lost: 26-18

Sets won/lost: 4-1

Total time on court: 3h27

Average time on court: 1h44

Average rank of opponent: 42

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[15] ELISE MERTENS (BEL #14)

R16: d. [3] SLOANE STEPHENS (USA #3) 7-6(8),6-2 (1h41)

R32: d. REBECCA PETERSON (SWE #72) 3-6,6-2,7-6(1) (2h35)

R64: d. MAGDALENA RYBARIKOVA (SVK #29) 6-4,6-2 (1h30)

Total games: 69

Won/lost: 41-28

Sets won/lost: 6-1

Total time on court: 5h46

Average time on court: 1h55

Average rank of opponent: 35

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PETRA KVITOVA

2017
R2 L - SLOANE STEPHENS (USA #151) 6-2 6-3

2015
R2 L - CAROLINE GARCIA (FRA #39) 7-5 4-6 6-2

ELISE MERTENS

2017
R1-Q L - ALIAKSANDRA SASNOVICH (BLR #96) 2-6 7-5 6-2



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2014

R2 L - ELINA SVITOLINA (UKR #39) 6-2 7-6(2)

2013

R16 L - CAROLINE WOZNIACKI (DEN #10) 3-6 6-2 6-3

2012

SF L - ANGELIQUE KERBER (GER #7) 6-1 2-6 6-4

2011

R16 L - ANDREA PETKOVIC (GER #11) 6-3 6-3

2009

R1-Q L - SHENAY PERRY (USA #138) 7-6(4) 6-4

KVITOVA:

Cincinnati

- Making seventh main draw appearance at Cincinnati (eighth overall), with best result 2012's SF showing (l. Kerber)
- Until this year's run, had failed to win back-to-back matches on any other visit, reaching R16 (after 1r byes) in 2011 and 2013
- After 1r bye, beat S.Williams in 2r on Tuesday for the second time in her career, having also defeated the American in their last meeting en route to 2015 Madrid title
- Saw off Mladenovic in R16 to register her 41st win this season – second-most on tour, behind Halep (43 – before rain-delayed R16 match vs. Barty)
- Hit 10 aces across matches against S.Williams and Mladenovic, taking her season total to 205 – one of six players to pass the 200-ace mark, along with Bertens (201 – not including R16 match vs. Kontaveit), Barty (215), Kr.Pliskova (241), Ka.Pliskova (267) and Goerges (352)
- Bidding for 15th Top 20 win of season today against No.14 Mertens; by contrast, posted 16 such wins across previous two seasons combined
- One of 10 Grand Slam champions in the starting field, along with Azarenka, Halep, Kerber, Kuznetsova, Muguruza, Ostapenko, Stephens, S.Williams and Wozniacki
- Contested five tournaments during 2017 North American hard court season, highlighted by QF showings at US Open (l. V.Williams) and Stanford (l. Bellis)
- Holds a tour-leading five WTA singles titles in 2018 – St. Petersburg (hard), Doha (hard), Prague (clay), Madrid (clay) and Birmingham (grass)
- Sits No.4 on the Porsche Race to Singapore Leaderboard, behind Halep, Kerber and Wozniacki (as of August 13, 2018)
- Scheduled to play final pre-US Open event next week at New Haven, where she was champion in 2012, 2014-15

Season

- Coming off R16 showing at Montréal (l. Bertens)
- Suffered 1r exit at Wimbledon (l. Sasnovich)
- Won 25th career WTA singles title at Birmingham as the defending champion (d. Rybarikova in F) and gave walkover to A.Radwanska in R16 at Eastbourne (right hamstring injury)
- With Birmingham triumph became the first player to win a title on all three surfaces in a season since S.Williams in 2015 (Australian Open, Miami and Cincinnati (hard), Roland Garros (clay) and Wimbledon (grass))
- Hit 50 career WTA main draw wins on grass with title run at Birmingham, including four titles on the surface at 2011 and 2014 Wimbledon, and 2017 and 2018 Birmingham
- Has now successfully defended a title twice in her career – also at New Haven in 2014-15
- Is fifth among active players for titles won:

PLAYER	TOUR-LEVEL TITLES
1) Serena Williams	72
2) Venus Williams	49
3) Maria Sharapova	36
4) Caroline Wozniacki	29
5) Petra Kvitova	25
=6) Victoria Azarenka	20
=6) Agnieszka Radwanska	20

- Made 3r showing at Roland Garros (l. Kontaveit in two tie-breaks)
- Captured back-to-back titles at Prague (d. Buzarnescu in F) and Madrid (d. Bertens in F)
- Enjoyed a 13-match winning streak between Madrid (6), Prague (5) and Roland Garros (2), marking her second-best win streak of her career:

NO. OF WINS	DATE	TOURNAMENTS
14	2011-12	Linz (5), WTA Finals (5), Fed Cup (2), Sydney (2)
14	2018	St. Petersburg (5), Fed Cup (2), Doha (6), Indian Wells (1)
13	2018	Prague (5), Madrid (6), Roland Garros (2)
11	2011	Fed Cup (2), Madrid (6), Roland Garros (3)
10	2014	Eastbourne (2), Wimbledon (7), Montréal (1)
9	2011	Brisbane (5), Australian Open (4)

Highlighted indicates streak from this season

- Holds the most titles on tour in 2018 (5), having also lifted trophies this season at St Petersburg (d. Mladenovic in F) and Doha (d. Muguruza in F)
- Is first player to win the Madrid title three times. Defeat of No.6 Ka.Pliskova in Madrid SF was seventh Top 10 win in 2018 (7-1 record), having also defeated No.6 Ostapenko and No.10 Mladenovic (both at St. Petersburg), No.3 Svitolina, No.10 Goerges, No.1 Wozniacki and No.3 Muguruza (all at Doha)
- Withdrew from Rome after Madrid w/right thigh injury
- Fell to Kerber in 1r at Stuttgart after going 2-0 in singles play against Germany (d. No.11 Goerges and No.12 Kerber) to lead the Czech Republic into November's Fed Cup Final against the USA

- Fell in 2r of Charleston (after 1r bye, l. Kr.Pliskova) following R16 run at Miami (as No.9 seed, l. eventual R-Up Ostapenko) and 3r at Indian Wells (l. Anisimova)
- Lifted the title at Doha (d. Muguruza in F). Holds seventh best record among active players for hard court titles won with 17
- Defeated No.1 Wozniacki in SF at Doha – record vs. reigning No.1s now stands at 5-4. Other wins came over Safina (2009 US Open), Wozniacki (2011 WTA Finals), S.Williams (2015 Madrid – ending the American’s 27-match winning streak) and Kerber (2016 Wuhan)
- Won back-to-back titles at St Petersburg and Doha for the first time since winning Linz and WTA Finals in 2011
- Returned to Top 10 after Doha at No.9 (last appeared in Top 10 week of June 27, 2016)
- Steered Czech Republic to Fed Cup semifinals for 10th year in a row, posting wins against Switzerland’s Bencic and Golubic in Prague
- Won title at St Petersburg (d. Mladenovic in F); with 64-27 record, leads active players for indoor hard court wins
- Has won at least one title every year since 2011
- Made 1r exit at Australian Open (l. Petkovic in 2hrs 52mins)
- Opened 2018 season with 2r showing at Sydney (l. Giorgi) after withdrawing from Brisbane w/viral illness

Career

- Finished 2017 ranked No.29, down from No.11 in 2016
- Began 2017 season in May at Roland Garros (2r, l. Mattek-Sands) after a knife attack in her home in Czech Republic on December 20, 2016; required extensive surgery to left hand
- Won title at 2017 Birmingham (d. Barty in F). Other season highlights included a SF showing at Beijing (l. eventual champion Garcia) and equaled best result at US Open by advancing to QF (l. V. Williams)
- Ended 2016 ranked No.11, ending run of five straight Top 10 finishes
- Won two singles titles in 2016, at Wuhan (d. Cibulkova in F) and the WTA Elite Trophy in Zhuhai (d. Svitolina in F). Also finished R-Up at 2016 Luxembourg (l. Niculescu in F)
- Member of Czech Republic team that successfully defended Fed Cup title in November 2016 vs. France (l. Garcia, d. Mladenovic, then teamed w/Strycova to defeat Garcia/Mladenovic in decisive doubles match). Czech Republic have won the Cup in five times since 2011
- Contested Rio Olympics in August 2016, winning the singles bronze medal (l. Puig in SF, d. Keys in bronze medal play-off)
- 2015 season highlights included three singles titles, at Sydney (d. Ka.Pliskova in F), Madrid (d. Kuznetsova in F) and New Haven (d. Safarova in F). New Haven win was third in past four years, and marked first time she has won any tournament title three times
- Runner-up at 2015 WTA Finals in Singapore (l. A.Radwanska in 3s). Former champion at the season finale, which she won on her event debut in 2011 (d. Azarenka in F)
- At 2012 Sydney was two wins from becoming No.1 (had won Wimbledon and WTA Finals in previous six months)
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in Czech Republic in 2006

Grand Slam History

- 2018 Wimbledon marked 40th Grand Slam main draw appearance
- Winner of two Grand Slam singles titles, at Wimbledon in 2011 (d. Sharapova in F) and 2014 (d. Bouchard in F)
- Was first player born in 1990s to win a Grand Slam title (since joined by Muguruza at 2016 Roland Garros, Ostapenko at 2017 Roland Garros, Stephens at 2017 US Open, Wozniacki at 2018 Australian Open and Simona Halep at 2018 Roland Garros)
- Aside from Wimbledon, best Grand Slam results include two SF showings, at 2012 Australian Open (l. Sharapova) and 2012 Roland Garros (l. eventual champion Sharapova), and QF runs at 2017 US Open (l. V.Williams), 2015 US Open (l. eventual champion Pennetta) and 2011 Australian Open (l. Zvonareva)

Other Information

- A global ambassador for Right To Play International, a charity which helps children to learn through sport
- Current coach is Jiri Vanek, having split with former ATP player and fellow Czech, Frantisek Cermak, after 2016 US Open. Previously coached by David Kotyza for seven years, with the partnership ending in January 2016
- Fitness trainer is David Vydra

MERTENS:

Cincinnati

- Making main draw debut in Cincinnati after falling in qualifying last year
- Contesting 2018 Cincinnati at a career-high ranking of No.14, first posted this week (August 13) following a QF appearance in Montréal. Last year began North American hard court swing at No.47
- Seeded No.15 this week – her eighth consecutive tournament as a seeded player, and 14th such tournament of 2018. In contrast, was seeded just seven times throughout 2017, all at International level
- Beat Rybarikova in the opening round, improving her record in the first match of a tournament this season to 14-3
- Followed that with a 3s victory over Peterson. Record against players outside the Top 50 this season is now 29-3
- Won the final five games of the match to upset No.3 Stephens in R16 – best-by-ranking win of her career
- Faces No.8 Kvitova today in her seventh QF of the season; record in previous six is 5-1
- Owns three career Top 10 wins, over No.10 Cibulkova (2017 Beijing), No.4 Svitolina (2018 Australian Open) and No.3 Stephens (2018 Cincinnati)
- This week has become the fourth player on tour to reach the 40-win mark in 2018 – also Kerber (40), Kvitova (41) and Halep (43 – not including her rain-delayed R16 match vs. Barty)
- Has three titles to her name this season (Hobart, Rabat and Lugano), one of four players on tour with more than two titles this season - also today's opponent Kvitova (5), Halep (3) and Svitolina (3)
- The only Belgian in main draw play this week, with Flipkens and Van Uytvanck falling in qualifying
- Is through to QF in doubles draw w/Schuurs (face No.1 seeds Krejckikova/Siniakova today)

Season

- Began North American hard court season with runs to SF at San Jose (l. eventual champion Buzarnescu) and QF at Montréal (l. defending champion Svitolina)
- Reached 3r at Wimbledon (l. Cibulkova) for her career-best result at the All England Club
- Also reached 3r at Eastbourne (l. eventual R-Up Sabalenka) and fell in 2r at 's-Hertogenbosch (l. Lottner) and 1r at Birmingham (l. Jakupovic)
- In doubles, won fifth career title at 's-Hertogenbosch and finishing R-Up at Birmingham (both w/Schuurs)
- Started clay court season with back-to-back titles at Lugano (d. Sabalenka in F) and Rabat (d. Tomljanovic in F). One of six players to win multiple titles on tour so far this year (3), along with Kvitova (5), Svitolina (3), Halep (3), Kerber (2) and Wozniacki (2)
- Fell to World No.1 Halep at other two clay court events, in R16 at Roland Garros and 2r at Madrid. Finished clay swing with tour's best record on the surface – 16-2 win-loss, edging Halep's 16-3 record
- Also won doubles title at Lugano (w/Flipkens, d. Lapko/Sabalenka in F)
- Won both rubbers (d. Errani and Paolini) to help Belgium to 4-0 victory in its World Group I play-off against Italy
- Made 2r exit at Indian Wells (after 1r bye, l. Q.Wang) and reached 3r at Miami (l. Konta)
- Fell 2r in Doha (l. Cirstea), followed by a 1r exit in Dubai (l. Bellis)
- Went 1-1 in Fed Cup World Group play for Belgium vs. France (d. Parmentier, l. Mladenovic). France won tie 3-2
- Achieved Grand Slam breakthrough at Australian Open; making debut at event, advanced to first SF at a major – d. No.23 Gavrilova in 2r and No.4 Svitolina in QF – first win over a Top 5 opponent – en route before falling to No.2 seed and eventual champion Wozniacki (ending 10-match win streak)
- With Australian Open results, made Top 20 debut at No.20 (week of January 29, 2018)
- Passed \$1 million in career prize money with 3r victory over Cornet at Australian Open
- Enjoyed successful title defense at 2018 Hobart (d. Buzarnescu in F), having won her maiden title there in 2017. Completed sweep of titles by teaming up with Schuurs to defeat L.Kichenok/Ninomiya in doubles final
- Began 2018 season at Hopman Cup exhibition in Perth, going 2-1 in singles play (d. Bouchard and Gavrilova, l. Kerber) and 2-1 in doubles (w/Goffin)

Career

- Finished 2017 season at No.35, up from No.120 in 2016 – first Top 50 and Top 100 year-end finish in career
- 2017 season highlighted by first career singles title at Hobart (as a qualifier, d. Niculescu in F) – one of five qualifiers to win a singles title in 2017
- Also in 2017, advanced to final at Istanbul (l. Svitolina) and made SF runs at Bastad (l. Wozniacki), New Haven (l. Cibulkova) and Luxembourg (l. Puig)
- Won second career doubles title at 2017 Guangzhou (w/Schuurs) and reached finals at 2017 Bucharest (w/Schuurs) and Istanbul (w/Melichar)

- 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 – as qualifier, advanced to QF (l. Mladenovic)
- In 2016 also reached 2r on grass at Mallorca (as qualifier, d. Schiavone in 1r, l. Jankovic) and fell in qualifying on nine occasions: Auckland, Australian Open, St Petersburg, Roland Garros, Wimbledon, Gstaad, Bastad, Linz and Luxembourg
- Won first WTA title of any kind in doubles at 2016 Auckland (w/Mestach). Now has five doubles titles – also 2017 Guangzhou (w/Schuurs), 2018 Hobart (w/Schuurs), 2018 Lugano (w/Flipkens) and 2018 's-Hertogenbosch (w/Schuurs)
- Played first tour-level event of career at 2015 Antwerp (fell in qualifying)
- Winner of 11 singles titles and 14 doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in Belgium in 2010

Grand Slam History

- Advanced to first Grand Slam SF of career at 2018 Australian Open (l. eventual champion Wozniacki)
- Became first Belgian to reach a Grand Slam SF since Flipkens at 2013 Wimbledon; also the first Belgian to reach QF at Australian Open since 2012 (Kim Clijsters, SF)
- In 2018, also achieved best result at Roland Garros, with run to R16 (l eventual champion Halep) and Wimbledon, where she reached 3r (l. Cibulkova)
- Fell 1r at 2017 US Open (l. eventual R-Up Keys) and 2016 US Open (as qualifier, l. Muguruza in 3s)
- Prior to making Grand Slam main draw debut at 2016 US Open, fell in qualifying at five majors: 2015 Wimbledon, 2015 US Open, 2016 Australian Open, 2016 Roland Garros and 2016 Wimbledon

Other Information

- Currently coached by Dieter Kindlmann
- Earlier coaching history includes Belgian federation until early teens, as well as a year at the Mouratoglou Academy in Paris
- Mother Liliane, teaches languages and history and father, Guido, makes furniture for churches. Was introduced to tennis by her sister Lauren, who is six years older (now airline pilot with KLM)
- Speaks Dutch/Flemish, French and English
- Was home schooled



MATCH NOTES

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[5] ELINA SVITOLINA (UKR #7) vs. [WC] AMANDA ANISIMOVA (USA #173)

Head to Head: First meeting

ELINA SVITOLINA	WTA RANKING	AMANDA ANISIMOVA
7		173
5		141
12-09-1994 (23)	PORSCHE RACE TO SINGAPORE LEADERBOARD	31-08-2001 (16)
\$2,485,049	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	\$134,605
\$9,856,427	YTD PRIZE MONEY	\$247,436
3 / 12	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	0 / 0
0 / 2	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 0
9-4	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	2-0
33-10 / 215-119	CINCINNATI W-L (MD) *	7-2 / 7-4
9-3 / 65-38	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	1-1 / 1-3
3-5 / 44-32	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	0-1 / 0-1
22-5 / 152-78	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	7-2 / 7-3
5-3 / 19-21	YTD / CAREER HARD W-L (MD) *	1-1 / 1-2
2-2 / 15-15	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	0-1 / 0-1
4-3 / 24-32	YTD / CAREER TOP 5 W-L (MD & Q) *	1-1 / 1-1
9-3 / 42-58	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD & Q) *	1-1 / 1-1
	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD & Q) *	

* Updated entering 2018 Cincinnati R16

CINCINNATI Tournament Performance - 2018

"-Q" Qualifying match

Rnd	Result	Duration	Rnd	Result	Duration
R2	E. SVITOLINA d. S. KUZNETSOVA 7-6(1),4-6,6-4	161 mins	R2	A. ANISIMOVA d. P. MARTIC 6-4,6-3	107 mins
R1	BYE	-	R1	A. ANISIMOVA d. T. BABOS 6-3,6-4	71 mins

CINCINNATI Tournament History

"-Q" Qualifying match

ELINA SVITOLINA

2017		
R16	L - JULIA GOERGES (GER #37)	7-5 6-4
2016		
R2	L - DARIA GAVRILOVA (AUS #47)	6-2 6-2
2015		
SF	L - SERENA WILLIAMS (USA #1)	6-4 6-3
2014		
QF	L - ANA IVANOVIC (SRB #11)	6-2 6-3

SVITOLINA:

Cincinnati

- Making fifth appearance at Western & Southern Open
- Best result was SF run in 2015 (d. Bouchard, Garcia and Safarova, l. eventual champion S.Williams)
- Also reached QF on debut in 2014 (l. Ivanovic); win over No.4 Kvitova in 2r was first over a Top 10 player
- After a 1r bye, defeated No.88 Kuznetsova on Tuesday, improving her record in three-set matches to 9-3 in 2018
- Faces wildcard and No.173 Anisimova today in their career first meeting. A loss today would mark worst-by-ranking since falling to No.228 Castano at 2013 WTA \$125k Series event in Cali, Colombia (ranked No.102 at the time)
- Only defeat to player ranked outside Top 50 this season came against No.57 Maria at Wimbledon
- Bidding for first win against an American opponent this year, having fallen to Stephens last week at Montreal
- Owns 22-5 record on hard courts this year, second behind tour leader Halep (25-3)

Season

- As defending champion, fell in SF at Montréal (l. Stephens)
- Suffered 1r upset at Wimbledon (l. Maria) – one of 10 seeds to fall at first hurdle
- Made a QF run at Birmingham (l. eventual R-Up Buzarnescu), having also fallen to Buzarnescu at Roland Garros 3r
- Defended her title in Rome (d. Halep in F). Now owns four victories over No.1 ranked players: d. Halep (2018 Rome), S.Williams (2016 Rio Olympics) and Kerber (2017 Brisbane and 2016 Beijing)
- Boasts 12-2 record in tour-level finals. Has won her past eight matches at this stage, with last defeat coming against Kvitova at 2016 Zhuhai
- Owns four Top 10 wins in 2018 (No.9 Konta and No.4 Ka.Pliskova at Brisbane; No.9 Kerber at Dubai and No.1 Halep in Rome)
- Had a 2r exit in Madrid (l. Suárez Navarro) after reaching the QF in Stuttgart (l. Garcia) in her first clay tournament of the year
- Enjoyed a 4-2 record through the “Sunshine Double” posting a 3r result at Indian Wells (l. Suárez Navarro) and a QF run at Miami (l. eventual R-Up Ostapenko). Ended Osaka’s eight-match winning streak in 2r of Miami
- Made successful title defense at Dubai (d. Kasatkina in F). This was second time in career she has defended a title (also Baku 2013-14)
- Made 3r exit at Doha (l. eventual champion Kvitova)
- Advanced to QF at Australian Open for first time (l. Mertens); was on nine-match win streak entering QF
- Became first Ukrainian woman to reach QF at Australian Open, surpassing A.Bondarenko who fell in R16 in 2010; K.Bondarenko reached QF at 2009 US Open. Was bidding to become first Ukrainian woman to reach a Grand Slam semifinal
- Opened 2018 season by capturing her 10th career WTA title at Brisbane (d. Sasnovich in F); defeated two Top 10 players en route to title (d. No.9 Konta and No.5 Ka.Pliskova)

Career

- Won 12th career WTA singles title at 2018 Rome (d. Halep in F); career record in finals now stands at 12-2, including a current eight match win streak over the 2017 and 2018 seasons
- Enjoyed stand-out 2017, finishing the year at No.6, winning a tour-leading five titles and posting second-most wins of season (53, behind Wozniacki with 60)
- Season culminated by qualifying for WTA Finals in Singapore, becoming first Ukrainian woman to qualify for the season-ending tournament in singles (fell at round robin stage with 1-2 record)