



2018 US OPEN – WOMEN'S MATCH NOTES
NEW YORK, NY, USA – AUGUST 27-SEPTEMBER 9, 2018 – GRAND SLAM TOURNAMENT

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2018 US OPEN – DAY ONE FEATURED MATCHES

[1] SIMONA HALEP (ROU #1) vs. KAIA KANEPI (EST #44)

Halep leads 1-0

Halep is the current match wins leader on tour (46-8) and also leads the way for hardcourt wins (28-4)...A quarterfinalist last year as a qualifier, Kanepi is looking for her first win over a Top 20 opponent since 2015 Madrid

[3] SLOANE STEPHENS (USA #3) vs. EVGENIYA RODINA (RUS #80)

Stephens leads 1-0

As defending champion, Stephens is aiming to be the 23rd woman in US Open history to reclaim her title from the previous year...Rodina's lone Top 20 win of her career came against last year's US Open finalist Keys at 2018 Wimbledon

SACHIA VICKERY (USA #78) vs. [7] ELINA SVITOLINA (UKR #7)

First career meeting

Vickery is seeking second career Top 10 victory after defeating No.3 Muguruza at Indian Wells earlier this year...Svitolina sits at No.2 (behind Halep) in hardcourt wins this season with 23

ZARINA DIYAS (KAZ #60) vs. [8] KAROLINA PLISKOVA (CZE #8)

Pliskova leads 2-0

A win today would be best win-by-rank in a Grand Slam for Diyas' career...Pliskova is riding a nine-match win-streak in first round Grand Slam matches dating back to 2016 Roland Garros

[9] JULIA GOERGES (GER #9) vs. [Q] ANNA KALINSKAYA (RUS #143)

First career meeting

Goerges leads the WTA tour in aces struck (372) and tiebreakers won (12)...Kalinskaya is looking to notch her first career Grand Slam main draw victory

[12] GARBIÑE MUGURUZA (ESP #12) vs. SHUAI ZHANG (CHN #34)

Series tied 1-1

Muguruza enters play with a 15-match win streak in first round Grand Slam encounters...A win today for Zhang would mark best win-by-ranking of 2018 and best since ousting No.7 Muguruza at 2017 Doha

[16] VENUS WILLIAMS (USA #16) vs. [WC] SVETLANA KUZNETSOVA (RUS #102)

Series tied 5-5

Venus has defeated the Russian twice at the Grand Slam level, and both times went on to reach the final...Kuznetsova enters New York in fine form having captured the Citi Open title in Washington, D.C. a few weeks back



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[17] SERENA WILLIAMS (USA #26) vs. MAGDA LINETTE (POL #68)

First career meeting

Serena's only loss to a player outside the Top 50 at Flushing Meadows was against then-unranked Clijsters in 2009 SF...Linette owns a 4-5 record against US players so far this season

[Q] ONS JABEUR (TUN #114) vs. [18] ASHLEIGH BARTY (AUS #17)

First career meeting

Jabeur is seeking first WTA-level hardcourt win since the 2017 US Open...Barty has defeated 11 consecutive qualifying opponents dating back to 2017 Australian Open

DONNA VEKIC (CRO #41) vs. [19] ANASTASIJA SEVASTOVA (LAT #18)

Sevastova leads 3-0

A win today by Vekic would result in her earning at least one match victory at all four Slams in the same season for the first time in her career...Sevastova owns a 10-5 career mark in New York, her best record among the four Grand Slam events

[WC] VICTORIA AZARENKA (BLR #79) vs. VIKTORIA KUZMOVA (SVK #56)

First career meeting

Two-time runner-up, Azarenka, is making her 11th career appearance at the US Open and first since giving birth to her son Leo in 2016...Kuzmova is aiming to channel her 2016 US Open success when she reached the final of the girls' singles event



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[1] SIMONA HALEP (ROU #1) vs. KAIA KANEPI (EST #44)

Head to Head: SIMONA HALEP leads 1-0

2014 DOHA HARD O R2 SIMONA HALEP 6-4 3-6 7-6(5) 148 mins

SIMONA HALEP	WTA RANKING	KAIA KANEPI
1		44
1	PORSCHE RACE TO SINGAPORE LEADERBOARD	56
27-09-1991 (26)	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	10-06-1985 (33)
\$6,267,700	YTD PRIZE MONEY	\$349,998
\$27,003,715	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	\$5,295,140
3 / 18	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 4
1 / 1	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 0
16-8	US OPEN W-L (MD) *	18-10
46-8 / 327-148	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	9-11 / 212-181
16-4 / 95-49	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	2-4 / 64-67
4-4 / 39-50	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	0-3 / 50-40
28-4 / 191-92	YTD / CAREER HARD W-L (MD) *	6-5 / 120-99
6-3 / 33-44	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD) *	0-2 / 10-37
15-5 / 90-67	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD) *	0-6 / 32-64
8-0 / 33-11	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	1-0 / 23-19

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SIMONA HALEP

2017
R1 L - MARIA SHARAPOVA (RUS #146) 6-4 4-6 6-3
2016
QF L - SERENA WILLIAMS (USA #1) 6-2 4-6 6-3
2015
SF L - FLAVIA PENNETTA (ITA #26) 6-1 6-3
2014
R3 L - MIRJANA LUCIC-BARONI (CRO #121) 7-6(6) 6-2
2013
R16 L - FLAVIA PENNETTA (ITA #83) 6-2 7-6(3)
2012
R2 L - NADIA PETROVA (RUS #22) 6-1 6-1
2011
R2 L - CARLA SUÁREZ NAVARRO (ESP #76) 3-6 6-2 6-2

KAIA KANEPI

2017
QF L - MADISON KEYS (USA #16) 6-3 6-3
2015
R2 L - ELINA SVITOLINA (UKR #17) 6-3 6-4
2014
R16 L - SERENA WILLIAMS (USA #1) 6-3 6-3
2013
R3 L - ANGELIQUE KERBER (GER #9) 6-0 6-4
2011
R2 L - SÍLVIA SOLER-ESPINOSA (ESP #141) 6-4 6-2
2010
QF L - VERA ZVONAREVA (RUS #8) 6-3 7-5
2009
R1 L - KAI-CHEN CHANG (TPE #212) 6-0 2-6 6-2



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2010

R1 L - JELENA JANKOVIC (SRB #5) 6-4 4-6 7-5

2008

R2 L - AMÉLIE MAURESMO (FRA #29) 2-6 6-4 6-0

2007

R1 L - SANIA MIRZA (IND #27) 6-2 6-7(5) 6-1

2006

R3 L - VIRGINIE RAZZANO (FRA #112) 7-5 6-2

2005

R2* L - EMMANUELLE GAGLIARDI (SUI #112) 6-4 6-2

2003

R2* L - ANIKO KAPROS (HUN #129) 6-4 6-2

2002

R1* L - ALENA VASKOVA (CZE #131) 2-6 6-4 7-6(4)

HALEP:

US Open

- Making ninth consecutive appearance at U.S. Open. Best result here in New York came with run to SF in 2015 (l. eventual champion Pennetta)
- Backed that up by reaching QF the following year in 2016 (l. S.Williams)
- Begins 2018 campaign vs. No.44 Kanepi – recovered from 5-3 down in final set to win lone meeting at 2014 Doha
- Has suffered two 1r exits at Flushing Meadows, on debut here in 2010 (l. Jankovic) and in 2017 (l. Sharapova)
- Overall across the majors, owns a 22-11 record in 1r matches (6-2 at U.S. Open)
- Owns 73-32 win-loss record at Grand Slam level
- Enters U.S. Open as World No.1, and cannot be usurped across the fortnight – is the first time since 2016 Wimbledon the World No.1 ranking is not on the line during a Grand Slam event
- In contrast, at 2017 U.S. Open, eight players were in contention for the World No.1 spot
- Including these two weeks in New York, will have held the No.1 ranking for 44 weeks (28 consecutive)
- 2018 U.S. Open marks 34th Grand Slam main draw appearance – lifted maiden major title at 2018 Roland Garros (d. Stephens in F) after three previous R-Up finishes (2014, 2017 Roland Garros and 2018 Australian Open)
- The No.1 seed has lost their opening match on five occasions in the Open Era, but never at the U.S. Open:

PLAYER	GRAND SLAM	OPPONENT
Virginia Ruzici	1979 Australian Open	Mary Sawyer
Stefanie Graf	1994 Wimbledon	Lori McNeil
Martina Hingis	1999 Wimbledon	Jelena Dokic
Martina Hingis	2001 Wimbledon	Virginia Ruano Pascual
Angelique Kerber	2017 Roland Garros	Ekaterina Makarova

- Is the current match wins leader on the WTA Tour entering 2018 U.S. Open, going 46-8 this season. Also leads the way for hardcourt wins (28-4)

- Leads the tour in consistently reaching at least the R16 at tournaments entered, registering an 83% success rate (10/12)
- One of 13 Grand Slam champions to begin main draw: Azarenka, Kerber, Kuznetsova, Kvitova, Muguruza, Ostapenko, Sharapova, Stephens, Stosur, S.Williams, V.Williams and Wozniacki
- Last World No.1 to win U.S. Open was S.Williams in 2014 (d. Wozniacki in F)
- Was forced to withdraw from New Haven last week w/right Achilles injury

Grand Slam History

- Won first Grand Slam title at 2018 Roland Garros (d. Stephens in F) after three runner-up finishes, at Roland Garros in 2014 (l. Sharapova in 3s), 2017 (l. Ostapenko in 3s) and at Australian Open in 2018 (l. Wozniacki in 3s)
- Became 49th different woman to win a Grand Slam title in the Open Era, and the second Romanian woman to win a Slam after Ruzici at 1978 Roland Garros
- First Romanian woman to advance to final at Australian Open
- Also, semifinalist at Wimbledon in 2014 (l. Bouchard) and U.S. Open in 2015 (l. eventual champion Pennetta)
- Won Roland Garros girls' singles title in 2008 – now the sixth woman to go on to win the women's singles title – after Durr, Jausovec, Mandlikova, Capriati and Henin

Season

- Coming off reaching back-to-back finals at Montréal (d. Stephens in F) and Cincinnati (l. Bertens in F – held 1mp in second set tie-break). Was bidding to be first woman to win the Premier 5 level Rogers Cup and Western & Southern Open titles back-to-back
- SF victory over Sabalenka in Cincinnati was career 450th match win (all levels)
- Has won 17 of last 19 matches dating back to the start of Roland Garros (sole defeats came in 3r at Wimbledon and Cincinnati final), which included a nine-match win streak (Montreal – 5, Cincinnati – 4)
- Following Montreal triumph, is one of four players to win three or more titles this season (also Kvitova – 5, Mertens – 3, Svitolina – 3). Is 18-15 in career finals
- Qualified for the 2018 BNP Paribas WTA Finals Singapore after reaching the F in Montréal – the first singles player to qualify this season. This will be her fifth consecutive appearance at the WTA Finals, and is the only player to have qualified for all five editions held in Singapore
- Fell 3r at Wimbledon (l. Hsieh in 3s). Did not play a grass tournament before heading to Wimbledon (withdrew from Eastbourne w/foot injury)
- Captured first Grand Slam title in fourth final with defeat of Stephens at Roland Garros
- For second year in a row, runner-up at Rome (l. Svitolina in both 2017 and 2018 finals)
- In other clay court tournaments this season, produced QF showings at Madrid (l. Ka.Pliskova) and Stuttgart (l. Vandeweghe)

- Played first matches of 2018 clay season representing Romania in Fed Cup, going 2-0 in singles (d. Golubic, Schnyder) in 3-1 win over Switzerland in World Group play-off
- During Sunshine Double, advanced to SF at Indian Wells (l. eventual champion Osaka) and made 3r in Miami (l. A.Radwanska)
- Forced to withdraw prior to Doha SF vs. Muguruza w/right foot injury and also withdrew from Dubai
- Reached third career Grand Slam final at Australian Open in Melbourne in January; succumbed to Wozniacki in the final in three sets. Withdrew from St Petersburg w/left ankle injury after Australian Open
- In 3r at Australian Open, saved triple match points and battled back to defeat Davis in 3h44, 4-6 6-4 15-13 – ranks as the third longest women's singles match ever at Australian Open, after Schiavone d. Kuznetsova (2011, R16, 4h44) and Strycova d. Kulikova (2010, 1r, 4h19). Also, equals longest in terms of number of games (48)
- Saved another two match points in defeat of Kerber in SF at Melbourne – believed to be first player to save match points in multiple matches and reach a Grand Slam final
- Opened 2018 season by winning singles and doubles (w/Begu) titles at Shenzhen. Defeated defending champion Siniakova in singles final for her 16th career title and first since Madrid May 2017; doubles title was first of career

Career

- Finished 2017 as the year-end World No.1, having ascended to the No.1 spot for first time in career on October 9, 2017 – became the 25th woman to reach the top spot since computer rankings began in November 1975, and the 13th to hold year-end No.1
- Defended Madrid title in 2017 (d. Mladenovic in F) – the third Premier Mandatory title of career (after 2015 Indian Wells and 2016 Madrid); reached a further four finals in 2017: Rome (l. Svitolina), Roland Garros (l. Ostapenko), Cincinnati (l. Muguruza) and Beijing (l. Garcia)
- 2016 season highlighted by three titles, at Madrid (d. Cibulkova in F), Bucharest (d. Sevastova in F) and Montréal (d. Keys in F)
- Bucharest and Montréal results started 13-match winning streak that ended in SF at Cincinnati. Was second-longest streak of 2016, after Azarenka (16)
- Won first career doubles title at 2018 Shenzhen (w/Begu, d. Krejckova/Siniakova in F). Now 1-1 in career doubles finals, having also finished R-Up at 2016 Montréal (w/Niculescu, l. Makarova/Vesnina)
- Owns a 2-13 record vs. Top 2 opponents, wins coming against No.1 S.Williams (2014 WTA Finals) and No.2 Kerber (2016 Montreal). Losses were to No.1 Azarenka (2012 Doha, 2012 Linz), No.2 Sharapova (2012 Indian Wells, 2012 Beijing), No.1 S.Williams (2013 Rome, 2013 Cincinnati, 2014 WTA Finals, 2015 Miami, 2016 Indian Wells, 2016 US Open), No.2 Kerber (2016 Cincinnati), No.1 Kerber (2016 WTA Finals) and No.2 Wozniacki (2018 Australian Open)
- Between May 2013 and August 2014, improved ranking from No.64 to No.2, winning seven titles in this period
- Made Top 100 debut on July 12, 2010 and became third Romanian to break into the WTA Top 10 (after Ruzici, Spirlea) making debut there in week of January 27, 2014
- Has qualified five times for WTA Finals in Singapore (2014-18), reaching final in 2014 (l. S.Williams, having defeated the World No.1 in the round robin stage)

- Named 2013 WTA Most Improved Player after winning her first six WTA titles and rising to year-end No.11 (dipped as low as No.64 in May)
- Reached first career final at 2010 Fès in just her third main draw appearance
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2010 Marbella as a qualifier, reaching quarterfinals
- Former junior World No.1
- Member of Romanian Fed Cup Team, 2010, 2012, 2014-18

Other Information

- Tennis idols are Justine Henin and Roger Federer
- Coached by Australian Darren Cahill, who owns an impressive 37-8 US Open coaching record – 2001 Champion (Hewitt) and 2005 Runner-Up (Agassi)
- Formerly coached by Wim Fissette and Victor Ionita
- Endorsement portfolio currently includes Mercedes-Benz and Hublot; earlier this year signed clothing endorsement deal with Nike and began wearing their kit at 2018 Doha

KANEPI:

US Open

- Making 11th main draw appearance in Flushing Meadows this year, also participated in qualifying in 2002-03 and 2005
- Best result has been two QF finishes in 2010 and 2017
- Advanced to QFs last year as a qualifier – best result by a qualifier at U.S. Open since Barbara Gerken did so in 1981
- One of 22 thirtysomethings in this year's draw
- Squares off against World No.1 Simona Halep in today's opening round action – came within two points of victory before losing lone encounter at 2014 Doha
- Seeking first Top 20 win since 2015 Madrid (No.17 Keys) and second career win over reigning World No.1 – became first Estonian to defeat World No.1 at 2011 Tokyo [PPO] (Wozniacki)
- Owns an 24-16 mark in 1r of majors, including an 8-2 record at U.S. Open – hasn't lost a 1r match in Flushing Meadows since 2009 (K.Chang)

Grand Slam History

- 2018 U.S. Open marks 41st main draw appearance at a Grand Slam
- Has reached the last eight at Roland Garros (2008, 2012), Wimbledon (2010, 2013) and US Open (2010, 2017)
- At 2010 Wimbledon, became only sixth qualifier to reach Wimbledon QF
- Appeared in 3r twice at Australian Open (2009, 2018)

Season

- Coming off 2r finish in Cincinnati (as qualifier, l. Barty)
- Advanced to 2r at Moscow [River Cup], losing to eventual champion Danilovic in three sets
- On grass made 2r at Eastbourne (l. Ostapenko) and fell 1r at Wimbledon (l. Sorribes Tormo). Also reached QF at \$100k ITF/Ilkley-GBR
- Highlights of clay court season were lifting 14th ITF Circuit title at \$60k ITF/Brescia-ITA and 2r showing at Rome (as qualifier, l. Stephens). Also fell 1r at Roland Garros (l. Kasatkina) and Strasbourg (as qualifier, l. Hsieh), and contested qualifying at Stuttgart
- Made 1r exits in Miami (ret. vs. McHale) and posted 2r exit at Indian Wells (l. No.16 Vandeweghe)
- Withdrew from St. Petersburg and Acapulco w/illness
- Equaled best career result at Australian Open by reaching 3r (l. Suárez Navarro). Melbourne run took total career prize money past USD\$5million mark
- Began season with QF showing at Brisbane (as qualifier, l. Ka.Pliskova)

Career

- Battled through yet another injury-plagued season, finishing 2017 at No.100
- Season highlight was advancing to QF stage of 2017 US Open (l. eventual R-Up Keys), also won three ITF titles at \$25k ITF/Essen-GER, \$15k ITF/Parnu-EST and \$25k ITF/Nantes-FRA
- Holds many firsts for Estonia – first Estonian to reach a WTA final (2006 Hasselt), first to reach a Grand Slam QF (2008 French Open), to crack Top 20 (February 2009), to win a WTA title (2010 Palermo) and to beat a reigning No.1 (Wozniacki at 2011 Tokyo [PPO])
- Owns 10 career wins over Top 10 opponents, most recently over No.8 Jankovic at 2014 Wimbledon
- Winner of four WTA singles titles: 2010 Palermo, 2012 Brisbane, 2012 Oeiras and 2013 Brussels; also a four-time runner-up
- Endured a career-low year-end 2016 ranking of No.302 due to being hampered by the Epstein-Barr virus and plantar fasciitis in both feet
- Lone main draw appearance of 2016 season was at Rabat (as qualifier, l. Kozlova in 1r)
- Also in 2016, fell in qualifying at Brisbane (l. Bondarenko), Stuttgart (l. Giorgi) and Roland Garros (l. Cepede Royg)
- Played limited events on ITF Circuit, achieving QF finish at Padova (l. Soylyu) and R16 effort at Brescia (l. Zanevska)
- Finished 2015 season on high note by winning ITF title at Bangkok (d. Schnyder); also produced QF finish at ITF in St Malo (l. Kasatkina)
- Fell at first hurdle at all Grand Slams in 2015 with exception of 2r finish at US Open (l. Svitolina)
- Started off 2015 campaign with QF appearance in Brisbane (l. Ivanovic)
- Advanced to QF stage four times in 2014 (Brisbane, Acapulco, Bastad and Seoul) and posted R16 finish at 2014 US Open (l. S.Williams)

- Battled injuries in 2013 missing first three months due to right Achilles injury and sidelined after Wimbledon until US Open due to a low back injury

Other Information

- Coached by Dusan Vemic this week
- Over past two seasons, a combination of being diagnosed with the Epstein-Barr virus, otherwise known as precursor to mononucleosis, and developing plantar fasciitis in both feet, nearly led to the end of her career
- Started playing tennis at age 8 with parents and sisters
- One of her sponsors is a leading provider of high quality mini-cruise and passenger services in Baltic Sea region; in 2008, became godmother of a vessel named Superstar and was flown to Italy to bless it



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3		80
6	PORSCHE RACE TO SINGAPORE LEADERBOARD	79
20-03-1993 (25)	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	04-02-1989 (29)
\$3,278,949	YTD PRIZE MONEY	\$313,947
\$11,587,053	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	\$1,963,673
1 / 6	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 0
0 / 0	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 0
15-5	US OPEN W-L (MD) *	3-5
27-13 / 186-125	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	6-6 / 62-87
6-6 / 58-41	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	5-0 / 19-17
3-7 / 47-26	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	1-2 / 22-13
15-7 / 119-80	YTD / CAREER HARD W-L (MD) *	0-2 / 38-51
4-4 / 13-32	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 0-8
8-7 / 30-52	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD) *	1-0 / 1-15
3-0 / 15-5	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	0-1 / 3-5

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SLOANE STEPHENS

2017
F W - MADISON KEYS (USA #16) 6-3 6-0
2015
R1 L - COCO VANDEWEGHE (USA #45) 6-4 6-3
2014
R2 L - JOHANNA LARSSON (SWE #96) 5-7 6-4 6-2
2013
R16 L - SERENA WILLIAMS (USA #1) 6-4 6-1
2012
R3 L - ANA IVANOVIC (SRB #13) 6-7(4) 6-4 6-2
2011
R3 L - ANA IVANOVIC (SRB #19) 6-3 6-4
2010
R2* L - ZUZANA ONDRASKOVA (CZE #120) 6-3 7-5

EVGENIYA RODINA

2017
R2 L - ELINA SVITOLINA (UKR #4) 6-4 6-4
2016
R2 L - DOMINIKA CIBULKOVA (SVK #13) 6-7(5) 6-2 6-2
2015
R2 L - SAMANTHA STOSUR (AUS #22) 6-1 6-1
2014
R1* L - QIANG WANG (CHN #139) 6-3 4-6 6-2
2011
R1 L - PETRA CETKOVSKA (CZE #32) 1-6 6-1 6-2
2010
R3* L - TAMIRA PASZEK (AUT #196) 2-6 6-3 6-0
2009
R2* L - EVA HRDINOVA (CZE #204) 7-6(0) 6-2



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2009

R1* L - NEUZA SILVA (POR #154) 6-3 6-2

2008

R2* L - STEFANIE VOEGELE (SUI #162) 6-1 6-3

2008

R1 L - SU-WEI HSIEH (TPE #108) 6-2 6-4

2007

R3* L - OLIVIA SANCHEZ (FRA #167) 4-6 6-1 6-4

STEPHENS:

US Open

- Making seventh main draw appearance at US Open (10th overall, having fallen in qualifying on three occasions), where she is defending champion
- At 2017 tournament, capped historic summer comeback by upsetting Cibulkova, V. Williams and Keys to become the fifth unseeded woman (ranked No.83) in the Open Era to win a major, doing so just 69 days after returning from an 11-month injury lay-off, and six weeks since her ranking dropped to No.957
- Previous best showing at Flushing Meadows was 2013's R16 run (l. eventual champion S.Williams)
- Missed 2016 US Open due to right foot injury
- Enters play at a career-high No.3 ranking, first set on July 16, 2018
- Also seeded No.3 – her highest seeding at a major (previously No.4 at 2018 Wimbledon). The US Open has been won by the No.3 seed six times in the Open Era, most recently by Sharapova in 2006
- Faces No.80 Rodina in 1r. Has lost five times to players outside the Top 50 in 2018: No.100 Giorgi (Sydney), No.183 Voegele (Acapulco), No.93 Putintseva (Nürnberg), No.55 Vekic (Wimbledon) and No.91 Petkovic (Washington DC)
- Playing a Russian opponent for the first time at the US Open; has 4-4 record against Russians at Grand Slam level
- Owns 18-8 record in Grand Slam 1r matches (5-1 at US Open), with three of these defeats coming in her past five major appearances
- Since 1r exit at Australian Open this January, has posted 27-11 win-loss record
- One of 23 Americans in main draw, down from 23 who started the 2017 tournament
- Heading into 2018 US Open, ranks second on tour (behind Halep) for percentage won in both return points (48.1%) and return games (46.3%)

Grand Slam History

- 2018 US Open marks 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)

Season

- In final pre-US Open tournament, posted R16 showing at Cincinnati (l. Mertens)
- Began North American hard court season with R-Up finish at Montréal (l. Halep) and 2r exit at Washington DC (l. Petkovic). Career record in singles finals now stands at 6-2
- After loss to Halep slips to 0-8 record against reigning No.1s, losing to Wozniacki (2011 Indian Wells), Azarenka (2013 Australian Open), S.Williams (2013 US Open, 2015 Indian Wells, 2015 Madrid, 2015 Roland Garros) and Halep (2018 Roland Garros)
- Fell in 1r at Wimbledon (l.Vekic) in her only appearance on grass this season
- Finished clay court season by reaching second Grand Slam final at Roland Garros (l. Halep in 3s). Rose to then career-high No.4 after run in Paris
- Other clay results were R16 runs at Madrid (l. Ka.Pliskova) and Rome (l. Garcia), and 1r exits at Nürnberg (as WC, l. Putintseva) and Stuttgart (l. Vandeweghe)
- Won both singles rubbers (d. Mladenovic and Parmentier) during defending champion USA's 3-2 Fed Cup semifinal win over France. Will face Czech Republic in November's final
- Lifted first Premier-mandatory title at Miami (d. Ostapenko in F). Subsequently made Top 10 debut at No.9 following her title run at Key Biscayne
- Helped make history in Miami as the USA provided the winners in all four events (Stephens, Vandeweghe, Isner and Bryan brothers)
- Reached 3r at Indian Wells. Defeated former No.1 Azarenka in 2r before falling to eventual R-Up Kasatkina
- Enjoyed a QF run at Acapulco (d. Parmentier and Rus, l. eventual R-Up Voegele)
- Dropped her 1r match at Australian Open (l. Zhang) and Sydney (l. Giorgi) to start the 2018 season
- Withdrew from Brisbane w/left knee injury

Career

- Posted second-best year-end finish at No.13 in 2017, one off career-high of No.12 in 2013
- Won her maiden Grand Slam title at 2017 US Open, d. Keys 6-3 6-0 to become the fifth unseeded player to win a major in the Open Era
- Voted 2017 WTA Comeback Player of the Year. Only returned to action at 2017 Wimbledon (1r) following 11 months on sidelines with foot injury, having had surgery in January
- After 1r loss at Washington DC, went 15-2 through US Open, also making back-to-back SFs at Toronto and Cincinnati
- Prior to 2017 Wimbledon, last match came at 2016 Rio Olympics
- Won three titles in 2016, at Auckland, Acapulco and Premier-level Charleston. Won maiden singles title in first final contested at 2015 Washington, DC (d. Pavlyuchenkova in F)
- Owns a six wins vs. Top 5 players: 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
- Played first WTA qualifying at 2008 Miami and first WTA main draw at 2010 Indian Wells (as qualifier ranked No.747, fell 2r, l. Zvonareva)
- Won one singles title and one doubles title on ITF Circuit

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

RODINA:

US Open

- Making sixth main draw appearance at US Open (10th overall)
- Has reached 2r – but never further – on past three visits, 2015 (l. Stosur), 2016 (l. Cibulkova) and 2017 (l. Svitolina)
- Faces No.3 Stephens in 1r; owns one career win over a Top 20 player, against No.11 Keys at 2018 Wimbledon
- Highest-ranked opponent faced in career was No.1 Sharapova in 1r at 2008 Roland Garros (l. 6-1 3-6 8-6 on Grand Slam main draw debut)

- Record in Grand Slam 1r matches stands at 9-12 (3-2 at US Open)
- One of seven mothers in the singles starting field at 2018 US Open, along with Azarenka, Bondarenko, Maria, Schnyder, S.Williams and Zvonareva

Grand Slam History

- Contesting 22nd Grand Slam main draw at 2018 US Open
- Best result came in previous major, 2018 Wimbledon, where she came through qualifying to reach R16 (l. eventual R-Up S.Williams)
- Prior to 2018 Wimbledon, run to 3r at 2008 Wimbledon was best Grand Slam showing
- Has reached 2r at both Australian Open (2011) and US Open (2015-17), but yet to pass 1r at Roland Garros on four main draw outings
- Made major debut at 2008 Roland Garros, losing 1r to Sharapova 1r 6-1 3-6 8-6. Has fallen in 1r on three other main draw outings in Paris

Season

- In only North American hard court tournaments, fell in qualifying at Cincinnati and last week at New Haven
- Returned to clay after Wimbledon exploits to reach QF at Gstaad (l. Vondrousova) and 2r at Moscow [River Cup] (l. Sasnovich)
- Posted best Grand Slam result of career at Wimbledon, where she reached R16 (as qualifier, l. eventual R-Up S.Williams)
- In 3r at All England Club, upset No.11 Keys to register first Top 20 win of career (now owns 1-15 record). Previous best victory was over No.21 Goerges at 2011 Linz
- Played three grass court events in lead-up to 2018 Wimbledon. Reached SF at \$100k ITF/Manchester-GBR (l. Jabeur), QF at \$100k ITF/Ilkley-GBR (l. Tere-Apisah) and fell 1r at \$100k ITF/Surbiton-GBR (l. Perrin)
- On clay, played a mix of ITF Circuit and WTA events. Fell 1r at Bogotá (l. Linette) and in qualifying at Roland Garros and Istanbul
- Suffered 1r exit at Monterrey (l. Riske) and contested qualifying at Indian Wells and Miami
- Fell 1r at WTA 125K Series events at Newport Beach and made QF three times on ITF Circuit
- Began season with 1r showing at Shenzhen (l. Duan) and qualifying exit at Australian Open

Career

- Finished 2017 at No.83 – the best year-end ranking of career
- Highlight was reaching SF at Guangzhou (l. eventual champion S.Zhang) and QF at 's-Hertogenbosch (l. Konjuh). Also made 2r at Indian Wells (as LL, l. Garcia), Biel (l. Kontaveit), US Open (l. Svitolina) and Luxembourg (l. Witthoeft)
- Ended 2016 on a ranking of No.104, down from No.84 in 2015 (at the time the best season finish of career to date)
- 2016 season highlight was QF run at 's-Hertogenbosch in June (l. eventual champion Vandeweghe), which also marked first main draw wins of 2016. Closed out 2016 with strong showings at WTA 125k events, winning title in Taipei (d. Chang in F) and reaching SF in Honolulu (l. Zhang). In doubles, reached first tour-level final at Bastad (w/Beck, l. Arruabarrena/ Knoll in F)

- Highlights on 2015 season included SF run at Tashkent (l. Vekic) and QF at Pattaya City (l. Tomljanovic) and Baku (l. Gasparyan)
- Ended 2015 season with SF showing at WTA 125K event in Taipei
- Career-best ranking is No.74 (February 28, 2011)
- Has won 13 ITF singles titles and six ITF doubles titles
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in 2004 and made WTA main draw debut at 2005 Tashkent, advancing to QF

Other Information

- Coach and husband is Denis Shteyngart
- They have a daughter, Anna, born in November 2012 (Evgeniya returned to tour in August 2013)
- Mother's name is Oxana (national U16 girls' tennis coach); brother's name is Sascha. Introduced to tennis at age 7 by mother



MATCH NOTES

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SACHIA VICKERY (USA #78) vs. [7] ELINA SVITOLINA (UKR #7)

Head to Head: 0-0

SACHIA VICKERY	WTA RANKING	ELINA SVITOLINA
78		7
85	PORSCHE RACE TO SINGAPORE LEADERBOARD	5
11-05-1995 (23)	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	12-09-1994 (23)
\$265,719	YTD PRIZE MONEY	\$2,546,049
\$894,783	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	\$9,917,427
0 / 0	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	3 / 12
0 / 0	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 2
2-3	US OPEN W-L (MD) *	8-6
9-10 / 26-33	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	34-11 / 216-120
1-5 / 9-9	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	9-3 / 65-38
0-0 / 9-4	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	3-5 / 44-32
8-4 / 15-14	YTD / CAREER HARD W-L (MD) *	23-6 / 153-79
1-1 / 1-2	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD) *	4-3 / 24-32
2-4 / 2-5	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD) *	9-4 / 42-59
1-1 / 2-4	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	5-3 / 19-21

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US OPEN Tournament Performance - 2018

* Qualifying match

US OPEN Tournament History

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SACHIA VICKERY

2017
R2 L - SOFIA KENIN (USA #139) 6-3 4-6 7-6(0)
2016
R1* L - KRISTINA KUČOVA (SVK #78) 6-3 5-7 6-1
2015
R1 L - SHELBY ROGERS (USA #154) 6-2 6-2
2014
R1* L - ARINA RODIONOVA (AUS #218) 7-5 4-6 6-4
2013
R2 L - JULIA GLUSHKO (ISR #128) 7-5 6-3

ELINA SVITOLINA

2017
R16 L - MADISON KEYS (USA #16) 7-6(2) 1-6 6-4
2016
R3 L - PETRA KVIŤOVÁ (CZE #16) 6-3 6-4
2015
R3 L - EKATERINA MAKAROVA (RUS #13) 6-3 7-5
2014
R1 L - POLONA HERCOG (SLO #76) 6-2 7-6(4)
2013
R2 L - CHRISTINA MCHALE (USA #114) 6-4 3-6 7-5
2012
R1 L - ANA IVANOVIC (SRB #13) 6-3 6-2

VICKERY:

US Open

- Making fourth main draw appearance at Flushing Meadows (sixth overall). Playing tournament for the first time as a direct entry
- Enters play ranked No.78, just five spots behind her career-high set on July 30 of this year. In contrast, was ranked No.154 at this time last year
- Has recorded two of her three career Grand Slam wins in New York, coming in 2013 (d. Lucic-Baroni) and her most recent appearance in 2017 (d. Vikhlyantseva). Owns 3-5 1r record across all majors
- Looking to secure multiple Grand Slam victories in the same season for the first time in her career (d. Vondrousova in Wimbledon 1r)
- Faces No.7 Svitolina today for the first time in her career. Looking for her second career Top 10 victory after defeating No.3 Muguruza at Indian Wells earlier this year
- One of a tournament high 22 Americans to earn a main draw position this fortnight

Grand Slam History

- Made major debut as a wildcard in 2013 US Open, reaching 2r where she fell to Glushko. Made 2r again in New York in 2017 (as qualifier, l. Kenin) and at 2018 Wimbledon (l. Mertens)
- Completed set of Grand Slam main draw appearances by qualifying for 2016 Roland Garros (l. Sevastova in 1r)
- Has also fallen 1r at 2014 Australian Open (as WC, l. Davis), 2015 Wimbledon (as qualifier, l. Makarova), 2015 US Open (as WC, L. Rogers) and 2018 Roland Garros (l. Keys)

Season

- Fell in 1r of San Jose (l. eventual champion Buzarnescu in 3s) prior to qualifying losses at Montréal, Cincinnati and New Haven
- Made a 2r exit at Wimbledon (l. Mertens), matching best performance at a Slam (also 2013 and 2017 US Open)
- In other results on grass, fell 1r at Eastbourne (as qualifier, l. eventual R-Up Sabalenka) and Nottingham (l. Osaka), and contested qualifying at Birmingham
- On clay, posted on one win (during Madrid qualifying, though didn't win through to main draw), as she suffered opening match losses at Rabat (l. Fett), Strasbourg (l. Jani) and Roland Garros (l. Keys)
- Enjoyed strong SF run at Monterrey (l. eventual R-Up Babos) – the second WTA singles SF of her career
- Began Sunshine Double with a good showing at Indian Wells, reaching 3r as qualifier and posting best win rankings-wise of career over No.3 Muguruza (l. eventual champion Osaka). Fell in qualifying at Miami
- Opened season by reaching first WTA SF of career at Auckland (as qualifier, l. eventual R-Up Wozniacki). Posted at the time her best win rankings-wise of her career with defeat of No.28 A.Radwanska in QF (bettering win over No.39 Ostapenko at 2016 Miami qualifying)
- Followed this up by falling in qualifying at Australian Open

- Has contested two WTA 125k Series events this year, reaching QF at Newport Beach (l. Hibi) and most recently the WTA 125k Series here in Indian Wells (l. Kenin in 1r)

Career

- Finished 2017 at No.116 for career-best year-end finish. Season highlights were reaching QF at Québec City (l. Maria) and 2r at US Open (as qualifier, l. Kenin), her joint best result at a Slam
- Has reached two WTA SFs in career, at 2018 Auckland (l. Wozniacki) and 2018 Monterrey (l. Babos)
- In addition to 2017 Québec City, has reached the QF stage at 2016 Bogotá, 2015 Nottingham and 2014 Stanford
- Finished 2016 ranked No.139 (down from No.130 in 2015)
- Run to QFs at 2014 Stanford marked WTA breakthrough (d. Puig in 2r, l. Lepchenko)
- Won most recent title on ITF Circuit in 2017 at \$60k ITF/Templeton, CA-USA
- Won two ITF singles titles in 2015, both on home soil – at \$25k ITF/Plantation, FL-USA (d. Crawford in F) and \$25k ITF/Sunrise, FL-USA (d. Tormo in F); also owns one ITF doubles title
- Made professional debut at \$10k ITF/Eansville, IN-USA (l. Lumpkin in SF)

Other Information

- Coached by Matt Evans
- Started playing tennis aged six
- Hobbies include reading and playing with her dogs. Also interested in marine biology
- Also speaks French
- Father was pro soccer player; mother ran track in high school; brother plays football at South Carolina State (defensive back)
- Best friends with Vicky Duval

SVITOLINA:

US Open

- Making seventh consecutive appearance at US Open. Best result here in New York came with R16 run in 2017 (l. eventual R-Up Keys)
- Also posted 3r runs in 2015 (l. Makarova) and 2016 (l. Kvitova), made 2r in 2013 (l. McHale) and fell 1r in 2012 (as qualifier, l. Ivanovic) and 2014 (l. Hercog)
- 2012 appearance in New York was Grand Slam main draw debut
- At 2017 US Open, was one of eight players in contention for the World No.1 spot – needed to reach SF and have other results go her way
- Faces No.79 Vickery - owns 18-6 record in Slam 1r matches, most recently falling at this stage at 2018 Wimbledon (l. Maria). Prior to this, previous 1r loss at a Slam was here at 2014 US Open (l. Hercog)

- 2018 US Open marks 25th Grand Slam main draw appearance - best results to date have been QF showings at 2015 Roland Garros (l. Ivanovic), 2017 Roland Garros (l. eventual R-Up Halep) and 2018 Australian Open (l. Mertens)
- Seeded No.7 this fortnight – her 16th consecutive seeding at a Slam, and seventh as a Top 10 seed
- Owns 23 hard court wins this season, trailing only Halep (28)
- One of six players from Ukraine in 2018 US Open singles main draw – also Bondarenko, Kalinina, Kozlova, Tsurenko and Yastremska
- Currently sits No.5 on Porsche Race to Singapore, and looking to qualify for the WTA Finals for the second year in a row

Grand Slam History

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- Best results to date have been QF showings at 2015 Roland Garros (l. Ivanovic), 2017 Roland Garros (l. eventual R-Up Halep) and 2018 Australian Open (l. Mertens)
- At Wimbledon, advanced to R16 for the first time in 2017 (l. Ostapenko)
- Reached R16 at 2017 US Open (l. eventual R-Up Keys)
- Joint-highest seeding at a Slam is No.4 (2017 Wimbledon and US Open, 2018 Australian Open and Roland Garros)

Season

- Has contested two North American events in lead-up to US Open, reaching SF Montréal (as defending champion, l. Stephens) and making QF at Cincinnati (l. eventual R-Up Bertens)
- Suffered 1r upset at Wimbledon (l. Maria) – one of 10 seeds to fall at first hurdle
- Made a QF run at Birmingham (l. eventual R-Up Buzarnescu), having also fallen to Buzarnescu at Roland Garros 3r
- Defended her title in Rome (d. Halep in F). This was third time in career she has defended a title (also Baku 2013-14 and Dubai 2017-18)
- Now owns four victories over No.1 ranked players: d. Halep (2018 Rome), S.Williams (2016 Rio Olympics) and Kerber (2017 Brisbane and 2016 Beijing)
- Boasts 12-2 record in tour-level finals. Has won her past eight matches at this stage, with last defeat coming against Kvitova at 2016 Zhuhai
- Owns four Top 10 wins in 2018 (No.9 Konta and No.4 Ka.Pliskova at Brisbane; No.9 Kerber at Dubai and No.1 Halep in Rome)
- Had a 2r exit in Madrid (l. Suárez Navarro) after reaching the QF in Stuttgart (l. Garcia) in her first clay tournament of the year
- Enjoyed a 4-2 record through the “Sunshine Double” posting a 3r result at Indian Wells (l. Suárez Navarro) and a QF run at Miami (l. eventual R-Up Ostapenko). Ended Osaka’s eight-match winning streak in 2r of Miami
- Made successful title defense at Dubai (d. Kasatkina in F)
- Made 3r exit at Doha (l. eventual champion Kvitova)
- Advanced to QF at Australian Open for first time (l. Mertens); was on nine-match win streak entering QF

- Became first Ukrainian woman to reach QF at Australian Open, surpassing A.Bondarenko who fell in R16 in 2010; K.Bondarenko reached QF at 2009 US Open. Was bidding to become first Ukrainian woman to reach a Grand Slam semifinal
- Opened 2018 season by capturing her 10th career WTA title at Brisbane (d. Sasnovich in F); defeated two Top 10 players en route to title (d. No.9 Konta and No.5 Ka.Pliskova)

Career

- Won 12th career WTA singles title at 2018 Rome (d. Halep in F); career record in finals now stands at 12-2, including a current eight match win streak over the 2017 and 2018 seasons
- Enjoyed stand-out 2017, finishing the year at No.6, winning a tour-leading five titles and posting second-most wins of season (53, behind Wozniacki with 60)
- Season culminated by qualifying for WTA Finals in Singapore, becoming first Ukrainian woman to qualify for the season-ending tournament in singles (fell at round robin stage with 1-2 record)
- Her five titles in 2017 included Taipei City (d. Peng in F), Dubai (d. Wozniacki in F), Istanbul (d. Mertens in F), Rome (d. Halep in F) and Toronto (d. Wozniacki in F)
- Became first player to win three Premier 5 titles in a single season (Dubai, Rome, Toronto), since such tournaments were introduced in 2009
- Owned longest unbeaten streak in 2017, at 15 matches. Won Taipei City (five wins), went 2-0 for Ukraine in Fed Cup action against Australia, triumphant in Dubai (after 1r bye, five wins), won one match at Kuala Lumpur before withdrawing prior to her 2r match, then reached R16 at Indian Wells (after 1r bye, two wins) falling to Muguruza in three sets
- One of five players to make Top 10 debut in 2017, after winning Dubai in February (also Ostapenko, Garcia, Mladenovic and Vandeweghe). Peaked in rankings at No.3 on September 11, 2017
- On four occasions could have reached World No.1 spot – at 2017 US Open, then needed to win 2017 Beijing (fell in QF), then needed to triumph at 2017 WTA Finals(failed to progress from group stage), or reach final at 2018 Australian Open (fell in QF)
- Enjoyed best win ratio vs. Top 5 players in 2017 across WTA, going 8-1 (Wozniacki was 8-4)
- Strong finish to 2016 season also saw her reach first SF at Premier Mandatory level at Beijing (l. A.Radwanska); in addition, post-US Open reached SF at Tokyo [PPO] (l. Osaka) and Moscow (l. Kuznetsova)
- Qualified for 2016 WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai for the second time (l. Kvitova in F)
- Reached three finals in 2016, at Kuala Lumpur (d. Bouchard in F) and advancing to finals at New Haven (l. A.Radwanska) and Zhuhai (l. Kvitova)
- Other 2016 season highlights included SF at Dubai (l. Errani) and QF at Rio Olympics (l. Kvitova)
- Owns two career doubles titles: 2014 Istanbul (w/Doi) and 2015 Istanbul (w/Gavrilova)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2012 Baku (lost in 1r but won title the next two years)
- Played first ITF Circuit events of career in 2008. Winner of seven singles and two doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Ukrainian Fed Cup Team, 2012-2017. Ukrainian Olympic Team, 2016

Other Information

- Parents are Mykhaylo and Olena; brother is Yulian
- Introduced to tennis at age 5 by family
- Currently working with coach Thierry Ascione and hitting partner Andrew Bettles. Has previously worked with Iain Hughes



MATCH NOTES

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ZARINA DIYAS (KAZ #60) vs. [8] KAROLINA PLISKOVA (CZE #8)

Head to Head: KAROLINA PLISKOVA leads 2-0

2018	MIAMI	HARD O	R16	KAROLINA PLISKOVA	6-2 2-1	56 mins
2015	BIRMINGHAM	GRASS O	R16	KAROLINA PLISKOVA	6-2 6-2	66 mins

ZARINA DIYAS	WTA RANKING	KAROLINA PLISKOVA
60		8
84	PORSCHE RACE TO SINGAPORE LEADERBOARD	10
18-10-1993 (24)	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	21-03-1992 (26)
\$380,180	YTD PRIZE MONEY	\$1,784,514
\$2,242,767	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	\$12,619,905
0 / 1	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	1 / 10
0 / 0	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 5
2-2	US OPEN W-L (MD) *	12-5
11-14 / 71-83	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	33-16 / 241-135
3-4 / 21-25	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	11-3 / 76-42
2-2 / 18-20	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	9-5 / 51-53
7-6 / 48-53	YTD / CAREER HARD W-L (MD) *	16-9 / 168-87
0-3 / 2-17	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD) *	3-4 / 23-33
0-5 / 5-29	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD) *	5-8 / 46-62
0-2 / 4-11	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	6-3 / 21-19

* Updated entering 2018 US Open 1r

US OPEN Tournament Performance - 2018

* Qualifying match

US OPEN Tournament History

* Qualifying match

ZARINA DIYAS

Year	Round	Opponent (Rank)	Score
2017	R1*	L - REBECCA PETERSON (SWE #196)	7-6(2) 7-5
2015	R1	L - POLONA HERCOG (SLO #64)	6-2 7-5
2014	R3	L - EKATERINA MAKAROVA (RUS #18)	6-2 6-4
2013	R2*	L - MICHELLE LARCHER DE BRITO (POR #117)	6-4 5-7 6-4
2011	R2*	L - REGINA KULIKOVA (RUS #191)	6-0 6-3
2009	R1*	L - KAI-CHEN CHANG (TPE #212)	6-3 6-0

KAROLINA PLISKOVA

Year	Round	Opponent (Rank)	Score
2017	QF	L - COCO VANDEWEGHE (USA #22)	7-6(4) 6-3
2016	F	L - ANGELIQUE KERBER (GER #2)	6-3 4-6 6-4
2015	R1	L - ANNA TATISHVILI (USA #121)	6-2 6-1
2014	R3	L - CASEY DELLACQUA (AUS #32)	6-3 3-6 6-4
2013	R1	L - EUGENIE BOUCHARD (CAN #59)	4-6 6-4 7-5
2012	R2*	L - DONNA VEKIC (CRO #206)	6-1 6-2
2011	R1*	L - MANDY MINELLA (LUX #127)	6-1 6-3



2010

R1* L - MICHELLE LARCHER DE BRITO (POR #175)

6-4 6-4

DIYAS:

US Open

- Making third main draw appearance at Flushing Meadows (seventh overall); Has recorded two career wins here, both coming from her 3r run in 2014 (l. Dellacqua)
- Is 1-2 in Grand Slam matches this season, did not participate in Wimbledon due to a left knee injury
- Faces No.8 Ka.Pliskova today for the third time in her career. Trails all-time series 0-2
- Looking for her third career win over a Top 10 opponent today, with most recent of these being three years ago, against No.10 Petkovic at 2015 Dubai - other win came over No.7 Jankovic (2010 Moscow)
- This would be her best win-by-rank in a Grand Slam – current best came over No.14 Petkovic at 2015 Wimbledon
- Working her way back from wrist surgery in 2016, has improved ranking by almost 50 places since this time last year, when she was ranked No.109 in corresponding week
- One of two players representing Kazakhstan this fortnight – also Putintseva

Grand Slam History

- 2018 US Open marks 17th main draw appearance at a Grand Slam
- Best results across the majors are R16 runs at Wimbledon in 2014 (on debut, d. No.15 Suárez Navarro en route, l. Halep) and 2015 (d. No.14 Petkovic, l. Sharapova)
- Has also reached 3r at Australian Open in 2014 (as qualifier, l. Halep) and 2015 (l. eventual R-Up Sharapova) and US Open in 2014 (l. Makarova). At Roland Garros fell 2r in 2015 and 2016

Season

- Fell in qualifying at Cincinnati before advancing through qualifying on her way to a 2r result in New Haven (l. Kvitova in 3s)
- Suffered a left knee injury at Nottingham, forcing her to retire in her 1r match w/ Stosur. The injury held her out for the remainder of the grass court season
- Reached 2r at Roland Garros (l. Osaka)
- Advanced to QF at Strasbourg (l. eventual champion Pavlyuchenkova)
- Lost opening match at Rome, having entered main draw as LL (l. Kerber)
- Also fell 1r at Madrid (l.Puig) and Rabat (l. Errani)

- Reached 2r of Stuttgart as a qualifier, fell to Ostapenko in 2r
- Fell in 1r at Charleston
- Achieved a career-best result at Miami, reaching R16 (l. Ka. Pliskova)
- Fell in 1r of Indian Wells (l. S.Williams – playing first match since returning from maternity leave)
- Made 2r at Taipei City (l. Niculescu). Fell in Dubai qualifying
- Represented Kazakhstan in Fed Cup Asia/Oceania Zone Group I in February, compiling 3-1 singles record. Only singles defeat came against Nara as Kazakhstan narrowly missed out on a place in the World Group II play-offs after losing 2-1 to Japan in the promotion play-off
- Opened 2018 season at Shenzhen, reaching QF (l. Sharapova). Followed this with 1r exit at Australian Open (l. Cirstea)

Career

- Finished 2017 at No.66, up from No.148 in 2016. Scored best year-end finish in 2014, at No.34
- Career-high rank is No.31, set week of January 12, 2015
- Won first WTA title of career at 2017 Tokyo [Japan Open] (as qualifier, d. Kato in F – title run took in eight matches)
- Is now 1-1 in WTA singles finals, after finishing R-Up at 2014 Osaka (l. Stosur in F)
- Following 1r loss at 2016 Wimbledon, underwent wrist surgery, sidelining her until February 2017, and spent much of last season playing ITF events
- Before being sidelined by wrist injury, 2016 highlight was reaching 3r at Miami (l. S.Williams). This was the first time she won back-to-back matches in 2016, and the first time since 2015 Wimbledon
- Made 2r exits at 2016 Indian Wells (l. eventual champion Azarenka), Shenzhen (l. Siniakova), Kaohsiung (l. Kulichkova), Kuala Lumpur (l. Zhu), Strasbourg (l. Kudryavtseva) and Roland Garros (l. Halep)
- Started 2015 season strongly with back-to-back QF appearances at Shenzhen (l. Zheng) and Hobart (l. Riske). Other highlights in first half of 2015 included reaching 3r at Indian Wells (l. S.Williams)
- Post 2015 Wimbledon R16 run, won just one match for remainder of season, at the WTA International-level tournament in Tokyo in September – went 1-9 during this period, including 1r exit at US Open
- Participated in 2014 Rising Stars Invitational at WTA Finals in Singapore
- Made professional debut at \$100k ITF/Bratislava-SVK in 2007
- On ITF Circuit has won seven singles titles

Other Information

- Currently working with Roberto Antonini
- Previously coached by Alan Ma, with training base in Guangzhou, China
- Started playing tennis at age six
- Lived in Czech Republic from ages five to 12; now mainly based in Guangzhou, China

KA.PLISKOVA:

US Open

- Making sixth main draw appearance at Flushing Meadows (ninth overall); was a finalist in 2016 (l. Kerber in F) and a quarterfinalist when she last played here in 2017 (l. Vandeweghe)
- Her 2016 finals run here remains her best result at a Slam to-date
- Has matched or set a new career-best result in two of the three previous Grand Slams this year – matched her 2017 QF run in Melbourne and set a new personal best at Wimbledon by reaching R16
- Riding a nine-match win-streak in the 1r of Slams dating back to 2016 Roland Garros – boasts a career record of 18-7 in such matches
- Faces No.62 Diyas today for the third time in her career. Leads all-time series 2-0 losing an average of just 1.75 games per set against the Kazakhstan No.2 –Needed just 56 minutes to dispatch of her in their most recent meeting, at 2018 Miami
- Trails only Goerges for most aces served so far in 2018 season
- One of seven Czech players to receive a main draw position this fortnight, excluding qualifiers – also Kvitova, Kr.Pliskova, Safarova, Siniakova, Strycova and Vondrousova

Grand Slam History

- 2018 US Open marks 26th Grand Slam main draw appearance
- Made debut at 2012 Roland Garros (l. Bartoli in 1r)
- Advanced to career first Grand Slam final at 2016 US Open (l. Kerber), simultaneously making debut in R16, QF, SF and title match at the majors. Became first Czech to reach US Open final since Helena Sukova in 1993 (l. Graf in F)
- Defeat of No.1 S.Williams in 2016 US Open SF was career-best victory, and ended the American's 186-week reign at the top of the rankings. Became first Czech to defeat a World No.1 since Kvitova at 2015 Madrid (d. S.Williams). Furthermore, defeat of V.Williams (R16) made her the eighth player to defeat the sisters at the same tournament
- Is one of nine players born in 1990s to reach major final (also Bouchard, Halep, Keys, Kvitova, Muguruza, Ostapenko, Stephens and Wozniacki)
- At Australian Open, best results came with QF run in 2017 (l. Lucic-Baroni) and 2018 (l. Halep), while she also posted deepest run at Roland Garros that year, advancing to SF (l. Halep)
- Reached R16 at Wimbledon in 2018 (l. Bertens), after 2r exits in each of previous five years
- Australian Open girls singles champion in 2010 – d. Robson in F

Season

- Coming off a 1r upset at New Haven (l. Makarova) after back-to-back 2r exits at Montreal (l. Bertens) and Cincinnati (l. Sabalenka)
- Reached R16 for first time at Wimbledon (l. Bertens) and made QF run at Eastbourne (as defending champion, l. Sabalenka – led 4-1 in final set)
- In only other grass court outing, made 1r exit at Birmingham (l. eventual R-Up Rybarikova) – her second opening round exit of 2018 following Rome (after 1r bye, l. Sakkari)
- Reached 3r at Roland Garros, defeating compatriots Krejčíková and Safarova before falling to Sharapova
- Made SF at Madrid (l. eventual champion Kvitová) and fell 2r at Rome (l. Sakkari)
- Won 10th career title at Stuttgart (d. Vandeweghe in final). Now 10-10 record in WTA singles finals
- Went 1-1 in singles (d. Kerber, l. Goerges) to help Czech Republic reach its sixth Fed Cup final in the past eight years with a 4-1 win over Germany. The Czechs will host the USA in November's final
- Posted QF showings at Indian Wells (l. eventual champion Osaka) and Miami (l. Azarenka)
- Reached QF at Dubai (l. Kerber) and made 3r exit at Doha (l. Bellis)
- Nominated for Czech Republic's Fed Cup World Group I QF tie vs. Switzerland – but did not play a singles or doubles match due to illness
- Advanced to QF in first Grand Slam of the year at Australian Open (l. eventual R-Up Halep)
- Began 2018 season in Brisbane; as defending champion, advanced to SF (l. eventual champion Svitolina)

Career

- Enjoyed another stellar campaign in 2017, posting career-best year-end finish at No.4 for second Top 10 finish. Year-end ranking has improved continuously for 12-straight seasons
- Claimed No.1 ranking on July 17, 2017 despite making 2r exit at Wimbledon (l. Rybarikova). Is the first Czech woman to achieve the No.1 ranking since the computer rankings were introduced in 1975 (Martina Navratilova became No.1 on July 10, 1978 while representing USA)
- Won three titles in 2017, at Brisbane (d. Cornet in F), Doha (d. Wozniacki in F) and Eastbourne (d. Wozniacki in F)
- Qualified for WTA Finals for second year-in-a-row, reaching SF stage (l. eventual champion Wozniacki)
- In Grand Slam play, reached SF at Roland Garros (l. eventual R-Up Halep), QF at both Australian Open (l. Lucie Baroni) and US Open (l. Vandeweghe), and posted 2r result at Wimbledon (l. Rybarikova)
- Advanced to SF stage at Indian Wells (l. Kuznetsova) and Miami (l. Wozniacki). Results matched her best result at a WTA Premier-Mandatory tournament (also reached SF at Indian Wells in 2016). Also reached SF at 2017 Cincinnati (l. eventual champion Muguruza)
- Led the WTA in 2017 for aces served – 452 from 68 matches. Also posted joint-second most match wins – 53 (level with Svitolina, behind Wozniacki – 60)

- Holds a 10-10 record in singles finals, having won having titles on clay (2015 Prague, 2018 Stuttgart), grass (2016 Nottingham, 2017 Eastbourne) and hard (2013 Kuala Lumpur, 2014 Linz, 2014 Seoul, 2016 Cincinnati, 2017 Brisbane, 2017 Doha)
- Career wins over Top 10 opponents stands at 23-33, most recent wins coming over No.9 Stephens and No.1 Halep at 2018 Madrid
- Enjoyed a break-out year in 2016, ending the year at No.6 (up from No.11 in 2015)
- Qualified for season-ending 2016 WTA Finals in Singapore, going 1-2 in the group stage and failing to progress. Also contested the doubles competition (w/Goerges), losing opening match to top seeds Garcia/Mladenovic
- Helped Czech Republic defend Fed Cup title in November 2016, going 1-1 in singles (d. Mladenovic, I. Garcia) before teaming w/Strycova to defeat Garcia/Mladenovic in decisive doubles match. Czech Republic have won the Cup in five out of the last seven
- Captured fifth career doubles title of career at 2016 Birmingham (w/Strycova). Is now 5-2 in doubles finals. At 2013 Linz, with sister Kristyna, became first set of twins to ever win a tour-level doubles title
- Made Top 10 debut after 2015 Stanford R-Up finish, meaning that for the first time in WTA history, three Czech women ranked inside Top 10 at the same time (along with Kvitova and Safarova)
- Became eighth Czech woman to crack singles Top 10 since computer rankings were introduced in November 1975, after Navratilova, Mandlikova, Sukova, Novotna, Vaidisova, Kvitova and Safarova

Other Information

- Nominated for 2017 WTA Player of the Year; also nominated for the same award in 2016, in addition to WTA Most Improved Player in 2014
- Born in Louny, north of Prague, but now trains at Sparta Praha tennis club
- Coached here at US Open by former Wimbledon champion Conchita Martinez; also worked with Rennae Stubbs at Cincinnati and will reunite with the Australian for the Asian swing
- Previously coached by Tomas Krupa and David Kotyza, former longtime coach of Petra Kvitova
- Married Michal Hrdlicka in Monaco after 2018 Wimbledon



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[9] JULIA GOERGES (GER #9) vs. [Q] ANNA KALINSKAYA (RUS #143)

Head to Head: 0-0

JULIA GOERGES	WTA RANKING	ANNA KALINSKAYA
9		143
11	PORSCHE RACE TO SINGAPORE LEADERBOARD	155
02-11-1988 (29)	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	02-12-1998 (19)
\$1,539,754	YTD PRIZE MONEY	\$144,372
\$8,174,829	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	\$267,640
1 / 5	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 0
0 / 5	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 0
7-11	US OPEN W-L (MD) *	0-0
36-18 / 273-226	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	0-6 / 3-13
11-4 / 80-79	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	0-2 / 1-3
12-4 / 61-69	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 0-2
18-8 / 157-135	YTD / CAREER HARD W-L (MD) *	0-2 / 1-5
2-3 / 16-35	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 0-0
6-5 / 33-72	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD) *	0-2 / 0-2
4-6 / 15-25	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 0-1

* Updated entering 2018 US Open 1r

US OPEN Tournament Performance - 2018

* Qualifying match

*R3	W - MADISON BRENGLE (USA #105)	6-3,7-5	94 mins
*R2	W - MANDY MINELLA (LUX #144)	6-1,6-3	64 mins
*R1	W - GRACE MIN (USA #204)	6-2,6-2	55 mins

US OPEN Tournament History

* Qualifying match

JULIA GOERGES

2017	R16	L - SLOANE STEPHENS (USA #83)	6-3 3-6 6-1
2016	R2	L - VENUS WILLIAMS (USA #6)	6-2 6-3
2015	R1	L - ANNA KAROLINA SCHMIEDLOVA (SVK #32)	6-3 6-4
2014	R1	L - FLAVIA PENNETTA (ITA #12)	6-3 4-6 6-1
2013	R1	L - CHRISTINA MCHALE (USA #114)	6-4 6-3
2012	R1	L - KRISTYNA PLISKOVA (CZE #125)	7-6(4) 6-1
2011	R3	L - SHUAI PENG (CHN #14)	6-4 7-6(1)

ANNA KALINSKAYA

2017	R1*	L - JUNRI NAMIGATA (JPN #245)	7-5 6-1
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2010

R2 L - YANINA WICKMAYER (BEL #18) 6-4 7-5

2009

R1 L - SVETLANA KUZNETSOVA (RUS #6) 6-3 6-2

2008

R1 L - SEVERINE BELTRAME (FRA #121) 7-6(0) 6-4

2007

R1 L - JUSTINE HENIN (BEL #1) 6-0 6-3

GOERGES:

US Open

- Making 12th consecutive career main draw appearance in Flushing Meadows
- Best result came from last year's R16 run – fell to eventual champion Stephens in 3s
- Contesting US Open 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 four women in Top 100 (week of August 27, 2018)
- With Kerber seeded fourth and Goerges seeded ninth, 2018 US Open marks the first time in over 20 years that two Germans have been seeded in the Top 10 at a Grand Slam – last time was No.1 Steffi Graf and No.6 Anke Huber at 1997 Australian Open
- Has compiled an 18-8 record on hardcourts so far this season, including a title run at Auckland
- Owns the title of WTA's ace leader in 2018 (372 from 52 matches)
- Has won more tie-breaks than any other player on the WTA tour this year – 12-4 record
- Faces off against qualifier and No.143 Kalinskaya in today's opening round action; holds a 50-26 edge vs. qualifiers for her career, including a 25-14 record on hard
- Is 7-0 vs. Russian opponents since 2017 Washington (fell to Makarova in F)
- Owns a 24-18 mark in 1r Grand Slam play, including a 13-8 combined record at hardcourt slams (4-7 at US Open)
- Is 13-5 in opening round matches so far this season, including 7-2 on hardcourts

Grand Slam History

- 2018 US Open marks 43rd main draw appearance at a Grand Slam
- Posted best Grand Slam result at 2018 Wimbledon, where she reached SF (l. S.Williams). With Kerber winning title at All England Club this year, it marked the first time that two Germans reached the last four at the same Slam since 1993 Roland Garros – Huber (SF) and Graf (Champion)

- 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; I. Groenefeld/Rojer)

Season

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

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

KALINSKAYA

US Open

- Making first career main draw appearance in New York this week – second career main draw appearance at a Slam (also 2018 Australian Open)
- Fell at first hurdle in qualifying in 2017 (l. Namigata)
- Advanced through three rounds of qualifying, defeating Min, Minella and Brengle in straight sets
- Faces off against No.9 Goerges in today's opening round – previous highest-ranked opponent faces was No.13 Kasatkina, whom she lost 6-1 6-1 against at 2018 Moscow [River Cup]
- In terms of ranking, best career win came over No.23 Garcia at 2017 Kuala Lumpur
- Seeking first career main draw Grand Slam victory, having lost only other match at this level to Giorgi at 2018 Australian Open
- Including qualifying, owns an 18-6 hardcourt record across all circuits this season – best record of all surfaces
- Along with fellow qualifier Zvonareva, is among 12 Russians to contest this year's main draw

Grand Slam History

- 2018 US Open marks second career main draw appearance at Grand Slam level
- Qualified and made major main draw debut at 2018 Australian Open (l. Giorgi)
- Fell in final round of qualifying at both Roland Garros and Wimbledon this year
- Made first slam appearances in qualifying at all four majors in 2017, falling in 1r at each
- Won the girls' doubles at 2016 Australian Open (w/Mihalíkova)

Season

- Last tournament prior to US open qualifying was R16 showing at \$100K ITF/Vancouver-CAN (l. Boulter)
- Made back-to-back 1r exits at Gstaad (l. Kostova) and Moscow [River Cup] (l. Kasatkina)
- Reached the SF stage of \$100K ITF/Contrexeville-FRA (l. Sorribes Tormo)
- Fell in final round of qualifying at both Roland Garros (l. Golubic) and Wimbledon (l. Tomova). Also on grass made 1r exit at 's-Hertogenbosch (l. eventual R-Up Flipkens)
- Advanced through qualifying but made 1r exit (l. Kovinic) at Istanbul and contested qualifying at Prague
- Produced two semifinal showings at \$60K ITF events at Zhuhai-FRA and Croissy-Beauborg-FRA and one R-Up finish at \$60K ITF/Shenzhen-CHN (l. Kuzmova)
- In February, lost singles rubber to No.18 Rybarikova during Russia's Fed Cup World Group II defeat to Slovakia
- Fell in qualifying at St. Petersburg (l. Petkovic) and Budapest (l. Vinici)
- Began 2018 campaign by successfully qualifying for first Grand Slam main draw at Australian Open (l. Giorgi)

Career

- Reached a career-high ranking of No.127 in June 12, 2017
- Advanced through qualifying to reach the R16 for the first time at a WTA-tour level event at 2017 Kuala Lumpur (l. Han)
- Backed that performance up with two more R16 finishes that year at Istanbul (l. Yastremska) and Gstaad (l. Kontaveit) – both as a qualifier
- Hoisted her fifth career ITF title in 2017 at \$25k ITF/Obidos 4-POR (d. Frech)
- Additionally, advanced to the finals of \$25K ITF/Batumi-GEO and semifinals of \$60k ITF/Shenzhen-CHN, \$25K ITF/Altenkirchen-GER and \$25K ITF/Obidos 5-POR
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2016 Moscow (as WC, l. Mladenovic in 1r). Also won a career-high four ITF titles in 2016 and made four runner-up finishes
- Produced a successful 2015 campaign on the ITF circuit, reaching the finals at \$10K ITF/Antalya-TUR and \$10k ITF/El Kantaoui 29-TUN. Also made a SF run at \$10K ITF/El Kantoui 28-TUN.
- Made professional debut as a qualifier at Premier event at 2014 Moscow (l. Monova)

Other Information

- Born in Moscow, Russia
- Began playing tennis at age 5 and favorite surface is hardcourt
- Parents were professional badminton players and brother is a fútbol player
- Used to train for a short period of time at the Mouratoglou Academy
- Tennis idols growing up were Nadal and Myskina
- Coached by Evgeniya Maniukova and Artem Derepasko



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[12] GARBIÑE MUGURUZA (ESP #12) vs. SHUAI ZHANG (CHN #34)

Head to Head: 1-1

2017	MIAMI	HARD O	R32	GARBIÑE MUGURUZA	4-6 6-2 6-2	125 mins
2017	DOHA	HARD O	R16	SHUAI ZHANG	7-6(3) 3-6 7-5	151 mins

GARBIÑE MUGURUZA	WTA RANKING	SHUAI ZHANG
12		34
12	PORSCHE RACE TO SINGAPORE LEADERBOARD	38
08-10-1993 (24)	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	21-01-1989 (29)
\$1,639,114	YTD PRIZE MONEY	\$495,591
\$17,155,736	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	\$4,098,906
1 / 6	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 2
0 / 5	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	1 / 5
5-5	US OPEN W-L (MD) *	4-5
22-13 / 203-114	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	17-20 / 112-149
3-8 / 65-50	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	2-6 / 34-36
2-4 / 29-40	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	7-5 / 29-36
13-7 / 129-74	YTD / CAREER HARD W-L (MD) *	11-12 / 86-100
2-1 / 29-29	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD) *	0-3 / 5-18
2-3 / 54-51	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD) *	1-4 / 13-45
0-1 / 16-12	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	1-4 / 10-14

* Updated entering 2018 US Open 1r

US OPEN Tournament Performance - 2018

* Qualifying match

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US OPEN Tournament History

* Qualifying match

GARBIÑE MUGURUZA

2017
R16 L - PETRA KVITOVA (CZE #14) 7-6(3) 6-3
2016
R2 L - ANASTASIJA SEVASTOVA (LAT #48) 7-5 6-4
2015
R2 L - JOHANNA KONTA (GBR #97) 7-6(4) 6-7(4) 6-2
2014
R1 L - MIRJANA LUCIC-BARONI (CRO #121) 6-3 7-6(4)
2012
R1 L - SARA ERRANI (ITA #10) 6-3 6-7(6) 6-1

SHUAI ZHANG

2017
R3 L - KAROLINA PLISKOVA (CZE #1) 3-6 7-5 6-4
2016
R3 L - YAROSLAVA SHVEDOVA (KAZ #52) 6-2 7-5
2015
R2* L - PETRA MARTIC (CRO #139) 4-6 6-4 6-4
2014
R1 L - MONA BARTHEL (GER #53) 6-1 6-2
2013
R2* L - COCO VANDEWEGHE (USA #191) 6-4 3-6 6-3
2012
R3* L - JOHANNA KONTA (GBR #203) 6-4 3-6 7-5
2011
R1 L - DOMINIKA CIBULKOVA (SVK #15) 6-3 6-4



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2010	R2* L - MIRJANA LUCIC-BARONI (CRO #150)	7-6(3) 6-1
2009	R2* L - YVONNE MEUSBURGER (AUT #122)	6-1 6-3
2008	R1 L - SVETLANA KUZNETSOVA (RUS #4)	6-4 6-2
2007	R2* L - JULIA GOERGES (GER #145)	7-5 6-3

MUGURUZA:

US Open

- Making sixth main draw appearance at Flushing Meadows, after posting her career-best result here last season (R16) – has reached at least the QF stage at each of the other three majors
- Enters play with a 15-match win streak in the 1r at Grand Slams – last 1r loss at a slam came at 2014 US Open. Is 20-3 throughout her career in 1r matches at majors
- Faces No.34 Zhang today for the third time in her career. All-time series split 1-1 with Muguruza winning the most recent meeting at 2017 Miami
- Both previous matches between these two players has gone to 3s – Muguruza is 3-8 in such matches this season, with her last such win coming over Vekic at Madrid
- Is 9-9 against players in the Top 40 this season
- One of four Spaniards in the main draw (also Suárez Navarro, Arruabarrena and Sorribes Tormo)

Grand Slam History

- 2018 US Open marks 24th main draw appearance at a Grand Slam. Owns 59-21 win-loss record across all majors
- Is a two-time Grand Slam champion, winning titles at 2016 Roland Garros (d. S.Williams in F, and dropping just one set en route to lifting the Coupe Suzanne Lenglen) and 2017 Wimbledon (d. V.Williams in F)
- Is one of 27 women in the Open Era to win multiple Grand Slam titles. Owns a 2-1 record in Grand Slam final matches to date (also finishing R-Up at 2015 Wimbledon – I. S.Williams)
- Is the second player to face both Williams sisters in the final of the same major (also Hingis, at US Open in 1997 – d. V.Williams, and 1999 – I. S.Williams). By winning 2017 Wimbledon, became only player to defeat both sisters in Grand Slam final, at Roland Garros (d. S.Williams in 2016) and Wimbledon (d. V.Williams in 2017)
- The 45th woman in the Open Era to win a Grand Slam title and one of nine women (also Bouchard, Halep, Keys, Kvitova, Ostapenko, Ka.Pliskova, Stephens and Wozniacki) born in the 1990s to make a Grand Slam final
- At 2015 Wimbledon, became first Spaniard to reach Wimbledon final since Sánchez Vicario (1996) and first Spanish woman to reach any Grand Slam singles final since Conchita Martínez at 2000 Roland Garros (I. Pierce)
- Reached SF stage at 2018 Roland Garros (I. eventual champion Halep)

- At Australian Open, best result is QF in 2017 (l. Vandeweghe) and at US Open reached R16 in 2017 (l. Kvitova)

Season

- Fell in 2r of Cincinnati (as defending champion, l. Tsurenko) in her lone hardcourt match prior to US Open
- Withdrew from San Jose and Montréal w/right arm injury
- On grass, suffered 2r losses at Wimbledon (as defending champion, l. Van Uytvanck) and Birmingham (l. Strycova)
- Advanced to SF at Roland Garros (l. eventual champion and No.1 Halep)
- Was one win away from returning to WTA World No.1 in Paris, but needed to reach final
- Record against No.1-ranked players stands at 4-3: d. S.Williams (2014 Roland Garros, 2016 Roland Garros), d. Kerber (2017 Wimbledon), d. Ka.Pliskova (2017 Cincinnati); l. S.Williams (2015 Australian Open, 2015 Wimbledon) and Halep (2018 Roland Garros)
- Arrived in Paris after opening match defeat at Rome (after 1r bye, l. Gavrilova in 3s – held 2mp)
- Advanced to 3r at Madrid (l. Kasatkina) after suffering opening match loss at Stuttgart (ret. vs. Pavlyuchenkova w/lower back injury)
- Went 2-0 in singles (d. González and Cepede Royg) during Spain's 3-1 Fed Cup World Group II play-off win over Paraguay
- Won sixth career singles title at Monterrey (d. Babos in F). Now owns 6-4 career record in singles finals
- Reached R16 at Miami (l. eventual champion Stephens in straight sets) after falling to No.100 Vickery in Indian Wells 2r (after a 1r bye)
- Made SF in Dubai (l. eventual R-Up Kasatkina, having held three match points)
- Reached ninth career singles final in Doha (l. Kvitova in 3s)
- Made 2r exit at Australian Open – as No.3 seed, l. No.88-ranked Hsieh. Was in contention to reclaim No.1 ranking in Melbourne, but needed to reach final and see other results go her way
- Opened 2018 season with 2r exit at Brisbane (after 1r bye, l. No.53 Krunić – led 7-5 5-2 before retiring w/cramp midway through third set)
- Withdrew before QF match against Gavrilova at Sydney (w/right thigh injury)

Career

- Ended 2017 on a ranking of No.2 for career-best year-end finish. Ascended to become the World No.1 on September 11, 2017. Became the 24th woman in history of the WTA to hold the top spot and second from Spain (after Sánchez Vicario in 1995)
- Named ITF World Champion for 2017
- Won two titles in 2017, lifting her second Grand Slam title at Wimbledon (d. V.Williams in F), as well as winning Premier 5-level Cincinnati (d. Halep in F)
- Dropped just one set en route to title at All England Club, during 2h20 R16 encounter against No.1 Kerber. Registered 300th match win (at all levels) with final victory over V.Williams

- At Cincinnati, defeated World No.1 Ka.Pliskova and World No.2 Halep en route to title
- Qualified for WTA Finals for third year in a row in 2017, however failed to progress from group stage
- 2016 season highlight was winning maiden Grand Slam title at Roland Garros. Rose to then career-high ranking of No.2 as a result. Was first Spanish woman to be ranked in Top 2 since Sánchez Vicario in December 1996 (as No.2)
- Enjoyed breakout season in 2015, ending the year ranked No.3 and reaching first major final at Wimbledon
- Made Top 10 rankings debut after 2015 Wimbledon; one of six players to enter the elite bracket in 2015 – also Makarova, Suárez Navarro, Safarova, Ka.Pliskova and Bacsinszky
- In 2015, became first Spanish player to compete at the WTA Finals in singles since 2001 (Sánchez Vicario) and reached doubles final (w/Suárez Navarro, l. Hingis/Mirza)
- Owns 6-4 career record in singles finals: 2018 Monterrey, 2017 Wimbledon, 2017 Cincinnati, 2016 Roland Garros, 2015 Beijing and 2014 Hobart
- Made WTA main draw debut at Miami in 2012, defeating No.9 Zvonareva for first Top 10 win of career

Other Information

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

ZHANG:

US Open

- Making sixth main draw appearance in Flushing Meadows (12th overall). Has reached the 3r in each of her last two appearances here
- Sits one win away from 15 career Grand Slam match victories – overall record is 14-25, including a 14-11 mark since 2016
- Enters play with an 8-3 record in Grand Slam 1r matches since the start of the 2016 season – had not won a match at a major prior
- Faces No.12 Muguruza today for the third time in her career. All-time series split 1-1
- Both previous matches between these two players has gone to 3s – Zhang is 2-6 in such matches this season, last win coming over Čepelová
- This will be her highest ranked 1r opponent in New York since 2008 (l. No.4 Kuznetsova)
- Is 1-4 against Top 20 opponents this season, defeating No.13 Stephens at Australian Open
- A win today would be her best win-by-ranking of 2018 and best since ousting No.7 Muguruza in Doha in 2017
- Chinese No.1 of five women in the current Top 100 (week of August 20, 2018)
- One of three players representing China to have earned a main draw, excluding qualifiers

Grand Slam History

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

Season

- Coming off a 2r result in Montréal (l. Mertens) after a 1r exit in San Jose (l. Lapko)
- Enjoyed a QF run on hardcourts at the WTA's International-level event at Nanchang, China, where she was the top seed (l. Zhu)
- Grass swing ended with 1r exit at Wimbledon (l. Petkovic), following a 1r exit at 's-Hertogenbosch (l. Stollar)
- Reached 2r at Roland Garros (l. Begu)
- Made 2r showings at Madrid (d. Osaka, l. Mladenovic) and Rome (l. Ostapenko)
- Advanced to SF at Prague (l. eventual champion Kvitova) following 1r exit at Istanbul (l. Rus)
- Captured fifth career doubles title at Istanbul (w/Liang, d. Knoll/Smith in F)
- Seeded No.31, received 1r bye at Miami (l. Haddad Maia in 2r)
- Reached 3r at Indian Wells (as No.32 seed, l. Ka.Pliskova in 3s)
- Advanced to back-to-back QF at Budapest (l. eventual champion Van Uytvanck) and Acapulco (l. Peterson)
- Fell 1r at Taipei City (l. Kozlova) and Doha (l. Makarova)
- Started season with 2r showings at Shenzhen (l. Diyas), Hobart (l. Sabalenka) and Australian Open (l. Allertova)
- Best win by ranking so far this year was 1r win over No.13 Stephens at the Australian Open

Career

- Posted fifth Top 100 season in 2017, finishing at No.36 – four Chinese players in year-end Top 100
- Season highlighted by winning Guangzhou title (d. Krunic in F); now owns 2-0 record in WTA singles finals, having also won 2013 Guangzhou
- Also in 2017, reached QF at New Haven and Doha, and won WTA 125K Series event in Honolulu
- Posted career-high ranking of No.23 on November 14, 2016
- Strong end to 2016 (went 21-6 post US Open) brought back-to-back semifinals on Asian swing – Tokyo [Japan Open] and Seoul – and saw her win 19th ITF Circuit singles title of career at \$100k ITF/Tokyo 2-JPN
- At last event of season, runner-up at WTA 125K Series event in Honolulu (l. Bellis in F)

- Enjoyed Grand Slam breakthrough at 2016 Australian Open, where she advanced to QF (d. No.2 Halep and No.17 Keys en route, I. Konta). Run also marked first time winning back-to-back main draw matches since semifinal run at 2014 Birmingham
- Other season highlights in 2016 included reaching 3r at US Open (best result at tournament), where she claimed back-to-back match wins at tour level for first time since 3r effort at Indian Wells in March, a run spanning 10 tournaments
- Represented China at Rio Olympics (d. No.15 Bacsinszky in opening match, I. Siegemund in 2r). In doubles, also made 2r (w/Peng, I. Hradecka/Hlavackova)
- Contemplated retirement after ending 2015 ranked No.186, her lowest year-end finish since 2008 (No.212) and down from No.62 in 2014
- Reached 2r at tour-level on only four occasions in 2015: Pattaya City, Charleston, Prague and Nürnberg
- Winner of two WTA singles titles, at 2013 and 2017 Guangzhou, and also won WTA 125K Series event at Nanjing in 2013 (d. Morita in 1F)
- Has won four WTA doubles titles, most recently at 2014 Pattaya City (w/Peng) and is a four-time runner-up
- Winner of 19 singles titles and nine doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Member of Chinese Fed Cup team in 2007, 2009-10, 2012, 2014-15; Chinese Olympic Team, 2012, 2016
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2006 Beijing; made WTA main draw debut at 2006 Guangzhou

Other Information

- Hails from a sporting family. Father, Zhang Zhi Qiang, was a professional soccer player, and mother, Wang Feng Quin, was a basketball player
- Announced last year as a Global Ambassador for Dubai Duty Free
- Coached by Liu Shuo
- Started playing tennis at age 6 when parents took her to local club
- Best tennis memory was playing mixed doubles with Pete Sampras in 2011, winning Guangzhou in 2013, and reaching the 2016 Australian Open QF
- Relaxes by listening to music, taking photos and exploring the places she travels to



MATCH NOTES

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[16] VENUS WILLIAMS (USA #16) vs. [WC] SVETLANA KUZNETSOVA (RUS #102)

Head to Head: 5-5

2017	MIAMI	HARD O	R16	VENUS WILLIAMS	6-3 7-6(4)	96 mins
2016	WUHAN	HARD O	R16	SVETLANA KUZNETSOVA	6-2 6-2	70 mins
2009	WTA FINALS	HARD O	R1	VENUS WILLIAMS	6-2 6-7(3) 6-4	149 mins
2008	MIAMI	HARD O	QF	SVETLANA KUZNETSOVA	6-4 6-4	87 mins
2007	WIMBLEDON	GRASS O	QF	VENUS WILLIAMS	6-3 6-4	
2007	WARSAW	CLAY O	QF	SVETLANA KUZNETSOVA	3-6 6-3 6-4	
2006	WARSAW	CLAY O	QF	SVETLANA KUZNETSOVA	6-4 6-2	
2004	WARSAW	CLAY O	F	VENUS WILLIAMS	6-1 6-4	
2004	DUBAI	HARD O	QF	SVETLANA KUZNETSOVA	6-2 6-3	
2003	AUSTRALIAN OPEN	HARD O	R1	VENUS WILLIAMS	6-4 6-2	

VENUS WILLIAMS

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6-4 / 175-109
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0-1 / 134-98
2-3 / 232-144
1-1 / 71-15

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)

US OPEN W-L (MD) *

YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *

YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *

YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *

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SVETLANA KUZNETSOVA

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* Updated entering 2018 US Open 1r

US OPEN Tournament Performance - 2018

* Qualifying match

US OPEN Tournament History

* Qualifying match

VENUS WILLIAMS

2017
SF L - SLOANE STEPHENS (USA #83) 6-1 0-6 7-5
2016
R16 L - KAROLINA PLISKOVA (CZE #11) 4-6 6-4 7-6(3)
2015
QF L - SERENA WILLIAMS (USA #1) 6-2 1-6 6-3

SVETLANA KUZNETSOVA

2017
R2 L - KURUMI NARA (JPN #116) 6-3 3-6 6-3
2016
R2 L - CAROLINE WOZNIACKI (DEN #74) 6-4 6-4
2015
R1 L - KRISTINA MLADENOVIC (FRA #40) 6-3 7-5



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2014
R3 L - SARA ERRANI (ITA #14) 6-0 0-6 7-6(5)
2013
R2 L - JIE ZHENG (CHN #56) 6-3 2-6 7-6(5)
2012
R2 L - ANGELIQUE KERBER (GER #6) 6-2 5-7 7-5
2011
R2 L - SABINE LISICKI (GER #18) W/O
2010
SF L - KIM CLIJSTERS (BEL #3) 4-6 7-6(2) 6-4
2009
R16 L - KIM CLIJSTERS (BEL #9,999) 6-0 0-6 6-4
2008
QF L - SERENA WILLIAMS (USA #3) 7-6(6) 7-6(7)
2007
SF L - JUSTINE HENIN (BEL #1) 7-6(2) 6-4
2005
QF L - KIM CLIJSTERS (BEL #4) 4-6 7-5 6-1
2004
R16 L - LINDSAY DAVENPORT (USA #4) 7-5 6-4
2002
F L - SERENA WILLIAMS (USA #1) 6-4 6-3
2001
F W - SERENA WILLIAMS (USA #10) 6-2 6-4
2000
F W - LINDSAY DAVENPORT (USA #2) 6-4 7-5
1999
SF L - MARTINA HINGIS (SUI #1) 6-1 4-6 6-3
1998
SF L - LINDSAY DAVENPORT (USA #3) 6-4 6-4
1997
F L - MARTINA HINGIS (SUI #1) 6-0 6-4

2014
R1 L - MARINA ERAKOVIC (NZL #82) 3-6 6-2 7-6(3)
2013
R3 L - FLAVIA PENNETTA (ITA #83) 7-5 6-1
2011
R16 L - CAROLINE WOZNIACKI (DEN #1) 6-7(6) 7-5 6-1
2010
R16 L - DOMINIKA CIBULKOVA (SVK #45) 7-5 7-6(4)
2009
R16 L - CAROLINE WOZNIACKI (DEN #8) 2-6 7-6(5) 7-6(3)
2008
R3 L - KATARINA SREBOTNIK (SLO #28) 6-3 6-7(1) 6-3
2007
F L - JUSTINE HENIN (BEL #1) 6-1 6-3
2006
R16 L - JELENA JANKOVIC (SRB #20) 6-7(5) 6-3 6-2
2005
R1 L - EKATERINA BYCHKOVA (RUS #97) 6-3 6-2
2004
F W - ELENA DEMENTIEVA (RUS #6) 6-3 7-5
2003
R3 L - KIM CLIJSTERS (BEL #1) 6-3 6-2
2002
R3 L - SILVIA FARINA ELIA (ITA #14) 6-2 6-3

V.WILLIAMS:

US Open

- Making 20th appearance at US Open. Won back-to-back US Open titles in 2000 (d. Davenport in F) and 2001 (d. S.Williams in F). Runner-up in 1997 on debut appearance (unseeded and ranked No.66, l. Hingis in F)
- Her 20 appearances at the tournament – and 80 at all majors – is the most among active players, and joint second (with Amy Frazier) in the Open Era, after Martina Navratilova (21)
- Also reached SF on five occasions, including 2017 (l. eventual champion Stephens) when she was one of four American women to reach this stage (also Keys, Stephens and Vandeweghe) – the first time since 1981 four women from the USA had made the last four at the US Open (Austin, Navratilova, Evert, Potter), and across all Slams since 1985 Wimbledon (Evert, Navratilova, Rinaldi, Garrison)
- Last year at Flushing Meadows, aged 37 years 3 months, became oldest player to reach a Grand Slam SF since 1994

Wimbledon (when Martina Navratilova finished runner-up, aged 37 years 8 months)

- Doubles champion here in 1999 (w/S.Williams d. Rubin/Testud in F) and 2009 (w/S.Williams d. Black/Huber)
- Her 264-71 Grand Slam win-loss record (entering 2018 US Open) is second only to Serena's (325-44) among active players, and places her fifth on the Open Era list, also behind Navratilova, Evert and Graf
- Faces fellow former US Open champion Kuznetsova in 1r, bidding for 77th match win here at US Open; her 76 wins here (76-16 record) is second among active players (after S.Williams, 89-11), and fourth most in Open Era, after Evert (101), Navratilova (89) and S.Williams (89) – Graf is fifth (73)
- One of two 1r match-ups between Grand Slam champions (also Wozniacki vs. Stosur). This is also the first time in the Open Era two former US Open champions have been drawn together in the 1r in New York
- Her head-to-head record with Kuznetsova is tied 5-5. However, she does lead 2-0 at Grand Slam level, and both occasions (2003 Australian Open and 2007 Wimbledon) she went on to reach the final
- Owns 69-10 record in Grand Slam 1r matches (19-0 at US Open), with two of these defeats coming in 2018, at Australian Open (l. Bencic) and Roland Garros (l. Q.Wang)
- Record against WC at Grand Slam level is 6-1, with sole defeat coming to then-unranked Clijsters at 2009 US Open
- Second oldest of 22 thirtysomethings in the draw at 2018 US Open, after 39-year-old Schnyder
- Owns 462-134 career win-loss record on hard courts (.775) – only S.Williams (484-79 – .860) and Sharapova (353-99 – .781) own a better winning percentage among active players
- Bidding for 50th career title this week. Lifted last trophy at 2016 Kaohsiung (d. Doi in F)

Grand Slam History

- 2018 US Open marks 80th Grand Slam main draw appearance – the Open Era record, ahead of Frazier (71), Schiavone (70), S.Williams (69) and Navratilova (67)
- Is a seven-time Grand Slam singles champion, winning Wimbledon five times: 2000-01 2005 and 2007-08. Also won US Open in 2000 (d. Davenport in F) and 2001 (d. S.Williams in F)
- In addition, a nine-time Grand Slam R-Up across all four majors: Wimbledon (2002-03, 2009 and 2017), US Open (1997, 2002), Roland Garros (2002) and Australian Open (2003, 2017)
- The span between her maiden Grand Slam final at the US Open in 1997 and last year's Wimbledon is the longest in Open Era history:

PLAYER	YEARS
Venus Williams	1997-2017
Martina Navratilova	1975-1994
Serena Williams	1999-2017
Chris Evert	1973-1988

- 2017 Australian Open final vs. Serena marked first Slam title bout in seven and half years (2009 Wimbledon – l. S.Williams). In the Open Era, no player has waited so long to reach another Grand Slam final – Mauresmo waited seven years between finishing R-Up at 1999 Australian Open and winning 2006 Australian Open. Also, at 36 years of age, became oldest finalist at the Australian Open in the Open Era

- Title match at 2016 Australian Open between Venus and Serena was the oldest combined age of any Grand Slam final match-up in the Open Era (71 years, and 351 days), beating the previous record set by Flavia Pennetta and Roberta Vinci (66 years, 19 days) at the 2015 US Open
- Owns 14 Grand Slam doubles titles (all w/S.Williams), most recently winning 2016 Wimbledon. Haul includes two US Opens (1999, 2009)
- In mixed doubles, won Australian Open (w/Gimelstob) and Roland Garros (w/Gimelstob, d. S.Williams/Lobo in F) in 1998

Season

- In pre-US Open hard court tournaments made QF at San Jose (l. eventual R-Up Sakkari) and posted R16 showing at Montréal (l. eventual champion Halep)
- Withdrew from Cincinnati with a right knee injury
- Reached 3r of Wimbledon in only appearance on grass this year (l. Bertens)
- Ended clay court season with 1r exit at Roland Garros (l. Q.Wang). In other outings on clay, reached R16 at Rome and fell 1r at Madrid (l. Kontaveit at both tournaments)
- Advanced to QF at Miami (l. qualifier Collins); had saved 3mp vs. Bertens in 3r
- Miami run followed SF effort at Indian Wells (l. Kasatkina). Defeated S.Williams in 3r – now trails head-to-head record with sister 17-12
- Winnings at Indian Wells took her career total past \$40 million – S.Williams (\$84 million) is the only other player to pass this milestone
- Opened the year with back-to-back opening match losses at Sydney (after 1r bye, l. eventual champion Kerber) and the Australian Open (l. Bencic)
- In February, went 2-0 in singles representing USA in Fed Cup action vs. Netherlands (d. Rus, Hogenkamp)
- Also teamed up with sister Serena at Fed Cup for her first competitive match back since giving birth in September 2017 (in dead doubles rubber l. Kerkhove/Schuurs)

Career

- Ended 2017 season as runner-up at WTA Finals (l. Wozniacki). Oldest player to ever reach the title bout at the season finale
- Reached two other finals in 2017, at Australian Open (l. S.Williams) and Wimbledon (l. Muguruza) – only player last season to reach two Grand Slam finals
- Returned to Top 10 in WTA Rankings by reaching Wimbledon final. Is the third oldest player to rank in Top 10 in WTA history behind Billie Jean King (September 26, 1983 – 39 years, 322 days) and Martina Navratilova (December 26, 1994 - 38 years, 75 days)
- 2016 season highlights including winning 49th career singles title at Kaohsiung (d. Doi), and reaching 80th career singles final at Stanford (l. Konta). Is fifth-oldest player to win a WTA singles title, behind Billie Jean King (39) at 1983 Birmingham, Kimiko Date (38) at 2009 Seoul, Martina Navratilova (37) at 1994 Paris [Indoors] and Francesca Schiavone (36) at 2017 Bogotá

- With 49 titles, currently 11th on list of Open Era titleholders, chasing Monica Seles (53 titles)
- At Grand Slam level in 2016, advanced to SF at Wimbledon (l. Kerber) which was first time reaching that stage at a major since 2010 US Open. Also reached R16 at 2016 Roland Garros (l. Bacsinszky) and 2016 US Open (l. eventual R-Up Ka.Pliskova)
- Represented USA at Rio Olympics, falling 1r in singles (l. Flipkens), 1r in doubles (w/S.Williams, l. eventual bronze medalists Safarova/Strycova) and winning a silver medal in the mixed doubles (w/Ram, l. Mattek-Sands/Sock)
- Returned to Top 10 for first time since March 2011 following victory in final of the 2015 WTA Elite Trophy
- Was diagnosed with Sjögrens Syndrome in 2011, missing the end of that season and start of 2012
- Won singles gold medal at 2000 Sydney Olympics (d. Dementieva in F); has won doubles gold three times with sister Serena, at Sydney, Beijing and London
- Spent 11 weeks at world No.1 in singles (first ascended to top spot week of February 25, 2002) and topped the doubles rankings for eight weeks in 2010
- Made WTA main draw debut at Oakland in 1994; as unranked WC, defeated Stafford in 1r before falling to then-world No.2 Sánchez Vicario in three sets

Other Information

- Owns interior design company, VStarr Interiors. Also set up clothing line called EleVen, designing her own on-court outfits
- In 2015 received Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Indiana University East
- Coached by Richard Williams, Oracene Price and David Witt

KUZNETSOVA:

US Open

- Making 16th appearance at US Open. Champion in 2004 (d. Dementieva in F) and runner-up in 2007 (l. Henin in F). Reached R16 on four further occasions, most recently in 2011 (l. Wozniacki)
- Fell 1r at 2005 US Open as reigning champion, one of only six players to lose opening match in defense of Grand Slam title – also Graf (1994 Wimbledon), Capriati (2003 Australian Open), Myskina (2005 Roland Garros), Kerber (2017 US Open) and Ostapenko (2018 Roland Garros)
- Is a two-time doubles R-Up at Flushing Meadows, in 2003 (w/Navratilova, l. Ruano Pascual/Suárez in F) and 2004 (w/Likhovtseva, l. Ruano Pascual/Suárez in F)
- One of only ten active players to have won more than 100 Grand Slam singles matches (152-60 entering 2018 US Open). Only S.Williams, V.Williams and Sharapova have won more matches at the majors
- Of her 18 singles titles, 14 have come on hardcourts – most recently earlier this summer at Washington DC

- Granted wildcard into this year's draw. The best result by a wildcard at a Grand Slam was achieved by Clijsters who won the 2009 US Open title. Six wildcards have reached R16 or better at the US Open:

Best US Open results by a wildcard	Round	Year
Kim Clijsters (BEL)	Won	2009
Maria Sharapova (RUS)	R16	2017
Alison Riske (USA)	R16	2013
Serena Williams (USA)	R16	2006
Martina Hingis (SUI)	R16	2002
Séverine Bremond Beltrame (FRA)	R16	2008

- Meets fellow multiple Grand Slam champion V.Williams in 1r; she also faced a major winner in 1r at 2016 US Open (d. Schiavone) and 2018 Roland Garros (l. Muguruza)
- Owns 50-12 record in Grand Slam 1r matches (12-3 at US Open). Has fallen at this stage on both of her Grand Slam appearances in 2018, against Muguruza at Roland Garros and Strycova at Wimbledon (missed Australian Open w/wrist injury)
- Is 0-4 against the Top 20 in 2018; most recent win against such a player came at 2017 Wimbledon (No.10 A.Radwanska)
- Has 17-8 win-loss record against US players at Grand Slam level; two of these wins came over Frazier and Davenport en route to 2004 US Open triumph
- One of 12 Russians to start the main draw at 2018 US Open – only the United States (22) is better represented
- Entering this week, career prize money stands at just under US\$25 million – should she reach R16 this fortnight, would move ahead of Hingis in 10th place on the all-time list
- Turned 33 in June and is one of 22 thirtysomethings in the singles draw

Grand Slam History

- 2018 US Open marks her 63rd Grand Slam main draw appearance
- Is a two-time Grand Slam champion, winning at 2004 US Open (d. Dementieva in F) and 2009 Roland Garros (d. Safina in F). Also a two-time Grand Slam finalist, at Roland Garros in 2006 (l. Henin) and 2007 US Open (l. Henin)
- One of three Russian women to lift a Grand Slam singles title (also Myskina, Sharapova)
- Has made QF stage at Australian Open on three occasions and Wimbledon on four occasions
- At 2011 Australian Open, played her part in setting the record for the longest women's match at a Slam, eventually succumbing to Schiavone in 4 hours and 44 minutes
- Has two Grand Slam doubles titles to her name, both at the Australian Open – in 2005 (w/Molik) and 2012 (w/Zvonareva). Finished runner-up at other three majors

Season

- Returned to form at start of North American hard court season, winning first title since October 2016 at Washington DC (d. Vekic in F after saving 4mp). Is now 18-23 in WTA singles finals
- Also this summer reached 2r a few weeks ago at Cincinnati (l. Svitolina)
- On grass, made 2r at Eastbourne (l. Mertens) and fell 1r at Mallorca (l. Sevastova) and Wimbledon (l. Strycova)
- After Wimbledon, dropped out of the Top 100 for the first time since August 12, 2002 (831-consecutive weeks)
- Fell 2r at Rome (l. Kontaveit) and 1r at Madrid (l. Martic) and Roland Garros (l. Muguruza)
- Won first matches since return from injury during QF run at Istanbul (d. Q.Wang and Tomova, l. Hercog)
- Lost opening match in first three comeback tournaments at Indian Wells (after 1r bye, l. Sabalenka), Miami (after 1r bye, l. Diyas) and Lugano (l. Barthel)
- Missed opening two months of season w/wrist injury

Career

- Posted seventh Top 15 season finish in 2017, ending the year at No.12
- Season highlight was reaching final of Indian Wells (l. Vesnina); has reached a Premier Mandatory final in each of the last three years – also at 2015 Madrid (l. Kvitova) and 2016 Miami (l. Azarenka)
- Posted consistent results at Slams across the year, reaching QF at Wimbledon for first time since 2007 (l. eventual champion Muguruza), and R16 at Australian Open (l. Pavlyuchenkova) and Roland Garros (l. Wozniacki)
- Secured 600th match win (all levels) at 2017 Brisbane – is one of seven active players to reach the milestone, along with V.Williams, S.Williams, Jankovic, Schnyder, Schiavone and Sharapova
- Won two titles in 2016, at Sydney and Moscow, and qualified for WTA Finals for sixth time in career (reached SF)
- One of five Russians to rank in Top 2; had a chance to become No.1 by winning 2008 Roland Garros (fell two matches short with semifinal loss to Safina)
- Ranked continuously in Top 20 from March 1, 2004 to July 11, 2010 (including over four years ranked continuously in Top 10 – April 2006 to June 2010)
- Owns seven wins over reigning world No.1s (7-20 record), most recently defeating S.Williams at 2016 Miami. Defeated Mauresmo, Safina and Henin twice each when they were No.1; one of only two players (also S.Williams) to beat Henin twice when she was No.1
- Haul of 16 tour level doubles titles includes two Australian Open crowns, won in 2005 (w/Molik) and 2012 (w/Zvonareva). Rose as high as No.3 in doubles (week of June 7, 2004)
- Member of victorious Russia Fed Cup sides in 2004 and 2007-08. Russian Olympic Team, 2004, 2008, 2016

Other Information

- Father is Alexandr Kuznetsov, cycling coach of six Olympic champions and world champions, including Svetlana's mother, Galina Tsareva (six-time world champion and holder of 20 world records) and Svetlana's brother, Nikolai Kuznetsov (silver medalist at 1996 Atlanta Olympics)
- Moved at the age of seven to Spain to attend the Sanchez-Casal Academy
- Coached by Guillermo Cañas



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[17] SERENA WILLIAMS (USA #26) vs. MAGDA LINETTE (POL #68)

Head to Head: 0-0

SERENA WILLIAMS	WTA RANKING	MAGDA LINETTE
26		68
21	PORSCHE RACE TO SINGAPORE LEADERBOARD	72
26-09-1981 (36)	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	12-02-1992 (26)
\$1,920,170	YTD PRIZE MONEY	\$336,152
\$86,383,301	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	\$1,614,962
0 / 72	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 0
0 / 23	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 0
89-11	US OPEN W-L (MD) *	1-3
12-5 / 786-131	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	12-15 / 54-73
2-1 / 153-59	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	5-6 / 20-26
3-0 / 107-52	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	2-5 / 16-12
3-4 / 484-79	YTD / CAREER HARD W-L (MD) *	10-8 / 43-50
0-3 / 171-70	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 0-6
3-3 / 297-93	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD) *	1-0 / 1-15
2-2 / 67-13	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	1-1 / 4-4

* Updated entering 2018 US Open 1r

US OPEN Tournament Performance - 2018

* Qualifying match

L - (#0)

US OPEN Tournament History

* Qualifying match

SERENA WILLIAMS

2016
SF L - KAROLINA PLISKOVA (CZE #11) 6-2 7-6(5)
2015
SF L - ROBERTA VINCI (ITA #43) 2-6 6-4 6-4
2014
F W - CAROLINE WOZNIACKI (DEN #11) 6-3 6-3
2013
F W - VICTORIA AZARENKA (BLR #2) 7-5 6-7(6) 6-1
2012
F W - VICTORIA AZARENKA (BLR #1) 6-2 2-6 7-5
2011
F L - SAMANTHA STOSUR (AUS #10) 6-2 6-3
2009
SF L - KIM CLIJSTERS (BEL #9,999) 6-4 7-5

MAGDA LINETTE

2017
R1 L - KAROLINA PLISKOVA (CZE #1) 6-2 6-1
2016
R1 L - DOMINIKA CIBULKOVA (SVK #13) 6-2 6-3
2015
R2 L - AGNIESZKA RADWANSKA (POL #15) 6-3 6-2
2014
R1* L - RICHEL HOGENKAMP (NED #165) 6-2 6-7(4) 6-3
2013
R1* L - CAGLA BUYUKAKCAY (TUR #138) 2-6 6-1 6-2
2011
R1* L - VALERIA SAVINYKH (RUS #137) 6-7(2) 6-4 6-2



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2008
F W - JELENA JANKOVIC (SRB #2) 6-4 7-5
2007
QF L - JUSTINE HENIN (BEL #1) 7-6(3) 6-1
2006
R16 L - AMÉLIE MAURESMO (FRA #1) 6-4 0-6 6-2
2005
R16 L - VENUS WILLIAMS (USA #10) 7-6(5) 6-2
2004
QF L - JENNIFER CAPRIATI (USA #8) 2-6 6-4 6-4
2002
F W - VENUS WILLIAMS (USA #2) 6-4 6-3
2001
F L - VENUS WILLIAMS (USA #4) 6-2 6-4
2000
QF L - LINDSAY DAVENPORT (USA #2) 6-4 6-2
1999
F W - MARTINA HINGIS (SUI #1) 6-3 7-6(4)
1998
R3 L - IRINA SPIRLEA (ROM #8) 6-3 0-6 7-5

S.WILLIAMS:

US Open

- Making 18th appearance at US Open since debut in 1998 (3r). Six-time champion: in 1999 (d. Hingis in F), 2002 (d. V.Williams in F), 2008 (d. Jankovic in F), 2012 (d. Azarenka in F), 2013 (d. Azarenka in F) and 2014 (d. Wozniacki in F). Is also a two-time runner-up, in 2001 (l. V.Williams) and 2011 (l. Stosur), a three-time semifinalist (2009, l. Clijsters; 2015, l. Vinci; 2016 l. Ka.Pliskova) and a quarterfinalist on three occasions
- With six US Open singles titles, is tied with Chris Evert for most in the Open Era
- One of eight players in the Open Era to win Wimbledon and the US Open in the same year (2002, 2012)
- Her 18 appearances at the US Open is second most among players in the draw, two behind her sister, Venus, who is making her 20th appearance
- Doubles champion here in 1999 (w/V.Williams d. Rubin/Testud in F) and 2009 (w/V.Williams d. Black/Huber). Also won mixed doubles (w/Mirnyi) in 1998
- Missed entire summer US swing in 2017 due to pregnancy
- US Open marks seventh event – and third major – following birth of daughter Alexis Olympia in September 2017
- 2018 US Open represents her 69th Grand Slam main draw appearance – among active players trails only her sister Venus (80) and Schiavone (70)
- Entering 1r against No.68 Linette, owns a 89-11 win-loss record at the US Open, the most among all active players, and second-most in the Open Era behind Chris Evert (101-12), and equal to Martina Navratilova (89-17)
- Her 325-44 record at Grand Slams is the most wins in Open Era, ahead of Martina Navratilova (306)

- Only loss to a player outside Top 50 at Flushing Meadows was at hands of then-unranked Clijsters in 2009 SF
- Holds a 67-1 (.985) record in Slam 1r matches (17-0 in 1r at US Open) – lone opening round loss at a Grand Slam came at 2012 Roland Garros (l. No.111 Razzano)
- 13 of her Slams have been won on hard courts – most of any player in Open Era; overall has won 46 hard court titles, also most among active players
- One of a tournament-leading 22 American women in the main draw
- At 36, is the second oldest, after Venus (38), among 22 thirtysomethings in the draw

Grand Slam History

- A 23-time Grand Slam singles winner, ahead of Stefanie Graf (22) on Open Era leaderboard, and behind only Margaret Court (24) all time
- Her titles were won at Australian Open: 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009-10, 2015, 2017; Roland Garros: 2002, 2013, 2015; Wimbledon: 2002-03, 2009-10, 2012, 2015-16; US Open: 1999, 2002, 2008, 2012-14
- Owns a 23-7 record in Grand Slam finals, with losses coming at 2001 US Open (l. V.Williams), 2004 Wimbledon (l. Sharapova), 2008 Wimbledon (l. V.Williams), 2011 US Open (l. Stosur), 2016 Australian Open (l. Kerber), 2016 Roland Garros (l. Muguruza) and 2018 Wimbledon (l. Kerber)
- Aged 35y 125d at the conclusion of 2017 Australian Open, is the oldest player to win a Grand Slam title in the Open Era. Has now won 10 Grand Slam titles as a 30-something
- Boasts the longest span of Grand Slam singles glory all-time. Pre-Open Era, Helen Wills Moody won her majors over the course of 15y 9.5m. Serena won her first Slam at 1999 US Open, some 17y 6.5m before her 2017 Australian title. WTA legends Evert, Navratilova and Graf all won their Slams over a 12 year span
- The 2017 Australian Open final saw Serena and Venus have the oldest combined age of any Grand Slam final match-up in the Open Era (71 years, 351 days), beating the previous record set by Flavia Pennetta and Roberta Vinci (66 years, 19 days) at the 2015 US Open. Prior to that all-Italian final the record was held for nearly four decades by Virginia Wade and Betty Stove – who had a combined age of just over 63 years, 11 months at 1977 Wimbledon
- In the Open Era, Williams' 11-year gap between Roland Garros titles in 2002 and 2013 (without winning another Roland Garros title during that time) is the longest gap for a woman at any Grand Slam
- In 2015, came within two match wins of completing the calendar year Grand Slam, having won the Australian Open (d. Sharapova in F), Roland Garros (d. Safarova in F) and Wimbledon (d. Muguruza in F); l. Vinci in SF at US Open. Was bidding to become third woman in Open Era to achieve the feat, after Court (1970) and Graf (1988)
- Has twice been in possession all four majors for a "Serena Slam" (2002 Roland Garros to 2003 Australian Open and 2014 US Open to 2015 Wimbledon)
- Has won 14 Grand Slam doubles titles, all with sister Venus – most recently at 2016 Wimbledon (d. Babos/Shvedova in F). Also won mixed doubles titles at 1998 Wimbledon and 1998 US Open (both w/Mirnyi)
- The sisters held all four Grand Slam titles at same time, from 2009 Wimbledon through 2010 Roland Garros – third pair to do so (also Navratilova/Shriver and Fernandez/Zvereva). Also teamed with Venus to win three Olympic gold medals: 2000 Sydney, 2008 Beijing and 2012 London

Season

- Coming off 2r showing at Cincinnati (d. Gavrilova, l. No.6 Kvitova in 3s)
- Withdrew from Rogers Cup in Montréal
- Lost 6-1 6-0 to Konta in 1r at San Jose – the heaviest defeat of her career (only occasion she has failed to win more than one game in a match) and first time losing a set-to-love since 2014 WTA Finals (l. 6-0 6-2 to Halep)
- Earlier this summer reached Wimbledon final (l. Kerber) – her 30th Grand Slam singles final, and was bidding for eighth Wimbledon crown
- Was making 18th main draw appearance at All England Club - among active players, only Venus has played Wimbledon more often (21)
- Advanced to R16 at Roland Garros (withdrew prior to match against Sharapova w/right pectoral muscle tear). In Paris, posted first Top 20 wins since her return to tour, over No.17 Barty and No.11 Goerges
- With sister Venus, won two doubles matches in Paris to advance to R16 (l. Klepac/Martínez Sánchez)
- Roland Garros was first event contested since Miami (l. Osaka in 1r)
- Made her return to tour as a mother at Indian Wells, falling to sister V.Williams in 3r, having defeated Diyas and Bertens in straight sets
- Prior to Indian Wells, played Tie Break Tens event in Madison Square Garden in New York – defeated Marion Bartoli in opening match before falling to Zhang Shuai in SF
- In December 2017 appeared at Mubadala World Tennis Championships in Abu Dhabi (l. Ostapenko 6-2, 3-6, 10-5)
- In February partnered w/V.Williams in doubles rubber during Team USA's Fed Cup win over the Netherlands (l. Kerkhove/Schuurs)

Career

- Ended 2017 ranked No.22, despite playing only two events all season, and both in January. Broke streak of 10 consecutive Top 20 finishes. Overall, has 15 Top 10 finishes to her name – third-most behind Navratilova (20) and Evert (19) – including five as the year-end No.1
- Won 23rd Grand Slam singles title at 2017 Australian Open (d. V.Williams in F)
- Qualified first for the 2016 BNP Paribas WTA Finals Singapore presented by SC Global but withdrew due to right shoulder injury – did not play after US Open
- Was the only player to reach SF or better at all four Grand Slams in 2016 (R-Up at Australian Open (l. Kerber), R-Up at Roland Garros (l. Muguruza), champion at Wimbledon (d. Kerber in F), SF at US Open (l. Ka.Pliskova)
- With 72 career singles titles, ranks fifth on the Open Era list of most titles, after Martina Navratilova (167), Chris Evert (154), Steffi Graf (107) and Margaret Court (92). Also a 21-time singles runner-up
- Holds distinction of being the oldest No.1 in WTA history – set record when most recent streak began on February 18, 2013. Spent her 319th week at No.1 in May 2017. Third on all-time list after Graf's 377 and Navratilova's 332
- Held the top ranking for 186 consecutive weeks (through 2016 US Open) which equaled the record held by Graf (186 weeks, August 17, 1986 through March 10, 1991)
- Five-time champion at WTA Finals (2001, 2009, 2012-14)

- Has registered 16 career wins over (seven different) No.1 ranked players, second-most behind Navratilova (18)
- Among active players, owns the most titles on clay (13), hard (46) and grass (8)
- Singles gold medalist at London 2012 Olympics, and doubles gold medalist at 2000 Sydney, 2008 Beijing and 2012 London (all w/V.Williams)
- Spent eight weeks as co-No.1 in doubles (w/V. Williams); one of six players to hold No.1 in singles and doubles simultaneously (also Navratilova, Hingis, Sánchez Vicario, Davenport and Clijsters)
- Holds single-season prize money record of \$12,385,572, achieved in 2013
- At 2014 US Open, received \$4 million prize money pay out (including Emirates Airline US Open Series bonus); the largest payout in tennis – men's or women's

Other Information

- Coached by father Richard Williams and mother Oracene Price; coaching consultant is Patrick Mouratoglou; hitting partner is Jarmere Jenkins
- Gave birth to daughter Alexis Olympia Ohanian Jr. on September 1, 2017
- Married Reddit co-founder Alexis Ohanian in November 2017 in New Orleans
- Recently launched her own clothing line, 'Serena'

LINETTE:

US Open

- Making fourth main draw appearance at US Open (seventh overall)
- Recorded first Grand Slam win against U.Radwanska during 2r showing at 2015 US Open
- Fell 1r on other two visits to Flushing Meadows, in 2016 (l. Cibulkova) and 2017 (l. Ka.Pliskova)
- Faces No.26 S.Williams in 1r; owns three Top 50 wins in 2018, against No.25 Kasatkina (Australian Open), No.41 Martic (\$100k ITF/Southsea-GBR) and No.17 Osaka (Washington DC)
- Has 4-5 record against US players this season, most recently defeating Vickery in qualifying at New Haven last week
- Record in Grand Slam 1r matches stands at 3-11 (1-2 at US Open)
- One of two Polish representatives left in draw (also A.Radwanska)
- During 2017 North American hard court season, made 2r at New Haven (as qualifier) and fell 1r at US Open, Cincinnati, Stanford and in qualifying at Toronto

Grand Slam History

- 2018 US Open marks 15th main draw appearance at a Grand Slam
- Best results to date were 3r runs at 2017 Roland Garros (l. Svitolina) and 2018 Australian Open (l. Allertova)
- Recorded first Grand Slam win against U.Radwanska during 2r showing at 2015 US Open
- Is yet to pass 1r at Wimbledon, falling there in 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018

Season

- Reached QF at Washington DC (l. Vekic); win over No.17 Osaka in 2r was first Top 20 victory – previous career-best win came over No.21 Gavrilova at 2017 Tokyo [PPO]
- Also contested qualifying at Cincinnati and last week at New Haven
- Followed Wimbledon by advancing to fourth WTA SF of career at Nanchang (l. eventual champion Q.Wang)
- On grass, fell 1r at Wimbledon (l. Putintseva) and Mallorca (l. Tomljanovic), and reached QF at (\$100k ITF/Southsea-GBR)
- Highlights of clay court season were QF at Bogotá (l. Jakupovic) and R-Up finish at WTA 125K event at Bol (l. Zidansek)
- Suffered 1r exits at Roland Garros (l. Dijas), Charleston (l. Liu), Rabat (l. Zidansek) and Strasbourg (l. Buzarnescu), and fell in qualifying at Madrid and Rome
- Reached QF at Taipei City (l. eventual champion Babos), before 1r exits at both Indian Wells (l. Sasnovich) and Miami (l. Riske). Also posted 2r showing at WTA 125K Series event at Indian Wells
- Rose to career-high ranking of No.55 on February 12, 2018
- Posted first career victories at Australian Open during 3r run (d. Brady in 1r and No.22 seed Kasatkina in 2r, l. Allertova)
- Began 2018 season with 2r showing at Shenzhen (l. Babos) and 1r exit at Hobart (l. S.Zhang)

Career

- Posted best year-end finish at No.71 in 2017, her third consecutive Top 100 season
- Year highlighted by SF at Kuala Lumpur (l. Hibino). Also made QF at Bogotá and reached 3r at major for first time at Roland Garros
- Appeared in third career WTA doubles final at 2017 Bogotá (w/Cepede Royg), having also been runner-up at 2014 Guangzhou (w/Cornet) and 2016 Hong Kong (w/Xu)
- In 2016 enjoyed run to first Premier-level quarterfinal of career at Tokyo [PPO] (as qualifier, l. eventual champion Wozniacki); also advanced to QF at Katowice (l. Parmentier)
- Overall has reached QF or better on 10 occasions – 2018 Nanchang (SF), 2018 Bogotá (QF), 2018 Taipei City (QF), 2017 Bogotá (QF), 2017 Kuala Lumpur (SF), 2016 Tokyo [PPO] (QF), 2016 Katowice (QF), 2015 Tokyo [Japan Open] (R-Up), 2014 Kuala Lumpur (QF) and 2013 Baku (SF)
- Broke into Top 100 on June 15, 2015 and posted career-high singles ranking of No.55 on February 12, 2018
- Has reached one WTA singles final – at 2015 Tokyo [Japan Open] (l. Wickmayer)
- Won WTA 125K Series title at Ningbo in 2014 and was R-Up at 2018 Bol
- At 2013 Baku, made SF in second WTA main draw appearance (l. Peer)
- Played first two WTA main draws in 2013: 2r at Strasbourg (l. Cornet) and SF at Baku (l. Peer)
- Owns 10 singles titles and eight doubles titles at that level
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in Poland in 2007

Other Information

- Began playing tennis when she was six; favorite shot is backhand
- Tennis idol growing up was Monica Seles
- Parents are Tomasz and Beata, sister is Dagmara
- Coached by Izo Zunic and Mark Gellard



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[Q] ONS JABEUR (TUN #114) vs. [18] ASHLEIGH BARTY (AUS #17)

Head to Head: First meeting

ONS JABEUR	WTA RANKING	ASHLEIGH BARTY
114		17
115	PORSCHE RACE TO SINGAPORE LEADERBOARD	19
28-08-1994 (23)	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	24-04-1996 (22)
\$210,030	YTD PRIZE MONEY	\$1,286,951
\$869,801	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	\$3,671,660
0 / 0	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	1 / 2
0 / 0	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	3 / 8
1-2	US OPEN W-L (MD) *	3-3
3-7 / 18-38	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	35-15 / 73-45
1-2 / 3-17	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	7-3 / 20-13
0-0 / 2-10	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	4-2 / 13-9
0-4 / 10-26	YTD / CAREER HARD W-L (MD) *	16-7 / 42-26
0-0 / 1-2	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD) *	0-5 / 4-13
0-1 / 1-6	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD) *	2-8 / 11-25
0-0 / 1-0	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	3-1 / 7-4

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US OPEN Tournament Performance - 2018

* Qualifying match

*R3	W - ALEXANDRA DULGHERU (ROU #141)	6-3,7-6(4)	92 mins
*R2	W - KRISTIE AHN (USA #145)	6-1,6-2	46 mins
*R1	W - KATY DUNNE (GBR #223)	6-2,6-1	48 mins

US OPEN Tournament History

* Qualifying match

ONS JABEUR

2017	R2	L - COCO VANDEWEGHE (USA #22)	7-6(6)	6-2
2016	R1*	L - YINGYING DUAN (CHN #103)	5-7	6-1 6-4
2015	R1*	L - PAULA BADOSA GIBERT (ESP #216)	7-6(2)	2-6 6-4
2014	R1	L - ANDREA PETKOVIC (GER #19)	7-6(7)	1-6 6-3
2013	R1*	L - KATERYNA KOZLOVA (UKR #232)	6-4	7-6(8)

ASHLEIGH BARTY

2017	R3	L - SLOANE STEPHENS (USA #83)	6-2	6-4
2014	R1	L - BARBORA STRYCOVA (CZE #29)	6-1	6-3
2013	R2	L - ANASTASIA PAVLYUCHENKOVA (RUS #33)	6-4	6-0
2011	R1*	L - JULIA GLUSHKO (ISR #170)	6-4	6-4

JABEUR:

US Open

- Making third main draw appearance at US Open (sixth overall)
- Best result was 2r showing in 2017 (d. Minor, I. Vandeweghe)
- Last week, came through qualifying draw here for the second time (also 2014), beating Dunn, Ahn and Dulgheru without dropping a set
- Faces No.17 Barty in 1r; only career Top 20 win came over No.7 Cibulkova during 2017's 3r run at Roland Garros
- Only three Top 100 wins of 2018 – all came over No.99 Golubic in successive weeks, at \$100k ITF/Manchester-GBR, \$100k ITF/Ilkley-GBR and Wimbledon
- Owns 4-4 career record against Australian players (at all levels), most recently losing 1-6 6-4 6-3 to Gavrilova at 2018 Charleston
- Record in Grand Slam 1r matches stands at 3-4
- Most recent WTA-level win on hard court came over Minor in 1r at 2017 US Open
- Is only African player in women's draw at 2018 US Open
- Celebrates 24th birthday on Tuesday

Grand Slam History

- Contesting eighth Grand Slam main draw at 2018 US Open
- Best Grand Slam showing was 3r run at 2017 Roland Garros; in Paris became first Arab woman to reach 3r of a Grand Slam and first lucky loser to contest 3r of a Slam since Kasatkina at 2015 US Open, and first at Roland Garros since Pizzichini in 1996. Gaidano, at 1993 US Open, was the most recent lucky loser to reach R16 at a major
- Is second Tunisian woman to win a Grand Slam main draw match after Selima Sfar reached 2r at 2001 Roland Garros, Wimbledon and US Open; 2002 Wimbledon; 2005 Wimbledon; and 2008 Roland Garros
- Has also made 2r at 2017 US Open (I. Vandeweghe) and 2018 Wimbledon (I. Siniakova)
- Twice lost in 1r at Australian Open, in 2015 (as qualifier, I. Zvonareva) and 2018 (I. Vesnina)
- In girls' singles at Roland Garros was champion in 2011 (d. Puig) and R-Up in 2010 (I. Svitolina)

Season

- Enters 2018 US Open after 1r loss at \$100k ITF/Vancouver-CAN (ret. vs. Khromacheva)
- Returned to clay following Wimbledon to reach third WTA QF of her career at Bucharest (I. Hercog); previously reached this stage – but no further – at 2013 Baku and 2017 Taipei City
- Enjoyed productive grass court season, reaching 2r for the first time at Wimbledon (I. Siniakova) and winning 11th career ITF Circuit title at \$100k ITF/Manchester-GBR

- Played a mix of WTA and ITF Circuit tournaments on clay: fell 1r at Charleston (l. Gavrilova) and in qualifying at Roland Garros and Rabat, and reached SF at \$100k ITF/Cagnes-sur-Mer-FRA
- In April, won all five singles rubbers as Tunisia advanced to promotional play-off from Europe/Africa Zone Group III
- After Australian Open, suffered 1r exits at Taipei City (l. Niculescu) and Doha (l. Duan), then fell in qualifying at three consecutive events: Dubai, Indian Wells and Miami
- Began the season by falling in qualifying at Sydney and in 1r at Australian Open (l. Vesnina)

Career

- Ended 2017 at No.88, her first Top 100 season, a year highlighted by becoming first Arab woman to reach 3r at a Grand Slam
- Also in 2017, reached QF at Taipei City and 3r at Charleston, and achieved career-high ranking of No.83 on October 2
- Finished 2016 at No.193 for third non-consecutive Top 200 finish (up from No.210 in 2015); season highlighted by scoring eighth, ninth and 10th ITF Circuit titles at \$25K ITF/Daytona Beach-USA, \$25k ITF/Sunrise-USA and \$50k ITF/Tunis-TUN, respectively
- In main draw play in 2016, made two 1r exits at Rabat (l. Sorribes Tormo) and Gstaad (as qualifier, l. Minella) and fell in WTA qualifying on five occasions in 2016: Katowice (l. Golubic), Wimbledon (l. Alexandrova), Bastad (l. Soler-Espínosa), US Open (l. Duan) and Tokyo [Japan Open] (l. Jang)
- Reached 2r at 2015 Indian Wells, which remains best finish at Premier Mandatory tournament. In 2015, also participated in the second staging of the WTA Rising Stars Invitational in Singapore in 2015 alongside the WTA Finals – went 1-2 in round-robin stage
- During 2014 season reached 2r twice; fell 1r five times (incl. US Open) and in qualifying three times (incl. Roland Garros and Wimbledon); won one singles title on ITF Circuit
- 2013 season highlighted by a QF run at Baku; reached 2r once; fell 1r once and in qualifying three times (incl. Wimbledon, US Open)
- On ITF Circuit has won 11 titles in singles and one in doubles
- Played first two WTA main draws in 2012, falling 1r at Doha (as WC) and Olympics
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in Tunisia in 2008

Other Information

- Started playing tennis at age 3
- Regular coach is Bertrand Perret but is not in New York due to suspension
- Coached at this year's US Open by her husband, Karim Kamoun

BARTY:

US Open

- Making fourth main draw appearance at US Open (and fifth overall)
- Achieved best result at Flushing Meadows by advancing to 3r in 2017 (l. eventual champion Stephens)
- Previously reached 2r on main draw debut in 2013 (l. Pavlyuchenkova), fell 1r in 2014 (as qualifier, l. Strycova) and in qualifying in 2011
- Also finished R-Up in doubles here in 2013 (w/Dellacqua, l. Hlavackova/Hradecka)
- Faces qualifier Jabeur in 1r; has won past 11 matches with qualifiers, stretching back to 3r defeat to Barthel at 2017 Australian Open
- Owns 7-9 record in Grand Slam 1r matches, last falling at this hurdle at 2017 Wimbledon (l. Svitolina)
- Bidding for sixth Grand Slam win of the season. By contrast, prior to this season had amassed six victories at this level across entire career
- Has won 10 of her last 13 matches on cement (Miami (2), Fed Cup (2), Montréal (4) and Cincinnati (2)), with nine of those victories coming in straight sets
- Enters 2018 US Open on a singles ranking of No.17 – just one spot lower than her career-high ranking of No.16 (achieved on January 29, 2018). This time last year, was No.43
- Entering 2018 US Open, ranks second on tour this year for percentage of service games won with 78.2% (behind Goerges – 79.4%). Has also struck 220 aces – one of six players to hit more than 200 aces, along with Goerges (372), Ka.Pliskova (272), Kr.Pliskova (241), Bertens (231) and Kvitova (220)
- Is one of five Australian women in singles draw (also Cabrera, Gavrilova, Stosur and Tomljanovic)

Grand Slam History

- 2018 US Open marks 17th Grand Slam main draw appearance. Matched best result at the majors by advancing to 3r at Wimbledon in 2018, having also reached this stage at 2017 Australian Open (l. Barthel), 2018 Australian Open (l. Osaka) and 2017 US Open (l. eventual champion Stephens)
- Has reached 2r at 2013 US Open (l. Pavlyuchenkova), 2013 Roland Garros (l. Kirilenko) and 2018 Roland Garros (l. S.Williams)
- First Grand Slam main draw appearance (2012 Australian Open) came from winning Tennis Australia's 2012 WC Play-Off in Dec. 2011
- Advanced to three Grand Slam doubles finals in 2013 (Australian Open, Wimbledon, US Open) and also R-Up at Roland Garros in 2017 (all w/Dellacqua)

Season

- Withdrew from New Haven last week w/viral illness
- Reached her fourth SF of the season at Montréal and R16 at Cincinnati (l. World No.1 Halep at both tournaments); now owns 0-4 record against reigning World No.1s, also falling to S.Williams at 2014 Australian Open and Kerber at 2017 Brisbane
- At Montréal won eighth WTA doubles title (w/Schuurs, d. L.Chan/Makarova in F); is now 8-7 in WTA doubles finals
- Matched her best career result in a Grand Slam by reaching 3r at Wimbledon (l. Kasatkina)
- Began grass swing by capturing second career title in Nottingham (d. Konta in F); record in WTA singles finals now stands at 2-3
- Also reached QF run in Eastbourne (l. eventual champion Wozniacki) and R16 at Birmingham (l. Goerges) to finish grass court season with WTA-leading 12 wins
- Suffered 2r defeat to S.Williams at Roland Garros
- Enjoyed a SF run at Strasbourg (l. eventual champion Pavlyuchenkova via ret. w/back injury)
- Made 1r exit at Rome (l. Sharapova in 3s) before 2r showing at Madrid (l. Wozniacki in 3s)
- Lifted the doubles trophy at Rome (w/Schuurs, d. Sestini Hlavackova/Strycova in F)
- After R16 run on green clay of Charleston (l. Sevastova), returned to Australia where she spearheaded the country's return to Fed Cup World Group in 2019, posting singles wins over Kerkhove and Lemoine of the Netherlands
- Also made R16 run at Miami (l. Svitolina) where she won the doubles event (w/Vandeweghe, d. Krejcikova/Siniakova in F)
- Made 2r exit at Indian Wells (after 1r bye, l. Sakkari)
- After reaching 3r at Australian Open (l. Osaka) and representing Australia in Fed Cup (vs. Ukraine), took a short break from the tour due to injury (left toe)
- Posted career-high No.16 ranking following run in Melbourne (January 29, 2018)
- Started the year with a 1r exit in Brisbane (l. Tsurenko), before finishing R-Up to Kerber in Sydney

Career

- Started 2017 ranked No.271 in singles and improved her position by 254 spots to post first Top 20 season (finishing at a then-career-high No.17)
- Clinched career first WTA singles title at 2017 Kuala Lumpur (as qualifier, d. Hibino in F)
- Reached two additional finals in 2017, at Birmingham (l. Kvitova) and Wuhan (l. Garcia)
- Made Top 20 debut and became Australia's No.1 on October 23, 2017
- In terms of ranking, best career win was over No.4 Ka.Pliskova at 2017 Wuhan
- Winner of eight WTA doubles titles (five w/Dellacqua, one w/Vandeweghe, two w/Schuurs)
- Qualified for first WTA Finals in doubles in 2017 (w/Dellacqua)
- Reached a career-high doubles ranking of No.5 on May 21, 2018
- Took a break from tennis after 2014 US Open that lasted almost two years

- Returned to professional tennis in 2016, having enjoyed a successful stint as an all-rounder for the Brisbane Heat cricket team in the 2015-16 Women's Big Bash League
- Nominated for tennis Australia's Newcombe Medal prize in 2017
- Return to tennis was initially hindered by right arm injury sustained in August 2016, following promising start: returned at \$50k ITF/Eastbourne-GBR in May, advancing to SF as a qualifier (l. Riske) and the following week, QF at WTA International-level Nottingham (as qualifier, l. eventual champion Ka.Pliskova)
- Finished 2013 ranked No.12 in doubles – only teenager ranked in doubles Top 30
- On ITF Circuit, has won four singles titles and nine doubles titles (including three in 2016)
- Won 2011 Wimbledon girls' singles title; finished 2011 as world No.2 ranked junior behind Khromacheva
- In juniors, won national singles titles in 18&U, 16&U, 14&U and 12&U age categories. Member of Junior Fed Cup winning team in 2011 (Australia d. Canada in F)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2012 Hobart as WC

Other Information

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



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DONNA VEKIC (CRO #41) vs. [19] ANASTASIJA SEVASTOVA (LAT #18)

Head to Head: ANASTASIJA SEVASTOVA leads 3-0

2018	DOHA	HARD O	R1	ANASTASIJA SEVASTOVA	6-3 6-4	87 mins
2017	US OPEN	HARD O	R3	ANASTASIJA SEVASTOVA	6-2 6-3	65 mins
2016	KAOHSIUNG	HARD O	R16	ANASTASIJA SEVASTOVA	7-5 2-6 7-5	127 mins

DONNA VEKIC	WTA RANKING	ANASTASIJA SEVASTOVA
41		18
34	PORSCHE RACE TO SINGAPORE LEADERBOARD	20
28-06-1996 (22)	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	13-04-1990 (28)
\$628,873	YTD PRIZE MONEY	\$757,281
\$2,310,646	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	\$4,048,810
0 / 2	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	1 / 3
0 / 0	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 0
3-3	US OPEN W-L (MD) *	10-5
23-18 / 81-96	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	30-16 / 134-109
3-8 / 23-30	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	11-5 / 41-33
5-6 / 22-21	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	5-7 / 29-30
10-9 / 52-66	YTD / CAREER HARD W-L (MD) *	12-9 / 67-63
1-2 / 3-11	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD) *	1-4 / 6-17
1-6 / 3-27	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD) *	3-7 / 14-35
1-1 / 4-6	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	3-1 / 7-8

* Updated entering 2018 US Open 1r

US OPEN Tournament Performance - 2018

* Qualifying match

US OPEN Tournament History

* Qualifying match

DONNA VEKIC

2017
R3 L - ANASTASIJA SEVASTOVA (LAT #17) 6-2 6-3
2016
R3* L - NADIA PODOROSKA (ARG #230) 6-4 6-3
2015
R2* L - SORANA CIRSTEA (ROU #176) 7-6(4) 2-6 6-4
2014
R1 L - COCO VANDEWEGHE (USA #38) 2-6 6-3 6-1
2013
R2 L - SIMONA HALEP (ROU #19) 6-2 6-1
2012
R3* L - EDINA GALLOVITS-HALL (USA #135) 2-6 6-4 6-0

ANASTASIJA SEVASTOVA

2017
QF L - SLOANE STEPHENS (USA #83) 6-3 3-6 7-6(4)
2016
QF L - CAROLINE WOZNIACKI (DEN #74) 6-0 6-2
2015
R1* L - MARIA SAKKARI (GRE #207) 6-2 7-6(2)
2012
R3* L - MAGDALENA RYBARIKOVA (SVK #66) 6-7(8) 7-5 6-2
2011
R1 L - VERA DUSHEVINA (RUS #72) 6-3 6-4
2010
R2 L - SVETLANA KUZNETSOVA (RUS #13) 6-2 6-3
2009
R2 L - SVETLANA KUZNETSOVA (RUS #6) 6-4 6-2

VEKIC:

US Open

- Making fourth main draw appearance at Flushing Meadows (seventh overall). Best result here came from a 3r result last season (l. today's opponent Sevastova)
- Only other main draw victory in New York came in 2013 (d. Duque Mariño, l. Halep)
- Enters play having won five consecutive Grand Slam 1r matches, dating back to 2017 Roland Garros. A win today would result in her earning at least one match victory at all four Slams in the same season for the first time in her career
- At No.41, sits four spots behind her career-high ranking, set August 6 after her R-Up finish at Washington DC
- Has already set a new career-high for Grand Slam match victories in a single season (five), surpassing her previous career high of four from last season
- Is 10-10 in Grand Slam 1r matches (2-1 at Flushing Meadows)
- Faces No.18 Sevastova today for the fourth time. Has lost all three meetings (including at 2017 US Open), coming closest to winning when she led 4-0 in the final set at 2016 Kaohsiung
- Looking for her second Top 20 win of the season, and fourth such win of her career (also No.4 Stephens at 2018 Wimbledon, No.8 Konta at 2017 Nottingham and No.10 Cibulkova at 2014 Kuala Lumpur)
- Holds 1-3 record against Latvians, with lone win coming over Ostapenko at 2017 St. Petersburg
- One of two Croatian women to begin main draw this tournament (also Martić)

Grand Slam History

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

Season

- Fell in qualifying at Cincinnati
- Reached the final at Washington D.C. (l. Kuznetsova after holding 4mp) – her first finals appearance since winning 2017 Nottingham; career record in finals now stands at 2-4; rose to career-high No.37 the following week (August 6, 2018)
- Achieved a career-best result at a Slam by reaching 2018 Wimbledon R16 (l. Goerges)
- Recorded her greatest win-by-rank to date at Wimbledon, ousting No.4 Stephens in 1r
- Other highlights of grass court season included SF at Nottingham (as defending champion, l. Konta). Followed with a 1r exit at Birmingham (l. Svitolina) and 2r showing at Eastbourne (l. Strycova)

- Finished the clay season with 2r result at Roland Garros (l. Sharapova). Rose to then-career-high ranking of No.42 after tournament (June 11, 2018)
- Made QF run at Istanbul (l. Begu, after serving for the match twice and holding 1mp) and fell 2r at Rome (as qualifier, l. Keys) and Madrid (l. Muguruza)
- Fell 2r in clay court season opener at Lugano (l. Barthel in 3s)
- Reached 3r at Miami (l. Collins) and made 1r exit at Indian Wells (l. Sakkari)
- Suffered 1r losses at St. Petersburg (l. Siniakova) and Doha (l. Sevastova). Also in February, reached 2r at Budapest (l. Bonaventure)
- Began season with QF appearance in Hobart (l. Watson), before 2r showing at Australian Open (l. Kerber)

Career

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

Other Information

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

SEVASTOVA:

US Open

- Making sixth main draw appearance at Flushing Meadows (eighth overall), having reached the QF in each of her last two appearances, her best-career result at a major
- Also made 2r in 2009 and 2010
- Enters play with a 10-5 career record in New York, her best record among the four Grand Slam tournaments
- Currently ranked No.18, after making her Top 20 debut last year on May 15, 2017. Has been ranked inside the Top 20 every week, but four, since then
- Has managed just one Grand Slam win this season (d. Lepchenko in 1r at Australian Open), her lowest total for a season entering the US Open since 2010, when she fell in 1r of all three prior slams
- Faces No.41 Vekic today for the fourth time. Leads all-time series 3-0, including a 3r victory en route to 2017 US Open QF
- Holds a 5-1 career record against Croatians, lone loss coming to Martic at 2017 Roland Garros
- Enters play with an 11-11 career record in 1r matches at majors, including an 8-3 record in such matches since returning from retirement in 2015
- One of two Latvians to receive a main draw berth (also Ostapenko)

Grand Slam History

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

Season

- Entering the US Open after being upset in the 1r of Cincinnati (l. Giorgi)
- Enjoyed a QF run in Montréal (l. eventual R-Up Stephens), eclipsing the \$4 million career prize money mark in the process
- Withdrew w/left thigh injury prior to QF vs. Sasnovich at Moscow [River Cup]
- Captured first title of the season and third of her career in Bucharest (d. Martic in F); now 3-3 in singles finals
- Fell in R16 in Eastbourne (l. Kasatkina) prior to being ousted in 1r at Wimbledon by eventual quarterfinalist Giorgi

- Produced a finals run at Mallorca (l. Maria) in first grass event of the season
- Made 1r exit at Roland Garros (l. Duque-Mariño)
- Advanced to R16 (l. No.2 Wozniacki) in Rome and fell in 2r in Madrid (l. eventual R-Up Bertens)
- Enjoyed a SF result in Charleston in her first clay event of 2018
- Fell in 3r in Miami (l. Azarenka); 2r defeat of Cornet was first main draw match win at Miami
- Had R16 run at Indian Wells (d. No.12 Goerges in 3r, l. V.Williams) – her best result at the tournament
- During Middle Eastern swing, made R16 at Doha (l. Halep) and fell 1r at Dubai (l. Makarova)
- In first Fed Cup appearances since 2010, represented Latvia in February in Europe/Africa Group Competition, before going 1-1 in April's World Group II play-off victory over Russia
- Reached 2r at Australian Open (l. Sharapova)
- Opened 2018 season by reaching SF at Brisbane (l. Sasnovich) followed by 1r exit at Sydney (l. Cibulkova)

Career

- Posted first Top 20 season in 2017, finishing at No.16 and earning career highs in wins (37) and winning percentage (.607) besting her previous records set back in 2010
- Captured second career singles title and first in seven years at 2017 Mallorca (d. Goerges in F)
- Earned nearly half of career prize money in 2017 after reaching US Open QF for second consecutive year and advancing to SF of WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai (l. eventual champion Goerges)
- In 2016, played first full season since 2012, reaching two singles finals at Mallorca (l. Garcia) and Bucharest (l. Halep), as well as first Grand Slam QF of career at US Open
- Retired from professional tennis in May 2013 due to various injuries – mostly muscular and back-related – but returned to competition at ITF level in January 2015 after body had fully healed
- During break from tennis studied leisure management
- Prior to break from tennis, won first singles title at 2010 Oeiras – becoming first Latvian to win a WTA title in 17 years (since Savchenko at Schenectady in 1993)
- Made Top 100 debut on July 13, 2009 and Top 50 debut on October 11, 2010
- Played first WTA event at 2007 Istanbul; made Grand Slam main draw debut as a qualifier at 2009 Roland Garros
- On ITF Circuit, has won 13 singles and four doubles titles
- Member of Latvian Fed Cup Team 2005-06, 2008-10, 2018
- Currently the Latvian No.2, behind Ostapenko; no other Latvians feature in Top 300 (August 27, 2018)

Other Information

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



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[WC] VICTORIA AZARENKA (BLR #79) vs. VIKTORIA KUZMOVA (SVK #56)

Head to Head: 0-0

VICTORIA AZARENKA	WTA RANKING	VIKTORIA KUZMOVA
79		56
51	PORSCHE RACE TO SINGAPORE LEADERBOARD	42
31-07-1989 (29)	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	11-05-1998 (20)
\$656,852	YTD PRIZE MONEY	\$319,430
\$29,088,041	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	\$475,466
0 / 20	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 0
0 / 6	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 0
32-10	US OPEN W-L (MD) *	0-1
13-10 / 425-158	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	13-13 / 14-15
4-2 / 81-53	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	4-2 / 4-3
3-3 / 63-42	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	6-6 / 6-6
10-5 / 292-92	YTD / CAREER HARD W-L (MD) *	8-6 / 9-8
1-3 / 64-64	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD) *	0-2 / 0-3
3-5 / 114-89	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD) *	0-3 / 0-4
0-1 / 44-13	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 0-0

* Updated entering 2018 US Open 1r

US OPEN Tournament Performance - 2018

* Qualifying match

US OPEN Tournament History

* Qualifying match

VICTORIA AZARENKA

Year	Round	Opponent (Rank)	Score
2015	QF	L - SIMONA HALEP (ROU #2)	6-3 4-6 6-4
2014	QF	L - EKATERINA MAKAROVA (RUS #18)	6-4 6-2
2013	F	L - SERENA WILLIAMS (USA #1)	7-5 6-7(6) 6-1
2012	F	L - SERENA WILLIAMS (USA #4)	6-2 2-6 7-5
2011	R3	L - SERENA WILLIAMS (USA #27)	6-1 7-6(5)
2010	R2	L - GISELA DULKO (ARG #41)	5-1
2009	R3	L - FRANCESCA SCHIAVONE (ITA #28)	4-6 6-2 6-2

VIKTORIA KUZMOVA

Year	Round	Opponent (Rank)	Score
2017	R1	L - VENUS WILLIAMS (USA #9)	6-3 3-6 6-2



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2008

R3 L - CAROLINE WOZNIACKI (DEN #18) 6-4 6-4

2007

R16 L - SVETLANA KUZNETSOVA (RUS #4) 6-2 6-3

2006

R3 L - ANNA CHAKVETADZE (RUS #29) 6-4 6-3

AZARENKA:

US Open

- Making 11th appearance at the US Open and first since giving birth to her son Leo in 2016
- Two-time runner-up, in 2012 (l. S.Williams in 3s in F) and 2013 (l. S.Williams in 3s in F)
- Fell in QF in 2014 (l. Makarova) and 2015 (l. Halep)
- US Open junior champion in 2005; bidding to become only the second player after Lindsay Davenport to win both the girls' singles and women's singles titles at the US Open (1992/1998)
- Won mixed doubles title here w/Mirnyi in 2007 (d. Shaughnessy/Paes in F)
- Received WC into main draw – is unseeded at Flushing Meadows for the first time since 2007's R16 run
- One of 10 active players to achieve more than 100 Grand Slam main draw wins (122-41)
- Enters US Open having played only 10 tournaments for the season, half of these coming on hard courts (10-5 record)
- Faces No.56 Kuzmova today. Has lost twice to players ranked outside Top 50 in 2018: No.54 Siniakova (Roland Garros) and No.53 Safarova (Mallorca)
- Record in Grand Slam 1r matches stands at 37-7 (10-0 at US Open)
- One of seven mothers in the singles starting field at 2018 US Open, along with Bondarenko, Maria, Rodina, Schnyder, S.Williams and Zvonareva

Grand Slam History

- 2018 US Open marks 45th main draw appearance at a Grand Slam
- Is a two-time Grand Slam champion, winning the Australian Open in 2012 (d. Sharapova in F) and again in 2013 (d. Li in F). Also a two-time Grand Slam runner-up, at 2012 and 2013 US Open (losing to S.Williams both times in 3s)
- Reached Wimbledon SF in 2011 and 2012, while best result at Roland Garros has been SF appearance in 2013
- Three Grand Slam doubles R-Up, at 2008 Australian Open (w/Peer), 2009 Roland Garros (w/Vesnina) and 2011 Australian Open (w/Kirilenko). Two-time Grand Slam mixed doubles champion, at 2007 US Open (w/Mirnyi) and 2008 Roland Garros (w/B.Bryan). Most recently finished as mixed doubles R-Up at 2018 Wimbledon (w/J.Murray)
- Won girls' singles titles at the Australian Open and US Open in 2005

Season

- Coming off 2r losses at Montréal (l. Konta) and Cincinnati (l. Garcia)
- Reached QFs in San Jose before retiring against Collins in the second set due to a back injury
- San Jose marked first event since 2r exit at Wimbledon (l. Ka.Pliskova) in what was her 12th appearance at the All England Club. In only other grass court event, made 2r exit at Mallorca (l. Safarova)
- In mixed doubles at SW19, reached the final w/J.Murray, losing to Peya/Melichar
- Posted back-to-back 1r exits at Rome (l. Osaka) and Roland Garros (l. Siniakova)
- Made 2r at Madrid (l. Ka.Pliskova). Saw off Krunic in 1r to register her first win on clay in two years (d. Cornet in 2r at 2016 Madrid)
- Posted SF run at Miami (as WC, l. eventual champion Stephens). Upset No.15 Keys, No.17 Sevastova and No.6 Ka.Pliskova to register multiple Top 20 wins at same tournament for first time since 2016 Miami title run
- Returned to Top 100 (at No.92) after SF run at Miami
- Fell 2r at Indian Wells, defeating Watson in 1r before falling to Stephens

Career

- Made return to tennis in June 2017 following birth of first child Leo in December 2016
- Comeback tournament was on the grass of 2017 Mallorca, reaching 2r (d. Ozaki, l. Konjuh). Prior to 2017 Mallorca, last tournament contested was 2016 Roland Garros (1r)
- Followed this up with R16 showing at 2017 Wimbledon (l. Halep). Did not play any tournaments after Wimbledon due to personal reasons
- Ended 2016 ranked No.13, despite missing second half of season after going on maternity leave (announced pregnancy mid-July). Lifted three titles, at Brisbane (first title since 2013 Cincinnati) and 'Sunshine Double' of Indian Wells and Miami – third woman to achieve feat after Graf in 1994 and 1996 and Clijsters in 2005
- Miami marked 20th tour-level singles title of career (20-16 record in finals)
- Posted 26-3 record for first six months of 2016 with losses coming at the Australian Open (QF, l. Kerber), Rome (2r, l. Begu) and Roland Garros (ret. vs. Knapp w/right knee injury)
- Limited to total of 23 events over 2014-15 seasons due to variety of injuries
- Posted five consecutive Top 10 finishes between 2009 and 2013, qualifying for the WTA Finals on each occasion, reaching final at Istanbul in 2011 (l. Kvitova)
- Two-time Grand Slam champion, capturing back-to-back titles at the Australian Open in 2012 (d. Sharapova in F) and 2013 (d. Li in F)
- Ascended to World No.1 after 2012 Australian Open and held top spot for a total of 51 weeks
- Began 2012 with 26-match win streak – best start since Hingis went 37-0 in 1997. Went on to win tour-leading 69 matches in 2012, season highlighted by six titles, finishing as WTA's year-end No.1
- Owns 3-9 record vs. World No.1s, with wins coming over S.Williams at 2009 Miami, 2013 Cincinnati and 2016 Indian Wells. Losses were to Safina (2009 Roland Garros), Wozniacki (2011 Indian Wells) and S.Williams (2010 Australian Open, 2013 Rome, 2013 US Open, 2013 Brisbane, 2015 Madrid, 2015 Roland Garros, 2015 Wimbledon)

- Won two medals for Belarus at 2012 London Olympics – bronze in singles and mixed doubles gold (w/Mirnyi)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2005 Kolkata
- ITF Junior World Champion for 2005 – reached first tour-level semifinal at Guangzhou the same year

Other Information

- Coached by Benjamin Ebrahimzadeh. Formerly coached by Wim Fissette, Sam Sumyk and Michael Joyce
- Gave birth to son Leo in December 2016
- Introduced to tennis at age 7 by mother Alla; father's name is Fedor and older brother is Max
- At 15, moved from hometown Minsk to train in Scottsdale, Arizona

KUZMOVA:

US Open

- Making second appearance at US Open, having fallen 1r in 2017 on tour-level main draw debut (as qualifier, l. V.Williams)
- Is enjoying direct entry into a Grand Slam for the third time in career (also this year's Roland Garros and Wimbledon)
- Currently ranked No.56 – was No.135 entering 2017 US Open
- Faces two-time US Open finalist Azarenka in 1r; Grand Slam 1r record stands at 1-3
- Sole win across all majors came at 2018 Roland Garros, where she scored 1r win over former champion Schiavone in two tie-break sets
- Was R-Up in girls' singles at 2016 US Open, and won the girls' doubles title (w/Pospelova) at 2015 US Open
- Has played a mix of WTA and ITF Circuit events in 2018, posting a win-loss record of 48-21

Grand Slam History

- 2018 US Open marks fifth Grand Slam main draw appearance
- Best result was 2r showing at 2018 Roland Garros (l. Svitolina in 2r)
- Her three other outings were 1r exits at 2017 US Open (as qualifier, l. V.Williams), 2018 Australian Open (as qualifier, l. Mertens) and 2018 Wimbledon (l. Peterson)
- Fell in qualifying at 2017 Roland Garros and Wimbledon

Season

- In pre-US Open hard court events, reached 2r at Cincinnati (as qualifier, l. Mladenovic) and contested qualifying last week at New Haven
- In 1r at Cincinnati, matched best career win-by-ranking by upsetting No.36 Sasnovich (also d. No.36 Cirstea at 2018 Budapest)

- Returned to clay after Wimbledon to win title at \$100K ITF/Budapest-HUN, reach 2r at Gstaad (l. Kudermetova) and fell in 1r at Moscow [River Cup] (l. Goerges); posted career-high ranking of No.54 on July 16, 2018
- Highlight of grass court season was reaching SF at 's-Hertogenbosch (l. Flipkens). Followed this with 1r exits at Mallorca (as qualifier, l. Hercog) and Wimbledon (l. Peterson)
- On clay, reached 2r at Roland Garros (l. Svitolina) and fell 1r at Prague (l. Q.Wang). Also posted title run at ITF \$100k/Trnava 2-SVK (d. Cepede Royg in F) to break into Top 100 for first time
- Delivered another impressive Fed Cup performance vs. Belarus in April (d. Sasnovich, Sabalenka) but was unable to stop Slovakia losing tie 3-2
- Posted best career result at Budapest, simultaneously making tour-level QF and SF debut. As qualifier, defeated No.36 Cirstea, Grand Slam R-Up Lisicki and Martic to reach SF without dropping a set (l. eventual champion Van Uytvanck). Followed this with title run at \$60k ITF/Shenzhen-CHN (d. Kalinskya in F)
- Was instrumental for Slovakia on Fed Cup debut vs. Russia in February, going 2-0 in singles (d. Potapova, Vikhlyantseva) as they ran out 3-1 winners
- Came through qualifying at St. Petersburg, but fell 1r to Kasatkina
- Made main draw debut at Australian Open (as qualifier, l. Mertens in 1r)
- Opened 2018 season with 2r run at Auckland (as qualifier, l. eventual champion Goerges)

Career

- Ended 2017 season ranked No.132 – her first Top 200 year-end finish
- Advanced to the QF stage or better at 12 ITF events last year, including two titles at \$25k ITF/Mildura-AUS and \$25k ITF/Imola-ITA
- Highlight of 2017 season was earning first tour-level win at Linz over Friedsam (l. Maria in 2r)
- Fell in WTA qualifying on four occasions in 2017
- Made tour-level main draw debut at 2017 US Open (as qualifier, l. V.Williams)
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2016 Prague
- Highest-ranked opponent she has faced in career is No.4 Svitolina at 2018 Roland Garros, losing 6-3 6-4
- Holds 14 singles and six doubles titles on the ITF Circuit

Other Information

- Coached by Michal Mertinak and trains at Slovakian National Tennis Centre
- Introduced to tennis aged four by father, Radovan, who used to run a tennis club; mother is Ingrid and sister is Katarina
- Tennis idols are Rafael Nadal and Ana Ivanovic