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BRISBANE INTERNATIONAL – DAY 2

[3] SLOANE STEPHENS (USA #6) vs. JOHANNA KONTA (GBR #37)

First meeting

Stephens owns 8-7 career record against British opposition... Konta made QF here last season... Stephens beginning year inside Top 10 for the first time

[Q] DESTANEE AIAVA (AUS #247) vs. [2] NAOMI OSAKA (JPN #5)

First meeting

Osaka making Brisbane main draw debut... Aiava saved match point during qualifying, then upset Mladenovic in Monday... Japanese No.1 lost twice to qualifiers last season

[8] ANASTASIJA SEVASTOVA (LAT #11) vs. DARIA GAVRILOVA (AUS #35)

First meeting

Gavrilova returning to Brisbane for first time since 2015... Sevastova reached SF here 12 months ago... Winner plays qualifier Dart in second round

DANIELLE COLLINS (USA #36) vs. [4] PETRA KVITOVA (CZE #7)

First meeting

Collins playing only her second career tournament on Australian soil... Kvitova one of three former champions in the draw... American bidding for second ever Top 10 win

[WC] KIMBERLY BIRRELL (AUS #283) vs. LESIA TSURENKO (UKR #27)

First meeting

Birrell upset World No.10 Kasatkina in first round... Tsurenko needed less than an hour to see off Buzarnescu... Birrell bidding to be second Australian to reach Brisbane quarterfinals

ON THIS DAY – January 1

1975 – Playing in her first major singles final, an 18-year-old Martina Navratilova is defeated 6-3 6-2 by home favourite Evonne Goolagong at the Australian Open.

2012 – Defending Australian Open champion Kim Clijsters begins her season with a straight-set win over a 21-year-old Simona Halep at the Brisbane International.

ULTIMATE FRONT RUNNER

Destanee Aiava has a daunting task facing her when she takes on US Open champion **Naomi Osaka** tonight. And the challenge will get that bit harder if she makes a slow start: Osaka has triumphed in *54-consecutive matches when winning the first set*. Not since the final match of the 2016 season in Tianjin against Svetlana Kuznetsova has the Japanese star suffered defeat from a set up.



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[3] SLOANE STEPHENS (USA #6) vs. JOHANNA KONTA (GBR #37)

Head to Head: First meeting

SLOANE STEPHENS	WTA RANKING	JOHANNA KONTA
6		37
-	PORSCHE RACE TO SHENZHEN LEADERBOARD	-
20-03-1993 (25)	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	17-05-1991 (27)
\$5,068,099	YTD PRIZE MONEY	\$1,043,096
\$13,376,203	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	\$7,180,419
0 / 6	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 3
0 / 0	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 0
2-1	BRISBANE W-L (MD) *	2-1
0-0 / 196-131	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 128-86
0-0 / 63-44	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 28-39
0-0 / 48-27	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 28-21
0-0 / 129-86	YTD / CAREER HARD W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 87-48
0-0 / 16-5	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 10-10
0-0 / 9-21	YTD / CAREER TOP 5 W-L (MD & Q) *	0-0 / 5-9
0-0 / 17-33	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD & Q) *	0-0 / 14-18
0-0 / 35-54	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD & Q) *	0-0 / 30-30

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BRISBANE Tournament History

"-Q" Qualifying match

SLOANE STEPHENS

2013

QF L - SERENA WILLIAMS (USA #3) 6-4 6-3

2012

R1-Q L - YVONNE MEUSBURGER (AUT #137) 7-6(3) 6-3

JOHANNA KONTA

2018

QF L - ELINA SVITOLINA (UKR #6) 1-6 7-6(6) 3-2

2013

R16-Q L - LESIA TSURENKO (UKR #116) 6-4 1-6 7-5

STEPHENS:

Brisbane

- Making second main draw appearance at Brisbane International (third overall), having reached QF in 2013 (l. eventual champion S.Williams) and fallen in qualifying in 2012
- Did not play in the opening week of 2017 or 2018 seasons, while kicked off 2015 and 2016 at Auckland
- Starts the season against Konta; owns 8-7 win loss record against British players, most recently losing to Watson at 2016 Miami
- Ranked in Top 10 (No.6) for the first time entering a new season
- Scheduled to play next week's Sydney International

Career

- Posted best year-end finish at No.6 in 2018; reached career-high No.3 ranking on July 16, 2018
- Season highlights in 2018 were lifting first Premier-mandatory title at Miami (d. Ostapenko in F) - subsequently made Top 10 debut at No.9 - and R-Up finishes at Roland Garros (l. Halep), WTA Finals (l. Svitolina) and Montréal (l. Halep)
- 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 nine wins vs. Top 5 players: No.2 Kerber (2018 WTA Finals), No.4 Osaka (2018 WTA Finals), 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

KONTA:

Brisbane

- Making second main draw appearance at Brisbane, having reached QF in 2018 (l. eventual champion Svitolina – was two points from victory in second set against Ukrainian before retiring with a right hip injury midway through third)
- Playing second tournament with new coach Dimitri Zavialoff after successful trial in Moscow last October
- A win today over No.6-ranked Stephens would mark the 15th career victory over a Top 10 opponent and first since No.2 Halep at 2017 Wimbledon
- Opening 2018 season here in Brisbane, also playing Sydney qualifying prior to Australian Open

- Last year, began season with QF here, before 1r exit during Sydney title defense and 2r showing at Australian Open
- One of two British player in main draw (also qualifier Dart)

Career

- Finished 2018 at No.37, with season highlights a second consecutive R-Up finish at Nottingham (l. Barty) – overall record in WTA finals now stands at 3-3 – and SF showing at Moscow [Kremlin Cup] (l. eventual champion Kasatkina)
- Also in 2018, made QFs at Brisbane and San Jose, while best results at the Slams were 2r showings at Australian Open and Wimbledon
- Posted five Top 20 wins in 2018, over No.19 Keys (Brisbane), No.19 Rybarikova (Madrid and Rome), No.11 Ostapenko (Montréal) and No.16 Mertens (Moscow [Kremlin Cup])
- 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

- 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 working with Dimitri Zavialoff, having parted ways with Michael Joyce at the end of 2018 season



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[Q] DESTANEE AIAVA (AUS #247) vs. [2] NAOMI OSAKA (JPN #5)

Head to Head: First meeting

DESTANEE AIAVA	WTA RANKING	NAOMI OSAKA
247		5
-	PORSCHE RACE TO SHENZHEN LEADERBOARD	-
10-05-2000 (18)	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	16-10-1997 (21)
\$90,513	YTD PRIZE MONEY	\$6,394,289
\$229,986	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	\$7,629,197
0 / 0	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 2
0 / 0	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 0
2-2	BRISBANE W-L (MD) *	0-0
1-0 / 2-5	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 80-59
0-0 / 1-1	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 15-15
1-0 / 1-2	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 13-15
1-0 / 2-4	YTD / CAREER HARD W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 61-41
0-0 / 0-0	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 3-5
0-0 / 0-1	YTD / CAREER TOP 5 W-L (MD & Q) *	0-0 / 3-7
0-0 / 0-2	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD & Q) *	0-0 / 5-18
0-0 / 0-2	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD & Q) *	0-0 / 16-28

* Updated entering 2019 Brisbane 2r

BRISBANE Tournament Performance - 2019

Rnd	Result	Duration	Rnd	Duration
R1	D.AIAVA d. K.MLADENOVIC 6-3 7-6(2)	109 mins		

BRISBANE Tournament History

"-Q" Qualifying match

DESTANEE AIAVA

2018
R1 L - AJLA TOMLJANOVIC (AUS #118) 6-1 6-4
2017
R16 L - SVETLANA KUZNETSOVA (RUS #9) 6-4 6-3

NAOMI OSAKA

2016
QF-Q L - KATERYNA BONDARENKO (UKR #89) 7-6(7) 4-6 6-4

AIAVA:

Brisbane

- Third main draw appearance at Brisbane International. In 2017, came through three rounds of qualifying (conceding just eight games) to make main draw debut, eventually fell 2r (I. Kuznetsova)
- Win over Mattek-Sands in 1r here in 2017 saw her become the first player born in the 2000s to win a WTA main draw match
- Contesting Brisbane ranked No.247, 100 spots off career-high No.147 (posted September 11, 2015); by comparison was No.150 at the start of 2018 season
- Came through three rounds of qualifying to reach main draw, saving 1MP against Minella in her second match
- In 1r of main draw, upset No.43 Mladenovic to register the first Top 50 win of her career; in terms of ranking, previous best win came over No.87 Wittthoef in qualifying for 2017 Brisbane
- Faces No.5 Osaka in 2r today. Other career meetings with a Top 10 players were straight-set losses to No.9 Kuznetsova at 2017 Brisbane and No.1 Halep at 2018 Australian Open
- One of six Australians in main draw. Best result by a home representative in Brisbane was Wolfe's QF run in 2011 (I. Petkovic)
- At 18 years of age is the second youngest player in the draw (after Potapova, 17)

Career

- Ended 2018 outside Top 200 after posting 25-18 record. Fell 1r at Australian Open (I. Halep) and Brisbane (I. Tomljanovic) and won third career title on ITF Circuit, at \$25k/Osaka-JPN
- Made Fed Cup debut in 4-1 World Group play-off win over Netherlands, winning doubles rubber with Gavrilova. Described debut as 'best moment of career so far'
- Posted 32 wins in 2017 (mainly on ITF Circuit), and finished year at No.150, an improvement of more than 200 places from the previous year
- Achieved career-high ranking of No.147 on September 11, 2017
- Made WTA main draw debut at Brisbane as a qualifier, losing to Kuznetsova in 2r. Win over Mattek-Sands in 1r at Brisbane saw her become the first player born in the 2000s to win a WTA main draw match
- Posted then career-best win over No.87 Wittthoef in qualifying at Brisbane – the first time she had faced a player ranked inside the Top 100
- Also played main draws at Australian Open (as WC, I. Barthel in 1r) and Québec City (I. Broady in 1r) and fell in qualifying at Roland Garros, Wimbledon and US Open
- Won her first two ITF titles of career at \$25k ITF/Perth-AUS and \$25k ITF/Mornington-AUS. Also finished runner-up at \$60k ITF/Canberra-AUS
- Contested qualifying at two tour-level events prior to 2017 Brisbane, as 2016 Hobart and 2016 Australian Open, falling at first hurdle both times

- On ITF Circuit, reached first two singles finals in 2016, at \$25k ITF/Canberra-AUS (l. Hozumi) and \$25k ITF/Tweed Heads-AUS (l. Cabrera)
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in Tasmania in January 2015

Grand Slam History

- Made Grand Slam main draw debut at 2017 Australian Open (as WC, l. Barthel in 1r). Awarded wildcard after winning the 2016 U18 Australian Championships. She became the first player, male or female, born in 2000 or later to participate in the main draw of a Grand Slam tournament
- Also fell 1r at 2018 Australian Open (l. Halep) and in qualifying at Roland Garros (2017-18), Wimbledon (2017) and US Open (2017-18) and Australian Open (2016)

Other Information

- Born in Melbourne but moved to Sydney in 2018 where she trains at the Olympic Park Tennis Centre
- Started playing tennis aged five after watching Serena Williams at Australian Open on television. Dream doubles partner is Juan Martín del Potro
- Coached by Nicole Kriz from Tennis Australia
- Both parents are Samoan. Father, Mark owns a gym in Melbourne and is a mixed martial arts coach, who helps her with her fitness (boxing, cardio), mother, Rosie, used to coach her. Younger brother Toriq is 13
- Likes to be called Des
- Current favorite TV show is *Riverdale*, guilty pleasure is ice cream

OSAKA:

Brisbane

- Making main draw debut at Brisbane, having previously fallen in qualifying in 2016
- As No.2 seed received 1r bye. Faces qualifier Aiava in 2r today
- In 2018, had a 3-2 win-loss record in matches against qualifiers, with losses coming against Jakupovic at Birmingham (via ret.) and Suárez Navarro at Montréal
- Owns 3-3 career record against Australian opponents, most recently losing to Barty at 2018 Nottingham
- Has won 54-straight matches when winning the first set. Has not lost a match when winning the first set since her final match of the 2016 season in Tianjin (vs. Kuznetsova in QF)
- Ranked No.5 entering new season, up from No.68 at the start of 2018
- Is one of seven main draw players here aged 21 or under (also Potapova, Aiava, Birrell, Bouzkova, Hon and Kasatkina)
- Began 2018 season at Hopman Cup, then fell 1r at Hobart and reached R16 at Australian Open (l. Halep)
- Next week is scheduled to play the Sydney International

Career

- Won the first two titles of her career last, at WTA Premier Mandatory level Indian Wells (d. Kasatkina in F) and debut Grand Slam crown at US Open (d S.Williams in F)
- Reached one further final, at Tokyo [PPO] (l. Ka.Pliskova). Record in finals stands at 2-2, having also finished as R-Up at 2016 Toyko [PPO] (l. Wozniacki)
- From her efforts in New York last Septmeber, passed USD \$5 million in prize money for the season – No.2 (behind Halep) on the 2018 list of top earners
- 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 fortnight 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). 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)
- Other Grand Slam results in 2018 were R16 at Australian Open (l. eventual R-Up Halep), 3r at Roland Garros (l. Keys) and 3r at Wimbledon (l. eventual champion Kerber). Elsewhere, enjoyed SF runs at Nottingham (l. eventual champion Barty) and Beijing (l. Sevastova), and fell in round robin stage on WTA Finals debut
- Rose to career-high ranking of No.4 on October 8, 2018
- 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
- US Open triumph made her was first Japanese woman to reach Grand Slam final and the youngest US Open champion since Sharapova in 2006
- 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
- Also in her team are Stuart Duguid (agent), Abdul Sillah (fitness trainer) and Natsuko Mogi (physio)
- 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
- Sponsorship deals include Citizen, broadcaster WOWOW, Nissin (food brand) and Nissan (automobiles)
- 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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[8] ANASTASIJA SEVASTOVA (LAT #11) vs. DARIA GAVRILOVA (AUS #35)

Head to Head: First meeting

ANASTASIJA SEVASTOVA	WTA RANKING	DARIA GAVRILOVA
11		35
-	PORSCHE RACE TO SHENZHEN LEADERBOARD	-
13-04-1990 (28)	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	05-03-1994 (24)
\$2,765,414	YTD PRIZE MONEY	\$894,078
\$6,056,943	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	\$3,562,551
0 / 3	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 1
0 / 0	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 1
3-1	BRISBANE W-L (MD) *	1-1
0-0 / 147-114	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 111-99
0-0 / 47-35	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 43-36
0-0 / 32-31	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 33-25
0-0 / 80-68	YTD / CAREER HARD W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 72-67
0-0 / 8-8	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 11-12
0-0 / 3-9	YTD / CAREER TOP 5 W-L (MD & Q) *	0-0 / 5-11
0-0 / 9-18	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD & Q) *	0-0 / 11-23
0-0 / 17-37	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD & Q) *	0-0 / 24-37

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BRISBANE Tournament History

"-Q" Qualifying match

ANASTASIJA SEVASTOVA

2018

SF L - ALIAKSANDRA SASNOVICH (BLR #88) 7-6(3) 6-4

DARIA GAVRILOVA

2015

R16 L - ANGELOUKE KERBER (GER #9) 6-3 7-5

2013

R16- L - VANIA KING (USA #69) 7-6(0) 6-7(6)
Q 6-2

SEVASTOVA:

Brisbane

- On debut appearance at Brisbane International in 2018 advanced to SF (l. Sasnovich)
- Faces Gavrilova in 1r today; has won her past five matches against Australian opponents, last tasting defeat at hands of Stosur at 2017 Doha
- Also playing doubles this week w/Svitolina (face Hozumi/Rosolska in 1r)
- After Brisbane, will also be contesting Sydney and Australian Open
- Began last year with SF run here, 1r exit at Sydney (l. Cibulkova) and 2r showing at Australian Open (l. Sharapova)
- In 2018, won 17 three-set matches, only Sabalenka (21) posted more
- Playing Brisbane on a career-high ranking of No.11. Could overtake Kasatkina and break into Top 10 by lifting the title

Career

- Posted second Top 20 season in 2018, finishing at No.11 and recording a career-high number of wins (43)
- Captured third title of her career on clay in Bucharest (d. Martic in F) and reached first Premier Mandatory final at Beijing (l. Wozniacki in F); now 3-4 in singles finals
- Also R-Up at Mallorca (l. Maria) and made SF at US Open (l. S.Williams), Brisbane, Charleston and Moscow. Was the second of two singles alternates for WTA Finals in Singapore and fell in round robin stage at WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai
- Flushing Meadows run saw her become the first Latvian woman to reach SF there, 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)
- Achieved 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

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 (I. Wozniacki) and 2017 (I. 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 (I. 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

GAVRILOVA:

Brisbane

- Making second main draw appearance at Brisbane, where she fell 2r in 2015 (I. Kerber)
- One of a tournament-leading six Australians in main draw. Jarmila Wolfe is the only Australian to make the quarterfinals at Brisbane, falling to Andrea Petkovic at this stage in 2011
- Faces No.11 Sevastova in 1r today. Scored three Top 20 wins last season, over No.3 Muguruza (Rome), No.12 Ostapenko (Wuhan) and No.4 Kvitova (Beijing)
- Playing doubles this week w/Ka.Pliskova (face Groenefeld/King in 1r)
- Began last season by contesting Hopman Cup, before SF run at Sydney and 2r showing at Australian Open
- After Brisbane, will be contesting Sydney and Australian Open

Career

- Ended 2018 season at No.35, highlighted by SF runs at Sydney (l. Barty) and Acapulco (l. eventual champion Tsurenko), and QF at Hong Kong (l. S.Zhang)
- During R16 showing at Rome (l. Sharapova) 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)
- 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 (I. Mertens) and Wimbledon (I. 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
- Got engaged to long-term boyfriend Luke Saville in December 2018



MATCH NOTES

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DANIELLE COLLINS (USA #36) vs. [4] PETRA KVITOVA (CZE #7)

Head to Head: First meeting

DANIELLE COLLINS	WTA RANKING	PETRA KVITOVA
36		7
-	PORSCHE RACE TO SHENZHEN LEADERBOARD	-
13-12-1993 (25)	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	08-03-1990 (28)
\$819,625	YTD PRIZE MONEY	\$3,301,389
\$984,351	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	\$27,342,207
0 / 0	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 25
0 / 0	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 0
0-0	BRISBANE W-L (MD) *	6-2
0-0 / 17-20	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 398-189
0-0 / 9-5	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 120-77
0-0 / 3-3	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 78-57
0-0 / 13-13	YTD / CAREER HARD W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 263-131
0-0 / 1-1	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 44-14
0-0 / 0-3	YTD / CAREER TOP 5 W-L (MD & Q) *	0-0 / 24-30
0-0 / 1-4	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD & Q) *	0-0 / 52-50
0-0 / 3-8	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD & Q) *	0-0 / 99-84

* Updated entering 2019 season

BRISBANE Tournament History

PETRA KVITOVA

2013

R16 L - ANASTASIA PAVLYUCHENKOVA (RUS #36) 6-4 7-5

2011

F W - ANDREA PETKOVIC (GER #32) 6-1 6-3

2009

R1 L - ANA IVANOVIC (SRB #5) 6-4 6-2

COLLINS:

Brisbane

- Making debut at Brisbane International – one of nine debutantes in main draw this year
- Plays No.7 Kvitova in 1r today; owns one career Top 10 win, over No.8 V.Williams at 2018 Miami
- Currently ranked No.36, one place off career-high set on August 6, 2018 following San Jose QF run. By comparison, in corresponding week last year was ranked No.160
- Only other event contested down under in career was Australian Open qualifying last January (l. Allertova in final round)
- Scheduled to play next week in Sydney, before heading to Melbourne for Australian Open debut

Career

- Ended 2018 at No.36, in what was second season as a professional (finished 2017 at No.167). All 17 of her career WTA main draw wins were posted in 2018 (prior to 2018 Indian Wells, had played only three tour-level matches, losing all three)
- Season highlight in 2018 came at Miami where she became first qualifier to reach SF (l. Ostapenko), scoring first Top 10 win over V.Williams en route. Earned USD\$327,965 by reaching the last four at Key Biscayne, more than doubling her career earnings at the time
- Posted first tour-level wins during R16 run at Indian Wells (l. Suárez Navarro), where she scored her first Top 50 win over No.15 Keys in 2r. Also in 2018, made SF at San Jose and QF at Monterrey
- Posted first tour-level wins during R16 run at Indian Wells (l. Suárez Navarro), where she scored her first Top 50 win over No.15 Keys in 2r
- Contested one tour-level main draw during 2017 season, at Indian Wells (as WC, l. Puig in 1r). Fell in qualifying five times, at Monterrey, Wimbledon, US Open, Tokyo [Japan Open] and Tokyo [PPO]
- Closed out 2017 season at WTA 125K Series event in Honolulu (l. Vickery in 1r)
- Won two singles titles on ITF Circuit in 2017, at \$25k ITF/Bethany Beach, DE-USA and \$25k ITF/Norman, OK-USA, taking total tally to four
- Enjoyed illustrious college career at University of Virginia, claiming two NCAA singles titles in three seasons; became only the seventh woman to win two NCAA singles titles
- Finished 2016 strongly, winning \$50k ITF/Stillwater-USA, reaching final at \$50k ITF/Macon-USA and 2r at WTA 125K Series in Honolulu
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2014 New Haven (l. Hsieh)
- Graduated in 2016 as the top-ranked collegiate player in the country with a degree in media studies

Grand Slam History

- Gained first Grand Slam main draw acceptance at 2018 Roland Garros (l. Wozniacki in 1r)
- Also fell 1r at 2018 Wimbledon (l. Mertens) and US Open three times, in 2018 (l. Sabalenka), and also after entering her home Slam on a wild card in 2014 (l. Halep in 1r) and 2016 (l. Rodina in 1r)
- Fell in qualifying at Australian Open in 2018

Other Information

- Named 2016 Honda Sport Award winner for tennis and candidate for Collegiate Woman Athlete of the Year
- Introduced to tennis by father aged three
- Likes to relax by going to the beach, fishing and running

KVITOVA:

Brisbane

- Making her fourth appearance at Brisbane, where she was champion in 2011 (d. Petkovic in F)
- Forced to withdraw from last year's Brisbane International w/viral illness
- One of three former champions in the draw (also Ka.Pliskova – 2017 and Svitolina – 2018)
- Plays US No.4 Collins in 1r today; posted 2-1 record against Americans in 2018 (d. Kenin at Miami, d. S.Williams at Cincinnati, l. Anisimova at Indian Wells)
- Begins the season ranked inside Top 10 for first time since 2016
- Last year, began season with 2r showing at Sydney (l. Giorgi) and 1r exit at Australian Open (l. Petkovic)
- Not scheduled to play a tournament next week

Career

- Won a WTA Tour-leading five titles in 2018, at St. Petersburg (d. Mladenovic in F), Doha (d. Muguruza in F), Prague (d. Buzarnescu in F), Madrid (d. Bertens in F) and Birmingham (d. Rybarikova in F). Ended the year ranked No.7 – sixth year-end Top 10 finish of career
- Titles came on all three surfaces – first player to win a title on three different surfaces in a season since S.Williams in 2015. The Czech has won at least one title every year dating back to 2011
- Enjoyed a 14-match winning streak between St. Petersburg (5), Fed Cup (2), Doha (6) and Indian Wells (1), bettering her 13 wins on the spin earlier in 2018, and equaling her joint highest win streak of her career (2011-12, Linz-Sydney)
- At the Grand Slams, failed to reach the R16 at any of the majors in a season for the first time in her career – fell 1r at Australian Open (l. Petkovic), had 3r showing at Roland Garros (l. Kontaveit in two tie-breaks), suffered 1r exit at Wimbledon (l. Sasnovich) and made 3r at US Open (l. Sabalenka)
- Re-entered Top 5 of the WTA Rankings on August 20, 2018 for first time since the week of October 26, 2015

- Made the SF stage at Cincinnati (l. eventual champion Bertens) and QF at New Haven (withdrew prior to match vs. Suárez Navarro). Made round robin exit (0-3) at end-of-season WTA Finals in Singapore
- 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)
- Was first player born in 1990s to win a Grand Slam title (since joined by Muguruza at 2016 Roland Garros, Ostapenko at 2017 Roland Garros, Stephens at 2017 US Open, Wozniacki at 2018 Australian Open, Halep at 2018 Roland Garros and Osaka at 2018 US Open)
- 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

- Nominated for 2018 WTA Player of the Year after winning a tour-leading five WTA singles titles
- 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
- Parents are Jiri and Pavla



MATCH NOTES

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[WC] KIMBERLY BIRRELL (AUS #283) vs. LESIA TSURENKO (UKR #27)

Head to Head: First meeting

KIMBERLY BIRRELL	WTA RANKING	LESIA TSURENKO
283		27
-	PORSCHE RACE TO SHENZHEN LEADERBOARD	-
29-04-1998 (20)	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	30-05-1989 (29)
\$38,432	YTD PRIZE MONEY	\$1,227,590
\$131,200	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	\$3,843,001
0 / 0	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 4
0 / 0	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 0
1-0	BRISBANE W-L (MD) *	4-3
1-0 / 2-3	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	1-0 / 118-133
1-0 / 1-0	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 37-35
1-0 / 1-0	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 29-30
1-0 / 2-3	YTD / CAREER HARD W-L (MD) *	1-0 / 83-80
0-0 / 0-0	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	1-0 / 9-19
0-0 / 0-0	YTD / CAREER TOP 5 W-L (MD & Q) *	0-0 / 1-9
1-0 / 1-0	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD & Q) *	0-0 / 7-20
1-0 / 1-1	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD & Q) *	0-0 / 18-33

* Updated entering 2019 Brisbane 2r

BRISBANE Tournament Performance - 2019

Rnd	Result	Duration	Rnd	Result	Duration
R1	K.BIRRELL d. D.KASATKINA 5-7 6-4 7-6(3)	186 mins	R1	L.TSURENKO d. M.BUZARNESCU 6-0 6-2	58 mins

BRISBANE Tournament History

"-Q" Qualifying match

KIMBERLY BIRRELL

2018
R1-Q L - KAIA KANEPI (EST #99) 6-1 6-3

2016
R16-Q L - SAMANTHA CRAWFORD (USA #142) 6-3 6-4

LESIA TSURENKO

2018
R16 L - KAIA KANEPI (EST #99) 6-4 6-3

2015
R1 L - MADISON BREngle (USA #91) 7-6(6) 6-3

2013
SF L - ANASTASIA PAVLYUCHENKOVA (RUS #36) 4-6 6-1 6-2

2012
QF-Q L - VERA DUSHEVINA (RUS #86) 6-4 5-7 6-2

BIRRELL:

Brisbane

- Making main draw debut at Brisbane International (third overall), having fallen in qualifying in 2016 and 2018
- Recovered from 5-3 down in the final set to score maiden Top 10 win over Kasatkina on Monday
- One of two Australians through to second round (Gavrilova and Tomljanovic play their first-round matches on Tuesday). Jarmila Wolfe is the only Australian to make the quarterfinals at Brisbane, falling to Andrea Petkovic at this stage in 2011
- Faces No.27 Tsurenko in 2r today; prior to this week, best career win was over No.55 Kovinic at 2016 Hobart
- Is playing second WTA-level tournament of her career; previous appearance was 2r run at 2016 Hobart (d. Kovinic, l. Cibulkova)
- Currently trains at the National Academy Brisbane, based here at the Queensland Tennis Centre

Career

- Posted career-best year-end finish of No.285 in 2018 (up from No.356 in 2017)
- During 2018 season, fell in qualifying at Brisbane, Hobart, Australian Open, Istanbul and Eastbourne. Also won biggest ITF Circuit title of career at \$60k/Darwin-AUS
- Posted career-high ranking of No.259 in week of October 1, 2018
- Reached 2r on WTA main draw debut came as wildcard at 2016 Hobart (l. Cibulkova)
- Made Fed Cup debut in fourth singles rubber during Australia's 3-2 win over Slovakia in 2016 (l. 6-3 6-1)
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2014 Hobart
- On ITF Circuit, winner of two singles titles and one doubles title
- Played first professional events of career on ITF Circuit in Australia in 2012

Grand Slam History

- As wildcard, lost to Ka.Pliskova in 1r at 2016 Australian Open
- Fell in qualifying at 2018 Australian Open
- In 2014, reached the semifinals of the Australian Open junior girls' singles event

Other Information

- Born in Düsseldorf, Germany, where parents (both Australian, from New South Wales) were working at the time as a tennis coach (father) and school teacher (mother). Moved to Gold Coast aged three
- Has a younger brother, Kabe, 18, who has just finished high school
- Currently studying Communications at Griffith University in Queensland
- Tennis idols growing up were Kim Clijsters and Samantha Stosur
- Coached by John Birrell and Brett Hunter

TSURENKO:

Brisbane

- Making fourth main draw appearance at Brisbane, where she reached SF as lucky loser in 2013 (l. Pavlyuchenkova)
- In opening round, did not face a break point as she brushed aside Buzarnescu
- Faces No.283 Birrell in 2r today; in terms of ranking, loss would be the worst since falling to No.333 Sanesi at \$100k ITF/Biarritz-FRA in 2014
- Owns 9-9 career record against Australian opponents, most recently losing to Tomljanovic at 2018 Miami
- Scheduled to play next week's Sydney International
- Opened last season with 2r run at Brisbane, before reaching SF stage at Hobart and 2r at Australian Open

Career

- Posted first Top 30 season in 2018, at No.42; also sixth straight Top 100 year-end finish. Rose to career-high ranking of No.26 on September 10, 2018
- Successfully defended her title at Acapulco in 2018 (d. Voegele in F), improving her record in finals to a perfect 4-0
- Other highlights of 2018 season came at the majors, where she reached QF at US Open (l. eventual champion Osaka) and R16 at Roland Garros (ret. vs. Muguruza w/leg injury). Also made SF at Hobart and reached QF stage at Birmingham and Cincinnati
- 2017 season highlighted by third career singles title at Acapulco (d. Mladenovic in F). Also reached SF at Hobart and 's-Hertogenbosch and QF at Stanford and Moscow. Has won titles in four consecutive seasons after 2015 Istanbul (d. U.Radwanska in F), 2016 Guangzhou (d. Jankovic in F) and Acapulco in 2017 and 2018
- 2016 season highlighted by winning second WTA singles title at Guangzhou (d. Jankovic in F); also suffered 11 1r losses in 2016, including at three of the majors – Australian Open, Roland Garros and Wimbledon
- During the summer of 2016, a left thigh injury forced her withdrawal from Stanford, Montréal, Florianopolis and Rio Olympics
- Enjoyed breakthrough season in 2015, finishing year at a career-high ranking of No.33, having started at No.88. Won title at Istanbul and finished season with SF run at Moscow (l. eventual champion Kuznetsova); marked third Premier-level SF appearance of career (after 2013 Brisbane and 2015 New Haven)
- Member of Ukrainian Fed Cup Team, 2011-13 and 2015-18
- Winner of six singles and eight doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in 2007; made WTA main draw debut at 2009 Tashkent

Grand Slam History

- 2018 US Open marked 29th Grand Slam main draw appearance
- Prior to QF run at 2018 US Open, best Grand Slam results to date were R16 showings at 2018 Roland Garros (ret. vs Muguruza w/leg injury) and 2016 US Open (l. Vinci)
- During 2016 Flushing Meadows run, was joined in 3r by compatriots Svitolina and K.Bondarenko – first time three Ukrainians made 3r at the same Grand Slam – however she was the only one to advance to R16
- Has been to 3r – but no further – at Australian Open (2013) and Wimbledon (2017)

Other Information

- Coached by Adriano Albanesi
- Only played tennis occasionally and for fun between ages 14-17; moved to Kiev at 17 to play more seriously
- Studied at Physical Education & Sports Institute for one and a half years (no longer studying; hopes to return one day)



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BRISBANE INTERNATIONAL – DAY 1

ELISE MERTENS (BEL #12) vs. [6] KIKI BERTENS (NED #9)

Mertens leads 2-0

Mertens won most recent clash at 2017 New Haven... Bertens coming off career-best season in which she won three titles...Mertens has beaten three Top 10 players in her career

[Q] MARIE BOUZKOVA (CZE #139) vs. [WC] SAMANTHA STOSUR (AUS #74)

First meeting

Stosur playing 1000th match of her career today... Bouzkova is yet to beat a Top 100 player... Stosur has won only four matches in eight Brisbane appearances

[Q] HARRIET DART (GBR #149) vs. [WC] PRISCILLA HON (AUS #157)

First meeting

Hon trains here at Queensland Tennis Centre... Dart scored best career win over No.64 Petkovic during qualifying... Hon one of tournament-leading six Australians in main draw

ANETT KONTAVEIT (EST #21) vs. CARLA SUÁREZ NAVARRO (ESP #23)

Suárez Navarro leads 2-0

Suárez Navarro won thrilling fourth-round encounter between two at 2018 Australian Open... Kontaveit lost to eventual finalist Sasnovich here last year... Spaniard a former semifinalist

ON THIS DAY – December 31

1972 - Thirty-year-old Margaret Court defeats fellow Australian Kerry Melville 6-1 6-0 to advance to her first Grand Slam final since becoming a mother at the Australian Open.

"It would be a thrill to win the title after having a baby," Court said afterwards. "It would show that tennis mums can play, and play well."

2013 – Qualifier Ksenia Pervak upsets former World No.1 Caroline Wozniacki in the first round of the Brisbane International.

AUSSIE STRUGGLES

Jarmila Groth the only Australian woman to reach the quarterfinals in the history of the Brisbane International:

YEAR	PLAYER	ROUND REACHED
2018	Samantha Stosur, Destanee Aiava, Ashleigh Barty	First Round
2017	Ashleigh Barty, Destanee Aiava	Second Round
2016	Samantha Stosur	Second Round
2015	Jarmila Groth	Second Round
2014	Ashleigh Barty, Casey Dellacqua	Second Round
2013	Jarmila Groth	Second Round
2012	Samantha Stosur	Second Round
2011	Jarmila Groth	Quarterfinals
2010	Alicia Molik	Second Round
2009	Samantha Stosur	Second Round



MATCH NOTES

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ELISE MERTENS (BEL #12) vs. [6] KIKI BERTENS (NED #9)

Head to Head: ELISE MERTENS leads 2-0

2017	NEW HAVEN	HARD O	R1	ELISE MERTENS	4-6	6-4	6-2	117 mins
2017	HOBART	HARD O	QF	ELISE MERTENS	6-2	7-5		79 mins

ELISE MERTENS	WTA RANKING	KIKI BERTENS
12	PORSCHE RACE TO SHENZHEN LEADERBOARD	9
-	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	-
17-11-1995 (23)	YTD PRIZE MONEY	10-12-1991 (27)
\$2,364,006	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	\$3,163,688
\$3,160,246	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	\$6,522,124
0 / 4	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 7
0 / 6	BRISBANE W-L (MD) *	0 / 10
0-0	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	0-1
0-0 / 81-45	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 154-133
0-0 / 26-14	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 42-47
0-0 / 17-18	YTD / CAREER HARD W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 33-38
0-0 / 44-27	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 64-84
0-0 / 6-2	YTD / CAREER TOP 5 W-L (MD & Q) *	0-0 / 16-9
0-0 / 2-6	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD & Q) *	0-0 / 6-9
0-0 / 3-9	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD & Q) *	0-0 / 15-20
0-0 / 6-20		0-0 / 23-36

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BRISBANE Tournament History

"-Q" Qualifying match

ELISE MERTENS

2017

R1-Q L - JENNIFER BRADY (USA #117) 6-2 6-3

KIKI BERTENS

2018

R1 L - ANA KONJUH (CRO #44) 6-1 6-2

2014

QF-Q L - ASHLEIGH BARTY (AUS #190) 2-6 6-3 7-5

MERTENS:

Brisbane

- Making main draw debut at Brisbane International, having fallen in qualifying in 2017
- Faces No.9 Bertens in 1r match today. Owns three career Top 10 wins, over No.10 Cibulkova (2017 Beijing), No.4 Svitolina (2018 Australian Open) and No.3 Stephens (2018 Cincinnati)
- Victory against Bertens in the past has augured well for her prospects at the tournament; beat the Dutchwoman en route to maiden career title at 2017 Hobart and first Premier-level SF showing at 2017 New Haven
- Starts 2019 season ranked at a career-high No.12 (first achieved November 26, 2018)
- Unseeded this week; was a seed at 20 of 23 events contested last season (exceptions were Australian Open, Dubai and Madrid)
- Playing doubles this week w/Stosur (face Hradecka/Klepac in 1r)
- Enjoyed stellar start to 2018 season, defending Hobart title and reaching first Grand Slam SF at Australian Open; with Australian Open results, made Top 20 debut at No.20 (week of January 29, 2018)
- Next week, is scheduled to play Sydney International

Career

- Won three titles in 2018 (Hobart, Rabat and Lugano), one of six players on tour with three or more titles to their name - also Kvitova (5), Svitolina (4), Bertens (3), Halep (3) and Wozniacki (3)
- Posted 46 main draw match wins in 2018 – only Ka.Pliskova (49) and Kvitova (47), registered more. By contrast, prior to last season owned only 36 wins at this level across entire career
- In doubles in 2018, won four titles and reached QF at WTA Finals (w/Schuurs)
- 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)
- 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)
- 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)
- Prior to making Grand Slam main draw debut at 2016 US Open, fell in qualifying at five majors: 2015 Wimbledon, 2015 US Open, 2016 Australian Open, 2016 Roland Garros and 2016 Wimbledon

Other Information

- After successful trial towards the end of 2018, brought David Taylor on as full-time coach during off season
- Earlier coaching history includes Belgian federation until early teens, as well as a year at the Mouratoglou Academy
- 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

BERTENS

Brisbane

- Making second main draw appearance at Brisbane International, having fallen 1r in 2018 (l. Konjuh) and in qualifying in 2014
- Faces No.12 Mertens in 1r today. Owns 23 career Top 20 wins, including 15 in 2018 season
- Has lost five of past six matches against Belgian opposition, including twice against Mertens
- Starts 2019 season ranked at a career-high No.9 (first achieved October 22, 2018)
- Playing doubles this week w/Schuurs (face Mladenovic/Voskoboeva in 1r); pair won doubles title here in 2018 (d. Klepac/Martínez Sánchez in F)
- Next week, is scheduled to play Sydney International
- Following 1r exit at Brisbane last season, reached 2r at Sydney and 3r at Australian Open

Career

- Enjoyed a break-out year in 2018, reaching a career-best four singles finals across the season and breaking into the Top 10 (October 8, 2018) – first Dutch woman to be ranked in the Top 10 since Brenda Schultz-McCarthy in 1996
- Won the WTA's Most Improved Player Award in 2018

- Won three titles in 2018, at Charleston (d. Goerges in F), Cincinnati (d. World No.1 Halep in F) and Seoul (d. Tomljanovic in F). Reached one further final, at Premier Mandatory Madrid (l. Kvitova in F)
- Scored WTA-leading 12 Top 10 wins last season. Prior to 2018, only had three Top 10 wins in her career
- Also reached SF on WTA Finals debut (l. Svitolina) and picked up a doubles title at 2018 Brisbane (w/Schuurs)
- At Grand Slam level last season, posted career best results at Wimbledon (QF - l. Goerges) US Open (3r - l. Vondrousova) and Australian Open (3r - l. eventual champion Wozniacki). At Roland Garros, made 3r (l. Kerber)
- 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. Krejčíková in F) and Gstaad (d. Kontaveit in F, having finished R-Up there in 2016)
- 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)
- 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 Hlaváčková), 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/Voráčková). 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 Krajčević in 2007

- In 2018 reached 3r for first time at both Australian Open (l. eventual champion Wozniacki) and US Open (l. Vondrousova)
- 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; brought former WTA player Elise Tamaela into coaching team during off-season
- In November 2018, announced engagement to boyfriend Remko de Rijke, who has been involved as part of her team as a physiotherapist, fitness coach and hitting partner
- 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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[Q] MARIE BOUZKOVA (CZE #139) vs. [WC] SAMANTHA STOSUR (AUS #74)

Head to Head: First meeting

MARIE BOUZKOVA	WTA RANKING	SAMANTHA STOSUR
139		74
-	PORSCHE RACE TO SHENZHEN LEADERBOARD	-
21-07-1998 (20)	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	30-03-1984 (34)
\$140,504	YTD PRIZE MONEY	\$701,050
\$232,141	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	\$17,783,962
0 / 0	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 9
0 / 0	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 25
0-0	BRISBANE W-L (MD) *	4-8
0-0 / 1-6	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 450-326
0-0 / 0-2	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 122-117
0-0 / 0-0	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 92-107
0-0 / 1-5	YTD / CAREER HARD W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 264-207
0-0 / 0-1	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 42-39
0-0 / 0-0	YTD / CAREER TOP 5 W-L (MD & Q) *	0-0 / 17-43
0-0 / 0-0	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD & Q) *	0-0 / 31-81
0-0 / 0-1	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD & Q) *	0-0 / 72-145

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BRISBANE Tournament History

SAMANTHA STOSUR

2018		
R1	L - ANASTASIJA SEVASTOVA (LAT #16)	6-1 6-3
2017		
R1	L - GARBIÑE MUGURUZA (ESP #7)	7-5 6-7(2) 7-5
2016		
R16	L - CARLA SUÁREZ NAVARRO (ESP #13)	6-1 6-7(3) 6-4
2015		
R1	L - VARVARA LEPCHENKO (USA #34)	4-6 6-4 7-5
2013		
R1	L - SOFIA ARVIDSSON (SWE #41)	7-6(4) 7-5
2012		
R16	L - IVETA MELZER (CZE #54)	6-4 6-2
2011		
R16	L - JARMILA WOLFE (AUS #42)	6-2 6-4
2009		
R16	L - LUCIE SAFAROVA (CZE #61)	6-4 6-4

BOUZKOVA:

Brisbane

- Making debut at Brisbane International
- Has previously appeared in six WTA main draws, reaching 2r at 2018 Québec City and falling 1r at 2015 Acapulco, 2017 Biel, 2017 Nürnberg, 2018 Monterrey and 2018 US Open
- Faces No.72 Stosur in 1r. In terms of ranking, best career win came over No.104 Golubic in qualifying here on Sunday
- Solitary WTA main draw win of career was against Karatantcheva at 2018 Québec City
- Is one of five players ranked outside Top 100 in the main draw (also Birrell, Aiava, Hon and Dart)

Career

- Ended 2018 ranked No.142, her second Top 200 season (up from No.187 in 2017)
- Highlights of 2018 season were 2r showing at Québec City (as qualifier, l. Lepchenko) and qualifying for first Grand Slam at US Open (l. Bogdan in 1r)
- Also in 2018, fell 1r at Monterrey, in qualifying at Australian Open, Roland Garros, Wimbledon, Acapulco, Lugano, Stuttgart and Prague, while on ITF Circuit in 2018, won one title at \$25k Irapuato-MEX and reached four further SF
- Has won 11 titles in singles and one in doubles on ITF Circuit
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2015 Acapulco (as wildcard, l. Karatantcheva)
- Professional debut was opening round loss in qualifying at 2013 Katowice

Grand Slam History

- Fell 1r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2018 US Open (as qualifier, l. Bogdan)
- Previously fell in qualifying at Australian Open in 2018, Roland Garros in 2018, Wimbledon in 2017 and 2018 and US Open in 2017

Other Information

- Born in Prague, but currently based in Bradenton, Florida
- Favorite surface is hard
- Away from the court, enjoys mathematics, table tennis, swimming and skiing

STOSUR:

Brisbane

- Making ninth appearance at Brisbane International this week
- Has reached 2r – but never further – on four occasions, most recently in 2016
- Faces qualifier Bouzkova in 1r today, in what will be the 1000th match (including qualifying and ITF Circuit) of her career
- Oldest of four thirtysomethings in the draw this week (also Buzarnescu, Rybarikova and Suárez Navarro)
- One of a tournament-leading six Australians in the draw. Jarmila Wolfe is the only Australian to make the quarterfinals at Brisbane, falling to Andrea Petkovic at this stage in 2011
- Competing in doubles field here with partner Mertens. The duo faces Hradecka/Klepac in 1r
- Began last season with 1r exit at Brisbane (l. Sevastova), 2r showing at Sydney (l. Gavrilova), before losing to Puig in 1r at Australian Open after holding match point in second set tie-break

Career

- Ended 2018 outside Top 50, at No.72, for first time since 2008
- During 2018, reached SF on grass at Mallorca and QFs on clay at Strasbourg, Prague and Gstaad. Also won 25th career doubles title at Hong Kong (w/S.Zhang)
- Suffered through an injury-plagued 2017 season, but, still managed to post her ninth consecutive Top 50 finish, ending at No.41
- Highlight of reduced season came with ninth career title at Strasbourg (d. Gavrilova in F), along with QF runs at Taipei City (l. Peng), Doha (l. Cibulkova) and Hong Kong (l. Wang) – also reached R16 of Roland Garros for sixth time (l. eventual champion Ostapenko)
- Career record in finals is 9-15, and has advanced to at least one singles final in 11 of past 13 seasons
- 2016 season highlights included R-Up finish at Prague (l. Safarova in three sets) and advancing to fifth Grand Slam SF of career at Roland Garros (l. eventual champion Muguruza). Following Roland Garros result, rose to No.14 – first time ranked inside Top 15 since week of August 26, 2013

- Represented Australia at Rio Olympics, progressing to 3r in singles (l. eventual silver medalist Kerber), and fell 1r in doubles (w/Gavrilova, l. eventual silver medalists Bacsinszky/Hingis) and 1r in mixed doubles (w/Peers, l. Mirza/Bopanna)
- Won two WTA singles titles in 2015 season, both at International level, at Strasbourg (d. Mladenovic in F) and Bad Gastein (d. Knapp in F). Was second season where had won multiple titles (also 2013 – Carlsbad, Osaka)
- Achieved 500th career match win (all levels) at 2015 Washington DC.
- Owns two wins over a reigning World No.1: S.Williams (2010 Roland Garros) and Wozniacki (2010 WTA Finals)
- Former doubles World No.1 (spent 61 weeks in top spot) with 24 titles to her name, including 2005 US Open and 2006 Roland Garros (both w/Raymond)
- Owns three Grand Slam mixed doubles titles: 2005 Australian Open (w/Draper), 2008 Wimbledon (w/B.Bryan) and 2014 Wimbledon (w/Zimonjic)
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in Australia in 1998, and first WTA main draws in 2002, as a wildcard at Gold Coast and Australian Open

Grand Slam History

- 2018 US Open marked 60th Grand Slam main draw appearance
- Owns one Grand Slam singles title, having won 2011 US Open (d. S.Williams in F). One of just five women who have defeated S.Williams in a Grand Slam final (also V.Williams, Sharapova, Kerber and Muguruza)
- Reached the final at Roland Garros in 2010 (l. Schiavone). Also a three-time Paris semifinalist, in 2009 (l. eventual champion Kuznetsova), 2012 (l. eventual R-Up Errani) and 2016 (l. eventual champion Muguruza)
- Best result at Wimbledon is reaching 3r three times (2009, 2013, 2015) and at home Slam of Australian Open made R16 in 2006 (l. Hingis) and 2010 (l. S.Williams)
- In doubles, won 2005 US Open and 2006 Roland Garros (both w/Raymond)

Other Information

- Currently without full-time coach after splitting with former ATP player and Australian Davis Cup coach Joshua Eagle during off-season. Stopped working with long-time coach, David Taylor, after 2016 Roland Garros
- Friend introduced her to tennis at age eight
- Off the court, enjoys going to the beach, swimming in the sea, hanging out with friends, surfing and listening to music



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[Q] HARRIET DART (GBR #149) vs. [WC] PRISCILLA HON (AUS #157)

Head to Head: First meeting

HARRIET DART	WTA RANKING	PRISCILLA HON
149		157
-	PORSCHE RACE TO SHENZHEN LEADERBOARD	-
28-07-1996 (22)	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	10-05-1998 (20)
\$149,419	YTD PRIZE MONEY	\$119,908
\$251,649	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	\$246,684
0 / 0	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 0
0 / 0	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 0
0-0	BRISBANE W-L (MD) *	0-1
0-0 / 1-6	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 3-7
0-0 / 1-1	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 2-2
0-0 / 0-1	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 0-1
0-0 / 0-3	YTD / CAREER HARD W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 3-7
0-0 / 1-0	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 1-0
0-0 / 0-0	YTD / CAREER TOP 5 W-L (MD & Q) *	0-0 / 0-1
0-0 / 0-1	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD & Q) *	0-0 / 0-1
0-0 / 0-1	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD & Q) *	0-0 / 0-1

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BRISBANE Tournament History

"-Q" Qualifying match

PRISCILLA HON

2018

R16- L - KRISTIE AHN (USA #112) 6-3 6-4
Q

2016

R1 L - SAMANTHA CRAWFORD (USA #142) 6-4 6-4

DART:

Brisbane

- Making Brisbane International debut today
- Over weekend, defeated Dolehide, No.98 Kozlova (saved 1MP) and No.64 Petkovic (best career win-by-ranking) to reach seventh WTA main draw; now owns 4-9 career record against Top 100 opponents
- Faces WC Hon in 1r today in eighth WTA main draw match. Reached 2r at 2018 Eastbourne (d. Kr.Pliskova, l. Sevastova), and fell 1r on all other appearances at this level, at 2015 Eastbourne (l. Cibulkova in 1r), 2017 Nanchang (l. Q.Wang in 1r), 2018 Wimbledon (l. Ka.Pliskova), 2018 Washington DC (l. Bencic), 2018 Linz (l. Mladenovic)
- Currently the British No.4, behind Konta, Watson and Boulter

Career

- Posted career-best year-end finish of No.153 in 2018 (up from No.315 in 2017)
- Highlights in 2018 were reaching 2r at Eastbourne and making Grand Slam debut at Wimbledon (l. Ka.Pliskova in 1r). Also fell 1r at 2018 Washington DC (l. Bencic), 2018 Linz (l. Bencic) and in qualifying at Istanbul, US Open, Hiroshima, Seoul, Tashkent and Moscow [Kremlin Cup]
- Won two ITF Circuit titles in 2018 at \$25k/Altenkirchen-GER and \$25k/Oslo-NOR
- In 2017, played mainly on ITF Circuit, reaching SF four times, At tour level, fell 1r at Nanchang (as qualifier, l. Q.Wang) and in qualifying at Birmingham and Wimbledon
- Posted career-high ranking of No.148 in week of December 10, 2018
- Played sparingly in 2013-16, spending time on sidelines with foot and hip injuries
- WTA main draw debut came at 2015 Eastbourne (as WC, l. Cibulkova)
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2014 Eastbourne (l. Babos)
- On ITF Circuit, winner of four singles titles and 13 doubles titles
- Played first professional events of career on ITF Circuit in Britain in 2011

Grand Slam History

- As WC, fell 1r on Grand Slam debut at 2018 Wimbledon (l. Ka.Pliskova)
- Reached final round of qualifying at 2016 Wimbledon (l. Alexandrova 13-11 in third set, having come within two points of victory)
- Also contested qualifying for Wimbledon in 2017
- Lost 1r in doubles at 2016 and 2017 Wimbledon (both w/Dunne)
- Played all four majors as a junior

Other Information

- Began playing tennis at age 7 at Cumberland Lawn Tennis Club – the same club where her parents met
- Moved to train in Istanbul in November 2017 with Australian-Croatian coach Goran Marijan at the Koza Wos academy. Also works with strength and conditioning coach Arran Peck
- Was in the Centre Court crowd when Andy Murray won Wimbledon in 2013
- Born in London and attended The Royal School in Hampstead; currently taking degree in criminology via Open University
- Supports Arsenal Football Club

HON:

Brisbane

- Making second main draw appearance at Brisbane International (third overall), having fallen 1r on her WTA main draw debut in 2016 (l. Crawford) and in qualifying in 2018
- One of a tournament-leading six Australians in the draw. Jarmila Wolfe is the only Australian to make the quarterfinals at Brisbane, falling to Andrea Petkovic at this stage in 2011
- Is playing eighth WTA-level tournament of her career; best result at this level was QF run at 2017 Seoul
- Born in Brisbane and currently trains at the National Academy Brisbane, based here at the Queensland Tennis Centre

Career

- Posted career-best year-end finish of No.158 in 2018 (up from No.227 in 2017)
- Highlights in 2018 came during Asian swing where she qualified for then reached 2r at Seoul (l. Minella) and fell 1r at Hiroshima (l. Q.Wang) and Hong Kong (l. Svitolina)
- Also contested qualifying at 10 tour-level events (incl. all four majors), and won biggest ITF Circuit title of career at \$60k/Bendigo-AUS
- Posted career-high ranking of No.156 in week of October 29, 2018
- WTA main draw debut came as wildcard at 2016 Brisbane (l. Crawford)
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2015 Hobart
- On ITF Circuit, winner of four singles titles and 10 doubles titles
- Played first professional events of career on ITF Circuit in Australia in 2012
- Peaked at No.13 in the junior world rankings

Grand Slam History

- As wildcard, made 1r exit on Grand Slam debut at 2016 Australian Open (l. Beck); triumphed at the 18s Australian Championships in December 2015 to earn WC
- Also contested qualifying at Roland Garros, Wimbledon and US Open in 2018

Other Information

- Started playing tennis at age six
- Favorite surface is clay; dream is to win at Roland Garros
- thinks Pat Rafter is the greatest Aussie player of all time
- Lists her hobbies as friends, shopping, music and the beach



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ANETT KONTAVEIT (EST #21) vs. CARLA SUÁREZ NAVARRO (ESP #23)

Head to Head: CARLA SUÁREZ NAVARRO leads 2-0

2018	AUSTRALIAN OPEN	HARD O	R16	CARLA SUÁREZ NAVARRO	4-6	6-4	8-6	137 mins
2011	FED CUP WEEK 1 WORLD GROUP 2	HARD I	R1	CARLA SUÁREZ NAVARRO	6-2	6-2		n/a

ANETT KONTAVEIT	WTA RANKING	CARLA SUÁREZ NAVARRO
21		23
-	PORSCHE RACE TO SHENZHEN LEADERBOARD	-
24-12-1995 (23)	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	03-09-1988 (30)
\$1,513,329	YTD PRIZE MONEY	\$1,645,782
\$2,778,289	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	\$10,763,923
0 / 1	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 2
0 / 0	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 3
1-1	BRISBANE W-L (MD) *	6-6
0-0 / 78-72	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 333-234
0-0 / 27-25	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 105-70
0-0 / 21-23	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 61-46
0-0 / 43-47	YTD / CAREER HARD W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 178-145
0-0 / 8-8	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 30-20
0-0 / 2-6	YTD / CAREER TOP 5 W-L (MD & Q) *	0-0 / 12-35
0-0 / 8-11	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD & Q) *	0-0 / 28-61
0-0 / 13-19	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD & Q) *	0-0 / 47-98

* Updated entering 2019 season



MATCH NOTES

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BRISBANE Tournament History

"-Q" Qualifying match

ANETT KONTAVEIT

2018			
R16	L - ALIAKSANDRA SASNOVICH (BLR #88)	1-6	7-6(2) 6-3

CARLA SUÁREZ NAVARRO

2018			
R1	L - ELINA SVITOLINA (UKR #6)	6-2	6-4

2016			
SF	L - ANGELIQUE KERBER (GER #10)	6-2	6-3

2015			
QF	L - MARIA SHARAPOVA (RUS #2)	6-1	6-3

2014			
R16	L - KAIA KANEPI (EST #30)	6-2	6-2

2013			
R1	L - PETRA KVITOVA (CZE #8)	6-3	6-4

2012			
R1	L - JELENA JANKOVIC (SRB #14)	6-4	6-2

KONTAVEIT:

Brisbane

- Making second appearance at Brisbane International, having fallen 2r in 2018 (l. eventual R-Up Sasnovich)
- Faces Suarez Navarro in 1r match today. Served for the match at 5-4 in the final set before losing to the Spaniard in their previous match in R16 at 2018 Australian Open
- Starts 2019 season ranked at No.21, having briefly broken into Top 20 at end of 2018 (No.20 on October 22)
- Playing doubles this week w/Kasatkina (face Melichar/Peschke in 1r)
- Next week, is scheduled to play Sydney International

Career

- In 2018, season highlighted by fourth WTA singles final at Wuhan (l. Sabalenka); posted 33 main draw wins – the first time she had registered 30 or more wins in a single season – and finished at No.21 in the rankings
- Enjoyed fruitful clay swing in 2018, including a R16 run at Roland Garros (l. eventual R-Up Stephens) and SF showings at Rome (l. eventual champion Svitolina) and Stuttgart (l. eventual champion Ka.Pliskova)
- Breakthrough season came 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
- Won first career singles title at 2017 's-Hertogenbosch (d. Vikhlyantseva in F). Also reached finals at Biel/Benne (l. Vondrousova) and Gstaad (l. 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
- 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

SUÁREZ NAVARRO:

Brisbane

- Making seventh appearance at Brisbane
- Best result here is SF in 2016 (l. Kerber) and enjoyed QF run in 2015 (l. Sharapova)
- Faces Kontaveit today, whom she defeated en route to 2018 Australian Open QF
- Opening 2019 season here in Brisbane. Is due to contest qualifying at Sydney next week before Australian Open
- Preceded last year's QF run at Melbourne Park with 1r exit at Brisbane (l. eventual champion Svitolina) and qualifying exit at Sydney

Career

- Highlight of 2018 season were QF runs at Australian Open (l. eventual champion Wozniacki) and US Open (l. Keys) – still waiting for first Grand Slam SF
- Also in 2018 was R-Up at New Haven (l. Sabalenka in F) – her first final since February 2016 (Doha). Career record in singles finals now stands at 2-9
- Claimed three Top 5 wins in 2018, over No.4 Svitolina in Indian Wells and Madrid and No.5 Kvitova at New Haven
- 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 (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 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 (I. A.Radwanska) and 2018 (I. Wozniacki), and 2013 US Open (I. S.Williams) and in 2018 (I. 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