



**MATCH NOTES: HENGQIN LIFE WTA ELITE TROPHY ZHUHAI**  
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## 2018 HENGQIN LIFE WTA ELITE TROPHY ZHUHAI – FINAL (SUNDAY)

### Stadium

### [9] ASHLEIGH BARTY (AUS #19) vs. [11] WANG QIANG (CHN #22)

Barty leads 1-0

*Barty beat Wang on clay this spring at Strasbourg... Wang is the first Chinese player to reach the final in Zhuhai... Until this year, the Zhuhai champion had never lost a match during the round-robin stage*

### A LOOK AT THE FINALISTS

PLAYER	RANK	AGE	NAT	ZHUHAI W/L*	YTD W/L*	CAREER W/L*	YTD PRIZE MONEY\$^	CAREER PRIZE \$^	CAREER TITLES
[9] Ashleigh Barty	19	22	AUS	4-2	45-19	183-78	2,123,371	4,508,080	2
[11] Wang Qiang	22	26	CHN	2-1	41-22	366-228	1,321,204	2,758,692	2

\*Includes current tournament / ^Does not include current tournament

### FINAL RECORDS

PLAYER	BEST 2018 RESULT	BEST ZHUHAI RESULT	LAST FINAL REACHED (final result)	CAREER SF W/L	CAREER FINAL W/L
[9] Ashleigh Barty	WON (1): Nottingham	<b>FINAL (1): 2018</b>	2018 Nottingham (WON)	5-4	2-3
[11] Wang Qiang	WON (2): Nanchang, Guangzhou	<b>FINAL (1): 2018</b>	2018 Hong Kong (R-Up)	3-4	2-1

#### BY THE NUMBERS

**3,000,000**

*Wang Qiang's results this week will take her career earnings past \$3 million – half of this total has been amassed in 2018*

**300**

*Ashleigh Barty has struck a tournament-leading 19 aces this week. If she hits five more in the final, her season total will reach 300*

**91**

*Less than six months ago, Wang was ranked No.91. By reaching the final, she is guaranteed to break into the Top 20*

**19**

*Wang has broken serve 19 times en route to the final, ranking first for both percentage games (57.6%) and points (53.7%) won on return*

**9**

*Barty has won her last nine matches against Chinese opposition*

#### ON THIS DAY, NOVEMBER 4

**2007:** *Lindsay Davenport's comeback gathers further momentum as she defeats Julia Vakulenko to win the title in Québec City. The title is the 53<sup>rd</sup> of the American's great career, drawing her level with Monica Seles on the all-time list.*

**2017:** *Julia Goerges and CoCo Vandeweghe deliver typically dominant serving displays to see off Anastasija Sevastova and Ashleigh Barty in the Zhuhai semifinals. Neither player faces a break point, with both winning in excess of 75% of their service points.*



# MATCH NOTES

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## [9] ASHLEIGH BARTY (AUS #19) vs. [11] QIANG WANG (CHN #22)

Head to Head: ASHLEIGH BARTY leads 1-0

2018 STRASBOURG CLAY O QF ASHLEIGH BARTY 7-5 6-4 88 mins

ASHLEIGH BARTY	WTA RANKING	QIANG WANG
19		22
19		22
24-04-1996 (22)	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	14-01-1992 (26)
\$2,123,371	YTD PRIZE MONEY	\$1,321,204
\$4,508,080	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	\$2,758,692
1 / 2	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	2 / 2
4 / 9	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 0
4-2	ZHUHAI W-L (MD) *	2-1
45-19 / 83-49	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	37-20 / 75-71
11-3 / 24-13	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	9-5 / 19-27
4-3 / 13-10	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	1-3 / 9-8
26-11 / 52-30	YTD / CAREER HARD W-L (MD) *	32-14 / 63-52
5-1 / 9-4	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	0-2 / 1-5
1-5 / 2-12	YTD / CAREER TOP 5 W-L (MD & Q) *	1-3 / 1-6
1-6 / 5-14	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD & Q) *	4-5 / 5-14
5-11 / 14-28	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD & Q) *	10-10 / 14-24

\* Updated entering 2018 Zhuhai Final

### ZHUHAI Tournament Performance - 2018

Rnd	Result	Duration	Rnd	Result	Duration
SF	A. BARTY d. J. GOERGES 4-6,6-3,6-2	107 mins	RR	Q. WANG d. M. KEYS 1-6,6-3,6-1	93 mins
RR	A. BARTY d. C. GARCIA 6-3,6-4	75 mins	RR	D. KASATKINA d. Q. WANG 6-1,2-6,7-5	115 mins
RR	A. SABALENKA d. A. BARTY 6-4,6-4	84 mins	SF	Q. WANG d. G. MUGURUZA 6-2,6-0	71 mins

### ZHUHAI Tournament History

#### ASHLEIGH BARTY

2017
SF L - COCO VANDEWEGHE (USA #12) 6-3 6-3

#### BARTY:

##### Zhuhai

- Making second appearance at Zhuhai, where she is through to final for first time, having lost to doubles partner Vandeweghe in straight sets in 2017 SF
- Lost five of the last six games to slip to a straight-sets defeat at hands of Sabalenka in first round robin match

- Bounced back to produce an impressive service display – hit five aces and faced no break points – to upset No.18 Garcia on Thursday
- Scored fifth Top 20 win of 2018 over No.14 Goerges in SF; also beat No.18 Osaka (Nottingham), No.18 Bertens (Montréal), No.3 Kerber (Wuhan) and No.18 Garcia (Zhuhai)
- Has hit a tournament-leading 19 aces en route to Zhuhai final. Has now hit 295 aces this season – three players, Goerges (478), Ka.Pliskova (393) and Bertens (325), have struck more
- Owns 45 main draw wins this season – only Ka.Pliskova (49), Kvitova (47), Halep (46), Kerber (46), Bertens (46), Mertens (46), Sabalenka (46) and Goerges (46) have registered more
- Faces Q.Wang in today's final; owns 12-1 career record against Chinese opposition, with sole loss coming to Peng at 2014 Strasbourg
- Owns 2-3 record in singles finals (1-2 on hard courts)
- After Zhuhai run, now leads the tour this year for percentage of service points won (63.6% and service games won (78.7%)

### Season

- Last week partnered Vandeweghe to reach SF in doubles at WTA Finals Singapore (l. eventual champions Babos/Mladenovic)
- Withdrew from Beijing w/right arm injury
- Reached SF at Wuhan (l. eventual champion Sabalenka); defeat of No.3 Kerber in R16 at Wuhan marked best win-by-ranking of career, bettering that of No.4 Ka.Pliskova posted at Wuhan in 2017
- Posted R16 showing at Tokyo (l. Azarenka)
- Advanced to R16 at US Open (l. Ka.Pliskova) – her deepest run to date at a major. Also won maiden Grand Slam doubles title at Flushing Meadows (w/Vandeweghe)
- Withdrew from New Haven w/viral illness
- Reached her fourth SF of the season at Montréal and made R16 at Cincinnati (l. World No.1 Halep at both tournaments); now owns 0-4 record against reigning World No.1s, also falling to S.Williams at 2014 Australian Open and Kerber at 2017 Brisbane
- At Montréal won eighth WTA doubles title (w/Schuurs, d. L.Chan/Makarova in F); is now 9-7 in doubles finals
- Reached 3r at Wimbledon (l. Kasatkina)
- Began grass swing by capturing second career title in Nottingham (d. Konta in F)
- Also reached QF in Eastbourne (l. eventual champion Wozniacki) and R16 at Birmingham (l. Goerges) to finish grass court season with WTA-leading 12 wins
- Suffered 2r defeat to S.Williams at Roland Garros
- Enjoyed a SF run at Strasbourg (l. eventual champion Pavlyuchenkova via ret. w/back injury)
- Made 1r exit at Rome (l. Sharapova in 3s) before 2r showing at Madrid (l. Wozniacki in 3s)
- Lifted the doubles trophy at Rome (w/Schuurs, d. Sestini Hlavackova/Strycova in F)

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

### *Career*

- Started 2017 ranked No.271 in singles and improved her position by 254 spots to post first Top 20 season (finishing at a then-career-high No.17)
- Clinched career first WTA singles title at 2017 Kuala Lumpur (as qualifier, d. Hibino in F)
- Reached two additional finals in 2017, at Birmingham (l. Kvitová) and Wuhan (l. Garcia)
- Made Top 20 debut and became Australia's No.1 on October 23, 2017
- In terms of ranking, best career win was over No.3 Kerber at 2018 Wuhan
- Winner of nine WTA doubles titles (five w/Dellacqua, two w/Vandeweghe, two w/Schuurs)
- Qualified for first WTA Finals in doubles in 2017 (w/Dellacqua)
- Reached a career-high doubles ranking of No.5 on May 21, 2018
- Took a break from tennis after 2014 US Open that lasted almost two years
- Returned to professional tennis in 2016, having enjoyed a successful stint as an all-rounder for the Brisbane Heat cricket team in the 2015-16 Women's Big Bash League
- Nominated for tennis Australia's Newcombe Medal prize in 2017
- Return to tennis was initially hindered by right arm injury sustained in August 2016, following promising start: returned at \$50k ITF/Eastbourne-GBR in May, advancing to SF as a qualifier (l. Riske) and the following week, QF at WTA International-level Nottingham (as qualifier, l. eventual champion Ka.Pliskova)
- Finished 2013 ranked No.12 in doubles – only teenager ranked in doubles Top 30
- On ITF Circuit, has won four singles titles and nine doubles titles (including three in 2016)
- Won 2011 Wimbledon girls' singles title; finished 2011 as world No.2 ranked junior behind Khromacheva
- In juniors, won national singles titles in 18&U, 16&U, 14&U and 12&U age categories. Member of Junior Fed Cup winning team in 2011 (Australia d. Canada in F)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2012 Hobart as WC

### *Grand Slam History*

- 2018 US Open was 17th Grand Slam main draw appearance and also her best result: R16 showing (l. Ka.Pliskova)

- Has advanced to 3r on four occasions, at Wimbledon in 2018 (l. Kasatkina), Australian Open in 2017 (l. Barthel), and 2018 (l. Osaka), and US Open in 2017 (l. eventual champion Stephens)
- Has reached 2r at Roland Garros in 2013 (l. Kirilenko) and 2018 (l. S.Williams)
- First Grand Slam main draw appearance (2012 Australian Open) came from winning Tennis Australia's 2012 WC Play-Off in Dec. 2011
- Lifted maiden Grand Slam doubles trophy at 2018 US Open (w/Vandeweghe), defeating No.1 seeds Krejčíková/Siniakova in SF and No.2 seeds Mladenovic/Babos in F
- Advanced to three Grand Slam doubles finals in 2013 (Australian Open, Wimbledon, US Open) and also R-Up at Roland Garros in 2017 (all w/Dellacqua)

### *Other Information*

- Father is Robert, mother is Josie; sisters are Ali and Sara. Started playing at age 5 when parents introduced her to the sport
- In April 2018, named National Indigenous Tennis Ambassador by Tennis Australia, In conjunction with the announcement, she flew to the remote Wurrumiyanga community on Bathurst Island in the Northern Territory to conduct a clinic at a local school
- In 2015, earned a contract with the Brisbane Heat for the inaugural Women's Big Bash League (cricket) before returning to tennis in 2016
- Currently coached by Craig Tyzzer; formerly coached by Jason Stoltenberg and Jim Joyce

### **Q.WANG:**

#### *Zhuhai*

- Making debut appearance at Zhuhai, after claiming the last direct qualifying spot with an annual points total of 2155
- Is the first Chinese player to reach Zhuhai final. The best previous result by a Chinese player at Zhuhai was Zhang's SF showing in 2016
- Lost opening Azalea Group match on Tuesday in a tight third set to No.10 Kasatkina. Her record against Top 10 players in 2018 now stands at 4-5, with wins over No.9 V.Williams (2018 Roland Garros), No.7 Ka.Pliskova (2018 Wuhan), No.7 Ka.Pliskova (2018 Beijing) and No.5 Svitolina (2018 Hong Kong)
- Bounced back by coming from a set down to defeat Keys in second round-robin match. Despite coming second in the group, took alternate place in SF after Keys' withdrawal with a left knee injury
- In SF, won the final 11 games of the match to upset Muguruza, whom she also beat in last month's Hong Kong SF
- This was her 37th 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 broken serve 19 times en route to the final, winning a tournament leading 57.6% of her return games – up on her season average of 44.1%

- Faces Australian No.1 Barty in fourth final of career; the previous three also came this season, at Nanchang (WON), Guangzhou (WON) and Hong Kong (R-Up)
- Has 7-7 career record against Australian players in singles (2-1 in 2018)
- Contesting 2018 Zhuhai at a career-high ranking of No.22 (first posted October 22, 2018). By reaching the final, will break into Top 20 for first time
- This week, playing sixth event on home soil in 2018. Also Shenzhen (1r) Nanchang (WON), Guangzhou (WON), Wuhan (SF), Beijing (SF) and Zhuhai (F) – 19-4 win-loss record
- One of two Chinese players in the draw, along with wildcard S.Zhang

### Season

- Finished R-Up at Hong Kong (l. Yastremska); now owns 2-1 record in WTA singles finals
- Produced SF showings at Wuhan (ret. vs. Kontaveit w/left thigh injury) – first SF at WTA Premier-level or above – and then Beijing (l. eventual champion Wozniacki)
- 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

## 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)
- Previously had reached 2r on six occasions: at 2014 US Open (l. Dellacqua), 2015 US Open (l. Strycova), 2016 Australian Open (l. Friedsam), 2016 Roland Garros (l. Suárez Navarro), 2016 US Open (l. Shvedova) and 2017 Wimbledon (l. V.Williams)
- 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