MATCH NOTES: CHINA OPEN
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CHINA OPEN – SEMIFINALS (SATURDAY)

National Tennis Stadium

ANASTASIIA SEVASTOVA (LAT #20) vs. [8] NAOMI OSAKA (JPN #6)
Series tied 1-1

Sevastova won when the two played earlier this year at Doha... Osaka bidding to reach fourth career final... Sevastova is projected to rise to career-high ranking by reaching final

[WC] WANG QIANG (CHN #28) vs. [2] CAROLINE WOZNIACKI (DEN #2)
Wozniacki leads 3-1

Players are meeting for a third time in four years at China Open... Wang has won 17 matches in China this season... Wozniacki appearing in SF here for first time since 2010 title run

A LOOK AT THE SEMIFINALISTS

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POTENTIAL FINAL HEAD-TO-HEADS

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**BY THE NUMBERS**

6,000,000

By reaching the semifinals, Naomi Osaka’s annual prize money has increased beyond US$6 million. Should she advance to the final, the Japanese will leapfrog Simona Halep into first place on 2018’s prize money leaderboard.

248

A total of 248 aces have been struck across the opening seven days in Beijing, with Osaka contributing a tournament-leading 23.

50

Three of the semifinalists have won more than 50% of their return points: Osaka (54.1%), Caroline Wozniacki (51%) and Anastasija Sevastova (50.9%).

22

Since Wimbledon Wang Qiang has posted a 22-5 win-loss record. The only other player to match this win tally is her opponent in the previous round, Aryna Sabalenka (22-6).

7

Wozniacki has appeared in seven previous Premier Mandatory semifinals in her career. The three other players in the draw have played in a combined total of two.

6

Wang is the first Chinese player to reach the Beijing semifinals in six years. Her predecessor was Li Na, who fell to Maria Sharapova at this stage in 2012.

0

Sevastova, Wang and Wozniacki have all reached the last four without dropping a set.

**ON THIS DAY: OCTOBER 6**

2017: Caroline Garcia battled for three hours and 26 minutes, saving one match point in the third-set tie-break, to defeat Elina Svitolina in the quarterfinals of the 2017 China Open. Two days later, the Frenchwoman upset Simona Halep to lift the title and become the first player to complete the Wuhan-Beijing double.

1905: Helen Wills, winner of 19 major singles titles and one of the greatest players of all time, is born in Centreville, California.

**RANKING UPDATE**

Regardless of the results over the weekend, Caroline Wozniacki will remain at No.2 in the rankings. However, by winning the title, she can cut Simona Halep’s lead at the top of the rankings to under 1000 points.

By reaching the semifinals, Naomi Osaka will rise to a career-high No.4 in the rankings.

Anastasija Sevastova will move to No.16 in the new rankings. Should she reach the final, the Latvian is projected to move to a career-best No.12, and No.11 with the title.

Wang Qiang, who broke into the Top 30 for the first time on Monday, is assured of moving to No.24 and could crack the Top 20 by lifting the title.

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ANASTASIJA SEVASTOVA (LAT #20) vs. [8] NAOMI OSAKA (JPN #6)

Head to Head: Series tied 1-1

2018 DOHA HARD O R2 ANASTASIJA SEVASTOVA 6-4 6-1 69 mins
2017 TORONTO HARD O R2 NAOMI OSAKA 6-3 6-4 76 mins

ANASTASIJA SEVASTOVA

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13-04-1990 (28)
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NAOMI OSAKA

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40-16 / 80-55
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WTA RANKING

PORSCHE RACE TO SINGAPORE LEADERBOARD

DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)
YTD PRIZE MONEY
CAREER PRIZE MONEY
SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)
DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)
BEIJING W-L (MD) *
YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *
YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *
YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *
YTD / CAREER HARD W-L (MD) *
YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *
YTD / CAREER TOP 5 W-L (MD & Q) *
YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD & Q) *
YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD & Q) *

* Updated entering 2018 Beijing SF

ROAD TO THE SEMIFINALS

ANASTASIJA SEVASTOVA (LAT #20)
QF: d. DOMINIKA CIBULKOVA (SVK #30) 6-3,7-6(5) (1h41)
R16: d. DONNA VEKIC (CRO #38) 6-3,6-2 (1h21)
R32: d. [17] MADISON KEYS (USA #18) W/O (0h00)
R64: d. ALIZÉ CORNET (FRA #35) 6-4,6-2 (1h36)

Total games: 57
Won/lost: 37-20
Sets won/lost: 6-0
Total time on court: 4h38
Average time on court: 1h10
Average rank of opponent: 30

NAOMI OSAKA (JPN #6)
QF: d. SHUAI ZHANG (CHN #45) 3-6,6-4,7-5 (2h33)
R16: d. [10] JULIA GOERGES (GER #10) 6-1,6-2 (1h06)
R32: d. DANIELLE COLLINS (USA #37) 6-1,6-0 (0h52)
R64: d. ZARINA DIYAS (KAZ #92) 6-4,6-3 (1h08)

Total games: 78
Won/lost: 52-26
Sets won/lost: 8-1
Total time on court: 5h39
Average time on court: 1h25
Average rank of opponent: 46
SEVASTOVA:

Beijing

- Making fourth main draw appearance at China Open, and has posted best result this week, having reached SF
- Previous best result was here was QF run in 2010 (as qualifier, l. Li Na). Fell in 1r in 2016 (l. eventual R-Up Konta) and 2017 (l. Sharapova)
- Has reached her second SF at WTA Premier Mandatory level – made the last four at 2017 Madrid
- Bidding to reach biggest final of career today – her previous six final appearances have all come at WTA International level
- Defeated Cornet in 1r on Sunday before advancing to R16 via walkover over Keys (left knee injury)
- Saw off Vekic in R16, who she has now beaten in all five of their career encounters
- Has reached QF or better at five of her past seven tournaments – also Bucharest (WON), Moscow [River Cup] (QF – withdrew injured), Montréal (QF), US Open (SF) and Beijing (SF). Exceptions were 1r exits at Cincinnati (l. Giorgi) and Wuhan (l. Pavlyuchenkova)
- Faced toughest test of the week against Cibulkova in QF, recovering from 4-2 down in the second set to close out victory on a tie-break
- Has broken serve 15 times across her three matches this week, winning 50.9% of points on return (her season average is 46.1%)
- Is one of three semifinalists yet to drop a set (also Q.Wang and Wozniacki)
- Bidding for 39th tour-level win of 2018 (walkover vs. Keys in 2r not counted as win); her highest previous number of wins in a single season was 37 in 2017
- Faces No.6 Osaka today – owns 3-4 record vs. Top 10 opponents this season, defeating No.10 Goerges (Montréal) and No.7 Svitolina and No.3 Stephens (both US Open). Overall record stands at 8-17 vs. Top 10 opponents
- Still in the running to qualify for WTA Finals in Singapore, although would need to win this week’s China Open title in order to stay in contention
- Projected to rise to No.16 by reaching SF. Will move to career-high No.12 by reaching the final and No.11 with the title
- Best previous result by a Latvian at Beijing was Ostapenko’s SF run in 2017 (l. Halep)
**Season**

- Last week, suffered 1r exit at Wuhan (I. Pavlyuchenkova)
- Advanced to first Grand Slam SF at US Open (I. S.Williams) after 1r upset at Cincinnati (I. Giorgi)
- Became the first Latvian woman to reach SF at Flushing Meadows, upsetting No.7 Svitolina and No.3 Stephens en route. Defeat of No.3 Stephens was joint-best win rankings-wise (also d. No.3 Muguruza at 2016 US Open and No.3 Ka.Pliskova at 2017 Madrid)
- Enjoyed a QF run in Montréal (l. eventual R-Up Stephens), eclipsing the $4 million career prize money mark in the process
- Withdrew w/left thigh injury prior to QF vs. Sasnovich at Moscow [River Cup]
- Captured first title of the season and third of her career on clay in Bucharest (d. Martic in F); now 3-3 in singles finals
- Fell in R16 in Eastbourne (l. Kasatkina) prior to being ousted in 1r at Wimbledon by eventual quarterfinalist Giorgi
- Finished R-Up at Mallorca (l. Maria) in first grass event of the season
- Made 1r exit at Roland Garros (l. Duque-Mariño)
- Advanced to R16 in Rome (l. No.2 Wozniacki) and fell in 2r in Madrid (l. eventual R-Up Bertens)
- Enjoyed a QF run in Charleston in her first clay event of 2018
- Fell in 3r in Miami (l. Azarenka); 2r defeat of Cornet was first main draw match win at Miami
- Had R16 run at Indian Wells (d. No.12 Goerges in 3r, l. V.Williams) – her best result at the tournament
- During Middle Eastern swing, made R16 at Doha (l. Halep) and fell 1r at Dubai (l. Makarova)
- In first Fed Cup appearances since 2010, represented Latvia in February in Europe/Africa Group Competition, before going 1-1 in April's World Group II play-off victory over Russia
- Reached 2r at Australian Open (l. Sharapova)
- Opened 2018 season by reaching SF at Brisbane (l. Sasnovich) followed by 1r exit at Sydney (l. Cibulkova)

**Career**

- Posted first Top 20 season in 2017, finishing at No.16 and recording a then-career-high number of wins (37) and winning percentage (.607), improving on her previous records set back in 2010
- Captured second career singles title and first in seven years at 2017 Mallorca (d. Goerges in F)
- Earned nearly half of career prize money in 2017 after reaching US Open QF for second consecutive year and advancing to SF of WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai (l. eventual champion Goerges)
- In 2016, played first full season since 2012, reaching two singles finals at Mallorca (l. Garcia) and Bucharest (l. Halep), as well as first Grand Slam QF of career at US Open
- Retired from professional tennis in May 2013 due to various injuries – mostly muscular and back-related – but returned to competition at ITF level in January 2015 after body had fully healed
- During break from tennis studied leisure management
Prior to break from tennis, won first singles title at 2010 Oeiras – becoming first Latvian to win a WTA title in 17 years (since Savchenko at Schenectady in 1993)

Made Top 100 debut on July 13, 2009, Top 50 debut on October 11, 2010 and Top 20 debut on May 15, 2017

Played first WTA event at 2007 Istanbul; made Grand Slam main draw debut as a qualifier at 2009 Roland Garros

On ITF Circuit, has won 13 singles and four doubles titles

Member of Latvian Fed Cup Team 2005-06, 2008-10, 2018

Currently the Latvian No.2, behind Ostapenko; no other Latvians feature in Top 300 (September 24, 2018)

**Grand Slam History**

- 2018 US Open marked 23rd main draw appearance at a Grand Slam
- Became the first Latvian woman to reach a US Open SF in 2018. Across all majors, the only other Latvian woman to reach this stage is Ostapenko (2017 Roland Garros – WON; 2018 Wimbledon – SF)
- Fell at QF stage on two occasions, at US Open in 2016 (l. Wozniacki) and 2017 (l. Stephens)
- In 2016, became first Latvian woman to reach a Grand Slam QF since Savchenko at 1994 Wimbledon (since joined by Ostapenko)
- Best result elsewhere is reaching R16 at 2011 Australian Open (l. Wozniacki), before her two-year absence from the game
- Made 3r at 2017 Roland Garros; this was the first time a Latvian woman reached 3r in the Open Era (also eventual champion Ostapenko). Latvian-born Larisa Savchenko advanced to 3r in 1984 and 1989 whilst representing the USSR
- Has won just one match in five visits to Wimbledon, reaching 2r in 2017

**Other Information**

- Trains and resides in Liepaja, Latvia and coached by Ronald Schmidt
- Mother is Diana Golovanova (English teacher)
- Started playing at age six, introduced to the sport by her grandmother, played for fun until she was 15
- Speaks Latvian, English, Russian, German
- Other sports interests are soccer and jet skiing
**Beijing**

- Making second main draw appearance at China Open. Fell 1r last year (l. Kerber) and made qualifying exit in 2016
- Bidding to reach fourth final of career today, having also won at Indian Wells and US Open this year and finished R-Up at 2016 Tokyo [PPO]
- Contesting week of Beijing at career-high ranking of No.6 (posted October 1, 2018). Regardless of today's result, is projected to rise to No.4 in next week's rankings
- Is first Japanese woman to reach the SF of the China Open since its inception in 2004. Was first Japanese player through to QF since Morigami in 2007
- Having also reached final at Indian Wells, bidding to be the first player since Azarenka in 2016 to reach two WTA Premier Mandatory finals in the same season. That year, Azarenka triumphed at both Indian Wells and Miami
- This week, swept aside Diyas, Collins and Goerges en route to QF, without the loss of a set and dropping only 11 games
- Defeat of No.10 Goerges in R16 was fifth Top 10 win of career – other scalps were No.6 Kerber (2017 US Open), No.5 V.Williams (2017 Hong Kong), No.5 Ka.Pliskova and No.1 Halep (both 2018 Indian Wells)
- Faced stern test against Zhang Shuai in QF, dropping first set of the week in a match lasting 2h 33m. Rallied from a set down then 1-4 in the final set to eventually prevail
- Has struck a tournament-leading 23 aces en route to SF, taking her season total to 266 – only Goerges (426), Ka.Pliskova (350), Bertens (294), Barty (276) and Kr.Pliskova (272) have hit more aces in 2018
- Ranks first this week for return points won, with 54.1% (season average is 44.8%), breaking serve 21 times
- Faces No.20 Sevastova today. Owns a 9-10 record vs. Top 20 players in 2018
- Has won 14 of her past 15 matches, with 12 of these victories coming in straight sets. This season, 36 of 40 wins have come in straight sets
- Has reached her fifth SF of season (Indian Wells – WON, Nottingham – SF, US Open – WON, Tokyo – R-Up)
- Among the Top 10 seeds for the first time at a Premier Mandatory tournament; by contrast, this time last year was ranked No.62
- Currently sits at No.3 on the Race to Singapore leaderboard. Was announced as the third qualifier this week, thus becoming the first Japanese player to contest season-ending showpiece since Sugiyama in 2003

**Season**

- Withdrew from Wuhan last week due to a viral illness
- Finished R-Up at Tokyo (l. Ka.Pliskova in F); record in WTA finals now 2-2
- Lifted maiden Grand Slam title at US Open (d. Keys in SF and S.Williams in F); was first Japanese woman to reach Grand Slam final and the youngest US Open champion since Sharapova in 2006
- Is the first maiden Slam champion to make the final of her next event since Azarenka won Australian Open and then Doha in 2012
• From her efforts in New York, passed USD $5 million in prize money for the season – No.2 (behind Halep) on the 2018 list of top earners
• Started North American hard court season with 2r showing at Washington DC (l. Linette), followed by 1r exits at Montréal (l. Suárez Navarro) and Cincinnati (l. Sakkari)
• For fifth consecutive major made 3r at Wimbledon (l. eventual champion Kerber)
• Opened grass season with SF run at Nottingham (l. eventual champion Barty) before making 2r at Birmingham (ret. vs. Jakupovic w/abdominal injury). Withdrawn from Eastbourne with same injury
• Advanced to 3r at Roland Garros (l. Keys)
• Also on clay, reached 2r at Rome (l. Halep) and made 1r exit at Madrid (l. Zhang) following R16 showing at Charleston (l. eventual R-Up Goerges)
• Made 2r exit at Miami Open (l. No.4 seed Svitolina). Defeated eight-time Miami Open champion, S.Williams in 1r, becoming just the seventh woman to defeat Williams in Key Biscayne and first to do so before the R16
• Prior to Miami 2r loss to Svitolina, was on eight-match winning streak after claiming first WTA title at Indian Wells
• En route to the Indian Wells title, defeated five-time major champion Sharapova, and Grand Slam finalists A.Radwanska, Ka.Pliskova and Halep without dropping a set. Only set dropped all week was against Sakkari in R16
• That eight-match win streak included victories over four players who have held the No.1 ranking (S. Williams, Ka. Pliskova, Sharapova and current No.1, Halep) as well as a former No.2 (A.Radwanska), along with emerging talents Sakkari and Kasatkina
• Owns a 1-3 record against reigning No.1s (defeated Halep at 2018 Indian Wells and lost to Ka.Pliskova at 2017 Toronto and Halep at 2018 Australian Open and 2018 Rome)
• Made 2r in Doha (as qualifier, l. Sevastova) and QF in Dubai (l. eventual champion Svitolina)
• Reached R16 at a Slam for the first time at Australian Open – d. Kucova and seeds No.16 Vesnina and No.18 Barty en route before falling to eventual runner-up and World No.1 Halep
• Opened 2018 season with 1r exit at Hobart (l. Putintseva); also played at Hopman Cup (went 1-1 in singles)

Career
• Produced second Top 100 season in 2017, finishing at No.68 as the Japanese No.1
• Book-ended the season with QF showings at Auckland and Hong Kong; other highlights included 3r runs at Wimbledon and US Open
• Scored first Top 5 win when she upset No.5 V.Williams at 2017 Hong Kong. Upset win over defending champion and No.6-ranked Kerber at 2017 US Open marked first career Top 10 win
• Overall owns three wins over Top 5 players: No.5 Ka.Pliskova and No.1 Halep (both at 2018 Indian Wells) and No.5 V.Williams (at 2017 Hong Kong)
• Finished 2016 at then career-high ranking of No.40, which was her first Top 200 finish; voted 2016 WTA Newcomer of the Year
Highlight of 2016 was career-first WTA final at Tokyo [PPO] (l. Wozniacki). Also reached three QFs, at Acapulco, Florianopolis and Tianjin, and 3r at 2016 Australian Open, Roland Garros and US Open. Received direct entry into 2016 Wimbledon but withdrew w/right knee injury

Won 2015 WTA Rising Stars Invitational in Singapore (d. Garcia in F, saving match points)

Ranked No.406, made WTA main draw debut at 2014 Stanford. As an alternate, won through qualifying (achieving first WTA qualifying wins in the process), and came from match point down to shock No.19 Stosur in 1r of main draw, before losing to No.18 Petkovic in 2r

Made WTA qualifying debut at Québec City in 2013 (l. Dabrowski)

**Grand Slam History**

- Defeated six-time champion S. Williams in final of 2018 US Open to become first Japanese player to win a Grand Slam title
- In reaching R16 at 2018 Australian Open, became youngest Japanese player to reach R16 at a Grand Slam since Sugiyama at 1995 Roland Garros (19 yrs, 342 days) and the youngest player from Japan to reach the fourth round at Australian Open since Date in 1990 (19 yrs, 122 days)
- Has also made 3r at the other two majors: 2016 Roland Garros (l. Halep) and 2018 Roland Garros (l. Keys), 2017 Wimbledon (l. V. Williams) and 2018 Wimbledon (l. Kerber)

**Other Information**

- Currently coached by Aleksandar (Sascha) Bajin, former hitting partner of Caroline Wozniacki, Victoria Azarenka and Serena Williams. Formerly coached by David Taylor, long-time coach of Sam Stosur
- Since taking over the reins, Bajin has used his experience to help Naomi climb from No.68 to start the season to No.7. Under his tutelage, she became the first Japanese woman to win a Premier Mandatory-level title at Indian Wells and now owns a 42-16 record on the season (across all levels)
- Was born in Osaka, Japan, and moved to USA when she was three years old; holds dual citizenship. Currently lives in Fort Lauderdale and trains in Boca Raton
- Prior to this year’s US Open, signed on as brand ambassador for Citizen. At end of 2016, signed sponsorship deals with broadcaster WOWOW and food brand Nissin
- Her father, Leonard Max Francois, was born in Haiti and attended college in NYC before moving to Japan where he lived for 13 years
- Her mother, Tamaki, is Japanese. Older sister Mari is also on tour
[WC] QIANG WANG (CHN #28) vs. [2] CAROLINE WOZNIACKI (DEN #2)

Head to Head: CAROLINE WOZNIACKI leads 3-1

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QIANG WANG

- 2017: BEIJING, HARD O, R1, CAROLINE WOZNIACKI (6-1 6-7(4) 6-1, 115 mins)
- 2016: HONG KONG, HARD O, QF, CAROLINE WOZNIACKI (6-3 7-5, 90 mins)
- 2015: BEIJING, HARD O, R2, CAROLINE WOZNIACKI (7-5 6-0, 79 mins)
- 2013: KUALA LUMPUR, HARD O, R1, QIANG WANG (2-6 7-6(1) 6-1, 136 mins)

CAROLINE WOZNIACKI

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ROAD TO THE SEMIFINALS

[WC] QIANG WANG (CHN #28)
- QF: d. ARYNA SABALENKA (BLR #16) 7-5,7-5 (1h45)
- R16: d. [7] KAROLINA PLISKOVA (CZE #7) 6-4,6-4 (1h37)
- R32: d. [12] JELENA OSTAPENKO (LAT #13) 6-0,6-0 (0h55)
- R64: BYE

Total games: 56
Won/lost: 38-18
Sets won/lost: 6-0
Total time on court: 4h17
Average time on court: 1h26
Average rank of opponent: 12

[2] CAROLINE WOZNIACKI (DEN #2)
- QF: d. KATERINA SNIAKOVA (CZE #40) 6-2,6-2 (1h08)
- R16: d. ANETT KONTAVEIT (EST #21) 7-5,6-4 (1h50)
- R32: d. PETRA MARTIC (CRO #36) 7-5,6-3 (1h47)
- R64: d. BELINDA BENCIC (SUI #42) 6-2,6-3 (1h21)

Total games: 76
Won/lost: 50-26
Sets won/lost: 8-0
Total time on court: 6h06
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Average rank of opponent: 35

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**Q.WANG:**

**Beijing**

- Making fifth main draw appearance at Beijing, where she is through to SF for the first time
- Prior to 2018, best previous result was making 2r in 2015 (d. Lepchenko, l. Wozniacki). Suffered 1r defeats in 2012 (l. S.Zhang), 2016 (l. eventual champion A.Radwanska) and 2017 (l. Wozniacki)
- Fell in 2007-08 and 2013 qualifying
- This is her deepest run at a WTA Premier Mandatory event, bettering R16 showings at 2017 Madrid and 2018 Indian Wells
- Since becoming a Premier Mandatory event in 2009, best result by a Chinese player at Beijing were Li’s SF runs in 2010 and 2012

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**BEIJING Tournament History**

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• Following 1r performance bye (having reached Wuhan SF), defeated No.13 Ostapenko without dropping a game – the seventh 6-0 6-0 scoreline on tour this year
• Defeated No.7 Ka.Pliskova in R16 on Thursday for the second consecutive tournament, having also come out victorious in three sets en route to Wuhan SF last week
• Result takes lifetime record vs. Top 10 players to 4-12, with other wins over No.10 Wozniacki (2013 Kuala Lumpur) No.9 V.Williams (2018 Roland Garros) and No.7 Ka.Pliskova (2018 Wuhan)
• Ended Sabalenka's eight-match winning streak in QF. Was also her 31st tour-level win of the season – this is the first season she has registered 30 or more main draw victories in a single season
• Has won 25/28 (89.3%) of her service games this week – the highest percentage among the semifinalists. Her season average stands at 70.3%
• Faces No.2 Wozniacki in SF today; scored her first career Top 10 win over the Dane at 2013 Kuala Lumpur, although has won only one set from the subsequent three encounters
• One of five wildcards (also Duan, Stosur and Y.Wang, S.Zheng) in Beijing main draw. The last wildcard to reach SF here was Peng in 2006 (l. Kuznetsova)
• Contesting 2018 Beijing at a career-high ranking of No.28, having broken Top 30 after last week's Wuhan result. By reaching Beijing SF will rise to No.24, and is projected to reach No.21 should she make the final and No.20 with the title
• This week, playing fifth event on home soil in 2018. Also Shenzhen (1r) Nanchang (WON), Guangzhou (WON), Wuhan (SF) and Beijing (SF) – 17-2 win-loss record

Season

• Coming off SF showing at Wuhan (ret. vs. Kontaveit w/left thigh injury) – first SF at WTA Premier-level or above
• In 2r at Wuhan, upset recent Tokyo champion and her conqueror at 2017 Wuhan No.7 Ka.Pliskova
• Strong start to Asian swing reaching SF at Hiroshima (l. eventual champion Hsieh) and lifting second career title at Guangzhou (d. Putintseva in F)
• Dropped just 18 games total en route to the title at Guangzhou – the fewest games lost in winning a WTA singles title in 2018
• Did not drop more than four games in a single match in Guangzhou title, becoming the fourth Chinese woman to win the title in the tournament's 15-year history – also Li (2004), Yan (2005) and Zhang (2013 and 2017)
• Achieved best result at US Open with run to 3r (l. Svitolina)
• In lead-up to US Open, posted 1r exits at San Jose (l. Anisimova) and Montréal (as qualifier, l. Buzarnescu)
• Lifted first tour-level title in July at Nanchang (d. Zheng Saisai in F following ret. w/fatigue). Dropped only one set en route to title
• On grass, only contested Wimbledon, falling in 1r (l. Zheng Saisai)
• Enjoyed best result at Roland Garros by reaching 3r (l. Putintseva). Defeated No.9 V.Williams in 1r (had lost to her in their two previous meetings) for then-best win rankings-wise of career (since bettered by win over No.7 Ka.Pliskova at Wuhan and Beijing)
Prior to Roland Garros, made her first QF of the season at Strasbourg (l. Barty)
Made 1r exit in Madrid (l. Kasatkina) and fell in qualifying at Rome
Reached 2r in Prague before falling to Kr.Pliskova
Suffered 1r exits in Miami (l. Anisimova) and Istanbul (l. Kuznetsova)
At Indian Wells, reached R16 at a Premier Mandatory tournament for the second time in her career (l. Halep); previously accomplished this at 2017 Madrid (l. Kuznetsova)
Fell in 2r at Dubai (l. eventual champion Svitolina) and 1r at Doha (l. Keys)
Opened 2018 season with 1r exits at Shenzhen (l. Riske) and Australian Open (l. Keys). Rose to then-career-high rank of No.44 following Shenzhen (January 8)

Career
Achieved first Top 50 year-end finish in 2017, finishing as China's No.3. Ascended 25 spots from No.70 in 2016 to No.45 in 2017, marking third Top 100 season in four years
Advanced to first WTA SF at 2017 Hong Kong (l. Pavlyuchenkova) and captured WTA 125K Series title in Zhengzhou
Posted three victories vs. Top 20 opponents in 2017, defeating No.15 Vesnina (Rome), No.15 Mladenovic (Tokyo [PPO]) and No.17 Sloane Stephens (Wuhan)
2016 highlights included QF runs at Shenzhen (l. A.Radwanska), Kuala Lumpur (l. Zhu), Hong Kong (l. Wozniacki) and WTA 125K Series event at Dalian (l. Min). Also reached 2r at 2016 US Open, upsetting No.23 seed Kasatkina in 1r (l. Shvedova)
Represented China at Rio Olympics – l. Kuznetsova in 1r in three sets
In 2016, posted a 14-1 record between March–May on the ITF Circuit, winning $50k ITF/Quanzhou-CHN and $100k ITF/Shenzhen-CHN, and finishing runner-up at $75k ITF/Gifu-JPN
Owns three Top 10 wins in career (3-12 record), defeating No.10 Wozniacki at 2013 Kuala Lumpur, No.9 V.Williams at 2018 Roland Garros and No.7 Ka.Pliskova at 2018 Wuhan
Member of Chinese Fed Cup Team, 2012-2016
On ITF Circuit, owns 13 singles and one doubles title
Made WTA qualifying debut at 2007 Beijing and main draw debut at 2012 Baku
Won Chinese U/16 Championships in 2006 and U/18 Championships in 2007

Grand Slam History
2018 US Open marked 17th main draw appearance at a Grand Slam – record stands at 10-17 across the majors
Reached 3r for the first time at 2018 Roland Garros (l. Putintseva), since matched at 2018 US Open (l. Svitolina)
Made major debut at 2014 US Open
Other Information

- Began playing tennis aged nine as a way to keep fit
- Would have become a teacher if not a tennis player
- Admires Zheng Jie
- Coached by Peter McNamara

WOZNIACKI:

Beijing

- Making 12th consecutive appearance at Beijing, where she was champion in 2010 (d. Zvonareva in F)
- This week has reached SF at China Open for first time since that title run. Also made QF here in 2011 (l. Pennetta) and 2013 (l. S.Williams)
- By winning 2010 Beijing, rose to WTA World No.1 for the first time in career (October 11, 2010)
- Broke six times to ease past No.41 Bencic in 1r – her best win-by-ranking since Eastbourne title run in June
- Overcame No.36 Martic in 2r on Wednesday – preserves perfect record against her (now 5-0). After all four previous wins, went on to reach the tournament final (2009 US Open – R-Up, 2010 Copenhagen – WON, 2012 Copenhagen – R-Up and 2018 Auckland – R-Up)
- Defeated Kontaveit in straight sets in R16 to secure her place at the WTA Finals in Singapore, where she is the defending champion. Has now qualified for WTA Finals on six occasions
- Did not face a single break point during quick-fire win over Siniakova in QF – has posted four straight wins for the first time since Eastbourne title run in June
- Now owns the third most wins at the China Open with 22, behind A.Radwanska (28 wins) and Kuznetsova (24)
- Faces wildcard Q.Wang today in SF. Has won past six matches against wildcards, last tasting defeat against S.Zhang at 2016 Indian Wells
- Owns 20-11 career record against Chinese players, most recently defeating today's opponent Q.Wang here in Beijing 12 months ago
- Appearing in first SF on hard court since 2018 Doha in February. Last final on hard was January's Australian Open victory over Halep
- Contesting eighth SF at a Premier Mandatory tournament and first since run to 2017 Miami final
- Seeded No.2 at 2018 Beijing; has been seeded on nine of her 11 visits to the Chinese capital (exceptions were debut in 2007 and 2016)
- Ranks third among active players for hard court titles with 21 (S.Williams - 46 and V.Williams - 31)
- During 2017 Asian swing won the titles at Tokyo (d. Pavlyuchenkova in F) and Singapore (d. V.Williams in F), reached the r16 in Beijing (l. Kvitova) and the 2r in Hong Kong (l. Cabrera) but lost her opening round match in Wuhan (l. Sakkari)
- Has won 10 titles in Asia, including 2010 Beijing and 2017 WTA Finals Singapore
**Season**

- Enters Beijing after R16 showing at Wuhan (after 1r bye, d. Peterson in 2r, l. Puig)
- Made 2r exits at Tokyo (l. Giorgi after 1r bye), US Open (l. Tsurenko), Cincinnati (after 1r bye, l. eventual champion Bertens) and Montréal (after 1r bye, l. Sabalenka – held 3mp in third set)
- Fell 2r at Wimbledon (l. Makarova)
- Also on grass, won her second title of the season, and 29th of her career at Eastbourne (d. Sabalenka in F). Win over Konta in Eastbourne 3r was 50th grass court win, becoming just the seventh active player with as many wins on the surface (also S.Williams, V.Williams, Sharapova, A.Radwanska, Kerber and Jankovic)
- Fell in R16 at Roland Garros (l. Kasatkina) after QF showing at Rome (l. Kontaveit) and R16 at Madrid (l. Bertens)
- Made QF at Istanbul (ret. vs. eventual champion Parmentier w/left abdominal injury)
- Reached R16 at Indian Wells (l. eventual R-Up Kasatkina) and made 2r exit at Miami (after 1r bye, l. Puig)
- Posted SF run at Doha (l. eventual champion Kvitova)
- Fell in QF at St Petersburg (after 1r bye, d. Potapova; l. No.8 seed Kasatkina)
- Won first Grand Slam title of career at Australian Open (d. No.1 Halep in F) – became first Danish woman to win a major singles title
- Win over Halep marked her fourth win over a reigning World No.1 (4-6 career record), having won her first three all in 2017 over Ka.Pliskova (Toronto), Muguruza (Tokyo [PPO]) and Halep (WTA Finals Singapore)
- With her triumph in Melbourne reclaimed the World No.1 ranking for the first time in six years, marking the longest gap between stints at the top spot since the computer rankings were introduced in November 1975 (6 years, 0 days)
- Opened 2018 season with R-Up finish at Auckland (l. Goerges)

**Career**

- Posted 60-21 record in 2017, finishing at No.3 for 10th consecutive Top 20 season and seventh Top 10 finish of career, including six in a row (2009-14) and back-to-back year-end No.1 finishes in 2010-11
- Season highlight in 2017 was winning biggest title of career to that point at 2017 WTA Finals Singapore (d. V.Williams in F). By winning in Singapore, passed $25 million in career prize money
- Also defended title at Tokyo [PPO] (d. Pavlyuchenkova in F) and reached a further six finals in 2017, finishing as R-Up at Doha (l. Ka.Pliskova) and Dubai (l. Svitolina) in back-to-back weeks, and then Miami (l. Konta), Eastbourne (l. Ka.Pliskova), Bastad (l. Siniakova) and Toronto (l. Svitolina)
- Scored three wins over No.1-ranked players in 2017, against Ka.Pliskova (Toronto), Muguruza (Tokyo [PPO]) and Halep (Singapore). Had never previously secured victory over the top-ranked player in her career; lifetime record now stands at 4-6 vs. No.1 players (also beat Halep at 2018 Australian Open)
- Scored more wins over Top 10 players in 2017 (14-6 record) than any other player
• Owns 29 career singles titles – fourth most titles among active players (behind S.Williams, V.Williams and Sharapova) and has won at least one title in 11 straight seasons (since 2008), including career-best six titles in 2010 and 2011
• Won first WTA title at 2008 Stockholm, the first ever title won by a Danish woman
• Denmark's flag bearer at 2016 Rio Olympics
• Broke into Top 100 on July 9, 2007 and entered Top 50 on January 28, 2008. Debuted in Top 10 on May 18, 2009
• Rose to No.1 on October 11, 2010 and held No.1 ranking for total of 67 weeks; returned to No.1 on January 29, 2018 after Australian Open title for a further four weeks, taking career to 71 weeks
• Winner of two WTA doubles titles – 2008 Beijing (w/Medina Garrigues) and 2009 Memphis (w/Azarenka)
• Made professional debut aged 15 as a wildcard at 2005 Cincinnati

**Grand Slam History**

• 2018 US Open marked 46th main draw appearance at a Grand Slam
• Captured her first Grand Slam title and the World No.1 ranking at 2018 Australian Open (d. Halep in three sets) – becoming just the fourth player all-time (also, Navratilova, Ivanovic and Azarenka) to simultaneously win her maiden major title and ascend to No.1
• Saved 2mp (in 2r vs. Fett) en route to the 2018 Australian Open title – one of five women to do so in Melbourne
• Also a two-time Grand Slam runner-up, losing the title match at the US Open in 2009 (l. Clijsters) and 2014 (l. S.Williams). Became first Danish player to reach a Grand Slam final since Kurt Nielsen at 1955 Wimbledon
• Made Grand Slam debut at 2007 Roland Garros (l. Dechy in 1r). Would go on to play 36 consecutive majors until streak was snapped by withdrawal from 2016 Roland Garros (w/right ankle injury)
• At Roland Garros she is a two-time quarterfinalist, in 2010 (l. eventual champion Schiavone) and 2017 (l. eventual champion Ostapenko) and has reached R16 at Wimbledon on six occasions, most recently in 2017
• In juniors, won girls’ singles title at 2006 Wimbledon and was a finalist at 2006 Australian Open

**Other Information**

• Ran 2014 New York City Marathon with charity Team for Kids, funds going to New York Road Runners youth programs
• Signed as a USANA Health Sciences brand ambassador in March 2015. As part of the announcement she launched the program’s annual ‘Aces for Humanity’ campaign to aid the USANA True Health Foundation, whose mission is to provide critical nutrition to those who are suffering or in need; money is donated for each ace served by the eight
• USANA Ambassadors on the WTA
• Announced engagement to former NBA player David Lee in November 2017, the ex-New York Knicks forward proposing on holiday in Bora Bora
• Coached by father, Piotr Wozniacki
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CHINA OPEN – QUARTERFINALS (FRIDAY)

National Tennis Stadium
Zhang Shuai (CHN #45) vs. [8] Naomi Osaka (JPN #6)
Series tied 2-2
Zhang Shuai is one of two Chinese players through to the Beijing QF - first time two have made this stage since 2006…Osaka through to first Beijing QF…Zhang Shuai upset Wimbledon champion Kerber in R16, including a 6-0 third set…

[Q] Katerina Siniakova (CZE #40) vs. [2] Caroline Wozniacki (DEN #2)
Wozniacki leads 2-1
Siniakova upset No.11 Bertens in R16…Wozniacki booked WTA Finals spot following R16 victory over Kontaveit…Siniakova appearing in first WTA Premier Mandatory QF…

[WC] Wang Qiang (CHN #28) vs. Aryna Sabalenka (BLR #16)
First meeting
Sabalenka knocked out defending champion Garcia in R16…Wang Qiang has won 15 of her last 17 matches on home soil…Wang Qiang defeated No.7 seed Ka.Pliskova in straight sets in R16

Lotus Court
Anastasia Sevastova (LAT #20) vs. Dominika Cibulkova (SVK #30)
Series tied 1-1
Cibulkova outlasted Stephens in R16 to reach first QF here since 2008…Sevastova returns to QF for first time since 2010…Sevastova through to the last eight without dropping a set

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BY THE NUMBERS

2015
Siniakova is the first qualifier to reach the QF at the China Open since Mattek-Sands in 2015
431
Including her two qualifying matches, Siniakova has spent 431 minutes on court this week
220
The number of aces which have been struck so far this week in Beijing is 220, Ka.Pliskova leads the way with 18
11
No.8 seed Osaka has dropped just 11 games on her way to the QF
8
Wuhan champion Sabalenka is currently on an eight-match winning streak
5
Sevastova, Osaka, Q.Wang, Siniakova and Wozniacki have all reached the last eight without dropping a set

ON THIS DAY: OCTOBER 5
Elena Vesnina recorded a memorable victory over countrywoman Maria Sharapova on this day at the China Open in 2010, overcoming the multiple Grand Slam champion in straight sets in the 2r. Vesnina announced earlier this week she is pregnant with her first child – congratulations Elena from the WTA Match Notes team!

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KATERINA SINIAKOVA

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ROAD TO THE QF

[Q] KATERINA SINIAKOVA (CZE #40)

R16: d. [11] KIKI BERTENS (NED #11) 6-4,6-3 (1h31)
R32: d. ALEKSANDRA KRUNIC (SRB #62) 7-6(2),6-2 (1h31)
R64: d. ALISON VAN UYTVANCK (BEL #52) 7-5,6-4 (1h34)
R2-Q: d. BERNARDA PERA (USA #72) 6-2,6-4 (1h15)
R1-Q: d. FANG YING XUN (CHN #211) 6-4,6-3 (1h20)

Total games: 62
Won/lost: 38-24
Sets won/lost: 6-0
Total time on court: 4h36
Average time on court: 1h32
Average rank of opponent: 42

[2] CAROLINE WOZNIACKI (DEN #2)

R16: d. ANETT KONTAVEIT (EST #21) 7-5,6-4 (1h50)
R32: d. PETRA MARTIC (CRO #36) 7-6,6-3 (1h47)
R64: d. BELINDA BENCIC (SUI #42) 6-2,6-3 (1h21)

Total games: 60
Won/lost: 38-22
Sets won/lost: 6-0
Total time on court: 4h58
Average time on court: 1h39
Average rank of opponent: 33

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KATERINA SINIAKOVA

2017
R1  L - SAMANTHA STOSUR (AUS #45)  6-3  6-2

2016
R1  L - ANGELIQUE KERBER (GER #1)  6-4  6-4

CAROLINE WOZNIACKI

2017
R16  L - PETRA KVIITOVA (CZE #18)  6-1  6-4

2016
R16  L - AGNIESZKA RADWANSKA (POL #3)  6-3  6-1

2015
R16  L - ANGELIQUE KERBER (GER #10)  6-2  6-3

2014
R2  L - SAMANTHA STOSUR (AUS #21)  6-4  7-6(9)

2013
QF  L - SERENA WILLIAMS (USA #1)  6-1  6-4

2012
R16  L - ANGELIQUE KERBER (GER #8)  6-1  2-6  6-4

2011
QF  L - FLAVIA PENNETTA (ITA #26)  3-6  6-0  7-6(2)

2010
F  W - VERA ZVONAREVA (RUS #4)  6-3  6-6  6-3

2009
R1  L - MARÍA JOSE MARTÍNEZ SÁNCHEZ (ESP #38)  6-7(5)  7-6(2)  6-0

2008
R1  L - ANABEL MEDINA GARRIGUES (ESP #27)  7-6(3)  6-4

2007
R1  L - DOMINIKA CIBULKOVA (SVK #57)  6-0  6-7(5)  6-1

SINIAKOVA:

Beijing

- Making third consecutive main draw appearance in Beijing. Has made best run here by reaching QF, as a qualifier
- Previous best results were 1r showings as a qualifier in 2016 (l. Kerber) and as a direct acceptance in 2017 (l. Stosur)
- Sole Czech player in QF action this year. Best performance at Beijing by a Czech player came from Kvitova who finished runner-up in 2014
- Overcame Xun and Pera in straight sets to win through qualifying for the second time (also 2016). Only qualifier to reach QF. Best performance by a qualifier at Beijing is Niculescu’s run to the SF in 2011
- Defeated Van Uytvanck, Krunic and No.11 seed Bertens in straight sets in the opening three rounds to advance to her first Premier Mandatory QF
- Win over No.11 Bertens was her fourth Top 20 victory of the year and her third in the last two weeks. Also defeated No.16 Vandeweghe at Wimbledon and No. 4 Garcia and No. 14 Muguruza at Wuhan last week
- Looking for third Top 5 victory of her career and best win by rank when faces No.2 Wozniacki in QF today. Both her previous Top 5 wins have come in Asia - against No.4 Halep at 2017 Shenzhen and No.4 Garcia at Wuhan
- Has lost both of her previous matches on hardcourts against Wozniacki but won their most recent encounter on clay in the final at 2017 Bastad
Today's match marks her sixth QF of the season, having also reached this stage or better at Shenzhen (l. Halep in F), St. Petersburg (l. Mladenovic in QF), Prague (l. Kvitova in QF), Nürnberg (l. Larsson in SF) and Wuhan (l. Kontaveit in QF). Reached three QFs in 2017 (Shenzhen, R-Up, Prague, QF, Bastad, WON)

Following on from QF showing last week in Wuhan, has now reached back-to-back quarterfinals at WTA events for the first time in her career

Looking to reach first SF on a hard court since her runner-up finish at Doha in January

During the 2017 Asian swing she reached the 2r at Tokyo and Wuhan but lost in the 1r at Beijing

Has played 22 three-set matches in 2018 (main draw) – only Sabalenka (28) has taken part in more this season

Partnered Krunic in doubles this week, pair losing to No.2 seeds Sestini Hlavackova/Strycova in 2r. Currently ranked No.2 in doubles, won doubles titles at Roland Garros and Wimbledon with Krejcikova. The pair has qualified for the WTA Finals Singapore

Season

As a qualifier defeated No.4 Garcia and No.14 Muguruza on her way to a QF finish at Wuhan

Equaled best Grand Slam performance by reaching 3r at US Open (l. Tsurenko). 1r victory over Kontaveit ended a run of four straight defeats

Reached SF in doubles at Flushing Meadows (w/Krejcikova, l. eventual champions Barty/Vandeweghe)

Fell 1r at both North American hard court tournaments, at Montréal (l. Ka.Pliskova) and Cincinnati (l. Peterson)

Made 1r exit at Moscow [River Cup] (l. Kr.Pliskova) and produced 2r showing at $80k ITF/Olomouc-CZE (l. Mroze)

Matched her best result at Wimbledon – and across all Slams – by reaching 3r (l. Giorgi - held match point in second set)

Tasted success in doubles at Wimbledon, lifting the title w/Krejcikova - team are the first pairing to complete the Roland Garros-Wimbledon double since Kim Clijsters and Ai Sugiyama won both titles in 2003

Reached a career-high doubles ranking of No.2 on July 16, 2018 following Wimbledon

Made 1r exit at Birmingham (l. Mladenovic in 3s)

Enjoyed a successful fortnight at Roland Garros, matching best Grand Slam singles run by reaching 3r (l. Strycova) and lifting doubles title (w/Krejcikova, d. Hozumi/Ninomiya in F)

Defeated two-time Australian Open winner Azarenka in 1r at Paris – her first victory over a major champion at a Grand Slam tournament

Made SF run at Nürnberg (l. eventual champion Larsson). Fell in Rome qualifying

Opened clay court swing with 1r exit at Charleston (l. Kr.Pliskova), then posted 1r exit in Madrid (l. Cirstea) and reached QF in Prague (l. eventual champion Kvitova)

During “Sunshine Double”, reached 2r at Indian Wells (l. eventual R-Up Kasatkina) and fell 1r at Miami (l. Larsson). Did reach Miami final in doubles (w/Krejcikova, l. Barty/Vandeweghe)

Fell 1r at Doha (l. Osaka) and made QF at St. Petersburg (l. eventual R-Up Mladenovic)

Suffered 2r exit at Australian Open (d. Sakkari in 1r, l. Svitolina)

Fell 1r at Hobart (l. Riske) after R-Up finish at Shenzhen (as defending champion, l. Halep). Also reached doubles final at Shenzhen (w/Krejcikova, l. Begu/Halep)

Career

Achieved second straight Top 50 finish in 2017 (at No.49) – also finished at No.49 in 2016

Won first tour-level titles in 2017, at Shenzhen (d. Riske in F) and Bastad (d. Wozniacki in F). Earned first Top 5 win of career over No.4 Halep en route to Shenzhen title

Career record in singles finals stands at 2-3

Was one of nine players to win at least two titles in 2017, along with Bertens (Nürnberg, Gstaad), Konta (Sydney, Miami), Muguruza (Wimbledon, Cincinnati), Ostapenko (Roland Garros, Seoul), Pavlyuchenkova (Monterrey, Rabat, Hong Kong), Ka.Pliskova (Brisbane, Doha, Eastbourne), Svitolina (Taipei City, Dubai, Istanbul, Rome, Toronto) and Wozniacki (Tokyo [PPO], WTA Finals)

Reached a career-high singles ranking of No.36 on April 3, 2017
Scored first three career Top 10 wins during 2017 season, over No.4 Halep and No.10 Konta (both Shenzhen) and No.6 Wozniacki (Bastad)

Enjoyed successful 2017 season in doubles, reaching five finals at Taipei City, Indian Wells, Charleston, Prague and US Open, and SF at Roland Garros (all w/Hradecka); owns 4-9 career record in doubles finals

Earned first-ever qualification in doubles at WTA Finals in Singapore in 2017 (w/Hradecka), but forced to withdraw due to injury from Hradecka

Outside of two singles titles won in 2017, won back-to-back matches on two occasions: Indian Wells (l. Wozniacki in 3r) and Prague (l. Strycova in QF)

2016 season highlights included reaching first two WTA finals of career, at Bastad (as qualifier, l. Siegemund) and Tokyo [Japan Open] (l. McHale)

At Premier level, best result of career to date is reaching SF at 2014 Moscow (as qualifier, d. Giorgi in QF, l. eventual champion Pavlyuchenkova in SF)

Broke into Top 100 after that Moscow run and ended 2014 at No.74 for first Top 100 finish

On ITF Circuit has won seven singles titles and five doubles titles

Won WTA 125K Series doubles title at 2014 Limoges (w/Voracova)

Made WTA main draw debut at 2013 Miami (l. Muguruza)

Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in 2012

Grand Slam History

2018 US Open marked 17th main draw appearance at a Grand Slam

Best results to date are 3r runs at Wimbledon in 2016 (l. A.Radwanska) and 2018 (l. Giorgi), Roland Garros in 2018 (l. Strycova) and US Open in 2018 (l. Tsurenko)

Only other wins came during 2r showings at 2015 and 2018 Australian Open and 2016 US Open

In doubles, lifted first two Grand Slam trophies at 2018 Roland Garros (d. Hozumi/Ninomiya in F) and 2018 Wimbledon (d. Melichar/Peschke in F) both w/Krejcikova – the first pairing to complete the Roland Garros-Wimbledon double since Kim Clijsters and Al Sugiyama in 2003. Became the first team ever to win the girls’ (2013) and ladies’ (2018) doubles title at Wimbledon

Also reached championship match at 2017 US Open (w/Hradecka, l. Chan/Hingis)

Junior highlights included R-Up in singles at 2013 Australian Open (l. Konjuh) and three Grand Slam doubles titles at 2013 Roland Garros, Wimbledon and US Open (all w/Krejcikova)

Other Information

Currently coached by Iain Hughes and father, Dmitri Siniakov (a businessman); has also worked with WTA legend Helena Sukova

Mother’s name is Hana Siniakova (accountant); younger brother is Daniel

Started playing tennis at age five; all-court player; favorite surface is hardcourt; favorite tournament is Australian Open

Goal is to be World No.1

WOZNIACKI:

Beijing

Making 12th consecutive appearance at Beijing, where she was champion in 2010 (d. Zvonareva in F)

Has reached QF at China Open for first time since 2013 (l. S.Williams). Also made QF here in 2011 (l. Pennetta)

By winning 2010 Beijing, ascended to be WTA World No.1 for the first time in career (October 11, 2010)

Broke six times to ease past No.41 Bencic in 1r on Monday – her best win-by-ranking since Eastbourne title run in June

Overcame No.36 Martic in 2r on Wednesday – preserves perfect record against her, now going 5-0. After all four previous wins, went on to reach the tournament final (2009 US Open – R-Up, 2010 Copenhagen – WON, 2012 Copenhagen – R-Up and 2018 Auckland – R-Up)
• Defeated Kontaveit in straight sets in r16 to book her spot in Singapore, where she is the defending champion. It’s the sixth time she has qualified for WTA Finals
• Has posted three straight wins for the first time since Eastbourne title run in June
• Faces qualifier Siniakova today in QF. Only loss to a qualifier this season came last week in Wuhan (l. Puig). Has 6-1 record vs qualifiers in 2018
• Has defeated Siniakova in both of their previous hard court encounters but lost their most recent match up in the final on clay at 2017 Bastad
• Bidding to reach first SF on hard court since 2018 Doha in February
• Is third on the list for most match wins at the China Open with 21, behind A.Radwanska (28 wins) and Kuznetsova (24)
• Seeded No.2 at 2018 Beijing; has been seeded on nine of her 11 visits to the Chinese capital (exceptions were debut in 2007 and 2016)
• Ranks third among active players for hard court titles with 21 (S.Williams - 46 and V.Williams - 31)
• During 2017 Asian swing won the titles at Tokyo (d. Pavlyuchenkova in F) and Singapore (d. V.Williams in F), reached the r16 in Beijing (l. Kvitova) and the 2r in Hong Kong (l. Cabrera) but lost her opening round match in Wuhan (l. Sakkari)
• Has won 10 titles in Asia, including 2010 Beijing and 2017 WTA Finals Singapore

Season

• Enters Beijing after R16 showing at Wuhan (after 1r bye, d. Peterson in 2r, l. Puig)
• Made 2r exits at Tokyo (l. Giorgi after 1r bye), US Open (l. Tsurenko), Cincinnati (after 1r bye, l. eventual champion Bertens) and Montréal (after 1r bye, l. Sabalenka – held 3mp in third set)
• Fell 2r at Wimbledon (l. Makarova)
• Also on grass, won her second title of the season, and 29th of her career at Eastbourne (d. Sabalenka in F). Win over Konta in Eastbourne 3r was 50th grass court win, becoming just the seventh active player with as many wins on the surface (also S.Williams, V.Williams, Sharapova, A.Radwanska, Kerber and Jankovic)
• Fell in R16 at Roland Garros (l. Kasatkina) after QF showing at Rome (l. Kontaveit) and R16 at Madrid (l. Bertens)
• Made QF at Istanbul (ret. vs. eventual champion Parmentier w/left abdominal injury)
• Reached R16 at Indian Wells (l. eventual R-Up Kasatkina) and made 2r exit at Miami (after 1r bye, l. Puig)
• Posted SF run at Doha (l. eventual champion Kvitova)
• Fell in QF at St Petersburg (after 1r bye, d. Potapova; l. No.8 seed Kasatkina)
• Won first Grand Slam title of career at Australian Open (d. No.1 Halep in F) – became first Danish woman to win a major singles title
• Win over Halep marked her fourth win over a reigning World No.1 (4-6 career record), having won her first three all in 2017 over Ka.Pliskova (Toronto), Muguruza (Tokyo [PPO]) and Halep (WTA Finals Singapore)
• With her triumph in Melbourne reclaimed the World No.1 ranking for the first time in six years, marking the longest gap between stints at the top spot since the computer rankings were introduced in November 1975 (6 years, 0 days)
• Opened 2018 season with R-Up finish at Auckland (l. Goerges)

Career

• Posted 60-21 record in 2017, finishing at No.3 for 10th consecutive Top 20 season and seventh Top 10 finish of career, including six in a row (2009-14) and back-to-back year-end No.1 finishes in 2010-11
• Season highlight in 2017 was winning biggest title of career to that point at 2017 WTA Finals Singapore (d. V.Williams in F). By winning in Singapore, passed $25 million in career prize money
• Also defended title at Tokyo [PPO] (d. Pavlyuchenkova in F) and reached a further six finals in 2017, finishing as R-Up at Doha (l. Ka.Pliskova) and Dubai (l. Svitolina) in back-to-back weeks, and then Miami (l. Konta), Eastbourne (l. Ka.Pliskova), Bastad (l. Siniakova) and Toronto (l. Svitolina)
• Scored three wins over No.1-ranked players in 2017, against Ka.Pliskova (Toronto), Muguruza (Tokyo [PPO]) and Halep (Singapore). Had never previously secured victory over the top-ranked player in her career; lifetime record now stands at 4-6 vs. No.1 players (also beat Halep at 2018 Australian Open)
• Scored more wins over Top 10 players in 2017 (14-6 record) than any other player
• Owns 29 career singles titles – fourth most titles among active players (behind S.Williams, V.Williams and Sharapova) and has won at least one title in 11 straight seasons (since 2008), including career-best six titles in 2010 and 2011
• Won first WTA title at 2008 Stockholm, the first ever title won by a Danish woman
• Denmark’s flag bearer at 2016 Rio Olympics
• Broke into Top 100 on July 9, 2007 and entered Top 50 on January 28, 2008. Debut in Top 10 on May 18, 2009
• Rose to No.1 on October 11, 2010 and held No.1 ranking for total of 67 weeks; returned to No.1 on January 29, 2018 after Australian Open title for a further four weeks, taking career to 71 weeks
• Winner of two WTA doubles titles – 2008 Beijing (w/Medina Garrigues) and 2009 Memphis (w/Azarenka)
• Made professional debut aged 15 as a wildcard at 2005 Cincinnati

**Grand Slam History**

• 2018 US Open marked 46th main draw appearance at a Grand Slam
• Captured her first Grand Slam title and the World No.1 ranking at 2018 Australian Open (d. Halep in three sets) – becoming just the fourth player all-time (also, Navratilova, Ivanovic and Azarenka) to simultaneously win her maiden major title and ascend to No.1
• Saved 2mp (in 2r vs. Fett) en route to the 2018 Australian Open title – one of five women to do so in Melbourne
• Also a two-time Grand Slam runner-up, losing the title match at the US Open in 2009 (l. Clijsters) and 2014 (l. S.Williams). Became first Danish player to reach a Grand Slam final since Kurt Nielsen at 1955 Wimbledon
• Made Grand Slam debut at 2007 Roland Garros (l. Dechy in 1r). Would go on to play 36 consecutive majors until streak was snapped by withdrawal from 2016 Roland Garros (w/right ankle injury)
• At Roland Garros she is a two-time quarterfinalist, in 2010 (l. eventual champion Schiavone) and 2017 (l. eventual champion Ostapenko) and has reached R16 at Wimbledon on six occasions, most recently in 2017
• In juniors, won girls’ singles title at 2006 Wimbledon and was a finalist at 2006 Australian Open

**Other Information**

• Ran 2014 New York City Marathon with charity Team for Kids, funds going to New York Road Runners youth programs
• Signed as a USANA Health Sciences brand ambassador in March 2015. As part of the announcement she launched the program’s annual ‘Aces for Humanity’ campaign to aid the USANA True Health Foundation, whose mission is to provide critical nutrition to those who are suffering or in need; money is donated for each ace served by the eight
• USANA Ambassadors on the WTA
• Announced engagement to former NBA player David Lee in November 2017, the ex-New York Knicks forward proposing on holiday in Bora Bora
• Coached by father, Piotr Wozniacki
ANASTASIJA SEVASTOVA (LAT #20) vs. DOMINIKA CIBULKOVA (SVK #30)

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ANASTASIJA SEVASTOVA (LAT #20)

- R16: d. DONNA VEKIC (CRO #38) 6-3, 6-2 (1h21)
- R32: d. [17] MADISON KEYS (USA #18) W/O (left knee injury)
- R64: d. ALIZÉ CORNET (FRA #35) 6-4, 6-2 (1h36)

Total games: 35
Won/lost: 24-11
Sets won/lost: 4-0
Total time on court: 2h57
Average time on court: 0h59
Average rank of opponent: 30

DOMINIKA CIBULKOVA (SVK #30)

- R16: d. [9] SLOANE STEPHENS (USA #9) 4-6, 6-2, 6-3 (2h01)
- R32: d. DARIA GAVRILOVA (AUS #33) 6-3, 6-3 (1h24)
- R64: d. YING-YING DUAN (CHN #125) 6-3, 6-2 (1h12)

Total games: 62
Won/lost: 40-22
Sets won/lost: 6-1
Total time on court: 4h37
Average time on court: 1h32
Average rank of opponent: 56
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**SEVASTOVA:**

**Beijing**

- Making fourth main draw appearance at China Open, where she is through to QF for a second time
- Also reached QF on debut in 2010 (d. today’s opponent Cibulkova in 2r, l. Li Na). Fell in 1r in 2016 (l. Konta) and 2017 (l. Sharapova)
- Defeated Cornet in 1r on Sunday before advancing to R16 via walkover over Keys (left knee injury)
- Eased past Vekic in R16 – has now won all five matches in her career against the Croatian
- Has now made QF at five of her past seven tournaments – also Bucharest (WON), Moscow [River Cup] (QF – withdrew injured), Montréal (QF) an US Open (SF)
- Faces No.30 Cibulkova in QF today; owns 6-9 record against Top 30 opponents in 2018
- Bidding for 39th tour-level win of 2018; her highest previous number of wins in a single season was 37 in 2017
- Across entire career (at all levels) holds a 32-10 record against Slovakian opponents, most recently beating Schmiedlova at Madrid this May
- Still in the running to qualify for WTA Finals in Singapore, although would need to win this week’s China Open title in order to stay in contention
- Best result by a Latvian at Beijing was Ostapenko’s SF run in 2017 (l. Halep)

**Season**

- Last week, suffered 1r exit at Wuhan (l. Pavlyuchenkova)
- Advanced to first Grand Slam SF at US Open (l. S.Williams) after 1r upset at Cincinnati (l. Giorgi)
- Became the first Latvian woman to reach SF at Flushing Meadows, upsetting No. 7 Sviitolina and No.3 Stephens en route; now owns three Top 10 wins in 2018 (also No.10 Goerges at Montréal)
- Enjoyed a QF run in Montréal (l. eventual R-Up Stephens), eclipsing the $4 million career prize money mark in the process
- Withdrew w/left thigh injury prior to QF vs. Sasnovich at Moscow [River Cup]
- Captured first title of the season and third of her career on clay in Bucharest (d. Martic in F); now 3-3 in singles finals
- Fell in R16 in Eastbourne (l. Kasatkina) prior to being ousted in 1r at Wimbledon by eventual quarterfinalist Giorgi
- Finished R-Up at Mallorca (l. Maria) in first grass event of the season
- Made 1r exit at Roland Garros (l. Duque-Mariño)
- Advanced to R16 in Rome (l. No.2 Wozniacki) and fell in 2r in Madrid (l. eventual R-Up Bertens)
- Enjoyed a SF result in Charleston in her first clay event of 2018
- Fell in 3r in Miami (l. Azarenka); 2r defeat of Cornet was first main draw match win at Miami
- Had R16 run at Indian Wells (d. No.12 Goerges in 3r, l. V Williams) – her best result at the tournament
- During Middle Eastern swing, made R16 at Doha (l. Halep) and fell 1r at Dubai (l. Makarova)
- In first Fed Cup appearances since 2010, represented Latvia in February in Europe/Africa Group Competition, before going 1-1 in April’s World Group II play-off victory over Russia
- Reached 2r at Australian Open (l. Sharapova)
- Opened 2018 season by reaching SF at Brisbane (l. Sasnovich) followed by 1r exit at Sydney (l. Cibulkova)

**Career**

- Posted first Top 20 season in 2017, finishing at No.16 and recording a then-career-high number of wins (37) and winning percentage (.607), improving on her previous records set back in 2010
- Captured second career singles title and first in seven years at 2017 Mallorca (d. Goerges in F)
- Earned nearly half of career prize money in 2017 after reaching US Open QF for second consecutive year and advancing to SF of WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai (l. eventual champion Goerges)
- In 2016, played first full season since 2012, reaching two singles finals at Mallorca (l. Garcia) and Bucharest (l. Halep), as well as first Grand Slam QF of career at US Open
- Retired from professional tennis in May 2013 due to various injuries – mostly muscular and back-related – but returned to competition at ITF level in January 2015 after body had fully healed
- During break from tennis studied leisure management
- Prior to break from tennis, won first singles title at 2010 Oeiras – becoming first Latvian to win a WTA title in 17 years (since Savchenko at Schenectady in 1993)
- Made Top 100 debut on July 13, 2009, Top 50 debut on October 11, 2010 and Top 20 debut on May 15, 2017
- Played first WTA event at 2007 Istanbul; made Grand Slam main draw debut as a qualifier at 2009 Roland Garros
- On ITF Circuit, has won 13 singles and four doubles titles
- Member of Latvian Fed Cup Team 2005-06, 2008-10, 2018
- Currently the Latvian No.2, behind Ostapenko; no other Latvians feature in Top 300 (September 24, 2018)

**Grand Slam History**

- 2018 US Open marked 23rd main draw appearance at a Grand Slam
- Became the first Latvian woman to reach a US Open SF in 2018. Across all majors, the only other Latvian woman to reach this stage is Ostapenko (2017 Roland Garros – WON; 2018 Wimbledon – SF)
- Fell at QF stage on two occasions, at US Open in 2016 (l. Wozniacki) and 2017 (l. Stephens)
- In 2016, became first Latvian woman to reach a Grand Slam QF since Savchenko at 1994 Wimbledon (since joined by Ostapenko)
- Best result elsewhere is reaching R16 at 2011 Australian Open (l. Wozniacki), before her two-year absence from the game
- Made 3R at 2017 Roland Garros; this was the first time a Latvian woman reached 3R in the Open Era (also eventual champion Ostapenko). Latvian-born Larisa Savchenko advanced to 3R in 1984 and 1989 whilst representing the USSR.
- Has won just one match in five visits to Wimbledon, reaching 2R in 2017.

**Other Information**

- Trains and resides in Liepaja, Latvia and coached by Ronald Schmidt.
- Mother is Diana Golovanova (English teacher).
- Started playing at age six, introduced to the sport by her grandmother, played for fun until she was 15.
- Speaks Latvian, English, Russian, German.
- Other sports interests are soccer and jet skiing.

**CIBULKOVA:**

**Beijing**

- Making tenth appearance at Beijing, where she is through to QF for a second time.
- Previously made it this far in 2008, when the tournament was a Tier II event (l. Kuznetsova).
- This year, scored first win in the Chinese capital since 2015, defeating wildcard Duan in 1R.
- Scored another straight set win over Gavrilova on Tuesday to advance to R16 at her fourth consecutive tournament – also US Open (l. Keys, R16), Tokyo (l. Osaka, R16), Wuhan (l. Sabalenka, QF).
- Beat No.9 Stephens in R16 to register third Top 10 win of the season, having previously upset No.4 Kerber (US Open) and No.1 Halep (Wuhan).
- Appearing in sixth QF of season today against No.20 Sevastova. Also reached this juncture at Sydney – QF, Budapest – R-Up, Strasbourg – R-Up, Wimbledon – QF, Wuhan – QF.
- Owns seven Top 20 wins this season. By contrast, scored only two in entire 2017 campaign.
- Has served impressively this week, ranking fifth for service games won with 81.3% (her season average is 69.2%).

**Season**

- Last week enjoyed QF run at Wuhan (l. eventual champion Sabalenka).
- Upset World No.1 Halep in 2R at Wuhan; now has 5-11 record against current World No.1s, with other wins over Wozniacki at 2011 Sydney and 2011 Wimbledon, Azarenka 2012 Roland Garros and Kerber at 2016 WTA Finals.
- Made R16 showing at Tokyo (l. Osaka).
- At US Open reached R16 for second time (l. Keys); scored first Top 10 win of season against No.4 Kerber in 3R.
- Having made QF at Wimbledon this year, reached R16 or better at two consecutive Slams for first time since 2009 (Australian Open R16 and Roland Garros SF).
- Suffered 1R exit at New Haven (l. Goerges, having finished R-Up there in 2017).
- Withdrew from Montréal and Cincinnati w/illness.
- Quarterfinalist at Wimbledon (l. Ostapenko), having reached 2R at Eastbourne (l. Kerber) following 1R exit at Birmingham (l. Gavrilova).
- Was unseeded at Wimbledon, but QF effort brought a return to Top 30 and reinstatement as Slovak No.1, ahead of Rybarikova.
- Clay swing ended with 1R exit at Roland Garros (l. Goerges).
- Highlight on clay was reaching second WTA singles final of 2018 at Strasbourg (l. Pavlyuchenkova in F). Held 2mp in Strasbourg final against Pavlyuchenkova; match lasted 3h 35m – the longest non-Slam match of the 2018 season. Record in WTA finals now stands at 8-13 (most recent title came at 2016 WTA Finals in Singapore).
- Reached 2R at Rome (l. Sharapova in 3s) and suffered 1R exits at Madrid (l. Garcia) and Rabat (l. Hercog).
• Rabat marked first tournament since 2r upset at Indian Wells in March (l. No.165-ranked WC Dolehide in three sets)

• After Indian Wells, withdrew from Miami and Lugano w/GI illness

• Before heading to US was runner-up at Budapest (as top seed, l. Van Uytvanck in F). Reached 2r at Doha (l. Garcia)

• Made 2r exit at St. Petersburg (l. No.4 seed and eventual R-Up Mladenovic)

• Suffered 1r loss at opening Slam of 2017 at Australian Open (l. Kanepi in straight sets)

• Reached QF in first tournament of the season at Sydney. Defeated No.15 Sevastova and No.17 Vesnina to score first Top 20 wins since defeating No.20 Pavlyuchenkova at 2017 New Haven

Career

• Posted eighth career Top 30 finish in 2017 (at No.26) following her debut Top 10 finish in 2016 (at No.5)

• 2017 was highlighted by R-Up finish at New Haven (l. Gavrilova in F)

• Won first WTA doubles title of career at 2017 ‘s-Hertogenbosch (w/Flipkens)

• Posted career-high ranking on March 20, 2017 at No.4 following run to R16 at Indian Wells (l. Pavlyuchenkova)

• Capped 2016 by winning biggest title of career to date at WTA Finals in Singapore – went 1-2 in group stage before defeating No.9 Kuznetsova in SF and World No.1 Kerber in final

• At No.7, became lowest seeded player to triumph at WTA Finals since No.7 seed V.Williams in 2008; first player to win WTA Finals on debut since Kvitova in 2011

• Won 2016 WTA Comeback Player of the Year award – ended 2015 ranked No.38 having been sidelined for four months with a left Achilles problem, with ranking dipping as low as No.66 in February 2016

• Won career-high 53 matches in 2016 (previous best was 42 matches in 2011)

• Won a WTA-leading four singles titles in 2016 – qualified for Singapore by virtue of lifting trophy at Linz (d. Golubic in F) after earlier wins at Katowice (d. Giorgi in F) and Eastbourne (d. Ka.Pliskova in F). In 2016 also reached finals at Acapulco (l. Stephens), Madrid (l. Halep) and Wuhan (l. Kvitova)

• Earlier titles came at 2011 Moscow, 2012 Carlsbad, 2013 Stanford and 2014 Acapulco

• Withdrew from Rio Olympics in singles and doubles (w/left calf injury)

• Owns 37 victories over Top 10 opponents (eight coming in 2016) including five over reigning World No.1s: Wozniacki at 2011 Sydney and 2011 Wimbledon, Azarenka at 2012 Roland Garros, Kerber at 2016 WTA Finals and Halep at 2018 Wuhan

• Made Top 10 debut at No.10 on March 31, 2014 (after Miami)

• Broke into Top 20 on August 4, 2008

• Made WTA qualifying debut at 2005 Rabat and main draw debut at 2006 Istanbul

Grand Slam History

• 2018 US Open marked 44th Grand Slam main draw appearance. Win-loss record at this level now stands at 80-44

• Best result across the majors came with runner-up finish at 2014 Australian Open (l. Li). Defeated four seeds en route to final at Melbourne Park, including No.3 Sharapova and No.5 A.Radwanska to become first player representing Slovakia (male or female) to reach a Grand Slam singles final

• At Roland Garros, advanced to SF in 2009 (l. eventual R-Up Safina) and QF in 2012 (l. Stosur)

• Also, a quarterfinalist at Wimbledon in 2011, 2016 and 2018, and at US Open in 2010

Other Information

• In February 2014 launched her own sportswear and accessories line, ‘Domi’, which incorporates her on-court Slovak catch-cry ‘Pome!’; proceeds go to her foundation which assists athletes and other notables in her native Slovakia who have fallen on tough times
- Married husband Michal 'Miso' Navara in Bratislava in July 2016, after Wimbledon
- Coached by Matej Liptak; fitness trainer and physio is Jozef Ivanko
[WC] QIANG WANG (CHN #28) vs. ARYNA SABALENKA (BLR #16)

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Total games: 32
Won/lost: 24-8
Sets won/lost: 4-0
Total time on court: 2h32
Average time on court: 1h16
Average rank of opponent: 10

ROAD TO THE QF

[R16: d. [7] KAROLINA PLISKOVA (CZE #7) 6-4,6-4 (1h37)
R32: d. [12] JELENA OSTAPENKO (LAT #13) 6-0,6-0 (0h55)
R64: BYE]

Total games: 53
Won/lost: 31-22
Sets won/lost: 4-1
Total time on court: 4h05
Average time on court: 2h03
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**Beijing**

- Making fifth main draw appearance at Beijing, where she is through to QF for the first time
- This is her best result at a WTA Premier Mandatory event
- Since becoming a Premier Mandatory event in 2009, best result by a Chinese player at Beijing were Li’s SF runs in 2010 and 2012
- Prior to 2018, best previous result was making 2r in 2015 (d. Lepchenko, l. Wozniacki). Suffered 1r defeats in 2012 (l. Zhang Shuai), 2016 (l. eventual champion A.Radwanska) and 2017 (l. Wozniacki)
- Fell in 2007-08 and 2013 qualifying
- Following 1r performance bye (having reached Wuhan SF), defeated No.13 Ostapenko without dropping a game – the seventh 6-0 6-0 scoreline on tour this year
- Defeated No.7 Ka.Pliskova in R16 on Thursday for the second consecutive tournament, having also come out victorious in three sets en route to Wuhan SF last week
- Was 30th main draw match win of 2018 season, and takes lifetime record vs. Top 10 players to 4 -12, with other wins over No.10 Wozniacki (2013 Kuala Lumpur) No.9 V.Williams (2018 Roland Garros) and No.7 Ka.Pliskova (2018 Wuhan)
- Faces No.16 Sabalenka today, and bidding for tenth Top 20 win of career
- One of five wildcards (also Duan, Stosur and Y.Wang, S.Zheng). Best result by a wildcard at Beijing was Peng’s SF showing in 2006
- Contesting this week in Beijing at a career-high ranking of No.28, having broken Top 30 after last week’s Wuhan result
- This week, playing fifth event on home soil in 2018. Also Shenzhen (1r) Nanchang (WON), Guangzhou (WON), Wuhan (SF) and Beijing (QF) – 16-2 win-loss record

**Season**

- Coming off SF showing at Wuhan (ret. vs. Kontaveit w/left thigh injury) – first SF at WTA Premier-level or above
- In 2r at Wuhan, upset recent Tokyo champion and her conqueror at 2017 Wuhan No.7 Ka.Pliskova
- Strong start to Asian swing reaching SF at Hiroshima (l. eventual champion Hsieh) and lifting second career title at Guangzhou (d. Putintseva in F)
- Dropped just 18 games total en route to the title at Guangzhou – the fewest games lost in winning a WTA singles title in 2018
- Did not drop more than four games in a single match in Guangzhou title, becoming the fourth Chinese woman to win the title in the tournament’s 15-year history – also Li (2004), Yan (2005) and Zhang (2013 and 2017)
Achieved best result at US Open with run to 3r (l. Svitolina)

In lead-up to US Open, posted 1r exits at San Jose (l. Anisimova) and Montréal (as qualifier, l. Buzarnescu)

Lifted first tour-level title in July at Nanchang (d. Zheng Saisai in F following ret. w/fatigue). Dropped only one set en route to title

On grass, only contested Wimbledon, falling in 1r (l. Zheng Saisai)

Enjoyed best result at Roland Garros by reaching 3r (l. Putintseva). Defeated No.9 V.Williams in 1r (had lost to her in their two previous meetings) for then-best win rankings-wise of career (since bettered by win over No.7 Ka.Pliskova at Wuhan)

Prior to Roland Garros, made her first QF of the season at Strasbourg (l. Barty)

Made 1r exit in Madrid (l. Kasatkina) and fell in qualifying at Rome

Reached 2r in Prague before falling to Kr.Pliskova

Suffered 1r exits in Miami (l. Anisimova) and Istanbul (l. Kuznetsova)

Matched her career-best performance at a Premier Mandatory event by reaching R16 at Indian Wells (l. Halep); previously accomplished this at 2017 Madrid (l. Kuznetsova)

Fell in 2r at Dubai (l. eventual champion Svitolina) and 1r at Doha (l. Keys)

Opened 2018 season with 1r exits at Shenzhen (l. Riske) and Australian Open (l. Keys). Rose to then-career-high rank of No.44 following Shenzhen (January 8)

Career

Achieved first Top 50 year-end finish in 2017, finishing as China’s No.3. Ascended 25 spots from No.70 in 2016 to No.45 in 2017, marking third Top 100 season in four years

Advanced to first WTA SF at 2017 Hong Kong (l. Pavlyuchenkova) and captured WTA 125K Series title in Zhengzhou

Posted three victories vs. Top 20 opponents in 2017, defeating No.15 Vesnina (Rome), No.15 Mladenovic (Tokyo [PPO]) and No.17 Sloane Stephens (Wuhan)

2016 highlights included QF runs at Shenzhen (l. A.Radwanska), Kuala Lumpur (l. Zhu), Hong Kong (l. Wozniacki) and WTA 125K Series event at Dalian (l. Min). Also reached 2r at 2016 US Open, upsetting No.23 seed Kasatkina in 1r (l. Shvedova)

Represented China at Rio Olympics – l. Kuznetsova in 1r in three sets

In 2016, posted a 14-1 record between March–May on the ITF Circuit, winning $50k ITF/Quanzhou-CHN and $100k ITF/Shenzhen-CHN, and finishing runner-up at $75k ITF/Gifu-JPN

Owns three Top 10 wins in career (3-12 record), defeating No.10 Wozniacki at 2013 Kuala Lumpur, No.9 V.Williams at 2018 Roland Garros and No.7 Ka.Pliskova at 2018 Wuhan

Member of Chinese Fed Cup Team, 2012-2016

On ITF Circuit, owns 13 singles and one doubles title

Made WTA qualifying debut at 2007 Beijing and main draw debut at 2012 Baku

Won Chinese U/16 Championships in 2006 and U/18 Championships in 2007

Grand Slam History

2018 US Open marked 17th main draw appearance at a Grand Slam – win-loss record stands at 10-17 across the majors

Reached 3r for the first time at 2018 Roland Garros (l. Putintseva), since matched at 2018 US Open (l. Svitolina)


Made major debut at 2014 US Open
**Other Information**

- Began playing tennis aged nine as a way to keep fit
- Would have become a teacher if not a tennis player
- Admires Zheng Jie
- Coached by Peter McNamara

**SABALENKA:**

**Beijing**

- Making main draw debut appearance at Beijing, where she fell in qualifying last year
- Due to title run last week in Wuhan, received 1r performance bye – the first bye of her career
- Defeated two-time Grand Slam champion Muguruza in 2r; now owns six wins over major winners, also Stephens (2017 Fed Cup final), Kuznetsova (2018 Indian Wells), Wozniacki (2018 Montréal), Stosur (2018 New Haven) and Kvitova (2018 US Open)
- Scored eighth straight victory following defeat of Garcia in R16 on Thursday, equalling her career best main draw match-winning streak which she achieved with R16 finish at the US Open after claiming the New Haven title (on ITF Circuit, won 13 in a row in 2015)
- Defeat of No.8 Garcia was eighth win over Top 10 player in career, all coming in 2018. Only Bertens (10) owns more Top 10 wins this year
- Since losing to No.258 Sanchez in qualifying at San Jose in July, has posted 21-4 win-loss record
- At 20-years-old, is the youngest player left in the draw
- Has 20 three-set main draw match wins this season (most recent was vs. Garcia in R16). Players with 20-plus three-set wins since 2000:

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- Ranked No.16 entering Beijing – her career-high. By contrast, 12 months ago sat at No.101 in the rankings
- Has served the eighth-most aces on tour this year: 237 (including six aces during 2r win over Muguruza and five during R16 win over Garcia)
- Currently sits at No. 11 on the Porsche Race to Singapore leaderboard; needs SF in Beijing to stay in contention (scheduled to play Tianjin and Moscow in next two weeks)

**Season**

- Coming off winning biggest title of career at Wuhan (d. Kontaveit in F); now owns 2-3 record in career singles finals
- Defeat of No.6 Svitolina in 2r at Wuhan was seventh Top 10 win of the season and of career (7-5 overall record) – has also defeated No.7 Ka.Pliskova (Eastbourne), No.2 Wozniacki (Montréal), No.9 Ka.Pliskova and No.5 Garcia (Cincinnati), No.9 Goerges (New Haven) and No.5 Kvitova (US Open). Only Bertens (10-5) owns more Top 10 wins this campaign
- After US Open fell 1r at Québec City (l. Lepchenko)
- Posted best Grand Slam result as US Open, advancing to R16 (l. eventual champion Osaka in 3s)
- Lifted maiden WTA title at New Haven during North American hard court swing (d. Suárez Navarro in F)
- Posed SF run at Cincinnati (l. eventual R-Up Halep); during that run, saved match points to upset No.9 Ka.Pliskova in 2r and No.5 Garcia in R16 before defeating No.13 Keys in QF
- Advanced to R16 at Montréal (l. Mertens, after holding 1mp); in 2r in Canada, saved 3mp to upset No.2 Wozniacki
- Fell in 1r of 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)
- 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 lost 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 II; went 1-1 during subsequent play-off victory over Slovakia in April
- 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 qualifer, 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 2017 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**
- 2018 US Open marked fifth career main draw appearance at a Grand Slam, where she advanced to R16 for first time (l. eventual champion Osaka in 3s)
- Only previous Grand Slam win came during 2r showing on Grand Slam debut at 2017 Wimbledon (as qualifier, d. Khromacheva, l. Witthoeft)
- Made 1r exit on next 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
- Was No.26 seed at 2018 US Open – first Grand Slam seeding of her career
Other Information

- Coached by former ATP player Dmitry Tursunov
- Since their partnership formed this summer, the pairing has scored the best win-by-ranking of her career over No.2 Wozniacki en route to a R16 finish in Montréal. Then in Cincinnati, the Belarusian dropped three consecutive seeds (No.9 Ka.Pliskova, No.6 Garcia and No.13 Keys) en route to SF, before capturing her first career titles at New Haven and Wuhan
- Started playing aged six
- Prefers playing on hard
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ZHANG SHUAI (CHN #45) vs. [8] NAOMI OSAKA (JPN #6)

Head to Head: 2-2

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**ROAD TO THE QF**

[8] NAOMI OSAKA (JPN #6)

R16: d. [10] JULIA GOERGES (GER #10) 6-1,6-2 (1h06)
R32: d. DANIELLE COLLINS (USA #37) 6-1,6-0 (0h52)
R64: d. ZARINA DIYAS (KAZ #92) 6-4,6-3 (1h08)

ZHANG SHUAI (CHN #45)

R16: d. [3] ANGELIQUE KERBER (GER #3) 6-1,2-6,6-0 (1h27)
R32: d. TIMEA BABOS (HUN #68) 6-1,6-2 (1h09)
R64: d. [15] ELISE MERTENS (BEL #15) 6-1,3-6,6-3 (1h47)

Total games: 61
Won/lost: 41-20
Sets won/lost: 6-2
Total time on court: 4h23
Average time on court: 1h28
Average rank of opponent: 29

Total games: 47
Won/lost: 36-11
Sets won/lost: 6-0
Total time on court: 3h06
Average time on court: 1h02
Average rank of opponent: 46

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ZHANG SHUAI

2017
R2  L - AGNIESZKA RADWANSKA (POL #11)  7-5  7-5
2016
QF  L - JOHANNA KONTA (GBR #14)  6-4  6-0
2015
R1  L - MONA BARTHEL (GER #53)  6-3  6-2
2014
R1  L - CAROLINE GARCIA (FRA #36)  6-1  6-4
2013
R2  L - ROBERTA VINCI (ITA #12)  3-6  6-3  6-1
2012
R2  L - AGNIESZKA RADWANSKA (POL #3)  6-2  6-3
2011
R1  L - DOMINIKA CIBULKOVA (SVK #22)  6-0  6-2
2010
R1  L - MARIA KIRILENKO (RUS #26)  6-1  6-0
2009
R16  L - MARION BARTOLI (FRA #13)  6-1  6-4
2008
R1  L - ALIZÉ CORNET (FRA #19)  6-1  3-6  7-6(7)
2007
R1-Q  L - RAQUEL ATAWO (USA #165)  6-2  3-6  6-2
2006
R1-Q  L - JELENA KOSTANIC TOSIC (CRO #69)  4-6  6-3  6-4

NAOMI OSAKA

2017
R1  L - ANGELIQUE KERBER (GER #12)  6-2  7-5
2016
R1-Q  L - TATJANA MARIA (GER #114)  6-2  6-1

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ZHANG:

Beijing

- Making 11th main draw appearance at Beijing
- Has matched best result at China Open by reaching QF in 2018, having also made this stage in 2016 (d. No.5 Halep en route, l. eventual R-Up Konta)
- Also made R16 in 2009 (l. Bartoli), scoring best win of career when defeated World No.1 Safina. Ranked No.226 at the time of Safina win, became lowest-ranked player to defeat a reigning World No.1
- Opened 2018 Beijing campaign with defeat of No.15 Mertens, which was just second Top 20 win of season (in addition to No.13 Steohens at Australian Open)
- Overcame Babos in straight sets in 2r, now winning back-to-back matches at past three tournaments (also R16 at Wuhan and SF at Hiroshima)
- Posted strong win over No.3 Kerber in R16, marking first Top 5 win since 2016 Beijing (d. No.5 Halep). In fact, three of her four Top 5 wins have come here at China Open (also No.1 Safina in 2009). Other win came over No.2 Halep at 2016 Australian Open
- Has recorded three consecutive wins for the third time this season, also SF at Prague (l. Kvitova) and Hiroshima (l. Anisimova. Has not won four tour-level main draw matches in a row since title run at 2017 Guangzhou
- Faces No.6 Osaka today – owns a 6-18 lifetime record vs. Top 10 players, and is 1-3 in 2018 (d. No.3 Kerber on Thursday)
Sole Chinese woman to receive direct acceptance into main draw this week. One of five Chinese players competing here – also wildcards Duan (l. Cibulkova in 1r), Q.Wang (QF), Y.Wang (l. Garcia in 1r) and S.Zheng (l. Stephens in 2r). Last time multiple Chinese players reached the QF here was in 2006 (Peng, Na)

Beijing is her fourth event in her home country this season, having started the year with 2r showing at Shenzhen (l. Diyas) and reached QF at Nanchang (l. Zhu) in July and then R16 at Wuhan last week (l. Kontaveit). Withdrawed from Guangzhou w/shoulder injury

Last Monday, lost her Chinese No.1 ranking to Q.Wang

Fell 1r in doubles this week (w/Konta, l. Krunic/Siniakova in 1r)

**Season**

Coming off R16 showing at Wuhan (l. Kontaveit) – for the first time in tournament’s history, two Chinese players reached R16 (also Q.Wang, who made SF)

Produced SF run at Hiroshima (l. eventual R-Up Anisimova). Captured sixth career doubles title (w/Hozumi), defeating top seeds Kato/Ninomiya in F

Fell 1r at US Open (l. Muguruza) however, reached SF in doubles (w/Stosur, l. eventual R-Ups Mladenovic/Babos) and SF in mixed doubles (w/Peers, l. eventual R-Ups Rosolska/Mektic)

Made 2r in Montréal (l. Mertens) after a 1r exit in San Jose (l. Lapko)

Enjoyed a QF run on hard courts at the WTA’s International-level event at Nanchang, China, where she was the top seed (l. Zhu)

Grass swing ended with 1r exit at Wimbledon (l. Petkovic), following a 1r exit at ‘s-Hertogenbosch (l. Stollar)

Reached 2r at Roland Garros (l. Begu)

Made 2r showings at Madrid (d. Osaka, l. Mladenovic) and Rome (l. Ostapenko)

Advanced to SF at Prague (l. eventual champion Kvitova) following 1r exit at Istanbul (l. Rus)

Captured doubles title at Istanbul (w/Liang, d. Knoll/Smith in F)

Reached 3r at Indian Wells (as No.32 seed, l. Ka.Pliskova in 3s) and fell 2r at Miami (after 1r bye, l. Haddad Maia)

Advanced to back-to-back QF at Budapest (l. eventual champion Van Uytvanck) and Acapulco (l. Peterson)

Fell 1r at Taipei City (l. Kozlova) and Doha (l. Makarova)

Started season with 2r showings at Shenzhen (l. Diyas), Hobart (l. Sabalenka) and Australian Open (l. Allertova)

Best win by ranking so far this year was 1r win over No.13 Stephens at the Australian Open

**Career**

Posted fifth Top 100 season in 2017, finishing at No.36 – four Chinese players in year-end Top 100

Season highlighted by winning Guangzhou title (d. Krunic in F); now owns 2-0 record in WTA singles finals, having also won 2013 Guangzhou

Also in 2017, reached QF at New Haven and Doha, and won WTA 125K Series event in Honolulu

Posted career-high ranking of No.23 on November 14, 2016

Strong end to 2016 (went 21-6 post US Open) brought back-to-back semifinals on Asian swing – Tokyo [Japan Open] and Seoul – and saw her win 19th ITF Circuit singles title of career at $100k ITF/Tokyo 2-JPN

At last event of season, runner-up at WTA 125K Series event in Honolulu (l. Bellis in F)

Enjoyed Grand Slam breakthrough at 2016 Australian Open, where she advanced to QF (d. No.2 Halep and No.17 Key en route, l. Konta). Run also marked first time winning back-to-back main draw matches since semifinal run at 2014 Birmingham
• Other season highlights in 2016 included reaching 3r at US Open (best result at tournament), where she claimed back-to-back match wins at tour level for first time since 3r effort at Indian Wells in March, a run spanning 10 tournaments

• Represented China at Rio Olympics (d. No.15 Bacsinszky in opening match, l. Siegemund in 2r). In doubles, also made 2r (w/Peng, l. Hradecka/Hlavackova)

• Contemplated retirement after ending 2015 ranked No.186, her lowest year-end finish since 2008 (No.212) and down from No.62 in 2014

• Reached 2r at tour-level on only four occasions in 2015: Pattaya City, Charleston, Prague and Nürnberg

• Winner of two WTA singles titles, at 2013 and 2017 Guangzhou, and also won WTA 125K Series event at Nanjing in 2013 (d. Morita in F)

• Has won six WTA doubles titles, most recently at 2018 Hiroshima (w/Hozumi) and is a six-time runner-up

• Winner of 19 singles titles and nine doubles titles on ITF Circuit


• Made WTA qualifying debut at 2006 Beijing; made WTA main draw debut at 2006 Guangzhou


Grand Slam History

• 2018 US Open marked 31st Grand Slam main draw appearance

• Enjoyed Grand Slam breakthrough at 2016 Australian Open, where she advanced to QF – first time she had progressed beyond 1r at a major in what was her 15th main draw appearance. As a qualifier, defeated No.2 Halep and No.17 Keys en route (l. Konta). Ranked No.133, became lowest-ranked player to advance to last eight in

• Melbourne since unranked Henin reached final in 2010, and first qualifier to do so since Gavaldon in 1990

• By reaching 3r last year at US Open, matched her best result in New York, also making this stage in 2016 (l. Shvedova).

• This was preceded by three 1r exits – in 2008 (as qualifier, l. Kuznetsova), 2011 (l. Cibulkova) and 2014 (l. Barthel)

• At Roland Garros, reached 3r for the first time in 2017, and has never progressed beyond 1r at Wimbledon in five main draw appearances


Other Information

• Hails from a sporting family. Father, Zhang Zhi Qiang, was a professional soccer player, and mother, Wang Feng Quin, was a basketball player

• Announced in 2017 as a Global Ambassador for Dubai Duty Free

• Coached by Liu Shuo

• Started playing tennis aged six, when parents took her to local club

• Best tennis memory was playing mixed doubles with Pete Sampras in 2011, winning Guangzhou in 2013, and reaching the 2016 Australian Open QF

• Relaxes by listening to music, taking photos and exploring the places she travels to
OSAKA:

**Beijing**

- Making second main draw appearance at China Open. Fell 1r last year (l. Kerber) and made qualifying exit in 2016
- Contesting week of Beijing at career-high ranking of No.6 (posted October 1, 2018)
- Swept aside Diyas, Collins and Goerges en route to QF - yet to drop a set, has lost only 11 games, and spent just over 3 hours on court to reach this stage
- Sole Japanese player competing this week at Beijing, and first to reach QF here since Morigami in 2007
- No Japanese woman has reached the SF of the China Open since its inception in 2004
- Has won 13 of her past 14 matches, with 12 of these victories coming in straight sets. This season, 36 of 39 wins have come in straight sets
- Defeat of No.10 Goerges in R16 was fifth Top 10 win of career – other scalps were No.6 Kerber (2017 US Open), No.5 V.Williams (2017 Hong Kong), No.5 Ka.Pliskova and No.1 Halep (both 2018 Indian Wells)
- Has reached sixth QF of season (also Dubai – QF, Indian Wells – WON, Nottingham – SF, US Open – WON, Tokyo – R-Up)
- Faces No.39 Zhang Shuai today – loss would be worst-by-ranking since Washington DC (l. No.62 Linette)
- Among the Top 10 seeds for the first time at a Premier Mandatory tournament; by contrast, this time last year was No.62
- Currently sits at No.3 on the Race to Singapore leaderboard. Was announced as the third qualifier this week, thus becoming the first Japanese player to contest season-ending showpiece since Sugiyama in 2003

**Season**

- Withdrawn from Wuhan last week due to a viral illness
- Finished R-Up at Tokyo (l. Ka.Pliskova in F); record in WTA finals now 2-2
- Lifted maiden Grand Slam title at US Open (d. Keys in SF and S.Williams in F); was first Japanese woman to reach Grand Slam final and the youngest US Open champion since Sharapova in 2006
- Is the first maiden Slam champion to make the final of her next event since Azarenka won Australian Open and then Doha in 2012
- From her efforts in New York, passed USD $5 million in prize money for the season – No.2 (behind Halep) on the 2018 list of top earners
- Started North American hard court season with 2r showing at Washington DC (l. No.62 Linette), followed by 1r exits at Montréal (l. Suárez Navarro) and Cincinnati (l. Sakkari)
- For fifth consecutive major made 3r at Wimbledon (l. eventual champion Kerber)
- Opened grass season with SF run at Nottingham (l. eventual champion Barty) before making 2r at Birmingham (ret. vs. Jakupovic w/abdominal injury). Withdrew from Eastbourne with same injury
- Advanced to 3r at Roland Garros (l. Keys)
- Also on clay, reached 2r at Rome (l. Halep) and made 1r exit at Madrid (l. Zhang) following R16 showing at Charleston (l. eventual R-Up Goerges)
- Made 2r exit at Miami Open (l. No.4 seed Svitolina). Defeated eight-time Miami Open champion, S.Williams in 1r, becoming just the seventh woman to defeat Williams in Key Biscayne and first to do so before the R16
- Prior to Miami 2r loss to Svitolina, was on eight-match winning streak after claiming first WTA title at Indian Wells
- En route to the Indian Wells title, defeated five-time major champion Sharapova, and Grand Slam finalists A.Radwanska, Ka.Pliskova and Halep without dropping a set. Only set dropped all week was against Sakkari in R16
- That eight-match win streak included victories over four players who have held the No.1 ranking (S. Williams, Ka. Pliskova, Sharapova and current No.1, Halep) as well as a former No.2 (A.Radwanska), along with emerging talents Sakkari and Kasatkina
- Owns a 1-3 record against reigning No.1s (defeated Halep at 2018 Indian Wells and lost to Ka.Pliskova at 2017 Toronto and Halep at 2018 Australian Open and 2018 Rome)
- Made 2r in Doha (as qualifier, l. Sevastova) and QF in Dubai (l. eventual champion Svitolina)
• Reached R16 at a Slam for the first time at Australian Open – d. Kucova and seeds No.16 Vesnina and No.18 Barty en route before falling to eventual runner-up and World No.1 Halep
• Opened 2018 season with 1r exit at Hobart (l. Putintseva); also played at Hopman Cup (went 1-1 in singles)

**Career**

• Produced second Top 100 season in 2017, finishing at No.68 as the Japanese No.1
• Book-ended the season with QF showings at Auckland and Hong Kong; other highlights included 3r runs at Wimbledon and US Open
• Scored first Top 5 win when she upset No.5 V.Williams at 2017 Hong Kong. Upset win over defending champion and No.6-ranked Kerber at 2017 US Open marked first career Top 10 win
• Overall owns three wins over Top 5 players: No.5 Ka.Pliskova and No.1 Halep (both at 2018 Indian Wells) and No.5 V.Williams (at 2017 Hong Kong)
• Finished 2016 at then career-high ranking of No.40, which was her first Top 200 finish; voted 2016 WTA Newcomer of the Year
• Highlight of 2016 was career-first WTA final at Tokyo [PPO] (l. Wozniacki). Also reached three QFs, at Acapulco, Florianopolis and Tianjin, and 3r at 2016 Australian Open, Roland Garros and US Open. Received direct entry into 2016 Wimbledon but withdrew w/right knee injury
• Won 2015 WTA Rising Stars Invitational in Singapore (d. Garcia in F, saving match points)
• Ranked No.406, made WTA main draw debut at 2014 Stanford. As an alternate, won through qualifying (achieving first WTA qualifying wins in the process), and came from match point down to shock No.19 Stosur in 1r of main draw, before losing to No.18 Petkovic in 2r
• Made WTA qualifying debut at Québec City in 2013 (l. Dabrowski)

**Grand Slam History**

• Defeated six-time champion S.Williams in final of 2018 US Open to become first Japanese player to win a Grand Slam title
• In reaching R16 at 2018 Australian Open, became youngest Japanese player to reach R16 at a Grand Slam since Sugiyama at 1995 Roland Garros (19 yrs, 342 days) and the youngest player from Japan to reach the fourth round at Australian Open since Date in 1990 (19 yrs, 122 days)
• Has also made 3r at the other two majors: 2016 Roland Garros (l. Halep) and 2018 Roland Garros (l. Keys), 2017 Wimbledon (l. V.Williams) and 2018 Wimbledon (l. Kerber)

**Other Information**

• Currently coached by Aleksandar (Sascha) Bajin, former hitting partner of Caroline Wozniacki, Victoria Azarenka and Serena Williams. Formerly coached by David Taylor, long-time coach of Sam Stosur
• Since taking over the reins, Bajin has used his experience to help Naomi climb from No.68 to start the season to No.7. Under his tutelage, she became the first Japanese woman to win a Premier Mandatory-level title at Indian Wells and now owns a 40-16 record on the season (across all levels)
• Was born in Osaka, Japan, and moved to USA when she was three years old; holds dual citizenship. Currently lives in Fort Lauderdale and trains in Boca Raton
• Prior to this year’s US Open, signed on as brand ambassador for Citizen. At end of 2016, signed sponsorship deals with broadcaster WOWOW and food brand Nissin
• Her father, Leonard Max Francois, was born in Haiti and attended college in NYC before moving to Japan where he lived for 13 years
• Her mother, Tamaki, is Japanese. Older sister Mari is also on tour
CHINA OPEN – THIRD ROUND (THURSDAY)

National Tennis Stadium

[10] JULIA GOERGES (GER #10) vs. [8] NAOMI OSAKA (JPN #6)

Goerges leads 1-0

Goerges won meeting between the two at Charleston this April... Osaka has spent only two hours on court across opening two matches... Goerges bidding for first Top 10 win since clay court season

[3] ANGELIQUE KERBER (GER #3) vs. ZHANG SHUAI (CHN #45)

Kerber leads 1-0

Kerber triumphed in only previous encounter at 2012 Roland Garros... Zhang attempting to reach second QF in Beijing... Kerber owns 6-12 career record against Chinese players

[7] KAROLINA PLISKOVA (CZE #7) vs. [WC] WANG QIANG (CHN #28)

Series tied 1-1

Wang was victorious when the players met last week at Wuhan... Pliskova still in contention to qualify for WTA Finals in Singapore this week... Wang has scored 15 wins in China this season

Lotus Court

ANETT KONTAVEIT (EST #21) vs. [2] CAROLINE WOZNIACKI (DEN #2)

Kontaveit leads 2-1

Players meeting for first time on hard courts... Kontaveit sitting at career-high No.21 in the rankings... Wozniacki aiming to reach QF here for first time since 2013

ARYNA SABALENKA (BLR #16) vs. [4] CAROLINE GARCIA (FRA #8)

Sabalenka leads 1-0

Sabalenka saved a match point to defeat Garcia at Cincinnati this summer... Garcia attempting to become first woman to defend China Open title... Sabalenka looking for 22nd win since start of August

Moon Court

[Q] KATERINA SINIAKOVA (CZE #40) vs. [11] KIKI BERTENS (NED #11)

First meeting

Bertens will become first Dutchwoman since 1996 to reach Top 10 with victory today... Siniakova reached QF last week in Wuhan... Bertens still in the hunt for a place at the WTA Finals in Singapore

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[10] JULIA GOERGES (GER #10) vs. [8] NAOMI OSAKA (JPN #6)

Head to Head: JULIA GOERGES leads 1-0

2018  CHARLESTON  CLAY O  R16  JULIA GOERGES  7-6(4)  6-3  90 mins

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ROAD TO THE ROUND OF 16

[10] JULIA GOERGES (GER #10)

R32: d. LESIA TSURENKO (UKR #26) 6-4-6-2-2 Ret'd (2h25)
R64: d. JOHANNA KONTA (GBR #43) 6-2-4-6-6-3 (2h12)

Total games: 51
Won/lost: 28-23
Sets won/lost: 4-2
Total time on court: 4h37
Average time on court: 2h19
Average rank of opponent: 35

BEIJING Tournament History

2017
R2  L - BARBORA STRYCOVA (CZE #29)  6-4  6-2

2016
R1  L - CAROLINE GARCIA (FRA #25)  4-6  6-3  6-4

[8] NAOMI OSAKA (JPN #6)

R32: d. DANIELLE COLLINS (USA #37) 6-1-6-0 (0h52)
R64: d. ZARINA DIYAS (KAZ #92) 6-4-6-3 (1h08)

Total games: 32
Won/lost: 24-8
Sets won/lost: 4-0
Total time on court: 2h00
Average time on court: 1h00
Average rank of opponent: 65

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GOERGES:

**Beijing**

- Making eighth appearance at China Open, where she is through to R16 for a second time
- Also reached this stage in 2012 (l. Bartoli), having upset then-No.9 Stosur in 2r
- Won the final three games of the match to see off British No.1 Konta in 1r on Saturday
- In 2r, Tsurenko retired w/low back injury with score tied 2-2 in the third set
- Win-loss record in 2018 now stands at 40-20 – is the ninth player to reach the 40-win milestone this season
- Has struck a tournament-leading 15 aces across opening two rounds; now leads the WTA for aces struck in 2018 with 425. By contrast, hit 412 in 2017 season
- Faces No.6 Osaka in R16 today; has scored two Top 10 wins in 2018, against No.3 Wozniacki (Auckland) and No.6 Ka.Pliskova (Fed Cup)
- Bidding to reach ninth QF of 2018
- During career, has reached QF or better six times on Asian soil, including title run at 2017 Zhuhai
- Ranked and seeded No.10 at 2018 Beijing, where she has never been seeded before. This time last year, was ranked No.27
- No.15 on Race to Singapore leaderboard; retains an outside chance of reaching WTA Finals, but would need to win Beijing to stay in contention (scheduled to play Linz and Luxembourg over next two weeks)

**Season**

- Fell 2r at past two tournaments, US Open (l. Makarova) and Wuhan (l. qualifier Kenin)
- Advanced to the SF stage at New Haven (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)
- Opened summer hard court season with R16 showing at Montréal (l. Sevastova), her career-best result at the Rogers Cup; fell in 1r of Cincinnati the following week (l. Mladenovic via ret. left leg injury)
- After Wimbledon, reached QF on clay at Moscow [River Cup] (l. eventual champion Danilovic)
Reached maiden Grand Slam SF at Wimbledon (l. S.Williams)
Went 2-2 on grass in lead-up to Wimbledon, reaching QF at Birmingham (l. eventual champion Kvitova) and dropping 2r opener at Eastbourne (after 1r bye, l. eventual runner-up Sabalenka)
On clay, made 3r at Roland Garros (l. S.Williams) and Madrid (l. Garcia), and withdrew from Rome due to illness. Also suffered 1r exits on home soil at Nürnberg (l. Kr.Pliskova in 3s) and Stuttgart (l. Vondrousova)
Began clay court swing at Charleston – finished as R-Up (l. Bertens). Career record in WTA singles finals now stands at 5-8
Part of Germany team that lost 3-2 to Czech Republic in Stuttgart; went 1-1 in singles (d. Ka.Pliskova, l. Kvitova)
Suffered 2r loss to countrywoman Witthoeft in Miami. Made 3r exit in Indian Wells (l. Sevastova)
Reached QF at Doha before retiring in her match against Kvitova due to a hip injury
Made her Top 10 debut on February 5, 2018 after SF run at St Petersburg (l. eventual champion Kvitova)
Reached 2r at Australian Open (l. Cornet) – result ended 15-match winning streak
Began 2018 campaign with fifth title of career at Auckland (d. Wozniacki in F) – extended title streak to three, having previously won Moscow and Zhuhai to close out 2017 season

**Career**
Registered then-career-high ranking and best year-end finish in 2017, at No.14. Second Top 20 finish of career (also No.18 in 2012)
Reached a career-high five finals in 2017 season, winning Moscow (d. Kasatkina in F) and biggest title of career at WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai (d. Vandeweghe in F). Finished R-Up at Mallorca (l. Sevastova), Bucharest (l. Begu) and Washington, DC (l. Makarova)
Moscow title was first since 2011 Stuttgart, having also won 2010 Bad Gastein
By winning 2017 Moscow, overtook Kerber to become German No.1 and also returned to Top 20 for first time since February 2013
Hit 412 aces across 2017 season. Only two other players have reached the 400-ace mark in a season: S.Williams (2012-15) and Ka.Pliskova (2014-17)
Owns a 5-8 record in WTA singles finals; is 5-11 in WTA doubles finals, most recently winning at 2015 New Haven (w/Hradecka)
Opened 2016 by reaching first WTA singles final in nearly four years, finishing runner-up at Auckland (l. Stephens). Was first final since 2012 Dubai
Enjoyed best doubles season to date in 2016, reaching final at Indian Wells (w/Ka.Pliskova) and qualifying for the WTA Finals for the first time. Set new career-high doubles rank of No.12 on August 22, 2016
In 2011, posted wins over World No.1 Wozniacki in consecutive weeks (Stuttgart final and Madrid)
Made WTA main draw debut as a qualifier at 2007 Doha
Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in Germany in 2005
Member of German Fed Cup team 2008, 2010-18
Grand Slam History

- 2018 US Open marked 43rd main draw appearance at a Grand Slam
- Posted best Grand Slam result at 2018 Wimbledon, where she reached SF (l. S.Williams). With Kerber winning title at All England Club this year, it marked the first time that two Germans reached the last four at the same Slam since 1993 Roland Garros – Huber (SF) and Graf (Champion)
- Made main draw debut at 2007 US Open, negotiating qualifying before losing to eventual champion Henin in 1r
- In doubles, is a three-time semifinalist, at Australian Open (2015 w/Groenefeld and 2016 w/Ka.Pliskova) and Wimbledon (2016 w/Ka.Pliskova)
- Reached first Grand Slam final of any kind at 2014 Roland Garros, finishing runner-up in mixed doubles (w/Zimonjic; l. Groenefeld/Rojer)

Other Information

- Born in Bad Oldesloe. Father is Klaus, mother is Inge; older sister is Maike
- Began playing tennis aged 6. Tennis idol growing up was Martina Hingis
- Fan of winter sports, especially biathlon (cross country skiing combined with shooting)
- Coached by Michael Geserer and Matthias Mischka. Physio and fitness coach is Florian Zitzelsberger

OSAKA:

Beijing

- Making second main draw appearance at China Open. Fell 1r last year (l. Kerber) and made qualifying exit in 2016
- Swept aside Diyas in 1r and Collins in 2r – has now won 12 of her past 13 matches, with 11 of these victories coming in straight sets
- This season, 35 of 38 wins have come in straight sets
- Faces No.10 Goerges in R16 today; owns four career Top 10 wins, against No.6 Kerber (2017 US Open), No.5 V.Williams (2017 Hong Kong), No.5 Ka.Pliskova and No.1 Halep (both 2018 Indian Wells)
- Bidding to reach sixth QF of season (also Dubai – QF, Indian Wells – WON, Nottingham – SF, US Open – WON, Tokyo – R-Up)
- Among the Top 10 seeds for the first time at a Premier Mandatory tournament; by contrast, this time last year was No.62
- Currently sits at No.3 on the Race to Singapore leaderboard. Was announced as the third qualifier this week, thus becoming the first Japanese player to contest season-ending showpiece since Sugiyama in 2003
Sole Japanese player competing this week at Beijing – bidding to become first Japanese player to reach QF here since Morigami in 2007

Including two matches this week, has posted impressive numbers on serve in 2018, firing 251 aces (No.6 on tour) and winning 77.5% of her service games (No.3 on tour))

Season

Withdrew from Wuhan last week due to a viral illness

Finished R-Up at Tokyo (l. Ka.Pliskova in F); record in WTA finals now 2-2

Lifted maiden Grand Slam title at US Open (d. Keys in SF and S.Williams in F); was first Japanese woman to reach Grand Slam final and the youngest US Open champion since Sharapova in 2006

Is the first maiden Slam champion to make the final of her next event since Azarenka won Australian Open and then Doha in 2012

From her efforts in New York, passed USD $5 million in prize money for the season – No.2 (behind Halep) on the 2018 list of top earners

Started North American hard court season with 2r showing at Washington DC (l. Linette), followed by 1r exits at Montréal (l. Suárez Navarro) and Cincinnati (l. Sakkari)

For fifth consecutive major made 3r at Wimbledon (l. eventual champion Kerber)

Opened grass season with SF run at Nottingham (l. eventual champion Barty) before making 2r at Birmingham (ret. vs. Jakupovic w/abdominal injury). Withdrew from Eastbourne with same injury

Advanced to 3r at Roland Garros (l. Keys)

Also on clay, reached 2r at Rome (l. Halep) and made 1r exit at Madrid (l. Zhang) following R16 showing at Charleston (l. eventual R-Up Goerges)

Made 2r exit at Miami Open (l. No.4 seed Svitolina). Defeated eight-time Miami Open champion, S.Williams in 1r, becoming just the seventh woman to defeat Williams in Key Biscayne and first to do so before the R16

Prior to Miami 2r loss to Svitolina, was on eight-match winning streak after claiming first WTA title at Indian Wells

En route to the Indian Wells title, defeated five-time major champion Sharapova, and Grand Slam finalists A.Radwanska, Ka.Pliskova and Halep without dropping a set. Only set dropped all week was against Sakkari in R16

That eight-match win streak included victories over four players who have held the No.1 ranking (S. Williams, Ka. Pliskova, Sharapova and current No.1, Halep) as well as a former No.2 (A.Radwanska), along with emerging talents Sakkari and Kasatkina

Owns a 1-3 record against reigning No.1s (defeated Halep at 2018 Indian Wells and lost to Ka.Pliskova at 2017 Toronto and Halep at 2018 Australian Open and 2018 Rome)

Made 2r in Doha (as qualifier, l. Sevastova) and QF in Dubai (l. eventual champion Svitolina)

Reached R16 at a Slam for the first time at Australian Open – d. Kucova and seeds No.16 Vesnina and No.18 Barty en route before falling to eventual runner-up and World No.1 Halep

Opened 2018 season with 1r exit at Hobart (l. Putintseva); also played at Hopman Cup (went 1-1 in singles)
**Career**

- Produced second Top 100 season in 2017, finishing at No.68 as the Japanese No.1
- Book-ended the season with QF showings at Auckland and Hong Kong; other highlights included 3r runs at Wimbledon and US Open
- Scored first Top 5 win when she upset No.5 V.Williams at 2017 Hong Kong. Upset win over defending champion and No.6-ranked Kerber at 2017 US Open marked first career Top 10 win
- Overall owns three wins over Top 5 players: No.5 Ka.Pli skova and No.1 Halep (both at 2018 Indian Wells) and No.5 V.Williams (at 2017 Hong Kong)
- Finished 2016 at then career-high ranking of No.40, which was her first Top 200 finish; voted 2016 WTA Newcomer of the Year
- Highlight of 2016 was career-first WTA final at Tokyo [PPO] (l. Wozniacki). Also reached three QFs, at Acapulco, Florianopolis and Tianjin, and 3r at 2016 Australian Open, Roland Garros and US Open. Received direct entry into 2016 Wimbledon but withdrew w/right knee injury
- Won 2015 WTA Rising Stars Invitational in Singapore (d. Garcia in F, saving match points)
- Ranked No.406, made WTA main draw debut at 2014 Stanford. As an alternate, won through qualifying (achieving first WTA qualifying wins in the process), and came from match point down to shock No.19 Stosur in 1r of main draw, before losing to No.18 Petkovic in 2r
- Made WTA qualifying debut at Québec City in 2013 (l. Dabrowski)

**Grand Slam History**

- Defeated six-time champion S.Williams in final of 2018 US Open to become first Japanese player to win a Grand Slam title
- In reaching R16 at 2018 Australian Open, became youngest Japanese player to reach R16 at a Grand Slam since Sugiyama at 1995 Roland Garros (19 yrs, 342 days) and the youngest player from Japan to reach the fourth round at Australian Open since Date in 1990 (19 yrs, 122 days)
- Has also made 3r at the other two majors: 2016 Roland Garros (l. Halep) and 2018 Roland Garros (l. Keys), 2017 Wimbledon (l. V.Williams) and 2018 Wimbledon (l. Kerber)

**Other Information**

- Currently coached by Aleksandar (Sascha) Bajin, former hitting partner of Caroline Wozniacki, Victoria Azarenka and Serena Williams. Formerly coached by David Taylor, long-time coach of Sam Stosur
- Since taking over the reins, Bajin has used his experience to help Naomi climb from No.68 to start the season to No.7. Under his tutelage, she became the first Japanese woman to win a Premier Mandatory-level title at Indian Wells and now owns a 40-16 record on the season (across all levels)
- Was born in Osaka, Japan, and moved to USA when she was three years old; holds dual citizenship. Currently lives in Fort Lauderdale and trains in Boca Raton
• Prior to this year’s US Open, signed on as brand ambassador for Citizen. At end of 2016, signed sponsorship deals with broadcaster WOWOW and food brand Nissin
• Her father, Leonard Max Francois, was born in Haiti and attended college in NYC before moving to Japan where he lived for 13 years
• Her mother, Tamaki, is Japanese. Older sister Mari is also on tour
[3] ANGELIQUE KERBER (GER #3) vs. SHUAI ZHANG (CHN #45)

Head to Head: ANGELIQUE KERBER leads 1-0

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ANGELIQUE KERBER

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ROAD TO THE ROUND OF 16

[3] ANGELIQUE KERBER (GER #3)

R32: d. CARLA SUÁREZ NAVARRO (ESP #23) 7-6(4),6-1 (1h21)

R64: d. KRISTINA MLADENOVIC (FRA #48) 6-2,6-2 (1h10)

SHUAI ZHANG (CHN #45)

R32: d. TIMEA BABOS (HUN #68) 6-1,6-2 (1h09)

R64: d. [15] ELISE MERTENS (BEL #15) 6-1,3-6,6-3 (1h47)

Total games: 36

Won/lost: 25-11

Sets won/lost: 4-0

Total time on court: 2h31

Average time on court: 1h16

Average rank of opponent: 36

Total games: 40

Won/lost: 27-13

Sets won/lost: 4-1

Total time on court: 2h56

Average time on court: 1h28

Average rank of opponent: 42
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**Kerber**

- Making eighth main draw appearance at China Open (ninth overall)
- Former three-time quarterfinalist here – in 2012 (I. Sharapova), 2013, (I. A.Radwanska) and 2015 (I. A.Radwanska)
- Looking to reach QF for first time since winning Wimbledon when she meets Zhang in R16 today
- Only defeat to a player ranked outside the Top 40 this season came against No.61 Riske in 1r at Mallorca. Last time lost to a player ranked outside Top 40 on hard courts was to No.69 Puig at 2017 Luxembourg
- Eased past Mladenovic in 1r and Suárez Navarro in 2r – now has 45 wins this season. With victory over Zhang today, will tie Halep (46 wins) in second place for most wins in 2018, behind Kvitova (47)
- Owns 6-12 record against Chinese players, most recently defeating Y.Wang at 2018 Miami
- Winner will face No.10 seed Goerges or No.8 seed Osaka in QF
Posted 4-6 record during Asian swing in 2017, highlighted by SF showing at Tokyo [PPO] (l. Pavlyuchenkova)

One of two Germans through to the R16 from the four to start in the draw (also Goerges). Two Germans have reached the China Open final, Groenefeld in 2005 (l. Kirilenko) and Petkovic in 2011 (l. A.Radwanska)

Seeded No.3 this week, her eighth consecutive seeding in Beijing. Highest seeding came in 2016 when she was No.1

Enters 2018 Beijing ranked No.3 (September 24, 2018), having returned to Top 5 after 2018 Wimbledon success (July 16, 2017) – the last time she was ranked this high was on August 14, 2017 at No.3

Only player aged 30 or over left in the draw, from 10 in the starting field. Oldest champion is S.Williams who lifted the trophy in 2013 aged 32 years and 10 days

Last month secured her spot at the WTA Finals, where she will be joined by Halep and Osaka. Five singles spots remain up for grabs

**Season**

Opened Asian swing with R16 showing at Wuhan (l. Barty). Withdrew from Tokyo citing an ankle injury

Reached 3r at US Open (l. Cibulkova in 3s) after posting 2r exit at Montréal (after 1r bye, l. Cornet) and reaching R16 at Cincinnati (l. Keys)

Won her third career Grand Slam singles title at Wimbledon (d. S.Williams in F), becoming the first German to win at the All England Club since Graf in 1996

Hit only five unforced errors and broke her opponent four times in seven return games in a clinical performance during the Wimbledon final, needing only 67 minutes to defeat S.Williams for the second time in her career during a Grand Slam final (also 2016 US Open)

Posted SF run at Eastbourne (l. eventual champion Wozniacki having held match point). Returned to Top 10 following Eastbourne result – at No.10

Made 1r exit at Mallorca in a darkness delayed match (l. Riske)

Finished clay season with an 8-5 record, improving from her three clay wins in 2017

Matched her career-best result at Roland Garros by reaching QF (l. eventual champion Halep)

Enjoyed a QF run at Rome (l. eventual champion Svitolina) – her first QF on clay since winning 2016 Stuttgart

Withdrawn from Madrid due to a right thigh injury

Made R16 at Stuttgart (d. No.10 Kvitova, l. Kontaveit via ret. w/right thigh injury)

Lost to Ka.Pliskova and Kvitova during Germany’s Fed Cup semifinal defeat to Czech Republic

Enjoyed a pair of QF runs in the ‘Sunshine Double’, at Miami (l. eventual champion Stephens) and Indian Wells (l. eventual R-Up Kasatkina)

Made SF run at Dubai (l. eventual champion Svitolina) – her 50th career tour-level SF. Defeated No.5 Ka.Pliskova for second Top 5 win in 2018 (also No.5 V.Williams en route to Sydney title)

Reached QF at Doha (l. Wozniacki in 3s)
Advanced to SF at Australian Open (l. Halep in 3s, having held two match points); was first Grand Slam SF since title run at 2016 US Open. No.21 seeding at Australian Open was lowest seed at a Slam since 2012 Australian Open (No.30)

Ended 27-tournament title drought (dating back to 2016 US Open) by winning at Sydney (d. Barty in F). Posted wins over No.31 Safarova (saved 2mp), No.5 V.Williams and No.25 Cibulkova en route

Represented Germany at Hopman Cup w/Zverev (R-up to Switzerland, d. Bencic in singles rubber)

Career

Ended 2017 on a ranking of No.21 – sixth consecutive Top 25 season. Best results of season were R-Up finish at Monterrey and SFs at Tokyo [PPO] (l. Pavlyuchenkova) and Dubai (l. Svitolina)

Enjoyed an outstanding 2016 season, winning first Grand Slam titles of career at Australian Open (d. S.Williams in F) and US Open (d. Ka.Pliskova in F), finishing R-Up at Wimbledon (l. S.Williams in F) and rising to World No.1 in the WTA rankings

Courtesy of her results in 2016, doubled her career prize money during season, passing $19 million mark; passed $20 million at 2017 Roland Garros, becoming 15th player to do so

After 2016 US Open, aged 28, became oldest player to make her debut at World No.1, a record previously held by Jennifer Capriati, who was 25 years, 200 days when she reached No.1 in October 2001

Secured the 2016 year-end World No.1 ranking – only the 12th WTA player to achieve the feat and second German woman to do so after Graf (eight times)

Was voted WTA Player of the Year in 2016 by international media and fans; also, ITF World Champion

2016 marked fifth successive Top 10 season finish. Was the WTA match win leader in 2016, going 63-18

Posted the most wins against Top 10 opponents in 2016, going 12-3, including defeats of No.8 Cibulkova, No.4 Halep, No.7 Keys and No.3 A.Radwanska in Singapore, as well as No.1 S.Williams (Australian Open), No.6 Halep (Fed Cup), No.7 Kvitova (Stuttgart), No.5 Halep and No.8 V.Williams (Wimbledon), No.10 Keys (Rio Olympics), No.4 Halep (Cincinnati) and No.8 Vinci (US Open)

Reached a career-best total of eight finals across the 2016 season (most finals of any player); as well as winning first two majors, successfully defended title on home soil at Stuttgart (d. Siegemund in F)

2016 Stuttgart marked first time she had successfully defended a title in her career; the first German (and seventh player overall) to do so in Stuttgart

Made fourth appearance at WTA Finals in 2016, progressing past round-robin for first time (l. Cibulkova in F); first German to reach final at the season-ending championships since Graf won title in 1996

Other runner-up finishes in 2016 came at Brisbane (l. Azarenka in F), Wimbledon (l. S.Williams in F), Rio Olympics (l. Puig, won silver medal)

Reached first WTA final of career at 2010 Bogotá and won first title at 2012 Paris [Indoors]. Has won titles on all surfaces: hardcourt, grass and clay (red and green) Career record in tour-level finals stands at 12-16

Made first WTA appearance in qualifying at 2003 Berlin
Grand Slam History


- At 2016 Australian Open, became first German to win a Grand Slam singles title since Graf at 1999 Roland Garros (d. Hingis in F). At the time was the fourth player to defeat S.Williams in a Grand Slam final (after V.Williams, Sharapova and Stosur; since joined by Muguruza and Osaka)

- Also became first Grand Slam champion to save match point en route to the title since Li at 2014 Australian Open (Kerber saved a match point in 1r win over Doi) and was the first left-handed player to win a Grand Slam singles title since Kvitova at 2014 Wimbledon

- Won second Grand Slam singles title at US Open (d. Ka.Pliskova in F) and rose to World No.1; was 22nd player to hold WTA World No.1 ranking, and second German woman to achieve milestone since computer rankings were introduced in 1975 (after Graf, who spent the last of her record 377 weeks at No.1 in March 1997)

- Became the first German since 1996 to win Wimbledon in 2018, her third career Grand Slam singles title (d. S.Williams in F). Kerber hit only five unforced errors in the match to oust Williams in just 67 minutes. The win moved Kerber to No.4 in the WTA Rankings, moving her back into the Top 5 after a near-11 month absence

- In 2016, also finished R-Up at Wimbledon (l. S.Williams). Is fourth player in Open Era to reach three Grand Slam finals in the same year they reached their first, after Goolagong Cawley (1971), Graf (1987) and Hingis (1997)

- Roland Garros remains the only major where she has yet to reach the final. Best results are a pair of QF runs in 2012 (l. eventual R-Up Errani) and 2018 (l. eventual champion Halep)

Other Information

- Coached by Wim Fissette. Ended successful partnership with Torben Beltz during 2018 pre-season

- In January 2017 was named in Forbes 30 Under 30 in Europe (in the entertainment category), alongside the likes of Gareth Bale and Luis Suárez

- Speaks three languages: German, Polish, and English
ZHANG:

**Beijing**

- Making 11th main draw appearance at Beijing
- Best result at China Open came in 2016 when she reached the QF (d. No.5 Halep en route, l. eventual R-Up Konta). Also made R16 in 2009 (l. Bartoli) and now 2018. Is last Chinese player to reach QF in Chinese capital
- During 2009 run here, scored best win of career when defeated World No.1 Safina. Ranked No.226 at the time of Safina win, became lowest-ranked player to defeat a reigning World No.1
- Scored second Top 20 win of 2018 with defeat of No.15 Mertens in 1r – now owns 2-5 record this season, also defeating No.13 Stephens at Australian Open
- Overcame Babos in straight sets in 2r – has now won back-to-back matches at past three tournaments (also R16 at Wuhan and SF at Hiroshima)
- Bidding to reach QF and equal best performance here when takes on Kerber today. Looking to record three consecutive wins for the third time this season, having achieved the feat when reaching SF at Prague (l. Kvitova) and Hiroshima (l. Anisimova)
- Looking for her first victory over a Top 5 player since 2016 Beijing when she defeated No.5 Halep in the R16. Two of her three victories against Top 5 players have come at China Open (also No.1 Safina in 2009)
- Sole Chinese woman to receive direct acceptance into main draw this week. One of five Chinese players competing here – also wildcards Duan (l. Cibulkova in 1r), Q.Wang (plays Ka.Pliskova in R16), Y.Wang (l. Garcia in 1r) and S.Zheng (l. Stephens in 2r). Last time multiple Chinese players reached the QF here was in 2006 (Peng, Na)
- Beijing is her fourth event in her home country this season, having started the year with 2r showing at Shenzhen (l. Diyas) and reached QF at Nanchang (l. Zhu) in July and then R16 at Wuhan last week (l. Kontaveit). Withdrew from Guangzhou w/shoulder injury
- Last Monday, lost her Chinese No.1 ranking to Q.Wang
- Fell 1r in doubles this week (w/Konta, l. Krunic/Siniakova in 1r)

**Season**

- Coming off R16 showing at Wuhan (l. Kontaveit) – for the first time in tournament’s history, two Chinese players reached R16 (also Q.Wang, who made SF)
- Produced SF run at Hiroshima (l. eventual R-Up Anisimova). Captured sixth career doubles title (w/Hozumi), defeating top seeds Kato/Ninomiya in F
- Fell 1r at US Open (l. Muguruza) however, reached SF in doubles (w/Stosur, l. eventual R-Ups Mladenovic/Babos) and SF in mixed doubles (w/Peers, l. eventual R-Ups Rosolska/Mektic)
- Made 2r in Montréal (l. Mertens) after a 1r exit in San Jose (l. Lapko)
- Enjoyed a QF run on hard courts at the WTA's International-level event at Nanchang, China, where she was the top seed (l. Zhu)
- Grass swing ended with 1r exit at Wimbledon (l. Petkovic), following a 1r exit at ‘s-Hertogenbosch (l. Stollar)
- Reached 2r at Roland Garros (l. Begu)
- Made 2r showings at Madrid (d. Osaka, l. Mladenovic) and Rome (l. Ostapenko)
Advanced to SF at Prague (l. eventual champion Kvitova) following 1r exit at Istanbul (l. Rus)
Captured doubles title at Istanbul (w/Liang, d. Knoll/Smith in F)
Reached 3r at Indian Wells (as No.32 seed, l. Ka.Pliskova in 3s) and fell 2r at Miami (after 1r bye, l. Haddad Maia)
Advanced to back-to-back QF at Budapest (l. eventual champion Van Uytvanck) and Acapulco (l. Peterson)
Fell 1r at Taipei City (l. Kozlova) and Doha (l. Makarova)
Started season with 2r showings at Shenzhen (l. Diyas), Hobart (l. Sabalenka) and Australian Open (l. Allertova)
Best win by ranking so far this year was 1r win over No.13 Stephens at the Australian Open

Career
Posted fifth Top 100 season in 2017, finishing at No.36 – four Chinese players in year-end Top 100
Season highlighted by winning Guangzhou title (d. Krunic in F); now owns 2-0 record in WTA singles finals, having also won 2013 Guangzhou
Also in 2017, reached QF at New Haven and Doha, and won WTA 125K Series event in Honolulu
Posted career-high ranking of No.23 on November 14, 2016
Strong end to 2016 (went 21-6 post US Open) brought back-to-back semifinals on Asian swing – Tokyo [Japan Open] and Seoul – and saw her win 19th ITF Circuit singles title of career at $100k ITF/Tokyo 2-JPN
At last event of season, runner-up at WTA 125K Series event in Honolulu (l. Bellis in F)
Enjoyed Grand Slam breakthrough at 2016 Australian Open, where she advanced to QF (d. No.2 Halep and No.17 Key en route, l. Konta). Run also marked first time winning back-to-back main draw matches since semifinal run at 2014 Birmingham
Other season highlights in 2016 included reaching 3r at US Open (best result at tournament), where she claimed back-to-back match wins at tour level for first time since 3r effort at Indian Wells in March, a run spanning 10 tournaments
Represented China at Rio Olympics (d. No.15 Bacsinszky in opening match, l. Siegemund in 2r). In doubles, also made 2r (w/Peng, l. Hradecka/Hlavackova)
Contemplated retirement after ending 2015 ranked No.186, her lowest year-end finish since 2008 (No.212) and down from No.62 in 2014
Reached 2r at tour-level on only four occasions in 2015: Pattaya City, Charleston, Prague and Nürnberg
Winner of two WTA singles titles, at 2013 and 2017 Guangzhou, and also won WTA 125K Series event at Nanjing in 2013 (d. Morita in F)
Has won six WTA doubles titles, most recently at 2018 Hiroshima (w/Hozumi) and is a six-time runner-up
Winner of 19 singles titles and nine doubles titles on ITF Circuit
Made WTA qualifying debut at 2006 Beijing; made WTA main draw debut at 2006 Guangzhou
**Grand Slam History**

- 2018 US Open marked 31st Grand Slam main draw appearance
- Enjoyed Grand Slam breakthrough at 2016 Australian Open, where she advanced to QF – first time she had progressed beyond 1r at a major in what was her 15th main draw appearance. As a qualifier, defeated No.2 Halep and No.17 Keys en route (l. Konta). Ranked No.133, became lowest-ranked player to advance to last eight in Melbourne since unranked Henin reached final in 2010, and first qualifier to do so since Gavaldon in 1990
- By reaching 3r last year at US Open, matched her best result in New York, also making this stage in 2016 (l. Shvedova).
- This was preceded by three 1r exits – in 2008 (as qualifier, l. Kuznetsova), 2011 (l. Cibulkova) and 2014 (l. Barthel)
- At Roland Garros, reached 3r for the first time in 2017, and has never progressed beyond 1r at Wimbledon in five main draw appearances

**Other Information**

- Hails from a sporting family. Father, Zhang Zhi Qiang, was a professional soccer player, and mother, Wang Feng Quin, was a basketball player
- Announced in 2017 as a Global Ambassador for Dubai Duty Free
- Coached by Liu Shuo
- Started playing tennis aged six, when parents took her to local club
- Best tennis memory was playing mixed doubles with Pete Sampras in 2011, winning Guangzhou in 2013, and reaching the 2016 Australian Open QF
- Relaxes by listening to music, taking photos and exploring the places she travels to
[7] KAROLINA PLISKOVA (CZE #7) vs. [WC] QIANG WANG (CHN #28)

Head to Head: Series tied 1-1

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**KAROLINA PLISKOVA**
- Rank: 7
- Date of Birth: 21-03-1992 (26)
- YTD Prize Money: $2,411,384
- Career Prize Money: $13,246,775
- Singles Titles (YTD / Career): 2 / 11
- Doubles Titles (YTD / Career): 0 / 5
- W-L (Beijing): 6-4
- Sets Won/Lost: 4 / 0
- Time on Court: 2h51

**WTA RANKING**
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**ROAD TO THE ROUND OF 16**

**KAROLINA PLISKOVA (CZE #7)**
- R32: d. ALIAKSANDRA SASNOVICH (BLR #32) 6-3, 6-4 (1h25)
- R64: d. SAMANTHA STOSUR (AUS #67) 6-4, 6-4 (1h26)

**QIANG WANG**
- Rank: 28
- Date of Birth: 14-01-1992 (26)
- YTD Prize Money: $867,553
- Career Prize Money: $2,305,041
- Singles Titles (YTD / Career): 2 / 2
- Doubles Titles (YTD / Career): 0 / 0
- W-L (Beijing): 2-4
- Sets Won/Lost: 2-0
- Time on Court: 0h55

**ROAD TO THE ROUND OF 16**

**[WC] QIANG WANG (CHN #28)**
- R32: d. [12] JELENA OSTAPENKO (LAT #13) 6-0, 6-0 (0h55)
- R64: BYE

Total games: 39
Won/lost: 24-15
Sets won/lost: 4-0
Total time on court: 2h51
Average time on court: 1h26
Average rank of opponent: 50
KA.PLISKOVA:

Beijing

- Making fifth consecutive main draw appearance in Beijing (sixth overall), where she is through to R16 for third straight year
- Posted 250th main draw victory of career with 1r win over Stosur followed by another straight-set win over Sasnovich – now has 43 wins this season, only Kvitova (47), Halep (46) and Kerber (45) have more to their name
- Entering today’s match has struck 344 aces this season, the second-most on tour behind Goerges (425)
- Faces off against No.28 Q.Wang, whom she lost against nine days ago in Wuhan 2r
- Owns an impressive 21-3 record vs. Chinese opponents – prior to last week’s exit to Wang, last loss to Chinese opponent was 2014 Miami (Peng)
- Performed strongly in Asia last year, reaching SF at WTA Finals, QF at both Tokyo and Wuhan, and R16 at Beijing
- Currently sits at No.8 on Porsche Race to Singapore leaderboard following Tokyo success – can qualify this week with the title or sooner depending on results (Top 8 qualify)

Season

- Coming off 2r exit at Wuhan (after 1r bye, l. Q.Wang)
- Won 11th career title at Tokyo (d. Osaka in F) – her second title of 2018. Now 11-10 record in WTA singles finals
- Has now reached multiple finals every year since 2013, having also lifted the trophy at Stuttgart in April
- Made QF showing at US Open (d. No.17 Barty in R16, l. S.Williams)

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Fell 1r at New Haven (l. Makarova) after back-to-back 2r exits at Montréal (l. Bertens) and Cincinnati (l. Sabalenka)

Reached R16 for first time at Wimbledon (l. Bertens) and made QF run at Eastbourne (as defending champion, l. Sabalenka – led 4-1 in final set)

In only other grass court outing, made 1r exit at Birmingham (l. eventual R-Up Rybarikova)

Reached 3r at Roland Garros, defeating compatriots Krejcikova and Safarova before falling to Sharapova

Made SF at Madrid (l. eventual champion Kvitova) and fell 2r at Rome (l. Sakkari)

Won 10th career title at Stuttgart (d. Vandeweghe in final)

Went 1-1 in singles (d. Kerber, l. Goerges) to help Czech Republic reach its sixth Fed Cup final in the past eight years with a 4-1 win over Germany. The Czechs will host the USA in November’s final

Posted QF showings at Indian Wells (l. eventual champion Osaka) and Miami (l. Azarenka)

Reached QF at Dubai (l. Kerber) and made 3r exit at Doha (l. Bellis)

Nominated for Czech Republic's Fed Cup World Group I QF tie vs. Switzerland – but did not play a singles or doubles match due to illness

Advanced to QF in first Grand Slam of the year at Australian Open (l. eventual R-Up Halep)

Began 2018 season in Brisbane; as defending champion, advanced to SF (l. eventual champion Svitolina)

**Career**

Enjoyed another stellar campaign in 2017, posting career-best year-end finish at No.4 for second Top 10 finish. Year-end ranking has improved continuously for 12-straight seasons

Claimed No.1 ranking on July 17, 2017 despite making 2r exit at Wimbledon (l. Rybarikova). Is the first Czech woman to achieve the No.1 ranking since the computer rankings were introduced in 1975 (Martina Navratilova became No.1 on July 10, 1978 while representing USA)

Won three titles in 2017, at Brisbane (d. Cornet in F), Doha (d. Wozniacki in F) and Eastbourne (d. Wozniacki in F)

Qualified for WTA Finals for second year-in-a-row, reaching SF stage (l. eventual champion Wozniacki)

In Grand Slam play, reached SF at Roland Garros (l. eventual R-Up Halep), QF at both Australian Open (l. Lucic Baroni) and US Open (l. Vandeweghe), and posted 2r result at Wimbledon (l. Rybarikova)

Advanced to SF stage at Indian Wells (l. Kuznetsova), Miami (l. Wozniacki) and Cincinnati (l. eventual champion Muguruza)

Led the WTA in 2017 for aces served – 452 from 68 matches. Also posted joint-second most match wins – 53 (level with Svitolina, behind Wozniacki – 60)


Career wins over Top 10 opponents stands at 24-33, most recent win coming over No.7 Osaka at 2018 Tokyo final

Enjoyed a break-out year in 2016, ending the year at No.6 (up from No.11 in 2015)

Qualified for season-ending 2016 WTA Finals in Singapore, going 1-2 in the group stage and failing to progress. Also contested the doubles competition (w/Goerges), losing opening match to top seeds Garcia/Mladenovic
- Helped Czech Republic defend Fed Cup title in November 2016, going 1-1 in singles (d. Mladenovic, l. Garcia) before teaming w/Strycova to defeat Garcia/Mladenovic in decisive doubles match. Czech Republic have won the Cup in five out of the last seven.

- Captured fifth career doubles title of career at 2016 Birmingham (w/Strycova). Is now 5-2 in doubles finals. At 2013 Linz, with sister Kristyna, became first set of twins to ever win a tour-level doubles title.

- Made Top 10 debut after 2015 Stanford R-Up finish, meaning that for the first time in WTA history, three Czech women ranked inside Top 10 at the same time (along with Kvitova and Safarova).

- Became eighth Czech woman to crack singles Top 10 since computer rankings were introduced in November 1975, after Navratilova, Mandlikova, Sukova, Novotna, Vaidisova, Kvitova and Safarova.

**Grand Slam History**


- Defeat of No.1 S.Williams in 2016 US Open SF was career-best victory, and ended the American's 186-week reign at the top of the rankings. Became first Czech to defeat a World No.1 since Kvitova at 2015 Madrid (d. S.Williams). Furthermore, defeat of V.Williams (R16) made her the eighth player to defeat the sisters at the same tournament.

- Is one of 10 players born in 1990s to reach major final (also Bouchard, Halep, Keys, Kvitova, Muguruza, Osaka, Ostapenko, Stephens and Wozniacki).

- At Australian Open, best results came with QF run in 2017 (l. Lucic-Baroni) and 2018 (l. Halep), while she also posted deepest run at Roland Garros that year, advancing to SF (l. Halep).

- Reached R16 at Wimbledon in 2018 (l. Bertens), after 2r exits in each of previous five years.


- Australian Open girls singles champion in 2010 – d. Robson in F.

**Other Information**

- Nominated for 2017 WTA Player of the Year; also nominated for the same award in 2016, in addition to WTA Most Improved Player in 2014.

- Born in Louny, north of Prague, but now trains at Sparta Praha tennis club.

- Currently coached by Rennae Stubbs; worked with former Wimbledon champion Conchita Martinez at US Open, and previously coached by Tomas Krupa and David Kotyza.

- Married Michal Hrdlicka in Monaco after 2018 Wimbledon.
Q.WANG:

**Beijing**

- Making fifth main draw appearance at Beijing, where she is through to R16 for the first time
- Best previous result was making 2r in 2015 (d. Lepchenko, l. Wozniacki). Also suffered 1r defeats in 2012 (l. Zhang), 2016 (l. eventual champion A.Radwanska) and 2017 (l. Wozniacki)
- Fell in 2007-08 and 2013 qualifying
- Following 1r performance bye, defeated No.13 Ostapenko without dropping a game – the seventh 6-0 6-0 score line on tour this year
- Takes on No.7 Ka.Pliskova today for the second-consecutive week, having come out victorious in three sets en route to Wuhan SF last week
- Last week's win over Pliskova marked her first win over a Czech player since 2014 (Vankova), owns a 2-6 career record against Czech opponents
- A win today would bring her 2018 total to 30 – she has never previously reached this milestone in a single season
- Owns a 2-3 record vs. Top 10 opponents this season, having defeated No.9 V.Williams at Roland Garros and today’s opponent Ka.Pliskova last week at Wuhan
- Since becoming a Premier Mandatory event in 2009, best result by a Chinese player at Beijing were Li’s SF runs in 2010 and 2012
- One of five wildcards (also Duan, Stosur and Y.Wang, S.Zheng). Best result by a wildcard at Beijing was Peng’s SF showing in 2006
- Contesting this week in Beijing at a career-high ranking of No.28, having broken Top 30 after last week’s Wuhan result
- This week, playing fifth event on home soil in 2018. Also Shenzhen (1r) Nanchang (WON), Guangzhou (WON) and Wuhan (SF) – 15-2 win-loss record (including 2r win here)
- Since the end of the grass court season, has posted 21-5 win-loss record. By contrast, her 2018 record up until that point stood at 12-14

**Season**

- Coming off SF showing at Wuhan (ret. vs. Kontaveit w/left thigh injury) – first SF at WTA Premier-level or above
- In 2r at Wuhan, upset recent Tokyo champion and her conqueror at 2017 Wuhan No.7 Ka.Pliskova. Was third Top 10 win of her career (also No.10 Wozniacki at 2013 Kuala Lumpur and No.9 V.Williams at 2018 Roland Garros)
- Strong start to Asian swing reaching SF at Hiroshima (l. eventual champion Hsieh) and lifting second career title at Guangzhou (d. Putintseva in F)
- Dropped just 18 games total en route to the title at Guangzhou – the fewest games lost in winning a WTA singles title in 2018
- Did not drop more than four games in a single match in Guangzhou title, becoming the fourth Chinese woman to win the title in the tournament’s 15-year history – also Li (2004), Yan (2005) and Zhang (2013 and 2017)
- Achieved best result at US Open with run to 3r (l. Svitolina)
In lead-up to US Open, posted 1r exits at San Jose (l. Anisimova) and Montréal (as qualifier, l. Buzarnescu)

Lifted first tour-level title in July at Nanchang (d. Zheng Saisai in F following ret. w/fatigue). Dropped only one set en route to title

On grass, only contested Wimbledon, falling in 1r (l. Zheng Saisai)

Enjoyed best result at Roland Garros by reaching 3r (l. Putintseva). Defeated No.9 V.Williams in 1r (had lost to her in their two previous meetings) for then-best win rankings-wise of career (since bettered by win over No.7 Ka.Pliskova at Wuhan)

Prior to Roland Garros, made her first QF of the season at Strasbourg (l. Barty)

Made 1r exit in Madrid (l. Kasatkina) and fell in qualifying at Rome

Reached 2r in Prague before falling to Kr.Pliskova

Suffered 1r exits in Miami (l. Anisimova) and Istanbul (l. Kuznetsova)

Matched her career-best performance at a Premier Mandatory event by reaching R16 at Indian Wells (l. Halep); previously accomplished this at 2017 Madrid (l. Kuznetsova)

Fell in 2r at Dubai (l. eventual champion Svitolina) and 1r at Doha (l. Keys)

Opened 2018 season with 1r exits at Shenzhen (l. Riske) and Australian Open (l. Keys). Rose to then-career-high rank of No.44 following Shenzhen (January 8)

**Career**

Achieved first Top 50 year-end finish in 2017, finishing as China's No.3. Ascended 25 spots from No.70 in 2016 to No.45 in 2017, marking third Top 100 season in four years

Advanced to first WTA SF at 2017 Hong Kong (l. Pavlyuchenkova) and captured WTA 125K Series title in Zhengzhou

Posted three victories vs. Top 20 opponents in 2017, defeating No.15 Vesnina (Rome), No.15 Mladenovic (Tokyo [PPO]) and No.17 Sloane Stephens (Wuhan)

2016 highlights included QF runs at Shenzhen (l. A.Radwanska), Kuala Lumpur (l. Zhu), Hong Kong (l. Wozniacki) and WTA 125K Series event at Dalian (l. Min). Also reached 2r at 2016 US Open, upsetting No.23 seed Kasatkina in 1r (l. Shvedova)

Represented China at Rio Olympics – l. Kuznetsova in 1r in three sets

In 2016, posted a 14-1 record between March–May on the ITF Circuit, winning $50k ITF/Quanzhou-CHN and $100k ITF/Shenzhen-CHN, and finishing runner-up at $75k ITF/Gifu-JPN

Owns three Top 10 wins in career (3-12 record), defeating No.10 Wozniacki at 2013 Kuala Lumpur, No.9 V.Williams at 2018 Roland Garros and No.7 Ka.Pliskova at 2018 Wuhan

Member of Chinese Fed Cup Team, 2012-2016

On ITF Circuit, owns 13 singles and one doubles title

Made WTA qualifying debut at 2007 Beijing and main draw debut at 2012 Baku

Won Chinese U/16 Championships in 2006 and U/18 Championships in 2007
**Grand Slam History**

- 2018 US Open marked 17th main draw appearance at a Grand Slam – win-loss record stands at 10-17 across the majors
- Reached 3r for the first time at 2018 Roland Garros (l. Putintseva), since matched at 2018 US Open (l. Svitolina)
- Made major debut at 2014 US Open

**Other Information**

- Began playing tennis aged nine as a way to keep fit
- Would have become a teacher if not a tennis player
- Admires Zheng Jie
- Coached by Peter McNamara
MATCH NOTES
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ANETT KONTAVEIT (EST #21) vs. [2] CAROLINE WOZNIACKI (DEN #2)

Head to Head: ANETT KONTAVEIT leads 2-1

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ROAD TO THE ROUND OF 16

ANETT KONTAVEIT (EST #21)

R32: d. LAURA SIEGEMUND (GER #142) 2-6,6-3,6-2 (1h56)
R64: BYE

Total games: 25
Won/lost: 14-11
Sets won/lost: 2-1
Total time on court: 1h56
Average time on court: 1h56
Average rank of opponent: 142

[2] CAROLINE WOZNIACKI (DEN #2)

R32: d. PETRA MARTIC (CRO #36) 7-5,6-3 (1h47)
R64: d. BELINDA BENCIC (SUI #42) 6-2,6-3 (1h21)

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KONTAVEIT:

**Beijing**

- Making second appearance at Beijing. On only other appearance, fell 1r in 2017 (l. Gavrilova)
- Contesting week of China Open at a career-high ranking of No.21 (posted this week – October 1, 2018)
- After 1r performance bye, rallied from a set down to defeat Siegemund to record first win at China Open
- Won just one match during 2017 Asian swing, at Guangzhou (d. Paolini, l. qualifier Cabrera). Lost 1r at Wuhan (l. Linette) and Beijing (l. Gavrilova). In contrast, has won seven matches already this year in Asia (one at Tokyo, five at Wuhan and one so far at Beijing)
- Faces World No.2 Wozniacki today in R16 – defeated Wozniacki when also No.2 at Rome earlier this year. Best win-by-ranking of career came over No.1 Kerber at 2017 Rome
- A win today would be her seventh Top 10 win of 2018. Other Top 10 wins this season were against No.7 Ostapenko at the Australian Open, No.8 V.Williams at Madrid, No.9 V.Williams and No.2 Wozniacki at Rome, No.8 Kvitova at Roland Garros and No.9 Stephens at Wuhan. Only Bertens (10), Kasatkina (7), Kvitova (7) and Sabalenka (7) have registered more wins over Top 10 players this season
Season

- Coming off R-Up finish at Wuhan (I. Sabalenka). Was fourth career tour-level final, and first of 2018. Reached three finals in 2017, lifting the trophy at ‘s-Hertogenbosch (d. Vikhlyantseva in F), and finishing as runner-up at Biel/Bienne (I. Vondrousova in F) and Gstaad (I. Bertens in F)
- Previous best result at a Premier 5 event was SF run at 2018 Rome (l. eventual champion Svitolina)
- Fell in 2r at Tokyo [PPO] (d. Mladenovic, l. Strýcová in 3s)
- Lost in 1r at US Open (l. Siniaková in 3s)
- Advanced to R16 in Cincinnati (l. eventual champion Bertens); result in the Midwest elevated 2018 prize money beyond USD $1 million – the first time she has passed this milestone in a single season
- Began summer hard court season with 2r showing at Montréal (l. Kvitová); 1r win over Makarova was first in North America since 2017 Miami
- Reached 3r at Wimbledon for the second time (also 2017) where she fell to Van Uytvanck
- In build up to Wimbledon, suffered 1r defeats at Mallorca (l. Maria) and ‘s-Hertogenbosch (as defending champion, l. Kudermetova)
- Enjoyed fruitful clay swing in 2018, including a R16 run at Roland Garros (l. eventual R-Up Stephens) and SF showing at Rome (l. eventual champion Svitolina)
- Also reached R16 at Madrid (l. eventual champion Kvitová) and made SF stage at Stuttgart (l. eventual champion Ka.Plíšková)
- At Stuttgart, 1r win over Mladenovic lasted over three hours (3:09), the eighth longest match of 2018; also spent 2:57 on court in her Stuttgart QF win over Pavlyuchenková
- Prior to Stuttgart had lost four consecutive matches, stretching back to Dubai: after 1r byes, made 2r exits at both Indian Wells (l. Sasnovich) and Miami (l. Sakkari), and fell 1r in clay court opener at Lugano (l. Lapko)
- Achieved her 50th career main draw victory in Dubai (d. Stosur in 1r) before falling in 2r (l. Osaka)
- Made 1r exit at Doha (l. Cornet)
- At Australian Open, upset No.7 Ostapenko en route to R16 (l. Suárez Navarro)
- Opened 2018 season by reaching 2r at Brisbane (l. eventual runner-up Sasnovich) and contested qualifying at Sydney (ret. w/dizziness vs. Aoyama)

Career

- Enjoyed breakthrough season in 2017, finishing on a ranking of No.34, up from No.110 in 2016 – first year-end finish inside Top 50 and second non-consecutive year in Top 100
- 2017 season highlighted by winning first career singles title at ‘s-Hertogenbosch (d. Vikhlyantseva in F). Also reached finals at Biel/Bienne (I. Vondrousova) and Gstaad (I. Bertens)
- Broke into Top 30 for first time at No.27 following run at Gstaad (July 24, 2017)
- Also advanced to quarterfinals at Premier-level tournaments at Stuttgart, where she beat No.6 Muguruza en route, and Rome, where she posted her first career win over a reigning No.1 with defeat of Kerber in 2r
• In 2016, played main draw at all four Grand Slams for first time, but dropped out of Top 100
• One of five teenagers in 2015 year-end Top 100
• Made Top 100 debut on September 14, 2015 at No.96, up from No.152
• Scored first Top 20 win of career over No.17 Errani at 2016 Monterrey (2r)
• Has won 11 singles titles and five doubles titles on ITF Circuit
• Made WTA main draw debut at 2013 Miami as WC (l. McHale, 1r)
• Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in 2010
• Junior highlights included winning 2011 Orange Bowl, defeating Bouchard and Putintseva along the way

**Grand Slam History**

• 2018 US Open marked 15th Grand Slam main draw appearance
• Earned her first Grand Slam victories at 2015 US Open where she reached R16 (as qualifier, l. V.Williams) – only seventh qualifier in Open Era to reach US Open R16
• Also made R16 at 2018 Australian Open (l. Suárez Navarro) and 2018 Roland Garros (l. Stephens)
• Best showings at Wimbledon are 3r runs in 2017 (l. Wozniacki) and 2018 (l. Van Uytvanck)
• Runner-up in 2012 US Open girls’ singles (l. Crawford)

**Other Information**

• Coached by Nigel Sears
• Grew up in Tallinn, Estonia; now training in Istanbul
• Mother, Ulle, is a tennis coach and started her in tennis (was her coach until the age of 11, then began working other Estonian coaches). Father, Andrus, is a manager at the Port of Tallinn

WOZNIACKI:

**Beijing**

• Making 12th consecutive appearance at Beijing, where she was champion in 2010 (d. Zvonareva in F). Also made QF here in 2011 (l. Pennetta) and 2013 (l. S.Williams)
• By winning 2010 Beijing, ascended to be WTA World No.1 for the first time in career (October 11, 2010)
• Has made the R16 now for the fourth year in a row, but has lost all such matches in the last three years, falling to Kerber (2015), A.Radwanska (2016) and Kvitova (2017)
• Broke six times to ease past No.41 Bencic in 1r on Monday – her best win-by-ranking since Eastbourne title run in June
• Overcame No.36 Martic in 2r on Wednesday – preserves perfect record against her, now going 5-0. After all four previous wins, went on to reach the tournament final (2009 US Open – R-Up, 2010 Copenhagen – WON, 2012 Copenhagen – R-Up and 2018 Auckland – R-Up)
• Has posted back-to-back wins for the first time since Eastbourne title run in June
• Faces Kontaveit today in first meeting on hard court – owns one win against the Estonian (1-2 record) coming from 6-3 5-3 down to beat her at 2017 Wimbledon
• Bidding to reach first QF on hard court since 2018 Doha in February
• Seeded No.2 at 2018 Beijing; has been seeded on nine of her 11 visits to the Chinese capital (exceptions were debut in 2007 and 2016)
• Currently No.5 on the Porsche Race to Singapore leaderboard – is the defending WTA Finals champion – and can clinch qualification by reaching the SF in Beijing (or even earlier, depending on other results)
• Ranks third among active players for hard court titles with 21 (S.Williams - 46 and V.Williams - 31)
• Has won 10 titles in Asia, including 2010 Beijing and 2017 WTA Finals Singapore

**Season**

• Enters Beijing after R16 showing at Wuhan (after 1r bye, d. Peterson in 2r, l. Puig)
• Made 2r exits at Tokyo (l. Giorgi after 1r bye), US Open (l. Tsurenko), Cincinnati (after 1r bye, l. eventual champion Bertens) and Montréal (after 1r bye, l. Sabalenka – held 3mp in third set)
• Fell 2r at Wimbledon (l. Makarova)
• Also on grass, won her second title of the season, and 29th of her career at Eastbourne (d. Sabalenka in F). Win over Konta in Eastbourne 3r was 50th grass court win, becoming just the seventh active player with as many wins on the surface (also S.Williams, V.Williams, Sharapova, A.Radwanska, Kerber and Jankovic)
• Fell in R16 at Roland Garros (l. Kasatkina) after QF showing at Rome (l. Kontaveit) and R16 at Madrid (l. Bertens)
• Made QF at Istanbul (ret. vs. eventual champion Parmentier w/left abdominal injury)
• Reached R16 at Indian Wells (l. eventual R-Up Kasatkina) and made 2r exit at Miami (after 1r bye, l. Puig)
• Posted SF run at Doha (l. eventual champion Kvitova)
• Fell in QF at St Petersburg (after 1r bye, d. Potapova; l. No.8 seed Kasatkina)
• Won first Grand Slam title of career at Australian Open (d. No.1 Halep in F) – became first Danish woman to win a major singles title
• Win over Halep marked her fourth win over a reigning World No.1 (4-6 career record), having won her first three all in 2017 over Ka.Pliskova (Toronto), Muguruza (Tokyo [PPO]) and Halep (WTA Finals Singapore)
• With her triumph in Melbourne reclaimed the World No.1 ranking for the first time in six years, marking the longest gap between stints at the top spot since the computer rankings were introduced in November 1975 (6 years, 0 days)
• Opened 2018 season with R-Up finish at Auckland (l. Goerges)

**Career**

• Posted 60-21 record in 2017, finishing at No.3 for 10th consecutive Top 20 season and seventh Top 10 finish of career, including six in a row (2009-14) and back-to-back year-end No.1 finishes in 2010-11
• Season highlight in 2017 was winning biggest title of career to that point at 2017 WTA Finals Singapore (d. V.Williams in F). By winning in Singapore, passed $25 million in career prize money
Also defended title at Tokyo [PPO] (d. Pavlyuchenkova in F) and reached a further six finals in 2017, finishing as
R-Up at Doha (l. Ka.Pliskova) and Dubai (l. Svitolina) in back-to-back weeks, and then Miami (l. Konta), Eastbourne
(l. Ka.Pliskova), Bastad (l. Siniakova) and Toronto (l. Svitolina)

Scored three wins over No.1-ranked players in 2017, against Ka.Pliskova (Toronto), Muguruza (Tokyo [PPO]) and
Halep (Singapore). Had never previously secured victory over the top-ranked player in her career; lifetime record
now stands at 4-6 vs. No.1 players (also beat Halep at 2018 Australian Open)

Scored more wins over Top 10 players in 2017 (14-6 record) than any other player

Owns 29 career singles titles – fourth most titles among active players (behind S.Williams, V.Williams and
Sharapova) and has won at least one title in 11 straight seasons (since 2008), including career-best six titles in
2010 and 2011

Won first WTA title at 2008 Stockholm, the first ever title won by a Danish woman

Denmark's flag bearer at 2016 Rio Olympics

Broke into Top 100 on July 9, 2007 and entered Top 50 on January 28, 2008. Debuted in Top 10 on May 18, 2009

Rose to No.1 on October 11, 2010 and held No.1 ranking for total of 67 weeks; returned to No.1 on January 29,
2018 after Australian Open title for a further four weeks, taking career to 71 weeks


Winner of two WTA doubles titles – 2008 Beijing (w/Medina Garrigues) and 2009 Memphis (w/Azarenka)

Made professional debut aged 15 as a wildcard at 2005 Cincinnati

Grand Slam History

2018 US Open marked 46th main draw appearance at a Grand Slam

Captured her first Grand Slam title and the World No.1 ranking at 2018 Australian Open (d. Halep in three sets) –
becoming just the fourth player all-time (also, Navratilova, Ivanovic and Azarenka) to simultaneously win her
maiden major title and ascend to No.1

Saved 2mp (in 2r vs. Fett) en route to the 2018 Australian Open title – one of five women to do so in Melbourne

Also a two-time Grand Slam runner-up, losing the title match at the US Open in 2009 (l. Clijsters) and 2014 (l.
S.Williams). Became first Danish player to reach a Grand Slam final since Kurt Nielsen at 1955 Wimbledon

Made Grand Slam debut at 2007 Roland Garros (l. Dechy in 1r). Would go on to play 36 consecutive majors until
streak was snapped by withdrawal from 2016 Roland Garros (w/right ankle injury)

At Roland Garros she is a two-time quarterfinalist, in 2010 (l. eventual champion Schiavone) and 2017 (l. eventual
champion Ostapenko) and has reached R16 at Wimbledon on six occasions, most recently in 2017

In juniors, won girls’ singles title at 2006 Wimbledon and was a finalist at 2006 Australian Open

Other Information

Ran 2014 New York City Marathon with charity Team for Kids, funds going to New York Road Runners youth
programs
• Signed as a USANA Health Sciences brand ambassador in March 2015. As part of the announcement she launched the program’s annual ‘Aces for Humanity’ campaign to aid the USANA True Health Foundation, whose mission is to provide critical nutrition to those who are suffering or in need; money is donated for each ace served by the eight

• USANA Ambassadors on the WTA

• Announced engagement to former NBA player David Lee in November 2017, the ex-New York Knicks forward proposing on holiday in Bora Bora

• Coached by father, Piotr Wozniacki
ARYNA SABALENKA (BLR #16) vs. [4] CAROLINE GARCIA (FRA #8)

Head to Head: ARYNA SABALENKA leads 1-0

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ROAD TO THE ROUND OF 16

[4] CAROLINE GARCIA (FRA #8)

R32: d. POLONA HERCOG (SLO #86) 7-6(2),6-3 (3h02)
R64: d. YAFAN WANG (CHN #78) 7-6(10),6-7(4),6-3 (3h02)

ARYNA SABALENKA (BLR #16)

R32: d. [14] GARBIÑE MUGURUZA (ESP #15) 7-5,6-4 (1h46)
R64: BYE

Total games: 22
Won/lost: 13-9
Sets won/lost: 2-0
Total time on court: 1h46
Average time on court: 1h46
Average rank of opponent: 15

Insight from SAP
SABALENKA:

**Beijing**

- Making main draw debut appearance at Beijing, where she fell in qualifying last year
- Due to title run last week in Wuhan, received 1r performance bye – the first bye of her career
- Defeated two-time Grand Slam champion Muguruza in 2r; now owns six wins over major winners, also Stephens (2017 Fed Cup final), Kuznetsova (2018 Indian Wells), Wozniacki (2018 Montréal), Stosur (2018 New Haven) and Kvitova (2018 US Open)
- Looking for eighth straight victory when takes on Garcia in R16 today. This would equal her career best main draw match-winning streak which she achieved with R16 finish at the US Open after claiming the New Haven title (on ITF Circuit, won 13 in a row in 2015)
- Seeking her eighth win over a Top 10 player today. All seven of her previous victories have come in 2018, most recently during her title-winning run at Wuhan when she defeated No.6 Svitolina in 2r. Only Bertens (10-5) owns more Top 10 wins this year
- Saved a match point in third set in her only previous meeting with Garcia at Cincinnati
- Since losing to No.258 Sanchez in qualifying at San Jose in July, has posted 21-4 win-loss record
• Winner will face No.7 Ka.Pliskova or Q.Wang in QF
• At 20-years-old, is the youngest player left in the draw
• Has 19 three-set main draw match wins this season. Players with 20-plus three-set wins since 2000:

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• Ranked No.16 entering Beijing – her career-high. By contrast, 12 months ago sat at No.101 in the rankings
• Has served the eighth-most aces on tour this year: 232 (including six aces during 2r win over Muguruza)
• Currently sits at No. 11 on the Porsche Race to Singapore leaderboard; needs SF in Beijing to stay in contention (scheduled to play Tianjin and Moscow in next two weeks)

**Season**

• Coming off winning biggest title of career at Wuhan (d. Kontaveit in F); now owns 2-3 record in career singles finals
• Defeat of No.6 Svitolina in 2r at Wuhan was seventh Top 10 win of the season and of career (7-5 overall record) – has also defeated No.7 Ka.Pliskova (Eastbourne), No.2 Wozniacki (Montréal), No.9 Ka.Pliskova and No.5 Garcia (Cincinnati), No.9 Goerges (New Haven) and No.5 Kvitova (US Open). Only Bertens (10-5) owns more Top 10 wins this campaign
• After US Open fell 1r at Québec City (l. Lepchenko)
• Posted best Grand Slam result as US Open, advancing to R16 (l. eventual champion Osaka in 3s)
• Lifted maiden WTA title at New Haven during North American hard court swing (d. Suárez Navarro in F)
• Posed SF run at Cincinnati (l. eventual R-Up Halep); during that run, saved match points to upset No.9 Ka.Pliskova in 2r and No.5 Garcia in R16 before defeating No.13 Keys in QF
• Advanced to R16 at Montréal (l. Mertens, after holding 1mp); in 2r in Canada, saved 3mp to upset No.2 Wozniacki
• Fell in 1r of 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)
• 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 lost 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; went 1-1 during subsequent play-off victory over Slovakia in April
• 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 2017 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
• 2018 US Open marked fifth career main draw appearance at a Grand Slam, where she advanced to R16 for first time (l. eventual champion Osaka in 3s)
• Only previous Grand Slam win came during 2r showing on Grand Slam debut at 2017 Wimbledon (as qualifier, d. Khromacheva, l. Witthoeft)
• Made 1r exit on next 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
• Was No.26 seed at 2018 US Open– first Grand Slam seeding of her career
Other Information

- Coached by former ATP player Dmitry Tursunov
- Since their partnership formed this summer, the pairing has scored the best win-by-ranking of her career over No.2 Wozniacki en route to a R16 finish in Montréal. Then in Cincinnati, the Belarusian dropped three consecutive seeds (No.9 Ka.Pliskova, No.6 Garcia and No.13 Keys) en route to SF, before capturing her first career titles at New Haven and Wuhan
- Started playing aged six
- Prefers playing on hard

GARCIA:

Beijing

- Defending champion is making her fifth main draw appearance in Beijing (sixth overall)
- Saved match point against Svitolina in QF last year before upsetting soon-to-be crowned No.1 Halep in final. Has never successfully defended a title before
- Was the first unseeded champion since the tournament was granted Premier Mandatory status in 2009. Before 2017, the furthest an unseeded player had progressed was to SF: Niculescu and Pennetta in 2011 and Stosur in 2014
- No woman has ever successfully defended the China Open title. The last defending champion to reach the QF of the China Open the following year was S.Williams in 2014
- Previous best result in Beijing was reaching R16 in 2016 (l. Gavrilova). Made 2r exits in 2014 (l. V.Williams) and 2015 (l. Errani). Fell in 2013 qualifying
- Needed 3 hours 2 minutes to defeat Chinese wildcard Y.Wang in 1r before overcoming qualifier Hercog in straight sets in 2r – hit eight aces across opening matches to take season total to 223 – ninth most on tour (Sabalenka is eighth with 232)
- Bidding to record first victory over a Top 20 player since defeated No.10 Stephens at Rome when faces Sabalenka in R16 today. Has a 3-9 record vs Top 20 players in 2018 (also defeated No.4 Svitolina at Stuttgart and No.12 Goerges at Madrid)
- Led 5-3 in third set and held a match point during only previous meeting with Sabalenka at 2018 Cincinnati
- Seeded No.4 this week – has now been seeded at 22 consecutive tournaments (last tournament outside the seeds came at 2017 Beijing)
- Enjoyed an outstanding Asian swing in 2017, winning titles at Beijing and Wuhan, reaching SF at WTA Finals Singapore and QF at Tokyo (15-3 win-loss record)
Season

- Began Asian swing with QF showing at Tokyo (I. Vekic) and 2r exit at Wuhan (as defending champion, I. Siniakova – held 1mp)
- Made QF at New Haven (I. Puig) and then 3r for third straight year at US Open (I. Suárez Navarro); rose to career-high ranking of No.4 following US Open (September 10, 2018)
- Reached R16 at Cincinnati (I. Sabalenka – held 1mp in third set)
- Posted QF showing at Montréal (I. eventual champion Halep - is now 0-7 vs. reigning World No.1s); broke into Top for first time at No.5 following the tournament (August 13, 2018)
- Suffered 1r exit at Wimbledon (I. Bencic) – her earliest exit at a major since 2016 Australian Open. On grass also reached QF at Mallorca (I. Kenin)
- Enjoyed a R16 run at Roland Garros (I. Kerber) improving her career win total in Paris to 10 – her most wins of any Slam
- Made QF at Rome losing to World No.1 Halep
- Reached SF at both Madrid (I. Bertens) and Stuttgart (I. Vandeweghe)
- At Stuttgart, defeated No.41 Sharapova in 1r, 15-year-old Ukrainian Marta Kostyuk in 2r, and No.4 Svitolina in QF for first Top 5 win of season
- Reached R16 on green clay of Charleston (I. Cornet)
- Suffered an opening match exit at Miami (after 1r bye, I. Riske) after a R16 showing at Indian Wells (I. Kerber)
- Made back-to-back QF appearances in Doha and Dubai (I. Muguruza on both occasions)
- Upset by No.450 qualifier Rybakina in 2r at St. Petersburg
- Advanced to R16 at Australian Open for the first time (I. Keys)
- Opened season at Brisbane, falling 1r (ret. vs. Cornet w/low back injury)

Career

- Enjoyed break-out year in 2017, ending season at then-career high No.8, winning her first titles at Premier 5 and Premier-Mandatory level, and qualifying for WTA Finals in Singapore
- Lifted two titles in 2017, winning Wuhan and Beijing back-to-back to improve record in WTA singles finals to 5-2. Title runs saw her win 11 matches in a row. This was her joint-best win streak of career – also won 11 straight matches in 2014, winning title at Bogotá (5 wins), going 2-0 in Fed Cup action vs. USA, then reaching the QF at Madrid (4 wins)
- Won 48 main draw matches last season, an increase of 14 on her 2016 total
- Wuhan marked first Premier 5 title of career, subsequently bettered by Beijing being first Premier Mandatory title of career
- Became third player to reach back-to-back finals in Wuhan and Beijing. The previous two were Kvitova in 2014 (Wuhan Won, Beijing R-Up) and Muguruza in 2015 (Wuhan R-Up, Beijing Won)
• Qualified for 2017 WTA Finals in Singapore, reaching SF (l. V.Williams). Was first French woman through to contest the season-ending event in singles since Mauresmo in 2006 (l. Henin in F)
• Has qualified for WTA Finals in doubles twice, in 2015 (w/Srebotnik – lost in RR stage) and 2016 (w/Mladenovic - SF)
• Played 2015 WTA Finals Rising Stars Invitational (l. Osaka in F)
• Winner of two WTA singles titles in 2016 – at Strasbourg (d. Lucic-Baroni in F) and Mallorca (d. Sevastova in F)
• Qualified for 2016 WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai, going 1-1 in singles round-robin play – d. Stosur, l. Konta
• Represented France at Rio Olympics in singles (2r), doubles (w/Mladenovic, 1r) and mixed doubles (w/Mahut, 1r)
• Member of French Fed Cup Team that advanced to 2016 final vs. Czech Republic – went 2-0 in singles, posting wins over Ka.Pliskova and Kvitova, although the Czechs won the tie, 3-2
• Ended 2016 season with runner-up finish at WTA 125K Series event at Limoges, France (l. Alexandrova in F), where she was the defending champion
• In addition to winning 2016 Roland Garros, team of Garcia/Mladenovic also reached title match at 2016 US Open (l. Mattek-Sands/Safarova) among eight finals reached in 2016 – won at Charleston, Stuttgart and Madrid as well as Roland Garros. Garcia is now 6-10 in tour-level doubles finals. Garcia/Mladenovic qualified for 2016 WTA Finals in Singapore – advanced to semifinals (l. Mattek-Sands/Safarova); duly finished season co-ranked No.2, a new career-high for both players
• Owns 15 wins over Top 10 players in career: No.9 Jankovic (2014 Bogotá), No.8 Kerber (2014 Madrid), No.6 A.Radwanska (2014 Wuhan), No.6 Ivanovic (2015 Monterrey), No.6 Ivanovic (2015 Indian Wells), No.6 Ivanovic (2015 Stuttgart), No.4 Kvitova (2015 Cincinnati), No.6 Ka.Pliskova (2016 Fed Cup final), No.9 Cibulkova (2017 Wuhan), No.3 Svitolina and No.2 Halep (both 2017 Beijing), No.4 Svitolina and No.6 Wozniacki (both 2017 WTA Finals), No.4 Svitolina (2018 Stuttgart) and No.10 Stephens (2018 Rome)
• Won maiden singles title at 2014 Bogotá (d. Jankovic in F) and won the doubles (w/Arruabarrena), becoming first player to win singles and doubles at same event since S.Williams at 2012 Olympics
• Reached finals in consecutive weeks at 2015 Acapulco and Monterrey (l. Bacsinszky in both)
• Made WTA and Grand Slam main draw debut at 2011 Australian Open, advancing to 2r
• Played first professional match aged 13 at an ITF event in France in 2007

**Grand Slam History**

• 2018 US Open marked 28th Grand Slam main draw appearance
• Advanced to QF at 2017 Roland Garros (l. Ka.Pliskova) for best Grand Slam singles result to date
• Has also reached R16 at 2017 Wimbledon (l. Konta), 2018 Australian Open (l. Keys) and 2018 Roland Garros (l. Kerber)
• Made US Open 3r in 2016 (l. A.Radwanska), 2017 (l. Kvitova) and 2018 (l. Suárez Navarro)
• In juniors, singles runner-up at 2011 US Open (l. Min) and was a semifinalist at the other three Grand Slam events
• In 2016 was doubles champion at Roland Garros and R-Up at US Open (both w/Mladenovic)
Other Information

• Coached by father, Louis Paul Garcia
• Played many sports when she was younger and chose tennis because it was the one she enjoyed the most
• Enjoys reading and spending time with family
KIKI BERTENS

**DOB**
Dec 10, 1991 (26)

**Residence**
Wateringen, Netherlands

**Plays**
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)

**Height**
6' 0" (1.82 m)

**Prize Career**
$5,922,309

**Prize YTD**
$2,563,873

**Career High Singles Rank**
11 (Sep 24 2018)

**Career High Doubles Rank**
16 (Apr 16 2018)

**WTA Singles Titles - YTD / Career**
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### PERFORMANCE - SINGLES*

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### MATCH FACTS**

2018 Events: 22 Played
2018 Matches: 61 Played (43 - 18 win-loss)

**Stats are for main draw matches at WTA and Grand Slam events only and includes active tournament results. Fed Cup matches excluded.**

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TOURNAMENT HISTORY - SINGLES

BEST WIN OF THE SEASON (win against highest ranked Opponent)
W in Cincinnati (d. Simona Halep (ROU #1) 2-6  7-6(6)  6-2)

2018 Season Summary

21 tournaments in 2018:

- W in Seoul (d. Ajla Tomljanovic 7-6(2)  4-6  6-2)
- W in Cincinnati (d. Simona Halep  2-6  7-6(6)  6-2)
- W in Charleston (d. Julia Goerges 6-2  6-1)
- F Main Draw in Madrid (l. Petra Kvitova 7-6(6)  4-6  6-3)
- QF Main Draw in Montreal (l. Ashleigh Barty 6-3  6-1)
- QF Main Draw in Wimbledon (l. Julia Goerges 3-6  7-5  6-1)
- QF Main Draw in Nürnberg (l. Kirsten Flipkens 5-7  6-3  7-6(3))
- QF Main Draw in 's-hertogenbosch (l. Kirsten Flipkens 6-4  6-7(6)  6-1)
- QF Main Draw in Sydney (l. Garbiñe Muguruza 6-3  7-6(6))
- R16 Main Draw in US OPEN (l. Marketa Vondrousova 7-6(4)  2-6  7-6(1))
- R16 Main Draw in Roland Garros (l. Angelique Kerber 7-6(4)  7-6(4))
- R16 Main Draw in Miami (l. Venus Williams 5-7  6-3  7-5)
- R16 Main Draw in Australian Open (l. Caroline Wozniacki 6-4  6-3)
- R2 Main Draw in Wuhan (l. Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova 6-4  6-2)
- **R2 Main Draw in Eastbourne (l. Mihaela Buzarnescu 3-6  7-6(5)  6-3)
- **R2 Main Draw in Indian Wells (l. Serena Williams 7-6(5)  7-5)
- **R1 Main Draw in Rome (l. Maria Sakkari 6-2  4-6  6-3)
- **R1 Main Draw in Stuttgart (l. Karolina Pliskova 6-2  6-2)
- **R1 Main Draw in Dubai (l. Qiang Wang 6-3  6-0)
- **R1 Main Draw in St. Petersburg (l. Vera Zvonareva 6-4)
- **R1 Main Draw in Brisbane (l. Ana Konjuh 6-1  6-2)

Best Previous Results (BEIJING)

1 appearance at BEIJING:
- R1 Main Draw in 2017 (l. Andrea Petkovic 6-4  6-0)
**KIKI BERTENS**

**GRAND SLAM**

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**CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

**SINGLES**


**DOUBLES**

Winner (10): 2018 - Brisbane (w/Schuurs); 2017 - Gstaad, Auckland, Seoul, Linz (all w/Larsson); 2016 - Nürnberg, Linz, Luxembourg (all w/Larsson); 2015 - Hobart, Bastad (both w/Larsson). Finalist (4): 2017 - 's-Hertogenbosch (w/Schuurs), WTA Finals (w/Larsson); 2016 - Acapulco (w/Larsson); 2015 - Seoul (w/Larsson).

**ADDITIONAL**

Dutch Fed Cup Team, 2011-12, 2014-17; Dutch Olympic Team, 2016.

**CAREER IN REVIEW**

2017 - Recorded second straight Top 50 finish in 2017, at No.31 (also fifth non-consecutive Top 100 finish... 2017 season highlighted by third and fourth career singles titles at Nürnberg (d. Krejcikova in F) and Gstaad (d. Kontaveit in F)... Also advanced to the quarterfinals at Madrid (l. Sevastova)... In doubles won four titles – at Auckland, Gstaad, Seoul and Linz (all w/Larsson); now owns nine overall (all w/Larsson)... Team of Bertens/Larsson qualified for WTA Finals Singapore for first time, finishing as runners-up to Babos/Hlavackova... Subsequently reached career-high doubles ranking of No.19 on October 30, 2017.

2016 - Had 12-match win streak on clay that included title at Nürnberg followed by breakthrough run to semifinals at Roland Garros (l. S.Williams)... Built record for most clay court match wins in 2016 (19)... Went 4-0 in singles in Fed Cup Play against Russia and France in 2016, leading Dutch team to within a set of first final since 1997... Qualified for 2016 WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai but did not progress past group stage... Nominated for Most Improved Player in 2016 WTA Awards.

2015 - Near-Top 100 season (finishing No.101); SF at 's-Hertogenbosch (l. to Giorgi); reached 2r four times (incl. Australian Open, US Open and Nürnberg - l. to Putintseva 64 57 75; held 1mp at 5-4 third set); fell 1r 12 times (incl. other two majors) and in qualifying twice; won two WTA doubles titles; also won one singles title and one doubles title on ITF Circuit.

2014 - Another Top 100 season; QF at Luxembourg; reached 4r once (Roland Garros) and 2r six times; fell 1r six times (incl. Australian Open and US Open) and in qualifying seven times (incl. Wimbledon); won one doubles title on ITF Circuit; retired in US Open 1r illness.

2013 - Another Top 100 season; SF at Paris [Indoors] (ret. vs. Errani w/low back injury); made Top 50 debut afterwards on February 4 (rose from No.65 to No.50); QF three times at Auckland, Acapulco and Marrakech; reached 2r five times; fell 1r 10 times (incl. all four majors) and in qualifying once.

2012 - First Top 100 season; won one WTA title at Fès (d. Pous-Tio in final); made Top 100 debut afterwards on April 30 (rose from No.149 to No.92); QF at Seoul; 2r four times (incl. Wimbledon, US Open); fell 1r seven times (incl. Roland Garros) and in qualifying three times (incl. Australian Open); won two singles titles on ITF Circuit.

2011 - Played first WTA main draw at 's-Hertogenbosch, falling 1r (as WC); fell in qualifying three times (incl. Roland Garros and US Open);

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won one singles title and two doubles titles on ITF Circuit.

2010 - Won one singles title and two doubles titles on ITF Circuit.

2009 - Won two singles titles and five doubles titles on ITF Circuit.

2008 - Continued to play on ITF Circuit.

2007 - Continued to play on ITF Circuit.

2006 - Played first event of career at ITF/Vlaardingen-NED.
## KATERINA SINIAKOVA

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### PERFORMANCE - SINGLES*

**Stats include active tournament results**

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**MATCH FACTS**

- 2018 Events: 20 Played
- 2018 Matches: 43 Played (24 - 19 win-loss)

**Stats are for main draw matches at WTA and Grand Slam events only and includes active tournament results. Fed Cup matches excluded.**

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KATERINA SINIAKOVA

TOURNAMENT HISTORY - SINGLES

BEST WIN OF THE SEASON (win against highest ranked Opponent)
R2 Main Draw in Wuhan (d. Caroline Garcia (FRA #4) 3-6 7-6(5) 7-6(4))

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GS=Grand Slams  PM=Premier Mandatory  P5=Premier 5  P=Premier  IS=International  Other=Fed Cup, WTA Finals, Tournament of Champs

2018 Season Summary

21 tournaments in 2018:
- F Main Draw in Shenzhen (l. Simona Halep 6-1 2-6 6-0)
- SF Main Draw in Nürnberg (l. Johanna Larsson 4-6 6-3 6-1)
- QF Main Draw in Wuhan (l. Anett Kontaveit 6-4 6-4)
- QF Main Draw in Prague (l. Petra Kvitova 6-3 6-3)
- QF Main Draw in St. Petersburg (l. Kristina Mladenovic 6-4 6-3)
- R16 Main Draw in Olomouc (l. Tereza Mrdeza 7-5 7-5)
- R3 Main Draw in US OPEN (l. Lesia Tsurenko 6-4 6-0)
- R3 Main Draw in Wimbledon (l. Camila Giorgi 3-6 7-6(6) 6-2)
- R3 Main Draw in Roland Garros (l. Barbora Strycova 6-2 6-3)
- R2 Main Draw in Indian Wells (l. Daria Kasatkina 6-2 5-2)
- R2 Main Draw in Australian Open (l. Elina Svitolina 4-6 6-2 6-1)
- **R1 Main Draw in Cincinnati (l. Rebecca Peterson 2-6 6-4 6-1)
- **R1 Main Draw in Montreal (l. Karolina Pliskova 6-4 6-4)
- **R1 Main Draw in Moscow International (l. Kristyna Pliskova 6-4 3-6 6-4)
- **R1 Main Draw in Birmingham (l. Kristina Mladenovic 1-6 6-2 6-4)
- **R1 Main Draw in Madrid (l. Sorana Cîrstea 6-4 2-6 6-4)
- **R1 Main Draw in Charleston (l. Kristyna Pliskova 6-4 6-1)
- **R1 Main Draw in Miami (l. Johanna Larsson 4-6 7-6(5) 7-5)
- **R1 Main Draw in Doha (l. Naomi Osaka 6-4 6-0)
- **R1 Main Draw in Hobart (l. Alison Riske 2-6 6-3 7-5)
- R2 Qualifying in Rome (l. Kaia Kanepi 6-3 3-6 6-3)

Best Previous Results (BEIJING)

2 appearances at BEIJING:
- R1 Main Draw in 2017 (l. Samantha Stosur 6-3 6-2)
- R1 Main Draw in 2016 (l. Angelique Kerber 6-4 6-4)
KATERINA SINIAKOVA

GRAND SLAM

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OTHER INFORMATION

Coached by Iain Hughes and father, Dmitri Siniakov (also a businessman) ... Also works with WTA legend Helena Sukova ... Mother's name is Hana Siniakova (accountant); younger brother is Daniel ... Started playing tennis at age 5 ... All-court player; favorite surface is hardcourt; favorite tournament is Australian Open ... Tennis idol growing up was Maria Sharapova ... Best tennis memory so far is reaching first WTA semifinal at Moscow in 2014 ... Favorite city is Paris ... Enjoys reading (favorite books are detective and sci-fi), listening to music and spending time with friends ... If she could meet anyone in the world, it would be Taylor Swift ... Goal is to be No.1 in the world.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

SINGLES
Winner (2): 2017 - Shenzhen, Bastad.

DOUBLES
Winner (4): 2018 - Roland Garros, Wimbledon (both w/Krejcikova); 2015 - Prague (w/Bencic); 2014 - Tashkent (w/Krunic), 125/Limoges (w/Voracova).
Finalist (9): 2018 - Shenzhen, Miami (both w/Krejcikova); 2017 - Taipei City, Indian Wells, Charleston, Prague, US Open (all w/Hradecka); 2015 - Tashkent (w/Dushevina); 2014 - Stanford (w/Kania).

CAREER IN REVIEW

2017 - Notched second-consecutive Top 50 year-end finish at a joint-best No.49 in 2017, finishing as the Czech No.5; posted career-high rankings in both singles (36, April, 2017) and doubles (11, October 23, 2017); doubled career prize money for second consecutive year to pass $2 million in earnings; won first WTA singles title at 2017 Shenzhen – recorded first two career wins over Top 10 players en route to title (No. 4 Halep and No.10 Konta); captured second career title and first on clay at 2017 Bastad (d. Wozniacki in final); also QF at Prague (l. to Strycova); reached 3r at Indian Wells (l. to Wozniacki) and 2r nine times; fell 1r 12 times (incl. all four Grand Slams); in doubles, advanced to the semifinals of Roland Garros and the finals of US Open; also R-Up at Taipei City, Indian Wells, Charleston and Prague (all w/Hradecka).

2016 - Debut Top 50 season (finished ranked No.49); reached career first WTA finals at Bastad (l. to Siegemund) and Tokyo Int'l (l. to McHale); QF at Shenzhen (l. to Friedsam); career-best result at Wimbledon by reaching 3r (l. to A.Radwanska); 2r five times (incl. US Open); 1r ten times (incl. Australian Open and Roland Garros); fell in WTA qualifying five times.

2015 - Near-Top 100 season (finishing No.108); SF at Prague (l. to Hradecka); QF at Birmingham; reached 2r seven times (incl. Australian Open and Seoul - l. to Van Uytvanck 63 16 76(3); held 1mp at 6-5 third set); fell 1r 11 times (incl. other three majors) and in qualifying three times; also won one WTA doubles title.

2014 - First Top 100 season (finishing No.74); SF at Moscow (l. to Pavlyuchenkova); made Top 100 debut on October 20 (after Moscow; rose from No.128 to No.86); reached 2r once; fell 1r four times (incl. Australian Open) and in qualifying eight times (incl. other three majors); won one WTA doubles title; won one WTA 125K Series doubles title; also won two singles titles and one doubles title on ITF Circuit.

2013 - Played first WTA main draw at Miami, falling 1r (as qualifier); won four singles titles and two doubles titles on ITF Circuit.

2012 - Played first events of career on ITF Circuit, winning one doubles title.
CHINA OPEN – SECOND/THIRD ROUNDS (WEDNESDAY)

National Tennis Stadium
TIMEA BABOS (HUN #68) vs. SHUAI ZHANG (CHN #45)
Zhang leads 2-1
Babos snapped a four-match losing streak, dating back to Montreal, with her first round victory...Zhang scored her second Top 20 victory of the season with first round defeat of Elise Mertens

PETRA MARTIC (CRO #36) vs. [2] CAROLINE WOZNIACKI (DEN #2)
Wozniacki leads 4-0
Martic has won eight of her past nine matches on tour dating back to the US Open...Wozniacki is bidding to score back-to-back wins for the first time since her Eastbourne title run in June

[9] SLOANE STEPHENS (USA #9) vs. DOMINIKA CIBULKOVA (SVK #30)
Stephens leads 3-1
Stephens has now won back-to-back matches in Asia for just the third time in her career and first time since 2015 Seoul...Cibulkova is bidding to reach her sixth quarterfinal of the season today

Lotus Court
[7] KAROLINA PLISKOVA (CZE #7) vs. ALIAKSANDRA SASNOVICH (BLR #32)
Sasnovich leads 1-0
Pliskova posted the 250th main draw victory of her career with first round win over Stosur...Sasnovich is looking to notch her fifth victory of the season over a Czech opponent (13-7 overall)

DONNA VEKIC (CRO #38) vs. ANASTASIJA SEVASTOVA (LAT #20)
Sevastova leads 4-0
Vekic is aiming to claim her 30th victory of the season today...A win today for Sevastova would mark the 75th main draw hardcourt win of her career, and 20th of the season

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TIMEA BABOS (HUN #68) vs. SHUAI ZHANG (CHN #45)

Head to Head: SHUAI ZHANG leads 2-1

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TIMEA BABOS

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SHUAI ZHANG

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BABOS:

Beijing

- Making second main draw appearance at Beijing (and fourth appearance overall)
- In only previous main draw appearance at China Open, made 2r (l. eventual R-Up Konta) in 2016. Fell in 2012 and 2015 qualifying
- Due to reaching 2017 Tashkent final, could not contest singles event at China Open last year, however did reach the final in doubles w/Hlavackova (l. Chan/Hingis)
- 2018 Beijing campaign opened with defeat of Hsieh for loss of only four games
- Faces Zhang Shuai today in fourth career meeting – pair first faced off on ITF Circuit in 2012, here in China (at Quanzhou, located in the South East)
- Win snapped four-match losing streak, dating back to 1r exit at Montreal (l. Goerges)
- Her best result at a WTA Premier Mandatory event was reaching R16 at 2016 Miami (l. Kerber)
and 3r at 2017 Indian Wells (l. eventual champion Vesnina)

- Contesting doubles draw this week w/Mladenovic – after 1r bye, team face Cornet/Martic in 2r. Babos/Mladenovic have qualified for the WTA Finals in Singapore, where Babos is defending champion (w/Hlavackova, who has qualified with Strycova)
- Currently No.1 doubles player in the world

**Season**

- Has contested one event so far during 2018 Asian swing, falling 1r at Wuhan (l. Peterson)
- Wuhan loss was fourth in a row, having previously suffered 1r exits at Cincinnati (l. Anisimova), Montréal (l. Goerges) and US Open (l. Kasatkina). Reached doubles final at US Open (w/Mladenovic, l. Barty/Vandeweghe)
- Posted 2r showing at San Jose (l. eventual R-Up Sakkari)
- Made 1r exits at Birmingham (l. Buzarnescu), Eastbourne (l. A.Radwanska) and Wimbledon (l. Tsurenko)
- Enjoyed more success in doubles on grass, won title at Birmingham and reached QF at Wimbledon (both w/Mladenovic); crowned new WTA World No.1 in doubles after Wimbledon run (July 16, 2018)
- Recorded 2r results in Rome (l. Garcia) and Strasbourg (l. Diyas) before a 1r loss at Roland Garros (l. Arruabarrena)
- Suffered back-to-back 1r exits at Rabat (l. Dulgheru) and Madrid (l. Goerges)
- Advanced to doubles final at Madrid (w/Mladenovic, l. Makarova/Vesnina in F)
- Reached eighth career final at Monterrey (l. Muguruza in F in 3s); is now 3-5 in WTA finals
- Made 2r showing at Miami (l. eventual R-Up Ostapenko) after 1r exit at Indian Wells (l. Bencic)
- Reached 2r at home event in Budapest (as defending champion, l. Barthel)
- Fell 1r at Doha (l. Mertens) after lifting third WTA singles title at Taipei City (d. Kozlova in F)
- At Australian Open, claimed career first Top 10 win over No.9 Vandeweghe in 1r (l. Suarez Navarro in 2r)
- Lifted maiden Grand Slam doubles trophy at Melbourne Park (w/Mladenovic, d. Makarova/Vesnina in F); also R-Up in mixed doubles (w/Bopanna, l. Dabrowski/Pavic)
- Started off 2018 campaign with QF showing at Shenzhen (l. Begu) prior to 1r exit at Hobart (l. Tsurenko)

**Career**

- Sixth straight Top 100 season in 2017, finishing at No.57 in singles
- Reached a career-high three singles finals (R-Up at Québec City and Tashkent), capturing the second WTA singles title of her career on home soil in Budapest (d. Safarova in F)
- Produced an impressive season on the doubles court, claiming a career-high six titles, including hoisting the trophy at the 2017 WTA Finals in Singapore (w/Hlavackova)
- Finished 2016 ranked No.26 – just one spot shy of her career-high ranking of No.25 (September 19, 2016)
- Qualified for the WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai; fell in round robin stage (0-2) to No.18 Bacsinszky and No.28 S.Zhang
- Reached third singles final of career at 2016 Florianopolis (l. Begu in F). Other 2016 highlights included SF appearances at Shenzhen (l. Riske) and Rabat, and QF runs at St Petersburg (l. eventual champion Vinci), Katowice (l. Ostapenko), Cincinnati (l. Muguruza) and Moscow (l. eventual champion Kuznetsova)
• Qualified for the 2016 WTA Finals in doubles w/Shvedova – fell in 1r (l. Mattek-Sands/Safarova); also qualified for 2015 WTA Finals w/Mladenovic – pair exited at RR stage
• 2015 season was highlighted by a runner-up finish at Marrakech (l. Svitolina in F), winning the WTA 125K Series event in Taipei (d. Doi in F), and three doubles titles, at Dubai, Marrackech and Rome (all w/Mladenovic)
• Highest-ranked opponent beaten in career to date is No.9 Vandeweghe at 2018 Australian Open 1r
• Received WC into first WTA event of career at 2010 Budapest (l. Bacsinszky in 1r)
• On ITF Circuit, has won 13 singles and 10 doubles titles
• In juniors, was three-time doubles Grand Slam champion (2010 Roland Garros/Wimbledon/US Open – all w/Sloane Stephens) and two-time runner-up (2009 Roland Garros, 2010 Australian Open)

_Grand Slam History_
• 2018 US Open marked 24th Grand Slam main draw appearance. Reached 3r at a major for the first time since 2016 U.S. Open (l. Halep)
• Won maiden Grand Slam doubles title at 2018 Australian Open (w/Mladenovic, d. Makarova/Vesnina in F)
• Three-time Grand Slam doubles runner-up, at 2014 Wimbledon (w/Mladenovic, l. Errani/Vinci), 2016 Wimbledon (w/Shvedova, l. S.Williams/V.Williams) and 2018 US Open (w/Mladenovic, l. Barty/Vandeweghe)
• Mixed doubles runner-up at 2015 Wimbledon (w/Peya l. Hingis/Paes) and 2018 Australian Open (w/Bopanna, l. Dabrowski/Pavic)

_Other Information_
• Father's name is Csaba; mother's name is Zsuzsanna; sister is Susie; started playing at age 8
• Tennis idol is Elena Dementieva
• Currently without a coach

ZHANG:

_Beijing_
• Making 11th main draw appearance at Beijing
• Best result at China Open came in 2016 when she reached the QF (d. No.5 Halep en route, l. eventual R-Up Konta). Also made R16 in 2009 (l. Bartoli)
• During 2009 run here, scored best win of career when defeated World No.1 Safina. Ranked No.226 at the time of Safina win, became lowest-ranked player to defeat a reigning World No.1
• Has suffered 1r Beijing exits in 2008 (as qualifier, l. Cornet), 2010 (l. Kirilenko), 2011 (l. Cibulkova), 2014 (l. Garcia) and 2015 (l. Barthel)
• Scored second Top 20 win of 2018 with defeat of No.15 Mertens in 1r – now owns 2-5 record this season, also defeating No.13 Stephens at Australian Open

• Faces Babos today in 2r – bidding to record back-to-back wins for the seventh tournament this season (2018 Beijing is her 24th event of the season)

• Sole Chinese woman to receive direct acceptance into main draw this week. One of five Chinese players competing here – also wildcards Duan (l. Cibulkova in 1r), Wang Qiang (through to 3r), Wang Yafan (l. Garcia in 1r) and Zheng Saisai (l. Stephens in 2r)

• Beijing is her fourth event in her home country this season, having started the year with 2r showing at Shenzhen (l. Diyas) and reached QF at Nanchang (l. Zhu) in July and then R16 at Wuhan last week (l. Kontaveit). Withdrew from Guangzhou w/shoulder injury

• Last Monday, lost her Chinese No.1 ranking to Q.Wang

• Fell 1r in doubles this week (w/Konta, l. Krunic/Siniakova in 1r)

**Season**

• Coming off R16 showing at Wuhan (l. Kontaveit) – for the first time in tournament’s history, two Chinese players reached R16 (also Q.Wang, who made SF)

• Produced SF run at Hiroshima (l. eventual R-Up Anisimova). Captured doubles title (w/Hozumi), defeating top seeds Kato/Ninomiya in F

• Fell 1r at US Open (l. Muguruza) however, reached SF in doubles (w/Stosur, l. eventual R-Ups Mladenovic/Babos) and SF in mixed doubles (w/Peers, l. eventual R-Ups Rosolska/Mektic)

• Made 2r in Montréal (l. Mertens) after a 1r exit in San Jose (l. Lapko)

• Enjoyed a QF run on hard courts at the WTA’s International-level event at Nanchang, China, where she was the top seed (l. Zhu)

• Grass swing ended with 1r exit at Wimbledon (l. Petkovic), following a 1r exit at ’s-Hertogenbosch (l. Stollar)

• Reached 2r at Roland Garros (l. Begu)

• Made 2r showings at Madrid (d. Osaka, l. Mladenovic) and Rome (l. Ostapenko)

• Advanced to SF at Prague (l. eventual champion Kvitova) following 1r exit at Istanbul (l. Rus)

• Captured fifth career doubles title at Istanbul (w/Liang, d. Knoll/Smith in F)

• Seeded No.31, received 1r bye at Miami (l. Haddad Maia in 2r)

• Reached 3r at Indian Wells (as No.32 seed, l. Ka.Pliskova in 3s)

• Advanced to back-to-back QF at Budapest (l. eventual champion Van Uytvanck) and Acapulco (l. Peterson)

• Fell 1r at Taipei City (l. Kozlova) and Doha (l. Makarova)

• Started season with 2r showings at Shenzhen (l. Diyas), Hobart (l. Sabalenka) and Australian Open (l. Allertova)

• Best win by ranking so far this year was 1r win over No.13 Stephens at the Australian Open
Career

• Posted fifth Top 100 season in 2017, finishing at No.36 – four Chinese players in year-end Top 100
• Season highlighted by winning Guangzhou title (d. Krunic in F); now owns 2-0 record in WTA singles finals, having also won 2013 Guangzhou
• Also in 2017, reached QF at New Haven and Doha, and won WTA 125K Series event in Honolulu
• Posted career-high ranking of No.23 on November 14, 2016
• Strong end to 2016 (went 21-6 post US Open) brought back-to-back semifinals on Asian swing – Tokyo [Japan Open] and Seoul – and saw her win 19th ITF Circuit singles title of career at $100k ITF/Tokyo 2-JPN
• At last event of season, runner-up at WTA 125K Series event in Honolulu (l. Bellis in F)
• Enjoyed Grand Slam breakthrough at 2016 Australian Open, where she advanced to QF (d. No.2 Halep and No.17 Key en route, l. Konta). Run also marked first time winning back-to-back main draw matches since semifinal run at 2014 Birmingham
• Other season highlights in 2016 included reaching 3r at US Open (best result at tournament), where she claimed back-to-back match wins at tour level for first time since 3r effort at Indian Wells in March, a run spanning 10 tournaments
• Represented China at Rio Olympics (d. No.15 Bacsinszky in opening match, l. Siegemund in 2r). In doubles, also made 2r (w/Peng, l. Hradecka/Hlavackova)
• Contemplated retirement after ending 2015 ranked No.186, her lowest year-end finish since 2008 (No.212) and down from No.62 in 2014
• Reached 2r at tour-level on only four occasions in 2015: Pattaya City, Charleston, Prague and Nürnberg
• Winner of two WTA singles titles, at 2013 and 2017 Guangzhou, and also won WTA 125K Series event at Nanjing in 2013 (d. Morita in F)
• Has won four WTA doubles titles, most recently at 2014 Pattaya City (w/Peng) and is a four-time runner-up
• Winner of 19 singles titles and nine doubles titles on ITF Circuit
• Made WTA qualifying debut at 2006 Beijing; made WTA main draw debut at 2006 Guangzhou

Grand Slam History

• 2018 US Open marked 31st Grand Slam main draw appearance
• Enjoyed Grand Slam breakthrough at 2016 Australian Open, where she advanced to QF – first time she had progressed beyond 1r at a major in what was her 15th main draw appearance. As a qualifier, defeated No.2 Halep and No.17 Keys en route (l. Konta). Ranked No.133, became lowest-ranked player to advance to last eight in Melbourne since unranked Henin reached final in 2010, and first qualifier to do so since Gavaldon in 1990
• By reaching 3r last year at US Open, matched her best result in New York, also making this stage in 2016 (l. Shvedova).
• This was preceded by three 1r exits – in 2008 (as qualifier, l. Kuznetsova), 2011 (l. Cibulkova) and 2014 (l. Barthel)
At Roland Garros, reached 3r for the first time in 2017, and has never progressed beyond 1r at Wimbledon in five main draw appearances

**Other Information**

- Hails from a sporting family. Father, Zhang Zhi Qiang, was a professional soccer player, and mother, Wang Feng Quin, was a basketball player
- Announced in 2017 as a Global Ambassador for Dubai Duty Free
- Coached by Liu Shuo
- Started playing tennis aged six, when parents took her to local club
- Best tennis memory was playing mixed doubles with Pete Sampras in 2011, winning Guangzhou in 2013, and reaching the 2016 Australian Open QF
- Relaxes by listening to music, taking photos and exploring the places she travels to
PETRA MARTIC (CRO #36) vs. [2] CAROLINE WOZNIACKI (DEN #2)

Head to Head: CAROLINE WOZNIACKI leads 4-0

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**PETRA MARTIC**

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**MARTIC:**

**Beijing**

- Making China Open main draw debut. Fell at first hurdle in qualifying in 2011-13
- Upset No.26 Strycova in opening round in 1r on Monday to score first win in Beijing (main draw or qualifying) – now has eight Top 30 wins in 2018
- Has won at least one match at all four of the Premier Mandatory tournaments this year: Indian Wells (QF), Miami (3r) and Madrid (2r)
- Faces No.2 Wozniacki today. Owns one Top 5 win: No.5 Kvitova (2012 Tokyo [PPO])
- One of two Croatian woman in draw, along with Vekic, who faces Sevastova in R16. Since Beijing became a Premier Mandatory tournament in 2009, Lucic-Baroni is the only other Croatian to reach R16, in 2015 (l. eventual champion Muguruza)
- Since US Open 1r exit, has won eight of her past nine matches on tour
- Best result on Chinese soil was QF run at 2011 Guangzhou

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**BEIJING Tournament History**

**PETRA MARTIC**

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**MATCH NOTES**

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**Season**

- Following US Open, won WTA 125K Series title at Chicago (d. Barthel in F) and reached QF at Québec City (l. Pegula)
- Began North American hardcourt season by reaching 2r at Cincinnati (as qualifier, l. Anisimova). Then fell 1r at US Open (l. Safarova) and in qualifying at New Haven
- Returned to clay after Wimbledon to reach second WTA singles final of career at Bucharest (l. Sevastova)
- Fell 1r at Wimbledon (l. Makarova). Also on grass reached 2r at Birmingham (l. Buzarnescu) and exited 1r at $100K ITF/Southsea-GBR
- Reached 2r at Roland Garros (l. Q.Wang), Madrid (l. Garcia) and Rome (l. Svitolina). Posted career-high ranking of No.34 on May 21, 2018 (after Rome)
- Made 1r exit at Rabat (l. Flipkens in 3s)
- Enjoyed productive March, reaching QF at Indian Wells (d. No.6 Ostapenko, l. Halep) and 3r at Miami (l. Barty). After Miami (April 2), rose to career-high ranking of No.35
- Posted QF run at Budapest (l. Kuzmova)
- Made R16 at Australian Open (l. Mertens). Has now reached R16 three times in past four Slam appearances (also Roland Garros and Wimbledon in 2017)
- Opened season by reaching 2r at Auckland (l. eventual R-Up Wozniacki)

**Career**

- Posted fourth Top 100 season in 2017, and first since 2012. Season highlights in 2017 included R16 efforts at both Roland Garros (l. Svitolina) and Wimbledon (l. Rybarikova)
- Notched first Top 20 win in nearly five years over No.13 Keys in 2r at 2017 Roland Garros – was first match against a Top 20 opponent since 2015 Guangzhou (l. No.2 Halep). Followed this by upsetting No.19 Sevastova in 3r
- In April 2017 played her first event after 10 months out with a back injury, coming through qualifying to win $25k ITF/Santa Margherita Di Pula-ITA (previous tournament was a loss to U.Radwanska in qualifying for 2016 Wimbledon)
- Two-time WTA singles finalist, at 2012 Kuala Lumpur (ret. vs. Hsieh w/heat illness) and 2018 Bucharest (l. Sevastova)
- A four-time doubles runner-up, at 2012 Paris [Indoors], 2012 Bad Gastein, 2013 Marrakech (w/Mladenovic) and 2016 Monterrey (w/M.Sanchez)
- Won WTA 125K Series doubles title at 2016 Bol (w/Knoll)
- Made Top 100 debut on September 14, 2009 (after US Open; rose from No.137 to No.89) and enjoyed a Top 50 season in 2011, finishing at No.49
- Posted career-high ranking of No.34 on May 21, 2018
Owns three career wins over Top 10 opponents, defeating No.8 Bartoli at 2012 Roland Garros, No.5 Kvitova at 2012 Tokyo [PPO] and No.6 Ostapenko at 2018 Indian Wells

Member of Croatian Fed Cup Team 2008-2010, 2012, 2014

First WTA main draw was at 2007 Miami, falling 1r (as WC)

Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in Croatia in 2005

Grand Slam History

Has reached R16 on four occasions across the Slams, at Australian Open in 2018 (l. Mertens), Wimbledon in 2017 (l. Rybarikova) and Roland Garros in 2012 (l. Kerber) and 2017 (as qualifier, l. Svitolina after leading 5-2 in final set)

Was ranked No.290 during 2017 Roland Garros run – the lowest-ranked player to reach R16 at a Grand Slam since the unranked Henin finished R-Up at 2010 Australian Open (l. S.Williams). Since 1983, the only other player outside the Top 200 to reach R16 in Paris was No.279 Martínez in 1988

Roland Garros exploits last year ended run of seven 1r losses at the majors (did not contest main draw at any of the Slams in 2016)

At US Open, fell 2r twice, in 2009 and 2011

Made 2r on Grand Slam debut at 2009 Roland Garros (as qualifier, l. Wozniak)

Other Information

Coached by Sandra Zaniewska

Mother's name is Sandra Martić; she was a handball player

Began playing tennis aged 4 when mother introduced her to the game; coached by Zdeslav Ozretić from ages 7-15

Grew up in Split, lives close to the coast and likes to return there between tournaments to relax; also enjoys cinema, listening to music, table tennis

Baseliner whose favorite shot is serve, favorite surface is hard court, describes her game as aggressive

WOZNIACKI:

Beijing

Making 12th consecutive appearance at Beijing, where she was champion in 2010 (d. Zvonareva in F). Also made QF here in 2011 (l. Pennetta) and 2013 (l. S.Williams)

Broke six times to ease past No.41 Bencic in 1r on Monday – her best win-by-ranking since Eastbourne title run in June


Seeded No.2 at 2018 Beijing; has been seeded on nine of her 11 visits to the Chinese capital (exceptions were debut in 2007 and 2016)

Bidding to score back-to-back wins for the first time since Eastbourne title run in June
• Currently No.5 on the Porsche Race to Singapore leaderboard – is the defending WTA Finals champion – and can clinch qualification by reaching the SF in Beijing
• Ranks third among active players for hard court titles with 21 (S.Williams - 46 and V.Williams - 31)
• Has won 10 titles in Asia, including 2010 Beijing and 2017 WTA Finals Singapore

Season
• Enters Beijing after R16 showing at Wuhan (after 1r bye, d. Peterson in 2r, l. Puig)
• Made 2r exits at Tokyo (l. Giorgi after 1r bye), US Open (l. Tsurenko), Cincinnati (after 1r bye, l. eventual champion Bertens) and Montréal (after 1r bye, l. Sabalenka – held 3mp in third set)
• Fell 2r at Wimbledon (l. Makarova)
• Also on grass, won her second title of the season, and 29th of her career at Eastbourne (d. Sabalenka in F). Win over Konta in Eastbourne 3r was 50th grass court win, becoming just the seventh active player with as many wins on the surface (also S.Williams, V.Williams, Sharapova, A.Radwanska, Kerber and Jankovic)
• Fell in R16 at Roland Garros (l. Kasatkina) after QF showing at Rome (l. Kontaveit) and R16 at Madrid (l. Bertens)
• Made QF at Istanbul (ret. vs. eventual champion Parmentier w/left abdominal injury)
• Reached R16 at Indian Wells (l. eventual R-Up Kasatkina) and made 2r exit at Miami (after 1r bye, l. Puig)
• Posted SF run at Doha (l. eventual champion Kvitova)
• Fell in QF at St Petersburg (after 1r bye, d. Potapova; l. No.8 seed Kasatkina)
• Won first Grand Slam title of career at Australian Open (d. No.1 Halep in F) – became first Danish woman to win a major singles title
• Win over Halep marked her fourth win over a reigning World No.1 (4-6 career record), having won her first three all in 2017 over Ka.Pliskova (Toronto), Muguruza (Tokyo [PPO]) and Halep (WTA Finals Singapore)
• With her triumph in Melbourne reclaimed the World No.1 ranking for the first time in six years, marking the longest gap between stints at the top spot since the computer rankings were introduced in November 1975 (6 years, 0 days)
• Opened 2018 season with R-Up finish at Auckland (l. Goerges)

Career
• Posted 60-21 record in 2017, finishing at No.3 for 10th consecutive Top 20 season and seventh Top 10 finish of career, including six in a row (2009-14) and back-to-back year-end No.1 finishes in 2010-11
• Season highlight in 2017 was winning biggest title of career to that point at 2017 WTA Finals Singapore (d. V.Williams in F). By winning in Singapore, passed $25 million in career prize money
• Also defended title at Tokyo [PPO] (d. Pavlyuchenkova in F) and reached a further six finals in 2017, finishing as R-Up at Doha (l. Ka.Pliskova) and Dubai (l. Svitolina) in back-to-back weeks, and then Miami (l. Konta), Eastbourne (l. Ka.Pliskova), Bastad (l. Siniakova) and Toronto (l. Svitolina)
• Scored three wins over No.1-ranked players in 2017, against Ka.Pliskova (Toronto), Muguruza (Tokyo [PPO]) and Halep (Singapore). Had never previously secured victory over the top-ranked player in her career; lifetime record now stands at 4-6 vs. No.1 players (also beat Halep at 2018 Australian Open)
• Scored more wins over Top 10 players in 2017 (14-6 record) than any other player
• Owns 29 career singles titles – fourth most titles among active players (behind S.Williams, V.Williams and Sharapova) and has won at least one title in 11 straight seasons (since 2008), including career-best six titles in 2010 and 2011
• Won first WTA title at 2008 Stockholm, the first ever title won by a Danish woman
• Denmark's flag bearer at 2016 Rio Olympics
• Broke into Top 100 on July 9, 2007 and entered Top 50 on January 28, 2008. Debuted in Top 10 on May 18, 2009
• Rose to No.1 on October 11, 2010 and held No.1 ranking for total of 67 weeks; returned to No.1 on January 29, 2018 after Australian Open title for a further four weeks, taking career to 71 weeks
• Winner of two WTA doubles titles – 2008 Beijing (w/Medina Garrigues) and 2009 Memphis (w/Azarenka)
• Made professional debut aged 15 as a wildcard at 2005 Cincinnati

**Grand Slam History**

• 2018 US Open marked 46th main draw appearance at a Grand Slam
• Captured her first Grand Slam title and the World No.1 ranking at 2018 Australian Open (d. Halep in three sets) – becoming just the fourth player all-time (also, Navratilova, Ivanovic and Azarenka) to simultaneously win her maiden major title and ascend to No.1
• Saved 2mp (in 2r vs. Fett) en route to the 2018 Australian Open title – one of five women to do so in Melbourne
• Also a two-time Grand Slam runner-up, losing the title match at the US Open in 2009 (l. Clijsters) and 2014 (l. S.Williams). Became first Danish player to reach a Grand Slam final since Kurt Nielsen at 1955 Wimbledon
• Made Grand Slam debut at 2007 Roland Garros (l. Dechy in 1r). Would go on to play 36 consecutive majors until streak was snapped by withdrawal from 2016 Roland Garros (w/right ankle injury)
• At Roland Garros she is a two-time quarterfinalist, in 2010 (l. eventual champion Schiavone) and 2017 (l. eventual champion Ostapenko) and has reached R16 at Wimbledon on six occasions, most recently in 2017
• In juniors, won girls’ singles title at 2006 Wimbledon and was a finalist at 2006 Australian Open

**Other Information**

• Ran 2014 New York City Marathon with charity Team for Kids, funds going to New York Road Runners youth programs
• Signed as a USANA Health Sciences brand ambassador in March 2015. As part of the announcement she launched the program’s annual ‘Aces for Humanity’ campaign to aid the USANA True Health Foundation, whose mission is to provide critical nutrition to those who are suffering or in need; money is donated for each ace served by the eight
• USANA Ambassadors on the WTA
• Announced engagement to former NBA player David Lee in November 2017, the ex-New York Knicks forward proposing on holiday in Bora Bora
• Coached by father, Piotr Wozniacki
[9] SLOANE STEPHENS (USA #9) vs. DOMINIKA CIBULKOVA (SVK #30)

Head to Head: SLOANE STEPHENS leads 3-1

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R2 L - SVETLANA KUZNETSOVA (RUS #33) 3-6 6-3 6-4
2013
R16 L - CAROLINE WOZNIACKI (DEN #8) 6-3 6-1

DOMINIKA CIBULKOVA
2017
R1 L - ELISE MERTENS (BEL #38) 7-6(4) 6-1
2016
R2 L - ALIZÉ CORNET (FRA #58) 6-2 5-7 6-2
2015
R2 L - ANGELIQUE KERBER (GER #10) 6-1 6-4
2013
R1 L - MADISON KEYS (USA #40) 6-4 6-3
2012
R1 L - YAROSLAVA SHVEDOVA (KAZ #36) 6-4 4-1
2011
R16 L - FLAVIA PENNETTA (ITA #26) 6-1 4-6 6-4
2010
R2 L - ANASTASIJA SEVASTOVA (LAT #55) 2-6 6-1 6-2
2008
QF L - SVETLANA KUZNETSOVA (RUS #7) 6-2 6-4
2007
R16 L - AGNES SZAVAY (HUN #23) 7-6(4) 6-4

STEPHENS:

Beijing

- Making fourth appearance at China Open, and can match best showing today by winning through to R16, having also made this stage on debut in 2013 (l. Wozniacki)
- On other previous outings, fell 2r in 2015 (l. Kuznetsova) and 1r in 2017 (l. McHale)
- This year, ended a seven-match losing streak in Asia with comeback victory over Pavlyuchenkova in 1r. Was her first victory in Asia since defeating Pliskova in 1r at Tokyo in 2015
- Defeat of Zheng Saisai in 2r marked just third time scoring back-to-back victories in Asia, also at 2013 Beijing (d. Wozniak and Bouchard) and 2015 Seoul (d. Na-Lae and Date)
- Defeat of Zheng was seventh victory over a wildcard this season (7-1 record, only loss came against Vandeweghe at Stuttgart)
- Faces Cibulkova today, looking to improve on her 3-1 record against her. Pair have now met every year on Tour since 2015
- The last two occasions Stephens has faced and beaten Cibulkova, she went on to lift the title at that event (2016 Acapulco, 2017 US Open)
- Sole American woman through to 3r from five to start in Beijing main draw
Best result of career in Asia was QF showing at 2015 Seoul. During last year’s Asian swing, suffered 1r exits at Wuhan and Beijing and fell during round robin stage at Zhuhai (0-2 record)

**Season**

- Fell 1r at both Tokyo [PPO] (l. Vekic) and Wuhan (l. Kontaveit)
- Reached QF during defense of US Open title (l. Sevastova, whom she beat at same stage during 2017 title run)
- In final pre-US Open tournament, posted R16 showing at Cincinnati (l. Mertens)
- Began North American hard court season with R-Up finish at Montréal (l. Halep) and 2r exit at Washington DC (l. Petkovic).
- Career record in singles finals now stands at 6-2
- Fell in 1r at Wimbledon (l. Vekic) in her only appearance on grass this season
- Finished clay court season by reaching second Grand Slam final at Roland Garros (l. Halep in 3s). Rose to then career-high No.4 after run in Paris. Peaked at No.3 in rankings week of July 16, 2018
- Other clay results were R16 runs at Madrid (l. Ka.Pliskova) and Rome (l. Garcia), and 1r exits at Nürnberg (as WC, l. Putintseva) and Stuttgart (l. Vandeweghe)
- Won both singles rubbers (d. Mladenovic and Parmentier) during defending champion USA’s 3-2 Fed Cup semifinal win over France. Will face Czech Republic in November’s final
- Lifted first Premier-mandatory title at Miami (d. Ostapenko in F). Subsequently made Top 10 debut at No.9 following her title run at Key Biscayne
- Helped make history in Miami as the USA provided the winners in all four events (Stephens, Vandeweghe, Isner and Bryan brothers)
- Reached 3r at Indian Wells. Defeated former No.1 Azarenka in 2r before falling to eventual R-Up Kasatkina
- Enjoyed a QF run at Acapulco (d. Parmentier and Rus, l. eventual R-Up Voegele)
- Dropped her 1r match at Australian Open (l. Zhang) and Sydney (l. Giorgi) to start the 2018 season
- Withdrew from Brisbane w/left knee injury

**Career**

- Posted second-best year-end finish at No.13 in 2017, one off career-high of No.12 in 2013
- Won her maiden Grand Slam title at 2017 US Open, d. Keys 6-3 6-0 to become the fifth unseeded player to win a major in the Open Era
- Voted 2017 WTA Comeback Player of the Year. Only returned to action at 2017 Wimbledon (1r) following 11 months on sidelines with foot injury, having had surgery in January
- After 1r loss at Washington DC, went 15-2 through US Open, also making back-to-back SFs at Toronto and Cincinnati
- Prior to 2017 Wimbledon, last match came at 2016 Rio Olympics
• Won three titles in 2016, at Auckland, Acapulco and Premier-level Charleston. Won maiden singles title in first final contested at 2015 Washington, DC (d. Pavlyuchenkova in F)

• Owns seven wins vs. Top 5 players: No.5 Svitolina (2018 Montréal), No.5 Ostapenko (2018 Miami), No.3 Muguruza (2018 Miami), No.3 Kerber (2017 Toronto), No.2 Kerber (2016 Charleston via ret. w/viral illness), No.3 Sharapova (2013 Cincinnati) and No.3 S. Williams (2013 Australian Open)

• At No.97 was youngest player in year-end Top 100 in 2011; and after a phenomenal sophomore season, reached No.38 and was the youngest player, and the only teenager, in the year-end Top 50 in 2012

• Made Top 20 debut on January 29, 2013 and went on to win a career-best 39 matches across the season

• First WTA qualifying at 2008 Miami. First WTA main draw at 2010 Indian Wells (as qualifier, No.747, fell 2r, l. Zvonareva)

• Won one singles title and one doubles title on ITF Circuit

Grand Slam History

• 2018 US Open marked 27th Grand Slam main draw appearance

• Enjoyed fairytale run at 2017 US Open, lifting maiden Grand Slam title at Flushing Meadows (d. Keys in F). At No.83, is second-lowest ranked Grand Slam champion (since inception of computer rankings in 1975) and 14th unseeded player to advance to a Grand Slam final in the Open Era, and only fifth unseeded champion

• Was one of four American women to reach SF at 2017 Flushing Meadows (also Keys, Vandeweghe and V.Williams) – the sixth time in the Open Era that four Americans have contested the final four at a major

• Also R-Up at 2018 Roland Garros (l. Halep)

• Prior to 2017 US Open triumph, best result to date across all majors was reaching SF at 2013 Australian Open (d. S.Williams in QF, l. eventual champion Azarenka)

• Along with Makarova, is one of only two players who’ve never held the No.1 ranking, but have managed to beat both V.Williams (2015 Roland Garros and 2017 US Open) and S.Williams (whom she defeated at 2013 Australian Open) at Grand Slam level

• Also just the second American (after Davenport) to defeat both Williams sisters in Grand Slam match play

• Advanced to SF at 2013 Australian Open (d. Halep, Mladenovic and S.Williams en route) and QF at 2013 Wimbledon (l. eventual champion Bartoli)

• Won junior doubles titles at Roland Garros, Wimbledon and US Open in 2010 (all w/Babos)

Other Information

• Mother is Sybil Smith a former collegiate swimmer at Boston University and late father, John Stephens, was an NFL player in 1980s and 1990s; brother is Shawn Farrell

• Started playing tennis at the age of nine, at the Sierra Sport and Racquet Club, in Fresno, California. Two years later relocated from Fresno to Boca Raton, Florida, where she began training at the Evert Tennis Academy before moving to Nick Saviano High Performance Tennis Academy

• Coached by Kamau Murray (started working together in January 2016). Worked with Nick Saviano in 2015
CIBULKOVA:

Beijing

- Making tenth appearance at Beijing, where she is through to 3r for the first time since 2011 (l. Pennetta)
- Best result at China Open is making QF in 2008 (when Tier II event, l. Kuznetsova)
- This year, 1r defeat of Duan snapped back-to-back losses in Beijing, losing opening matches in 2016 (after 1r bye, l. Cornet) and 2017 (l. Mertens)
- From 2012 to 2017, only posted one win at China Open in five appearances, defeating Jankovic in 1r in 2015 (l. Kerber)
- Defeated Gavrilova in 2r, losing just three games (62 61)
- Has now reached R16 at last four events contested, at US Open (l. Keys, R16), Tokyo [PPO] (l. Osaka, R16), Wuhan (l. Sabalenka, QF) and Beijing
- Faces No.9 Stephens today – owns a 2-5 record vs. Top 10 opponents in 2018, defeating No.4 Kerber (US Open) and No.1 Halep (Wuhan)
- Bidding to reach sixth QF of season today - also Sydney – QF, Budapest – R-Up, Strasbourg – R-Up, Wimbledon – QF, Wuhan – QF

Season

- Coming off QF run at Wuhan (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)
- Upset World No.1 Halep in 2r; now has 5-11 record against current World No.1s, with other wins over Wozniacki at 2011 Sydney and 2011 Wimbledon, Azarenka 2012 Roland Garros and Kerber at 2016 WTA Finals
- Made R16 showing at Tokyo [PPO] (l. Osaka)
- At US Open reached R16 for second time (l. Keys); scored first Top 10 win of season against No.4 Kerber in 3r
- Having made QF at Wimbledon this year, reached R16 or better at two consecutive Slams for first time since 2009 (Australian Open R16 and Roland Garros SF)
- Suffered 1r exit at New Haven (l. Goerges, having finished R-Up there in 2017)
- Withdraw from Montréal and Cincinnati w/illness
- Quarterfinalist at Wimbledon (l. Ostapenko), having reached 2r at Eastbourne (l. Kerber) following 1r exit at Birmingham (l. Gavrilova)
- Was unseeded at Wimbledon, but QF effort brought a return to Top 30 and reinstatement as Slovak No.1, ahead of Rybarikova
- Clay swing ended with 1r exit at Roland Garros (l. Goerges)
- Highlight on clay was reaching second WTA singles final of 2018 at Strasbourg (l. Pavlyuchenkova in F). Held 2mp in Strasbourg final against Pavlyuchenkova; match lasted 3h 35m – the longest non-Slam match of the 2018 season. Record in WTA finals now stands at 8-13 (most recent title came at 2016 WTA Finals in Singapore)
- Reached 2r at Rome (l. Sharapova in 3s) and suffered 1r exits at Madrid (l. Garcia) and Rabat (l. Hercog)
- Rabat marked first tournament since 2r upset at Indian Wells in March (l. No.165-ranked WC Dolehide in three sets)
- After Indian Wells, withdrew from Miami and Lugano w/GI illness
Before heading to US was runner-up at Budapest (as top seed, l. Van Uytvanck in F). Reached 2r at Doha (l. Garcia)
Made 2r exit at St. Petersburg (l. No.4 seed and eventual R-Up Mladenovic)
Suffered 1r loss at opening Slam of 2017 at Australian Open (l. Kanepi in straight sets)
Reached QF in first tournament of the season at Sydney. Defeated No.15 Sevastova and No.17 Vesnina to score first Top 20 wins since defeating No.20 Pavlyuchenkova at 2017 New Haven

Career

- Posted eighth career Top 30 finish in 2017 (at No.26) following her debut Top 10 finish in 2016 (at No.5)
- 2017 was highlighted by R-Up finish at New Haven (l. Gavrilova in F)
- Won first WTA doubles title of career at 2017 ’s-Hertogenbosch (w/Flipkens)
- Posted career-high ranking on March 20, 2017 at No.4 following run to R16 at Indian Wells (l. Pavlyuchenkova)
- Capped 2016 by winning biggest title of career to date at WTA Finals in Singapore – went 1-2 in group stage before defeating No.9 Kuznetsova in SF and World No.1 Kerber in final
- At No.7, became lowest seeded player to triumph at WTA Finals since No.7 seed V.Williams in 2008; first player to win WTA Finals on debut since Kvitova in 2011
- Won 2016 WTA Comeback Player of the Year award – ended 2015 ranked No.38 having been sidelined for four months with a left Achilles problem, with ranking dipping as low as No.66 in February 2016
- Won career-high 53 matches in 2016 (previous best was 42 matches in 2011)
- Won a WTA-leading four singles titles in 2016 – qualified for Singapore by virtue of lifting trophy at Linz (d. Golubic in F) after earlier wins at Katowice (d. Giorgi in F) and Eastbourne (d. Ka.Pliskova in F). In 2016 also reached finals at Acapulco (l. Stephens), Madrid (l. Halep) and Wuhan (l. Kvitova)
- Withdrew from Rio Olympics in singles and doubles (w/left calf injury)
- Owns 36 victories over Top 10 opponents (eight coming in 2016) including five over reigning World No.1s: Wozniacki at 2011 Sydney and 2011 Wimbledon, Azarenka at 2012 Roland Garros, Kerber at 2016 WTA Finals and Halep at 2018 Wuhan
- Made Top 10 debut at No.10 on March 31, 2014 (after Miami)
- Broke into Top 20 on August 4, 2008
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2005 Rabat and main draw debut at 2006 Istanbul

Grand Slam History

- 2018 US Open marked 44th Grand Slam main draw appearance. Win-loss record at this level now stands at 80-44
- Best result across the majors came with runner-up finish at 2014 Australian Open (l. Li). Defeated four seeds en route to final at Melbourne Park, including No.3 Sharapova and No.5 A.Radwanska to become first player representing Slovakia (male or female) to reach a Grand Slam singles final
- At Roland Garros, advanced to SF in 2009 (l. eventual R-Up Safina) and QF in 2012 (l. Stosur)
- Also, a quarterfinalist at Wimbledon in 2011, 2016 and 2018, and at US Open in 2010
**Other Information**

- In February 2014 launched her own sportswear and accessories line, ‘Domi’, which incorporates her on-court Slovak catch-cry ‘Pome!’; proceeds go to her foundation which assists athletes and other notables in her native Slovakia who have fallen on tough times
- Married husband Michal ‘Miso’ Navara in Bratislava in July 2016, after Wimbledon
- Coached by Matej Liptak; fitness trainer and physio is Jozef Ivanko
[7] KAROLINA PLISKOVA (CZE #7) vs. ALIAKSANDRA SASNOVICH (BLR #32)

Head to Head: ALIAKSANDRA SASNOVICH leads 1-0

**2016 TOKYO HARD O R16 ALIAKSANDRA SASNOVICH 6-4 6-2 74 mins**

**KAROLINA PLISKOVA**


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KA.PLISKOVA:

**Beijing**
- Making fifth consecutive main draw appearance in Beijing (sixth overall)
- Best result is a pair of back-to-back R16 finishes the last two years (2017 – I. Cirstea; 2016 – I. Konta)
- For the fifth consecutive season has registered 40+ wins. Six other players have reached this landmark in 2018 (also Halep, Kvitova, Mertens, Kerber, Bertens and Barty)
- Entering today's match has struck 338 aces this season, the second-most on tour behind Goerges (413)
- Posted 250th main draw victory of career with 1r win over Stosur
- Takes on No.32 Sasnovich in today's 2r action – the Belarusian took their lone previous meeting at 2016 Tokyo
- Looking to improve upon 4-7 mark vs. Belarusian opponents – five of seven losses have come on hardcourts
- Performed strongly in Asia last year, reaching SF at WTA Finals, QF at both Tokyo and Wuhan, and R16 at Beijing
- Currently sits at No.8 on Porsche Race to Singapore leaderboard following Tokyo success – can qualify this week with the title or sooner depending on results (Top 8 qualify)

**Season**
- Coming off 11th career title at Tokyo [PPO] last week (d. Osaka in F) – her second title of 2018. Now 11-10 record in WTA singles finals
- Has now reached multiple finals every year since 2013, having also lifted the trophy at Stuttgart in April
- Made QF showing at US Open (d. No.17 Barty in R16, l. S.Williams)
- Fell 1r at New Haven (l. Makarova) after back-to-back 2r exits at Montréal (l. Bertens) and Cincinnati (l. Sabalenka)
- Reached R16 for first time at Wimbledon (l. Bertens) and made QF run at Eastbourne (as defending champion, l. Sabalenka – led 4-1 in final set)
- In only other grass court outing, made 1r exit at Birmingham (l. eventual R-Up Rybarikova)
- Reached 3r at Roland Garros, defeating compatriots Krejcikova and Safarova before falling to Sharapova
- Made SF at Madrid (l. eventual champion Kvitova) and fell 2r at Rome (l. Sakkari)
- Won 10th career title at Stuttgart (d. Vandeweghe in final)
- Went 1-1 in singles (d. Kerber, l. Goerges) to help Czech Republic reach its sixth Fed Cup final in the past eight years with a 4-1 win over Germany. The Czechs will host the USA in November’s final
- Posted QF showings at Indian Wells (l. eventual champion Osaka) and Miami (l. Azarenka)
- Reached QF at Dubai (l. Kerber) and made 3r exit at Doha (l. Bellis)
- Nominated for Czech Republic's Fed Cup World Group I QF tie vs. Switzerland – but did not play a singles or doubles match due to illness
- Advanced to QF in first Grand Slam of the year at Australian Open (l. eventual R-Up Halep)
- Began 2018 season in Brisbane; as defending champion, advanced to SF (l. eventual champion Svitolina)
Career

- Enjoyed another stellar campaign in 2017, posting career-best year-end finish at No.4 for second Top 10 finish. Year-end ranking has improved continuously for 12-straight seasons
- Claimed No.1 ranking on July 17, 2017 despite making 2r exit at Wimbledon (l. Rybarikova). Is the first Czech woman to achieve the No.1 ranking since the computer rankings were introduced in 1975 (Martina Navratilova became No.1 on July 10, 1978 while representing USA)
- Won three titles in 2017, at Brisbane (d. Cornet in F), Doha (d. Wozniacki in F) and Eastbourne (d. Wozniacki in F)
- Qualified for WTA Finals for second year-in-a-row, reaching SF stage (l. eventual champion Wozniacki)
- In Grand Slam play, reached SF at Roland Garros (l. eventual R-Up Halep), QF at both Australian Open (l. Lucic Baroni) and US Open (l. Vandeweghe), and posted 2r result at Wimbledon (l. Rybarikova)
- Advanced to SF stage at Indian Wells (l. Kuznetsova), Miami (l. Wozniacki) and Cincinnati (l. eventual champion Muguruza)
- Led the WTA in 2017 for aces served – 452 from 68 matches. Also posted joint-second most match wins – 53 (level with Svitolina, behind Wozniacki – 60)
- Career wins over Top 10 opponents stands at 24-33, most recent win coming over No.7 Osaka at 2018 Tokyo final
- Enjoyed a break-out year in 2016, ending the year at No.6 (up from No.11 in 2015)
- Qualified for season-ending 2016 WTA Finals in Singapore, going 1-2 in the group stage and failing to progress. Also contested the doubles competition (w/Goerges), losing opening match to top seeds Garcia/Mladenovic
- Helped Czech Republic defend Fed Cup title in November 2016, going 1-1 in singles (d. Mladenovic, l. Garcia) before teaming w/Strycova to defeat Garcia/Mladenovic in decisive doubles match. Czech Republic have won the Cup in five out of the last seven
- Captured fifth career doubles title of career at 2016 Birmingham (w/Strycova). Is now 5-2 in doubles finals. At 2013 Linz, with sister Kristyna, became first set of twins to ever win a tour-level doubles title
- Made Top 10 debut after 2015 Stanford R-Up finish, meaning that for the first time in WTA history, three Czech women ranked inside Top 10 at the same time (along with Kvitova and Safarova)
- Became eighth Czech woman to crack singles Top 10 since computer rankings were introduced in November 1975, after Navratilova, Mandlikova, Sukova, Novotna, Vaidisova, Kvitova and Safarova

Grand Slam History

- Defeat of No.1 S.Williams in 2016 US Open SF was career-best victory, and ended the American's 186-week reign at the top of the rankings. Became first Czech to defeat a World No.1 since Kvitova at 2015 Madrid (d. S.Williams). Furthermore, defeat of V.Williams (R16) made her the eighth player to defeat the sisters at the same tournament
• Is one of 10 players born in 1990s to reach major final (also Bouchard, Halep, Keys, Kvitova, Muguruza, Osaka, Ostapenko, Stephens and Wozniacki)
• At Australian Open, best results came with QF run in 2017 (l. Lucic-Baroni) and 2018 (l. Halep), while she also posted deepest run at Roland Garros that year, advancing to SF (l. Halep)
• Reached R16 at Wimbledon in 2018 (l. Bertens), after 2r exits in each of previous five years
• Made Grand Slam main draw debut at 2012 Roland Garros (l. Bartoli in 1r)
• Australian Open girls singles champion in 2010 – d. Robson in F

Other Information
• Nominated for 2017 WTA Player of the Year; also nominated for the same award in 2016, in addition to WTA Most Improved Player in 2014
• Born in Louny, north of Prague, but now trains at Sparta Praha tennis club
• Currently coached by Rennae Stubbs; worked with former Wimbledon champion Conchita Martinez at US Open, and previously coached by Tomas Krupa and David Kotyza
• Married Michal Hrdlicka in Monaco after 2018 Wimbledon

SASNOVICH:

Beijing
• Making first career main draw appearance in Beijing this week (third overall)
• Fell in qualifying rounds last two seasons, losing to Lepchenko on both occasions
• Defeated Buzarnescu in 1r, improving career record vs. lefties to 5-2
• Takes on No.7 Ka.Pliskova in today’s 2r matchup, having captured lone previous meeting at 2016 Tokyo
• Seeking 25th main draw victory of the 2018 season today
• Owns a 1-4 record vs. Top 10 opponents this year – lone win coming over No.8 Kvitova in 1r upset at Wimbledon
• Holds a 13-7 career advantage over Czech opponents, with four of those wins coming this season
• Heading into this week, sits at No.5 in tiebreak sets played (15) and tiebreak sets won (10)

Season
• Fell in 2r last week in Wuhan (l. Puig) following a 1r exit in Tokyo the week before (l. Pavlyuchenkova)
• Advanced to 3r of US Open, defeating No.11 Kasatkina en route, prior to falling to eventual champion Osaka
• In US Open lead-up events, posted R16 finish as a qualifier in New Haven (l. Garcia) after a 1r exit at Cincinnati (as qualifier, l. Kuzmova)
• Made SF at Moscow [River Cup] (l. eventual champion Danilovic)
• Reached first Grand Slam R16 at Wimbledon (l. Ostapenko). In 1r, upset No.8 Kvitova to score second career Top 10 win (also No.6 Ka.Pliskova at 2016 Tokyo [PPO])
• Other results on grass were 1r exits at ’s-Hertogenbosch (l. Vandeweghe) and Mallorca (l. Lottner)
Clay season culminated with 2r showing at Roland Garros (I. Bertens)

Reached 2r at Madrid (I. Kontaveit) and fell in qualifying at Rome (I. Barthel)

Opened clay swing by reaching 2r at Lugano (I. Flipkens) before 1r exit at Prague (I. Kr.Pliskova)

Went 1-1 in singles in April's Fed Cup play-offs vs. Slovakia (d. Cepelova, I. Kuzmova)

Won back-to-back matches at Premier Mandatory level for first time to reach 3r at Indian Wells (I. Wozniacki) before reaching 2r at Miami (I. Pavlyuchenkova)

Fell 2r at Budapest (I. Martic)

Lost opening day singles rubber to Lottner during Belarus's Fed Cup World Group I defeat to Germany in February

At Australian Open, advanced to 3r of a major for first time (I. Garcia). Afterwards, broke into Top 50 for first time at No.46 (week of January 29, 2018)

Reached second career WTA final and first at a Premier tournament at Brisbane, as a qualifier – defeated No.11 Mladenovic and No.16 Sevastova en route to final (l. No.6 Svitolina)

Career

Posted career-best season finish in 2017 at No.87 – the first Top 100 finish of her career. Highlights for the year included SF run at International-level Biel and QF appearance at Premier-level Moscow

Also in 2017, played all three ties during Belarus' run to its first Fed Cup final – posted 5-1 record, including win over No.13 Stephens in final

2016 season was highlighted by QF run at Tokyo [PPO] – won three rounds of qualifying before defeating Wickmayer in 1r and No.6 Ka.Pliskova in 2r; lost to eventual finalist Osaka

2015 highlight was reaching first WTA final, at Seoul (as qualifier, l. Begu) – one of four qualifiers to reach a WTA final in 2015 (all finished R-Up)

Made Top 100 debut on September 8, 2015 (after US Open; rose from No.120 to No.97)

In 2014 season won 11th and most recent singles title on ITF Circuit. Also owns seven ITF doubles titles

Made WTA qualifying debut at 2013 Brussels; made WTA main draw debut at 2014 US Open

Played first event of career at 2009 ITF/Minsk 2-BLR

Grand Slam History

2018 US Open marked 15th main draw appearance at a Grand Slam

Best Grand Slam result was R16 run at 2018 Wimbledon (d. No.8 Kvitova in 1r, l. Ostapenko)

Also posted 3r run at 2018 Australian Open (I. Garcia) and reached 2r at US Open in 2014 (as qualifier on Grand Slam debut, l. eventual R-Up Wozniacki), 2017 and 2018, and at Roland Garros in 2017 and 2018

Other Information

Coached by Aliaksandr Leniuchau

Started playing at age 9; introduced to sport by father

Practiced Taekwondo for a couple of years when she was younger
DONNA VEKIC (CRO #38) vs. ANASTASIJA SEVASTOVA (LAT #20)

Head to Head: ANASTASIJA SEVASTOVA leads 4-0

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**ANASTASIJA SEVASTOVA**

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VEKIC:

Beijing

- Making second main draw appearance at Beijing, having fallen 1r in 2017 (l. Vandeweghe)
- Defeated No.29 Sakkari in 1r – improving 2018 record vs. Top 30 opponents to 6-12
- Needed just over an hour to advance to 3r following straight sets win over Jabeur
- Takes on No.20 Sevastova in today's 3r matchup – seeking first career win over the Latvian (0-4)
- Looking to improve upon 3-8 record vs. Top 20 opponents in 2018
- A win today would mark No.30 of the season
- At No.40, sits three spots off her career-high ranking, set August 6, 2018 after her R-Up finish at Washington DC
- Fell 1r at all three tournaments during 2017 Asian swing, at Wuhan (l. Zhang), Beijing (l. Vandeweghe) and Tianjin (l. Haddad Maia)
- One of two Croatian women in the main draw (also Martic, who faces Wozniacki in 2r)

Season

- Began Asian swing in style, reaching SF at Tokyo (l. eventual champion Ka.Pliskova in 3s) and then 2r showing at Wuhan (l. Kontaveit)
- During Tokyo run, scored victories over multiple Top 10 players at the same tournament for first time in her career by defeating No.9 Stephens and No.4 Garcia
- Fell 1r at US Open (l. Sevastova) and in qualifying at Cincinnati
- Reached the final at Washington DC (l. Kuznetsova after holding 4mp) – her first finals appearance since winning 2017 Nottingham; career record in finals now stands at 2-4; rose to career-high No.37 the following week (August 6, 2018)
- Achieved a career-best result at a Slam by reaching 2018 Wimbledon R16 (l. Goerges)
- Recorded her best win-by-rank to date at Wimbledon, ousting No.4 Stephens in 1r. Equalled this result by defeating No.4 Garcia in Tokyo QF
- Other highlights of grass court season included SF at Nottingham (as defending champion, l. Konta). Followed with a 1r exit at Birmingham (l. Svitolina) and 2r showing at Eastbourne (l. Strycova)
- Finished the clay season with 2r result at Roland Garros (l. Sharapova). Rose to then-career-high ranking of No.42 after tournament (June 11, 2018)
- Made QF run at Istanbul (l. Begu, after serving for the match twice and holding 1mp) and fell 2r at Rome (as qualifier, l. Keys) and Madrid (l. Muguruza)
- Fell 2r in clay court season opener at Lugano (l. Barthel in 3s)
- Reached 3r at Miami (l. Collins) and made 1r exit at Indian Wells (l. Sakkari)
- Suffered 1r losses at St. Petersburg (l. Siniakova) and Doha (l. Sevastova). Also in February, reached 2r at Budapest (l. Bonaventure)
- Began season with QF appearance in Hobart (l. Watson), before 2r showing at Australian Open (l. Kerber)
Career

- Enjoyed a resurgent year in 2017, cracking the Top-50 in the week of July 24, 2017 and finishing campaign ranked No.54 – her highest career end-of-year ranking (up from No.101 in 2016)
- Grass court season highlighted by winning second WTA singles title of career, at Nottingham – d. No.8 Konta. Until this title run, had not posted back-to-back main draw wins since September 2015 (run to final at Tashkent)
- Reached two ITF finals at the end of 2016 season, winning the title at $100k ITF/Sharm El Sheikh-EGY. Also reached QF at WTA 125K event at Limoges
- Posted just four main draw wins across 2016, defeating Al Nabhani at Doha, Riske at Kaohsiung, Ivanovic at Cincinnati and Zhang at Tianjin
- 2015 highlights included reaching final at Tashkent (l. Hibino) and QF at Baku
- When she won first career singles title at 2014 Kuala Lumpur, aged 17 yrs 10 mos, became youngest player to win a WTA singles title since 2006 Bangkok (Vania King)
- Reached first WTA career final at 2012 Tashkent. In what was her first WTA main draw appearance, became youngest WTA finalist since 15-year-old Paszek won Portoroz in 2005. Also finished runner-up on grass at 2013 Birmingham (l. Hantuchova) and 2015 Tashkent (l. Hibino). Including 2018 Washington DC, owns a 2-4 record in singles finals
- Broke into Top 100 (at No.93) on January 28, 2013
- On ITF Circuit has won five singles and one doubles title
- Member of Croatian Fed Cup Team, 2012-15, 2017

Grand Slam History

- 2018 US Open marked 21st main draw Grand Slam appearance
- Achieved deepest run at a Slam by reaching 2018 Wimbledon R16 (l. Goerges)
- Other best results at the majors came with 3r runs at 2015 Roland Garros (l. Ivanovic) and 2017 US Open (l. Sevastova)
- At Australian Open reached 2r in 2013, 2017 and 2018

Other Information

- Both parents played professional sports: mother, Brankica (track hurdler) and father, Igor (soccer goalkeeper)
- Currently coached by Torben Beltz
- Favorite surface is hard
- Speaks Croatian, English and Italian
- Self-described as strong-willed, determined and extremely competitive
SEVASTOVA:

Beijing

- Making fourth main draw appearance at China Open
- Reached QF on debut in 2010 (l. Li Na). Fell in 1r in 2016 (l. Konta) and 2017 (l. Sharapova)
- Defeated Cornet in 1r on Sunday before advancing to 3r via walkover against Keys
- Faces off against No.38 Vekic in today’s 3r action – owning an impressive 4-0 mark vs. the Croatian
- Holds an 11-5 career edge vs. Croatian opponents, with last loss coming at 2017 Roland Garros (Martic)
- A win today would mark the 75th main draw hardcourt win of career, and 20th of the season
- In contention to qualify for WTA Finals in Singapore, would need to win this week’s China Open title in order to stay in contention
- Lone remaining Latvian in play this week

Season

- Coming off 1r exit at Wuhan (l. Pavlyuchenkova)
- Made first Grand Slam SF at US Open (l. S.Williams) after 1r upset at Cincinnati (l. Giorgi)
- Became the first Latvian woman to reach SF at Flushing Meadows
- Enjoyed a QF run in Montréal (l. eventual R-Up Stephens), eclipsing the $4 million career prize money mark in the process
- Withdrew w/left thigh injury prior to QF vs. Sasnovich at Moscow [River Cup]
- Captured first title of the season and third of her career on clay in Bucharest (d. Martic in F); now 3-3 in singles finals
- Fell in R16 in Eastbourne (l. Kasatkina) prior to being ousted in 1r at Wimbledon by eventual quarterfinalist Giorgi
- Finished R-Up at Mallorca (l. Maria) in first grass event of the season
- Made 1r exit at Roland Garros (l. Duque-Mariño)
- Advanced to R16 in Rome (l. No.2 Wozniacki) and fell in 2r in Madrid (l. eventual R-Up Bertens)
- Enjoyed a SF result in Charleston in her first clay event of 2018
- Fell in 3r in Miami (l. Azarenka); 2r defeat of Cornet was first main draw match win at Miami
- Had R16 run at Indian Wells (d. No.12 Goerges in 3r, l. V.Williams) – her best result at the tournament
- During Middle Eastern swing, made R16 at Doha (l. Halep) and fell 1r at Dubai (l. Makarova)
- In first Fed Cup appearances since 2010, represented Latvia in February in Europe/Africa Group Competition, before going 1-1 in April’s World Group II play-off victory over Russia
- Reached 2r at Australian Open (l. Sharapova)
- Opened 2018 season by reaching SF at Brisbane (l. Sasnovich) followed by 1r exit at Sydney (l. Cibulkova)
Career

- Posted first Top 20 season in 2017, finishing at No.16 and earning career highs in wins (37) and winning percentage (.607) besting her previous records set back in 2010.
- Captured second career singles title and first in seven years at 2017 Mallorca (d. Goerges in F).
- Earned nearly half of career prize money in 2017 after reaching US Open QF for second consecutive year and advancing to SF of WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai (l. eventual champion Goerges).
- In 2016, played first full season since 2012, reaching two singles finals at Mallorca (l. Garcia) and Bucharest (l. Halep), as well as first Grand Slam QF of career at US Open.
- Retired from professional tennis in May 2013 due to various injuries – mostly muscular and back-related – but returned to competition at ITF level in January 2015 after body had fully healed.
- During break from tennis studied leisure management.
- Prior to break from tennis, won first singles title at 2010 Oeiras – becoming first Latvian to win a WTA title in 17 years (since Savchenko at Schenectady in 1993).
- Made Top 100 debut on July 13, 2009, Top 50 debut on October 11, 2010 and Top 20 debut on May 15, 2017.
- Played first WTA event at 2007 Istanbul; made Grand Slam main draw debut as a qualifier at 2009 Roland Garros.
- On ITF Circuit, has won 13 singles and four doubles titles.
- Member of Latvian Fed Cup Team 2005-06, 2008-10, 2018.
- Currently the Latvian No.2, behind Ostapenko; no other Latvians feature in Top 300 (September 24, 2018).

Grand Slam History

- 2018 US Open marked 23rd main draw appearance at a Grand Slam.
- Became the first Latvian woman to reach a US Open SF in 2018. Across all majors, the only other Latvian woman to reach this stage is Ostapenko (2017 Roland Garros – WON; 2018 Wimbledon – SF).
- Fell at QF stage on two occasions, at US Open in 2016 (l. Wozniacki) and 2017 (l. Stephens).
- In 2016, became first Latvian woman to reach a Grand Slam QF since Savchenko at 1994 Wimbledon (since joined by Ostapenko).
- Best result elsewhere is reaching R16 at 2011 Australian Open (l. Wozniacki), before her two-year absence from the game.
- Made 3r at 2017 Roland Garros; this was the first time a Latvian woman reached 3r in the Open Era (also eventual champion Ostapenko). Latvian-born Larisa Savchenko advanced to 3r in 1984 and 1989 whilst representing the USSR.
- Has won just one match in five visits to Wimbledon, reaching 2r in 2017.

Other Information

- Mother is Diana Golovanova (English teacher).
- Started playing at age six, introduced to the sport by her grandmother, played for fun until she was 15.
- Speaks Latvian, English, Russian, German.
• Trains and resides in Liepaja, Latvia and coached by Ronald Schmidt
• Other sports interests are soccer and jet skiing
MATCH NOTES: CHINA OPEN

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CHINA OPEN – SECOND ROUND (TUESDAY)

National Tennis Stadium

[9] SLOANE STEPHENS (USA #9) vs. [WC] ZHENG SAISAI (CHN #63)
First meeting

Stephens's win over Pavlyuchenkova in opening round here was her first in Asia since 2015... Zheng owns four Top 10 wins... Stephens one of two Americans remaining in the tournament

[14] GARBIÑE MUGURUZA (ESP #15) vs. ARYNA SABALENKA (BLR #16)
First meeting

Muguruza took first eight games of the match during Monday's first-round triumph over Makarova... Sabalenka coming off title run at Wuhan... Muguruza has scored two Top 20 wins in 2018

Lotus Court

[3] ANGELIQUE KERBER (GER #3) vs. CARLA SUÁREZ NAVARRO (ESP #23)
Kerber leads 6-3

Kerber has won five of her six hard court matches against Suárez Navarro... Last time Suárez Navarro won back-to-back matches in Asia was 2015... Kerber is a three-time quarterfinalist at Beijing

[WC] WANG QIANG (CHN #28) vs. [12] JELENA OSTAPENKO (LAT #13)
Series tied 1-1

Wang won most recent meeting between the two at 2017 Dubai... Ostapenko reached SF in Chinese capital 12 months ago... Wang has won one main draw match in previous four Beijing appearances

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**Beijing**

- Making fourth appearance at China Open. Best showing remains R16 run on debut in 2013 (d. Wozniacki)
- Ended a seven-match losing streak in Asia with comeback victory over Pavlyuchenkova in 1r. Was her first victory in Asia since defeating Ka.Pliskova in 1r at Tokyo in 2015
- Looking to record back-back victories in Asia for just the third time in her career when she takes on wildcard Zheng in the 2r today. Previously achieved the feat at 2013 Beijing (d. Wozniak and Bouchard) and 2015 Seoul (d. Na-Lae and Date)
- Faces Zheng as she looks to reach R16 and equal her best performance here. Has lost to a player ranked outside the Top 60 four times this year, most recently to No.91 Petkovic at Washington DC
- Has 6-1 record against wildcards in 2018. Only loss came against Vandeweghe at Stuttgart
- Currently ranks fifth on tour for percentage of return games won (44.8%)
- Best result of career in Asia was QF showing at 2015 Seoul. During last year's Asian swing, suffered 1r exits at Wuhan and Beijing and fell during round robin stage at Zhuhai (0-2 record)
- One of three Americans through to 2r from the five to start in Beijing main draw – also Collins and Keys (Keys has subsequently withdrawn from the event with a left knee injury)

**Season**

- Fell 1r at both Tokyo (l. Vekic) and Wuhan (l. Kontaveit)
- Reached QF during defense of US Open title (l. Sevastova, whom she beat at same stage during 2017 title run)
- In final pre-US Open tournament, posted R16 showing at Cincinnati (l. Mertens)
- Began North American hard court season with R-Up finish at Montréal (l. Halep) and 2r exit at Washington DC (l. Petkovic). Career record in singles finals now stands at 6-2
- Fell in 1r at Wimbledon (l. Vekic) in her only appearance on grass this season
- Finished clay court season by reaching second Grand Slam final at Roland Garros (l. Halep in 3s). Rose to then career-high No.4 after run in Paris
- Other clay results were R16 runs at Madrid (l. Ka.Pliskova) and Rome (l. Garcia), and 1r exits at Nürnberg (as WC, l. Putintseva) and Stuttgart (l. Vandeweghe)
- Won both singles rubbers (d. Mladenovic and Parmentier) during defending champion USA's 3-2 Fed Cup semifinal win over France. Will face Czech Republic in November's final
- Lifted first Premier-mandatory title at Miami (d. Ostapenko in F). Subsequently made Top 10 debut at No.9 following her title run at Key Biscayne
- Helped make history in Miami as the USA provided the winners in all four events (Stephens, Vandeweghe, Isner and Bryan
• Reached 3r at Indian Wells. Defeated former No.1 Azarenka in 2r before falling to eventual R-Up Kasatkina
• Enjoyed a QF run at Acapulco (d. Parmentier and Rus, l. eventual R-Up Voegele)
• Dropped her 1r match at Australian Open (l. Zhang) and Sydney (l. Giorgi) to start the 2018 season
• Withdrew from Brisbane w/left knee injury

Career
• Posted second-best year-end finish at No.13 in 2017, one off career-high of No.12 in 2013
• Won her maiden Grand Slam title at 2017 US Open, d. Keys 6-3 6-0 to become the fifth unseeded player to win a major in the Open Era
• Voted 2017 WTA Comeback Player of the Year. Only returned to action at 2017 Wimbledon (1r) following 11 months on sidelines with foot injury, having had surgery in January
• After 1r loss at Washington DC, went 15-2 through US Open, also making back-to-back SFs at Toronto and Cincinnati
• Prior to 2017 Wimbledon, last match came at 2016 Rio Olympics
• Won three titles in 2016, at Auckland, Acapulco and Premier-level Charleston. Won maiden singles title in first final contested at 2015 Washington, DC (d. Pavlyuchenkova in F)
• Owns seven wins vs. Top 5 players: No.5 Svitolina (2018 Montréal), No.5 Ostapenko (2018 Miami), No.3 Muguruza (2018 Miami), No.3 Kerber (2017 Toronto), No.2 Kerber (2016 Charleston via ret. w/viral illness), No.3 Sharapova (2013 Cincinnati) and No.3 S. Williams (2013 Australian Open)
• At No.97 was youngest player in year-end Top 100 in 2011; and after a phenomenal sophomore season, reached No.38 and was the youngest player, and the only teenager, in the year-end Top 50 in 2012
• Made Top 20 debut on January 29, 2013 and went on to win a career-best 39 matches across the season
• First WTA qualifying at 2008 Miami. First WTA main draw at 2010 Indian Wells (as qualifier, No.747, fell 2r, l. Zvonareva)
• Won one singles title and one doubles title on ITF Circuit

Grand Slam History
• 2018 US Open marked 27th Grand Slam main draw appearance
• Enjoyed fairytale run at 2017 US Open, lifting maiden Grand Slam title at Flushing Meadows (d. Keys in F). At No.83, is second-lowest ranked Grand Slam champion (since inception of computer rankings in 1975) and 14th unseeded player to advance to a Grand Slam final in the Open Era, and only fifth unseeded champion
• Was one of four American women to reach SF at 2017 Flushing Meadows (also Keys, Vandeweghe and V.Williams) – the sixth time in the Open Era that four Americans have contested the final four at a major
• Also R-Up at 2018 Roland Garros (l. Halep)
• Prior to 2017 US Open triumph, best result to date across all majors was reaching SF at 2013 Australian Open (d. S.Williams in QF, l. eventual champion Azarenka)
• Along with Makarova, is one of only two players who've never held the No.1 ranking, but have managed to beat both V.Williams (2015 Roland Garros and 2017 US Open) and S.Williams (whom she defeated at 2013 Australian Open) at
Grand Slam level

- Also just the second American (after Davenport) to defeat both Williams sisters in Grand Slam match play
- Advanced to SF at 2013 Australian Open (d. Halep, Mladenovic and S.Williams en route) and QF at 2013 Wimbledon (l. eventual champion Bartoli)
- Won junior doubles titles at Roland Garros, Wimbledon and US Open in 2010 (all w/Babos)

Other Information

- Mother is Sybil Smith a former collegiate swimmer at Boston University and late father, John Stephens, was an NFL player in 1980s and 1990s; brother is Shawn Farrell
- Started playing tennis at the age of nine, at the Sierra Sport and Racquet Club, in Fresno, California. Two years later relocated from Fresno to Boca Raton, Florida, where she began training at the Evert Tennis Academy before moving to Nick Saviano High Performance Tennis Academy
- Coached by Kamau Murray (started working together in January 2016). Worked with Nick Saviano in 2015

S.ZHENG:

Beijing

- Making sixth appearance at China Open. Fell in 1r in her four previous main draw appearances here and in opening round of qualifying in 2013 (l. Bouchard)
- Defeated qualifier Yastremska in straight sets to record first Beijing victory on Sunday. Improved record to 5-2 vs qualifiers in 2018
- Faces No.9 Stephens today – owns 4-5 record against Top 10 opponents. Defeated by No.1 Halep at Wimbledon in her only encounter with a Top 10 player this year
- Highest ranked player she has defeated in 2018 is No.36 Peng at the WTA 125K Series event at Zhengzhou. One of three Top 50 victories for her this season (also No.39 Peng at Anning and No.38 Collins at Wuhan)
- One of four main draw wildcards (also Duan, Stosur and Q.Wang). Best result by a wildcard here was Peng’s SF run in 2006
- One of five Chinese women in starting field (also Duan, Zhang, Q.Wang and Y.Wang)
- Ranks second on tour this year for percentage of return games won (46.8%), return points won (48.6%) and fourth for first serve percentage (67.4%)
- Has produced the best tennis of her career on home soil, reaching sole career final at 2018 Nanchang and SFs at 2014 Tianjin and 2015 Shenzhen. Also won two WTA 125K Series titles in China, at 2015 Dalian and 2018 Zhengzou

Season

- Began Asian swing with 2r showings at Hiroshima (l. Anisimova), Guangzhou (l. Ferro) and Wuhan (l. Barty)
- Fell at opening hurdle in qualifying for US Open
Produced best tennis of season this summer, reaching maiden WTA final at Nanchang (ret. vs. Q.Wang w/abdominal pain) and then SF at Washington DC (I. Vekic)

Following Wimbledon, returned to clay to reach SF at $100K ITF/Contrexeville-FRA (I. Voegele) and make 1r exit at Gstaad (I. Perrin)

On grass, made 2r for first time at Wimbledon (d. Q.Wang in 1r, l. No.1 Halep) and suffered 1r exit at Nottingham (I. Frech)

Fell 1r at Roland Garros (I. Makarova), Nürnberg (I. McHale) and WTA 125K Series event at Bol (I. Minella)

At WTA 125K Series events, won Zhengzhou (d. Y.Wang in F) and R-Up at Anning (I. Khromacheva in F)

Enjoyed strong spring on ITF Circuit, winning 11 matches and 10th career title at this level, at $60k ITF/Quanzhou-CHN

Made return from knee injury in March, reaching QF at $60k ITF/Shenzhen-CHN

Career

Finished 2017 ranked No.94 – her fourth consecutive Top 100 season

Registered only five tour-level wins, as injury ended 2017 prematurely; right knee injury forced her to miss all tournaments after US Open

Reached 2r at tour-level on five occasions, including US Open. Also won ninth ITF Circuit title at $60k ITF/Quanzhou-CHN and reached SF at WTA 125K Series at Zhengzhou

Highlights of 2016 season were SF run at Nottingham (d. Konta in 2r, l. Riske) and first Premier QFs at Stanford (l. eventual champion Konta in 3s) and Doha, defeating No.2 Kerber in 2r; l. eventual runner-up Ostapenko

In beating Kerber became fourth Chinese woman to defeat a Top 2-ranked opponent, after Li Na (six wins), Zheng Jie (three wins) and Zhang Shuai (two wins)

At Rio Olympics, reached 2r in singles (I. Kasatkina) and 2r in doubles (w/Xu, l. Errani/Vinci). Defeated No.5 A.Radwanska in singles 1r which was her second career Top 5 victory, and fourth Top 20 win of the season, after No.6 Kvitova (via ret.) at Shenzhen, No.2 Kerber at Doha and No.18 Konta at Nottingham

In doubles, reached final at 2016 Shenzhen (w/Xu) and SF at 2016 Australian Open (w/Xu; l. Hlavackova/Hradecka). Was second SF at Australian Open – also 2013 (w/Lepchenko)

Won first WTA Premier doubles title at 2015 Stanford (w/Xu); now owns three tour-level doubles titles, having also won at 2011 Guangzhou (w/Hsieh) and 2015 Tianjin (w/Xu)

Owns four Top 10 wins, over No.6 Kvitova (via. ret at 2016 Shenzhen), No.2 Kerber (2016 Doha), No.5 A.Radwanska (2016 Olympics) and No.10 Svitolina (2017 Madrid)

Winner of 10 singles titles and 10 doubles titles on ITF Circuit

Achieved career-high ranking of No.60 on August 22, 2016

Reached first WTA singles QF at Hong Kong in September 2014, and first WTA SF at Tianjin in October 2014; also a semifinalist at 2015 Shenzhen (I. Halep) and 2016 Nottingham (I. Riske)

Selected by fans to participate in the 2014 WTA Rising Stars Invitational as part of the WTA Finals in Singapore
- Has enjoyed success on WTA 125k Series, highlighted by wins at 2015 Dalian and 2018 Zhengzhou, R-Up at 2013 Suzhou and 2018 Anning

- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in China in 2008

**Grand Slam History**
- Contested 15th Grand Slam at 2018 Wimbledon, reaching 2r for the first time
- Also advanced to 2r at US Open in 2014, 2016 and 2017, and Australian Open in 2016
- Never been beyond 1r at either Roland Garros
- In doubles, reached SF at 2016 Australian Open (w/Xu, I. Hlavackova/Hradecka)

**Other Information**
- Started playing tennis at age 8 at tennis academy where mother worked
- Coached by Goran Tosic
- Owns a dog, Yuan Bao
[14] GARBIÑE MUGURUZA (ESP #15) vs. ARYNA SABALENKA (BLR #16)

Head to Head: First meeting

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**GARBIÑE MUGURUZA**

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MUGURUZA:

**Beijing**
- Making fifth appearance at China Open, where she was champion in 2015, defeating Bacsinszky in the final in straight sets. That year, had reached final the week before in Wuhan (l. V.Williams via ret.)
- Last year, as top seed retired in 1r against Strycova w/viral illness
- In 1r on Monday, won the first eight games of the match during straight set win over Makarova
- Faces No.16 Sabalenka in 2r today; owns two Top 20 wins in 2018, over No.7 Garcia at Doha and Dubai
- Posted 5-5 record during last year’s Asian swing, making SF run at Tokyo [PPO], QF showing at Wuhan, 1r loss at Beijing and round robin exit at the WTA Finals
- One of two Spaniards in starting field this week (also Suárez Navarro, who plays No.3 seed Kerber in 2r)

**Season**
- Last week, made R16 at Wuhan (l. Siniakova) – wins over Van Uytvanck and Golubic in opening two rounds were first back-to-back wins since Roland Garros SF run in June
- Began Asian swing with 2r defeat at Tokyo (l. Riske)
- On hard courts this summer, fell 2r at both Cincinnati (as defending champion, l. Tsurenko) and US Open (l. No.202 Muchova)
- Withdrew from San Jose and Montréal w/right arm injury
- On grass, suffered 2r losses at Wimbledon (as defending champion, l. Van Uytvanck) and Birmingham (l. Strycova)
- Advanced to SF at Roland Garros (l. eventual champion and No.1 Halep)
- Was one win away from returning to WTA World No.1 in Paris, but needed to reach final
- Arrived in Paris after opening match defeat at Rome (after 1r bye, l. Gavrilova in 3s – held 2mp)
- Advanced to 3r at Madrid (l. Kasatkina) after suffering opening match loss at Stuttgart (ret. vs. Pavlyuchenkova w/lower back injury)
- Went 2-0 in singles (d. González and Cepede Royg) during Spain’s 3-1 Fed Cup World Group II play-off win over Paraguay
- Won sixth career singles title at Monterrey (d. Babos in F). Now owns 6-4 career record in singles finals
- Reached R16 at Miami (l. eventual champion Stephens in straight sets) after falling to No.100 Vickery in Indian Wells 2r (after a 1r bye)
- Made SF in Dubai (l. eventual R-Up Kasatkina, having held three match points)
- Reached ninth career singles final in Doha (l. Kvitova in 3s)
- Made 2r exit at Australian Open – as No.3 seed, l. No.88-ranked Hsieh. Was in contention to reclaim No.1 ranking in Melbourne, but needed to reach final and see other results go her way
Opened 2018 season with 2r exit at Brisbane (after 1r bye, l. No.53 Krunic – led 7-5 5-2 before retiring w/cramp midway through third set)

Withdrew before QF match against Gavrilova at Sydney (w/right thigh injury)

Career

Ended 2017 on a ranking of No.2 for career-best year-end finish. Ascended to become the World No.1 on September 11, 2017. Became the 24th woman in history of the WTA to hold the top spot and second from Spain (after Sánchez Vicario in 1995)

Named ITF World Champion for 2017

Won two titles in 2017, lifting her second Grand Slam title at Wimbledon (d. V.Williams in F), as well as winning Premier 5-level Cincinnati (d. Halep in F)

Dropped just one set en route to title at All England Club, during 2h20 R16 encounter against No.1 Kerber. Registered 300th match win (at all levels) with final victory over V.Williams

At Cincinnati, defeated World No.1 Ka.Pliskova and World No.2 Halep en route to title

Qualified for WTA Finals for third year in a row in 2017, however failed to progress from group stage

2016 season highlight was winning maiden Grand Slam title at Roland Garros. Rose to then career-high ranking of No.2 as a result. Was first Spanish woman to be ranked in Top 2 since Sánchez Vicario in December 1996 (as No.2)

Enjoyed breakout season in 2015, ending the year ranked No.3 and reaching first major final at Wimbledon

Made Top 10 rankings debut after 2015 Wimbledon; one of six players to enter the elite bracket in 2015 – also Makarova, Suárez Navarro, Safarova, Ka.Pliskova and Bacsinszky

In 2015, became first Spanish player to compete at the WTA Finals in singles since 2001 (Sánchez Vicario) and reached doubles final (w/Suárez Navarro, l. Hingis/Mirza)


Made WTA main draw debut at Miami in 2012, defeating No.9 Zvonareva for first Top 10 win of career

Grand Slam History

2018 US Open marked 24th main draw appearance at a Grand Slam

Is a two-time Grand Slam champion, winning titles at 2016 Roland Garros (d. S.Williams in F, and dropping just one set en route to lifting the Coupe Suzanne Lenglen) and 2017 Wimbledon (d. V.Williams in F)

Is one of 27 women in the Open Era to win multiple Grand Slam titles. Owns a 2-1 record in Grand Slam final matches to date (also finishing R-Up at 2015 Wimbledon – l. S.Williams)

Is the second player to face both Williams sisters in the final of the same major (also Hingis, at US Open in 1997 – d. V.Williams, and 1999 – l. S.Williams). By winning 2017 Wimbledon, became only player to defeat both sisters in Grand Slam final, at Roland Garros (d. S.Williams in 2016) and Wimbledon (d. V.Williams in 2017)

The 45th woman in the Open Era to win a Grand Slam title and one of 10 women (also Bouchard, Halep, Keys, Kvitova, Osaka, Ostapenko, Ka.Pliskova, Stephens and Wozniacki) born in the 1990s to make a Grand Slam final
• At 2015 Wimbledon, became first Spaniard to reach Wimbledon final since Sánchez Vicario (1996) and first Spanish woman to reach any Grand Slam singles final since Conchita Martínez at 2000 Roland Garros (l. Pierce)
• Reached SF stage at 2018 Roland Garros (l. eventual champion Halep)
• At Australian Open, best result is QF in 2017 (l. Vandeweghe) and at US Open reached R16 in 2017 (l. Kvitova)

**Other Information**

• Coached by Sam Sumyk
• Began playing tennis at age three; first memory of the sport was playing with her brothers
• Mother, Scarlet is from Venezuela and father, José Antonio, is from Spain

**SABALENKA:**

**Beijing**

• Making main draw debut appearance at Beijing, where she fell in qualifying last year
• Due to title run last week in Wuhan, received 1r performance bye – the first bye of her career
• Faces two-time Grand Slam champion Muguruza in 2r; owns five wins over major winners, Stephens (2017 Fed Cup final), Kuznetsova (2018 Indian Wells), Wozniacki (2018 Montréal), Stosur (2018 New Haven) and Kvitova (2018 US Open)
• Since losing to No.258 Sanchez in qualifying at San Jose in July, has posted 20-4 win-loss record
• At 20-years-old, is the youngest player left in the draw
• Has 19 three-set main draw match wins this season. Players with 20-plus three-set wins since 2000:

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• Ranked No.16 entering Beijing – her career-high. By contrast, 12 months ago sat at No.101 in the rankings
• Has served the eighth-most aces on tour this year: 226
• Currently No.11 on Race To Singapore leaderboard - 611 points behind Ka.Pliskova in the eighth and final qualifying spot
**Season**

- Coming off winning biggest title of career at Wuhan (d. Kontaveit in F); now owns 2-3 record in career singles finals
- Defeat of No.6 Svitolina in 2r at Wuhan was seventh Top 10 win of the season and of career (7-5 overall record) – has also defeated No.7 Ka.Pliskova (Eastbourne), No.2 Wozniacki (Montréal), No.9 Ka.Pliskova and No.5 Garcia (Cincinnati), No.9 Goerges (New Haven) and No.5 Kvitova (US Open). Only Bertens (10-5) owns more Top 10 wins this campaign
- After US Open fell 1r at Québec City (l. Lepchenko)
- Posted best Grand Slam result as US Open, advancing to R16 (l. eventual champion Osaka in 3s)
- Lifted maiden WTA title at New Haven during North American hard court swing (d. Suárez Navarro in F)
- Posed SF run at Cincinnati (l. eventual R-Up Halep); during that run, saved match points to upset No.9 Ka.Pliskova in 2r and No.5 Garcia in R16 before defeating No.13 Keys in QF
- Advanced to R16 at Montréal (l. Mertens, after holding 1mp); in 2r in Canada, saved 3mp to upset No.2 Wozniacki
- Fell in 1r of 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)
- 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 lost 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; went 1-1 during subsequent play-off victory over Slovakia in April
- 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 2017 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**

• 2018 US Open marked fifth career main draw appearance at a Grand Slam, where she advanced to R16 for first time (l. eventual champion Osaka in 3s)

• Only previous Grand Slam win came during 2r showing on Grand Slam debut at 2017 Wimbledon (as qualifier, d. Khromacheva, l. Witthoeft)

• Made 1r exit on next 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

• Was No.26 seed at 2018 US Open– first Grand Slam seeding of her career

**Other Information**

• Coached by former ATP player Dmitry Tursunov

• Since their partnership formed this summer, the pairing has scored the best win-by-ranking of her career over No.2 Wozniacki en route to a R16 finish in Montréal. Then in Cincinnati, the Belarusian dropped three consecutive seeds (No.9 Ka.Pliskova, No.6 Garcia and No.13 Keys) en route to SF, before capturing her first career title in New Haven.

• Started playing aged six

• Prefers playing on hard
# MATCH NOTES

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## [3] ANGELIQUE KERBER (GER #3) vs. CARLA SUÁREZ NAVARRO (ESP #23)

Head to Head: ANGELIQUE KERBER leads 6-3

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### ANGELIQUE KERBER

- **3**
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- Date of Birth: 18-01-1988 (30)
- YTD Prize Money: $5,296,267
- Career Prize Money: $26,766,746
- Singles Titles (YTD / Career): 2 / 12
- Doubles Titles (YTD / Career): 0 / 0
- W-L (MD): 14-7
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- 9-6 / 77-53
- 26-9 / 258-142
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- 5-8 / 36-57
- 13-12 / 85-109

### CARLA SUÁREZ NAVARRO

- **23**
- **22**
- Date of Birth: 03-09-1988 (30)
- YTD Prize Money: $1,600,792
- Career Prize Money: $10,718,933
- Singles Titles (YTD / Career): 0 / 2
- Doubles Titles (YTD / Career): 0 / 3
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KERBER

Beijing

- Making eighth main draw appearance at China Open (ninth overall), where she is a three-time quarterfinalist
- Reached last eight in 2012 (l. Sharapova), 2013, (l. A.Radwanska) and 2015 (l. A.Radwanska)
- Eased past Mladenovic in 1r in 70 minutes for the loss of just four games. Now has 44 wins this season – only Kvitova (47) and Halep (46) have more
- Faces Suárez Navarro in 2r today, leads their head to head 6-3 and has only lost one of their previous hard court encounters – at the 2013 US Open. First meeting with a Spanish player since she lost to eventual champion Muguruza in R16 at 2017 Wimbledon
- Since winning Wimbledon this July, has failed to reach QF of subsequent four tournaments
- Posted 4-6 record during Asian swing in 2017, highlighted by SF showing at Tokyo [PPO] (l. Pavlyuchenkova)
- One of three Germans through to the 2r from the four to start in the draw (also Goerges and Siegemund). Two Germans have reached the China Open final, Groenefeld in 2005 (l. Kirilenko) and Petkovic in 2011 (l. A.Radwanska)
Seeded No.3 this week, her eighth consecutive seeding in Beijing. Highest seeding came in 2016 when she was No.1.

Enters 2018 Beijing ranked No.3 (September 24, 2018), having returned to Top 5 after 2018 Wimbledon success (July 16, 2017) – the last time she was ranked this high was on August 14, 2017 at No.3.

One of 10 players aged 30 or over to start in the main draw. Oldest champion is S. Williams who lifted the trophy in 2013 aged 32 years and 10 days.

Secured her spot at the WTA Finals, joining Halep in Singapore next month. Six singles spots remain up for grabs.

**Season**

Opened Asian swing with R16 showing at Wuhan (l. Barty). Withdrew from Tokyo citing an ankle injury.

Reached 3r at US Open (l. Cibulkova in 3s) after posting 2r exit at Montréal (after 1r bye, l. Cornet) and reaching R16 at Cincinnati (l. Keys).

Won her third career Grand Slam singles title at Wimbledon (d. S. Williams in F), becoming the first German to win at the All England Club since Graf in 1996.

Hit only five unforced errors and broke her opponent four times in seven return games in a clinical performance during the Wimbledon final, needing only 67 minutes to defeat S. Williams for the second time in her career during a Grand Slam final (also 2016 US Open).

Posted SF run at Eastbourne (l. eventual champion Wozniacki having held match point). Returned to Top 10 following Eastbourne result – at No.10.

Made 1r exit at Mallorca in a darkness delayed match (l. Riske).

Finished clay season with an 8-5 record, improving from her three clay wins in 2017.

Matched her career-best result at Roland Garros by reaching QF (l. eventual champion Halep).

Enjoyed a QF run at Rome (l. eventual champion Svitolina) – her first QF on clay since winning 2016 Stuttgart.

Withdrawn from Madrid due to a right thigh injury.

Made R16 at Stuttgart (d. No.10 Kvitova, l. Kontaveit via ret. w/right thigh injury).

Lost to Ka.Pliskova and Kvitova during Germany’s Fed Cup semifinal defeat to Czech Republic.

Enjoyed a pair of QF runs in the ‘Sunshine Double’, at Miami (l. eventual champion Stephens) and Indian Wells (l. eventual R-Up Kasatkina).

Made SF run at Dubai (l. eventual champion Svitolina) – her 50th career tour-level SF. Defeated No.5 Ka.Pliskova for second Top 5 win in 2018 (also No.5 V. Williams en route to Sydney title).

Reached QF at Doha (l. Wozniacki in 3s).

Advanced to SF at Australian Open (l. Halep in 3s, having held two match points); was first Grand Slam SF since title run at 2016 US Open. No.21 seeding at Australian Open was lowest seed at a Slam since 2012 Australian Open (No.30).

Ended 27-tournament title drought (dating back to 2016 US Open) by winning at Sydney (d. Barty in F). Posted wins over No.31 Safarova (saved 2mp), No.5 V. Williams and No.25 Cibulkova en route.

Represented Germany at Hopman Cup w/Zverev (R-up to Switzerland, d. Bencic in singles rubber).
Career

- Ended 2017 on a ranking of No.21 – sixth consecutive Top 25 season. Best results of season were R-Up finish at Monterrey and SFs at Tokyo [PPO] (l. Pavlyuchenkova) and Dubai (l. Svitolina)
- Enjoyed an outstanding 2016 season, winning first Grand Slam titles of career at Australian Open (d. S.Williams in F) and US Open (d. Ka.Pliskova in F), finishing R-Up at Wimbledon (l. S.Williams in F) and rising to World No.1 in the WTA rankings
- Courtesy of her results in 2016, doubled her career prize money during season, passing $19 million mark; passed $20 million at 2017 Roland Garros, becoming 15th player to do so
- After 2016 US Open, aged 28, became oldest player to make her debut at World No.1, a record previously held by Jennifer Capriati, who was 25 years, 200 days when she reached No.1 in October 2001
- Secured the 2016 year-end World No.1 ranking – only the 12th WTA player to achieve the feat and second German woman to do so after Graf (eight times)
- Was voted WTA Player of the Year in 2016 by international media and fans; also, ITF World Champion
- 2016 marked fifth successive Top 10 season finish. Was the WTA match win leader in 2016, going 63-18
- Posted the most wins against Top 10 opponents in 2016, going 12-3, including defeats of No.8 Cibulkova, No.4 Halep, No.7 Keys and No.3 A.Radwanska in Singapore, as well as No.1 S.Williams (Australian Open), No.6 Halep (Fed Cup), No.7 Kvitova (Stuttgart), No.5 Halep and No.8 V.Williams (Wimbledon), No.10 Keys (Rio Olympics), No.4 Halep (Cincinnati) and No.8 Vinci (US Open)
- Reached a career-best total of eight finals across the 2016 season (most finals of any player); as well as winning first two majors, successfully defended title on home soil at Stuttgart (d. Siegemund in F)
- 2016 Stuttgart marked first time she had successfully defended a title in her career; the first German (and seventh player overall) to do so in Stuttgart
- Made fourth appearance at WTA Finals in 2016, progressing past round-robin for first time (l. Cibulkova in F); first German to reach final at the season-ending championships since Graf won title in 1996
- Other runner-up finishes in 2016 came at Brisbane (l. Azarenka in F), Wimbledon (l. S.Williams in F), Rio Olympics (l. Puig, won silver medal)
- Reached first WTA final of career at 2010 Bogotá and won first title at 2012 Paris [Indoors]. Has won titles on all surfaces: hardcourt, grass and clay (red and green) Career record in tour-level finals stands at 12 -16
- Made first WTA appearance in qualifying at 2003 Berlin

Grand Slam History

• At 2016 Australian Open, became first German to win a Grand Slam singles title since Graf at 1999 Roland Garros (d. Hingis in F). At the time was the fourth player to defeat S.Williams in a Grand Slam final (after V.Williams, Sharapova and Stosur; since joined by Muguruza and Osaka).

• Also became first Grand Slam champion to save match point en route to the title since Li at 2014 Australian Open (Kerber saved a match point in 1r win over Doi) and was the first left-handed player to win a Grand Slam singles title since Kvitova at 2014 Wimbledon.

• Won second Grand Slam singles title at US Open (d. Ka.Pliskova in F) and rose to World No.1; was 22nd player to hold WTA World No.1 ranking, and second German woman to achieve milestone since computer rankings were introduced in 1975 (after Graf, who spent the last of her record 377 weeks at No.1 in March 1997).

• Became the first German since 1996 to win Wimbledon in 2018, her third career Grand Slam singles title (d. S.Williams in F). Kerber hit only five unforced errors in the match to oust Williams in just 67 minutes. The win moved Kerber to No.4 in the WTA Rankings, moving her back into the Top 5 after a near-11 month absence.

• In 2016, also finished R-Up at Wimbledon (l. S.Williams). Is fourth player in Open Era to reach three Grand Slam finals in the same year they reached their first, after Goolagong Cawley (1971), Graf (1987) and Hingis (1997).

• Roland Garros remains the only major where she has yet to reach the final. Best results are a pair of QF runs in 2012 (l. eventual R-Up Errani) and 2018 (l. eventual champion Halep).

**Other Information**

• Coached by Wim Fissette. Ended successful partnership with Torben Beltz during 2018 pre-season.

• In January 2017 was named in Forbes 30 Under 30 in Europe (in the entertainment category), alongside the likes of Gareth Bale and Luis Suárez.

• Speaks three languages: German, Polish, and English.

**SUÁREZ NAVARRO:**

**Beijing**

• Making 10th consecutive main draw appearance at Beijing. Best result here is reaching QF in 2012 (l. Bartoli in 3s).

• Victory over Putintseva in 1r marked first match win at China Open since reached R16 in 2015. Dropped just one game in her 6-1 6-0 victory over the Kazakh which lasted just 52 minutes.

• Looking to win back-to-back matches at a tournament in Asia for the first time since 2015 Beijing when she defeated Tsurenko and Puig before losing to Bacsinszky in R16.

• Bidding for fourth victory of the year against a Top 5 player when faces No.3 Kerber in 2r today. Has 3-3 record against Top 5 players in 2018 with wins coming over No.4 Svitolina in Indian Wells and Madrid and No.5 Kvitova at New Haven.

• Looking for 30th career victory over a left-handed player when takes on Kerber today. Currently holds a 29-19 record against left-handed players and is 1-0 in 2018 (d. Kvitova at New Haven).
One of two Spanish players in the draw here (also Muguruza). Muguruza is the only Spanish player to reach the final here, winning the title in 2015
Lost 1r at all three of the tournaments she played in during the 2017 Asian Swing at Tokyo (I. Cibulkova), Wuhan (I. Tsurenko) and Beijing (I. Ka.Pliskova)

Season
Lost 1r at Wuhan to eventual champion Sabalenka in 3s
Defeated No.6 Garcia and former champion Sharapova on way to a QF showing at US Open (l. Keys)
Reached first final of 2018 at New Haven (l. Sabalenka in F). Career record in singles finals now stands at 2-9
Fell 1r at Cincinnati (l. Azarenka) after R16 showing at Montreal (as qualifier, l. eventual R-Up Stephens)
Advanced to 3r at Wimbledon (l. Bencic)
Other grass season results include early exits in Mallorca (1r, l. Arruabarrena) and Eastbourne (following 1r bye, l. Collins)
Ended clay season with 1r exit in Rome (l. Vekic) and 2r finish at Roland Garros (l. Sakkari)
Advanced to QF stage in Madrid, defeating No.4 Svitolina en route (l. No.7 Garcia)
Fell in 1r at Stuttgart (l. Kudermetova) in first clay court event of 2018
Made 2r showing at Miami (Y. Wang) after QF run at Indian Wells (l. V. Williams), defeating No.4 Svitolina in 3r
Reached 2r at Doha (l. Konta) and Dubai (l. Ka.Pliskova)
Split singles rubbers during Spain's Fed Cup World Group II defeat to Italy (d. Paolini, l. Errani)
Reached her third career QF appearance at Australian Open (l. eventual champion Wozniacki), equaling her best result at the Grand Slams
Opened 2018 season with 1r exit at Brisbane (l. eventual champion Svitolina) and fell in qualifying at Sydney

Career
Finished 2017 ranked at No.40, down from No.12 in 2016 – best season finished of career to date
Reached R16 at both US Open (l. V. Williams) and Roland Garros in 2017 (l. R-Up Halep)
Also in 2017, reached SF at Monterrey (l. then No.1 Kerber) and Bucharest (l. eventual champion Begu)
2016 season highlight was winning biggest title of career at Premier 5 Doha (d. Ostapenko in F). Triumph was second WTA singles title, after winning first at 2014 Oeiras (d. Kuznetsova in F)
Returned to Top 10 after 2016 Doha title at No.6, a new career-high singles ranking
Represented Spain at the 2016 Rio Olympics. Reached 3r in singles (l. Keys), QF in doubles (w/Muguruza, l. eventual gold medalists Makarova/Vesnina), and fell 1r in mixed doubles (w/Ferrer, l. Watson/A.Murray)
Ended 2015 season third on list for Top 5 wins (4-6 record), defeating No.3 Kvitova (3r Dubai), No.3 Kvitova (QF Doha), No.4 Kvitova (QF Rome) and No.2 Halep (SF Rome)
One of six players to make Top 10 rankings debut in 2015 (April 6, 2015 at No.10), rising as high as No.8 during the season. Third Spanish women to achieve a Top 10 ranking, after Sánchez-Vicario and Martínez; Muguruza has since become the fourth
2015 singles highlights included finishing runner-up in three singles finals. Reached title match at Antwerp in February 2015, but was forced to withdraw vs. Petkovic w/neck injury; a month later, reached biggest final of career at Miami (I. S.Williams). Capped off strong first half of season with run to final in Rome (I. Sharapova in 3s)
In doubles, qualified for 2015 WTA Finals (w/Muguruza) after winning two titles at Birmingham and Tokyo [PPO], and posting R-Up finishes at Dubai and Madrid. Pair advanced to final in Singapore, falling to top seeds Hingis/Mirza
Won first WTA doubles title in 2014, at Stanford (w/Muguruza); team qualified for 2014 WTA Finals (l. QF)
Spanish No.2, having been overtaken by Muguruza after she reached 2015 Wimbledon final
Currently the highest ranked woman with a single-handed backhand

Grand Slam History
2018 US Open marked 40th Grand Slam main draw appearance
Best Grand Slam results have been reaching the QF stage at three of the four majors – at Roland Garros in 2008 (as qualifier, I. Jankovic) and 2014 (I. Bouchard), at Australian Open in 2009 (I. Dementieva), 2016 (l. A.Radwanska) and 2018 (l. Wozniacki), and 2013 US Open (l. S.Williams) and in 2018 (l. Keys)
By virtue of 2018 Wimbledon results, passed $10 million in career prize money
QF run at 2008 Roland Garros made her the first qualifier to reach Roland Garros last eight since 2001; and ranked No.132, became joint-lowest-ranked quarterfinalist at Roland Garros (also Pierce)
Best result at Wimbledon is reaching R16 in 2013 and 2016
2016 saw her reach R16 or better at each of the four Grand Slams – one of just four players to do so (also Keys, A.Radwanska and S.Williams)

Other Information
Currently coached by Marc Casabó and Óscar Serrano
Split with longtime coach Xavier Budo in July of 2017, having spent 10 years together
Father is José Luís (plays handball) and mother is Lali (was gymnast, now teacher)
Began playing tennis at age 9
Moved from Canary Islands to Barcelona in 2007 to train at Pro-Ab Team Tennis Academy
Favorite surface is clay, favorite shot is crosscourt backhand

Head to Head: Series tied 1-1

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Q.WANG:

Beijing

- Fell in 2007-08 and 2013 qualifying
- Faces No.13 Ostapenko today – owns seven career Top 20 wins, most recently against No.7 Ka.Pliskova during last week's Wuhan SF run
- Since becoming a Premier Mandatory event in 2009, best result by a Chinese player at Beijing were Li's SF runs in 2010 and 2012
- One of five wildcards (also Duan, Stosur and Y.Wang, S.Zheng). Best result by a wildcard at Beijing was Peng's SF showing in 2006
- Contesting this week in Beijing at a career-high ranking of No.28, having broken Top 30 after last week's Wuhan result
- This week, playing fifth event on home soil in 2018. Also Shenzhen (1r) Nanchang (WON), Guangzhou (WON) and Wuhan (SF) – 14-2 win-loss record
- Since the end of the grass court season, has posted 20-5 win-loss record. By contrast, her 2018 record up until that point stood at 12-14

Season

- Coming off SF showing at Wuhan (ret. vs. Kontaveit w/left thigh injury) – first SF at WTA Premier-level or above
- In 2r at Wuhan, upset recent Tokyo champion and her conqueror at 2017 Wuhan No.7 Ka.Pliskova. Was third Top 10 win of her career (also No.10 Wozniacki at 2013 Kuala Lumpur and No.9 V.Williams at 2018 Roland Garros)
- Strong start to Asian swing reaching SF at Hiroshima (l. eventual champion Hsieh) and lifting second career title at Guangzhou (d. Putintseva in F)
- Dropped just 18 games total en route to the title at Guangzhou – the fewest games lost in winning a WTA singles title in 2018
- Did not drop more than four games in a single match in Guangzhou title, becoming the fourth Chinese woman to win the title in the tournament’s 15-year history – also Li (2004), Yan (2005) and Zhang (2013 and 2017)
• Achieved best result at US Open with run to 3r (l. Svitolina)
• In lead-up to US Open, posted 1r exits at San Jose (l. Anisimova) and Montréal (as qualifier, l. Buzarnescu)
• Lifted first tour-level title in July at Nanchang (d. Zheng Saisai in F following ret. w/fatigue). Dropped only one set en route to title
• On grass, only contested Wimbledon, falling in 1r (l. Zheng Saisai)
• Enjoyed best result at Roland Garros by reaching 3r (l. Putintseva). Defeated No.9 V.Williams in 1r (had lost to her in their two previous meetings) for then-best win rankings-wise of career (since bettered by win over No.7 Ka.Pliskova at Wuhan)
• Prior to Roland Garros, made her first QF of the season at Strasbourg (l. Barty)
• Made 1r exit in Madrid (l. Kasatkina) and fell in qualifying at Rome
• Reached 2r in Prague before falling to Kr.Pliskova
• Suffered 1r exits in Miami (l. Anisimova) and Istanbul (l. Kuznetsova)
• Matched her career-best performance at a Premier Mandatory event by reaching R16 at Indian Wells (l. Halep); previously accomplished this at 2017 Madrid (l. Kuznetsova)
• Fell in 2r at Dubai (l. eventual champion Svitolina) and 1r at Doha (l. Keys)
• Opened 2018 season with 1r exits at Shenzhen (l. Riske) and Australian Open (l. Keys). Rose to then-career-high rank of No.44 following Shenzhen (January 8)

Career
• Achieved first Top 50 year-end finish in 2017, finishing as China’s No.3. Ascended 25 spots from No.70 in 2016 to No.45 in 2017, marking third Top 100 season in four years
• Advanced to first WTA SF at 2017 Hong Kong (l. Pavlyuchenkova) and captured WTA 125K Series title in Zhengzhou
• Posted three victories vs. Top 20 opponents in 2017, defeating No.15 Vesnina (Rome), No.15 Mladenovic (Tokyo [PPO]) and No.17 Sloane Stephens (Wuhan)
• 2016 highlights included QF runs at Shenzhen (l. A.Radwanska), Kuala Lumpur (l. Zhu), Hong Kong (l. Wozniacki) and WTA 125K Series event at Dalian (l. Min). Also reached 2r at 2016 US Open, upsetting No.23 seed Kasatkina in 1r (l. Shvedova)
• Represented China at Rio Olympics – l. Kuznetsova in 1r in three sets
• In 2016, posted a 14-1 record between March–May on the ITF Circuit, winning $50k ITF/Quanzhou-CHN and $100k ITF/Shenzhen-CHN, and finishing runner-up at $75k ITF/Gifu-JPN
• Owns three Top 10 wins in career (3-12 record), defeating No.10 Wozniacki at 2013 Kuala Lumpur, No.9 V.Williams at 2018 Roland Garros and No.7 Ka.Pliskova at 2018 Wuhan
• Member of Chinese Fed Cup Team, 2012-2016
• On ITF Circuit, owns 13 singles and one doubles title
• Made WTA qualifying debut at 2007 Beijing and main draw debut at 2012 Baku
• Won Chinese U/16 Championships in 2006 and U/18 Championships in 2007
Grand Slam History

- 2018 US Open marked 17th main draw appearance at a Grand Slam – win-loss record stands at 10-17 across the majors
- Reached 3r for the first time at 2018 Roland Garros (l. Putintseva), since matched at 2018 US Open (l. Svitolina)
- Made major debut at 2014 US Open

Other Information

- Began playing tennis aged nine as a way to keep fit
- Would have become a teacher if not a tennis player
- Admires Zheng Jie
- Coached by Peter McNamara

OSTAPENKO:

Beijing

- Making third consecutive main draw appearance at China Open, with best result 2017’s SF run (l. Halep)
- Last year's performance secured her first-ever qualification for the WTA Finals in Singapore
- On debut in 2016, fell 1r (l. Putintseva after holding 1mp)
- Struck 21 winners to defeat Rybarikova in 1r on Saturday
- Faces Q.Wang in 2r today; owns 8-1 record against Chinese players, including 2-0 in 2018 – beat Zhang at Rome and Duan at Australian Open
- Bidding to win back-to-back matches for first time at a non-Grand Slam event since Eastbourne R16 showing in June (at majors made SF at Wimbledon and 3r at US Open)
- Enjoyed a fine Asian swing in 2017, winning Seoul, reaching SF at Wuhan and Beijing and falling in the round robin stage at the WTA Finals

Season

- In past few weeks, fell 1r at Wuhan (l. Gavrilova) and in 2r at Seoul (as defending champion l. Alexandrova)
- Advanced to 3r at US Open for a second time (l. Sharapova)
- Made 1r exits at Montréal (l. Konta in 3s) and Cincinnati (l. Cornet in 3s)
- Finished grass court season with 7-2 record, highlighted by SF run at Wimbledon (l. eventual champion Kerber) becoming the first woman representing Latvia to reach last four at Wimbledon
• Enjoyed a QF showing at Eastbourne (l. A.Radwanska) in her lone tune-up for Wimbledon  
• Suffered 1r upset at Roland Garros as the defending champion (l. Kozlova) – was only sixth player in Open Era to lose in 1r of Grand Slam title defense  
• Reached QF at Rome (l. Sharapova 6-7(6) 6-4 7-5 in 3h 11m – seventh longest match of the season)  
• Made 1r exit at Madrid (l. Begu) following QF run at Stuttgart (l. eventual champion Ka.Pliskova in 3s)  
• Won both singles rubbers (d. Makarova and Pavlyuchenkova in straight sets) to help Latvia beat Russia 3-2 and reach the Fed Cup World Group II for the first time  
• Reached her first final of 2018 in Miami (l. Stephens). The result was her best showing at a WTA Premier Mandatory tournament. Record in singles finals now stands at 2-4  
• At 20 years, 297 days old, became the youngest player to reach Miami final since Azarenka (19 years, 237 days) won the title in 2009  
• Saw off No.9 Kvitova in R16 and No.4 Svitolina in Miami QF to register multiple Top 10 wins in the same tournament for the first time in her career  
• Made 3r exit at Indian Wells (l. Martic); rose to career-high No.5 ranking after the tournament (March 19, 2018)  
• Suffered opening match defeat Doha (after 1r bye, l. Buzarnescu in straight sets) and Dubai (l. Vesnina). Bounced back by winning third career WTA doubles title w/Dabrowski (d. Klepac/Martínez Sánchez in F) that week  
• Represented Latvia in Fed Cup Europe/Africa Group competition, helping team reach World Group II play-offs for the first time, going 3-1 in singles  
• Reached QF at St. Petersburg (l. eventual champion Kvitova)  
• Began 2018 season with 1r exits at Shenzhen (l. Kr.Pliskova) and Sydney (l. Makarova), before reaching 3r at Australian Open (l. Kontaveit)  

Career  
• Enjoyed career-best season in 2017, finishing the year in the Top 10 for the first time in her career (at No.7); was No.44 at end of 2016 (first Top 50 finish) and No.79 at end of 2015 (first Top 100 finish)  
• Won first tour-level title and maiden Grand Slam trophy at 2017 Roland Garros (d. Halep in F), where she became the lowest-ranked player (No.47), and first unseeded player, to lift the trophy in the Open Era  
• Clinched second tour-level title at Seoul in September (d. Haddad Maia in F) as top seed  
• Seoul title, and subsequent SF runs at Wuhan and Beijing, helped earn her first-ever qualification at WTA Finals, where she went 1-2 in the group stage – d. Ka.Pliskova; l. V.Williams and Muguruza  
• Advanced to third career singles final at 2017 Charleston in April, falling to then fellow 19-year-old Kasatkina; was the first all-teenage final on tour since 2009 Linz (Wickmayer d. Kvitova)  
• Made four additional semifinals in 2017: Auckland (l. eventual champion Davis), Prague (l. Kr.Pliskova), Wuhan (l. Barty) and Beijing (l. Halep)  
• Upset Muguruza in QF at 2017 Beijing to register first win over a reigning World No.1
• Reached QF stage at Acapulco (l. eventual champion Tsurenko) and Wimbledon (l. eventual R-Up V.Williams)
• Following run to 3r at 2017 US Open (l. Kasatkina), made her Top 10 debut at No.10 on September 11, 2017
• In doubles, won first and second career titles in 2017, at St. Petersburg (w/Rosolska) and Stuttgart (w/Atawo)
• 2016 season highlight and breakthrough result was reaching final at Premier 5 Doha (l. Suárez Navarro)
• Made Top 40 debut by virtue of reaching final at 2016 Doha
• Represented Latvia at 2016 Rio Olympics, losing 1r in singles (l. Stosur)
• Reached first WTA final of career at 2015 Québec City (l. Beck)
• Ended 2015 at No.79 for first Top 100 finish (up from No.308 in 2014). Having leapt 229 spots, was second-highest year-end rankings jump, after Kasatkina who went from No.370 to No.72 (298 spots)
• Began playing ITF Circuit events in 2012. Has won seven singles and eight doubles titles. Made WTA main draw debut at 2014 Tashkent (2r, l. Pervak)
• Latvian Fed Cup Team, 2013-18; Latvian Olympic Team, 2016

**Grand Slam History**

• 2018 US Open marked 14th main draw appearance at a Grand Slam
• Champion at 2017 Roland Garros (d. Halep in F), becoming first woman to win her first tour-level title at a Grand Slam since Barbara Jordan at 1979 Australian Open (d. Walsh in F)
• First Latvian player to reach the championship match at a Grand Slam; previously Ernests Gulbis reached SF at 2014 Roland Garros
• Followed Paris victory by posting her then-second best major result, reaching QF at 2017 Wimbledon (l. V.Williams). Along with S.Williams in 2015, is the only woman in the last 10 years to have followed up victory at Roland Garros with a run to the QF or better at Wimbledon. Before that, Henin also achieved the feat in 2007
• Also the first woman to back up her maiden Slam title with QF or better at next Slam since Kim Clijsters (US Open-Australian Open 2006)
• Improved upon her 2017 result by reaching the SF of Wimbledon in 2018 (l. eventual champion Kerber) becoming the first woman representing Latvia to reach SF at Wimbledon
• Best result to date at Australian Open is reaching 3r in 2017 and 2018; best result at US Open is reaching 3r in 2017 and 2018
• Fell in 1r at all four majors in 2016, however, reached mixed doubles SF at 2016 Wimbledon (w/Marach, l. eventual champions Kontinen/Watson)
• Won girls' singles title at 2014 Wimbledon

**Other Information**

• Works with Glen Schaap (as of June 2018) and her mother, Jelena Jakovleva
• Father is Jevgenijs, half-brother is Maksim Ostapenko (graduated from art academy in Los Angeles and lives there now).
• Previously worked with David Taylor from December 2017 until 2018 Roland Garros
• Introduced to tennis at age five by mother; favorite shots are serve and backhand; favorite surfaces are grass and hard
• Tennis idols are Serena Williams and Ernests Gulbis – watched Gulbis’ QF match at Roland Garros from his box in 2014
• Took ballroom dancing classes for seven years
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CHINA OPEN – FIRST & SECOND ROUND (MONDAY)

National Tennis Stadium
ZHANG SHUAI (CHN #46) vs. [15] ELISE MERTENS (BEL #15)
Mertens leads 1-0
Mertens won when pair met in Montréal this summer… Zhang reached QF here in 2016… Mertens looking for 44th main draw win of the season

BELINDA BENCIC (SUI #42) vs. [2] CAROLINE WOZNIACKI (DEN #2)
Bencic leads 4-2
Wozniacki won most recent meeting at 2016 Tokyo… Twelve months ago, Bencic was ranked No.196… The Dane is making 12th consecutive appearance at Beijing

ANASTASIANA SEVASTOVA (LAT #19) vs. [17] MADISON KEYS (USA #18)
First meeting
Sevastova looking to score first win in Beijing since reaching QF on debut in 2010… Keys won all 10 service games during opening round win over lucky loser Pera… Sevastova owns five Top 5 wins in 2018

Lotus Court
[14] GARBIÑE MUGURUZA (ESP #14) vs. EKATERINA MAKAROVA (RUS #41)
Muguruza leads 3-2
Makarova recovered from 3-1 down in the final set to defeat Muguruza in first round at 2014 Wuhan… Muguruza is one of three former champions in the draw… Winner will play Sabalenka next

[Q] ZARINA DIYAS (KAZ #92) vs. [8] NAOMI OSAKA (JPN #8)
Osaka leads 1-0
Osaka won pair’s meeting at this year’s Roland Garros in straight sets… Diyas’s last Top 10 win came over Petkovic at 2015 Dubai… Osaka has won 10 of past 11 matches on tour

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SHUAI ZHANG (CHN #46) vs. [15] ELISE MERTENS (BEL #15)

Head to Head: ELISE MERTENS leads 1-0

2018 MONTREAL HARD O R2 ELISE MERTENS 6-2 6-7(2) 6-0 113 mins
2017 NEW HAVEN HARD O QF ELISE MERTENS W/O (right arm injury)

SHUAI ZHANG
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41
21-01-1989 (29)
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0 / 2
2 / 6
8-10
20-22 / 115-151
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BEIJING Tournament History
"-Q" Qualifying match

SHUAI ZHANG
2017
R2 L - AGNIESZKA RADWANSKA (POL #11) 7-5 7-5

2016
QF L - JOHANNA KONTA (GBR #14) 6-4 6-0

2015
R1 L - MONA BARTHEL (GER #53) 6-3 6-2

2014
R1 L - CAROLINE GARCIA (FRA #36) 6-1 6-4

2013
R2 L - ROBERTA VINCI (ITA #12) 3-6 6-3 6-1

ELISE MERTENS
2017
R2 L - CAROLINE GARCIA (FRA #15) 7-6(4) 6-4

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ZHANG:

**Beijing**

- Making 11th main draw appearance at Beijing
- Best result at China Open came in 2016 when she reached the QF (d. No.5 Halep en route, l. Konta). Also made R16 in 2009 (l. Bartoli)
- During 2009 run here, scored best win of career when defeated World No.1 Safina. Ranked No.226 at the time of Safina win, became lowest-ranked player to defeat a reigning world No.1
- Faces No.15 seed Mertens in 1r today; owns 1-5 record against Top 20 in 2018, with win coming over No.13 Stephens at Australian Open
- Winner will play Babos in 2r
- Sole Chinese woman to receive direct acceptance into main draw this week. One of five Chinese players competing here – also wildcards Duan, Q.Wang, Y.Wang and Zheng
- Beijing is her fourth event in her home country this season, having started the year with 2r showing at Shenzhen (l. Diyas) and reached QF at Nanchang (l. Zhu) in July and then R16 at Wuhan last week (l. Kontaveit). Withdrew from Guangzhou w/shoulder injury
- Last Monday, lost her Chinese No.1 ranking to Q.Wang
- Fell 1r in doubles this week (w/Konta, l. Krunic/Siniakova in 1r)
Season

- Coming off R16 showing at Wuhan (I. Kontaveit) – for the first time in tournament's history, two Chinese players reached R16 (also Q.Wang, who made SF)
- Produced SF run at Hiroshima (l. eventual R-Up Anisimova). Captured doubles title (w/Hozumi), defeating top seeds Kato/Ninomiya in F
- Fell 1r at US Open (l. Muguruza) however, reached SF in doubles (w/Stosur, l. eventual R-Ups Mladenovic/Babos) and SF in mixed doubles (w/Peers, l. eventual R-Ups Rosolska/Mektic)
- Made 2r in Montréal (l. Mertens) after a 1r exit in San Jose (l. Lapko)
- Enjoyed a QF run on hard courts at the WTA's International-level event at Nanchang, China, where she was the top seed (I. Zhu)
- Grass swing ended with 1r exit at Wimbledon (l. Petkovic), following a 1r exit at ‘s-Hertogenbosch (l. Stollar)
- Reached 2r at Roland Garros (I. Begu)
- Made 2r showings at Madrid (d. Osaka, l. Mladenovic) and Rome (l. Ostapenko)
- Advanced to SF at Prague (l. eventual champion Kvitova) following 1r exit at Istanbul (l. Rus)
- Captured fifth career doubles title at Istanbul (w/Liang, d. Knoll/Smith in F)
- Seeded No.31, received 1r bye at Miami (l. Haddad Maia in 2r)
- Reached 3r at Indian Wells (as No.32 seed, l. Ka.Pliskova in 3s)
- Advanced to back-to-back QF at Budapest (l. eventual champion Van Uytvanck) and Acapulco (l. Peterson)
- Fell 1r at Taipei City (l. Kozlova) and Doha (l. Makarova)
- Started season with 2r showings at Shenzhen (l. Diyas), Hobart (l. Sabalenka) and Australian Open (l. Allertova)
- Best win by ranking so far this year was 1r win over No.13 Stephens at the Australian Open

Career

- Posted fifth Top 100 season in 2017, finishing at No.36 – four Chinese players in year-end Top 100
- Season highlighted by winning Guangzhou title (d. Krunic in F); now owns 2-0 record in WTA singles finals, having also won 2013 Guangzhou
- Also in 2017, reached QF at New Haven and Doha, and won WTA 125K Series event in Honolulu
- Posted career-high ranking of No.23 on November 14, 2016
- Strong end to 2016 (went 21-6 post US Open) brought back-to-back semifinals on Asian swing – Tokyo [Japan Open] and Seoul – and saw her win 19th ITF Circuit singles title of career at $100k ITF/Tokyo 2-JPN
- At last event of season, runner-up at WTA 125K Series event in Honolulu (l. Bellis in F)
- Enjoyed Grand Slam breakthrough at 2016 Australian Open, where she advanced to QF (d. No.2 Halep and No.17 Keys en route, l. Konta). Run also marked first time winning back-to-back main draw matches since semifinal run at 2014 Birmingham
• Other season highlights in 2016 included reaching 3r at US Open (best result at tournament), where she claimed back-to-back match wins at tour level for first time since 3r effort at Indian Wells in March, a run spanning 10 tournaments
• Represented China at Rio Olympics (d. No.15 Bacsinszky in opening match, l. Siegemund in 2r). In doubles, also made 2r (w/Peng, l. Hradecka/Hlavackova)
• Contemplated retirement after ending 2015 ranked No.186, her lowest year-end finish since 2008 (No.212) and down from No.62 in 2014
• Reached 2r at tour-level on only four occasions in 2015: Pattaya City, Charleston, Prague and Nürnberg
• Winner of two WTA singles titles, at 2013 and 2017 Guangzhou, and also won WTA 125K Series event at Nanjing in 2013 (d. Morita in F)
• Has won four WTA doubles titles, most recently at 2014 Pattaya City (w/Peng) and is a four-time runner-up
• Winner of 19 singles titles and nine doubles titles on ITF Circuit
• Made WTA qualifying debut at 2006 Beijing; made WTA main draw debut at 2006 Guangzhou

Grand Slam History
• 2018 US Open marked 31st Grand Slam main draw appearance
• Enjoyed Grand Slam breakthrough at 2016 Australian Open, where she advanced to QF – first time she had progressed beyond 1r at a major in what was her 15th main draw appearance. As a qualifier, defeated No.2 Halep and No.17 Keys en route (l. Konta). Ranked No.133, became lowest-ranked player to advance to last eight in Melbourne since unranked Henin reached final in 2010, and first qualifier to do so since Gavaldon in 1990
• By reaching 3r last year at US Open, matched her best result in New York, also making this stage in 2016 (l. Shvedova). This was preceded by three 1r exits – in 2008 (as qualifier, l. Kuznetsova), 2011 (l. Cibulkova) and 2014 (l. Barthel)
• At Roland Garros, reached 3r for the first time in 2017, and has never progressed beyond 1r at Wimbledon in five main draw appearances

Other Information
• Hails from a sporting family. Father, Zhang Zhi Qiang, was a professional soccer player, and mother, Wang Feng Quin, was a basketball player
• Announced last year as a Global Ambassador for Dubai Duty Free
• Coached by Liu Shuo
• Started playing tennis aged six, when parents took her to local club
• Best tennis memory was playing mixed doubles with Pete Sampras in 2011, winning Guangzhou in 2013, and reaching the 2016 Australian Open QF
• Relaxes by listening to music, taking photos and exploring the places she travels to
MERTENS:

**Beijing**

- Making second main draw appearance at China Open, reached 2r on debut in 2017 (l. eventual champion Garcia)
- Faces Chinese No.2 Zhang today. Holds a 4-6 career record against Chinese opponents
- Owns 43 main draw match wins in 2018 – only Kvitova (47), Halep (46) and Kerber (44) have more. By contrast, prior to this season owned only 36 wins at this level across entire career
- Seeded No.15 – has been a seed at 16 of 19 events contested in 2018 (exceptions were Australian Open, Dubai and Madrid)
- Has three titles to her name this season (Hobart, Rabat and Lugano), one of five players on tour with three or more titles this season - also Kvitova (5), Bertens (3), Halep (3) and Svitolina (3)
- Contesting doubles w/Schuurs (after 1r bye, will play Hsieh/Mattek-Sands or Pavlyuchenkova/Sevastova) – pair secured their qualification for WTA Finals by winning Wuhan title last week

**Season**

- Fell 1r at Wuhan (l. Sasnovich). Tempered this by lifting doubles title w/Schuurs (d. Hlavackova Sestini/Strycova in F) – is now 6-4 in doubles finals
- Became first woman from Belgium to reach R16 at US Open since 2010 (Wickmayer – R16, Clijsters – Won), eventually losing to defending champion Stephens
- Began North American hard court season with runs to SF at San Jose (l. eventual champion Buzarnescu), QF at Montréal (l. defending champion Svitolina) and QF at Cincinnati (l. Kvitova). Reached doubles final at Cincinnati (w/Schuurs, l. Hradecka/Makarova)
- Defeated Stephens at Cincinnati to score her second career Top 5 win (also No.4 Svitolina at 2018 Australian Open)
- 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 finished 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)
- 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 – 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 six doubles titles – also 2017 Guangzhou (w/Schuurs), 2018 Hobart (w/Schuurs), 2018 Lugano (w/Flipkens), 2018 ’s-Hertogenbosch (w/Schuurs) and 2018 Wuhan (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), Wimbledon, where she reached 3r (l. Cibulkova), and US Open where she also reached R16 (l. Stephens)
**Other Information**

- Currently without full-time coach. Last week in Wuhan was joined by mother Liliane Barbé
- 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
**BELINDA BENCIC (SUI #42) vs. [2] CAROLINE WOZNIACKI (DEN #2)**

Head to Head: BELINDA BENCIC leads 4-2

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**BELINDA BENCIC**


**CAROLINE WOZNIACKI**


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BENCIC:

Beijing

- Making fourth appearance at China Open, where she has reached 2r on two occasions, in 2015 (l. Lucic-Baroni) and 2016 (l. Shvedova)
- Also qualified in 2014, before losing to No.9 seed Ivanovic in 1r
- Twelve months ago was ranked No.196 and did not enter China Open, having recently returned from five months out due to left wrist surgery
- Faces No.2 Wozniacki today; looking for third Top 10 win of 2018, having previously upset No.5 V.Williams at Australian Open and No.6 Garcia at Wimbledon
- Has reached two finals in Asia, at 2014 Tianjin (l. Riske) and 2015 Tokyo [PPO] (l. A.Radwanska). Whilst on the comeback trail at the end of 2017, also won WTA 125K Series tournaments at Hua Hin and Taipei
**Season**

- Coming off 1r defeats at Tokyo (l. Muguruza) and Wuhan (l. Bertens)
- Highlights on hard courts this summer were QFs at Washington, DC (l. Petkovic – held 3mp in third-set tie-break) and New Haven (as LL, l. eventual champion Sabalenka)
- Also fell 1r at US Open (l. Sasnovich) and in qualifying at Cincinnati
- At Wimbledon, reached R16 at a major for the fourth time in her career (l eventual champion Kerber); in 1r at All England Club, upset No.6 Garcia for second Top 10 win of 2018 (also No.5 V.Williams at Australian Open)
- Began grass court season by making 2r at ‘s-Hertogenbosch (l. Kudermetova). Also fell 1r at $100k ITF/Ilkley-GBR
- On return to the tour, made 2r at Roland Garros (l. Rybarikova)
- Withdrawed from Miami and Lugano w/foot injury
- Made 2r at Indian Wells (l. Ostapenko),
- Suffered 1r defeat in Acapulco (l. Cepede-Royg)
- Lost both matches in the first round of Fed Cup play representing Switzerland against the Czech Republic (l. Strycova and Kvitova)
- Fell in 2r of Australian Open, after 1r upset over No.5 V.Williams marked first-career victory over the American and seventh win vs. Top 5-ranked opponent (7-5)
- With the win, the 20-year-old became just the sixth player all-time to defeat both Williams sisters before her 21st birthday (also Hingis, Sharapova, Clijsters, Henin, Chakvetadze and more recently Osaka)
- Also became the 43rd player in history to beat both Williams sisters in their career, and just the second Swiss player to achieve the feat (after Martina Hingis)
- Started off the 2018 season partnering with Roger Federer in Perth as the duo went on to capture Switzerland’s third Hopman Cup title – Bencic went 3-1 (d. No.70 Osaka, No.16 Pavlyuchenkova and No.9 Vandeweghe) in singles play and undefeated (4-0) in doubles play

**Career**

- Underwent left wrist surgery in the Spring of 2017, missing five months – ranking slipped outside Top 300
- Choosing to graft her way back up the rankings, closed out 2017 season by winning 28 of 31 matches and winning four titles, two on the ITF Circuit and two WTA 125K Series events at Hua Hin, Thailand and Taipei. By the end of the year she was back in the Top 75
- Opened 2017 season by representing Switzerland at Hopman Cup in Perth – won title w/Roger Federer
- Best win of career came over No.1 S.Williams in semifinals at 2015 Toronto. At 18 years of age became youngest player to defeat S.Williams in a completed match since 2004 WTA Finals, when 17-year-old Sharapova d. Serena in F (Serena also lost at 2007 Charleston to then 17-year-old Chan Yung-Jan via first set retirement at 5-3)
- Owns a 13-12 record against Top 10 players – most recently defeated No.6 Garcia at 2018 Wimbledon
- Posted third straight Top 50 finish in 2016, at No.43 – down from No.14 in 2015
Struggled with injury in 2016 – advanced to sixth career singles final at St Petersburg in February (as top seed for first time in career, l. Vinci) but after Charleston (April) was sidelined for more than two months – missed most of clay season, including Roland Garros

Run to St. Petersburg final saw her break into Top 10 (at No.9) for the first time in her career; became 116th player to break into the Top 10 since computerized rankings were introduced in 1975. In the last 20 years, 11 players have made their Top 10 debut before their 19th birthday

Reached a career-high ranking of No.7 (February 22, 2016)

Appeared in four finals in 2015, winning first two career titles at Premier-level Eastbourne (d. A.Radwanska in F) and Toronto (d. Halep in F via ret.). Owns 2-4 record in finals, finishing runner-up at 2014 Tianjin (l. Riske), 2015 's-Hertogenbosch (l. Giorgi), 2015 Tokyo [PPO] (l. A.Radwanska) and 2016 St Petersburg (l. Vinci)

At 2015 Eastbourne, aged 18 years, 109 days, became second-youngest player to win a WTA Premier-level final. Caroline Wozniacki won 2008 New Haven aged 18 years, 43 days

With 2015 Toronto triumph, became first teenager to win an event at Premier 5 level or higher since Azarenka at 2009 Miami

Qualified for 2015 WTA Elite Trophy in Zhuhai however withdrew due to hand injury

Won second WTA doubles title of career in 2015 at Washington, DC (w/Mladenovic), the first coming earlier in the year at Prague (w/Siniakova)

Voted 2014 WTA Newcomer of the Year after rising 179 spots in the rankings to finish season at No.33

Played first WTA qualifying event at Luxembourg in October 2011, and first WTA main draw 12 months later at same event as WC (l. V.Williams, 1r); only 15 years, 7 months at the time

Won junior singles titles at Roland Garros and Wimbledon in 2013; was named ITF Junior World Champion for 2013

Grand Slam History

Made 17th main draw Grand Slam appearance at 2018 US Open

Achieved best Grand Slam singles result when she advanced to QF at 2014 US Open; defeated two Top 10 players en route (No.7 Kerber in 3r, No.10 Jankovic in R16). At 17 years of age, was youngest player through to last eight at Flushing Meadows since 1997 when Hingis won the title

Best result at Australian Open was in 2016, advancing to R16 (l. Sharapova) - first Swiss woman to reach R16 here since Hingis and Schnyder in 2007; at Wimbledon is R16 in 2015 (l. Azarenka) and 2018 (l. eventual champion Kerber), while best result at Roland Garros is 2r in 2015 and 2018

Other Information

Coached by Vlado Platenik; has worked extensively with Melanie Molitor and Martina Hingis, as well as her father, Ivan, in the past

Also holds Slovak citizenship through her parents
WOZNIACKI:

**Beijing**

- Making 12th consecutive appearance at Beijing, where she was champion in 2010 (d. Zvonareva in F). Also made QF here in 2011 (l. Pennetta) and 2013 (l. S.Williams)
- Has suffered three 1r defeats, although the most recent of these was in 2009 (l. Martínez Sánchez)
- Faces Bencic today; won their last encounter en route to 2016 Tokyo [PPO] title – result ended a four-match losing sequence against the Swiss
- Seeded No.2 at 2018 Beijing; has been seeded on nine of her 11 visits to the Chinese capital (exceptions were debut in 2007 and 2016)
- Since lifting the title at Eastbourne in June has posted 3-6 record through 2018 Wuhan R16. A win vs. Bencic would be the highest-ranked win during this sequence
- Currently No.5 on the Porsche Race to Singapore leaderboard – is the defending WTA Finals champion – and can clinch qualification by reaching the final in Beijing
- Ranks third among active players for hard court titles with 21 (S.Williams has 46 and V.Williams has 31)
- Has won 10 titles in Asia, including 2010 Beijing and 2017 WTA Finals Singapore

**Season**

- Enters Beijing after R16 showing at Wuhan (after 1r bye, d. Peterson in 2r, l. Puig)
- Made 2r exits at Tokyo (l. Giorgi after 1r bye), US Open (l. Tsurenko), Cincinnati (after 1r bye, l. eventual champion Bertens) and Montréal (after 1r bye, l. Sabalenka – held 3mp in third set)
- Fell 2r at Wimbledon (l. Makarova)
- Also on grass, won her second title of the season, and 29th of her career at Eastbourne (d. Sabalenka in F). Win over Konta in Eastbourne 3r was 50th grass court win, becoming just the seventh active player with as many wins on the surface (also S.Williams, V.Williams, Sharapova, A.Radwanska, Kerber and Jankovic)
- Fell in R16 at Roland Garros (l. Kasatkina) after QF showing at Rome (l. Kontaveit) and R16 at Madrid (l. Bertens)
- Made QF at Istanbul (ret. vs. eventual champion Parmentier w/left abdominal injury)
- Reached R16 at Indian Wells (l. eventual R-Up Kasatkina) and made 2r exit at Miami (after 1r bye, l. Puig)
- Posted SF run at Doha (l. eventual champion Kvitova)
- Fell in QF at St Petersburg (after 1r bye, d. Potapova; l. No.8 seed Kasatkina)
- Won first Grand Slam title of career at Australian Open (d. No.1 Halep in F) – became first Danish woman to win a major singles title
- Win over Halep marked her fourth win over a reigning World No.1 (4-6 career record), having won her first three all in 2017 over Ka.Pliskova (Toronto), Muguruza (Tokyo [PPO]) and Halep (WTA Finals Singapore)
- With her triumph in Melbourne reclaimed the World No.1 ranking for the first time in six years, marking the longest gap between stints at the top spot since the computer rankings were introduced in November 1975 (6 years, 0 days)
- Opened 2018 season with R-Up finish at Auckland (l. Goerges)
**Career**

- Posted 60-21 record in 2017, finishing at No.3 for 10th consecutive Top 20 season and seventh Top 10 finish of career, including six in a row (2009-14) and back-to-back year-end No.1 finishes in 2010-11
- Season highlight in 2017 was winning biggest title of career to that point at 2017 WTA Finals Singapore (d. V.Williams in F). By winning in Singapore, passed $25 million in career prize money
- Also defended title at Tokyo [PPO] (d. Pavlyuchenkova in F) and reached a further six finals in 2017, finishing as R-Up at Doha (l. Ka.Pliskova) and Dubai (l. Svitolina) in back-to-back weeks, and then Miami (l. Konta), Eastbourne (l. Ka.Pliskova), Bastad (l. Siniakova) and Toronto (l. Svitolina)
- Scored three wins over No.1-ranked players in 2017, against Ka.Pliskova (Toronto), Muguruza (Tokyo [PPO]) and Halep (Singapore). Had never previously secured victory over the top-ranked player in her career; lifetime record now stands at 4-6 vs. No.1 players (also beat Halep at 2018 Australian Open)
- Scored more wins over Top 10 players in 2017 (14-6 record) than any other player
- Owns 29 career singles titles – fourth most titles among active players (behind S.Williams, V.Williams and Sharapova) and has won at least one title in 11 straight seasons (since 2008), including career-best six titles in 2010 and 2011
- Won first WTA title at 2008 Stockholm, the first ever title won by a Danish woman
- Denmark's flag bearer at 2016 Rio Olympics
- Broke into Top 100 on July 9, 2007 and entered Top 50 on January 28, 2008. Debuted in Top 10 on May 18, 2009
- Rose to No.1 on October 11, 2010 and held No.1 ranking for total of 67 weeks; returned to No.1 on January 29, 2018 after Australian Open title for a further four weeks, taking career to 71 weeks
- Winner of two WTA doubles titles – 2008 Beijing (w/Medina Garrigues) and 2009 Memphis (w/Azarenka)
- Made professional debut aged 15 as a wildcard at 2005 Cincinnati

**Grand Slam History**

- 2018 US Open marked 46th main draw appearance at a Grand Slam
- Captured her first Grand Slam title and the World No.1 ranking at 2018 Australian Open (d. Halep in three sets) – becoming just the fourth player all-time (also, Navratilova, Ivanovic and Azarenka) to simultaneously win her maiden major title and ascend to No.1
- Saved 2mp (in 2r vs. Fett) en route to the 2018 Australian Open title – one of five women to do so in Melbourne
- Also a two-time Grand Slam runner-up, losing the title match at the US Open in 2009 (l. Clijsters) and 2014 (l. S.Williams). Became first Danish player to reach a Grand Slam final since Kurt Nielsen at 1955 Wimbledon
- Made Grand Slam debut at 2007 Roland Garros (l. Dechy in 1r). Would go on to play 36 consecutive majors until streak was snapped by withdrawal from 2016 Roland Garros (w/right ankle injury)
- At Roland Garros she is a two-time quarterfinalist, in 2010 (l. eventual champion Schiavone) and 2017 (l. eventual champion Ostapenko) and has reached R16 at Wimbledon on six occasions, most recently in 2017
- In juniors, won girls’ singles title at 2006 Wimbledon and was a finalist at 2006 Australian Open
Other Information

- Ran 2014 New York City Marathon with charity Team for Kids, funds going to New York Road Runners youth programs
- Signed as a USANA Health Sciences brand ambassador in March 2015. As part of the announcement she launched the program's annual 'Aces for Humanity' campaign to aid the USANA True Health Foundation, whose mission is to provide critical nutrition to those who are suffering or in need; money is donated for each ace served by the eight USANA Ambassadors on the WTA
- Announced engagement to former NBA player David Lee in November 2017, the ex-New York Knicks forward proposing on holiday in Bora Bora
- Coached by father, Piotr Wozniacki
### Match Notes: Anastasija Sevastova (LAT #19) vs. [17] Madison Keys (USA #18)

Head to Head: First meeting

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SEVASTOVA:

**Beijing**

- Making fourth main draw appearance at China Open
- Reached QF on debut in 2010 (l. Li Na). Fell in 1r in 2016 (l. Konta) and 2017 (l. Sharapova)
- Defeated Cornet in 1r on Sunday to level her win-loss record at Beijing to 3-3
- Faces No.18 Keys today in their career first meeting. Owns 5-7 record vs. Top 20 players this season, having defeated No.12 Goerges (Indian Wells), No.18 Barty (Charleston), No.10 Goerges (Montreal), No.7 Svitolina and No.3 Stephens (both at US Open)
- Holds 4-3 record against Americans in 2018, with wins coming over Lepchenko (Australian Open), Dolehide (Charleston), Stephens and Liu (both at US Open). Losses came against V.Williams (Indian Wells), Stephens (Montréal) and S.Williams (US Open)
- One of two Latvians in the main draw this week (also Ostapenko)

**Season**

- Coming off 1r exit at Wuhan (l. Pavlyuchenkova)
- Made first Grand Slam SF at US Open (l. S.Williams) after 1r upset at Cincinnati (l. Giorgi)
- Became the first Latvian woman to reach SF at Flushing Meadows
- Enjoyed a QF run in Montréal (l. eventual R-Up Stephens), eclipsing the $4 million career prize money mark in the process
- Withdrew w/left thigh injury prior to QF vs. Sasnovich at Moscow [River Cup]
- Captured first title of the season and third of her career on clay in Bucharest (d. Martic in F); now 3-3 in singles finals
- Fell in R16 in Eastbourne (l. Kasatkina) prior to being ousted in 1r at Wimbledon by eventual quarterfinalist Giorgi
- Finished R-Up at Mallorca (l. Maria) in first grass event of the season
- Made 1r exit at Roland Garros (l. Duque-Mariño)
- Advanced to R16 in Rome (l. No.2 Wozniacki) and fell in 2r in Madrid (l. eventual R-Up Bertens)
- Enjoyed a SF result in Charleston in her first clay event of 2018
- Fell in 3r in Miami (l. Azarenka); 2r defeat of Cornet was first main draw match win at Miami
- Had R16 run at Indian Wells (d. No.12 Goerges in 3r, l. V.Williams) – her best result at the tournament
- During Middle Eastern swing, made R16 at Doha (l. Halep) and fell 1r at Dubai (l. Makarova)
- In first Fed Cup appearances since 2010, represented Latvia in February in Europe/Africa Group Competition, before going 1-1 in April's World Group II play-off victory over Russia
- Reached 2r at Australian Open (l. Sharapova)
- Opened 2018 season by reaching SF at Brisbane (l. Sasnovich) followed by 1r exit at Sydney (l. Cibulkova)
Career

- Posted first Top 20 season in 2017, finishing at No.16 and earning career highs in wins (37) and winning percentage (.607) besting her previous records set back in 2010
- Captured second career singles title and first in seven years at 2017 Mallorca (d. Goerges in F)
- Earned nearly half of career prize money in 2017 after reaching US Open QF for second consecutive year and advancing to SF of WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai (l. eventual champion Goerges)
- In 2016, played first full season since 2012, reaching two singles finals at Mallorca (l. Garcia) and Bucharest (l. Halep), as well as first Grand Slam QF of career at US Open
- Retired from professional tennis in May 2013 due to various injuries – mostly muscular and back-related – but returned to competition at ITF level in January 2015 after body had fully healed
- During break from tennis studied leisure management
- Prior to break from tennis, won first singles title at 2010 Oeiras – becoming first Latvian to win a WTA title in 17 years (since Savchenko at Schenectady in 1993)
- Made Top 100 debut on July 13, 2009, Top 50 debut on October 11, 2010 and Top 20 debut on May 15, 2017
- Played first WTA event at 2007 Istanbul; made Grand Slam main draw debut as a qualifier at 2009 Roland Garros
- On ITF Circuit, has won 13 singles and four doubles titles
- Member of Latvian Fed Cup Team 2005-06, 2008-10, 2018
- Currently the Latvian No.2, behind Ostapenko; no other Latvians feature in Top 300 (September 24, 2018)

Grand Slam History

- 2018 US Open marked 23rd main draw appearance at a Grand Slam
- Became the first Latvian woman to reach a US Open SF in 2018. Across all majors, the only other Latvian woman to reach this stage is Ostapenko (2017 Roland Garros – WON; 2018 Wimbledon – SF)
- Fell at QF stage on two occasions, at US Open in 2016 (l. Wozniacki) and 2017 (l. Stephens)
- In 2016, became first Latvian woman to reach a Grand Slam QF since Savchenko at 1994 Wimbledon (since joined by Ostapenko)
- Best result elsewhere is reaching R16 at 2011 Australian Open (l. Wozniacki), before her two-year absence from the game
- Made 3r at 2017 Roland Garros; this was the first time a Latvian woman reached 3r in the Open Era (also eventual champion Ostapenko). Latvian-born Larisa Savchenko advanced to 3r in 1984 and 1989 whilst representing the USSR
- Has won just one match in five visits to Wimbledon, reaching 2r in 2017
Other Information

- Mother is Diana Golovanova (English teacher)
- Started playing at age six, introduced to the sport by her grandmother, played for fun until she was 15
- Speaks Latvian, English, Russian, German
- Trains and resides in Liepaja, Latvia and coached by Ronald Schmidt
- Other sports interests are soccer and jet skiing

KEYS:

Beijing
- Making fifth appearance at Beijing. Best result is reaching SF in 2016 (l. Konta)
- Also reached R16 in 2015 (l. A.Radwanska via ret. w/thigh injury). Fell 2r in 2013 (l. A.Radwanska) and 2014 (l. Petkovic)
- Defeated No.7 Kuznetsova and No.11 Kvitova en route to 2016 SF
- In 1r on Sunday, ousted compatriot Pera for the third time this season (also at Charleston and US Open)
- Faces No.19 Sevastova today. Owns 3-4 record vs Top 20 players this season, with wins coming over No.8 Garcia (Australian Open), No.20 Osaka (Roland Garros) and No.4 Kerber (Cincinnati)
- Last time she faced a Latvian opponent was en route to 2016 Birmingham title (d. Ostapenko in QF)
- Played just one event during Asian swing in 2017, falling 1r at Wuhan (l. Lepchenko)

Season
- Coming off 2r exit at Wuhan (l. Kerber via ret. w/left knee injury)
- Advanced to SF at US Open (l. eventual champion Osaka). Has now made the SFs or better at three of her last five Slam appearances (2017 US Open final, 2018 Roland Garros SF, 2018 US Open SF)
- Reached QF at Cincinnati (l. Sabalenka) in only other summer hard court tournament; withdrew from San Jose and Montréal w/right wrist injury
- During Cincinnati run, upset No.4 Kerber to score sixth Top 5 victory of her career, having earlier 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)
- 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 (d. No.8 Garcia in R16, l. Kerber)
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 six career Top 5 victories: No.5 Li (2013 Madrid), No.4 Kvitova (2015 Australian Open), No.4 Muguruza (2016 Rome and 2017 Stanford), No.4 Svitolina (2017 US Open) and No.4 Kerber (2018 Cincinnati)
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 US Open marked 25th 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**

- Currently without a full-time coach; fitness coach is Rodney Marshall
- Previously coached by Jesse Levine, Thomas Hogstedt, Dieter Kindlmann, Lindsay Davenport and David Taylor
- 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
[14] GARBIÑE MUGURUZA (ESP #14) vs. EKATERINA MAKAROVA (RUS #41)

Head to Head: GARBIÑE MUGURUZA leads 3-2

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**GARBIÑE MUGURUZA**
- WTA Rank: 14
- Date of Birth: 08-10-1993 (24)
- YTD Prize Money: $1,743,379
- Career Prize Money: $17,260,001
- Singles Titles (YTD/Career): 1/6
- Doubles Titles (YTD/Career): 0/5
- YTD/Career W-L (MD): 7-3
- YTD/Career 3-Set W-L (MD): 24-15 / 205-116
- YTD/Career Tie-Break W-L (MD): 3-9 / 65-51
- YTD/Career Left Hander W-L (MD): 2-4 / 29-40
- YTD/Career Top 5 W-L (MD & Q): 15-9 / 131-76
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- YTD/Career Top 20 W-L (MD & Q): 2-1 / 29-29
- YTD/Career Top 20 Left Hander W-L (MD & Q): 2-3 / 54-51

**EKATERINA MAKAROVA**
- WTA Rank: 41
- Date of Birth: 07-06-1988 (30)
- YTD Prize Money: $1,470,255
- Career Prize Money: $12,988,300
- Singles Titles (YTD/Career): 0/3
- Doubles Titles (YTD/Career): 2/14
- YTD/Career W-L (MD): 16-18 / 257-223
- YTD/Career 3-Set W-L (MD): 7-6 / 74-72
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MUGURUZA:

**Beijing**

- Making fifth appearance at China Open. Champion here in Beijing in 2015, defeating Bacsinszky in the final in straight sets. That year, had reached final the week before in Wuhan (l. V. Williams via ret.)
- Last year, as top seed retired in 1r against Strycova w/viral illness
- Faces Russian No.4 Makarova in 1r today; owns 3-3 record against Russian players in 2018, most recently beating Pavlyuchenkova at Birmingham in June
- Posted 5-5 record during last year’s Asian swing, posting SF run at Tokyo [PPO], QF showing at Wuhan, 1r loss at Beijing and round robin exit at the WTA Finals
- One of two Spaniards in starting field this week (also Suárez Navarro)

**Season**

- Last week, made R16 at Wuhan (l. Siniakova) – wins over Van Uytvanck and Golubic in opening two rounds were first back-to-back wins since Roland Garros SF run in June
- Began Asian swing with 2r defeat at Tokyo (l. Riske)
- On hard courts this summer, fell 2r at both Cincinnati (as defending champion, l. Tsurenko) and US Open (l. No.202 Muchova)
- Withdrew from San Jose and Montréal w/right arm injury
- On grass, suffered 2r losses at Wimbledon (as defending champion, l. Van Uytvanck) and Birmingham (l. Strycova)
- Advanced to SF at Roland Garros (l. eventual champion and No.1 Halep)
- Was one win away from returning to WTA World No.1 in Paris, but needed to reach final
- Arrived in Paris after opening match defeat at Rome (after 1r bye, l. Gavrilova in 3s – held 2mp)
- Advanced to 3r at Madrid (l. Kasatkina) after suffering opening match loss at Stuttgart (ret. vs. Pavlyuchenkova w/lower back injury)
- Went 2-0 in singles (d. González and Cepede Royg) during Spain's 3-1 Fed Cup World Group II play-off win over Paraguay
- Won sixth career singles title at Monterrey (d. Babos in F). Now owns 6-4 career record in singles finals
- Reached R16 at Miami (l. eventual champion Stephens in straight sets) after falling to No.100 Vickery in Indian Wells 2r (after a 1r bye)
- Made SF in Dubai (l. eventual R-Up Kasatkina, having held three match points)
- Reached ninth career singles final in Doha (l. Kvitova in 3s)
- Made 2r exit at Australian Open – as No.3 seed, l. No.88-ranked Hsieh. Was in contention to reclaim No.1 ranking in Melbourne, but needed to reach final and see other results go her way
- Opened 2018 season with 2r exit at Brisbane (after 1r bye, l. No.53 Krunic – led 7-5 5-2 before retiring w/cramp midway through third set)
- Withdrew before QF match against Gavrilova at Sydney (w/right thigh injury)

**Career**

- Ended 2017 on a ranking of No.2 for career-best year-end finish. Ascended to become the World No.1 on September 11, 2017. Became the 24th woman in history of the WTA to hold the top spot and second from Spain (after Sánchez Vicario in 1995)
- Named ITF World Champion for 2017
- Won two titles in 2017, lifting her second Grand Slam title at Wimbledon (d. V.Williams in F), as well as winning Premier 5-level Cincinnati (d. Halep in F)
- Dropped just one set en route to title at All England Club, during 2h20 R16 encounter against No.1 Kerber. Registered 300th match win (at all levels) with final victory over V.Williams
- At Cincinnati, defeated World No.1 Ka.Pliskova and World No.2 Halep en route to title
- Qualified for WTA Finals for third year in a row in 2017, however failed to progress from group stage
- 2016 season highlight was winning maiden Grand Slam title at Roland Garros. Rose to then career-high ranking of No.2 as a result. Was first Spanish woman to be ranked in Top 2 since Sánchez Vicario in December 1996 (as No.2)
- Enjoyed breakout season in 2015, ending the year ranked No.3 and reaching first major final at Wimbledon
- Made Top 10 rankings debut after 2015 Wimbledon; one of six players to enter the elite bracket in 2015 – also Makarova, Suárez Navarro, Safarova, Ka.Pliskova and Bacsinszky
- In 2015, became first Spanish player to compete at the WTA Finals in singles since 2001 (Sánchez Vicario) and reached doubles final (w/Suárez Navarro, I. Hingis/Mirza)
• Made WTA main draw debut at Miami in 2012, defeating No.9 Zvonareva for first Top 10 win of career

**Grand Slam History**

• 2018 US Open marked 24th main draw appearance at a Grand Slam
• Is a two-time Grand Slam champion, winning titles at 2016 Roland Garros (d. S.Williams in F, and dropping just one set en route to lifting the Coupe Suzanne Lenglen) and 2017 Wimbledon (d. V.Williams in F)
• Is one of 27 women in the Open Era to win multiple Grand Slam titles. Owns a 2-1 record in Grand Slam final matches to date (also finishing R-Up at 2015 Wimbledon – l. S.Williams)
• Is the second player to face both Williams sisters in the final of the same major (also Hingis, at US Open in 1997 – d. V.Williams, and 1999 – l. S.Williams). By winning 2017 Wimbledon, became only player to defeat both sisters in Grand Slam final, at Roland Garros (d. S.Williams in 2016) and Wimbledon (d. V.Williams in 2017)
• The 45th woman in the Open Era to win a Grand Slam title and one of 10 women (also Bouchard, Halep, Keys, Kvitova, Osaka, Ostapenko, Ka.Pliskova, Stephens and Wozniacki) born in the 1990s to make a Grand Slam final
• At 2015 Wimbledon, became first Spaniard to reach Wimbled on final since Sánchez Vicario (1996) and first Spanish woman to reach any Grand Slam singles final since Conchita Martínez at 2000 Roland Garros (l. Pierce)
• Reached SF stage at 2018 Roland Garros (l. eventual champion Halep)
• At Australian Open, best result is QF in 2017 (l. Vandeweghe) and at US Open reached R16 in 2017 (l. Kvitova)

**Other Information**

• Coached by Sam Sumyk
• Began playing tennis at age three; first memory of the sport was playing with her brothers
• Mother, Scarlet is from Venezuela and father, José Antonio, is from Spain

MAKAROVA:

**Beijing**

• Making eighth main draw appearance at Beijing. Best result at China Open came with R16 run in 2014 (l. Vinci)
• Recovered from 3-1 down in the final set to beat today's opponent Muguruza in 1r during 2014 run
• Since then, has won only four games from subsequent two meetings against the Spaniard
• Has scored five Top 20 wins in 2018, against No.7 Ostapenko (Sydney), No.16 Sevastova (Dubai), No.2 Wozniacki (Wimbledon), No.8 Ka.Pliskova (New Haven) and No.9 Goerges (US Open)
• Bidding to be first left-handed player to reach the China Open final since Kvitova in 2014 (l. Sharapova)
• Doubles champion here w/Vesnina in 2012 (d. Llagostera Vives/Mirza in F)
• Best result of her career in China was QF showing at 2017 Wuhan
Season

• Coming off qualifying loss to Cabrera last week at Wuhan
• Made 3r at US Open (l. Sevastova). Upset No.9 Goerges in 2r at Flushing Meadows, improving her 2018 record to 4-6 vs. Top 10 players, also defeating No.7 Ostapenko (Sydney), No.2 Wozniacki (Wimbledon) and No.8 Ka.Pliskova (New Haven)
• Earlier summer hard court results included 1r exits at Washington, DC (as defending champion, l. Bogdan), Montréal (l. Kontaveit), R16 at Cincinnati (l. Tsurenko) and QF at New Haven (l. Goerges)
• Won second doubles title of season and 14th of career at Cincinnati (w/Hradecka)
• Advanced to R16 at Wimbledon, defeating No.2 Wozniacki in 2r
• Went 0-2 on grass in lead-up to Wimbledon, posting 1r exits at Birmingham (l. Cornet) and Eastbourne (l. Cibulkova)
• After Roland Garros, rose to co-World No.1 in doubles w/Vesnina – spent four weeks in top spot
• Made 2r at Roland Garros (l. S.Zheng in 1r was first on tour since Miami in March
• Also on clay fell 1r at Madrid (l. Halep) and Istanbul (l. Krunic). Won doubles title at Madrid (w/Vesnina)
• Was part of Russian team that lost 3-2 to Latvia to drop into Europe/Africa Zone Group I for the first time since 1997. Lost singles rubbers to Sevastova and Ostapenko (both in straight sets)
• Reached 2r at Miami (l. Ka.Pliskova) and Indian Wells (l. Kerber), Doha (l. Halep), Dubai (l. Garcia) and St Petersburg (l. Siniakova)
• Made 1r exit at Australian Open (l. Begu in a match lasting over three hours)
• Started 2018 with a 2r exit in Sydney (d. No.7 Ostapenko, l. Strycova)
• Finished doubles R-Up at Australian Open with partner Vesnina (l. Mladenovic/Babos) and Indian Wells (l. Hsieh/Strycova)

Career

• Posted sixth consecutive Top 40 singles season in 2017 (at No.33) and fifth straight Top 10 doubles season (No.3)
• Won third WTA singles title at 2017 Washington, DC (d. Goerges in F); other 2017 season highlights included R16 showing at Australian Open (l. Konta) and QF at Wuhan (l. eventual champion Garcia)
• Also reached 3r at 2017 US Open (l. Suárez Navarro), defeating No.5 seed Wozniacki en route
• Lifted third major doubles title at All England Club in 2017 (w/Vesnina d. H.Chan/Niculescu in F, 6-0 6-0)
• Defeated No.1 A.Kerber in 1r at Roland Garros. Win over the German was first in five attempts against a reigning World No.1 – losses came at 2007 US Open (l. Henin), 2014 Dubai (l. S.Williams), 2014 US Open (l. S.Williams) and 2016 US Open (l. S.Williams)
• Previous career-best singles wins-by-ranking were over No.3 Azarenka (2013 Madrid) and No.3 Halep (2015 Australian Open)
• Singles highlights in 2016 included four QFs, at Sydney (l. Bencic), Miami (l. Kuznetsova), Eastbourne (l. Konta) and New Haven (l. Kvitova)
Also in 2016 reached R16 at Australian Open (I. Konta), Wimbledon (I. Vesnina) and Rio Olympics (I. Kvitova)

Stellar doubles season in 2016 included winning gold medal for Russia at Rio Olympics (w/Vesnina; d. Bacsinszky/Hingis in F) and titles at Montréal (d. Halep/Niculescu in F) and WTA Finals in Singapore (d. Mattek-Sands/Safarova in F). Also were runners-up at Rome (I. Hingis/Mirza) and Roland Garros (I. Garcia/Mladenovic)

Made Top 10 debut in January 2015; the 110th player to move into the Top 10 in WTA history and 12th Russian to do so; reached career-best ranking of No.8 on April 6, 2015

Owns 3-2 career record in singles finals, winning at 2017 Washington DC, 2014 Pattaya City and 2010 Eastbourne; was R-Up at Fès and Oeiras in 2009

Member of Russian Fed Cup side that won competition in 2008

Made WTA qualifying debut at 2004 Moscow and main draw debut at 2007 Los Angeles

**Grand Slam History**

- 2018 US Open marked 45th consecutive main draw appearance at a Grand Slam – has not missed a major since making debut at 2007 US Open (as qualifier, I. Henin in 2r)
- Best results have been back-to-back SF runs at 2014 US Open (l. eventual champion S.Williams) and 2015 Australian Open (I. Sharapova)
- At Wimbledon, reached QF in 2014 (d. No.4 A.Radwanska in R16, I. Safarova); other notable result at SW19 is making R16 in 2016 (I. Vesnina) and 2018 (I. Giorgi)
- At Roland Garros, best result is R16 in 2011 (I. Azarenka) and 2015 (I. Ivanovic)
- The first player not to have held No.1 ranking and defeated both Williams sisters in Grand Slam play (S.Williams at 2012 Australian Open and V.Williams at 2014 Australian Open). Since joined by Sloane Stephens, who defeated Serena at 2013 Australian Open and Venus at 2015 Roland Garros
- A three-time Grand Slam doubles champion alongside long-term partner Vesnina; won 2013 Roland Garros (d. Errani/Vinci in F), 2014 US Open (d. Hingis/Pennetta in F) and 2017 Wimbledon (d. H.Chan/Niculescu in F)
- Won 2012 US Open mixed doubles title (w/Soares)

**Other Information**

- Mother's name is Olga Makarova; father's name is Valery; brother's name is Andrey
- Introduced to tennis at age 6; began playing at Club Luzhniki
- Coached by Evgenia Manyukova. Physio is Husan Usmanov
[Q] ZARINA DIYAS (KAZ #92) vs. [8] NAOMI OSAKA (JPN #8)

Head to Head: NAOMI OSAKA leads 1-0

2018  ROLAND GARROS  CLAY O  R2  NAOMI OSAKA  6-4  7-5  83 mins

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DIYAS:

**Beijing**

- As a qualifier making third main draw appearance at China Open. Made 2r in 2014 (l. Kerber)
- Fell 1r in 2015 (l. Puig) and made qualifying exits in 2010 and 2017
- Faces No.8 Osaka today. Bidding for best win-by-rank of season, bettering defeat of No.27 Kuznetsova at Miami
- Winner will meet Collins in 2r
- Owns two career wins over Top 10 players (d. No.7 Jankovic at 2010 Moscow, d. No.10 Petkovic at 2015 Dubai)
- Has fine record in Asia, winning sole career title at 2017 Tokyo [Japan Open], reaching final at 2014 Osaka and five further quarterfinals

**Season**

- Fell 1r at Tokyo (as qualifier, l. No.8 seed Strycova) after QF run at Hiroshima (as defending champion, l. Zhang)
- Made 1r exit at US Open (l. Ka.Pliskova)
- Fell in qualifying at Cincinnati before a through qualifying on her way to a 2r at New Haven (l. Kvitova in 3s)
- Suffered a left knee injury at Nottingham, forcing her to retire in her 1r match w/ Stosur. The injury held her out for the remainder of the grass court season
- Reached 2r at Roland Garros (l. Osaka)
- Advanced to QF at Strasbour (l. eventual champion Pavlyuchenkova)
- Lost opening match at Rome, having entered main draw as LL (l. Kerber)
- Also fell 1r at Madrid (l.Puig) and Rabat (l. Errani)
- Reached 2r of Stuttgart as a qualifier, fell to Ostapenko in 2r. Fell in 1r at Charleston
- Achieved a career-best result at Miami, reaching R16 (l. Ka.Pliskova)
- Fell in 1r of Indian Wells (l. S.Williams – playing first match since returning from maternity leave)
- Made 2r at Taipei City (l. Niculescu). Fell in Dubai qualifying
- Represented Kazakhstan in Fed Cup Asia/Oceania Zone Group I in February, compiling 3-1 singles record. Only singles defeat came against Nara as Kazakhstan narrowly missed out on a place in the World Group II play-offs after losing 2-1 to Japan in the promotion play-off
- Opened 2018 season at Shenzhen, reaching QF (l. Sharapova), followed by 1r exit at Australian Open (l. Cirstea)

**Career**

- Finished 2017 at No.66, up from No.148 in 2016. Scored best year-end finish in 2014, at No.34
- Career-high rank is No.31, set week of January 12, 2015
- Won first WTA title of career at 2017 Tokyo [Japan Open] (as qualifier, d. Kato in F – title run took in eight matches)
- Is now 1-1 in WTA singles finals, after finishing R-Up at 2014 Osaka (l. Stosur in F)
• Following 1r loss at 2016 Wimbledon, underwent wrist surgery, sidelining her until February 2017, and spent much of last season playing ITF events

• Before being sidelined by wrist injury, 2016 highlight was reaching 3r at Miami (l. S.Williams). This was the first time she won back-to-back matches in 2016, and the first time since 2015 Wimbledon

• Made 2r exits at 2016 Indian Wells (l. eventual champion Azarenka), Shenzhen (l. Siniakova), Kaohsiung (l. Kulichkova), Kuala Lumpur (l. Zhu), Strasbourg (l. Kudryavtseva) and Roland Garros (l. Halep)

• Started 2015 season strongly with back-to-back QF appearances at Shenzhen (l. Zheng) and Hobart (l. Riske). Other highlights in first half of 2015 included reaching 3r at Indian Wells (l. S.Williams)

• Made professional debut at $100k ITF/Bratislava-SVK in 2007

• On ITF Circuit has won seven singles titles

**Grand Slam History**

• 2018 US Open marked 17th main draw appearance at a Grand Slam

• Best results across the majors are R16 runs at Wimbledon in 2014 (on debut, d. No.15 Suárez Navarro en route, l. Halep) and 2015 (d. No.14 Petkovic, l. Sharapova)

• Has also reached 3r at Australian Open in 2014 (as qualifier, l. Halep) and 2015 (l. eventual R-Up Sharapova) and US Open in 2014 (l. Makarova). At Roland Garros fell 2r in 2015 and 2016

**Other Information**

• Currently working with Roberto Antonini

• Previously coached by Alan Ma, with training base in Guangzhou, China

• Started playing tennis at age six

• Lived in Czech Republic from ages five to 12; now mainly based in Guangzhou, China
OSAKA:

**Beijing**

- Making second main draw appearance at China Open. Fell 1r last year (l. Kerber) and made qualifying exit in 2016
- Faces No.92 Diyas today; a loss today would mark worst-by-rank in a completed match this season (ret. after first set against No.113 Jakupovic at Birmingham)
- Excluding Birmingham retirement, has fallen to a player ranked outside the Top 50 only once in 2018 (l. No.62 Linette at Washington DC)
- Among the Top 10 seeds for the first time at a Premier Mandatory tournament; by contrast, this time last year was No.62
- Currently sits at No.3 on the Race to Singapore leaderboard. Will secure qualification by reaching SF in Beijing – bidding to be first Japanese player to contest season-ending showpiece since Sugiyama in 2003
- Sole Japanese player competing this week at Beijing
- Has posted impressive numbers on serve in 2018, firing 243 aces and winning 77.4% of her service games

**Season**

- Withdrew from Wuhan last week due to a viral illness
- Finished R-Up at Tokyo (l. Ka.Pliskova in F); record in WTA finals now 2-2
- Lifted maiden Grand Slam title at US Open (d. Keys in SF and S.Williams in F); was first Japanese woman to reach Grand Slam final and the youngest US Open champion since Sharapova in 2006
- Is the first maiden Slam champion to make the final of her next event since Azarenka won Australian Open and then Doha in 2012
- From her efforts in New York, passed USD $5 million in prize money for the season – No.2 (behind Halep) on the 2018 list of top earners
- Started North American hard court season with 2r showing at Washington DC (l. Linette), followed by 1r exits at Montréal (l. Suárez Navarro) and Cincinnati (l. Sakkari)
- For fifth consecutive major made 3r at Wimbledon (l. eventual champion Kerber)
- Opened grass season with SF run at Nottingham (l. eventual champion Barty) before making 2r at Birmingham (ret. vs. Jakupovic w/abdominal injury). Withdrew from Eastbourne with same injury
- Advanced to 3r at Roland Garros (l. Keys)
- Also on clay, reached 2r at Rome (l. Halep) and made 1r exit at Madrid (l. Zhang) following R16 showing at Charleston (l. eventual R-Up Goerges)
- Made 2r exit at Miami Open (l. No.4 seed Svitolina). Defeated eight-time Miami Open champion, S.Williams in 1r, becoming just the seventh woman to defeat Williams in Key Biscayne and first to do so before the R16
- Prior to Miami 2r loss to Svitolina, was on eight-match winning streak after claiming first WTA title at Indian Wells
En route to the Indian Wells title, defeated five-time major champion Sharapova, and Grand Slam finalists A.Radwanska, Ka.Pliskova and Halep without dropping a set. Only set dropped all week was against Sakkari in R16.

That eight-match win streak included victories over four players who have held the No.1 ranking (S. Williams, Ka. Pliskova, Sharapova and current No.1, Halep) as well as a former No.2 (A.Radwanska), along with emerging talents Sakkari and Kasatkina.

Owns a 1-3 record against reigning No.1s (defeated Halep at 2018 Indian Wells and lost to Ka.Pliskova at 2017 Toronto and Halep at 2018 Australian Open and 2018 Rome).

Made 2r in Doha (as qualifier, l. Sevastova) and QF in Dubai (l. eventual champion Svitolina).

Reached R16 at a Slam for the first time at Australian Open – d. Kucova and seeds No.16 Vesnina and No.18 Barty en route before falling to eventual runner-up and World No.1 Halep.

Opened 2018 season with 1r exit at Hobart (l. Putintseva); also played at Hopman Cup (went 1-1 in singles).

Career:

Produced second Top 100 season in 2017, finishing at No.68 as the Japanese No.1.

Book-ended the season with QF showings at Auckland and Hong Kong; other highlights included 3r runs at Wimbledon and US Open.

Scored first Top 5 win when she upset No.5 V.Williams at 2017 Hong Kong. Upset win over defending champion and No.6-ranked Kerber at 2017 US Open marked first career Top 10 win.

Overall owns three wins over Top 5 players: No.5 Ka.Pliskova and No.1 Halep (both at 2018 Indian Wells) and No.5 V.Williams (at 2017 Hong Kong).

Finished 2016 at then career-high ranking of No.40, which was her first Top 200 finish; voted 2016 WTA Newcomer of the Year.

Highlight of 2016 was career-first WTA final at Tokyo [PPO] (l. Wozniacki). Also reached three QFs, at Acapulco, Florianopolis and Tianjin, and 3r at 2016 Australian Open, Roland Garros and US Open. Received direct entry into 2016 Wimbledon but withdrew w/right knee injury.


 Ranked No.406, made WTA main draw debut at 2014 Stanford. As an alternate, won through qualifying (achieving first WTA qualifying wins in the process), and came from match point down to shock No.19 Stosur in 1r of main draw, before losing to No.18 Petkovic in 2r.

Made WTA qualifying debut at Québec City in 2013 (l. Dabrowski).

Grand Slam History:

Defeated six-time champion S.Williams in final of 2018 US Open to become first Japanese player to win a Grand Slam title.
In reaching R16 at 2018 Australian Open, became youngest Japanese player to reach R16 at a Grand Slam since Sugiyama at 1995 Roland Garros (19 yrs, 342 days) and the youngest player from Japan to reach the fourth round at Australian Open since Date in 1990 (19 yrs, 122 days)

Has also made 3r at the other two majors: 2016 Roland Garros (l. Halep) and 2018 Roland Garros (l. Keys), 2017 Wimbledon (l. V.Williams) and 2018 Wimbledon (l. Kerber)

**Other Information**

Currently coached by Aleksandar (Sascha) Bajin, former hitting partner of Caroline Wozniacki, Victoria Azarenka and Serena Williams. Formerly coached by David Taylor, long-time coach of Sam Stosur

Since taking over the reins, Bajin has used his experience to help Naomi climb from No.68 to start the season to No.7. Under his tutelage, she became the first Japanese woman to win a Premier Mandatory-level title at Indian Wells and now owns a 38-16 record on the season (across all levels)

Was born in Osaka, Japan, and moved to USA when she was three years old; holds dual citizenship. Currently lives in Fort Lauderdale and trains in Boca Raton

Prior to this year's US Open, signed on as brand ambassador for Citizen. At end of 2016, signed sponsorship deals with broadcaster WOWOW and food brand Nissin

Her father, Leonard Max Francois, was born in Haiti and attended college in NYC before moving to Japan where he lived for 13 years

Her mother, Tamaki, is Japanese. Older sister Mari is also on tour
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CHINA OPEN – FIRST ROUND (SUNDAY)

National Tennis Stadium
[3] ANGELIQUE KERBER (GER #3) vs. KRISTINA MLADENOVIC (FRA #48)
Kerber leads 3-1
Kerber has won all three hard court meetings between the players... Mladenovic owns six Top 5 wins, most recently against Muguruza at 2017 Roland Garros... Kerber a three-time Beijing quarterfinalist

[WC] YAFAN WANG (CHN #78) vs. [4] CAROLINE GARCIA (FRA #4)
First meeting
Garcia looking to become first woman to defend China Open... Wang has never beaten a Top 10 opponent... Both players fell at their opening hurdle last week in Wuhan

[1] SIMONA HALEP (ROU #1) vs. [Q] ONS JABEUR (TUN #113)
First meeting
Halep has won her past 11 matches against qualifiers... Jabeur owns one career Top 10 win... Halep's run to the final in Beijing last year saw her rise to No.1 for the first time

[9] SLOANE STEPHENS (USA #9) vs. ANASTASIA PAVLYUCHENKOVA (RUS #39)
Stephens leads 1-0
Stephens beat Pavlyuchenkova to win maiden title at 2015 Washington DC... Pavlyuchenkova coming off QF showing at Wuhan... Stephens's last win on Asian soil came in Beijing in 2015

[LL] SORANA CIRSTEA (ROU #57) vs. [11] KIKI BERTENS (NED #11)
Cirstea leads 4-0
Cirstea dropped two sets across four career meetings... Bertens has won 21 of past 25 matches on tour, but has never tasted victory in Beijing... Cirstea, meanwhile, reached QF here last year

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[3] ANGELIQUE KERBER (GER #3) vs. KRISTINA MLADENOVIC (FRA #48)

Head to Head: ANGELIQUE KERBER leads 3-1

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KERBER

- Making eighth main draw appearance at China Open (ninth overall), where she is a three-time quarterfinalist
- Reached last eight in 2012 (l. Sharapova), 2013, (l. A.Radwanska) and 2015 (l. A.Radwanska)
- Faces French No.3 Mladenovic in 1r today; lost to French opponent, Cornet, at Beijing in 2017
- Since winning Wimbledon this July, has failed to reach QF of subsequent four tournaments
- Posted 4-6 record during Asian swing in 2017, highlighted by SF showing at Tokyo [PPO] (l. Pavlyuchenkova)
- One of four Germans in the draw (also Goerges, Petkovic and Siegemund). Two Germans have reached the China Open final, Groenefeld in 2005 (l. Kirilenko) and Petkovic in 2011 (l. A.Radwanska)
- Enters 2018 Beijing ranked No.3 (September 24, 2018), having returned to Top 5 after 2018 Wimbledon success (July 16, 2017) – the last time she was ranked this high was on August 14, 2017 at No.3
- Secured her spot at the WTA Finals, joining Halep in Singapore next month. Six singles spots remain up for grabs

Season

- Opened Asian swing with R16 showing at Wuhan (l. Barty). Withdrew from Tokyo citing an ankle injury
- Reached 3r at US Open (l. Cibulkova in 3s) after posting 2r exit at Montréal (after 1r bye, l. Cornet) and reaching R16 at Cincinnati (l. Keys)
- Won her third career Grand Slam singles title at Wimbledon (d. S.Williams in F), becoming the first German to win at the All England Club since Graf in 1996

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Insight
- Hit only five unforced errors and broke her opponent four times in seven return games in a clinical performance during the Wimbledon final, needing only 67 minutes to defeat S. Williams for the second time in her career during a Grand Slam final (also 2016 US Open)
- Posted SF run at Eastbourne (l. eventual champion Wozniacki having held match point). Returned to Top 10 following Eastbourne result – at No.10
- Made 1r exit at Mallorca in a darkness delayed match (l. Riske)
- Finished clay season with an 8-5 record, improving from her three clay wins in 2017
- Matched her career-best result at Roland Garros by reaching QF (l. eventual champion Halep)
- Enjoyed a QF run at Rome (l. eventual champion Svitolina) – her first QF on clay since winning 2016 Stuttgart
- Withdrew from Madrid due to a right thigh injury
- Made R16 at Stuttgart (d. No.10 Kvitova, l. Kontaveit via ret. w/right thigh injury)
- Lost to Ka.Pliskova and Kvitova during Germany’s Fed Cup semifinal defeat to Czech Republic
- Enjoyed a pair of QF runs in the ‘Sunshine Double’, at Miami (l. eventual champion Stephens) and Indian Wells (l. eventual R-Up Kasatkina)
- Made SF run at Dubai (l. eventual champion Svitolina) – her 50th career tour-level SF. Defeated No.5 Ka.Pliskova for second Top 5 win in 2018 (also No.5 V.Williams en route to Sydney title)
- Reached QF at Doha (l. Wozniacki in 3s)
- Advanced to SF at Australian Open (l. Halep in 3s, having held two match points); was first Grand Slam SF since title run at 2016 US Open. No.21 seeding at Australian Open was lowest seed at a Slam since 2012 Australian Open (No.30)
- Ended 27-tournament title drought (dating back to 2016 US Open) by winning at Sydney (d. Barty in F). Posted wins over No.31 Safarova (saved 2mp), No.5 V.Williams and No.25 Cibulkova en route
- Represented Germany at Hopman Cup w/Zverev (R-up to Switzerland, d. Bencic in singles rubber)

**Career**

- Ended 2017 on a ranking of No.21 – sixth consecutive Top 25 season. Best results of season were R-Up finish at Monterrey and SFs at Tokyo [PPO] (l. Pavlyuchenkova) and Dubai (l. Svitolina)
- Enjoyed an outstanding 2016 season, winning first Grand Slam titles of career at Australian Open (d. S.Williams in F) and US Open (d. Ka.Pliskova in F), finishing R-Up at Wimbledon (l. S.Williams in F) and rising to World No.1 in the WTA rankings
- Courtesy of her results in 2016, doubled her career prize money during season, passing $19 million mark; passed $20 million at 2017 Roland Garros, becoming 15th player to do so
- After 2016 US Open, aged 28, became oldest player to make her debut at World No.1, a record previously held by Jennifer Capriati, who was 25 years, 200 days when she reached No.1 in October 2001
- Secured the 2016 year-end World No.1 ranking – only the 12th WTA player to achieve the feat and second German woman to do so after Graf (eight times)
- Was voted WTA Player of the Year in 2016 by international media and fans; also, ITF World Champion
• 2016 marked fifth successive Top 10 season finish. Was the WTA match win leader in 2016, going 63-18
• Posted the most wins against Top 10 opponents in 2016, going 12-3, including defeats of No.8 Cibulkova, No.4 Halep, No.7 Keys and No.3 A.Radwanska in Singapore, as well as No.1 S.Williams (Australian Open), No.6 Halep (Fed Cup), No.7 Kvitova (Stuttgart), No.5 Halep and No.8 V.Williams (Wimbledon), No.10 Keys (Rio Olympics), No.4 Halep (Cincinnati) and No.8 Vinci (US Open)
• Reached a career-best total of eight finals across the 2016 season (most finals of any player); as well as winning first two majors, successfully defended title on home soil at Stuttgart (d. Siegemund in F)
• 2016 Stuttgart marked first time she had successfully defended a title in her career; the first German (and seventh player overall) to do so in Stuttgart
• Made fourth appearance at WTA Finals in 2016, progressing past round-robin for first time (l. Cibulkova in F); first German to reach final at the season-ending championships since Graf won title in 1996
• Other runner-up finishes in 2016 came at Brisbane (l. Azarenka in F), Wimbledon (l. S.Williams in F), Rio Olympics (l. Puig, won silver medal)
• Reached first WTA final of career at 2010 Bogotá and won first title at 2012 Paris [Indoors]. Has won titles on all surfaces: hardcourt, grass and clay (red and green) Career record in tour-level finals stands at 12-16
• Made first WTA appearance in qualifying at 2003 Berlin

**Grand Slam History**

• 2018 US Open marked 44th Grand Slam main draw appearance. Is a three-time Grand Slam champion, winning 2016 Australian Open (d. S.Williams in F), 2016 US Open (d. Ka.Pliskova in F) and 2018 Wimbledon (d. S.Williams in F)
• At 2016 Australian Open, became first German to win a Grand Slam singles title since Graf at 1999 Roland Garros (d. Hingis in F). At the time was the fourth player to defeat S.Williams in a Grand Slam final (after V.Williams, Sharapova and Stosur; since joined by Muguruza and Osaka)
• Also became first Grand Slam champion to save match point en route to the title since Li at 2014 Australian Open (Kerber saved a match point in 1r win over Doi) and was the first left-handed player to win a Grand Slam singles title since Kvitova at 2014 Wimbledon
• Won second Grand Slam singles title at US Open (d. Ka.Pliskova in F) and rose to World No.1; was 22nd player to hold WTA World No.1 ranking, and second German woman to achieve milestone since computer rankings were introduced in 1975 (after Graf, who spent the last of her record 377 weeks at No.1 in March 1997)
• Became the first German since 1996 to win Wimbledon in 2018, her third career Grand Slam singles title (d. S.Williams in F). Kerber hit only five unforced errors in the match to oust Williams in just 67 minutes. The win moved Kerber to No.4 in the WTA Rankings, moving her back into the Top 5 after a near-11 month absence
• In 2016, also finished R-Up at Wimbledon (l. S.Williams). Is fourth player in Open Era to reach three Grand Slam finals in the same year they reached their first, after Goolagong Cawley (1971), Graf (1987) and Hingis (1997)
• Roland Garros remains the only major where she has yet to reach the final. Best results are a pair of QF runs in 2012 (l. eventual R-Up Errani) and 2018 (l. eventual champion Halep)
**Other Information**

- Coached by Wim Fissette. Ended successful partnership with Torben Beltz during 2018 pre-season
- In January 2017 was named in Forbes 30 Under 30 in Europe (in the entertainment category), alongside the likes of Gareth Bale and Luis Suárez
- Speaks three languages: German, Polish, and English

**MLADENOVIC:**

**Beijing**

- Making fifth main draw appearance at Beijing. Only victory came during 2016’s 2r showing (d. Jankovic, l. Keys)
- Fell 1r in 2013 (l. Suárez Navarro), 2015 (l. Keys) and 2017 (l. Duan), and made qualifying exit in 2014
- Doubles R-Up here w/Garcia in 2016 (l. Mattek-Sands/Safarova). Top seed in doubles this week w/Babos
- Faces Kerber today. Owns six Top 5 career wins, over No.2 Li (2014 Roland Garros), No.3 Halep (2015 Birmingham), No.3 Ka.Pliskova (2017 Dubai), No.4 Halep (2017 Indian Wells), No.2 Kerber (2017 Stuttgart) and No.5 Muguruza (2017 Roland Garros)
- One of three French players in the main draw this year (also Cornet and Garcia)

**Season**

- Began Asian swing with 1r defeats at Tokyo (l. Kontaveit) and Wuhan (l. Siniakova)
- Fell 1r at New Haven (l. Sasnovich) and then made 2r at US Open (l. Suárez Navarro). Also finished doubles R-Up at Flushing Meadows York (w/Babos, l. Barty/Vandeweghe)
- Reached R16 for first time at Cincinnati (l. Kvitova); scored first Top 10 win of the season over No.10 Goerges in 1r
- Suffered 1r losses to Azarenka at Montréal and doubles partner Babos at San Jose
- Matched her best career result at Wimbledon by reaching 3r (l. eventual R-Up S. Williams) to finish the grass court swing with a 4-3 record
- Fell in 2r of Eastbourne (l. Barty) and Birmingham (l. Rybarikova) in preparation for the All England Club
- Finished clay season with back-to-back 1r exits at Rome (ret. against Sevastova w/dizziness) and Roland Garros (l. Petkovic)
- Reached QF stage in doubles at Paris (w/Babos, l. eventual R-Ups Hozumi/Ninomiya)
- Advanced to R16 at Madrid (l. Sharapova), after 1r exit in Stuttgart (l. Kontaveit after holding 2mp in second set)
- In doubles, was R-Up in Madrid (w/Babos, l. Makarova/Vesnina)
- Won two rubbers during France’s Fed Cup semifinal defeat against the United States. Defeated Vandeweghe in singles and w/Hesse beat Mattek-Sands/Vandeweghe in doubles
- Retired during her 1r match with qualifier Korpatsch in Lugano due to a back injury
- Fell 3r at Indian Wells (l. Wang) and 2r at Miami (after 1r bye, l. Martic)
- Reached QF in Acapulco before falling to eventual champion Tsurenko
Suffered 1r exit in Dubai (l. Osaka) after a 2r exit the week before at Doha (l. Blinkova)

Won three matches in France’s Fed Cup World Group tie vs. Belgium in Mouilleron-le-Captif. Defeated Mertens and Flipkens in singles before pairing up with Hesse to overcome Flipkens/Mertens in decisive doubles rubber

Reached eighth career singles final at St. Petersburg (as defending champion, l. Kvitova). Record in WTA singles finals now stands at 1-7. Run to St. Petersburg final brought first singles match wins since August 2017

Started the season with 1r exits at Brisbane (l. eventual runner-up Sasnovich), Sydney (l. Perez via ret. heat illness) and Australian Open (l. Bogdan)

Won second career Grand Slam doubles title at Australian Open (w/Babos) – defeated Makarova/Vesnina in F

Career

Enjoyed best season of career in 2017, making Top 10 debut and lifting first WTA singles title having reached four finals

Finished season at No.11 for highest year-end ranking and first inside Top 20. Broke into Top 10 on October 23, 2017

Won first career singles title at Premier-level St Petersburg (d. Putintseva in F). Passed $5 million career prize money mark by winning title

Reached biggest final of career at Premier Mandatory-level Madrid (l. Halep) and was R-Up at Acapulco (l. Tsurenko) and Stuttgart (l. Siegemund)

Advanced to SF at Indian Wells (l. eventual champion Venus), en route defeating two seeds, No.4 Halep and No.13 Wozniacki. Result saw her break into Top 20 in WTA Rankings for first time in career, and overtake Garcia to become French No.1

Qualified as first alternate for 2017 WTA Finals but not called on to play

Reached two singles finals in 2016, at ’s-Hertogenbosch (l. Vandeweghe) and Hong Kong (l. Wozniacki), having been runner-up at 2015 Strasbourg (l. Stosur)

Won four doubles titles in 2016 w/Garcia: Charleston (d. Mattek-Sands/Safarova), Stuttgart (d. Hingis/Mirza), Madrid (d. Hingis/Mirza) and Roland Garros (Makarova/Vesnina). In addition, also finished runners-up at Sydney, Dubai, US Open and Beijing (all w/Garcia). Team qualified for WTA Finals Singapore, losing in SF. By winning the tournament, could have become joint-World No.1s

Member of French Fed Cup side that advanced to 2016 competition final against Czech Republic – lost epic singles rubber to Ka.Pliskova, 63 46 16-14 in 3 hours 48 minutes – 30-game final set being longest-ever in a Fed Cup final – as well as decisive doubles rubber (w/Garcia, l. Pliskova/Strycova)

Also qualified for 2015 WTA Finals in Singapore in doubles w/Babos. Went 1-2 in RR stage and failed to progress

Overall has won 18 WTA doubles titles (18-14 record in finals). At Grand Slams won 2016 Roland Garros (w/Garcia) and finished R-Up at 2014 Wimbledon (w/Babos), 2016 US Open (w/Garcia) and 2018 US Open (w/Garcia)

Broke into Top 100 on September 17, 2012 and Top 50 on March 18, 2013

Played first WTA qualifying event as wildcard at 2008 Paris [Indoors]

Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in 2007
Grand Slam History

- 2018 US Open marked 32nd main draw appearance at a Grand Slam, with best results being QF runs at 2015 US Open (l. Vinci) and 2017 Roland Garros (l. Bacsinszky)
- Also reached 3r at 2016 Australian Open (l. Gavrilova), 2015 Wimbledon (l. Azarenka) and 2018 Wimbledon (l. eventual R-Up S. Williams)
- In doubles, won first Grand Slam doubles title at 2016 Roland Garros (w/compatriot Garcia, d. Makarova/Vesnina in F) – were first French pair to win the doubles title at Roland Garros since Gail Chanfreau and Francoise Durr in 1971
- Won second Grand Slam doubles title at 2018 Australian Open (w/Babos, d. Makarova/Vesnina in F)
- Finished R-Up at 2014 Wimbledon (w/Babos), 2016 US Open (w/Garcia) and 2018 US Open (w/Babos)
- Won mixed doubles titles at 2013 Wimbledon and 2014 Australian Open, and finished runner-up at 2013 Roland Garros and 2015 Australian Open (all w/Nestor)

Other Information

- Mother is Dzenita (was a pro volleyball player); father is Dragan (was a pro handball player); brother is Luka (soccer player)
- Started playing tennis aged 8 when introduced to sport by parents
- Speaks French, English, Serbian, Italian and Spanish
- Currently without a full-time coach
MATCH NOTES
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[WC] YAFAN WANG (CHN #78) vs. [4] CAROLINE GARCIA (FRA #4)

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Y.WANG:

**Beijing**

- Making third main draw appearance at Beijing (fifth overall)
- Best result was 2r showing as qualifier in 2016 (d. Brengle, l. Kvitova). Also fell 1r in 2017 (as WC, l. Cornet)
- One of five wildcards in the draw (also Duan, Stosur, Q.Wang and Zheng). Best run by wildcard at Beijing was SF showing by Peng in 2006
- Faces No.4 Garcia today. Lost both previous matches against Top 5 players: No.5 Wozniacki at 2015 Kuala Lumpur and No.5 Kvitova at 2018 US Open
- In terms of ranking, her best career win was against No.20 Stosur at 2014 Guangzhou
- Owns two Top 50 wins in 2018, against No.50 Vondrousova and No.23 Suárez Navarro (both at Miami)
- One of five Chinese players in main draw at Wuhan (also Duan, Q.Wang, Zhang and Zheng)
- Awarded wildcard into doubles draw w/Duan (face No.5 seeds Melichar/Peschke in 1r)

**Season**

- In first events of the Asian swing, made 2r at Guangzhou (l. Petkovic) and fell 1r at Wuhan (l. Keys)
- Reached 2r at US Open (l. Kvitova)
- In August, marked return to hard courts with finals appearance at $60k ITF/Jinan-CHN
- After Wimbledon, made QFs at Bucharest (l. Buzarnescu) and fell 2r at $100k ITF/Budapest-HUN; rose to career-high No.71 in the rankings after Bucharest run (July 23, 2018)
- Fell 1r at both Wimbledon (l. Blinkova) and Roland Garros (l. Martic) – her second and third Slam main draw appearances
- In other clay court outings fell 1r at Strasbourg (l. Parmentier) and in qualifying at Rome
- Strong performances at WTA 125K Series events this year highlighted by R-Up finish at Zhengzhou (l. S.Zheng). Also made QF at Anning and fell 1r at both Bol and Indian Wells
- Won through qualifying to reach R16 at Miami (l. Kerber on 3s); scored second-best win of career over No.23 Suárez Navarro in 2r
- Reached SF at Taipei City (l. eventual champion Babos) – her third WTA SF. Also won doubles title w/Duan – career record in doubles finals now stands at 3-2
- Went 2-1 in singles as China finished in third place in the Asia/Oceania Zone Group I event in New Delhi, India
- Contested qualifying at Dubai and Australian Open
- Began season with 2r showing at Shenzhen (l. eventual R-Up Siniakova)

**Career**

- Ended 2017 ranked No.168 (down from career-best finish of No.115 in 2016)
- Season highlight was reaching second WTA SF, at Nanchang (l. Hibino)
Missed first half of 2017 due to illness. Marked comeback with a series of opening round defeats on ITF Circuit before lifting eighth career title at this level at $25k ITF/Tianjin-CHN

Reached 2r at Guangzhou (l. Rodina) and Tianjin (l. Sorribes Tormo) and made 1r exits at Wuhan (l. Cirstea) and Beijing (l. Cornet)

Ended 2017 by winning ninth career title at $60k ITF/Liuzhou-CHN

Highlight of 2016 season was reaching 2r at US Open, on her main draw debut at the tournament (as qualifier, l. Tsurenko). Also made 2r appearances at Beijing (l. Kvitova) and Tianjin (l. Han)

Fell 1r at Kaohsiung (l. Linette), Kuala Lumpur (l. Krejickova), Nanchang (l. Zhang Y.) and Guangzhou (l. Wang)

Best result on ITF Circuit in 2016 was runner-up finish at ITF/Kashiwa-JPN in April

Winner of three WTA doubles titles, at 2015 Kuala Lumpur, 2015 Zhuhai and 2018 Taipei City, as well as a WTA 125K Series events at Hua Hin in 2015 and 2017, and Zhengzhou and Bol in 2018

Made Fed Cup debut for China in 2016

Cracked Top 50 in doubles in 2016, reaching No.49 (February 15, 2016)

Made WTA singles main draw debut at 2014 Guangzhou, advancing to SF (l. Niculescu). Defeated No.20 Stosur en route to register first – and to date only – Top 20 win

Contested WTA qualifying for the first time at 2012 Beijing

Played first event of career at ITF/Quanzhou-CHN in 2009

Grand Slam History

Having fallen in qualifying at all four Grand Slam events in 2015, made Grand Slam main draw debut at 2016 Australian Open (l. Sakkari in 1r)

Best results are 2r showings at US Open in 2016 (as qualifier, l. Tsurenko) and 2018 (l. Kvitova)

Also fell 1r at Roland Garros and Wimbledon in 2018

Has contested doubles main draw at all four majors

Other Information

Coached by Alejandro Dulko

Began playing tennis when she was nine

Born in Nanjing, China
GARCIA:

**Beijing**

- Defending champion is making her fifth main draw appearance in Beijing (sixth overall)
- Saved match point against Siniakova in QF last year before upsetting soon-to-be crowned No.1 Halep in final. Has never successfully defended a title before
- No woman has ever successfully defended the China Open title
- Was the first unseeded champion since the tournament was granted Premier Mandatory status in 2009. Before 2017, the furthest an unseeded player had progressed was to SF: Niculescu and Pennetta in 2011 and Stosur in 2014
- Previous best result in Beijing was reaching R16 in 2016 (l. Gavrilova). Made 2r exits in 2014 (l. V.Williams) and 2015 (l. Errani). Fell in 2013 qualifying
- Faces wildcard Y.Wang in 1r; owns 9-7 career record against Chinese players
- Seeded No.4 this week – has now been seeded at 22 consecutive tournaments (last tournament outside the seeds came at 2017 Beijing)
- Entering Beijing has served the ninth-most aces on tour with 215
- Enjoyed an outstanding Asian swing in 2017, winning titles at Beijing and Wuhan, reaching SF at WTA Finals Singapore and QF at Tokyo (15-3 win-loss record)

**Season**

- Began Asian swing with QF showing at Tokyo (l. Vekic) and 2r exit at Wuhan (as defending champion, l. Siniakova – held 1mp)
- Made QF at New Haven (l. Puig) and then 3r for third straight year at US Open (l. Suárez Navarro); rose to career-high ranking of No.4 following US Open (September 10, 2018)
- Reached R16 at Cincinnati (l. Sabalenka – held 1mp in third set)
- Posted QF showing at Montréal (l. eventual champion Halep - is now 0-7 vs. reigning World No.1s); broke into Top for first time at No.5 following the tournament (August 13, 2018)
- Suffered 1r exit at Wimbledon (l. Bencic) – her earliest exit at a major since 2016 Australian Open. On grass also reached QF at Mallorca (l. Kenin)
- Enjoyed a R16 run at Roland Garros (l. Kerber) improving her career win total in Paris to 10 – her most wins of any Slam
- Made QF at Rome losing to World No.1 Halep
- Reached SF at both Madrid (l. Bertens) and Stuttgart (l. Vandeweghe)
- At Stuttgart, defeated No.41 Sharapova in 1r, 15-year-old Ukrainian Marta Kostyuk in 2r, and No.4 Svitolina in QF for first Top 5 win of season
- Reached R16 on green clay of Charleston (l. Cornet)
- Suffered an opening match exit at Miami (after 1r bye, l. Riske) after a R16 showing at Indian Wells (l. Kerber)
- Made back-to-back QF appearances in Doha and Dubai (l. Muguruza on both occasions)
• Upset by No.450 qualifier Rybakina in 2r at St. Petersburg
• Advanced to R16 at Australian Open for the first time (l. Keys)
• Opened season at Brisbane, falling 1r (ret. vs. Cornet w/low back injury)

Career

• Enjoyed break-out year in 2017, ending season at then-career high No.8, winning her first titles at Premier 5 and Premier-Mandatory level, and qualifying for WTA Finals in Singapore
• Lifted two titles in 2017, winning Wuhan and Beijing back-to-back to improve record in WTA singles finals to 5-2. Title runs saw her win 11 matches in a row. This was her joint-best win streak of career – also won 11 straight matches in 2014, winning title at Bogotá (5 wins), going 2-0 in Fed Cup action vs. USA, then reaching the QF at Madrid (4 wins)
• Won 48 main draw matches last season, an increase of 14 on her 2016 total
• Wuhan marked first Premier 5 title of career, subsequently bettered by Beijing being first Premier Mandatory title of career
• Became third player to reach back-to-back finals in Wuhan and Beijing. The previous two were Kvitova in 2014 (Wuhan Won, Beijing R-Up) and Muguruza in 2015 (Wuhan R-Up, Beijing Won)
• Qualified for 2017 WTA Finals in Singapore, reaching SF (l. V.Williams). Was first French woman through to contest the season-ending event in singles since Mauresmo in 2006 (l. Henin in F)
• Has qualified for WTA Finals in doubles twice, in 2015 (w/Srebotnik – lost in RR stage) and 2016 (w/Mladeneovic - SF)
• Played 2015 WTA Finals Rising Stars Invitational (l. Osaka in F)
• Winner of two WTA singles titles in 2016 – at Strasbourg (d. Lucic-Baroni in F) and Mallorca (d. Sevastova in F)
• Qualified for 2016 WTA Elite Trophy Zhuahai, going 1-1 in singles round-robin play – d. Stosur, l. Konta
• Represented France at Rio Olympics in singles (2r), doubles (w/Mladenovic, 1r) and mixed doubles (w/Mahut, 1r)
• Member of French Fed Cup Team that advanced to 2016 final vs. Czech Republic – went 2-0 in singles, posting wins over Ka.Pliskova and Kvitova, although the Czechs won the tie, 3-2
• Ended 2016 season with runner-up finish at WTA 125K Series event at Limoges, France (l. Alexandrova in F), where she was the defending champion
• In addition to winning 2016 Roland Garros, team of Garcia/Mladenovic also reached title match at 2016 US Open (l. Mattek-Sands/Safarova) among eight finals reached in 2016 – won at Charleston, Stuttgart and Madrid as well as Roland Garros. Garcia is now 6-10 in tour-level doubles finals. Garcia/Mladenovic qualified for 2016 WTA Finals in Singapore – advanced to semifinals (l. Mattek-Sands/Safarova); duly finished season co-ranked No.2, a new career-high for both players
• Owns 15 wins over Top 10 players in career: No.9 Jankovic (2014 Bogotá), No.8 Kerber (2014 Madrid), No.6 A.Radwanska (2014 Wuhan), No.6 Ivanovic (2015 Monterrey), No.6 Ivanovic (2015 Indian Wells), No.6 Ivanovic (2015 Stuttgart), No.4 Kvitova (2015 Cincinnati), No.6 Ka.Pliskova (2016 Fed Cup final), No.9 Cibulkova (2017 Wuhan), No.3 Svitolina and No.2 Halep (both 2017 Beijing), No.4 Svitolina and No.6 Wozniacki (both 2017 WTA Finals), No.4 Svitolina (2018 Stuttgart) and No.10 Stephens (2018 Rome)
• Won maiden singles title at 2014 Bogotá (d. Jankovic in F) and won the doubles (w/Arruabarrena), becoming first player to win singles and doubles at same event since S.Williams at 2012 Olympics
• Reached finals in consecutive weeks at 2015 Acapulco and Monterrey (l. Bacsinszky in both)
• Made WTA and Grand Slam main draw debut at 2011 Australian Open, advancing to 2r
• Played first professional match aged 13 at an ITF event in France in 2007

**Grand Slam History**

• 2018 US Open marked 28th Grand Slam main draw appearance
• Advanced to QF at 2017 Roland Garros (l. Ka.Pliskova) for best Grand Slam singles result to date
• Has also reached R16 at 2017 Wimbledon (l. Konta), 2018 Australian Open (l. Keys) and 2018 Roland Garros (l. Kerber)
• Made US Open 3r in 2016 (l. A.Radwanska), 2017 (l. Kvitova) and 2018 (l. Suárez Navarro)
• In juniors, singles runner-up at 2011 US Open (l. Min) and was a semifinalist at the other three Grand Slam events
• In 2016 was doubles champion at Roland Garros and R-Up at US Open (both w/Mladenovic)

**Other Information**

• Coached by father, Louis Paul Garcia
• Played many sports when she was younger and chose tennis because it was the one she enjoyed the most
• Enjoys reading and spending time with family
[1] SIMONA HALEP (ROU #1) vs. [Q] ONS JABEUR (TUN #113)

Head to Head: First meeting

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Insight from SAP
HALEP:

Beijing

- Making seventh main draw appearance at China Open, where she was R-Up last year (l. Garcia)
- Victory over Ostapenko in 2017 SF confirmed she would rise to No.1 for the first time in her career – became the 25th different player to hold the honor
- Previous best result was QF run in 2014 (l. Ivanovic). Also reached R16 in 2016 (l. Zhang) and suffered 1r exits in 2012 (l. Sharapova), 2013 (l. A.Radwanksa) and 2015 (l. Arruabarrena)
- In addition to R-Up finish here in 2017, has reached five other finals on Asian soil, winning Doha in 2014, Dubai in 2015, Shenzhen in 2015 and 2018, and finishing R-Up at Singapore in 2014
- No.1 seed in Beijing; was also top seed here in 2015, when she lost to qualifier Arruabarrena in 1r (via ret. w/left ankle injury)
- Faces qualifier Jabeur in 1r today; has won past 11 matches against qualifiers, with most recent defeat coming at hands of Siegemund at 2016 Stuttgart
- Bidding to snap three-match losing streak; the last time the Romanian lost four straight matches was in 2012, when she followed defeat in the Brussels final (l. A.Radwanska) with 1r exits at Roland Garros (l. Cetkovska), ’s-Hertogenbosch (l. Medina Garrigues), Wimbledon (l. Medina Garrigues) and the Olympics (l. Shvedova)
- Looking to register 47th win of the season today; other players to reach the 40-win mark are Kvitova (47), Barty (43), Mertens (43), Kerber (43), Ka.Pliskova (41), Bertens (41) and Sabalenka (41)
- Ranked No.2 on tour for hard court wins (28), behind Sabalenka (30)
- In 2018, ranks No.1 on tour for percentage of return points won with 49.7%

Season

- After 1r bye, fell 2r at Wuhan (l. Cibulkova)
- Was forced to withdraw from New Haven w/right Achilles injury, then fell 1r at US Open (l. Kanepi) – the first time in the Open Era the No.1 seed in the women's draw at the US Open has fallen at the opening hurdle
- Reached back-to-back finals at Montréal (d. Stephens in F) and Cincinnati (l. Bertens in F – held 1mp in second set tie-break). Was bidding to be first woman to win the Premier 5 level Rogers Cup and Western & Southern Open titles back-to-back
- SF victory over Sabalenka in Cincinnati was career 450th match win (all levels)
- Is one of five players to win three or more titles this season (also Kvitova – 5, Bertens – 3, Mertens – 3, Svitolina – 3). Is 18-15 in career finals
- Qualified for the 2018 BNP Paribas WTA Finals Singapore after reaching the F in Montréal – the first singles player to qualify this season. This will be her fifth consecutive appearance at the WTA Finals, and is the only player to have qualified for all five editions held in Singapore
- Fell 3r at Wimbledon (l. Hsieh in 3s). Did not play a grass tournament before heading to Wimbledon (withdrew from Eastbourne w/foot injury)
• Captured first Grand Slam title in fourth final with defeat of Stephens at Roland Garros
• For second year in a row, runner-up at Rome (l. Svitolina in both 2017 and 2018 finals)
• In other clay court tournaments this season, produced QF showings at Madrid (l. Ka.Pliskova) and Stuttgart (l. Vandeweghe)
• Played first matches of 2018 clay season representing Romania in Fed Cup, going 2-0 in singles (d. Golubic, Schnyder) in 3-1 win over Switzerland in World Group play-off
• During Sunshine Double, advanced to SF at Indian Wells (l. eventual champion Osaka) and made 3r in Miami (l. A.Radwanska)
• Forced to withdraw prior to Doha SF vs. Muguruza w/right foot injury and also withdrew from Dubai
•Reached third career Grand Slam final at Australian Open in Melbourne in January; succumbed to Wozniacki in the final in three sets. Withdrew from St Petersburg w/left ankle injury after Australian Open
• In 3r at Australian Open, saved triple match points and battled back to defeat Davis in 3h44, 4-6 6-4 15-13 – ranks as the third longest women's singles match ever at Australian Open, after Schiavone d. Kuznetsova (2011, R16, 4h44) and Strycova d. Kulikova (2010, 1r, 4h19). Also, equals longest in terms of number of games (48)
• Saved another two match points in defeat of Kerber in SF at Melbourne – believed to be first player to save match points in multiple matches and reach a Grand Slam final
• Opened 2018 season by winning singles and doubles (w/Begu) titles at Shenzhen. Defeated defending champion Siniakova in singles final for her 16th career title and first since Madrid May 2017; doubles title was first of career

Career
• Finished 2017 as the year-end World No.1, having ascended to the No.1 spot for first time in career on October 9, 2017 – became the 25th woman to reach the top spot since computer rankings began in November 1975, and the 13th to hold year-end No.1
• Defended Madrid title in 2017 (d. Mladenovic in F) – the third Premier Mandatory title of career (after 2015 Indian Wells and 2016 Madrid); reached a further four finals in 2017: Rome (l. Svitolina), Roland Garros (l. Ostapenko), Cincinnati (l. Muguruza) and Beijing (l. Garcia)
• 2016 season highlighted by three titles, at Madrid (d. Cibulkova in F), Bucharest (d. Sevastova in F) and Montréal (d. Keys in F)
• Bucharest and Montréal results started 13-match winning streak that ended in SF at Cincinnati. Was second-longest streak of 2016, after Azarenka (16)
• Won first career doubles title at 2018 Shenzhen (w/Begu, d. Krejcikova/Siniakova in F). Now 1-1 in career doubles finals, having also finished R-Up at 2016 Montréal (w/Niculescu, l. Makarova/Vesnina)
• Between May 2013 and August 2014, improved ranking from No.64 to No.2, winning seven titles in this period
• Made Top 100 debut on July 12, 2010 and became third Romanian to break into the WTA Top 10 (after Ruzici, Spirlea) making debut there in week of January 27, 2014
• Has qualified five times for WTA Finals in Singapore (2014-18), reaching final in 2014 (l. S.Williams, having defeated the World No.1 in the round robin stage)
• Named 2013 WTA Most Improved Player after winning her first six WTA titles and rising to year-end No.11 (dipped as low was No.64 in May)
• Reached first career final at 2010 Fès in just her third main draw appearance
• Made WTA main draw debut at 2010 Marbella as a qualifier, reaching quarterfinals
• Former junior World No.1
• Member of Romanian Fed Cup Team, 2010, 2012, 2014-18

**Grand Slam History**

- Won first Grand Slam title at 2018 Roland Garros (d. Stephens in F) after three runner-up finishes, at Roland Garros in 2014 (l. Sharapova in 3s), 2017 (l. Ostapenko in 3s) and at Australian Open in 2018 (l. Wozniacki in 3s)
- Became 49th different woman to win a Grand Slam title in the Open Era, and the second Romanian woman to win a Slam after Ruzici at 1978 Roland Garros
- First Romanian woman to advance to final at Australian Open
- Also, semifinalist at Wimbledon in 2014 (l. Bouchard) and U.S. Open in 2015 (l. eventual champion Pennetta)
- Won Roland Garros girls' singles title in 2008 – now the sixth woman to go on to win the women's singles title – after Durr, Jausovec, Mandlikova, Capriati and Henin

**Other Information**

- Tennis idols are Justine Henin and Roger Federer
- Coached by Australian Darren Cahill
- Formerly coached by Wim Fissette and Victor Ionita
- Endorsement portfolio currently includes Mercedes-Benz and Hublot; earlier this year signed clothing endorsement deal with Nike and began wearing their kit at 2018 Doha
**Beijing**

- Making main draw debut at Beijing, having previously fallen in qualifying in 2017
- Best result across four Premier Mandatory tournaments, was 2r showing at 2015 Indian Wells (as qualifier, d. Kanepi, l. Wozniacki)
- Over the weekend, advanced through qualifying for the second time this season (also US Open), upsetting No.51 Puig and No.77 Maria
- Plays Halep – a fellow former Roland Garros junior winner – today, in the first match against a current World No.1 of her career
- Solitary career Top 20 win came over No.7 Cibulkova during 2017’s 3r run at Roland Garros
- This season, best win-by-ranking was against No.42 Begu during QF run at Bucharest
- Is only African player in women’s draw at 2018 Beijing

**Season**

- In North America, fell 1r at US Open (as qualifier, l. Barty) and $100k ITF/Vancouver-CAN (ret. vs. Khromacheva). Also made 2r at Québec City (l. Pegula)
- Returned to clay following Wimbledon to reach third WTA QF of her career at Bucharest (l. Hercog); previously reached this stage – but no further – at 2013 Baku and 2017 Taipei City
- Enjoyed productive grass court season, reaching 2r for the first time at Wimbledon (l. Siniakova) and winning 11th career ITF Circuit title at $100k ITF/Manchester-GBR
- Played a mix of WTA and ITF Circuit tournaments on clay: fell 1r at Charleston (l. Gavrilova) and in qualifying at Roland Garros and Rabat, and reached SF at $100k ITF/Cagnes-sur-Mer-FRA
- In April, won all five singles rubbers as Tunisia advanced to promotional play-off from Europe/Africa Zone Group III
- After Australian Open, suffered 1r exits at Taipei City (l. Niculescu) and Doha (l. Duan), then fell in qualifying at three consecutive events: Dubai, Indian Wells and Miami
- Began the season by falling in qualifying at Sydney and in 1r at Australian Open (l. Vesnina)

**Career**

- Ended 2017 at No.88, her first Top 100 season, a year highlighted by becoming first Arab woman to reach 3r at a Grand Slam
- Also in 2017, reached QF at Taipei City and 3r at Charleston, and achieved career-high ranking of No.83 on October 2
- Finished 2016 at No.193 for third non-consecutive Top 200 finish (up from No.210 in 2015); season highlighted by scoring eighth, ninth and 10th ITF Circuit titles at $25K ITF/Daytona Beach-USA, $25k ITF/Sunrise-USA and $50k ITF/Tunis-TUN, respectively
In main draw play in 2016, made two 1r exits at Rabat (l. Sorribes Tormo) and Gstaad (as qualifier, l. Minella) and fell in WTA qualifying on five occasions in 2016: Katowice (l. Golubic), Wimbledon (l. Alexandrova), Bastad (l. Soler-Espinosa), US Open (l. Duan) and Tokyo [Japan Open] (l. Jang)

Reached 2r at 2015 Indian Wells, which remains best finish at Premier Mandatory tournament. In 2015, also participated in the second staging of the WTA Rising Stars Invitational in Singapore in 2015 alongside the WTA Finals – went 1-2 in round-robin stage

During 2014 season reached 2r twice; fell 1r five times (incl. US Open) and in qualifying three times (incl. Roland Garros and Wimbledon); won one singles title on ITF Circuit

2013 season highlighted by a QF run at Baku; reached 2r once; fell 1r once and in qualifying three times (incl. Wimbledon, US Open)

On ITF Circuit has won 11 titles in singles and one in doubles

Played first two WTA main draws in 2012, falling 1r at Doha (as WC) and Olympics

Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in Tunisia in 2008

Grand Slam History

Contested eighth Grand Slam main draw at 2018 US Open

Best Grand Slam showing was 3r run at 2017 Roland Garros; in Paris became first Arab woman to reach 3r of a Grand Slam and first lucky loser to contest 3r of a Slam since Kasatkina at 2015 US Open, and first at Roland Garros since Pizzichini in 1996. Gaidano, at 1993 US Open, was the most recent lucky loser to reach R16 at a major


Has also made 2r at 2017 US Open (l. Vandeweghe) and 2018 Wimbledon (l. Siniakova)

Twice lost in 1r at Australian Open, in 2015 (as qualifier, l. Zvonareva) and 2018 (l. Vesnina)

In girls’ singles at Roland Garros was champion in 2011 (d. Puig) and R-Up in 2010 (l. Svitolina)

Other Information

Started playing tennis at age 3

Regular coach is Bertrand Perret but is not in New York due to suspension

Coached by her husband, Karim Kamoun
**[9] SLOANE STEPHENS (USA #9) vs. ANASTASIA PAVLYUCHENKOVA (RUS #39)**

Head to Head: SLOANE STEPHENS leads 1-0

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### ANASTASIA PAVLYUCHENKOVA
- **WTA RANKING**
  - **DATE OF BIRTH (AGE):** 03-07-1991 (27)
  - **YTD PRIZE MONEY:** $654,885
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STEPHENS:

Beijing

- Making fourth appearance at China Open. Best showing remains R16 run on debut in 2013 (l. Wozniacki)
- Also reached 2r in 2015 (d. No.9 Ka.Pliskova in 1r, l. Kuznetsova); since then has not won a match in Asia (seven-match losing streak)
- In 1r today, faces Pavlyuchenkova, whom she beat to lift her maiden WTA title at 2015 Washington DC
- Entering 2018 Beijing, ranks fourth on tour for percentage of return games won (45%)
- Best result of career in Asia was QF showing at 2015 Seoul. During last year's Asian swing, suffered 1r exits at Wuhan and Beijing and fell during round robin stage at Zhuhai (0-2 record)
- One of five Americans in Beijing main draw (also Collins, Keys, Pera and Vandeweghe)

Season

- Fell 1r at both Tokyo (l. Vekic) and Wuhan (l. Kontaveit)
- Reached QF during defense of US Open title (l. Sevastova, whom she beat at same stage during 2017 title run)
- In final pre-US Open tournament, posted R16 showing at Cincinnati (l. Mertens)
- Began North American hard court season with R-Up finish at Montréal (l. Halep) and 2r exit at Washington DC (l. Petkovic)

Career record in singles finals now stands at 6-2

Fell in 1r at Wimbledon (l. Vekic) in her only appearance on grass this season

Finished clay court season by reaching second Grand Slam final at Roland Garros (l. Halep in 3s). Rose to then career-high No.4 after run in Paris

Other clay results were R16 runs at Madrid (l. Ka.Pliskova) and Rome (l. Garcia), and 1r exits at Nürnberg (as WC, l. Putintseva) and Stuttgart (l. Vandeweghe)

Won both singles rubbers (d. Mladenovic and Parmentier) during defending champion USA’s 3-2 Fed Cup semifinal win over France. Will face Czech Republic in November’s final

Helped make history in Miami as the USA provided the winners in all four events (Stephens, Vandeweghe, Isner and Bryan brothers)

Reached 3r at Indian Wells. Defeated former No.1 Azarenka in 2r before falling to eventual R-Up Kasatkina

Enjoyed a QF run at Acapulco (d. Parmentier and Rus, l. eventual R-Up Voegele)

Dropped her 1r match at Australian Open (l. Zhang) and Sydney (l. Giorgi) to start the 2018 season

Withdrawn from Brisbane w/left knee injury

Career

Posted second-best year-end finish at No.13 in 2017, one off career-high of No.12 in 2013

Won her maiden Grand Slam title at 2017 US Open, d. Keys 6-3 6-0 to become the fifth unseeded player to win a major in the Open Era

Voted 2017 WTA Comeback Player of the Year. Only returned to action at 2017 Wimbledon (1r) following 11 months on sidelines with foot injury, having had surgery in January

After 1r loss at Washington DC, went 15-2 through US Open, also making back-to-back SFs at Toronto and Cincinnati

Prior to 2017 Wimbledon, last match came at 2016 Rio Olympics

Won three titles in 2016, at Auckland, Acapulco and Premier-level Charleston. Won maiden singles title in first final contested at 2015 Washington, DC (d. Pavlyuchenkova in F)

Owns a seven wins vs. Top 5 players: No.5 Svitolina (2018 Montréal), No.5 Ostapenko (2018 Miami), No.3 Muguruza (2018 Miami), No.3 Kerber (2017 Toronto), No.2 Kerber (2016 Charleston via ret. w/viral illness), No.3 Sharapova (2013 Cincinnati) and No.3 S. Williams (2013 Australian Open)

At No.97 was youngest player in year-end Top 100 in 2011; and after a phenomenal sophomore season, reached No.38 and was the youngest player, and the only teenager, in the year-end Top 50 in 2012

Made Top 20 debut on January 29, 2013 and went on to win a career-best 39 matches across the season

First WTA qualifying at 2008 Miami. First WTA main draw at 2010 Indian Wells (as qualifier, No.747, fell 2r, l. Zvonareva)

Won one singles title and one doubles title on ITF Circuit
**Grand Slam History**

- 2018 US Open marked 27th Grand Slam main draw appearance
- Enjoyed fairytale run at 2017 US Open, lifting maiden Grand Slam title at Flushing Meadows (d. Keys in F). At No.83, is second-lowest ranked Grand Slam champion (since inception of computer rankings in 1975) and 14th unseeded player to advance to a Grand Slam final in the Open Era, and only fifth unseeded champion
- Was one of four American women to reach SF at 2017 Flushing Meadows (also Keys, Vandeweghe and V.Williams) – the sixth time in the Open Era that four Americans have contested the final four at a major
- Also R-Up at 2018 Roland Garros (l. Halep)
- Prior to 2017 US Open triumph, best result to date across all majors was reaching SF at 2013 Australian Open (d. S.Williams in QF, l. eventual champion Azarenka)
- Along with Makarova, is one of only two players who've never held the No.1 ranking, but have managed to beat both V.Williams (2015 Roland Garros and 2017 US Open) and S.Williams (whom she defeated at 2013 Australian Open) at Grand Slam level
- Also just the second American (after Davenport) to defeat both Williams sisters in Grand Slam match play
- Advanced to SF at 2013 Australian Open (d. Halep, Mladenovic and S.Williams en route) and QF at 2013 Wimbledon (l. eventual champion Bartoli)
- Won junior doubles titles at Roland Garros, Wimbledon and US Open in 2010 (all w/Babos)

**Other Information**

- Mother is Sybil Smith a former collegiate swimmer at Boston University and late father, John Stephens, was an NFL player in 1980s and 1990s; brother is Shawn Farrell
- Started playing tennis at the age of nine, at the Sierra Sport and Racquet Club, in Fresno, California. Two years later relocated from Fresno to Boca Raton, Florida, where she began training at the Evert Tennis Academy before moving to Nick Saviano High Performance Tennis Academy
- Coached by Kamau Murray (started working together in January 2016). Worked with Nick Saviano in 2015
PAVLYUCHENKOVA:

**Beijing**
- Making 10th main draw appearance at Beijing (11th overall)
- Reached QF – but never further – in 2009 (d. No.3 V.Williams in 2r, l. Kuznetsova), 2011 (l. Petkovic) and 2015 (d. No.7 Pennetta, l. Ivanovic)
- Faces Stephens in 1r today; most recent Top 10 win came over No.5 Kvitova four days ago in Beijing
- Owns 2-2 record against American players in 2018, most recently beating McHale at Montréal
- During 2017 Asian swing won title in Hong Kong (d. Gavrilova in F), finished runner-up in Tokyo (l. Wozniacki), reached 2r in Beijing (l. Wozniacki) and fell in 1r in Wuhan (l. Cornet). Also won one of her round-robin matches in Zhuhai (d. Kerber, l. Barty)
- Entered doubles w/Sevastova (play Hsieh/Mattek-Sands in 1r)

**Season**
- Coming off third QF showing of the season at Wuhan (d. No.11 Bertens in 2r and No.5 Kvitova in R16, l. Barty)
- Posted 2r showing at Tokyo (l. Garcia; held 3mp in third set)
- Fell 2r at Cincinnati (l. Kerber in 3s) and then 1r at US Open (l. Peterson)
- Made 2r in opening North American hard court outing (l. Halep in match lasting 3h 10m; led 4-2 in third set)
- Suffered 1r exit at Wimbledon (l. Hsieh)
- Reached 2r at Eastbourne (l. Ka.Pliskova) and made 1r exit at Birmingham (l. Muguruza)
- Posted 2r showing at Roland Garros (d. Hercog, l. Stosur)
- Won 12th WTA singles title at Strasbourg (d. Cibulkova in F), bringing her record in finals to 12-6
- Strasbourg final, in which she saved 2mp, marked second-longest WTA match of 2018 (3hrs, 36min). Longest WTA match of the season came at Australian Open (Halep d. Davis in 3hrs, 44min)
- Fell 1r back-to-back at Madrid (l. Stosur) and Rome (l. Keys) after QF run at Stuttgart (l. Kontaveit)
- Scored two Top 20 wins at Stuttgart (d. No.13 Keys and No.3 Muguruza)
- Reached 3r at Miami (l. Kerber) and made 2r exit at Indian Wells (after 1r bye, l. Anisimova)
- Fell 1r at Dubai (l. Konta), Doha (l. Cibulkova) and on home soil at St. Petersburg (l. Makarova)
- Started off 2018 campaign at Hopman Cup exhibition in Perth, going 0-3 in singles play (l. Vandeweghe, Bencic and Osaka) and 2-1 in doubles action (w/Khachanov)
- Scored 1r win at Australian Open over Kozlova, before exiting in 2r (l. Bondarenko)

**Career**
- 2017 marked her 10th consecutive Top 50 finish, including second Top 20 finish at No.15 (also finished No.16 in 2011)
- Owns 12 WTA singles titles, including a career-best three titles in a single season in 2017 at Monterrey, Rabat and Hong Kong
- Notched only win over a reigning World No.1 against Kerber en route to fourth Monterrey title in 2017
Is a winner of five doubles titles from seven finals, most recently at 2017 Sydney (w/Babos)

In addition to reaching last eight at 2016 Wimbledon, reached a further six quarterfinals in 2016: Brisbane (l. Kerber), St Petersburg (l. Bencic), Acapulco (l. Wickmayer), Montréal (l. Keys), Linz (l. Cibulkova) and Moscow (l. Gavrilova)

Represented Russia at Rio Olympics, losing to eventual gold medalist Puig in 2r

Broke into Top 100 in singles on July 7, 2009 and entered Top 50 on November 3, 2008

Made Top 20 debut on September 13, 2010 and rose as high as No.13 (July 4, 2011)

Played first WTA main draw as a wildcard at 2006 Moscow

Named 2006 ITF Junior World Champion

**Grand Slam History**

- 2018 US Open marked 44th career main draw appearance at a major
- Completed set of career Grand Slam QFs by reaching this stage at 2017 Australian Open (l. eventual R-Up V.Williams)
- Had previously reached last eight at 2011 Roland Garros (l. eventual champion Schiavone), 2011 US Open (l. eventual champion S.Williams) and 2016 Wimbledon (l. eventual champion S.Williams)
- Also made doubles QF at all majors: 2013 Australian Open and Roland Garros, 2014 Wimbledon and 2015 US Open
- One of just six active players to achieve feat of reaching QF or better at all four majors in both singles and doubles (also Williams sisters, Kuznetsova, Schiavone and Zvonareva) and is the only player to do so since 2011
- Made Grand Slam debut as 15-year-old wildcard at 2007 Wimbledon (lost to Hantuchova 6-0 6-1)
- As well as twice winning the girls' singles at the Australian Open (2006, 2007), won 2006 US Open junior title) and was runner-up at 2006 Roland Garros and won four Grand Slam girls' doubles titles

**Other Information**

- Recently reunited with former coach Simon Goffin. Also works with father, Sergey and brother, Aleks
- Introduced to tennis at age six by family
- Grandmother played basketball for USSR and grandfather was high-level basketball referee; father was Olympic-level canoeist (missed Games due to boycott) and mother a swimmer

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CIRSTEA:

**Beijing**
- Making fifth main draw appearance at Beijing; achieved best result last year by reaching QF (l. Ostapenko)
- Upset No.4 Ka.Pliskova in 3r last year – her fourth and most recent Top 5 win
- Also posted 2r effort in 2012 (l. Sharapova) and fell 1r in 2009 (l. Zvonareva) and 2013 (l. Jovanovski) and in 2014 qualifying
- Saved three match points against Lepchenko in first qualifying match before losing to Hercog; gained one of two lucky loser spots along with Pera
- Faces No.11 Bertens in 1r today; owns two Top 20 wins in 2018, against No.19 Rybarikova (Wimbledon) and No.20 Mertens (Doha)
- Has reached QF or better 11 times on Asian soil, including her sole career title at 2008 Tashkent and SF showings at 2007 Bali, 2012 Pattaya City, 2012 Guangzhou and 2013 Pattaya City

**Season**
- Contested qualifying at Wuhan
- On North American hard courts, made 2r at US Open (l. Sharapova) and Montréal (l. V.Williams) and fell in Cincinnati qualifying
- In July, returned to clay to reach second QF of 2018 at Bucharest (l. eventual champion Sevastova)
- On grass, made 2r at Wimbledon (l. Rodina) and suffered 1r exits at Mallorca (l. Larsson) and Eastbourne (l. Pavlyuchenkova)
- Highlight of clay court season was QF run at Nürnberg (l. Riske). Also made 2r at Madrid (l. Kasatkina) and fell 1r at Istanbul (l. Putintseva), Rome (l. Collins) and Roland Garros (l. Gavrilova)
- Fell in 2r at both Indian Wells (l. V.Williams) and Miami (after 1r bye, l. Hsieh)
- Reached R16 at Doha (l. Muguruza), upsetting No.20 Mertens en route
- Helped Romania to 3-1 victory over Canada in Fed Cup World Group II play – d. Zhao in first singles rubber. Also, part of team that beat Switzerland in April to earn promotion back into the World Group I
- Reached 2r at Australian Open (l. Safarova)
- Opened season by reaching 2r at Brisbane (l. Sevastova) before falling 1r at Hobart (l. Watson)
Career

• Posted fifth non-consecutive Top 50 finish in 2017, at No.37 (up from No.81 in 2016). Has now finished in Top 100 nine times in past 10 years, including Top 30 finishes in 2012 and 2013
• 2017 season highlighted by SF showing at Nürnberg (l. Krejcikova) and QF runs at Istanbul, Madrid, Seoul, Beijing and Linz
• Also reached R16 at 2017 Australian Open – first time advancing to that stage at a Slam since 2009 Roland Garros (QF, l. Stosur), her best Grand Slam result to date
• In 2016 played a mix of WTA and ITF events, improving ranking by 163 ranking places to No.81 in 2016 on comeback from shoulder injury, with highlights being a SF run at Rio de Janeiro (l. Rogers) and making QF at Premier Mandatory Madrid (as wildcard, l. eventual R-Up Cibulkova) and Mallorca (as qualifier, l. Jankovic)
• Reached biggest singles final of career at 2013 Toronto – posted three Top 10 wins en route to final (No.10 Wozniacki, No.7 Kvitova and No.5 Li) before falling to No.1 S.Williams; took record in WTA singles finals to 1-2
• Won maiden WTA singles title at 2008 Tashkent (d. Lisicki in F) having previously been R-Up at 2007 Budapest (l. Dulko)
• Owns four Top 5 victories: No.5 Jankovic (2009 Roland Garros), No.5 Stosur (2012 Australian Open), No.5 Li Na (2013 Toronto) and No.4 Ka.Pliskova (2017 Beijing)
• Posted career-high ranking of No.21 on August 21, 2013
• Owns four WTA doubles titles, most recently at 2011 Dallas (w/Brianti) from nine finals
• Member of Romania's Fed Cup team 2006, 2008-09, 2013-14 and 2017-18; also part of Romanian Olympic Team 2008 and 2012
• Made WTA main draw debut at 2006 Stockholm (l. Kanepi in 1r)
• On ITF Circuit owns eight singles and nine doubles titles
• Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in 2004

Grand Slam History

• 2018 US Open marked 40th main draw appearance at a Grand Slam – best showing at a major came at 2009 Roland Garros (QF, l. Stosur)
• At 2017 Australian Open, achieved second-best Slam result by reaching R16 (upset No.10 seed Suárez Navarro in 2r, l. Muguruza); her previous best result in Melbourne was reaching 3r in 2012 (l. Errani) and 2013 (l. Li); 1r win over Khromacheva in Melbourne was first Grand Slam main draw victory since 2014 US Open (d. Watson in 1r)
• Reached 3r at Wimbledon in 2009, 2012 and 2017; at US Open, also reached 3r in 2009

Other Information

• Introduced to tennis at age four by mother
• Coached by Carl Maes and trained at Kim Clijsters Academy this summer
BERTENS:

**Beijing**

- Making second appearance at Beijing, having fallen 1r in 2017 (l. Petkovic)
- Faces Cirstea in 1r today; has lost all four career encounters against the Romanian, all in 1r and on three different surfaces (clay, grass and hard)
- One of eight players to have won 40 or more matches this season; other players to reach the milestone are Kvitova (47), Halep (46), Barty (43), Mertens (43), Kerber (43), Ka.Pliskova (41) and Sabalenka (41)
- Has won 21 of past 25 matches, including title runs at Cincinnati and Seoul
- Currently sat at a career-high ranking of No.11 (September 24, 2018), while her No.11 seeding is her highest at a Premier Mandatory event
- Also No.9 on Porsche Race to Singapore Leaderboard, less than 100 points behind No.8 Ka.Pliskova in the final qualifying spot
- Owns the most Top 10 wins on WTA tour in 2018, going 10-5 – wins came over No.2 Wozniacki and No.7 Garcia (both Madrid), No.9 V.Williams and No.8 Ka.Pliskova (both Wimbledon), No.9 Ka.Pliskova and No.8 Kvitova (both at Montréal), No.2 Wozniacki, No.7 Svitolina, No.6 Kvitova and No.1 Halep (all at Cincinnati). Prior to 2018, only had three Top 10 wins in her career

**Season**

- Fell 2r at Wuhan (l. Pavlyuchenkova)
- Won third title of the season at Seoul (d. Tomljanovic in F); career record in singles finals stands at 7-2, with pre-2018 titles coming at 2012 Fès, 2016 Nürnberg, 2017 Nürnberg and 2017 Gstaad
- Following Seoul triumph, is one of five players to win three or more titles this season (also Kvitova – 5, Halep – 3, Mertens – 3, Svitolina – 3).
- Reached 3r at US Open for first time (l. Vondrousova)
- Landed biggest title of career at Premier-5 Cincinnati (d. World No.1 Halep in F, for first win over reigning No.1)
- Having also defeated No.2 Wozniacki en route, is first player to defeat the World No.1 and World No.2 at tournament since Muguruza at 2017 Cincinnati (d. No.1 Ka.Pliskova and No.2 Halep)
- First unseeded player to win the Cincinnati title since Zvonareva in 2006; also first Dutch player – man or woman – to reach the singles final in Cincinnati
- Post-Cincinnati, withdrew from New Haven w/illness
- Enjoyed a QF run in Montréal (l. Barty) for yet another career-best result at a tournament this summer. Defeated No.9 Ka.Pliskova and No.8 Kvitova along the way, giving her four Top 10 victories across two consecutive tournaments (Wimbledon and Montréal)
- Achieved her best result at Wimbledon by reaching QF (l. Goerges) becoming the first Dutch woman to reach QF at Wimbledon since Krajicek in 2007
- Entered Wimbledon after 2r exits at Eastbourne (after 1r bye, l. Buzarnescu in 3s) and ‘s-Hertogenbosch (l. Flipkens). Also R-Up in doubles at ‘s-Hertogenbosch (w/Flipkens, l. Mertens/Schuurs)
• Reached 3r at Roland Garros (l. Kerber), improving her record in Paris to 11-7, her best Grand Slam win-loss record
• Made QF run at Nürnberg (as defending champion, l. Flipkens) after suffering 1r exit at Rome (l. Sakkari)
• Advanced to first Premier Mandatory Final at Madrid (l. Kvitova in F)
• Previous best Premier Mandatory showing was QF run at Madrid in 2017 (l. Sevastova)
• Defeated No.17 Sevastova, No.2 Wozniacki and No.7 Garcia en route to Madrid final
• Made 1r exit at Stuttgart (l. eventual champion Ka.Pliskova)
• Landed her first at Premier level title on the green clay of Charleston (d. Goerges in F)
• Posted 3r showing at Miami (l. V.Williams after holding 3mp). After 1r bye, beat Lepchenko in 2r to end four-match losing streak
• Fell 2r at Indian Wells (after 1r bye, l. S.Williams in the American’s first competitive comeback following pregnancy)
• Made 1r exit at Dubai (l. Wang). Forced to withdraw from Doha the week prior w/illness
• Suffered 1r exit at St Petersburg (l. Zvonareva via ret. w/illness)
• Advanced to 3r at Australian Open (l. eventual champion Wozniacki), for best result of career so far in Melbourne
• Entered Australian Open following a 2r exit at Sydney (l. No.3 Muguruza)
• In opening tournament of season fell 1r at Brisbane (l. Konjuh in straight sets); however, teamed up with compatriot Schuurs to win 10th career doubles title (d. Klepac/ Martínez Sánchez in F)

**Career**

• Ended 2017 at No.31, down from career-best year-end finish of No.22 in 2016
• Season highlights in 2017 were winning titles at Nürnberg (as defending champion, d. Krejcikova in F) and Gstaad (d. Kontaveit in F, having finished R-Up there in 2016)
• Was one of nine players to win at least two titles in 2017, along with Konta (Sydney, Miami), Muguruza (Wimbledon, Cincinnati), Ostapenko (Roland Garros, Seoul), Pavlyuchenkova (Monterrey, Rabat), Ka.Pliskova (Brisbane, Doha, Eastbourne), Siniakova (Shenzhen, Bastad), Svitolina (Taipei City, Dubai, Istanbul, Rome, Toronto) and Wozniacki (Tokyo [PPO], WTA Finals)
• Posted strong SF run at 2017 Rome (l. eventual R-Up Halep) and reached QF at Madrid (l. Sevastova), which marked first QF at Premier Mandatory level. As a result, posted a then-career-high singles ranking of No.18 (May 29, 2017)
• Added four WTA doubles titles to her haul in 2017: Auckland, Gstaad, Seoul and Linz (all w/Larsson)
• Career-high doubles ranking is No.16 (first reached on April 16, 2018)
• Qualified for her first WTA Finals in Singapore in 2017 (w/Larsson), advancing to the final (l. Babos/Sestini Hlavackova), defeating defending champions Makarova/Vesnina en route
• Finished 2016 ranked No.22 in singles – big jump in the rankings from her season-ending ranking of No.101 in 2015
• Reached third WTA singles final at 2016 Gstaad (as qualifier, l. Golubic, d. No.17 Bacsinszky en route)
• In 2016, qualified for the WTA Elite Trophy and went 0-2 in singles – falling to Svitolina and Vesnina
• Played on Netherlands Olympic team at 2016 Rio Olympics – fell in 1r (l. Errani)
• Made a clean sweep of titles at 2016 Nürnberg, claiming the singles (as qualifier, d. Duque-Mariño) and doubles (w/Larsson, d. Aoyama/Voracova). The last qualifier to win a singles title prior to this was Vandeweghe at 2014 ‘s-Hertogenbosch
• Won maiden career singles title at 2012 Fès as a qualifier (d. Pous-Tio in F) in just her second main draw appearance
• Owns 10 doubles titles: Hobart and Bastad in 2015, Nürnberg, Linz and Luxembourg in 2016, Auckland, Gstaad, Seoul, Linz (all w/Larsson) in 2017 and Brisbane (w/Schuurs) in 2018
• Made WTA main draw debut as a wildcard at 2011 ‘s-Hertogenbosch (l. 1r)
• Played first event of career on ITF Circuit in the Netherlands in 2006; has won seven singles titles and 11 doubles titles at this level
• Netherlands Fed Cup Team, 2011-2012, 2014-2017

Grand Slam History
• Best result across the Slams came with SF run at 2016 Roland Garros (l. eventual R-Up S.Williams)
• With that result in Paris, became the first Dutch woman to reach SF at Roland Garros since Marijke Schaar in 1971 (l. SF), and at any Slam since Betty Stove at 1977 US Open (l. SF)
• Enjoyed her best result at Wimbledon in 2018 by reaching her second career Grand Slam QF (l. Goerges). Became first Dutch woman to reach QF at Wimbledon since Krajicek in 2007
• In 2018 has reached 3r for first time at both Australian Open (l. eventual champion Wozniacki) and US Open (l. Vondrousova)
• In 2018, garnered multiple wins at four Grand Slams in the same season for the first time in her career (3r at Australian Open, 3r at Roland Garros, QF at Wimbledon and now 3r at US Open)
• Is a two-time Grand Slam quarterfinalist in doubles, at 2015 Australian Open (w/Larsson, l. Goerges/Groenefeld) and 2016 Roland Garros (w/Larsson, l. eventual champions Garcia/Mladenovic)

Other Information
• Coached by former ATP player Raemon Sluiter, although during title run at 2018 Charleston worked with former WTA player Elise Tamaela
• Parents are Rob and Doré; sisters are Joyce and Daisy
• Started playing at age 6. Tennis idol growing up was Kim Clijsters
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National Tennis Stadium
DARIA GAVRILOVA (AUS #33) vs. [5] PETRA KVITOVA (CZE #5)
Series tied 2-2
Kvitova beat Gavrilova en route to Birmingham title this summer... Gavrilova has knocked out a seed on past two Beijing appearances... Czech was runner-up in Chinese capital in 2014

MARIA SAKKARI (GRE #29) vs. DONNA VEKIC (CRO #40)
Series tied 2-2 (1-1 at main draw, tour level)
Sakkari won most recent encounter, at Indian Wells this March... Both players have already reached a SF during the Asian swing... Good friends off the court and played doubles together at Wimbledon

[6] ELINA Svitolina (UKR #6) vs. ALEKSANDRA KRunic (SRB #63)
Svitolina leads 2-0
Svitolina beat Krunic during title run at 2013 Baku... Krunic owns three Top 10 career victories... Svitolina held match points in last year’s QF defeat here to Garcia

MAGDALENA RYBARIKOVA (SVK #36) vs. [12] JELENA OSTAPENKO (LAT #12)
First meeting
Ostapenko reached SF at Beijing and Wuhan in 2017... Rybarikova withdrew from Wuhan with upper respiratory illness... Winner faces Chinese No.1 Wang in second round

[10] JULIA GOERGES (GER #10) vs. JOHANNA KONTA (GBR #43)
Goerges leads 1-0
Goerges won only previous encounter at 2016 Roland Garros... Konta's last Top 10 win came over No.2 Halep at 2017 Wimbledon... Goerges seeded for the first time at Beijing

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DARIA GAVRILOVA (AUS #33) vs. [5] PETRA KVITOVA (CZE #5)

Head to Head: Series tied 2-2

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12-10 / 66-63
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PETRA KVITOVA

5
4
08-03-1990 (28)
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$27,139,358
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0 / 0
15-8
46-12 / 397-184
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3-2 / 44-14
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7-1 / 52-47
15-5 / 99-81

* Updated entering Beijing 1r
GAVRILLOVA:

Beijing

- Making fourth appearance at China Open, where her best result was 2016's QF run (l. Svitolina)
- Has knocked out a seed on past two visits to Chinese capital: No.12 Bacsinszky in 2016 (2r) and No.14 Vandeweghe in 2017 (2r)
- In opening round, races No.5 Kvitova; owns four career Top 5 wins, against No.2 Sharapova (2015 Miami), No.5 Halep (2016 Rome), No.1 Kerber (2016 Hong Kong) and No.3 Muguruza (2018 Rome)
- During last year’s Asian swing, was R-Up at Hong Kong, reached R16 at Beijing and fell 1r at Wuhan and Tokyo [PPO]
- Playing doubles this week w/Siegemund (face N.Kichenok/An.Rodionova in 1r)

Season

- In Wuhan, scored back-to-back wins for first time since Wimbledon during R16 run (d. Ostapenko and Strycova, l. Q.Wang)
- Produced 2r showing at Tokyo (l. eventual champion Ka.Pliskova – led 4-1 in the final set)
- Made 2r exits at US Open (l. Azarenka) and before that New Haven (as defending champion, l. eventual champion Sabalenka). In 1r at Flushing Meadows d. Sorribes Tormo without dropping a game – the third 6-0 6-0 win of her career and first at a WTA-level tournament
Fell 1r at Cincinnati (l. S.Williams); had previously won her past nine matches against players from the United States, a run that stretched back to 2017 US Open (l. Rogers)

Suffered 1r exit at Montréal (l. Safarova)

Advanced to 3r at Wimbledon for first time (l. Sabalenka)

Fell 2r at Eastbourne (after 1r bye, l. A.Radwanska) and Birmingham (d. Cibulkova, l. eventual champion Kvitova). Also on grass, played doubles in Nottingham, reaching QFs (w/Vekic) – team withdrew before start of QF (Vekic: low back pain)

Reached 3r at Roland Garros (l. Mertens) after 2r exit at Strasbourg (l. Stosur)

Produced R16 showing in Rome (l. Sharapova) – having saved 2mp to upset No.3 Muguruza in 2r. Win over Muguruza marked fourth career Top 5 win – also No.2 Sharapova (2015 Miami), No.5 Halep (2016 Rome) and No.1 Kerber (2016 Hong Kong)

Did not progress past 1r of Madrid (l. No.2 Wozniacki) or Prague (ret. against Stosur w/right Achilles injury) – match was 400th (all levels) of career

Helped Australia to 4-1 win over Netherlands to return to the World Group for the first time in four years. Won both rubbers (d. Lemoine in singles and d. Kerkhove/Schuurs in doubles w/Aiava)

Reached 2r at Charleston (l. Giorgi)

Posted 3r showings at Indian Wells (l. Garcia) and Miami (l. Svitolina)

Reached SF at Acapulco (l. eventual champion Tsurenko)

Lost both singles rubbers (l N.Kichenok and Kostyuk) during Australia’s 3-2 World Group II first round clash with Ukraine on grass in Canberra

Made SF run at Sydney (l. Barty) before falling 2r at Australian Open (l. Mertens)

Opened up 2018 season at Hopman Cup exhibition in Perth, going 1-2 in singles (d. Bouchard, l. Kerber and Mertens)

**Career**

Second straight Top 30 season in 2017, finishing at No.25 for the second consecutive year, winning a career-best 33 main draw matches

Captured maiden tour-level singles title at 2017 New Haven in her second career Premier-level final (d. No.1 seed A.Radwanska in SF, d. No.2 seed Cibulkova in F)

Also finished R-Up at Strasbourg (l. Stosur) and Hong Kong (l. Pavlyuchenkova) in 2017. Owns a 1-3 career record in singles finals

Achieved career-high singles ranking of No.20 on August 28, 2017 and became Australia’s No.1 on June 12, 2017 for a total of 19 weeks

Advanced to first WTA singles final at 2016 Moscow (l. Kuznetsova), which followed SF run at Hong Kong where she recorded first win over a reigning World No.1 Kerber, in QF
• Reached first tour-level semifinal of career at 2015 Rome, as a qualifier (d. No.7 Ivanovic in 2r, l. eventual champion Sharapova)
• Made Top 100 singles debut at No.96 on March 23, 2015 and later that week defeated No.2 Sharapova in 2r at Miami
• Won maiden WTA doubles title at 2015 Istanbul (w/Svitolina) in first doubles final (now holds 1-2 record in doubles finals)
• On ITF Circuit, winner of four singles titles, including two in consecutive weeks early 2015, as well as two doubles titles
• Nominated for 2017 Newcombe Medal
• Catapulted from No.233 at end of 2014 season to No.36 at end of 2015 - named WTA's Most Impressive Newcomer for 2015 (media vote)
• Secured permanent residence in Australia in 2013 and has represented the country in Grand Slam play since 2014 US Open. Australian passport came through in December 2015 and now represents Australia at WTA events as well
• Watched 2014 Australian Open on crutches; she tore ACL in right knee at WTA 125k Series event in Taipei in November 2013; following surgery, did not play a tournament until July 2014, at ITF level
• Made WTA main draw debut at 2012 ’s-Hertogenbosch, scoring first career Top 40 win over No.35 Wickmayer in 1r before losing to Flipkens in 2r
• Played first WTA qualifying event at 2009 Moscow and first professional event of career on ITF Circuit in Russia in 2008
• On ITF Circuit, winner of four singles titles, including two $50k events in Tasmania after the 2015 Australian Open (Burnie and Launceston); also owns two ITF doubles titles
• 2010 US Open junior singles champion and Youth Olympics champion in Singapore

Grand Slam History
• 2018 US Open marked 17th Grand Slam main draw appearance
• Achieved best Grand Slam result of career to date by reaching R16 at Australian Open in 2016 and 2017 – in 2016, defeated seeds Kvitova and Mladenovic before falling to Suárez Navarro
• Reached 3r at Roland Garros (l. Mertens) and Wimbledon (l. Sasnovich) in 2018
• Was seeded for the first time at the majors at 2017 Australian Open (at No.22)
• Other Grand Slam highlights include 2r showings at 2017-18 US Open

Other Information
• Coached by Jarryd Maher
• Born in Moscow but switched nationality (and representation) from Russia to Australia in December 2015
• Father's name is Alexey; mother's name is Natalia; younger brother is Stepan. Introduced to tennis at age 6 by parents
KVITOVA:

**Beijing**

- Making ninth consecutive appearance at China Open. Best result is R-Up finish in 2014 (l. Sharapova). Also made SF in 2013 (l. Jankovic) and 2017 (l. Garcia), and reached QF in 2016 (l. Keys)
- Has suffered two opening match defeats in Beijing, in 2011 (after 1r bye, l. Arvidsson) and 2015 (l. Errani)
- Owns 15-8 win-loss record in the Chinese capital – Wozniacki (18-10) is the only player in this year’s draw to have posted more wins here
- Faces Gavrilova in 1r. Won her most recent encounter with the Australian, en route to Birmingham title in June
- One of three Czechs gaining direct entry to the main draw this year
- Has struck 247 aces in 2018, the sixth most on tour
- During 2017 Asian swing reached SF in Beijing (l. Garcia) but lost 1r in Wuhan (l. Peng) and Tianjin (l. Zhu)
- Kvitova’s tour-leading five titles this season have come on all surfaces: St. Petersburg and Doha (hard), Prague and Madrid (clay) and Birmingham (grass) – the first player to win a title on all three surfaces in a season since S.Williams in 2015. The Czech has won at least one title every year dating back to 2011
- Currently sits at No.4 on the Porsche Race to Singapore leaderboard – can guarantee qualification by reaching Beijing SF

**Season**

- Coming off R16 showing at Wuhan (l. Pavlyuchenkova)
- Made 3r at US Open (l. Sabalenka) – for the first season in her career, has failed to make R16 at one of the majors
- Advanced to the QF stage in New Haven before being forced to retire against Suárez Navarro due to a left shoulder injury – first loss at that stage of a tournament all season (previously 5-0)
- Posted a SF run at Cincinnati (l. eventual champion Bertens) after a R16 showing at Montréal (also l. Bertens)
- Re-entered Top 5 of the WTA Rankings on August 20, 2018 for first time since the week of October 26, 2015
- 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)
- 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:

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<td>=6) Agnieszka Radwanska</td>
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• 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:

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<td>Brisbane (5), Australian Open (4)</td>
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Highlighted indicates streak from this season

• 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)
• Withdrawed from Rome after Madrid w/right thigh injury
• Lost 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 joint-seventh best record (also A.Radwanska) 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
• 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 US Open marked 41st 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)
• 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
# MATCH NOTES

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## MARIA SAKKARI (GRE #29) vs. DONNA VEKIC (CRO #40)

Head to Head: Series tied 1-1 (at tour level)

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- **YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD)**
- **YTD / CAREER HARD W-L (MD)**
- **YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD)**
- **YTD / CAREER TOP 5 W-L (MD & Q)**
- **YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD & Q)**
- **YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD & Q)**

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### BEIJING Tournament History

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SAKKARI:

**Beijing**
- Making main draw debut at China Open, having previously fallen in qualifying in 2016
- Last year, was forced to withdraw from qualifying due to extended stay in Wuhan, where she reached the SF
- Faces good friend Donna Vekic in 1r today; beat the Croatian en route to R16 at Indian Wells in March
- Played doubles with Vekic at this year’s Wimbledon (l. Han/Kumkhun in 1r)
- Bidding for 23rd main draw win of 2018 – the first season she has gone beyond the 20-win mark
- Currently at a career-high ranking of No.29. Greece’s sole representative in Top 100 (next highest-ranked player is No.172 Grammatikopoulou)

**Season**
- Fell 1r at Wuhan (l. eventual semifinalist Q.Wang)
- Began Asian swing by making fourth career WTA SF at Seoul (l. eventual champion Bertens)
- Reached 2r at US Open (l. Kenin). Was seeded No.32 in New York – first Greek woman seeded at a Slam since 2007 Australian Open (Daniilidou)
- In other pre-US Open tournaments, made 2r at Cincinnati (l. Kontaveit), and 1r at Montréal (l. Kasatkina) and New Haven (l. Diyas)
- Was R-Up at San Jose (d. V.Williams in QF, l. Buzarnescu) in her first tour-level final
- Entered 2018 San Jose on a four-match losing streak, which began with 3r loss at Roland Garros (l. Kasatkina) and stretched to Birmingham (Goerges), Eastbourne (Kuznetsova) and Wimbledon (l. Kenin)
- Run to 3r at Roland Garros marked joint-best result at a Slam, and best result in Paris. Has now reached 3r at all four majors – also 2017 Australian Open (l. Lucic-Baroni), 2017 Wimbledon (l. Konta) and 2017 US Open (l. V.Williams)
- Entered Paris after 3r run at Rome – d. No.15 Bertens and No.5 Ka.Pliskova before falling to No.12 Kerber
- Defeat of No.5 Ka.Pliskova in Rome 2r was first career Top 5 win
- Had 1r exit in Madrid (l. eventual runner-up Bertens)
- Reached SF in Istanbul (l. Hercog), her first semifinal appearance of 2018 and first since 2017 Wuhan
- Made 3r at Miami. Upset a pair of opponents ranked above her, No.49 Krunic in 1r and No.28 Kontaveit in 2r; run helped her return to Top 50
- Enjoyed a R16 run at Indian Wells (l. Osaka in 3s – was the only player to take a set off eventual champion)
- Made 2r exit at Acapulco (l. eventual R-Up Voegele). 1r defeat of Arruabarrena was first main draw win of 2018
- During Middle Eastern swing, made 1r exit at Doha (l. Cirstea) and fell in Dubai qualifying
- Began 2018 season with 1r exit at Shenzhen (l. Kovinica) followed by 1r qualifying defeat at Sydney (l. Cepede Royg). Fell in 1r at Australian Open (l. Siniakova) and St. Petersburg (l. Goerges)
**Career**

- Registered second-consecutive Top 100 year-end finish in 2017, finishing at No.52 – the highest year-end finish by a Greek player since Daniilidou in 2007 (No.43) and the only Greek player to record a Top 100 finish in the last seven years (since No.90 Daniilidou in 2011)
- Notched a then-career best win and first Top 10 victory of career over No.6 Wozniacki en route to first WTA SF of career at 2017 Wuhan Open – became just second qualifier to reach Premier-level SF in 2017 (Mertens at New Haven)
- Enjoyed a career-best year at the majors, progressing to 3r for first time on three different occasions: Australian Open (l. Lucic Baroni), Wimbledon (l. Konta) and US Open (l. V.Williams)
- Broke into Top 50 for first time at No.49 on October 9, 2017
- Reached first career WTA QF at 2016 Istanbul after qualifying to enter main draw (l. Kovinic) – at the time, achieved best win-by-ranking defeating No.34 Schmiedlova in 1r
- Elsewhere, played mainly ITF for first half of 2016 season, falling in qualifying at Brisbane, Hobart, Rio de Janeiro, Monterrey, Indian Wells, Madrid and Roland Garros before making 2r at Wimbledon (d. S.Zheng, l. V.Williams in 3s). After Wimbledon, only other main draw win in 2016 came in 2r showing at Tashkent (d. Schmiedlova, l. Flipkens)
- Also played main draw again at 2016 Gstaad (l. Kontaveit in 1r), New Haven (as qualifier. L. Rodina 1r), Tokyo [Japan Open] (l. Putintseva), Seoul (l. S.Zhang) and Hong Kong (l. World No.1 Kerber)
- Opened 2016 by falling in qualifying at Brisbane and Hobart and 2r 2016 Australian Open (posted first Grand Slam main draw win vs. Y.Wang, l. Suarez Navarro)
- Owns seven ITF Circuit singles titles and five in doubles
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2012 Palermo
- Made debut on ITF Circuit in 2010 at $10k ITF/Mytilino-GRE. Owns seven singles and five doubles titles on ITF Circuit

**Grand Slam History**

- 2018 US Open marked 12th Grand Slam main draw appearance
- Has reached 3r at all four of the majors – at 2017 Australian Open (l. Lucic-Baroni), 2017 Wimbledon (l. Konta), 2017 US Open (l. V.Williams) and 2018 Roland Garros (l. Kasatkina)
- When she made 3r at 2017 Australian Open, became first Greek woman to reach this stage at a Slam since Daniilidou at 2005 Wimbledon (l. Pennetta)
- At 2016 Australian Open, reaching 2r, (d. Y.Wang, l. Suárez Navarro) became the first woman from Greece to win a main draw match at a Slam since Daniilidou d. Ka.Pliskova at 2013 Australian Open
- At all Grand Slams, Daniilidou reached R16 at 2002 Wimbledon, 2003 Australian Open and 2004 US Open

**Other Information**

- Born and grew up in Athens, Greece, before moving to Barcelona aged 18 – has trained there for two years
- Mother, Angeliki Kanellopoulou, was tennis player too, however didn't start because of her – just liked the sport. Tried karate and gymnastics but was thrown out of class for laughing too much
- Favorite surface is hard court
VEKIC:

**Beijing**

- Making second main draw appearance at Beijing, having fallen 1r in 2017 (l. Vandeweghe)
- Faces No.29 Sakkari in 1r – owns 5-12 record in 2018 against Top 30 players
- At No.40, sits three spots off her career-high ranking, set August 6, 2018 after her R-Up finish at Washington DC
- Fell 1r at all three tournaments during 2017 Asian swing, at Wuhan (l. Zhang), Beijing (l. Vandeweghe) and Tianjin (l. Haddad Maia)
- One of two Croatian woman in the main draw (also Martic, who faces Strycova in 1r)

**Season**

- Began Asian swing in style, reaching SF at Tokyo (l. eventual champion Ka.Pliskova in 3s) and then 2r showing at Wuhan (l. Kontaveit)
- During Tokyo run, scored victories over multiple Top 10 players at the same tournament for first time in her career by defeating No.9 Stephens and No.4 Garcia
- Fell 1r at US Open (l. Sevastova) and in qualifying at Cincinnati
- Reached the final at Washington DC (l. Kuznetsova after holding 4mp) – her first finals appearance since winning 2017 Nottingham; career record in finals now stands at 2-4; rose to career-high No.37 the following week (August 6, 2018)
- Achieved a career-best result at a Slam by reaching 2018 Wimbledon R16 (l. Goerges)
- Recorded her best win-by-rank to date at Wimbledon, ousting No.4 Stephens in 1r. Equalled this result by defeating No.4 Garcia in Tokyo QF
- Other highlights of grass court season included SF at Nottingham (as defending champion, l. Konta). Followed with a 1r exit at Birmingham (l. Svitolina) and 2r showing at Eastbourne (l. Strycova)
- Finished the clay season with 2r result at Roland Garros (l. Sharapova). Rose to then-career-high ranking of No.42 after tournament (June 11, 2018)
- Made QF run at Istanbul (l. Begu, after serving for the match twice and holding 1mp) and fell 2r at Rome (as qualifier, l. Keys) and Madrid (l. Muguruza)
- Fell 2r in clay court season opener at Lugano (l. Barthel in 3s)
- Reached 3r at Miami (l. Collins) and made 1r exit at Indian Wells (l. Sakkari)
- Suffered 1r losses at St. Petersburg (l. Siniakova) and Doha (l. Sevastova). Also in February, reached 2r at Budapest (l. Bonaventure)
- Began season with QF appearance in Hobart (l. Watson), before 2r showing at Australian Open (l. Kerber)
Career

- Enjoyed a resurgent year in 2017, cracking the Top-50 in the week of July 24, 2017 and finishing campaign ranked No.54 – her highest career end-of-year ranking (up from No.101 in 2016)
- Grass court season highlighted by winning second WTA singles title of career, at Nottingham – d. No.8 Konta. Until this title run, had not posted back-to-back main draw wins since September 2015 (run to final at Tashkent)
- Reached two ITF finals at the end of 2016 season, winning the title at $100k ITF/Sharm El Sheikh-EGY. Also reached QF at WTA 125K event at Limoges
- Posted just four main draw wins across 2016, defeating Al Nabhani at Doha, Riske at Kaohsiung, Ivanovic at Cincinnati and Zhang at Tianjin
- 2015 highlights included reaching final at Tashkent (l. Hibino) and QF at Baku
- When she won first career singles title at 2014 Kuala Lumpur, aged 17 yrs 10 mos, became youngest player to win a WTA singles title since 2006 Bangkok (Vania King)
- Reached first WTA career final at 2012 Tashkent. In what was her first WTA main draw appearance, became youngest WTA finalist since 15-year-old Paszek won Portoroz in 2005. Also finished runner-up on grass at 2013 Birmingham (l. Hantuchova) and 2015 Tashkent (l. Hibino). Including 2018 Washington DC, owns a 2-4 record in singles finals
- Broke into Top 100 (at No.93) on January 28, 2013
- On ITF Circuit has won five singles and one doubles title
- Member of Croatian Fed Cup Team, 2012-15, 2017

Grand Slam History

- 2018 US Open marked 21st main draw Grand Slam appearance
- Achieved deepest run at a Slam by reaching 2018 Wimbledon R16 (l. Goerges)
- Other best results at the majors came with 3r runs at 2015 Roland Garros (l. Ivanovic) and 2017 US Open (l. Sevastova)
- At Australian Open reached 2r in 2013, 2017 and 2018

Other Information

- Both parents played professional sports: mother, Brankica (track hurdler) and father, Igor (soccer goalkeeper)
- Currently coached by Torben Beltz
- Favorite surface is hard
- Speaks Croatian, English and Italian
- Self-described as strong-willed, determined and extremely competitive
### Match Notes

**[6] ELINA SVITOLINA (UKR #6) vs. ALEKSANDRA KRUNIC (SRB #63)**

Head to Head: ELINA SVITOLINA leads 2-0

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### Beijing Tournament History

**ELINA SVITOLINA**

- **2017**
  - SF: L - CAROLINE GARCIA (FRA #15) 7-6(6) 6-3
  - R2: L - AGNIESZKA RADWANSKA (POL #3) 6-2 6-1

- **2016**
  - RQ: L - ANASTASIA PAVLYUCHENKOVA (RUS #32) 6-4 6-2 6-3

**ALEKSANDRA KRUNIC**

- **2016**
  - R1-Q: L - KURUMI NARA (JPN #78) 6-4 6-2 6-4

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SVITOLINA:

**Beijing**
- Making sixth appearance at Beijing. Best result at China Open is reaching SF in 2016 (l. eventual champion A.Radwanska)
- Also reached QF in 2017 (l. eventual champion Garcia – held 1mp). Made 2r in 2015 (l. Pavlyuchenkova), and lost opening matches in 2013 (l. Vinci) and 2014 (after 1r bye, l. Sharapova)
- Faces Krunic in 1r today – bidding for 27th hard court win this season, only Sabalenka (29 – before Wuhan final) and Halep have more (28)
- One of two Ukrainian women in main draw (also Tsurenko)
- Currently sits at No.6 on the Porsche Race to Singapore leaderboard; will qualify for the WTA Finals for the second year in a row by winning Beijing title

**Season**
- Began Asian swing with 2r exit at Wuhan (after 1r bye, l. Sabalenka)
- Reached R16 at US Open (l. Sevastova)
- Contested two North American events in lead-up to US Open, reaching SFs in Montréal (as defending champion, l. Stephens) and making QFs at Cincinnati (l. eventual champion Bertens)
- 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). This was third time in career she has defended a title (also Baku 2013-14 and Dubai 2017-18)
- 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)
- 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)
- Her five titles in 2017 included Taipei City (d. Peng in F), Dubai (d. Wozniacki in F), Istanbul (d. Mertens in F), Rome (d. Halep in F) and Toronto (d. Wozniacki in F)
- Became first player to win three Premier 5 titles in a single season (Dubai, Rome, Toronto), since such tournaments were introduced in 2009
- Owned longest unbeaten streak in 2017, at 15 matches. Won Taipei City (five wins), went 2-0 for Ukraine in Fed Cup action against Australia, triumphant in Dubai (after 1r bye, five wins), won one match at Kuala Lumpur before withdrawing prior to her 2r match, then reached R16 at Indian Wells (after 1r bye, two wins) falling to Muguruza in three sets
- One of five players to make Top 10 debut in 2017, after winning Dubai in February (also Ostapenko, Garcia, Mladenovic and Vandeweghe). Peaked in rankings at No.3 on September 11, 2017
- On four occasions could have reached World No.1 spot – at 2017 US Open, then needed to win 2017 Beijing (fell in QF), then needed to triumph at 2017 WTA Finals (failed to progress from group stage), or reach final at 2018 Australian Open (fell in QF)
- Enjoyed best win ratio vs. Top 5 players in 2017 across WTA, going 8-1 (Wozniacki was 8-4)
- Strong finish to 2016 season also saw her reach first SF at Premier Mandatory level at Beijing (l. A.Radwanska); in addition, post-US Open reached SF at Tokyo [PPO] (l. Osaka) and Moscow (l. Kuznetsova)
- Qualified for 2016 WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai for the second time (l. Kvitova in F)
- Reached three finals in 2016, at Kuala Lumpur (d. Bouchard in F) and advancing to finals at New Haven (l. A.Radwanska) and Zhuhai (l. Kvitova)
- Other 2016 season highlights included SF at Dubai (l. Errani) and QF at Rio Olympics (l. Kvitova)
- Owns two career doubles titles: 2014 Istanbul (w/Doi) and 2015 Istanbul (w/Gavrilova)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2012 Baku (lost in 1r but won title the next two years)
- Played first ITF Circuit events of career in 2008. Winner of seven singles and two doubles titles on ITF Circuit
**Grand Slam History**

- 2018 US Open marked 25th Grand Slam main draw appearance
- Best results to date have been QF showings at 2015 Roland Garros (l. Ivanovic), 2017 Roland Garros (l. eventual R-Up Halep) and 2018 Australian Open (l. Mertens)
- At Wimbledon, advanced to R16 for the first time in 2017 (l. Ostapenko)
- Reached R16 at US Open in 2017 (l. eventual R-Up Keys) and 2018 (l. Sevastova)
- Joint-highest seeding at a Slam is No.4 (2017 Wimbledon and US Open, 2018 Australian Open and Roland Garros)

**Other Information**

- Parents are Mykhaylo and Olena; brother is Yulian
- Introduced to tennis at age 5 by family
- Currently working with coach Thierry Ascione and hitting partner Andrew Bettles. Has previously worked with Iain Hughes

**KRUNIC:**

**Beijing**

- Making main draw debut at Beijing, having fallen in qualifying in 2016
- Faces No.6 Svitolina in 1r; owns three career Top 10 wins, over No.4 Kvitova at 2014 US Open, No.7 Konta at 2017 US Open and No.2 Muguruza at 2018 Brisbane
- Lone Serbian representative in this year’s Beijing draw. Best results by a Serbian here was by Jankovic, who won the title in 2008 and finished R-Up in 2007 and 2013
- Has reached QF or better four times in Asia, including R-Up finish at 2017 Guangzhou
- Playing doubles here with Siniakova (face wildcards Konta/Zhang in 1r, with winner meeting No.2 seeds Sestini Hlavackova/Strýcová)

**Season**

- Coming off 2r showing at Wuhan (l. Kvitova)
- Began Asian swing by reaching QF at Guangzhou (l. Pera)
- Made 3r for second time at US Open (l. Keys)
- Reached 2r of Eastbourne (l. Konta) before making a 1r exit to Brengle at Wimbledon
- Captured first career WTA singles title at ’s-Hertogenbosch (d. Flipkens in F) to become first Serbian to win a WTA singles title since Jankovic in 2015
• Scored second Top 20 win of the season over No.16 Vandeweghe at ‘s-Hertogenbosch
• Reached career-high ranking of No.39 after ‘s-Hertogenbosch run (as at June 18, 2018)
• Fell 1r at Roland Garros (l. Peng) after 2r showing at Rome (as lucky loser, l. Sevastova)
• Defeated Roberta Vinci in 1r at Rome in what was the Italian’s last professional match of her career
• Advanced to the semifinals in Rabat (l. Tomljanovic) before 1r exit at Madrid (l. Azarenka)
• Posted back-to-back 2r finishes at Charleston (l. eventual champion Bertens) and Istanbul (l. Sakkari)
• Suffered 1r exits at Indian Wells (l. Begu) and Miami (l. Sakkari)
• Reached 2r at Budapest (l. Larsson) and fell 1r at Doha (l. Strycova)
• Began season with QF run at Brisbane (l. Sevastova) and 1r exit at Australian Open (l. Kontaveit)
• At Brisbane registered third career Top 10 win when No.2 Muguruza retired w/cramping; the Spaniard had led 7-5 5-3 and came within two points of victory. Previous Top 10 wins came over No.4 Kvitova (2014 US Open) and No.7 Konta (2017 US Open)

Career

• Regained Top 100 form for the second time in her career in 2017, finishing as Serbia’s No.1 at No.55. Made one of the biggest rankings jumps on tour from the end of 2016, moving up 91 spots from No.146
• Reached first tour-level final at 2017 Guangzhou (l. Zhang) and advanced to two quarterfinals during the season, at Tokyo [Japan Open] and Tashkent
• Also added a title at WTA 125K Series event at Bol, Croatia (d. Cadantu in F) and was a finalist at $100k ITF/Manchester-GBR
• Scored second Top 10 victory of career over No.7 Konta in 1r of 2017 US Open (l. Goerges in 3r) – also upset 2017 Roland Garros champion No.12 Ostapenko in 1r at Cincinnati (l. Suárez Navarro in 2r). Previous Top 10 win over No.4 Kvitova at 2014 US Open
• Passed $1 million career prize money milestone in 2016, playing a mix of WTA and ITF Circuit events – best result was a quarterfinal appearance at Rabat
• Made first career Top 100 finish in 2015 at No.96
• Owns two WTA doubles titles – 2014 Tashkent (w/Siniakova) and 2016 Rabat (w/Knoll)
• Made WTA debut at 2011 Budapest and turned pro in 2009
• ITF debut came at $10k ITF/Prokuplje-SRB in 2008 (won tournament)
• On ITF Circuit, winner of nine singles titles and six doubles titles

Grand Slam History

• 2018 US Open marked 14th time contesting the main draw of a Grand Slam – has only progressed beyond 1r four times, at 2018, 2017 and 2014 US Opens and 2015 Wimbledon
• Best result across the Slams was breakthrough R16 run at 2014 US Open. As qualifier, defeated No.27 Keys and No.4 Kvitova before succumbing to Azarenka in three sets
• Is one of only 10 qualifiers to make R16 or better in US Open history
• Made 3r at 2015 Wimbledon (d. No.35 Vinci and No.19 Errani, l. V. Williams)
• At Australian Open, has suffered 1r exits in 2015-16 and 2018, lost opening match in 2015 and 2018 at Roland Garros and at 2018 Wimbledon

Other Information

• Coached by Elise Tamaela
• Parents are Bratislav and Ivana (both work for an electrical appliances company); younger sister is Anastasia
• Started playing at age 3. Still considers Moscow her hometown but lives with her grandparents in Serbia
• Tennis idols growing up were Kim Clijsters and Mary Pierce
• Other interests include psychology and criminology; other hobbies include bowling, shopping and driving her car
• Favorite tournament is Baku; favorite Grand Slam is Australian Open
**MATCH NOTES**  
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**MAGDALENA RYBARIKOVA (SVK #36) vs. [12] JELENA OSTAPENKO (LAT #12)**

Head to Head: First meeting

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- **WTA RANKING**
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RYBARIKOVA:

Beijing

- Making fourth main draw appearance at Beijing (fifth overall)
- Registered only win at the tournament during last year’s 2r showing (d. Bouchard, l. Halep via. ret. w/GI illness)
- Made 1r exits in 2009 (l. Bartoli) and 2013 (l. Bouchard). Fell in 2015 qualifying
- Faces No.12 Ostapenko today in their first career meeting. Owns two wins over Top 20-ranked opponents in 2018: No.14 Kasatkina at Stuttgart and No.7 Ka.Pliskova at Birmingham
- Winner faces Chinese No.1 Q.Wang in 2r (Chinese player received 1r performance bye due to Wuhan SF run)
- Bidding for first win on tour since Vandeweghe ret. w/right ankle injury in third set of their 1r encounter at New Haven in August. Last win in a completed match came vs. Strycova at Montréal
- Currently the Slovak No.2, of four in Top 100 – also Cibulkova, Kuzmova and Schmiedlova

Season

- Fell 1r at Seoul (ret. vs. Minella w/upper respiratory illness). Same illness led to withdrawal from Wuhan
- During North American hard court season, reached 2r at Montréal (l. Garcia) and New Haven (l. Makarova), and made 1r exit at US Open (l. Q.Wang) and Cincinnati (l. Mertens)
- Grass court season highlighted by R-Up finish at Birmingham, where she scored her ninth career win over a Top 10 opponent en route – d. No.7 Ka.Pliskova
- Fell 1r at Wimbledon (l. Cirstea). Dropped out of Top 20 after 1r making exit at Wimbledon, having been a semifinalist at All England Club last year
- Made 2r exits at Nottingham (l. Barthel) and Eastbourne (after 1r bye, ret. vs. Hsieh w/hip injury)
- Clay campaign culminated with 3r effort at Roland Garros (l. Tsurenko)
- Fell 1r at Madrid and Rome (l. Konta at both events)
- Reached 2r on clay indoors at Stuttgart (l. Halep)
- On hard courts, made QF run at Monterrey (l. Vickery) and suffered opening match defeats at Indian Wells (after 1r bye, l. Zhuk) and Miami (after 1r bye, l. Niculescu)
- Set career-high ranking of No.17 on March 5, 2018
- Made 2r at Doha (ret. vs. Niculescu w/left hip injury)
- Helped Slovakia record its first victory over Russia in Fed Cup – winning 3-1 in their World Group II first round tie in Bratislava (d. Kalinskaya in only rubber contested)
- Produced career-best R16 showing at Australian Open (l. eventual champion Wozniacki), surpassing three 2r efforts (2014-16). Seeded (No.19) at a Grand Slam for just the second time in career; was No.31 seed at 2017 US Open
- Opened 2018 season with 1r exit at Sydney (l. Bellis)
Career

- Posted first Top 20 season in 2017, at No.20, up from No.156 at end of 2016. Has registered eight Top 100 seasons.

- On October 23, 2017 overtook Cibulkova as the Slovak No.1 for first time.

- Was seeded No.1 at a WTA tournament for the first time, at 2017 Linz (l. Strycova in F).

- Qualified for WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai in 2017, going 1-1 in group stage.

- Finished with 18-2 record on grass in 2017; in addition to SF at Wimbledon (l. eventual champion Muguruza), clinched two ITF singles titles at $100k ITF/Surbiton-GBR (d. Watson in F) and $100k ITF/Ilkley-GBR (d. Van Uytvanck in F), and made SF run at Nottingham (l. eventual R-Up Konta).


- Prior to Roland Garros, played exclusively on ITF Circuit in 2017, clinching back-to-back titles at $80k ITF/Gifu-JPN (d. Zhu in F) and $60k ITF/Fukuoka-JPN (d. Jang in F).

- In March 2017, ranking fell as low as No.453 before reaching SF at $25k ITF/Istanbul 2-TUR (l. Tomova).

- Missed second half of 2016 due to wrist and knee surgery. Left wrist injury was a long-standing problem; hyperextended knee during match at $100k ITF/Trnava-SVK in May 2016.

- 2016 campaign was highlighted by reaching QF at Indian Wells (l. eventual champion Azarenka) – marked best result at WTA Premier Mandatory level.

- Wins at Indian Wells were first back-to-back WTA main draw victories since July 2015 (at Istanbul) and first time winning four matches in a row since reaching 2014 New Haven final (l. Kvitova).


- Won doubles title at 2012 Budapest (w/Husarova); achieved a career-high doubles ranking of No.50 (6 June, 2011).


- Made WTA main draw debut as a WC at 2006 Prague.

- Owns nine singles titles and one doubles title on ITF Circuit.

Grand Slam History

- 2018 US Open marked 41st main draw appearance at a Grand Slam.

- In 2017, became first Slovak woman to reach SF at Wimbledon; previous best results were QF runs by Cibulkova (2011, 2016) and Hantuchova (2002).
Became the 24th unseeded player to advance to a Grand Slam semifinal since 2001 Wimbledon (first Grand Slam with 32 seeds), and the sixth at Wimbledon, after Zheng Jie (2008) Petra Kvitova (2010), Tsvetana Pironkova (2010), Sabine Lisicki (2011) and Elena Vesnina (2016)

Produced career-best R16 showing in Melbourne at 2018 Australian Open (l. eventual champion Wozniacki), surpassing three 2r efforts (2014-16)

First ever Grand Slam seeding was No.31 at 2017 US Open

Prior to 2017 Wimbledon, had never been beyond 3r at any major

In addition to reaching 3r at All England Club in 2015, has also reached that stage at US Open in 2008, 2009 and 2017 and at Roland Garros in 2018

**Other Information**

- Born in Piestany, Slovakia and began playing tennis at age 8; moved to Bratislava at 15 to train at National Tennis Centre
- Coached by Peter Huber
- Admires Roger Federer and Martina Hingis
- Lucky charm is a toy turtle

**OSTAPENKO:**

**Beijing**

- Making third consecutive main draw appearance at China Open, with best result 2017's SF run (l. Halep)
- Last year's performance secured her first-ever qualification for the WTA Finals in Singapore
- On debut in 2016, fell 1r (l. Putintseva after holding 1mp)
- Faces No.36 Rybarikova in 1r today; has lost 13 times to players ranked outside Top 30, most recently No.33 Gavrilova at Wuhan five days ago
- Enjoyed a fine Asian swing in 2017, winning Seoul, reaching SF at Wuhan and Beijing and falling in the round robin stage at the WTA Finals

**Season**

- In past few weeks, fell 1r at Wuhan (l. Gavrilova) and in 2r at Seoul (as defending champion l. Alexandrova)
- Advanced to 3r at US Open for a second time (l. Sharapova)
- Made 1r exits at Montréal (l. Konta in 3s) and Cincinnati (l. Cornet in 3s)
- Finished grass court season with 7-2 record, highlighted by SF run at Wimbledon (l. eventual champion Kerber) becoming the first woman representing Latvia to reach last four at Wimbledon
- Enjoyed a QF showing at Eastbourne (l. A.Radwanska) in her lone tune-up for Wimbledon
- Suffered 1r upset at Roland Garros as the defending champion (l. Kozlova) – was only sixth player in Open Era to lose in 1r of Grand Slam title defense
• Reached QF at Rome (l. Sharapova 6-7(6) 6-4 7-5 in 3h 11m – seventh longest match of the season)
• Made 1r exit at Madrid (l. Begu) following QF run at Stuttgart (l. eventual champion Ka.Pliskova in 3s)
• Won both singles rubbers (d. Makarova and Pavlyuchenkova in straight sets) to help Latvia beat Russia 3-2 and reach the Fed Cup World Group II for the first time
• Reached her first final of 2018 in Miami (l. Stephens). The result was her best showing at a WTA Premier Mandatory tournament. Record in singles finals now stands at 2-4
• At 20 years, 297 days old, became the youngest player to reach Miami final since Azarenka (19 years, 237 days) won the title in 2009
• Saw off No.9 Kvitova in R16 and No.4 Svitolina in Miami QF to register multiple Top 10 wins in the same tournament for the first time in her career
• Made 3r exit at Indian Wells (l. Martic); rose to career-high No.5 ranking after the tournament (March 19, 2018)
• Suffered opening match defeat Doha (after 1r bye, l. Buzarnescu in straight sets) and Dubai (l. Vesnina). Bounced back by winning third career WTA doubles title w/Dabrowski (d. Klepac/Martínez Sánchez in F) that week
• Represented Latvia in Fed Cup Europe/Africa Group competition, helping team reach World Group II play-offs for the first time, going 3-1 in singles
• Reached QF at St. Petersburg (l. eventual champion Kvitova)
• Began 2018 season with 1r exits at Shenzhen (l. Kr.Plisko va) and Sydney (l. Makarova), before reaching 3r at Australian Open (l. Kontaveit)

Career
• Enjoyed career-best season in 2017, finishing the year in the Top 10 for the first time in her career (at No.7); was No.44 at end of 2016 (first Top 50 finish) and No.79 at end of 2015 (first Top 100 finish)
• Won first tour-level title and maiden Grand Slam trophy at 2017 Roland Garros (d. Halep in F), where she became the lowest-ranked player (No.47), and first unseeded player, to lift the trophy in the Open Era
• Clinched second tour-level title at Seoul in September (d. Haddad Maia in F) as top seed
• Seoul title, and subsequent SF runs at Wuhan and Beijing, helped earn her first-ever qualification at WTA Finals, where she went 1-2 in the group stage – d. Ka.Pliskova; l. V.Williams and Muguruza
• Advanced to third career singles final at 2017 Charleston in April, falling to then fellow 19-year-old Kasatkina; was the first all-teenage final on tour since 2009 Linz (Wickmayer d. Kvitova)
• Made four additional semifinals in 2017: Auckland (l. eventual champion Davis), Prague (l. Kr.Pliskova), Wuhan (l. Barty) and Beijing (l. Halep)
• Upset Muguruza in QF at 2017 Beijing to register first win over a reigning World No.1
• Reached QF stage at Acapulco (l. eventual champion Tsurenko) and Wimbledon (l. eventual R-Up V.Williams)
• Following run to 3r at 2017 US Open (l. Kasatkina), made her Top 10 debut at No.10 on September 11, 2017
• In doubles, won first and second career titles in 2017, at St. Petersburg (w/Rosolska) and Stuttgart (w/Atawo)
• 2016 season highlight and breakthrough result was reaching final at Premier 5 Doha (l. Suárez Navarro)
• Made Top 40 debut by virtue of reaching final at 2016 Doha
• Represented Latvia at 2016 Rio Olympics, losing 1r in singles (l. Stosur)
• Reached first WTA final of career at 2015 Québec City (l. Beck)
• Ended 2015 at No.79 for first Top 100 finish (up from No.308 in 2014). Having leapt 229 spots, was second-highest year-end rankings jump, after Kasatkina who went from No.370 to No.72 (298 spots)
• Began playing ITF Circuit events in 2012. Has won seven singles and eight doubles titles. Made WTA main draw debut at 2014 Tashkent (2r, l. Pervak)
• Latvian Fed Cup Team, 2013-18; Latvian Olympic Team, 2016

**Grand Slam History**

• 2018 US Open marked 14th main draw appearance at a Grand Slam
• Champion at 2017 Roland Garros (d. Halep in F), becoming first woman to win her first tour-level title at a Grand Slam since Barbara Jordan at 1979 Australian Open (d. Walsh in F)
• First Latvian player to reach the championship match at a Grand Slam; previously Ernests Gulbis reached SF at 2014 Roland Garros
• Followed Paris victory by posting her then-second best major result, reaching QF at 2017 Wimbledon (l. V.Williams). Along with S.Williams in 2015, is the only woman in the last 10 years to have followed up victory at Roland Garros with a run to the QF or better at Wimbledon. Before that, Henin also achieved the feat in 2007
• Also the first woman to back up her maiden Slam title with QF or better at next Slam since Kim Clijsters (US Open-Australian Open 2006)
• Improved upon her 2017 result by reaching the SF of Wimbledon in 2018 (l. eventual champion Kerber) becoming the first woman representing Latvia to reach SF at Wimbledon
• Best result to date at Australian Open is reaching 3r in 2017 and 2018; best result at US Open is reaching 3r in 2017 and 2018
• Fell in 1r at all four majors in 2016, however, reached mixed doubles SF at 2016 Wimbledon (w/Marach, l. eventual champions Kontinen/Watson)
• Won girls' singles title at 2014 Wimbledon

**Other Information**

• Works with Glen Schaap (as of June 2018) and her mother, Jelena Jakovleva
• Father is Jevgenijs, half-brother is Maksim Ostapenko (graduated from art academy in Los Angeles and lives there now).
• Previously worked with David Taylor from December 2017 until 2018 Roland Garros
• Introduced to tennis at age five by mother; favorite shots are serve and backhand; favorite surfaces are grass and hard
• Tennis idols are Serena Williams and Ernests Gulbis – watched Gulbis’ QF match at Roland Garros from his box in 2014
• Took ballroom dancing classes for seven years
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[10] JULIA GOERGES (GER #10) vs. JOHANNA KONTA (GBR #43)

Head to Head: JULIA GOERGES leads 1-0

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GOERGES:

**Beijing**

- Making eighth appearance at China Open. Best result was R16 showing in 2012 (l. Bartoli)
- During 2012 run, upset then-No.9 Stosur in 2r
- Faces British No.1 Konta in 1r today; owns 12-3 career record against British players, most recently beating Broady at 2017 Biel
- Ranked and seeded No.10 at 2018 Beijing, where she has never been seeded before. This time last year, was ranked No.27
- During career, has reached QF or better six times on Asian soil, including title run at 2017 Zhuhai
- Leads the WTA for aces struck in 2018 with 410. By contrast, hit 412 in 2017 season

**Season**

- Fell 2r at past two tournaments, US Open (l. Makarova) and Wuhan (l. qualifier Kenin)
- Advanced to the SF stage at New Haven (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)
- Opened summer hard court season with R16 showing at Montréal (l. Sevastova), her career-best result at the Rogers Cup; fell in 1r of Cincinnati the following week (l. Mladenovic via ret. left leg injury)
- After Wimbledon, reached QF on clay at Moscow [River Cup] (l. eventual champion Danilovic)
- Reached maiden Grand Slam SF at Wimbledon (l. S.Williams)
- Went 2-2 on grass in lead-up to Wimbledon, reaching QF at Birmingham (l. eventual champion Kvitova) and dropping 2r opener at Eastbourne (after 1r bye, l. eventual runner-up Sabalenka)
- On clay, made 3r at Roland Garros (l. S.Williams) and Madrid (l. Garcia), and withdrew from Rome due to illness. Also suffered 1r exits on home soil at Nürnberg (l. Kr.Pliskova in 3s) and Stuttgart (l. Vondrousova)
- Began clay court swing at Charleston – finished as R-Up (l. Bertens). Career record in WTA singles finals now stands at 5-8
- Part of Germany team that lost 3-2 to Czech Republic in Stuttgart; went 1-1 in singles (d. Ka.Pliskova, l. Kvitova)
- Suffered 2r loss to countrywoman Witthoeft in Miami. Made 3r exit in Indian Wells (l. Sevastova)
- Reached QF at Doha before retiring in her match against Kvitova due to a hip injury
Made her Top 10 debut on February 5, 2018 after SF run at St Petersburg (l. eventual champion Kvitova)
Reached 2r at Australian Open (l. Cornet) – result ended 15-match winning streak
Began 2018 campaign with fifth title of career at Auckland (d. Wozniacki in F) – extended title streak to three, having previously won Moscow and Zhuhai to close out 2017 season

**Career**
- Registered then-career-high ranking and best year-end finish in 2017, at No.14. Second Top 20 finish of career (also No.18 in 2012)
- Reached a career-high five finals in 2017 season, winning Moscow (d. Kasatkina in F) and biggest title of career at WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai (d. Vandeweghe in F). Finished R-Up at Mallorca (l. Sevastova), Bucharest (l. Begu) and Washington, DC (l. Makarova)
- Moscow title was first since 2011 Stuttgart, having also won 2010 Bad Gastein
- By winning 2017 Moscow, overtook Kerber to become German No.1 and also returned to Top 20 for first time since February 2013
- Hit 412 aces across 2017 season. Only two other players have reached the 400-ace mark in a season: S.Williams (2012-15) and Ka.Pliskova (2014-17)
- Owns a 5-8 record in WTA singles finals; is 5-11 in WTA doubles finals, most recently winning at 2015 New Haven (w/Hradecka)
- Opened 2016 by reaching first WTA singles final in nearly four years, finishing runner-up at Auckland (l. Stephens). Was first final since 2012 Dubai
- Enjoyed best doubles season to date in 2016, reaching final at Indian Wells (w/Ka.Pliskova) and qualifying for the WTA Finals for the first time. Set new career-high doubles rank of No.12 on August 22, 2016
- In 2011, posted wins over World No.1 Wozniacki in consecutive weeks (Stuttgart final and Madrid)
- Made WTA main draw debut as a qualifier at 2007 Doha
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in Germany in 2005
- Member of German Fed Cup team 2008, 2010-18

**Grand Slam History**
- 2018 US Open marked 43rd main draw appearance at a Grand Slam
- Posted best Grand Slam result at 2018 Wimbledon, where she reached SF (l. S.Williams). With Kerber winning title at All England Club this year, it marked the first time that two Germans reached the last four at the same Slam since 1993 Roland Garros – Huber (SF) and Graf (Champion)
- Made main draw debut at 2007 US Open, negotiating qualifying before losing to eventual champion Henin in 1r
In doubles, is a three-time semifinalist, at Australian Open (2015 w/Groenefeld and 2016 w/Ka.Pliskova) and Wimbledon (2016 w/Ka.Pliskova)

Reached first Grand Slam final of any kind at 2014 Roland Garros, finishing runner-up in mixed doubles (w/Zimonjic; l. Groenefeld/Rojer)

Other Information

- Born in Bad Oldesloe. Father is Klaus, mother is Inge; older sister is Maike
- Began playing tennis aged 6. Tennis idol growing up was Martina Hingis
- Fan of winter sports, especially biathlon (cross country skiing combined with shooting)
- Coached by Michael Geserer and Matthias Mischka. Physio and fitness coach is Florian Zitzelsberger

KONTA:

Beijing

- Making third appearance at Beijing. On debut here, reached the final before losing to A.Radowanska in the title match
- Defeated two Top 10 players en route to 2016 final (No.6 Ka.Pliskova – R16, No.9 Keys – SF)
- In addition to R-Up showing here, has fine record in China, reaching SF at 2016 Zhuhai and 2017 Shenzhen and QF at 2016 Wuhan
- Is sole British player to gain direct entry into 2018 Beijing main draw
- Faces No.10 Goerges in 1r. Most recent Top 10 win came against No.2 Halep at 2017 Wimbledon
- Ranks No.10 on tour for aces struck (209) and No.7 for percentage of service games won, (75.6%) – Goerges leads the way in both categories with 410 aces and 79.2%
- Playing doubles this week with S.Zhang (face Krunic/Siniakova in 1r)

Season

- So far during Asian swing, reached R16 at Tokyo (l. Vekic) and fell 1r at Wuhan (l. Barty)
- Made 1r exit at US Open (l. Garcia)
- Reached R16 in New Haven before having to withdraw against Suárez Navarro w/viral illness
- Fell at first hurdle at Cincinnati (l. eventual semifinalist Sabalenka in three sets)
- Reached R16 at Montréal (l. Svitolina). Upset No.11 Ostapenko in 1r in Canada to register her fourth Top 20 win of the season (also No.19 Keys at Sydney, and No.19 Rybarikova at Madrid and Rome)
- Made QF at San Jose (l. Mertens); in 1r match at San Jose, defeated S.Williams 6-1 6-0 – the heaviest defeat of the American's career and first time losing a set-to-love since 2014 WTA Finals (l. 6-0 6-2 to
Halep). Became first British woman to defeat Serena – Konta fell to her at 2017 Australian Open (QF), Watson at 2015 Wimbledon (3r) and Robson at 2013 Rome (2r)

- Made 2r exit at Wimbledon (l. Cibulkova), having reached SF at All England Club in 2017
- Reached sixth WTA singles final of career at Nottingham (l. Barty) before making 1r exit at Birmingham (l. eventual champion Kvitova) and reaching 3r at home event of Eastbourne (l. Wozniacki)
- After Nottingham defeat, overall record in WTA finals now stands at 3-3
- Fell 1r at Roland Garros (l. Putintseva)
- Reached R16 at Rome (l. Ostapenko in 3s) after 1r exit at Madrid (l. Pera)
- Won all three singles rubbers to help Great Britain advance from Europe/Africa Zone Group I. However, despite winning two more singles rubbers, Britain lost 3-2 in World Group II play-off against Japan in April
- Fell in 2r at Charleston (after 1r bye, l. Stollar)
- As defending champion at Miami, reached R16 (l. V.Williams in 3s)
- Made 2r exit at Indian Wells (after 1r bye, l. Vondrousova)
- During Middle East swing, reached R16 at Doha (l. Kerber) before a 2r exit at Dubai (l. Kasatkina)
- Made 2r exit at Australian Open, falling to No.123-ranked lucky loser Pera – worst loss by ranking since falling to No.164 Torró-Flor at 2015 $50k ITF/Saint-Gaudens-FRA
- Made 2r exit at Sydney (as defending champion, l. A.Radwanska)
- Opened 2017 season by reaching QF at Brisbane (l. eventaul champion Svitolina). Was two points from victory in second set against Svitolina before retiring with a right hip injury midway through third set
- Win over Keys in 1r at Brisbane broke five-match losing streak carried over from 2017

**Career**

- Enjoyed best season of career in 2017, posting career-high season finish of No.9 (second Top 10 season in a row). Peaked in rankings at No.4 on July 17, 2017
- Began 2017 season in great form by lifting title at Sydney (d. A.Radwanska in F), before landing biggest title of career at Premier-Mandatory Miami (d. Wozniacki in F)
- At 2017 Wimbledon became first British player since Virginia Wade in 1978 to reach Wimbledon SF (l. R-Up V.Williams). Had previously won just one match from five previous visits to All England Club, in 2016 (d. Puig, l. Bouchard in 2r)
- Reached third final of 2017 season at Nottingham (l. Vekic)
- Also in 2017, reached SF for second year in a row at home event of Eastbourne – conceded walkover to eventual champion Ka.Pliskova, having sustained a thoracic spine injury during her QF defeat of World No.1 Kerber (fell heavily on match point, but won match after treatment). Match against Kerber was second of day, after she defeated Roland Garros champion Ostapenko in R16
- With win over Kerber, became first British woman to defeat a reigning World No.1 since Barker d. Chris Evert at 1979 Boston
- Was in contention for WTA Finals qualification in 2017, however withdrawal from Moscow opened spot for Garcia
- Owns five Top 5 wins over No.2 Halep at 2015 Wuhan, No.3 A.Radwanska at 2017 Sydney, No.5 Halep at 2017 Miami, No.1 Kerber at 2017 Eastbourne and No.2 Halep at Wimbledon
- Posted first Top 10 season in 2016, at No.10
- Ended 2016 season at WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai in November (went 2-0 in round-robin play), fell in SF (l. Svitolina)
- Reached first Premier Mandatory final of career at 2016 Beijing (l. A.Radwanska)
- Alternate for WTA Finals in Singapore, narrowly missing qualification in the Top 8; was not called upon to play a match
- By virtue of reaching 2016 Beijing final, made WTA Top 10 debut – first British woman to feature in the elite group since Durie in 1984, and the fourth British woman overall to do so (also Wade and Barker). Became 119th woman to break into the Top 10, and the fourth to do so in 2016 after Vinci, Bencic and Keys
- Won career-first singles title at 2016 Stanford in maiden final (d. V.Williams in F). First British woman to reach final of a Premier event since WTA Roadmap was introduced in 2009, and first British woman to win the tournament since Barker in 1977 (when it was held in San Francisco)
- Broke into Top 20 on June 6, 2016 (at No.18) – first British woman in Top 20 for nearly 30 years (the week of October 13, 1986, with Durie at No.20)
- Was voted WTA Most Improved Player in 2016 by international media and fans
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in 2006, making WTA main draw debut at 2011 Copenhagen (as qualifier, l. 1r)

**Grand Slam History**
- 2018 US Open marked 20th main draw appearance at a Grand Slam
- Is a two-time Grand Slam semifinalist. Made Slam breakthrough with historic run to SF at 2016 Australian Open (l. eventual champion Kerber); first British woman to reach the last four at Melbourne Park since Sue Barker in December 1977, and at any Grand Slam since Jo Durie at 1983 US Open
- Has since reached SF at 2017 Wimbledon (l. R-Up V.Williams), becoming the first British woman to reach the last four since Virginia Wade in 1978 (l. Evert)
- Also made QF at Australian Open in 2017 (l. eventual champion S.Williams), while at US Open has twice reached R16, in 2015 (l. Kvitova) and 2016 (l. Sevastova)
- At Roland Garros has never been beyond 1r, falling at the first hurdle in 2015-18

**Other Information**
- Was introduced to the sport at age eight by parents; started to play at an after-school care program
• Born in Sydney, Australia; became a British citizen in May 2012. Parents are Gabor (hotelier) and Gabriella (dentist); older sister is Eva (works in fashion)
• Grandfather Tamas Kertesz played football for the Hungarian ‘Golden Team’ with Ferenc Puskas in 1955
• Currently coached by Michael Joyce, having parted ways with Wim Fissette at end of 2017 season