IRINA-CAMELIA BEGU (ROU #82) vs. SARA SORRIBES TORMO (ESP #84)

Head to Head: First meeting

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ROAD TO THE QUARTERFINALS

IRINA-CAMELIA BEGU (ROU #82)
R16: d. LEONIE KUNG (SUI #157) 6-7(3),7-5,7-6(7) (3h28)
R32: d. [9] ANASTASIJA SEVASTOVA (LAT #43) 6-2,6-2 (1h08)

SARA SORRIBES TORMO (ESP #84)
R16: d. LAURA SIEGEMUND (GER #65) 6-2,6-3 (1h42)
R32: d. [7] BARBORA STRYCOVA (CZE #31) 7-6(3),6-1 (2h04)

Total games: 54
Won/lost: 32-22
Sets won/lost: 4-1
Total time on court: 4h36
Average time on court: 2h18
Average rank of opponent: 100

Total games: 37
Won/lost: 25-12
Sets won/lost: 4-0
Total time on court: 3h46
Average time on court: 1h53
Average rank of opponent: 48

PRAGUE Tournament History

IRINA-CAMELIA BEGU
2015
R1  L - KATERINA SINIAKOVA (CZE #76)  6-3  6-3

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PLAYING Prague Open for a second time, having fallen 1r in 2015 (l. Siniakova)

In 1r this week, beat No.43 Sevastova – her first Top 50 win since beating Zhang at 2018 Roland Garros

Won postponed 2r match against King earlier today, saving 3MP in third-set tie-break

Faces Sorribes Tormo in QF; record in WTA QF matches stands at 18-14, most recently falling at this stage at 2019 Bucharest

Last week, fell 1r at Palermo (l. Siegemund). Prior to tour’s hiatus was in good form, winning the title at WTA 125K Series event at Indian Wells and another title at $100K ITF/Cairo-EGY

Ended 2019 at No.99 - sixth straight Top 100 finish

Season highlight was 3r run at Roland Garros (l. Anisimova) and three QF runs at Hobart (l. Schmiedlova), Budapest (l. Vondrousova) and Bucharest (l. Siegemund)

In doubles in 2019, won Hua Hin (w/Niculescu), her ninth doubles title

Won two doubles titles in 2018 – Shenzhen and Bucharest – finishing the year at a career-best No.23 in the WTA Doubles Rankings. Reached SF stage of 2018 Australian Open doubles event w/Niculescu

Reached two singles SFs - Shenzhen and Istanbul - and one QF in 2018. Also defeated No.5 Ostapenko at 2018 Madrid for second Top 5 win of career having also beaten No.4 Muguruza at 2016 Madrid

2017 season was highlighted by lifting fourth singles title of her career at Bucharest without dropping a set (d. Goerges in F); also took home the doubles trophy without dropping a set w/Olaru

Also in 2017 reached two SFs: Istanbul (l. Mertens) and Moscow (l. Kasatkina), and one QF at Charleston (l. eventual champion Kasatkina)

Represented Romania at 2016 Rio Olympics, making 1r exits in singles (l. Hibino) and doubles (w/Niculescu, l. Chan/Chan)

Other notable results in 2016 included SF at Rome (l. S.Williams), QF at Charleston (l. Kerber) and QF at Madrid (l. Halep)

Posted career-best ranking at No.22 (August 22, 2016)

In run to QF at 2016 Madrid was one of four Romanians for reach QF – which was first time this had occurred at a Premier Mandatory event (also Halep, Cirstea and Tig). Secured two milestones during Madrid: career-best win vs. No.4 Muguruza, and 300th match win of career (all levels) with R16 defeat of McHale

Owns four WTA singles titles from seven finals, lifting the trophies at 2012 Tashkent, 2015 Seoul, 2016 Florianopolis and 2017 Bucharest

Owns nine WTA doubles titles from 16 finals, most recently at 2019 Hua Hin (w/Niculescu)

Her six career Top 10 wins have come over No.9 Wozniacki (2012 US Open), No.9 Kerber (2015 Australian Open), No.4 Muguruza (2016 Madrid), No.6 Azarenka (2016 Rome), No.8 Bencic (2016 Birmingham via ret.) and No.5 Ostapenko (2018 Madrid)

Struggled with right shoulder injury in 2013 – first felt pain at 2013 Australian Open and missed three months of action

Holds 11 singles titles and 19 doubles titles on ITF Circuit

Voted WTA Newcomer of the Year in 2011 (media vote)
SORRIBES TORMO:

- Playing Prague Open for the first time, where she is through to her 10th WTA QF
- Recovered from 5-0 down in the opening set to beat No.7 seed Strycova in 1r, then broke serve six times to see off Siegemund in 2r – is one of three quarterfinalists not to drop a set (also Bogdan and Kr.Pliskova)
- Plays Begu today, bidding to reach third WTA SF – previously made the last four at 2017 Bogotá and 2017 Gstaad
- Fell 1r last week at Palermo (l. Yastremska). Prior to the tour’s hiatus, sole main draw win came during 2r showing at Australian Open (d. Kudermetova, l. Kontaveit)
- Posted third consecutive Top 100 finish in 2019 (at No.82). Season highlights were making QF at Auckland (l. to Hsieh), Bogota (l. Haddad Maia) and Hiroshima (l. to Doi); reached 2r six times (including Roland Garros)
- Rose to career-high No.64 in the rankings on June 10,2019
- Ended 2018 ranked No.87 to register second Top 100 finish (also No.99 in 2017)
- Season highlight in 2018 was reaching QF at Gstaad (l. Minella). Also made 2r for the first time at a major, as a qualifier at Wimbledon (l. Suarez Navarro)
- Won maiden WTA doubles title at 2018 Monterrey (w/Broady); now 2-1 in career doubles finals having also won 2019 Rabat (w/Martinez Sanchez)
- Reached first career WTA SFs at Bogotá and Gstaad in 2017. Also posted QF runs at Seoul and Tianjin
- In 2016, reached maiden tour-level QF at Seoul. Also made QF at WTA 125k Series event at Honolulu (l. eventual champion Bellis) and won two titles on the ITF Circuit at $25K ITF/Sao Paulo-BRA (d. Mitu in F) and $50K ITF/Essen-GER (d. Muchova in F). Finished as R-Up at $100K ITF/Sharm El Sheikh-EGY (l. Vekic in F)
- Scored first WTA main draw win over Pavlyuchenkova (via ret.) at 2015 Charleston
- Owns eight singles titles and four doubles titles on the ITF Circuit
- Played first WTA main draw event at 2015 Rio de Janeiro (as qualifier, l. Ormaechea)
- Played first professional event at $10k ITF/Vallduxo-ESP in 2010
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2012 Barcelona (l. 1r)
- Coached by German Puentes
- Born in Castellon, Spain; currently resides in Vallduxo, Spain. Began playing tennis aged 6; was introduced to the sport by her mother
- Mother used to play tennis; father was a professional footballer in Spain’s second division
ANA BOGDAN (ROU #92) vs. KRISTYNA PLISKOVA (CZE #69)

Head to Head: KRISTYNA PLISKOVA leads 2-0 (not including qualifying matches)

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**ANA BOGDAN**

- WTA RANKING: 92
- PORSCHE RACE TO SHENZHEN LEADERBOARD
- YTD PRIZE MONEY: $45,391
- CAREER PRIZE MONEY: $1,354,571
- SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER): 0 / 0
- DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER): 0 / 0
- PRAGUE W-L (MD) *: 2-0
- YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *: 0 / 0
- YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *: 0 / 0
- YTD / CAREER CLAY W-L (MD) *: 0 / 0
- YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *: 0 / 0
- YTD / CAREER TOP 5 W-L (MD & Q) *: 0 / 0
- YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD & Q) *: 0 / 0
- YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD & Q) *: 0 / 0
- Total games: 14
- Won/lost: 12-2
- Sets won/lost: 2-0
- Total time on court: 1h16
- Average time on court: 1h16
- Average rank of opponent: 414

**KRISTYNA PLISKOVA**

- WTA RANKING: 69
- PORSCHE RACE TO SHENZHEN LEADERBOARD
- DATE OF BIRTH (AGE): 21-03-1992 (28)
- YTD PRIZE MONEY: $134,113
- CAREER PRIZE MONEY: $2,848,088
- SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER): 0 / 1
- DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER): 0 / 4
- PRAGUE W-L (MD) *: 7-4
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- YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *: 1-3 / 28-58
- YTD / CAREER CLAY W-L (MD) *: 0-0 / 35-30
- YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *: 3-1 / 26-32
- YTD / CAREER TOP 5 W-L (MD & Q) *: 0-0 / 4-8
- YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD & Q) *: 0-0 / 1-6
- YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD & Q) *: 3-0 / 8-16
- Total games: 39
- Won/lost: 26-13
- Sets won/lost: 4-0
- Total time on court: 3h02
- Average time on court: 1h31
- Average rank of opponent: 417

**ROAD TO THE QUARTERFINALS**

**ANA BOGDAN (ROU #92)**

- **R16:** d. LESIA TSURENKO (UKR #139) W/O (0h00)
- **R32:** d. STORM SANDERS (AUS #275) 6-1,6-1 (1h16)

**KRISTYNA PLISKOVA (CZE #69)**

- **R16:** d. [2] PETRA MARTIC (CRO #14) 6-1,7-5 (1h21)
- **R32:** d. LINDA FRUVIRTOVA (CZE #820) 6-2,7-5 (1h41)

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ANA BOGDAN

2017
QF-Q L - LUCIE HRADECKA (CZE #173) 6-2 6-4

KRISTYNA PLISKOVA

2019
R1 L - NATALIA VIKHLYANTSEVA (RUS #113) 6-3 6-4

2018
QF L - MIHAELA BUZARNESCU (ROU #37) 6-2 6-3

2017
F L - MONA BARTHEL (GER #82) 2-6 7-5 6-2

2016
R1 L - SU-WEI HSIEH (TPE #78) 4-6 6-3 6-1

BOGDAN:

- Playing in the main draw at the Prague Open for the first time; fell in qualifying in 2017
- Beat LL Sanders comfortably in 1r on Tuesday, winning six of seven service games, then advanced to her first QF since April 2018 (Bogotá – SF) when Tsurenko withdrew w/left rib injury
- Faces No.69 Kr.Pliskova in QF today; owns two Top 100 wins so far in 2020, over No.38 Kudermetova (Fed Cup) and No.30 Zhang (Dubai qualifying)
- Career record in WTA QF matches stands at 4-0, winning matches at this stage during SF runs at 2016 Florianopolis, 2017 Bucharest, 2018 Monterrey and 2018 Bogotá
- Prior to the tour’s hiatus, only tour-level appearance was 1r exit at Lyon (l. Martinova); also contested qualifying at Auckland, Australian Open and Dubai
- Ended 2019 campaign ranked No.129 after a campaign in which she reached 2r six times (including US Open) and won a 12th and 13th career titles on ITF Circuit
- Finished 2018 ranked No.71 to record first Top 100 finish of career; singles highlights included 3r run at Australian Open (l. Keys) and SF runs at Monterrey (l. Muguruza) and Bogota (l. Schmeidlova)
- Posted career-high ranking of No.59 on June 11, 2018 after 2r showing at Roland Garros (l. Kerber)
- 2017 marked third Top 200 season, finishing at No.115 (ended 2016 at No.118); reached SF at Bucharest (l. Goerges) and made 2r at Wimbledon (l. Garcia), US Open (l. Niculescu) and New Haven (as qualifier, l. Flipkens)
- Made first WTA SF at 2016 Florianopolis (upset former No.1 Jankovic in 2r, l. Babos)
- Also made Grand Slam debut in 2016 at US Open, reaching 2r (as qualifier, l. Niculescu)
- In other main draw appearances in 2016 reached 2r at Rio de Janeiro (l. Arruabarrena) and Stanford (as qualifier, l. Riske), and 1r at Mallorca and Tashkent
- Owns three Top 20 wins in career, defeating No.17 Sevastova (2017 Bucharest), No.18 Vesnina (2017 New Haven) and No.11 Mladenovic (2018 Australian Open)
- Transition from juniors to pro circuit was initially hampered by a series of injuries, notably quadriceps muscle rupture and a ski accident; more recently, problems with left Achilles tendon began in December 2015
- Winner of 13 singles titles and one doubles title on ITF Circuit
- Played first senior tournament at $25k/ITF Bucharest and first WTA main draw at 2014 Bad Gasten (l. Ka.Pliskova in 2r)
- Trains in Sinaia and Bucharest; has been coached by her father, Nicolae Ioan, for past 10 years. He was previously a ski instructor
PLISKOVÁ:

- Playing Prague Open for the fifth time; R-Up in 2017 (d. Jankovic, Ostapenko, I. Barthel)
- Struck nine aces in both 1r win over 15-year-old Fruhvirtova and then again in 2r upset of No.2 seed Martic; now has hit 111 aces this season, the third highest on tour after Rybakina (144) and Muguruza (122)
- Win over No.14 Martic here was third Top 20 win of 2020: also upset No.20 Sakkari (Palermo) and No.11 Sabalenka (Shenzhen)
- Faces Bogdan in today’s QF; came from 3-1 down in the final set to win their most recent encounter in qualifying at 2019 Miami
- Career win-loss record in WTA QF matches stands at 5-10 (2-5 on clay)
- Last week made 2r at Palermo (d. No.20 Sakkari, I. Errani)
- Best result of the season came in her first tournament, a SF run at Shenzhen (d. No.11 Sabalenka, I. Rybakina) – hit 48 aces in her four matches. Followed Shenzhen with a 2r showing at Hobart (I. Cabrera), a 1r exit at Australian Open (I. Watson) and contesting qualifying at Dubai and Doha
- During June and July, played a series of exhibitions in Czech Republic with, among others, Muchova, Siniakova, Alexandrova and Strycova
- Ended 2019 ranked No.66, up from 2018 year-end ranking of No.97, to record fourth consecutive Top 100 finish
- Highlights of 2019 include SF runs at Lugano (I. Swiatek) and Tashkent (I. Van Uytvanck). Also advanced through qualifying at Birmingham to upset twin sister and World No.3 Karolina en route to the QF (I. Strycova)
- 2018 season highlights were QF showings at Shenzhen, Charleston, Prague and Nürnberg
- In 2017, contested second WTA singles final at Prague, finishing R-Up (I. Barthel). Also reached QF stage at Shenzhen, Biel, Strasbourg and Mallorca
- Posted equal-best Grand Slam result at 2017 Australian Open, advancing to 3r (I. No.1 Kerber). Also made 3r at 2015 Wimbledon
- Achieved career-high ranking of No.35 on July 31, 2017
- Season highlight in 2016 was reaching first WTA singles final at Tashkent, defeating Hibino in final for first career singles title
- Holds WTA record for most aces served in a match – 31 vs. Puig at 2016 Australian Open, beating Lisicki’s 27 vs. Bencic at 2015 Birmingham (Kr.Pliskova held five match points before eventually losing the match)
- Aside from run to final at 2016 Tashkent and 3r at Miami (I. Begu), did not progress beyond 2r at any other tour level event, falling at this stage at Australian Open (I. Puig), Miami (I. Begu), Katowice (I. Ostapenko) and Luxembourg (I. Davis)
- Owns four WTA doubles titles; at 2013 Linz (with twin sister Ka.Pliskova, first twins to win a WTA title), 2014 Bad Gastein and Hong Kong (both w/ Ka.Pliskova) and 2019 Bucharest (w/ Kuzmova)
- On ITF Circuit, most recently reached final at 2017 $80k ITF/Olomouc-CZE. Overall owns 10 ITF singles and eight doubles titles
- Made WTA main draw debut as WC at 2007 Prague (I. Bartoli)
- Coached by Jaro Levinsky
[WC] EUGENIE BOUCHARD (CAN #330) vs. [3] ELISE MERTENS (BEL #23)

Head to Head: ELISE MERTENS leads 2-0

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**EUGENIE BOUCHARD**

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**ROAD TO THE QUARTERFINALS**

**[WC] EUGENIE BOUCHARD (CAN #330)**

- **R16**: d. TAMARA ZIDANSEK (SLO #72) 7-6(2),6-7(2),6-2 (2h52)
- **R32**: d. [8] VERONIKA KUDEMETOVA (RUS #40) 6-0,6-3 (1h15)

**[3] ELISE MERTENS (BEL #23)**

- **R16**: d. CAMILA GIORGI (ITA #71) 6-4,6-2 (1h43)
- **R32**: d. JASMIN PAOLINI (ITA #95) 7-5,4-6,6-3 (2h41)

Total games: 49
Won/lost: 31-18
Sets won/lost: 4-1
Total time on court: 4h07
Average time on court: 2h04
Average rank of opponent: 56

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MERTENS:

- Making debut appearance at Prague Open – never previously played on Czech soil (including on ITF Circuit)
- In rain-delayed 1r match on Tuesday broke serve six times to beat Paolini
- Survived an arduous first set to defeat Giorgi in 2r and reach third QF of the season – also made last-eight run in first two tournaments, at Shenzhen and Hobart
- Faces No. 330 Bouchard in QF today; the last time lost to a player outside Top 300 was at 2016 Luxembourg qualifying (No.351 Whoriskey); suffered two losses against a players outside Top 100 this season – No.119 Sasnovich at Palermo and No.101 Watson at Hobart
- Beat the Canadian in both their previous encounters in straight sets, the most recent at 2018 Montreal; this will be the first time the two meet on clay
- Bidding to reach first SF since 2019 Osaka (l. eventual champion Osaka) and the first on clay since winning 2018 Rabat
- Possesses fine clay court pedigree; won two titles (2018 Lugano and 2018 Rabat) on the surface and reached R16 at 2018 Roland Garros, also finished runner-up at 2017 Istanbul (l. Svitolina) and made SF run at 2017 Bastad (l. Wozniacki)
- After the tour’s resumption, fell 1r at Palermo last week (l. Sasnovich),
- This year, followed QF runs at Shenzhen (l. Rybakina) and Hobart (l. Watson – 3h 33m match is the longest so far in 2020), with R16 showing at Australian Open (l. Halep) and 2r exits at Dubai (l. Sabalenka) and Doha (l. Putintseva)
- Ended 2019 ranked No.17 for second consecutive Top 20 finish
- Singles highlight was winning biggest title of career at Doha (d. No.3 Halep in final) – now has 5-1 record in finals. Also beat No.8 Bertens and No.6 Kerber in Doha, doubling career total Top 10 wins to six
- Advanced to QF at US Open for the first time (l. eventual champion Andreescu in 3s) and R16 at Wimbledon for the first time (l. Strycova, having led 6-4 5-2). Reached QF during defense of Rabat title (l. eventual champion Sakkari)
- Enjoyed standout season in doubles in 2020 - won maiden major doubles title at US Open w/Sabalenka (d. Azarenka/Barty in F). Also Completed ‘Sunshine Double’ in doubles (w/Sabalenka), lifting the back-to-back titles at Indian Wells (d. Krejcikova/Siniakova) and Miami (d. Stosur/Zhang)
- Team qualified for Shiseido WTA Finals Shenzhen (went 1-2 in RR)
- Won three singles titles in 2018 (Hobart, Rabat and Lugano), one of six players on tour with three or more titles to their name last year - also Kvitova (5), Svitolina (4), Bertens (3), Halep (3) and Wozniacki (3)
- Also in 2018, advanced to first Grand Slam SF of career at 2018 Australian Open (l. eventual champion Wozniacki), going on to post 46 main draw match wins across the campaign – only Ka.Pliskova (49) and Kvitova (47) registered more. By contrast, prior to 2018 season owned only 36 wins at this level across entire career
- In doubles in 2018, won four titles and reached QF at WTA Finals (w/Schuurs)
- Finished 2017 season at No.35, up from No.120 in 2016 – first Top 50 and Top 100 year-end finish 2017 season highlighted by first career singles title at Hobart (as a qualifier, d. Niculescu in F)
- Registered first Top 10 win of career over No.10 Cibulkova in 1r at 2017 Beijing
- Made WTA singles main draw debut at 2016 ‘s-Hertogenbosch – made QF (as qualifier, l. Mladenovic)
- Won first WTA title of any kind in doubles at 2016 Auckland (w/Mestach). Now has nine doubles titles – also 2017 Guangzhou (w/Schuurs), 2018 Hobart (w/Schuurs), 2018 Lugano (w/Flipkens), 2018 ‘s-Hertogenbosch (w/Schuurs), 2018 Wuhan (w/Schuurs), 2019 Indian Wells-Miami double (w/Sabalenka) and 2019 US Open (w/Sabalenka)
- Played first tour-level event of career at 2015 Antwerp (fell in qualifying)
- Has 11 singles and 14 doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Played first events on career on ITF Circuit in Belgium in 2010
- Working once again with former coach Robbe Ceyssens having parted ways with David Taylor last March
- Earlier coaching history includes Belgian federation until early teens, as well as a year at the Mouratoglou Academy
BOUCHARD:

- Making debut appearance at Prague Open as wildcard. Best result by a wildcard here was Muchova’s R-Up finish in 2019.
- Entering this week ranked No.330, dropping out of Top 300 on February 24, 2020 for the first time since July 23, 2012 (No.314), but will be back next week after reaching QF.
- In opening match, upset No.8 seed Kudermetova in straight sets by winning the first seven games in a row, scoring her first clay-court victory since 2018 Gstaad.
- In 2r, defeated Zidansek after two hours and 53 minutes to avenge a 3s loss last year at Wimbledon; after letting a 4-1 lead slip to lose the second set 6-7(2), regrouped to win five of the next six games to triumph in the decider.
- Booked spot in second QF this year; also reached the last eight in season’s opening tournament at Auckland (l. Anisimova in 3s).
- Faces No.3 seed Mertens in QF today – looking for her first Top 30 win since 2018 Luxembourg (d. No.24 Suarez Navarro).
- Bidding to reach first SF since 2018 Luxembourg (l. eventual champion Goerges) and the first on clay since 2018 Gstaad (l. eventual champion Cornet); made last four of a tour level clay event on five occasions, also in 2014 Roland Garros (SF), 2014 Nurnberg (W), 2014 Charleston (SF) and 2013 Strasbourg (SF).
- During tour’s hiatus, announced she would start working alongside former doubles World No.1 Rennae Stubbs; on the court prepared for her return by playing in World Team Tennis and an exhibition event in Charleston.
- This year, also fell 1r at WTA 125K Series in Newport Beach (l. Giach), and failed in qualifying at Australian Open (l. Trevisan).
- Ended 2019 ranked No.224, the first time her year-end ranking dropped outside Top 200 since 2011 (No.302).
- After reaching the QF at Auckland last year, failed to go beyond the 2r in a WTA event the rest of the year dropping out of the Top 200 on October 21 for the first time since August 2012.
- Suffered a 13-match losing streak – across all levels – from 2019 Dubai (l. Halep), ending at WTA 125K Series at Houston (d. Grammatikopoulou).
- In 2019 also won maiden WTA doubles title, at Auckland (w/Kenin); owns 1-3 record in doubles finals.
- Breakout year in 2014 with maiden title at Nurnberg (d. Ka.Pliskova in F) and championship match at Wimbledon (l. Kvitova) breaking into Top 10 and reaching career-high ranking of No.5 (October 20, 2014).
- Also that year, was R-Up at Wuhan (l. Kvitova), made SF at Australian Open (l. eventual champion Li), Roland Garros (l. Sharapova) and Charleston (l. Petkovic) and R16 at US Open (l. Makarova).
- Qualified for WTA Finals in 2014 (went 0-3 in group play) and achieved career high ranking of No.5 on October 20, 2014.
- Reached first career final at 2013 Osaka (l. Stosur).
- Named 2013 WTA Newcomer of the Year, as voted by international tennis media.
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in USA in 2008.
[1] SIMONA HALEP (ROU #2) vs. [LL] MAGDALENA FRECH (POL #174)

Head to Head: First meeting

### SIMONA HALEP
- **WTA RANKING**
- PORSCHE RACE TO SHENZHEN LEADERBOARD

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* Updated entering 2020 Prague QF

### ROAD TO THE QUARTERFINALS

#### [1] SIMONA HALEP (ROU #2)
- **R16**: d. BARBORA KREJCIKOVA (CZE #118) 3-6,7-5,6-2 (2h05)
- **R32**: d. POLONA HERCOG (SLO #46) 6-1,1-6,7-6(3) (2h30)

#### [LL] MAGDALENA FRECH (POL #174)
- **R3-Q**: L - LESIA TSURENKO (UKR #139) 7-6(7),7-6(2) (2h32)
- **R2-Q**: d. KAJA JUVAN (SLO #121) 3-6,6-3,6-4 (2h14)
- **R1-Q**: d. IRINA MARIA BARA (ROU #159) 2-6,6-3,6-1 (1h59)
- **R16**: d. ARANTXA RUS (NED #70) 6-3,2-6,6-4 (2h08)
- **R32**: d. ELENA RUSE (ROU #173) 7-6(8),6-3 (2h05)

Total games: 56
Won/lost: 30-26
Sets won/lost: 4-2
Total time on court: 4h35
Average time on court: 2h18
Average rank of opponent: 82

*Not including qualifying matches*
HALEP:

- Playing Prague Open for the first time; previous appearance on Czech soil was during 2019’s Fed Cup World Group quarterfinal, where she won singles rubbers against Siniakova and Ka.Pliskova to inspire Romania to a 3-2 victory
- No.1 seed this week; the top seed has prevailed once in Prague, during the inaugural staging in 2015 when Ka.Pliskova claimed the title
- Eventually closed out a hard-fought 1r victory over Hercog on her seventh match point on Tuesday. Followed this with another 3s victory, recovering from 2-0 down in the final set to beat Krejcikova in 2r
- Faces No.174 Frech in QF today; in terms of ranking, a loss today would be her worst since falling to No.189 Ormaechea in 1r at 2012 Australian Open
- Win-loss record in WTA QF matches stands at 54-25 (21-5 on clay)
- Fell in 1r of doubles this week w/Strycova (l. Kudermetova/Pavlyuchenkova)
- Used tennis’s hiatus in 2020 to recover from a foot injury that had ruled her out of Indian Wells in March and spend time with her family (read more in her exclusive WTA Insider interview on wtatennis.com)
- Owns an excellent record on clay, winning seven titles on the surface; only two active players have won more – S.Williams (13) and V.Williams (nine)
- Including this week, has been ranked inside the Top 10 for 342 consecutive weeks – the 10th longest streak in WTA history
- In her final event before the tour’s shutdown in March, lifted her 20th career title, drawing her level with Azarenka in fifth place on the list of active title winners (behind S.Williams, V.Williams, Clijsters and Kvitova); win over Jabeur en route to title was her 500th (including ITF Circuit and qualifying)
- Began 2020 season by reaching QF at Adelaide (l. Sabalenka) and SF at Australian Open (l. Muguruza)
- Ended 2019 ranked No.4 for sixth consecutive year in the Top 5; campaign highlighted by winning second career Grand Slam title at Wimbledon (d. S.Williams in F)
- Last season, also finished R-Up at Madrid (l. Bertens) and QF at Roland Garros (as defending champion, l. Anisimova) and Toronto (ret. vs. Bouzova w/Achilles pain)
- Ended 2018 as World No.1 for the second time in her career, with season highlighted by maiden Grand Slam title at Roland Garros (d. Stephens in F). Also won titles that year at Shenzhen (d. Siniakova in F) and Montréal (d. Stephens in F) and was R-Up at Australian Open (l. Wozniacki), Rome (l. Svitolina) and Cincinnati (l. Bertens)
- Won first career WTA doubles title at 2018 Shenzhen (w/Begu). Now 1-1 in career doubles finals
- 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, and the 13th to hold year-end No.1
- Defended Madrid title in 2017 (d. Mladenovic in F); reached four more finals in 2017: Rome, Roland Garros, Cincinnati and Beijing
- Lifted three titles in 2016, at Madrid, Bucharest and Montréal
- Between May 2013 and August 2014, improved ranking from No.64 to No.2, winning seven titles and finishing R-Up at 2014 Roland Garros
- Has qualified six times for WTA Finals in Singapore (2014-19, although withdrew injured in 2018), reaching final in 2014 (l. S.Williams, having defeated the World No.1 in the round robin stage)
- Named 2013 WTA Most Improved Player, winning her first six WTA titles and ending year ranked No.11
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2010 Marbella as a qualifier, reaching quarterfinals
- Reunited with long-time coach, Darren Cahill during offseason after taking a 12-month break. Formerly coached by Wim Fissette and Victor Ionita
- Sponsorship portfolio includes deals with Mercedes, Unilever and is an Ambassador for Dubai Duty Free
Making debut appearance at Prague Open as a lucky loser (l. Tsurenko in final round of qualifying on Monday); received one of three LL spots following the injury withdrawals of Yastremska, Kasatkina and Ferro

Took advantage of her good fortune to register back-to-back main draw wins at a WTA event for the first time, beating qualifier Ruse in 1r and then Rus in 2r

By ranking, upset of No.70 Rus was the second-best win of her career, after No.69 Pera in 2019 Brisbane qualifying

In her maiden WTA QF today, faces No.2 Halep; only previous meeting with a Top 10 player ended in 6-2 6-2 defeat to Stephens in 2r at 2018 Roland Garros

At No.174 is the second-lowest player left in the draw (after No.330 Bouchard)

This is the fifth time in the six years that at least one qualifier or lucky loser has made the QF here, including title runs by Barthel in 2017 and Teichmann in 2019

Last week, fell in the first round of qualifying at Palermo (l. Juvan)

During tennis' hiatus, posted a 10-0 win loss record in a series of exhibitions in Poland

Only previous WTA main draw appearance in 2020 was 1r exit at Lyon (as qualifier, l. Tomova); also won her fourth career singles title on ITF Circuit, at $25K Bendigo-AUS and contested qualifying at Australian Open, Dubai and Doha

Ended 2019 inside the Top 200 for the third year in a row (at No.198). Appeared in six WTA main draws, falling 1r at Dubai (l. Kasatkina), Charleston (l. Buzarnescu), Lugano (l. Peterson), Nottingham (l. Mladenovic) US Open (l. Siegemund) and Guangzhou (l. Stojanovic)

Finished 2018 inside the Top 200 for the second time in her career, at No.151 (also No.166 in 2017). Made 2r at Roland Garros (as qualifier, l. Stephens), Rabat (l. Fett), Nottingham (l. Jakupovic) and San Jose (l. Tomljanovic). Also fell 1r at six other tour-level events, including qualifying for Grand Slam debut at Australian Open

Achieved career high singles ranking of No.115 after Roland Garros run (July 2, 2018)

Contested three WTA qualifying events in 2017, advancing past this stage at Bucharest (l. Kovinic in 1r). Fell in qualifying at Tokyo [Japan Open] and Tokyo [PPO]

Advanced to 2r at WTA 125K Series event at Chinese Taipei (d. Zhu, l. Kudermetova)

Won two of her four ITF singles title in 2017, at $25k ITF/Leipzig-GER and $25k ITF/Braunschweig-GER – both on clay

First ITF singles title came in 2016, at $10k ITF/Nishi-Tama-JPN. Also holds two ITF doubles titles

Played first WTA qualifying event at home tournament in Katowice in 2013, falling to Raluca. Made WTA main draw debut at Katowice the following year (as wildcard, l. Meusburger in 1r)

Member of Polish Fed Cup Team 2016-20

Coached by Andrzej Kovierski

Started playing tennis at age 6 when she noticed kids taking lessons near her school in Lodz, Poland and asked her parents if she could try

Hobbies away from tennis include doing her own nails, movies and reading