



DAILY MATCH NOTES: CONNECTICUT OPEN
 NEW HAVEN, CT, USA | AUGUST 19-25, 2018 | USD \$799,000 PREMIER

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CONNECTICUT OPEN – SEMIFINALS (FRIDAY)

ARYNA SABALENKA (BLR #25) vs. [5] JULIA GOERGES (GER #9) Sabalenka leads 1-0

Sabalenka has now reached back-to-back SF, having reached final four at Cincinnati last week... Goerges, the sole seed left standing, is bidding to become the first German to reach the final at New Haven since Stefanie Graf defeated Jana Novotna for the title in 1998... Since the pair last played at Eastbourne at the end of June, Sabalenka has slashed her ranking from No.45 to No.25

CARLA SUAREZ NAVARRO (ESP #30) vs. [Q] MONICA PUIG (PUR #72) Suarez Navarro leads 4-1

Suarez Navarro, playing her first SF of the season, is the only player remaining yet to drop a set this week – indeed, she has needed to win just three sets to reach the last four... At No. 72, Puig would become the lowest-ranked player to reach the final here, should she advance today... No player from Spain or Puerto Rico has won this title since the event moved to New Haven in 1998

POTENTIAL FINAL HEAD-TO-HEADS

	SUAREZ NAVARRO	PUIG
SABALENKA	First meeting	First meeting
GOERGES	Goerges leads 3-2 (2-1 at tour level)	Puig leads 3-2

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Head to Head: ARYNA SABALENKA leads 1-0

2018 EASTBOURNE GRASS O R2 ARYNA SABALENKA 1-6 6-4 6-4 112 mins

ARYNA SABALENKA	WTA RANKING	JULIA GOERGES
25		9
22	PORSCHE RACE TO SINGAPORE LEADERBOARD	11
05-05-1998 (20)	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	02-11-1988 (29)
\$614,654	YTD PRIZE MONEY	\$1,501,223
\$895,721	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	\$8,136,298
0 / 0	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	1 / 5
0 / 0	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 5
3-0	NEW HAVEN W-L (MD) *	4-1
30-17 / 42-25	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	36-17 / 273-225
16-7 / 19-11	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	11-4 / 80-79
7-4 / 9-8	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	12-3 / 61-68
19-8 / 30-15	YTD / CAREER HARD W-L (MD) *	18-7 / 157-134
3-3 / 5-3	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	4-6 / 15-25
2-3 / 2-3	YTD / CAREER TOP 5 W-L (MD & Q) *	1-0 / 8-17
4-4 / 4-5	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD & Q) *	2-3 / 16-35
8-7 / 9-8	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD & Q) *	6-5 / 33-72

* Updated entering 2018 New Haven SF

ROAD TO THE SEMIFINALS

ARYNA SABALENKA (BLR #25)

QF: d. BELINDA BENCIC (SUI #43) 6-3,6-2 (1h03)

R16: d. [9] DARIA GAVRILOVA (AUS #24) 6-3,6-7(6),7-5 (2h46)

R32: d. SAMANTHA STOSUR (AUS #65) 6-3,6-2 (1h11)

Total games: 68
Won/lost: 43-25
Sets won/lost: 6-1
Total time on court: 5h00
Average time on court: 1h40
Average rank of opponent: 44

vs. [5] JULIA GOERGES (GER #9)

QF: d. EKATERINA MAKAROVA (RUS #49) 6-4,6-2 (1h19)

R16: d. DAYANA YASTREMSKA (UKR #104) 6-4,3-6,6-4 (2h22)

R32: d. DOMINIKA CIBULKOVA (SVK #26) 6-3,6-1 (1h06)

Total games: 63
Won/lost: 39-24
Sets won/lost: 6-1
Total time on court: 4h47
Average time on court: 1h36
Average rank of opponent: 60

NEW HAVEN Tournament History

"-Q" Qualifying match

JULIA GOERGES

2013

R16 L - SLOANE STEPHENS (USA #17) 7-5 2-6 6-1

2008

QF-Q L - MARÍA JOSÉ MARTÍNEZ SÁNCHEZ (ESP #84) 5-7 6-1 6-3

SABALENKA:

New Haven

- Making tournament debut at New Haven
- Having dispatched Bencic in QF is through to fourth SF of her breakthrough 2018 season – and bidding for her second final at Premier level, having reached title bout at Eastbourne in June
- Coming off SF run at Cincinnati (l. 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
- Wins over Ka.Pliskova and Garcia were third and fourth career Top 10 wins (also No.7 Ka.Pliskova at 2018 Eastbourne and No.2 Wozniacki at 2018 Montréal); a win today over No.9 Goerges at New Haven would take the Belarusian to 5-5 vs. Top 10 opponents in her career
- Ranked No.25 entering this year's Connecticut Open – a new career-high. By contrast, 12 months ago sat at No.110 in the rankings
- Now has 30 WTA main draw wins to her name in 2018. Prior to 2018, owned just 12 main draw victories
- Has gone 9-2 in main draw matches on North American hardcourts this summer
- Will be seeded No.26 at next week's US Open – first Grand Slam seeding of her career (faces Collins in 1r)

Season

- 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 (l. M.Sanchez)
- Suffered 1r exit at Wimbledon (l. Buzarnescu)
- Reached first Premier-level final at Eastbourne (l. Wozniacki). Recorded wins over No.13 Goerges, No.15 Mertens and No.7 Pliskova en route to final – the third, fourth and fifth Top 20 wins of her career (previously defeated No.18 Kuznetsova (2018 Indian Wells) and No.13 Stephens (2017 Fed Cup Final)
- Posted career-high ranking of No.32 after Eastbourne (July 2, 2018)
- Started grass court swing with QF appearance at 's-Hertogenbosch (l. eventual R-Up Flipkens) prior to falling 1r at Mallorca (l. Van Uytvanck)
- Fell at the first hurdle of Roland Garros (l. Bertens)
- Advanced through qualifying at both Madrid and Rome but fell in 1r to Pera and Hsieh, respectively
- Reached second career WTA final at Lugano (l. Mertens)
- Produced 3r run on Premier Mandatory debut at Indian Wells (d. 2017 R-Up Kuznetsova in 2r, l. Vondrousova) prior to advancing to 2r in Miami the following week (l. Kvitova)
- Contested qualifying at Dubai (l. Errani in final round after holding 1mp)
- Won both singles rubbers (d. Lottner and Maria), but could not prevent Belarus slipping to 3-2 defeat against Germany in Fed Cup World Group I
- Fell 1r on Australian Open debut (l. Barty)
- Opened 2018 season with back-to-back QFs at Shenzhen (l. eventual champion Halep) and Hobart (l. Tsurenko)

Career

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

Grand Slam History

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

Other Information

- Coached by Dmitry Tursunov

- Started playing aged 6
- Prefers hardcourts

GOERGES:

New Haven

- Making second main draw appearance at New Haven, previously reaching 2r in 2013 (l. Stephens); also doubles champion here in 2015 (w/Hradecka), her fifth and most recent doubles title
- Through to fifth SF appearance of 2018 season (from 17 tournaments played)
- Bidding to reach her 14th WTA singles final – and third in North America in the past 13 months, having been runner-up at 2017 Washington, DC (hardcourts) and 2018 Charleston (green clay)
- Following QF defeat of Makarova on Thursday, moves to 18-7 on hardcourts so far this season
- Is the WTA's ace leader in 2018 (367 from 51 matches)
- Has won more tie-breaks than any other player on the WTA tour this year – 12-3 record
- Last week at Cincinnati, retired in 1r match vs. Mladenovic w/left leg injury
- Contesting New Haven on a career-high singles ranking of No.9; this week has also climbed to No.11 on the Porsche Race to Singapore leaderboard
- Currently the German No.2 behind Kerber, of five women in Top 100 (week of August 20, 2018)

Season

- Opened summer hardcourt season with R16 showing at Montréal (l. Sevastova), her career-best result at the Rogers Cup
- 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)
- Notched a pair of Top 50 wins over Cibulkova and Van Uytvanck, before falling in 3r at Roland Garros (l. S.Williams)
- Suffered 1r exit at Nürnberg (l. Kr.Pliskova in 3s) in final tune-up before Roland Garros
- Reached 3r in Madrid (l. Garcia) and withdrew from Rome due to illness
- Began clay court swing at Charleston – finished as R-Up (l. Bertens). Career record in WTA singles finals now stands at 5-8
- Also made 1r exit at Stuttgart (l. Vondrousova)
- 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 Withthoeft 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 in 3s)
- 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

- 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)
- Previously had reached R16 – but never further – on five occasions, at Australian Open (2012-13 and 2015), Roland Garros (2015) and US Open (2017)
- 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



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2015	BEIJING	HARD O	R2	CARLA SUÁREZ NAVARRO	7-6(1) 6-2	103 mins
2015	INDIAN WELLS	HARD O	R2	CARLA SUÁREZ NAVARRO	6-1 6-1	58 mins
2014	STANFORD	HARD O	R1	MONICA PUIG	6-3 7-5	99 mins
2013	ROLAND GARROS	CLAY O	R3	CARLA SUÁREZ NAVARRO	6-4 7-5	94 mins
2013	OEIRAS (ESTORIL)	CLAY O	QF	CARLA SUÁREZ NAVARRO	6-2 6-4	94 mins

CARLA SUÁREZ NAVARRO

30
24
03-09-1988 (29)
\$1,045,417
\$10,163,558
0 / 2
0 / 3
6-4
20-16 / 326-229
7-4 / 102-69
5-3 / 60-44
13-8 / 171-140
1-0 / 29-19
3-3 / 12-34
3-6 / 27-60
4-7 / 46-95

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)
NEW HAVEN 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) *

MONICA PUIG

72
106
27-09-1993 (24)
\$336,407
\$2,619,013
0 / 2
0 / 0
4-1
12-9 / 117-113
5-4 / 37-41
2-3 / 24-29
11-7 / 78-75
1-1 / 8-9
1-0 / 4-6
2-1 / 5-10
2-5 / 16-34

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ROAD TO THE SEMIFINALS

CARLA SUÁREZ NAVARRO (ESP #30)

QF: d. [3] PETRA KVITOVA (CZE #5) 6-3, Ret'd (0h43)
R32: d. [8] BARBORA STRYCOVA (CZE #22) 7-6(6),6-4 (1h52)

vs. [Q] MONICA PUIG (PUR #72)

QF: d. [2] CAROLINE GARCIA (FRA #6) 7-5,1-6,6-2 (2h08)
R16: d. ANETT KONTAVEIT (EST #28) 6-4,6-3 (1h24)
R32: d. TIMEA BACSINSZKY (SUI #751) 7-5,6-1 (1h28)
R3-Q: d. MARGARITA GASPARYAN (RUS #403) 5-7,6-2,6-2 (2h12)
R2-Q: d. ANDREA PETKOVIC (GER #92) 7-6(4),1-1 Ret'd (1h18)
R1-Q: d. MONICA NICULESCU (ROU #62) 7-6(5),6-3 (1h54)

Total games: 32
Won/lost: 19-13
Sets won/lost: 3-0
Total time on court: 2h35
Average time on court: 1h18
Average rank of opponent: 14

Total games: 65
Won/lost: 39-26
Sets won/lost: 6-1
Total time on court: 5h00
Average time on court: 1h40
Average rank of opponent: 262



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NEW HAVEN Tournament History

CARLA SUÁREZ NAVARRO

2017			
R16	L - ANASTASIA PAVLYUCHENKOVA (RUS #20)	7-6(3)	6-0
2013			
R16	L - SIMONA HALEP (ROU #23)	3-6	6-4 6-1
2012			
R16	L - SARA ERRANI (ITA #10)	6-4	6-3
2011			
R16	L - CHRISTINA MCHALE (USA #66)	6-2	6-2

MONICA PUIG

2017			
R1-Q	L - ELISE MERTENS (BEL #46)	7-5	6-4
2015			
R16-Q	L - OLGA GOVORTSOVA (BLR #69)	6-2	6-3
2013			
R16	L - KLARA KOUKALOVA (CZE #33)	6-4	6-1

"-Q" Qualifying match

SUÁREZ NAVARRO:

New Haven

- Making fifth appearance at Connecticut Open, where she is through to SF for first time after four 2r showings
- Having advanced to QF via walkover from Konta (viral illness), moved into semis when Kvitova retired after first set of their match w/left shoulder injury – result takes the Spaniard to 3-3 vs. Top 5 opponents in 2018
- Though to first SF since 2017 Bucharest, just over a year ago (l. Begu)
- Looking for her first final since she captured the title at Doha in 2016 (d. Ostapenko in F)
- Began North American hardcourt season with R16 showing at Montréal (as qualifier, d. Osaka in 2r, l. eventual runner-up Stephens) before making 1r exit last week at Cincinnati (l. Azarenka)

Season

- Advanced to 3r at Wimbledon (l. Bencic). All England Club result saw her \$10 million in career prize money
- Began grass season with early exits at 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 at 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, which was best season finish 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) – record in finals stands at 2-8
- 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 (l. S.Williams). Capped off strong first half of season with run to final in Rome (l. 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

- Best Grand Slam results have been reaching the QF stage at three of the four majors – at Roland Garros in 2008 (as qualifier, l. Jankovic) and 2014 (l. Bouchard), at Australian Open in 2009 (l. Dementieva), 2016 (l. A.Radwanska) and 2018 (l. Wozniacki), and 2013 US Open (l. S.Williams)
- 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

PUIG:

New Haven

- Making second main draw appearance at the Connecticut Open (fourth overall). Through to SF for first time, with best previous result reaching R16 on debut in 2013 (l. Koukalova)
- Bidding to reach first final since finishing runner-up at Luxembourg at end of 2017 season (l. Witthoeft)
- Would become first qualifier to reach final at New Haven since Petra Cetkovska in 2011 (l. Wozniacki)
- Won through qualifying for the first time this season here in New Haven, having previously fallen at Sydney, Rome, Montréal (where she was granted LL berth) and Cincinnati
- Defeated Bacsinszky in 1r to register her first tour-level win since Madrid (d. Diyas in 1r); with 2r defeat of Kontaveit and QF win over Garcia, has won three-straight main draw matches for first time since reaching R16 at Miami earlier this year
- Defeat of No.6 Garcia represents fifth career win over a Top 10 opponent and second this season – most recent such win came over No.2 Wozniacki at Miami earlier this year
- This summer, fell 1r at Montréal (as LL, l. Sevastova – held 2mp in second set) and in qualifying at Cincinnati

Season

- On return from hip injury, made 1r exit at Wimbledon (l. Goerges)
- Fell in qualifying at Rome (ret. vs. Vekic w/left leg injury), then missed Roland Garros w/hip injury
- Posted 2r showing at Madrid (l. eventual champion Kvitova)
- In Monterrey in April, advanced to QF (l. eventual R-Up Babos)
- Advanced to R16 at Miami (l. Collins). Scored fourth Top 5 win of career over No.2 Wozniacki in 2r. Other wins came against No.5 Errani (2013 Wimbledon), and No.4 Muguruza and No.2 Kerber (both at 2016 Rio Olympics)
- Reached 2r at Indian Wells (l. Sevastova) and Acapulco (l. Peterson)
- Made 2r Australian Open 2r (saved mp in 1r win over Stosur, l. Kanepi)
- Began season by falling 1r at Auckland (l. eventual champion Goerges) and contesting qualifying at Sydney

Career

- Ended 2017 ranked No.58, down from a career-high No.32 in 2016 - fifth consecutive Top 100 finish
- Season highlight was R-Up finish at Luxembourg (l. Witthoeft); was first final since winning the 2016 Rio Olympics. Also posted strong SF run at Doha (l. eventual R-Up Wozniacki) and made QF at Acapulco (l. McHale)
- Posted first Top 40 season finish in 2016, at No.32; achieved career high ranking of No.27 on September 29, 2016
- Finished 2016 season with QF run at International-level Tianjin (l. Kovinic); reached at least QF on eight occasions during the year – also Sydney (R-Up; l. Kuznetsova in first final at Premier level), Prague (QF, l. Kuznetsova), Nottingham (SF, l. Ka.Pliskova), Eastbourne (SF, as qualifier, l. Cibulkova), Florianopolis (SF, l. Begu), Rio Olympics (Won, d. Kerber in F) and Tokyo [PPO] (QF, l. A.Radwanska)
- Made Top 30 debut the week of September 26, 2016 after QF run at Tokyo [PPO], posting career-high ranking of No.27
- Made history at Rio Olympics in August, winning Puerto Rico's first ever Gold medal. Posted two Top 5 wins en route, over No.4 Muguruza (R16) and No.2 Kerber (F). Subsequently withdrew from Cincinnati (low back injury)
- Prior to Olympics, made SF at Florianopolis (l. eventual champion Begu)
- Best results in Grand Slam play in 2016 were 3r efforts at Australian Open (saved five match points during 2r win vs. Kr.Pliskova, in addition to the Czech serving a WTA-record 31 aces in the match – beating Lisicki's 27 vs. Bencic at 2015 Birmingham) and Roland Garros (l. Keys)

- Scored best result at WTA Premier Mandatory tournament with 3r run at 2016 Indian Wells (l. Kasatkina); this was followed by 2r exit at Miami (l. eventual champion Azarenka)
- Owns 2-1 record in singles finals, having won 2014 Strasbourg (d. Soler-Espinosa in F) and 2016 Olympics (d. Kerber in F), and finished as R-Up at 2016 Sydney (as qualifier, l. Kuznetsova)
- First player representing Puerto Rico to win a WTA singles title; Kristina Brandi and Gigi Fernández, both born in Puerto Rico, won titles while playing under USA flag
- In her fourth career tour-level main draw appearance (2013 Brisbane), defeated Rogowska in opening match, becoming the first player from Puerto Rico to win a main draw match since 2006 Charleston (Kristina Brandi)
- Won inaugural Rising Stars Invitational as part of WTA Finals in Singapore in 2014 (d. Zheng Saisai in F)

Grand Slam History

- 2018 Wimbledon marked 21st Grand Slam main draw appearance
- Best result at the majors came with R16 run at 2013 Wimbledon (l. Stephens)
- Made 3r at Australian Open in 2016 (l. A.Radwanska) and at Roland Garros in 2013 (l. Suárez Navarro) and 2016 (l. Keys)
- On Grand Slam debut at 2013 Roland Garros, became first woman representing Puerto Rico to reach 3r at a Grand Slam in the Open Era (Kristina Brandi's best results at Grand Slams were representing USA)
- At US Open, best result is 2r run in 2014 (l. Petkovic)
- Advanced to the final of two junior Grand Slams: 2011 Australian Open (l. Mestach) and 2011 Roland Garros (l. Jabeur)

Other Information

- Coached by Juan Todero
- Was Named Best Female Athlete of the 2016 Rio Olympics by Association of National Olympics Committees (ANOC); award was presented in Doha last November
- During 2016 off-season, hosted a charity exhibition match against Sharapova in Puerto Rico in December