WTA MATCH NOTES: ST. PETERSBURG LADIES TROPHY
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ST. PETERSBURG LADIES TROPHY – FINAL


Bertens leads 1-0

RYBAKINA playing in biggest final of her career and third final in four events played this year...Bertens trying to defend a title for second time in career

A LOOK AT THE FINALISTS

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FINAL RECORDS

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RANKING MOVERS

Bertens will remain at No.8 after the tournament.

Rybakina finished 2019 ranked No.37 and will make her Top 20 debut this week after earning a spot in the final.

Head to Head: KIKI BERTENS leads 1-0

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* Updated entering 2020 St. Petersburg F

ROAD TO THE FINAL

**[8] ELENA RYBAKINA (KAZ #25)**
- SF: d. [8] MARIA SAKKARI (GRE #21) 3-6,7-5,6-1 (1h54)
- QF: d. OCEANE DODIN (FRA #159) 6-7(5),7-5,6-2 (2h27)
- R16: d. FIONA FERRO (FRA #58) 6-3,6-4 (1h12)
- R32: d. KATERINA SINIAKOVA (CZE #59) 6-3,6-4 (1h19)
- Total games: 99
- Won/lost: 59-40
- Sets won/lost: 8-2
- Total time on court: 6h52
- Average time on court: 1h43
- Average rank of opponent: 74

**[2] KIKI BERTENS (NED #8)**
- SF: d. Ekaterina Alexandrova (RUS #28) 6-1,4-6,6-1 (1h41)
- QF: d. Anastasia Potapova (RUS #101) 6-4,7-6(3) (1h50)
- R16: d. Veronika Kudermetova (RUS #38) 6-1,6-2 (2h57)
- R32: BYE
- Total games: 62
- Won/lost: 41-21
- Sets won/lost: 6-1
- Total time on court: 4h28
- Average time on court: 1h29
- Average rank of opponent: 56

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RYBAKINA:

- Making second main draw appearance at St. Petersburg
- Reached maiden QF of career by upsetting No.7 Garcia on debut run at the St. Petersburg Ladies' Trophy in 2018 (as qualifier, l. Goerges). Victory over Garcia was also maiden Top 10 win of career
- Following 3r run at the Australian Open (l. Barty), enters this week at a career-high ranking of No.25; by contrast, was ranked No.196 this time last year
- Dispatched No.59 Siniakova in 1r prior to overcoming No.58 Ferro in straight sets in 2r
- Saved match points en route to victory over No. 159 Dodin in 3s QF battle on Friday - extends perfect record to 7-0 against French players from tour-level main draw matches
- Survived another tight 3s match over No.21 Sakkari in SF to reach first Premier level final
- Has now reached third final out of just four events played this year
- With final appearance, will secure Top 20 debut on Monday
- Has now won 36 of past 46 matches on Tour, sequence which began with her maiden title run at Bucharest last July
- Of the players born in 1999 and earlier, ranks fourth for most match wins at Tour-level (30), behind Vondrousova (52), Yastremska (43) and Anisimova (34)
- Takes on No.8 Bertens for second time in her career today, owns a 2-2 mark in final matches over career
- Her 15 aces against Dodin and five against Sakkari elevate her to the new WTA Tour Ace Leader w/101 aces from 17 matches
- Tied for the most 3s matches played this season (six) and won all of them
- Youngest title winner this year at Hobart (20yrs, 6m, 29d)
- Owns a 5-2 mark vs Top 50 opponents this year, including 9-11 over course of career
- Is 3-3 vs Top 25 players dating back to beginning of 2019
- Since turning pro, has compiled a remarkable 73.2% win rate on tour (41-15)

Season

- Recorded career-best run at a Grand Slam by advancing to 3r at the Australian Open (l. Barty) - won back-to-back Major matches for the first time after two straight sets victories over Pera in 1r and Minnen in 2r
- Opened 2020 season with back-to-back final runs, first reaching the championship match at Shenzhen (l. Alexandrova in F) before claiming a second career title at Hobart (d. S.Zhang in F)

Career Milestones

- Finished 2019 season at No.37 to record first Top 50 finish of her career, up from 2018's final ranking of No.191
- During a breakout 2019 season, lifted maiden WTA singles title at Bucharest (d. Tig in F). Also advanced to second career final at Nanchang (l. Peterson) and made SF appearances at Luxembourg (l. Goerges) and ‘s-Hertogenbosch (l. Bertens)
Additionally, made QF runs at Istanbul (I. Strycova), Wuhan (I. Sabalenka) and Linz (I. Osatapenko).
Made Grand Slam main draw debut at 2019 Roland Garros, falling 1r (as qualifier, I. Siniakova). Also fell 1r at 2019 US Open (as qualifier, I. Muchova).
On the ITF Circuit in 2019, lifted silverware on three occasions; back-to-back at $25K Moscow-RUS and $25K Kazan-RUS and at $60K ITF/Launceston-AUS. Now holds four singles and four doubles titles on ITF Circuit.
Highlights of 2018 included reaching maiden WTA QF at St. Petersburg (I. Goerges) and clinching the title at $15k ITF/Kazan-RUS.
First Top 10 win came over No.7 Garcia at 2018 St. Petersburg. Has since added the defeat of No.6 Halep (2019 Wuhan) to list of Top 10 triumphs.
Ended 2017 ranked No.425, improving 191 spots from 2016 (finished at No.616).
Holds four singles and four doubles titles on ITF Circuit.
Made WTA qualifying and main draw debut at 2017 Moscow (as qualifier, I. Begu in 1r).

Grand Slam History
2020 Australian Open marked her third career Grand Slam main draw where she recorded her career best appearance at a Major by advancing to 3r (l. Barty).
Fell 1r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2019 Roland Garros (as qualifier, I. Siniakova).
Also fell 1r at 2019 US Open (as qualifier, I. Muchova).
Has also fallen in qualifying at other two majors, both in 2019.
In Juniors, reached two Grand Slam SFs at 2017 Australian Open and Roland Garros.

Personal
Trained at Spartak Club in Moscow as a junior.
Coached by Stefano Vukov; previous coaches included Andrei Cheshnokov (Elena Vesnina's former coach) and Evgenia Kulikovskaya.
Nominated for 2019 WTA Newcomer of the Year Award.
Started playing tennis aged five.

BERTENS:

St. Petersburg
Making fourth consecutive visit to St. Petersburg this week, returning as defending champion (d. Vekic last year in F).
Fell in 1r in two previous trips, losing to Beck in 2017 and Zvonareva in 2018.
Lone Dutch representative competing in this week's singles draw.
Following 1r bye, needed just 57 minutes to overturn No.38 Kudermetova in 2r. The Dutchwoman compiled a 9-4 strike rate last season when coming off a bye.
Recorded 100th main draw victory on hardcourts over No.101 Potapova in QF (100-104 record).
Defeated Russian No.1 Alexandrova to reach first final of 2020 - overall record in WTA finals stands at 9-5 last reaching final at Zhuhai (l. Sabalenka in F).
Faces No.25 Rybakina today – owns 2-1 record against Top 25 ranked opponents so far this year, sole loss came to No.4 Osaka at Brisbane.
Aiming to defend a title for just the second time in her career (Nurnberg, 2016-17).
Entering this tournament, leads the WTA Tour this year in first serve points won % (76.4).

Season
Coming off thrilling Fed Cup tie against Belarus that saw the latter win 10-8 in third set tiebreak of deciding doubles rubber; scored wins in both singles matches (def. Sasnovich and Sabalenka), fell in doubles w/partner Schuurs.
Advanced to R16 at Melbourne, falling to eventual finalist Muguruza in straight sets.

Career Milestones
Ended 2019 ranked No.9, her joint-best finish of career (also No.9 in 2018).
Reached a career high ranking of World No.4 in 2019 following her first Premier Mandatory title at Madrid (defeated four Grand Slam champion en route - Ostapenko, Kvitova, Stephens and Halep in F).
Also became first woman to win Madrid title without dropping a set

Other season highlights included lifting the trophy at St. Petersburg (d. Vekic in F) and final runs at Palermo (l. Teichmann), Zhuhai (l. Sabalenka), and on home soil in ’s-Hertogenbosch (could not convert five championship points in loss to Riske)

Also in 2019 became the third alternate to win a match at the WTA Finals since the round robin format was introduced in 2003 - also Bartoli (2007, 2011) and A.Radwanska (2008-09). Defeated No.1 Barty in Shenzhen to record her first win over the Australian and second win over a reigning World No.1, having also defeated Halep in 2018 Cincinnati final

Won 55 matches in 2019 – the second most of the season, behind Barty (56)

Struck 457 aces in 2019 - the second most on Tour behind Ka.Pliskova with 488

Won the WTA Jerry Diamond ACES Award in 2019, granted to the player who consistently goes above and beyond in promoting the sport of women’s tennis to fans, media and local communities by performing off-court promotional and charitable initiatives

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

Won the WTA’s Most Improved Player Award in 2018

Lifted three titles in 2018, at Charleston (d. Goerges in F), Cincinnati (d. World No.1 Halep in F – saved 1mp) and Seoul (d. Tomljanovic in F). Reached one further final, at Premier Mandatory Madrid (l. Kvitova)

Scored WTA-leading 12 Top 10 wins in 2018. Prior to 2018, only had three Top 10 wins in her career

Also reached SF on WTA Finals debut in 2018 (l. Svitolina)

Season highlights in 2017 were titles at Nürnberg and Gstaad, and posted first Premier Mandatory QF at Madrid

Finished 2016 ranked No.22 in singles – big jump from her season-ending ranking of No.101 in 2015

Played on Netherlands Olympic team at 2016 Rio Olympics – fell in 1r (l. Errani)

Won maiden career singles title at 2012 Fès as a qualifier in just her second main draw appearance; currently owns 9-5 career record in singles finals

Owner of 10 WTA doubles titles, most recently at 2018 Brisbane (w/Schuurs)

Made WTA main draw debut as a wildcard at 2011 ’s-Hertogenbosch (l. 1r)

Played first event of career on ITF Circuit in the Netherlands in 2006; has won seven singles titles and 11 doubles titles at this level

Netherlands Fed Cup Team, 2011-2012, 2014-2020

**Grand Slam History**

Contested 31st Grand Slam main draw appearance at 2020 Australian Open

Deepest run across the Slams came with SF showing at 2016 Roland Garros (l. eventual R-Up S.Williams)

Enjoyed her best result at Wimbledon in 2018 by reaching her second career Grand Slam QF (l. Goerges). Became first Dutch woman to reach QF at Wimbledon since Krajicek in 2007

In 2018 reached 3r for first time at both Australian Open (l. eventual champion Wozniacki) and US Open (l. Vondrousova)

Is a two-time Grand Slam quarterfinalist in doubles, at 2015 Australian Open (w/Larsson, l. Goerges/Groenefeld) and 2016 Roland Garros (w/Larsson, l. eventual champions Garcia/Mladenovic)

**Personal**

Coached by former WTA player Elise Tamaela. Formerly coached by Raemon Sluiter (announced the end of their four-year partnership in November)

In November 2019, married her husband Remko de Rijke, who has been involved as part of her team as a physio and fitness coach. The two announced their engagement in November 2018

Won the 2019 WTA Jerry Diamond ACES Award and the 2018 WTA Most Improved Player of the Year Award

Fan-voted as May 2019 WTA Player of the Month

Parents are Rob and Doré; sisters are Joyce and Daisy

Started playing at age 6. Tennis idol growing up was Kim Clijsters
SHUKO AYOYAMA

DOB: Dec 19, 1987 (32)
Residence: Ibaraki, Japan
Plays: RH (double-handed backhand)
Height: 5' 1" (1.54 m)
Prize Career: $1,202,055
Prize YTD: $30,257
Career High Singles Rank: 182 (Feb 09 2015)
Career High Doubles Rank: 24 (Feb 03 2020)
WTA Singles Titles - YTD / Career: 0 / 0
WTA Doubles Titles - YTD / Career: 0 / 11

PERFORMANCE - DOUBLES

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PREVIOUS APPEARANCES AS TEAM

TOURNAMENT - WON (2)
- 2019 Moscow (Hard) d. K.Flipkens/B.Mattek-Sands 6-2 6-1
- 2019 Tianjin (Hard) d. N.Hibino/M.Kato 6-3 7-5

TOURNAMENT - RUNNER UP (1)
- 2019 San Jose (Hard) d. N.Melichar/K.Peschke 6-4 6-4

OTHER RESULTS (BEST ROUND REACHED)
- SF at 2019 Beijing (Hard) l. S.Kenin/B.Mattek-Sands 6-4 6-1
- QF at 2020 Adelaide (Hard) l. S.Kenin/B.Mattek-Sands 7-6(5) 7-6(3)
- QF at 2019 Osaka (Hard) l. M.Doi/N.Hibino 6-4 6-3
- R16 at 2020 Australian Open (Hard) l. C.Gauff/C.Mcnally 4-6 7-5 6-3
- R16 at 2020 Brisbane (Hard) l. N.Melichar/Y.Xu 6-2 6-4
- R32 at 2019 Wuhan (Hard) l. M.Ninomiya/Z.Yang 6-4 6-4

TOURNAMENT HISTORY - DOUBLES
### 2020 Season Summary

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### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

#### S.AOYAMA

**DOUBLES**

**CAREER IN REVIEW**

Winners (10): 2019 - 's-Hertogenbosch (w/Krunic), Tianjin (w/Shibahara); 2017 - Washington DC (w/Voracova), Tokyo (International) (w/Nomoto), Ninhomiya; 2014 - Washington DC (w/Dabrowski), Osaka (w/Voracova); 2013 - Kuala Lumpur (w/Chang), Washington DC (w/Dushevina); 2012 - Washington DC (w/Chang).

Finalists (10): 2019 - San Jose (w/Shibahara); 2018 - Hong Kong, Zhuhai (both w/Marozava); 2017 - Wuhan (w/Z.Yang); 2016 - Nurnberg (w/Voracova), Washington DC (w/Ozaki), Nanchang (w/Nomoto); 2015 - Auckland (w/Voracova), Pattaya City (w/Tanasugarn); 2010 - Osaka (w/Fujiiwara).

**ADDITIONAL**


#### E.SHIBAHARA

**DOUBLES**

Winners (1): 2019 - Tianjin (w/Aoyama).

Finalists (2): 2019 - 125/Newport Beach (w/Carter); Bogotá (w/Carter), San Jose (w/Aoyama).
Doubles Team Profile & Performance - ST. PETERSBURG

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All data as at Monday, Feb 10 2020

**KAITLYN CHRISTIAN**

DOB: Nov 17, 1990 (29)
Residence: H (...
Height: H (...
Prize Career: $294,333
Prize YTD: $17,324
Career High Singles Rank: 570 (Sep 25 2017)
Career High Doubles Rank: 38 (Feb 25 2019)
0 / 0 WTA Singles Titles - YTD / Career: 0 / 0
0 / 0 WTA Doubles Titles - YTD / Career: 0 / 1

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**ALEXA GUARACHI**

DOB: Nov 17, 1990 (29)
Residence: H (...
Height: H (...
Prize Career: $205,443
Prize YTD: $17,324
Career High Singles Rank: 347 (Nov 02 2015)
Career High Doubles Rank: 49 (Feb 03 2020)
0 / 0 WTA Singles Titles - YTD / Career: 0 / 0
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**PREVIOUS APPEARANCES AS TEAM**

TOURNAMENT - WON (None)

TOURNAMENT - RUNNER UP (1)
- 2019 Luxembourg (Hard) I. C.Gauff/C.Mcnally 6-2  6-2

OTHER RESULTS (BEST ROUND REACHED)
- QF at 2020 Adelaide (Hard) I. N.Melichar/Y.Xu 6-2  7-6(9)
- R16 at 2020 Auckland (Hard) I. A.Muhammad/T.Townsend 6-2  7-6(4)
- R16 at 2019 Linz (Hard) I. C.Gauff/C.Mcnally 6-2  6-3
- R16 at 2019 Hobart (Hard) I. I.Begu/M.Buzarnescu 1-6  6-3  10-8
- R16 at 2017 Hong Kong (Hard) I. E.Hozumi/M.Kato 6-1  4-6  10-6
- R32 at 2020 Australian Open (Hard) I. H.Chan/L.Chan 6-4  6-2

**TOURNAMENT HISTORY - DOUBLES**

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All data as at Monday, Feb 10 2020

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### CAREER IN REVIEW

#### DOUBLES

- **Finalist (1): 2019 - Istanbul (w/Santamaria).**
ST. PETERSBURG LADIES TROPHY – SEMIFINALS


First meeting
Sakkari is seeking her third career final at Tour level and first since lifting her maiden title at 2019 Rabat...
Rybakina is the current match win leader on Tour in 2020 (14-2 record) and ace leader (96)

EKATERINA ALEXANDROVA (RUS #28) vs. [2] KIKI BERTENS (NED #8)

First meeting
Alexandrova is bidding to become the first ever Russian woman to reach the St. Petersburg final...
Bertens recorded her 100th career main draw victory on hardcourts during QF win over Potapova

A LOOK AT THE SEMIFINALISTS

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### ROAD TO THE SEMIFINALS

**[6] MARIA SAKKARI (GRE #21)**
- **QF:** d. [1] BELINDA BENCIC (SUI #5) 2-6, 6-4, 6-3 (2h08)
- **R16:** d. ALIZÉ CORNET (FRA #61) 6-2, 6-4 (1h25)
- **R32:** d. VITALIA DIATCHENKO (RUS #89) 3-6, 6-4, 7-6(3) (2h38)

Total games: 77
Won/lost: 42-35
Sets won/lost: 6-2
Total time on court: 6h11
Average time on court: 2h04
Average rank of opponent: 52

**[8] ELENA RYBAKINA (KAZ #25)**
- **QF:** d. OCEANE DODIN (FRA #159) 6-7(5), 7-5, 6-2 (2h27)
- **R16:** d. FIONA FERRO (FRA #58) 6-3, 6-4 (1h12)
- **R32:** d. KATERINA SINIAKOVA (CZE #59) 6-3, 6-4 (1h19)

Total games: 71
Won/lost: 43-28
Sets won/lost: 6-1
Total time on court: 4h58
Average time on court: 1h39
Average rank of opponent: 92

### ST. PETERSBURG Tournament History

**MARIA SAKKARI**
- **2019**
  - R1: L - JULIA GOERGES (GER #16) 6-2, 7-5

**ELENA RYBAKINA**
- **2018**
  - QF: L - JULIA GOERGES (GER #12) 6-3, 6-3
SAKKARI:

**St. Petersburg**

- Making third consecutive appearance at St. Petersburg Ladies Trophy
- Fell in 1r in back-to-back years, falling to Goerges in both 2018 and 2019
- Defeated Diatchenko in 1r on Monday saving a match point, having also defeated the Russian two weeks ago at Adelaide
- Has now won six of her last eight meetings against Russian opposition since the start of 2019, having defeated Zvonareva and Pavlyuchenkova (both at 2019 Rome), Alexandrova (2019 San Jose), Diatchenko (2020 Adelaide) and Gasparyan (2020 Australian Open). Losses came to Kudermetova (2019 Istanbul) and Pavlyuchenkova (2019 Moscow)
- Fired 21 winners against No.61 Cornet to enter first QF of 2020 prior to recording third Top 5 win of career over No.5 Bencic to reach SF stage
- Competing this week on a career-high ranking of No.21 (achieved February 3, 2020). By contrast, was ranked No.38 this time last year. Has chance to make Top 20 debut this week should she win the title in addition to Alexandrova/Rybakina results
- Takes on No.25 Rybakina for the first time in their careers in today’s SF battle
- Seeking third career final and second on hardcourt, also San Jose (2018)
- Was 1-2 in SF last year (2-6 overall in such matches in her career), w/lone victory leading to maiden career title at Rabat (def. Konta in F)
- Owned an 8-12 mark vs Top 25 opponents last season
- Tied for most tiebreak set wins on tour this year w/four (undefeated in such scenarios)
- A win today would mark No.80 of career in main draw matches

**Season**

- Coming off a run to the R16 at Australian Open (l. Kvitova) – her best result at the majors – to become the first Greek woman to reach this stage at a Grand Slam since Eleni Daniilidou at 2004 Wimbledon
- Defeated No.11 Keys in 3r at Melbourne for her 14th career Top 20 victory (14-29 record)
- Achieved new career high ranking of No.21 following Melbourne
- Made 3r at Adelaide (l. Vekic) after a 1r exit at Brisbane (l. Osaka)

**Career**

- Finished 2019 at No.23 – the best year-end finish of her career (up from No.41 in 2018)
- Reached as high as World No.22 on October 21, 2019
- Season highlight was winning maiden WTA title at Rabat, recovering from a set and break down to defeat Konta in final
- Made 3r at Australian Open (l. Barty), Wimbledon (l. Svitolina) and US Open (l. Barty). Has now reached 3r - but never further - at the majors seven times
- Closed out season by qualifying for WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai for first time in career (fell in RR stage)
- 2018 season highlights included reaching her first tour-level final at San Jose (l. Buzarnescu), scoring first career Top 5 win after defeat of No.5 Ka.Pliskova in Rome as well as reaching SF at Istanbul (l. Hercog) and Seoul (l.Bertens)
- Notched first Top 10 victory of career over No.6 Wozniacki en route to first WTA SF of career at 2017 Wuhan Open
- Since then has posted a further six Top 10 wins, against No.5 Ka.Pliskova (2018 Rome), No.6 Bertens (2019 Charleston), No.5 Kvitova (2019 Rome, via ret.), No.7 Svitolina (2019 San Jose), No.6 Kvitova and No.9 Sabalenka (both at 2019 Cincinnati)
- Broke into Top 50 for first time at No.49 on October 9, 2017
- Reached first career WTA QF at 2016 Istanbul after qualifying to enter main draw (l. Kovinic) – at the time, achieved her then best win-by-ranking defeating No.34 Schmiedlova in 1r
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2012 Palermo
- Made debut on ITF Circuit in 2010; owns seven ITF Circuit singles titles and five in doubles

**Grand Slam History**

- Contested 17th Grand Slam main draw at 2020 Australian Open, where she recorded her career-best result by reaching R16 to become the first Greek woman to reach this stage at a Grand Slam since Eleni Daniilidou at 2004 Wimbledon
- By reaching 3r at 2017 Australian Open, became first Greek woman to reach this stage at a Slam since Daniilidou at 2005 Wimbledon (l. Pennetta)
At 2016 Australian Open, by reaching 2r (d. Y.Wang, l. Suárez Navarro) became the first woman from Greece to win a main draw match at a Slam since Daniilidou d. Ka.Pliskova at 2013 Australian Open

**Personal**

- Born and grew up in Athens, Greece, before moving to Barcelona aged 18 – has trained there for two years
- Mother, Angeliki Kanellopoulou, was tennis player too, however didn’t start because of her – just liked the sport.
- Tried karate and gymnastics but was thrown out of class for laughing too much
- Currently coached by Tom Hill

**RYBAKINA:**

**St. Petersburg**

- Making second main draw appearance at St. Petersburg
- Reached maiden QF of career by upsetting No.7 Garcia on debut run at the St. Petersburg Ladies' Trophy in 2018 (as qualifier, I. Goerges). Victory over Garcia was also maiden Top 10 win of career
- Following 3r run at the Australian Open (l. Barty), enters this week at a career-high ranking of No.25; by contrast, was ranked No.196 this time last year
- Dispatched No.59 Siniakova in 1r prior to overcoming No.58 Ferro in straight sets in 2r
- Saved match points en route to victory over No. 159 Dodin in 3s QF battle on Friday
- Extends perfect record to 7-0 against French players from tour-level main draw matches
- Has now won 35 of past 45 matches on Tour, sequence which began with her maiden title run at Bucharest last July
- Of the players born in 1999 and earlier, ranks fourth for most match wins at Tour-level (29), behind Vondrousova (52), Yastremska (43) and Anisimova (34)
- Takes on No.21 Sakkari for the first time in her career today, owns a 4-2 mark in SF matches over career
- Her 15 aces against Dodin in the last round elevates her to the new WTA Tour Ace Leader w/96 aces from 16 matches
- Now leads tour in most match wins (14-2); last season won 57 matches at all levels, rising nearly 150 ranking spots
- Needs to reach the final to secure Top 20 debut
- Has played second most 3s matches this season (five) and won all of them
- Youngest title winner this year at Hobart (20yrs, 6m, 29d)
- Owns a 4-2 mark vs Top 50 opponents this year, including 8-11 over course of career
- Is 2-3 vs Top 25 players dating back to beginning of 2019
- Seeking third final out of just four events played this year
- Since turning pro, has compiled a remarkable 72.7% win rate on tour (40-15)

**Season**

- Recorded career-best run at a Grand Slam by advancing to 3r at the Australian Open (l. Barty) - won back-to-back Major matches for the first time after two straight sets victories over Pera in 1r and Minnen in 2r
- Opened 2020 season with back-to-back final runs, first reaching the championship match at Shenzhen (l. Alexandrova in F) before claiming a second career title at Hobart (d. S.Zhang in F)

**Career Milestones**

- Finished 2019 season at No.37 to record first Top 50 finish of her career, up from 2018's final ranking of No.191
- During a breakout 2019 season, lifted maiden WTA singles title at Bucharest (d. Tig in F). Also advanced to second career final at Nanchang (l. Peterson) and made SF appearances at Luxembourg (l. Goerges) and ‘s-Hertogenbosch (l. Bertens)
- Additionally, made QF runs at Istanbul (l. Strycova), Wuhan (l. Sabalenka) and Linz (l. Osatapenko)
- Made Grand Slam main draw debut at 2019 Roland Garros, falling 1r (as qualifier, l. Siniakova). Also fell 1r at 2019 US Open (as qualifier, l. Muchova)
- On the ITF Circuit in 2019, lifted silverware on three occasions; back-to-back at $25K Moscow-RUS and $25K Kazan-RUS and at $60K ITF/Launceston-AUS. Now holds four singles and four doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Highlights of 2018 included reaching maiden WTA QF at St. Petersburg (l. Goerges) and clinching the title at $15k ITF/Kazan-RUS
- First Top 10 win came over No.7 Garcia at 2018 St. Petersburg. Has since added the defeat of No.6 Halep (2019 Wuhan) to list of Top 10 triumphs
• Ended 2017 ranked No.425, improving 191 spots from 2016 (finished at No.616)
• Holds four singles and four doubles titles on ITF Circuit
• Made WTA qualifying and main draw debut at 2017 Moscow (as qualifier, l. Begu in 1r)

**Grand Slam History**

• 2020 Australian Open marked her third career Grand Slam main draw where she recorded her career best appearance at a Major by advancing to 3r (l. Barty)
• Fell 1r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2019 Roland Garros (as qualifier, l. Siniakova)
• Also fell 1r at 2019 US Open (as qualifier, l. Muchova)
• Has also fallen in qualifying at other two majors, both in 2019
• In Juniors, reached two Grand Slam SFs at 2017 Australian Open and Roland Garros

**Personal**

• Trained at Spartak Club in Moscow as a junior
• Coached by Stefano Vukov; previous coaches included Andrei Cheshnokov (Elena Vesnina's former coach) and Evgenia Kulikovskaya
• Nominated for 2019 WTA Newcomer of the Year Award
• Started playing tennis aged five
EKATERINA ALEXANDROVA (RUS #28) vs. [2] KIKI BERTENS (NED #8)

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**ROAD TO THE SEMIFINALS**

**EKATERINA ALEXANDROVA (RUS #28)**

QF: d. [3] PETRA KVITOVA (CZE #11) W/O (0h00)
R16: d. [7] DONNA VEKIC (CRO #23) 6-1, 7-5 (1h20)
R32: d. DARIYA KASATKINA (RUS #71) 6-4, 3-6, 6-4 (1h59)

Total games: 48
Won/lost: 28-20
Sets won/lost: 4-1
Total time on court: 3h19
Average time on court: 1h40
Average rank of opponent: 53

**[2] KIKI BERTENS (NED #8)**

QF: d. ANASTASIA POTAPOVA (RUS #101) 6-4, 7-6(3) (1h50)
R16: d. VERONIKA KUDEMETOVA (RUS #38) 6-1, 6-2 (0h57)
R32: BYE

Total games: 38
Won/lost: 25-13
Sets won/lost: 4-0
Total time on court: 2h47
Average time on court: 1h24
Average rank of opponent: 70

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ALEXANDROVA:

**St Petersburg**

- Making second main draw appearance at St Petersburg, having advanced to QF in 2019 on a ranking of No.78 (as qualifier, l. Sabalenka)
- Fell in qualifying in 2017 and 2018
- Made Top 30 debut (at No.26) after capturing Shenzhen title in first week of this season and is now the highest-ranked Russian of seven women in this week’s Top 100 (as of February 12, 2020)
- Currently sits in eighth place on the Porsche Race to Shenzhen
- In 1r on Monday, defeated Kasatkina in three-sets. Is 5-0 in three-set matches this season (including Tour-level and Fed Cup)
- Fired 10 aces (the 14th match of her career with 10+ aces at a Tour-level event) and converted five and out six break points in 1r victory over her compatriot
- Defeated No.23 Vekic to book her second straight St. Petersburg QF and record her best win-by-ranking of 2020 and best overall since ousting No.5 Halep at 2019 Beijing
- Received walkover into the SF due to the withdrawal of Kvitova (illness). The Czech was the only player to halt Alexandrova since November during this year’s Australian Open 3r
- Is into her career first Premier-level SF. Overall record in SFs at Tour-level events is 2-3, most recently reaching this stage at the start of this season in Shenzhen, where she lifted her maiden WTA title (d. Rybakina in F)
- Faces No.8 Bertens today in their career first meeting. Holds two career wins over Top 10 ranked opponents, over No.10 Ostapenko at 2018 Seoul and No.5 Halep at 2019 Beijing (2-9 overall record)
- Bidding to become the first Russian to reach the final at St. Petersburg. Best result by her compatriots here were SF runs by Kasatkina (2016, 2018), Vikhlyantseva (2017) and Zvonareva (2019)
- Has recorded 16 wins from her previous 17 matches

**Season**

- Opened 2020 season by winning first tour-level WTA singles title at Shenzhen (d. Rybakina in F, having dispatched seeds Wang (QF) and Muguruza (SF) along the way
- Maintained win streak to seven by advancing to 3r at Australian Open – defeated Teichmann and Krejickova before falling to Kvitova
- Enjoyed first Grand Slam seeding in Melbourne – No.25
- Improved win-loss record for season to 9-1 by going 2-0 in last week’s Fed Cup qualifiers vs Romania – posted wins over Bogdan and Ruse)
Career

- Posted first Top 40 season finish in 2019, at No.35 (up from No.93 the year prior)
- Registered 30 tour-level match wins during 2019, in which she reached SF at Budapest, Seoul and Linz and made QF at St.Petersburg, 's-Hertogenbosch, Eastbourne and Moscow
- Made Top 50 debut after QF run at 's-Hertogenbosch (June 17, 2019)
- Other highlights in 2019 included upset of No.5 Halep en route to R16 at Beijing – the first win of her career over a Top 5 player – and 3r showing at Roland Garros
- Won first WTA doubles title at 2019 Budapest (w/Zvonareva)
- Reached maiden WTA final at 2018 Linz (l. Giorgi). Other notable results in 2018 were QF run at Seoul (d. No.10 Ostapenko en route for her first career Top 10 win) and lifted WTA 125K Series title at Limoges for second time
- Made Top 100 debut at No.93 after winning title at $60K ITF/Shenzhen-CHN (March 20, 2017)
- Won WTA 125K Series title at Limoges in 2016 (d. Garcia in F). Also in 2016 reached 2r at Wimbledon (won her way through qualifying, on first attempt to qualify at any Slam, upsetting No.23 seed Ivanovic in 1r)
- Reached 2r on WTA main draw debut at 2016 Katowice (as qualifier, l. eventual R-Up Giorgi)
- Contested qualifying for the first time at a WTA-level tournament at 2016 Bad Gastein
- Played first professional events of career on ITF Circuit in 2011

Grand Slam History

- 2020 Australian Open marked 14th Grand Slam main draw appearance; matched best Grand Slam result to date by reaching 3r (l. Kvitova)
- Also reached 3r at 2019 Roland Garros, defeating No.30 seed Mihaela Buzarnescu and former finalist Sam Stosur en route (l. Bolsova)
- Made Grand Slam debut at 2016 Wimbledon – defeated No.23 seed Ivanovic before falling to Friedsam in 2r
- Competed in all four majors for the first time in career in 2017, falling in 1r at Australian Open (l. compatriot Makarova) and Wimbledon (l. eventual champion Muguruza) and advancing to 2r at Roland Garros (l. Ka.Pliskova) and US Open (l. Garcia)

Personal

- Coached by her father, Evgeny Alexandrova and Petr Kralert, who both travel with her
- Born in Chelyabinsk, Russia, and began playing tennis at age six; remembers playing on holiday at Spain. Now trains in Prague, Czech Republic
- Prefers hardcourts; admires Serena Williams

BERTENS:

St. Petersburg

- Making fourth consecutive visit to St. Petersburg this week, returning as defending champion (d. Vekic last year in F)
- Fell in 1r in two previous trips, losing to Beck in 2017 and Zvonareva in 2018
- Lone Dutch representative competing in this week’s singles draw
- Following 1r bye, needed just 57 minutes to overturn No.38 Kudermetova in 2r. The Dutchwoman compiled a 9-4 strike rate last season when coming off a bye
- Recorded 100th main draw victory on hardcourts over No.101 Potapova in QF (100-104 record)
- Faces No.28 Alexandrova today in her first SF of 2020, and first overall since reaching the final at Zhuhai last October (l. Sabalenka); overall record in the SF stage is 14-12
- Is 3-1 vs. Top 30 ranked players this season, having defeated No.22 Yastremska and No.26 Kontaveit (both at Brisbane) and No.13 Sabalenka (Fed Cup). Sole loss came to No.4 Osaka at Brisbane
- Today marks her third straight match against a Russian opponent. Went 3-2 vs. such opponents in 2019 – d. Pavlyuchenkova (St. Petersburg), Vikhlyantseva (’s-Hertogenbosch) and Pavlyuchenkova (US Open)
- Aiming to defend a title for just the second time in her career (Nurnberg, 2016-17)
- Leads the WTA Tour in 2020 in first serve points won % (76.4)
Season

• Coming off thrilling Fed Cup tie against Belarus that saw the latter win 10-8 in third set tiebreak of deciding doubles rubber; scored wins in both singles matches (def. Sasnovich and Sabalenka), fell in doubles w/partner Schuurs
• Advanced to R16 at Melbourne, falling to eventual finalist Muguruza in straight sets
• Opened 2020 campaign at Brisbane International with QF performance (d. Yastremska and Kontaveit, l. Osaka)

Career Milestones

• Ended 2019 ranked No.9, her joint-best finish of career (also No.9 in 2018)
• Reached a career high ranking of World No.4 in 2019 following her first Premier Mandatory title at Madrid (defeated four Grand Slam champion en route - Ostapenko, Kvitova, Stephens and Halep in F).
• Also became first woman to win Madrid title without dropping a set
• Other season highlights included lifting the trophy at St. Petersburg (d. Vekic in F) and final runs at Palermo (l. Teichmann), Zhuhai (l. Sabalenka), and on home soil in ’s-Hertogenbosch (could not convert five championship points in loss to Riske)
• Also in 2019 became the third alternate to win a match at the WTA Finals since the round robin format was introduced in 2003 - also Bartoli (2007, 2011) and A.Radwanska (2008-09). Defeated No.1 Barty in Shenzhen to record her first win over the Australian and second win over a reigning World No.1, having also defeated Halep in 2018 Cincinnati final
• Won 55 matches in 2019 – the second most of the season, behind Barty (56)
• Struck 457 aces in 2019 - the second most on Tour behind Ka.Pliskova with 488
• Won the WTA Jerry Diamond ACES Award in 2019, granted to the player who consistently goes above and beyond in promoting the sport of women’s tennis to fans, media and local communities by performing off-court promotional and charitable initiatives
• Enjoyed a break-out year in 2018, reaching a career-best four singles finals across the season and breaking into the Top 10 (October 8, 2018) – first Dutch woman to be ranked in the Top 10 since Brenda Schultz-McCarthy in 1996
• Won the WTA’s Most Improved Player Award in 2018
• Lifted three titles in 2018, at Charleston (d. Goerges in F), Cincinnati (d. World No.1 Halep in F – saved 1mp) and Seoul (d. Tomljanovic in F). Reached one further final, at Premier Mandatory Madrid (l. Kvitova)
• Scored WTA-leading 12 Top 10 wins in 2018. Prior to 2018, only had three Top 10 wins in her career
• Also reached SF on WTA Finals debut in 2018 (l. Svitolina)
• Season highlights in 2017 were titles at Nürnberg and Gstaad, and posted first Premier Mandatory QF at Madrid
• Finished 2016 ranked No.22 in singles – big jump from her season-ending ranking of No.101 in 2015
• Played on Netherlands Olympic team at 2016 Rio Olympics – fell in 1r (l. Errani)
• Won maiden career singles title at 2012 Fès as a qualifier in just her second main draw appearance; currently owns 9-5 career record in singles finals
• Owner of 10 WTA doubles titles, most recently at 2018 Brisbane (w/Schuurs)
• Made WTA main draw debut as a wildcard at 2011 ’s-Hertogenbosch (l. 1r)
• Played first event of career on ITF Circuit in the Netherlands in 2006; has won seven singles titles and 11 doubles titles at this level
• Netherlands Fed Cup Team, 2011-2012, 2014-2020

Grand Slam History

• Contested 31st Grand Slam main draw appearance at 2020 Australian Open
• Deepest run across the Slams came with SF showing at 2016 Roland Garros (l. eventual R-Up S.Williams)
• Enjoyed her best result at Wimbledon in 2018 by reaching her second career Grand Slam QF (l. Goerges). Became first Dutch woman to reach QF at Wimbledon since Krajicek in 2007
• In 2018 reached 3r for first time at both Australian Open (l. eventual champion Wozniacki) and US Open (l. Vondrousova)
• Is a two-time Grand Slam quarterfinalist in doubles, at 2015 Australian Open (w/Larsson, l. Goerges/Groenefeld) and 2016 Roland Garros (w/Larsson, l. eventual champions Garcia/Mladenovic)

Grand Slam History
Personal

- Coached by former WTA player Elise Tamaela. Formerly coached by Raemon Sluiter (announced the end of their four-year partnership in November)
- In November 2019, married her husband Remko de Rijke, who has been involved as part of her team as a physio and fitness coach. The two announced their engagement in November 2018
- Won the 2019 WTA Jerry Diamond ACES Award and the 2018 WTA Most Improved Player of the Year Award
- Fan-voted as May 2019 WTA Player of the Month
- Parents are Rob and Doré; sisters are Joyce and Daisy
- Started playing at age 6. Tennis idol growing up was Kim Clijsters
ST. PETERSBURG LADIES TROPHY – DAY 5

**[Q] OCEANE DODIN (FRA #159) vs. [8] ELENA RYBAKINA (RUS #25)**

*First meeting*

In 2r action, **Dodin** defeated No.14 Konta to record the second Top 20 scalp of her career... **Rybakina** looks to extend perfect 6-0 record against French players

**[1] [WC] BELINDA BENCIC (SUI #5) vs. [6] MARIA SAKKARI (GRE #21)**

*First meeting*

**Bencic** advanced to the championship match on debut appearance here in 2016... Currently holding a 2-6 record, **Sakkari** bids to notch her career third Top 5 victory

**[Q] ANASTASIA POTAPOVA (RUS #101) vs. [2] KIKI BERTENS (NED #8)**

*First meeting*

**Potapova** enters maiden Premier-level QF of her career... Returning as defending champion, **Bertens** aims to defend a title for just the second time

**EKATERINA ALEXANDROVA (RUS #28) vs. [3] PETRA KVITOVA (CZE #11)**

*Kvitova leads 1-0*

**Alexandrova** has won 16 of her last 17 matches, with sole loss coming against today's opponent... **Kvitova** is a former champion here, lifting the trophy in 2018
[Q] OCEANE DODIN (FRA #159) vs. [8] ELENA RYBAKINA (KAZ #25)

Head to Head: 0-0

ROAD TO THE QUARTERFINALS

[Q] OCEANE DODIN (FRA #159)

**R2-Q:** d. FIONA FERRO (FRA #58) 7-6(7), 7-6(5) (1h54)

**R1-Q:** d. ( #102) 6-4, 6-2 (1h03)

**R16:** d. [4] JOHANNA KONTA (GBR #14) 6-3, 6-4 (1h27)

**R32:** d. VIKTORIA KUZMOVA (SVK #65) 6-2, 6-2 (1h08)

Total games: 35
Won/lost: 24-11
Sets won/lost: 4-0
Total time on court: 2h35
Average time on court: 1h18
Average rank of opponent: 40

[8] ELENA RYBAKINA (KAZ #25)

**R16:** d. FIONA FERRO (FRA #58) 6-3, 6-4 (1h12)

**R32:** d. KATERINA SINIAKOVA (CZE #59) 6-3, 6-4 (1h19)

Total games: 38
Won/lost: 24-14
Sets won/lost: 4-0
Total time on court: 2h31
Average time on court: 1h16
Average rank of opponent: 59

ST. PETERSBURG Tournament History

"-Q" Qualifying match

**OCEANE DODIN**

2018

R16-Q  L - VERA LAPKO (BLR #133) 7-5, 6-4

**ELENA RYBAKINA**

2018

QF  L - JULIA GOERGES (GER #12) 6-3, 6-3

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DODIN:

St. Petersburg

- Making first main draw appearance in St. Petersburg (second overall)
- Previously fell during 2018 qualifying (l. Lapko)
- Defeated No.64 Kuzmova to record first tour-level main draw victory since defeating Cepede Royg at 2018 Miami
- Overcame No.14 Konta in 2r to record second Top 20 victory of her career; now owns a 2-9 record vs Top 20 opponents with sole other victory coming against No.5 Cibulkova at 2017 Madrid
- Victory over Konta in 2r was first set of back-to-back tour-level wins since advancing to SF at 2017 Washington DC (l. Makarova)
- Faces No.25 Rybakina today for the pair’s first meeting; bidding for first tour-level SF appearance since 2017 Washington D.C (l. Makarova)
- Enters the St. Petersburg Ladies Trophy ranked No.159, up from last year’s ranking of No.332 during this same week

Season

- Fell in qualifying at Australian Open (l. Flink)

Career Milestones

- In 2019, recorded 1-3 record in ITF finals - advanced to final at $25k ITF/Corroios-PRT (l. Ozgen in F), $25k ITF/Koksijde-BEL (l. Hogenkam in F) and $25k ITF/St. Etienne-FRA (l. Bogdan via walkover) while lifting a trophy on home soil at $25k ITF/Cherbourg-FRA (d. Tan in F) to record her ninth ITF Circuit singles title
- Advanced through qualifying at the 2018 Miami Open to defeat Cepede Royg in 1r, her sole tour-level main draw win of 2018 (l. Halep)
- Posted second Top 100 season finish in 2017, reaching career high WTA singles ranking No.46 on June 12
- Highlights included SF at Washington DC (l. Makarova) and first Premier Mandatory R16 at 2017 Madrid (l. Mladenovic)
- Captured maiden career title at 2016 Québec City (d. Davis in F) on ranking of No.132. Following this result, made Top 100 debut (September 19, 2016)
- Québec City run formed centerpiece of 16-match win streak that began with title at $25k ITF/Barcelona-ESP and concluded with SF effort at $25k ITF/Clermont-Ferrand-FRA
- Also appeared in QF at 2016 Linz (as qualifier, l. Keys)
- Ended 2016 season by defeating Davis in final of $100k ITF/Poitiers-FRA – her eighth ITF Circuit singles title
- Made tour-level debut in 2015 at Australian Open (as a wildcard), then reached Strasbourg main draw as a lucky loser, received another WC into Roland Garros, bowed out of the 1r at ’s-Hertogenbosch, made 2r at US Open (defeating 2008 runner-up Jankovic) and fell 1r at Luxembourg (as qualifier)

Grand Slam History

- 2018 Roland Garros marked her 11th Grand Slam main draw appearance
- Fell to Bouchard in 1r of 2018 Australian Open and to Watson in 1r of 2018 Roland Garros
- Reached 2r in major debut as a wildcard at 2015 Australian Open (d. Riske, l. Ka.Pliskova)
- Suffered a 1r exit in Wimbledon debut in 2017 (l. Safarova)

Personal

- Is an only child; started playing tennis with parents; father is a tennis coach and mother travels with her
- Favorite surface is hard; favorite shot is serve; favorite tournament is Australian Open (made tour-level main draw debut there and won first main draw match)
- Coached by father Frederic Dodin
- Tennis idols are Maria Sharapova and Roger Federer
- Short-term goal this year is to reach Top 50 and long-term goal is to be No.1
- Has always trained in France and is supported by the French Tennis Federation
RYBAKINA:

St. Petersburg

- Making second main draw appearance at St. Petersburg
- Reached maiden QF of career by upsetting No.7 Garcia on debut run at the St. Petersburg Ladies' Trophy in 2018 (as qualifier, l. Goerges). Victory over Garcia was also maiden Top 10 win of career
- Following 3r run at the Australian Open (l. Barty), enters this week at a career-high ranking of No.25; by contrast, was ranked No.196 this time last year
- Dispatched No.59 Siniakova in 1r to improve win-loss record this season to 12-2
- Overcame No.58 Ferro in straight sets in 2r
- Faces No. 159 Dodin in QF today; hasn't fallen to a player outside the Top 100 since being overturned by No.141 Flink during qualifying at 2019 Wimbledon
- Looking to extend perfect 6-0 record against French players from tour-level main draws
- Has now won 34 of past 44 matches on Tour, sequence which began with her maiden title run at Bucharest last July

Season

- Recorded career-best run at a Grand Slam by advancing to 3r at the Australian Open (l. Barty) - won back-to-back Major matches for the first time after two straight sets victories over Pera in 1r and Minnen in 2r
- Opened 2020 season with back-to-back final runs, first reaching the championship match at Shenzhen (l. Alexandrova in F) before claiming a second career title at Hobart (d. S.Zhang in F)

Career Milestones

- Finished 2019 season at No.37 to record first Top 50 finish of her career, up from 2018’s final ranking of No.191
- During a breakout 2019 season, lifted maiden WTA singles title at Bucharest (d. Tig in F). Also advanced to second career final at Nanchang (l. Peterson) and made SF appearances at Luxembourg (l. Goerges) and ‘s-Hertogenbosch (l. Bertens)
- Additionally, made QF runs at Istanbul (l. Strycova), Wuhan (l. Sabalenka) and Linz (l. Osatapenko)
- Made Grand Slam main draw debut at 2019 Roland Garros, falling 1r (as qualifier, l. Siniakova). Also fell 1r at 2019 US Open (as qualifier, l. Muchova)
- On the ITF Circuit in 2019, lifted silverware on three occasions; back-to-back at $25K Moscow-RUS and $25K Kazan-RUS and at $60K ITF/Launceston-AUS. Now holds four singles and four doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Highlights of 2018 included reaching maiden WTA QF at St. Petersburg (l. Goerges) and clinching the title at $15k ITF/Kazan-RUS
- First Top 10 win came over No.7 Garcia at 2018 St. Petersburg. Has since added the defeat of No.6 Halep (2019 Wuhan) to list of Top 10 triumphs
- Ended 2017 ranked No.425, improving 191 spots from 2016 (finished at No.616)
- Holds four singles and four doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Made WTA qualifying and main draw debut at 2017 Moscow (as qualifier, l. Begu in 1r)

Grand Slam History

- 2020 Australian Open marked her third career Grand Slam main draw where she recorded her career best appearance at a Major by advancing to 3r (l. Barty)
- Fell 1r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2019 Roland Garros (as qualifier, l. Siniakova)
- Also fell 1r at 2019 US Open (as qualifier, l. Muchova)
- Has also fallen in qualifying at other two majors, both in 2019
- In Juniors, reached two Grand Slam SFs at 2017 Australian Open and Roland Garros

Personal

- Trained at Spartak Club in Moscow as a junior
- Coached by Stefano Vukov; previous coaches included Andrei Cheshnokov (Elena Vesnina’s former coach) and Evgenia Kulikovskaya
- Nominated for 2019 WTA Newcomer of the Year Award
- Started playing tennis aged five
[1] BELINDA BENCIC (SUI #5) vs. [6] MARIA SAKKARI (GRE #21)

Head to Head: 0-0

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ROAD TO THE QUARTERFINALS

[1] BELINDA BENCIC (SUI #5)

R16: d. SVETLANA KUZNETSOVA (RUS #49) 7-6(4), 6-4 (1h44)
R32: BYE

Total games: 23
Won/lost: 13-10
Sets won/lost: 2-0
Total time on court: 1h44
Average time on court: 1h44
Average rank of opponent: 49

[6] MARIA SAKKARI (GRE #21)

R16: d. ALIZÉ CORNET (FRA #61) 6-2, 6-4 (1h25)
R32: d. VITALIA DIATCHENKO (RUS #89) 3-6, 6-4, 7-6(3) (2h38)

Total games: 50
Won/lost: 28-22
Sets won/lost: 4-1
Total time on court: 4h03
Average time on court: 2h02
Average rank of opponent: 75
St. Petersburg

- Making third main draw appearance at St. Petersburg this week (fourth overall), as No.1 seed
- Best result was runner up finish on debut here in 2016 (l. Vinci in F)
- Suffered 1r exit in 2017 (l. Kasatkina). Fell in qualifying here last year (l. Kudermetova)
- After 1r bye, ousted hometown favorite and fellow wildcard Kuznetsova to extend record against the Russian to 3-1
- Faces No.21 Sakkari in QF today for their first career meeting
- Enters this tournament at a career high ranking of No.5. By contrast, this time last year was ranked No.45

Season

- Made QF exit at Adelaide (l. Collins) and fell 3r at Melbourne Park (l. Kontaveit)
- Opened 2020 season with 1r exit at Shenzhen (l. Blinkova)

Career Milestones

- Enjoyed a stellar season in 2019, in which she lifted two titles – at Dubai (d. Kvitova in F) and Moscow (d. Pavlyuchenkova in F)
- Posted a career-best 49 Tour-level match wins in 2019 - only Ka.Pliskova (52), Barty (54) and Bertens (55) scored more. By contrast, posted a combined total of 37 wins at this level across 2016-18
- Victory in Moscow ensured she became first Swiss to compete in singles at the WTA Finals since Hingis in 2006, going on to reach SF at the season-ending showpiece in Shenzhen
- Equaled her career-high ranking of No.7 following Moscow title run (October 21, 2019)
- Also in 2019, marked 20th Grand Slam main draw by reaching her maiden major SF at US Open (l. eventual champion Andreescu), finished R-Up at Mallorca (l. Kenin after holding 3mp at 5-4 in second set) and advanced to SF at Hobart, Indian Wells and Madrid
- Led the WTA with six victories over Top 5 players last season, including upsets over No.1 Osaka at Indian Wells, Madrid and US Open
- Standout results in 2018 were R-Up finish at Luxembourg (as qualifier, l. Goerges), QF at New Haven and Washington, D.C., and R16 run at Wimbledon
- In first round at 2018 Australian Open, defeated No.5 V.Williams. Having also upset then-No.1 S.Williams in SF at 2015 Toronto is one of seven women to defeat both Williams sisters before their 21st birthday (also Hingis, Sharapova, Clijsters, Henin, Chakvetadze and Osaka)
- Underwent left wrist surgery in spring 2017, missing five months – ranking fell outside Top 300
- Run to 2016 St. Petersburg final saw her break into Top 10 (at No.9) for the first time in her career; became 116th player to
break into the Top 10 since computerized rankings were introduced in 1975. In the last 20 years, 11 players have made their Top 10 debut before their 19th birthday

- At 2015 Eastbourne, at 18y 109d, became second youngest player to win a WTA Premier level final (Wozniacki won 2008 New Haven aged 18y 43d)
- With 2015 Toronto triumph, became first teenager to win an event at Premier 5 level or higher since Azarenka at 2009 Miami
- Qualified for 2015 WTA Elite Trophy in Zhuhai however withdrew due to hand injury
- Won second WTA doubles title of career in 2015 at Washington, DC (w/Mladenovic), the first coming earlier in the year at Prague (w/Siniakova)
- Voted 2014 WTA Newcomer of the Year after a campaign highlighted by R-Up finish at Tianjin (l. Riske) and QF run at 2014 US Open (defeated No.7 Kerber in 3r, No.10 Jankovic in R16); at 17 years of age, was youngest player through to last eight at Flushing Meadows since 1997 when Hingis won the title
- Played first WTA qualifying event at Luxembourg in October 2011, and first WTA main draw 12 months later at same event as WC (l. V.Williams, 1r); only 15 years, 7 months at the time
- Won junior singles titles at Roland Garros and Wimbledon in 2013; was named ITF Junior World Champion for 2013

**Grand Slam History**

- 2020 Australian Open marked 21st Grand Slam main draw appearance
- Best result came with SF run at 2019 US Open (l. eventual champion Andreescu)
- Next best Grand Slam singles result was QF at 2014 US Open; defeated two Top 10 players en route (No.7 Kerber in 3r, No.10 Jankovic in R16)
- Has made R16 at Australian Open in 2016 (l. Sharapova) and at Wimbledon in 2015 (l. Azarenka) and 2018 (l. eventual champion Kerber). Best result at Roland Garros is 3r in 2019 (l. Vekic)

**Personal**

- Fitness trainer is Martin Hromkovic, a former football player from Slovakia
- Split from coach Vlado Platenik at the end of 2018; has worked extensively with Melanie Molitor and Martina Hingis, as well as her father, Ivan, in the past
- Also holds Slovak citizenship through her parents
- Includes Nike, Yonex and Rolex among her sponsors

**SAKKARI:**

**St. Petersburg**

- Making third consecutive appearance at St. Petersburg Ladies Trophy
- Fell in 1r in back-to-back years, falling to Goerges in both 2018 and 2019
- Defeated Diatchenko in 1r on Monday, having also defeated the Russian two weeks ago at Adelaide
- Has now won six of her last eight meetings against Russian opposition since the start of 2019, having defeated Zvonareva and Pavlyuchenkova (both at 2019 Rome), Alexandrova (2019 San Jose), Diatchenko (2020 Adelaide) and Gasparyan (2020 Australian Open). Losses came to Kudermetova (2019 Istanbul) and Pavlyuchenkova (2019 Moscow)
- Fired 21 winners against No.61 Cornet to enter first QF of 2020
- Squares off against No.5 Bencic; bidding to record third Top 5 win of career, currently 2-6 vs. the Top 5 overall with wins coming against No.5 Kvitova at 2019 Rome and No.5 Pliskova at 2018 Rome
- Her last five losses came to the hands of Top 20 ranked players, including No.8 Kvitova (2020 Australian Open), No.20 Vekic (2020 Adelaide), No.4 Osaka (2020 Brisbane), No.18 Mertens and No.14 Sabalenka (both at 2019 Zhuhai)
- Competing this week on a career-high ranking of No.21 (achieved February 3, 2020). By contrast, was ranked No.38 this time last year

**Season**

- Coming off a run to the R16 at Australian Open (l. Kvitova) – her best result at the majors – to become the first Greek woman to reach this stage at a Grand Slam since Eleni Daniilidou at 2004 Wimbledon
- Defeated No.11 Keys in 3r at Melbourne for her 14th career Top 20 victory (14-29 record)
- Achieved new career high ranking of No.21 following Melbourne
• Made 2r at Adelaide (l. Vekic) after a 1r exit at Brisbane (l. Osaka)

**Career**

• Finished 2019 at No.23 – the best year-end finish of her career (up from No.41 in 2018)
• Reached as high as World No.22 on October 21, 2019
• Season highlight was winning maiden WTA title at Rabat, recovering from a set and break down to defeat Konta in final
• Made 3r at Australian Open (l. Barty), Wimbledon (l. Svitolina) and US Open (l. Barty). Has now reached 3r - but never further - at the majors seven times
• Closed out season by qualifying for WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai for first time in career (fell in RR stage)
• 2018 season highlights included reaching her first tour-level final at San Jose (l. Buzarnescu), scoring first career Top 5 win after defeat of No.5 Ka.Pliskova in Rome as well as reaching SF at Istanbul (l. Hercog) and Seoul (l.Bertens)
• Notched first Top 10 victory of career over No.6 Wozniacki en route to first WTA SF of career at 2017 Wuhan Open
• Since then has posted a further six Top 10 wins, against No.5 Ka.Pliskova (2018 Rome), No.6 Bertens (2019 Charleston), No.5 Kvitova (2019 Rome, via ret.), No.7 Svitolina (2019 San Jose), No.6 Kvitova and No.9 Sabalenka (both at 2019 Cincinnati)
• Broke into Top 50 for first time at No.49 on October 9, 2017
• Reached first career WTA QF at 2016 Istanbul after qualifying to enter main draw (l. Kovinic) – at the time, achieved her then best win-by-ranking defeating No.34 Schmiedlova in 1r
• Made WTA qualifying debut at 2012 Palermo
• Made debut on ITF Circuit in 2010; owns seven ITF Circuit singles titles and five in doubles

**Grand Slam History**

• Contested 17th Grand Slam main draw at 2020 Australian Open, where she recorded her career-best result by reaching R16 to become the first Greek woman to reach this stage at a Grand Slam since Eleni Daniilidou at 2004 Wimbledon
• By reaching 3r at 2017 Australian Open, became first Greek woman to reach this stage at a Slam since Daniilidou at 2005 Wimbledon (l. Pennetta)
• At 2016 Australian Open, by reaching 2r (d. Y.Wang, l. Suárez Navarro) became the first woman from Greece to win a main draw match at a Slam since Daniilidou d. Ka.Pliskova at 2013 Australian Open

**Personal**

• Born and grew up in Athens, Greece, before moving to Barcelona aged 18 – has trained there for two years
• Mother, Angeliki Kanellopoulou, was tennis player too, however didn’t start because of her – just liked the sport.
• Tried karate and gymnastics but was thrown out of class for laughing too much
• Currently coached by Tom Hill
[Q] ANASTASIA POTAPOVA (RUS #101) vs. [2] KIKI BERTENS (NED #8)

Head to Head: 0-0

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**ANASTASIA POTAPOVA**

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**ROAD TO THE QUARTERFINALS**

[Q] ANASTASIA POTAPOVA (RUS #101)

- **R2-Q:** d. PAULINE PARMENTIER (FRA #131) 6-3, 6-1 (1h16)
- **R1-Q:** d. MARTINA DI GIUSEPPE (ITA #183) 6-1, 6-4 (1h02)
- **R16:** d. AJLA TOMLJANOVIC (CRO #57) 7-6(2), 6-3 (1h33)
- **R32:** d. LUDMILLA SAMSONOVA (ITA #114) 6-2, 6-4 (1h19)

Total games: 40
Won/lost: 25-15
Sets won/lost: 4-0
Total time on court: 2h52
Average time on court: 1h26
Average rank of opponent: 86

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[2] KIKI BERTENS (NED #8)

- **R16:** d. VERONIKA KUDEMETOVA (RUS #38) 6-1, 6-2 (0h57)
- **R32:** BYE

Total games: 15
Won/lost: 12-3
Sets won/lost: 2-0
Total time on court: 0h57
Average time on court: 0h57
Average rank of opponent: 38
POTAPOVA:

- Making second career main draw appearance in St. Petersburg this week after bowing out at R16 stage in 2018 (l. Wozniacki)
- Battled through Di Giuseppe and Parmentier in qualifying round to advance to main draw
- Defeated fellow qualifier and Russian Samsonova in 1r action
- Dispatched No.57 Tomljanovic in 2r to record first victory over Top 60 ranked player since Rogers Cup last August (d. No.35 S.Zhang)
- In maiden Premier-level QF, takes on No.8 Bertens for their first meeting; bidding to record second Top 10 scalp of her career with sole victory coming against No.5 Kerber at 2019 Roland Garros
- One of seven Russians to begin main draw this week, and one of just two home country players remaining (also Alexandrova)
- Youngest singles player in this year’s draw at 18 years old (March 30, 2001)

Season

- Coming in off 1r exit to Serena Williams at Australian Open
- Fell in 2r qualifying at Adelaide International, following 3r qualifying loss in Brisbane the week prior to begin 2020 season

Career Milestones

- Finished last season ranked No.93 after a season highlighted by SF at Budapest (l. Vondrousova) and Jurmala (l. Sevastova)
- Posted career-high ranking of No.64 on July 22
- Also in 2019, reached 2r on seven occasions, including at Australian Open, Roland Garros and Wimbledon. Scored first Top 10 win over No.5 Kerber at Roland Garros
- In doubles, won title at Lausanne w/Sizikova
- Ended 2018 ranked No.94 for first finish inside Top 100
- Season highlighted by R-Up finishes at Tashkent (as qualifier, l. Gasparyan) and at Moscow [River Cup] (l. Danilovic)
- Also won doubles title at Moscow [River Cup] w/Zvonareva (d. Panova/Voskoboeva in F)
- Made Fed Cup debut during defeat to Slovakia in February (l. Kuzmova)
- Reached 2r at St. Petersburg in February (l. Wozniacki). Win over Maria in 1r was first at tour level
- On ITF Circuit owns one singles and two doubles titles
- Climbed to No.1 in the junior world rankings following 2016 junior Wimbledon title

Grand Slam History

- Contested sixth Grand Slam main draw at 2020 Australian Open
- Best results are 2r showings at Australian Open (l. Keys), Roland Garros (l. Vondrousova) and Wimbledon (l. Martic) in 2019
- Negotiated qualifying without dropping a set, to reach career first main draw at a Grand Slam at 2017 Wimbledon (l. Maria in 1r)
- At 16 years and three months, became youngest player to successfully navigate Slam qualifying since Ana Konjih, who had just turned 16 when she did it at 2014 Australian Open
• Captured 2016 Wimbledon girls junior title, having to win final point three separate times after two challenge overrules – title lifted her to Junior World No.1
• In junior doubles, posted two runner-up finishes at 2015 US Open and 2016 Roland Garros

Personal
• Grandmother, and former Russian national team coach, inspired her to start playing tennis
• Trains at her agent Alexander Ostrovsky’s Acadamy in Khimki
• Currently coached by Iain Hughes
• Enjoys playing basketball

BERTENS:

St. Petersburg
• Making fourth consecutive visit to St. Petersburg this week, returning as defending champion (d. Vekic last year in F)
• Fell in 1r in two previous trips, losing to Beck in 2017 and Zvonareva in 2018
• Lone Dutch representative competing in this week’s singles draw
• Needed just 57 minutes to overturn No.38 Kudermetova in 2r
• Faces No.101 Potapova in today’s QF; hasn’t fallen to a player outside the Top 100 since 2019 Linz QF (l. eventual champion, No. 110 Guaff)
• A win today would be main draw victory No.100 on hardcourts
• The Dutchwoman compiled a 9-4 strike rate last season when coming off a bye
• Leads the WTA Tour in 2020 in first serve points won % (76.4)
• Aiming to defend a title for just the second time in her career (Nurnberg, 2016-17)

Season
• Coming off thrilling Fed Cup tie against Belarus that saw the latter win 10-8 in third set tiebreak of deciding doubles rubber; scored wins in both singles matches (def. Sasnovich and Sabalenka), fell in doubles w/partner Schuurs)
• Advanced to R16 at Melbourne, falling to eventual finalist Muguruza in straight sets
• Opened up 2020 campaign at Brisbane International with QF performance (d. Yastremska and Kontaveit, l. Osaka)

Career Milestones
• Ended 2019 ranked No.9, her joint-best finish of career (also No.9 in 2018)
• Reached a career high ranking of World No.4 in 2019 following her first Premier Mandatory title at Madrid (defeated four Grand Slam champion en route - Ostapenko, Kvitova, Stephens and Halep in F).
• Also became first woman to win Madrid title without dropping a set
• Other season highlights included lifting the trophy at St. Petersburg (d. Vekic in F) and final runs at Palermo (l. Teichmann), Zhuhai (l. Sabalenka), and on home soil in ’s-Hertogenbosch (could not convert five championship points in loss to Riske)
• Also in 2019 became the third alternate to win a match at the WTA Finals since the round robin format was introduced in 2003 - also Bartoli (2007, 2011) and A.Radwanska (2008-09). Defeated No.1 Barty in Shenzhen to record her first win over the Australian and second win over a reigning World No.1, having also defeated Halep in 2018 Cincinnati final
• Won 55 matches in 2019 – the second most of the season, behind Barty (56)
• Struck 457 aces in 2019 - the second most on Tour behind Ka.Pliskova with 488
• Won the WTA Jerry Diamond ACES Award in 2019, granted to the player who consistently goes above and beyond in promoting the sport of women's tennis to fans, media and local communities by performing off-court promotional and charitable initiatives
• Enjoyed a break-out year in 2018, reaching a career-best four singles finals across the season and breaking into the Top 10 (October 8, 2018) – first Dutch woman to be ranked in the Top 10 since Brenda Schultz-McCarthy in 1996
• Won the WTA’s Most Improved Player Award in 2018
• Lifted three titles in 2018, at Charleston (d. Goerges in F), Cincinnati (d. World No.1 Halep in F – saved 1mp) and Seoul (d. Tomljanovic in F). Reached one further final, at Premier Mandatory Madrid (l. Kvitova)
• Scored WTA-leading 12 Top 10 wins in 2018. Prior to 2018, only had three Top 10 wins in her career
• Also reached SF on WTA Finals debut in 2018 (l. Svitolina)
• Season highlights in 2017 were titles at Nürnberg and Gstaad, and posted first Premier Mandatory QF at Madrid
• Finished 2016 ranked No.22 in singles – big jump from her season-ending ranking of No.101 in 2015
• Played on Netherlands Olympic team at 2016 Rio Olympics – fell in 1r (l. Errani)
• Won maiden career singles title at 2012 Fès as a qualifier in just her second main draw appearance; currently owns 9-5 career record in singles finals
• Owner of 10 WTA doubles titles, most recently at 2018 Brisbane (w/Schuurs)
• Made WTA main draw debut as a wildcard at 2011 ’s-Hertogenbosch (l. 1r)
• Played first event of career on ITF Circuit in the Netherlands in 2006; has won seven singles titles and 11 doubles titles at this level
• Netherlands Fed Cup Team, 2011-2012, 2014-2020

**Grand Slam History**

• Contested 31st Grand Slam main draw appearance at 2020 Australian Open
• Deepest run across the Slams came with SF showing at 2016 Roland Garros (l. eventual R-Up S.Williams)
• Enjoyed her best result at Wimbledon in 2018 by reaching her second career Grand Slam QF (l. Goerges). Became first Dutch woman to reach QF at Wimbledon since Krajicek in 2007
• In 2018 reached 3r for first time at both Australian Open (l. eventual champion Wozniacki) and US Open (l. Vondrousova)
• Is a two-time Grand Slam quarterfinalist in doubles, at 2015 Australian Open (w/Larsson, l. Goerges/Groenefeld) and 2016 Roland Garros (w/Larsson, l. eventual champions Garcia/Mladenovic)

**Personal**

• Coached by former WTA player Elise Tamaela. Formerly coached by Raemon Sluiter (announced the end of their four-year partnership in November)
• In November 2019, married her husband Remko de Rijke, who has been involved as part of her team as a physio and fitness coach. The two announced their engagement in November 2018
• Won the 2019 WTA Jerry Diamond ACES Award and the 2018 WTA Most Improved Player of the Year Award
• Fan-voted as May 2019 WTA Player of the Month
• Parents are Rob and Doré; sisters are Joyce and Daisy
• Started playing at age 6. Tennis idol growing up was Kim Clijsters
EKATERINA ALEXANDROVA (RUS #28) vs. [3] PETRA KVITOVA (CZE #11)

Head to Head: PETRA KVITOVA leads 1-0

2020 AUSTRALIAN OPEN HARD O R3 PETRA KVITOVA 6-1 6-2 58 mins

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**ROAD TO THE QUARTERFINALS**

EKATERINA ALEXANDROVA (RUS #28)

- **R16**: d. [7] DONNA VEKIC (CRO #23) 6-1,7-5 (1h20)
- **R32**: d. DARIA KASATKINA (RUS #71) 6-4,3-6,6-4 (1h59)

Total games: 48
Won/lost: 28-20
Sets won/lost: 4-1
Total time on court: 3h19
Average time on court: 1h40
Average rank of opponent: 47

[3] PETRA KVITOVA (CZE #11)

- **R16**: d. ALISON VAN UYTVANCK (BEL #47) 7-6(1),1-6,6-2 (2h16)
- **R32**: BYE

Total games: 28
Won/lost: 14-14
Sets won/lost: 2-1
Total time on court: 2h16
Average time on court: 2h16
Average rank of opponent: 47

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ALEXANDROVA:

**St Petersburg**

- Making second main draw appearance at St Petersburg, having advanced to QF in 2019 on a ranking of No.78 (as qualifier, l. Sabalenka)
- Fell in qualifying in 2017 and 2018
- Made Top 30 debut (at No.26) after capturing Shenzhen title in first week of this season and is now the highest-ranked Russian of seven women in this week’s Top 100 (week of February 12, 2020)
- Currently sits in eighth place on the Porsche Race to Shenzhen
- In 1r on Monday, defeated Kasatkina in three-sets. Is 5-0 in three-set matches this season (including Tour-level and Fed Cup)
- Fired 10 aces (the 14th match of her career with 10+ aces at a Tour-level event) and converted five and out six break points in 1r victory over her compatriot
- Defeated No.23 Vekic to book her second straight St. Petersburg QF and record her best win-by-ranking of 2020 and best overall since ousting No.5 Halep at 2019 Beijing
- Squares off against No.11 Kvitova, bidding to avenge her loss to the Czech during 3r of this year’s Australian Open – the only player to halt Alexandrova since November
- Has recorded 16 wins from her previous 17 matches

**Season**

- Opened 2020 season by winning first tour-level WTA singles title at Shenzhen (d. Rybakina in F, having dispatched seeds Wang (QF) and Muguruza (SF) along the way
- Maintained win streak to seven by advancing to 3r at Australian Open – defeated Teichmann and Krejickova before falling to Kvitova
- Enjoyed first Grand Slam seeding in Melbourne – No.25
- Improved win-loss record for season to 9-1 by going 2-0 in last week’s Fed Cup qualifiers vs Romania – posted wins over Bogdan and Ruse

**Career Milestones**

- Posted first Top 40 season finish in 2019, at No.35 (up from No.93 the year prior)
- Registered 30 tour-level match wins during 2019, in which she reached SF at Budapest, Seoul and Linz and made QF at St.Petersburg, ‘s-Hertogenbosch, Eastbourne and Moscow
- Made Top 50 debut after QF run at ‘s-Hertogenbosch (June 17, 2019)
- Other highlights in 2019 included upset of No.5 Halep en route to R16 at Beijing – the first win of her career over a Top 5 player – and 3r showing at Roland Garros
Won first WTA doubles title at 2019 Budapest (w/Zvonareva)
Reached maiden WTA final at 2018 Linz (l. Giorgi). Other notable results in 2018 were QF run at Seoul (d. No.10 Ostapenko en route for her first career Top 10 win) and lifted WTA 125K Series title at Limoges for second time
Made Top 100 debut at No.93 after winning title at $60K ITF/Shenzhen-CHN (March 20, 2017)
Won WTA 125K Series title at Limoges in 2016 (d. Garcia in F). Also in 2016 reached 2r at Wimbledon (won her way through qualifying, on first attempt to qualify at any Slam, upsetting No.23 seed Ivanovic in 1r)
Reached 2r on WTA main draw debut at 2016 Katowice (as qualifier, l. eventual R-Up Giorgi)
Contested qualifying for the first time at a WTA-level tournament at 2014 Bad Gastein
Played first professional events of career on ITF Circuit in 2011

Grand Slam History

2020 Australian Open marked 14th Grand Slam main draw appearance; matched best Grand Slam result to date by reaching 3r (l. Kvitova)
Also reached 3r at 2019 Roland Garros, defeating No.30 seed Mihaela Buzarnescu and former finalist Sam Stosur en route (l. Bolsova)
Made Grand Slam debut at 2016 Wimbledon – defeated No.23 seed Ivanovic before falling to Friedsam in 2r
Competed in all four majors for the first time in career in 2017, falling in 1r at Australian Open (l. compatriot Makarova) and Wimbledon (l. eventual champion Muguruza) and advancing to 2r at Roland Garros (l. Ka.Pliskova) and US Open (l. Garcia)

Personal

Coached by her father, Evgeny Alexandrova and Petr Kralert, who both travel with her
Born in Chelyabinsk, Russia, and began playing tennis at age six; remembers playing on holiday at Spain. Now trains in Prague, Czech Republic
Prefers hardcourts; admires Serena Williams

KVITOVA:

St. Petersburg

Making third consecutive appearance at St. Petersburg this week
Defeated three consecutive Top 20 players en route to title here in 2018 (d. No.6 Ostapenko, No.12 Goerges and No.10 Mladenovic in F). Fell at QF stage last year to Vekic
Currently sits in fifth place on the Porsche Race to Shenzhen
After 1r bye, defeated No.47 Van Utyvanck after a challenging 2 hour and 16-minute battle
Faces inspired No.28 Alexandrova today in QF. Halted the Russian No.1’s nine match win streak by defeating her during 3r at 2020 Australian Open (l. Barty)
Among active players, owns the most wins in indoor hardcourt events (77)
One of three Czech women in the starting field this week (also Siniakova and Vondrousova)

Season

Opened season at Brisbane, reaching SF (l. R-Up Keys) before withdrawing from Adelaide w/fatigue
Fell to No.1 Barty in QF at Australian Open

Career Milestones

Ended 2019 ranked No.7 for second consecutive year ending in Top 10 and seventh time in her career
Captured 26th and 27th career titles in 2019 at Sydney (d. Barty) and Stuttgart (d. Kontaveit)
Made final at 2019 Australian Open for third career Grand Slam final appearance - result boosted her to World No.2 matching her career high ranking
Qualified for WTA Finals in Shenzhen for seventh time (went 0-3 in group play)
• Won a WTA-leading five titles in 2018, at St Petersburg (d. Mladenovic in F), Doha (d. Muguruza in F), Prague (d. Buzarnescu in F), Madrid (d. Bertens in F) and Birmingham (d. Rybarikova in F). Ended the year ranked No.7 – sixth career Top 10 finish, and first since 2015 (up from No.29 in 2017)
• Titles in 2018 came on all three surfaces – first player to win a title on three different surfaces in a season since S. Williams in 2015
• Including 2019, has won at least one title every year dating back to 2011
• Began 2017 season in May at Roland Garros (2r, l. Mattek-Sands) after a knife attack in her home in Czech Republic on December 20, 2016; required extensive surgery to left hand
• Won title at 2017 Birmingham. Other season highlights included a SF showing at Beijing (l. eventual champion Garcia) and equaled best result at US Open by advancing to QF (l. V. Williams)
• Won two singles titles in 2016, at Wuhan and the WTA Elite Trophy in Zhuhai
• Contested Rio Olympics in August 2016, winning the singles bronze medal (l. Puig in SF, d. Keys in bronze medal play-off)
• Runner-up at 2015 WTA Finals in Singapore (l. A. Radwanska in 3s). Former champion at the season finale, which she won on her event debut in 2011 (d. Azarenka in F)
• At 2012 Sydney was two wins from becoming No.1 (had won Wimbledon and WTA Finals in previous six months)
• Member of Czech Republic’s Fed Cup winning team in 2011-12, 2014-16 and 2018
• Made pro debut on ITF Circuit in Czech Republic in 2006

**Grand Slam History**

• 2020 Australian Open marked 45th Grand Slam main draw appearance
• Winner of two major singles titles: 2011 Wimbledon (d. Sharapova) and 2014 Wimbledon (d. Bouchard)
• Was first player born in 1990s to win a Grand Slam title (since joined by Muguruza, Ostapenko, Stephens, Wozniacki, Halep, Osaka and Barty)
• Best result at Melbourne Park came with runner-up finish in 2019 - the last Czech woman to reach the final at Melbourne Park was Novotna in 1991 (l. Seles); last Czech to win the Australian Open title was Mandlikova in 1987 (d. Navratilova)
• Other Grand Slam highlights are SF at 2012 Australian Open (l. Sharapova) and 2012 Roland Garros (l. eventual champion Sharapova), and QF runs at 2017 US Open (l. V. Williams) and 2015 US Open (l. eventual champion Pennetta)

**Personal**

• Won the 2019 Karen Krantzcke Sportsmanship Award, as voted by her WTA peers for the eighth time in career
• A global ambassador for Right To Play International, a charity which helps children to learn through sport
• Current coach is Jiri Vanek
• Parents are Jiri and Pavla
ST. PETERSBURG LADIES TROPHY – DAY 4

[Q] ALIZÉ CORNET (FRA #61) vs. [6] MARIA SAKKARI (GRE #21)

Sakkari leads 2-0
First meeting between the pair since 2017 Wuhan... Cornet is on a three match winning streak for the first time since 2019 Lausanne final run... Sakkari is bidding for first QF appearance of 2020

ALISON VAN UYTVANCK (BEL #47) vs. [3] PETRA KVITOVA (CZE #11)

First meeting
Van Uytvanck’s 1r win marked first Top 50 victory since defeating No.38 Siniakova last year at Mallorca... Kvitova is a former champion here, lifting the trophy in 2018

[7] DONNA VEKIC (CRO #23) vs. EKATERINA ALEXANDROVA (RUS #28)

Vekic leads 1-0
First meeting since 2017 Budapest... Vekic is making her fourth consecutive appearance in St. Petersburg... Alexandrova is the highest ranked Russian woman in the Top 100

VERONIKA KUDERMETOVA (RUS #38) vs. [2] KIKI BERTENS (NED #8)

First meeting
Kudermetova is competing this week on a career-high ranking of No.38... Bertens is returning as defending champion... Kudermetova is bidding for her first Top 10 win of the season
[Q] ALIZÉ CORNET (FRA #61) vs. [6] MARIA SAKKARI (GRE #21)

Head to Head: MARIA SAKKARI leads 2-0

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**MARIA SAKKARI**

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**ROAD TO THE SECOND ROUND**

[Q] ALIZÉ CORNET (FRA #61)

R2-Q: d. VERA ZVONAREVA (RUS #474) 6-3,6-4 (1h42)
R1-Q: d. VALENTYNA IVAKHNENKO (RUS #233) 6-2,6-1 (1h02)
R32: d. JELENA OSTAPENKO (LAT #40) 6-1,6-2 (1h02)

Total games: 15
Won/lost: 12-3
Sets won/lost: 2-0
Total time on court: 1h02
Average time on court: 1h02
Average rank of opponent: 40

[6] MARIA SAKKARI (GRE #21)

R32: d. VITALIA DIATCHENKO (RUS #89) 3-6,6-4,7-6(3) (2h38)

Total games: 32
Won/lost: 16-16
Sets won/lost: 2-1
Total time on court: 2h38
Average time on court: 2h38
Average rank of opponent: 89
CORNET:

**St. Petersburg**

- Ousted Ivakhnenko and Zvonareva in qualifying to advance to fourth consecutive main draw appearance in St. Petersburg
- Has fell at the hands of a Russian opponent each year here, including back-to-back R16 performances in 2017 (l. Vesnina) and 2018 (l. Kasatkina). Fell in 1r to Pavlyuchenkova in 2019
- Defeated No.40 Ostapenko in 1r on Wednesday, winning 86% of her first service points and saving two out of two break points; now owns 111-189 mark vs Top 50 opponents in career
- The win over Ostapenko marked first victory over a former Grand Slam champion since defeating Wozniacki last year at Madrid (via ret.)
- Has now won three rounds at an event (incl. qualifying) for the first time since reaching the Lausanne final last July
- Faces No.21 Sakkari today in their third career meeting, having fallen to the Greek at 2017 Australian Open and Wuhan
- A win today would mark her second best win-by-ranking of the season, having previously defeated No.15 Martic at Auckland
- Has compiled the most 3-set matches played in 2020, with a 100% win-rate (4/4)

**Season**

- First event since falling to No.20 Vekic in 2r at Australian Open
- Reached R16 at Hobart International (l. No.30 Rybakina)
- Began season with QF performance at Auckland (l. eventual runner-up Pegula)

**Career**

- Finished 2019 ranked No.60 - had previously enjoyed seven consecutive Top 50 finishes
- 2019 highlight was reaching Lausanne final (l. Ferro as the defending champion) - has reached at least one WTA final in six of last seven seasons
- Part of victorious Fed Cup team for France who defeated Australia in Perth 3-2 to be crown 2019 champions (did not play)
- In 2018, won sixth career title at Gstaad (d. Minella in F), and reached two further QFs at Brisbane and Charleston
- Other five career titles came at 2008 Budapest, 2012 Bad Gastein, 2014 Strasbourg, 2014 Katowice and 2016 Hobart; owns 6-7 career record in finals
- Former World No.11 (achieved in February 2009) who broke back into Top 20 at end of 2014 for first time since May 2009; dropped out of Top 20 again after 2015 Dubai
- Owns five wins over Top 3 ranked opponents: No.1 S. Williams (2014 Dubai, 2014 Wimbledon and 2014 Wuhan via ret.), No.3 A.Radwanska (2014 Katowice) and No.2 Halep (2015 Madrid); wins over S.Williams made her the first player to defeat the American in three straight meetings since Henin in 2007
- Qualified for 2013 and 2014 Tournament of Champions in Sofia, Bulgaria
- Three-time doubles champion: 2008 Budapest (w/Husarova), 2010 Strasbourg (w/King), 2015 Hong Kong (w/Shvedova)
**Grand Slam History**

- 2020 Australian Open marked 53rd consecutive Grand Slam main draw appearance – the longest streak among active players. However, among active players also has the most Grand Slam appearances (56 including 2020 Australian Open) without reaching a quarterfinal.
- Reached R16 on four occasions, at Australian Open in 2009 (l. Safina), Wimbledon in 2014 (l. eventual runner-up Bouchard) and Roland Garros in 2015 (l. Svitolína) and 2017 (l. Garcia).
- Best showing at US Open is 3r (2007-08, 2013-14).

**Personal**

- Father is Francis (retired); mother is Patricia; brother is Sébastien (PhD, also her agent).
- Sponsors include BMW, Babolat and Lotto.

**SAKKARI:**

**St. Petersburg**

- Making third consecutive appearance at St. Petersburg Ladies Trophy.
- Fell in 1r in back-to-back years, falling to Goerges in both 2018 and 2019.
- Defeated Diatchenko in 1r on Monday, having also defeated the Russian two weeks ago at Adelaide.
- Has now won six of her last eight meetings against Russian opposition since the start of 2019, having defeated Zvonareva and Pavlyuchenkova (both at 2019 Rome), Alexandrova (2019 San Jose), Diatchenko (2020 Adelaide) and Gasparyan (2020 Australian Open). Losses came to Kudermetova (2019 Istanbul) and Pavlyuchenkova (2019 Moscow).
- Faces No.61 Cornet today - defeated the Frenchwoman in their two previous meetings at 2017 Australian Open and Wuhan.
- Her last five losses came to the hands of Top 20 ranked players, including No.8 Kvitova (2020 Australian Open), No.20 Vekic (2020 Adelaide), No.4 Osaka (2020 Brisbane), No.18 Mertens and No.14 Sabalenka (both at 2019 Zhuhai).
- Competing this week on a career-high ranking of No.21 (achieved February 3, 2020). By contrast, was ranked No.38 this time last year.

**Season**

- Coming off a run to the R16 at Australian Open (l. Kvitova) – her best result at the majors – to become the first Greek woman to reach this stage at a Grand Slam since Eleni Daniilidou at 2004 Wimbledon.
- Defeated No.11 Keys in 3r at Melbourne for her 14th career Top 20 victory (14-29 record).
- Achieved new career high ranking of No.21 following Melbourne.
- Made 2r at Adelaide (l. Vekic) after a 1r exit at Brisbane (l. Osaka).

**Career**

- Finished 2019 at No.23 – the best year-end finish of her career (up from No.41 in 2018).
- Reached as high as World No.22 on October 21, 2019.
- Season highlight was winning maiden WTA title at Rabat, recovering from a set and break down to defeat Konta in final.
- Made 3r at Australian Open (l. Barty), Wimbledon (l. Svitolína) and US Open (l. Barty). Has now reached 3r - but never further - at the majors seven times.
- Closed out season by qualifying for WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai for first time in career (fell in RR stage).
- 2018 season highlights included reaching her first tour-level final at San Jose (l. Buzarnescu), scoring first career Top 5 win after defeat of No.5 Ka.Pliskova in Rome as well as reaching SF at Istanbul (l. Hercog) and Seoul (l.Bertens).
Notched first Top 10 victory of career over No.6 Wozniacki en route to first WTA SF of career at 2017 Wuhan Open
Since then has posted a further six Top 10 wins, against No.5 Ka.Pliskova (2018 Rome), No.6 Bertens (2019 Charleston), No.5 Kvitova (2019 Rome, via ret.), No.7 Svitolina (2019 San Jose), No.6 Kvitova and No.9 Sabalenka (both at 2019 Cincinnati)
Broke into Top 50 for first time at No.49 on October 9, 2017
Reached first career WTA QF at 2016 Istanbul after qualifying to enter main draw (l. Kovinic) – at the time, achieved her then best win-by-ranking defeating No.34 Schmiedlova in 1r
Made WTA qualifying debut at 2012 Palermo
Made debut on ITF Circuit in 2010; owns seven ITF Circuit singles titles and five in doubles

**Grand Slam History**

- Contested 17th Grand Slam main draw at 2020 Australian Open, where she recorded her career-best result by reaching R16 to become the first Greek woman to reach this stage at a Grand Slam since Eleni Daniilidou at 2004 Wimbledon
- By reaching 3r at 2017 Australian Open, became first Greek woman to reach this stage at a Slam since Daniilidou at 2005 Wimbledon (l. Pennetta)
- At 2016 Australian Open, by reaching 2r (d. Y.Wang, l. Suárez Navarro) became the first woman from Greece to win a main draw match at a Slam since Daniilidou d. Ka.Pliskova at 2013 Australian Open

**Personal**

- Born and grew up in Athens, Greece, before moving to Barcelona aged 18 – has trained there for two years
- Mother, Angeliki Kanellopoulou, was tennis player too, however didn’t start because of her – just liked the sport.
- Tried karate and gymnastics but was thrown out of class for laughing too much
- Currently coached by Tom Hill
ALISON VAN UYTVANCK (BEL #47) vs. [3] PETRA KVITOVA (CZE #11)

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ROAD TO THE SECOND ROUND

ALISON VAN UYTVANCK (BEL #47)

R32: d. KRISTINA MLADENOVIC (FRA #37) 6-4,6-1 (1h18)

Total games: 17
Won/lost: 12-5
Sets won/lost: 2-0
Total time on court: 1h18
Average time on court: 1h18
Average rank of opponent: 37

[3] PETRA KVITOVA (CZE #11)

R32: BYE

Total games: 0
Won/lost: 0-0
Sets won/lost: 0-0
Total time on court: 0h00
Average time on court: 0h00
Average rank of opponent: 0
VAN UYTVA:CK:

St Petersburg

• Making second consecutive appearance in St. Petersburg this week
• Fell in 2r here last year to Sabalenka
• Upset No.37 and former champion Mladenovic for the third time in her career in 1r on Tuesday, having won both previous meetings, at 2015 Roland Garros and in Wuhan qualifying in 2014
• 1r win marked first Top 50 victory since defeating No.38 Siniakova last year at Mallorca
• Faces No.11 Kvitova in 2r today for the pairs first encounter; owns a 2-2 mark vs Top 20 opponents, with wins coming against No.3 Muguruza (2018 Wimbledon) and No.12 Ivanovic (2015 Luxembourg)
• Is the only Belgian women contesting this weeks draw

Season

• Coming off opening round exit at Australian Open (l. Ferro)
•Began 2020 season at Hobart International, falling in 1r in three sets to Cornet

Career

• Turned in one of best years of career in 2019, capturing two WTA titles, bringing career total to four, after hoisting trophies at Hungary and Tashkent
• Finished 2018 at No.50, her second Top 50 season. Career-best finish came in 2015, at No.42
• 2018 highlight was claiming her second tour-level title at Budapest, dropping only one set in the final (d. Cibulkova in F)
• Also enjoyed SF run at Linz (l. Giorgi) and posted best result at Wimbledon to date with R16 showing (l. Kasatkina)
• In 2018, represented Belgium in 3-2 Fed Cup World Group I defeat against France and play-off win over Italy (posted 2-0 record across both ties, d. Parmentier and Errani)
• 2017 season was highlighted by lifting first WTA singles title at Québec City (d. Babos in F)
• Reached two ITF singles finals in 2017, at $100k ITF/Ikley-GBR (l. Rybarikova in F) and $100k ITF/Poitiers-FRA (l. Buzarnescu in F)
• Won 10th and 11th ITF singles titles in 2016, at $50k ITF/Stockton-USA (d. Pavlovicova in F) and $50k ITF/Las Vegas-USA (d. Kenin in F)
• Advanced to one tour-level QF in 2016 at Québec City (l. eventual champion Dodin)
• Also in 2015, reached three tour-level SFs, at Katowice (l. Schmiedlova), Seoul (l. Begu) and Luxembourg (l. Doi)
 • Won WTA 125k event in Chinese Taipei in 2013
 • Career-high ranking is No.37 (August 13, 2018)
 • Owns 11 ITF singles titles and two ITF doubles titles
 • Contested first WTA qualifying event at 2011 Brussels, reaching 2r (l. Wickmayer)
2020 Australian Open marked 23rd Grand Slam main draw appearance
Deepest run at a major came in 2015, reaching QF at Roland Garros to become first Belgian to reach this stage in Paris since Henin won the title in 2007
Best result at Wimbledon was R16 showing in 2018 (l. Kasatkina)
Is yet to make it past 1r at Australian Open

Personal
- Mother is Krista Laemers; father is René Van Uytvanck; older brother is Sean, twin brother is Brett
- Began playing at age five
- Baseline whose favorite shot is serve

KVITOVA:

St. Petersburg
- Making third consecutive appearance at St. Petersburg this week
- Defeated three consecutive Top 20 players en route to title here in 2018 (d. No.6 Ostapenko, No.12 Goerges and No.10 Mladenovic in F). Fell at QF stage last year to Vekic
- After 1r bye, faces No.47 Van Utyvanck today in their first career meeting
- Among active players, owns the most wins in indoor hardcourt events (76)
- One of three Czech women in the starting field this week (also Siniakova and Vondrousova)

Season
- Opened season at Brisbane, reaching SF (l. R-Up Keys) before withdrawing from Adelaide with fatigue
- Fell to No.1 Barty in QF at Australian Open

Career
- Ended 2019 ranked No.7 for second consecutive year ending in Top 10 and seventh time in her career
- Captured 26th and 27th career titles in 2019 at Sydney (d. Barty) and Stuttgart (d. Kontaveit)
- Made final at 2019 Australian Open for third career Grand Slam final appearance - result boosted her to World No.2 matching her career high ranking
- Qualified for WTA Finals in Shenzhen for seventh time (went 0-3 in group play)
- Won a WTA-leading five titles in 2018, at St Peters burg (d. Mladenovic in F), Doha (d. Muguruza in F), Prague (d. Buzarnescu in F), Madrid (d. Bertens in F) and Birmingham (d. Rybarikova in F). Ended the year ranked No.7 – sixth career Top 10 finish, and first since 2015 (up from No.29 in 2017)
- Titles in 2018 came on all three surfaces – first player to win a title on three different surfaces in a season since S.Williams in 2015
- Including 2019, has won at least one title every year dating back to 2011
- Began 2017 season in May at Roland Garros (2r, l. Mattek-Sands) after a knife attack in her home in Czech Republic on December 20, 2016; required extensive surgery to left hand
- Won title at 2017 Birmingham. Other season highlights included a SF showing at Beijing (l. eventual champion Garcia) and equalled best result at US Open by advancing to QF (l. V. Williams)
- Won two singles titles in 2016, at Wuhan and the WTA Elite Trophy in Zhuhai
- Contested Rio Olympics in August 2016, winning the singles bronze medal (l. Puig in SF, d. Keys in bronze medal play-off)
- Runner-up at 2015 WTA Finals in Singapore (l. A.Radwansk in 3s). Former champion at the season finale, which she won on her event debut in 2011 (d. Azarenka in F)
- At 2012 Sydney was two wins from becoming No.1 (had won Wimbledon and WTA Finals in previous six months)
- Member of Czech Republic's Fed Cup winning team in 2011-12, 2014-16 and 2018
- Made pro debut on ITF Circuit in Czech Republic in 2006

Grand Slam History
- 2020 Australian Open marked 45th Grand Slam main draw appearance
- Winner of two major singles titles: 2011 Wimbledon (d. Sharapova) and 2014 Wimbledon (d. Bouchard)
• Was first player born in 1990s to win a Grand Slam title (since joined by Muguruza, Ostapenko, Stephens, Wozniacki, Halep, Osaka and Barty)
• Best result at Melbourne Park came with runner-up finish in 2019 - the last Czech woman to reach the final at Melbourne Park was Novotna in 1991 (l. Seles); last Czech to win the Australian Open title was Mandlikova in 1987 (d. Navratilova)
• Other Grand Slam highlights are SF at 2012 Australian Open (l. Sharapova) and 2012 Roland Garros (l. eventual champion Sharapova), and QF runs at 2017 US Open (l. V.Williams) and 2015 US Open (l. eventual champion Pennetta)

Personal

• Won the 2019 Karen Krantzcke Sportsmanship Award, as voted by her WTA peers for the eighth time in career
• A global ambassador for Right To Play International, a charity which helps children to learn through sport
• Current coach is Jiri Vanek
• Parents are Jiri and Pavla
[7] DONNA VEKIC (CRO #23) vs. EKATERINA ALEXANDROVA (RUS #28)

Head to Head: DONNA VEKIC leads 1-0

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DONNA VEKIC

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Road to the Second Round

[7] DONNA VEKIC (CRO #23)

R32: d. KRISTIE AHN (USA #97) 6-4, 6-1 (1h10)

Total games: 17
Won/lost: 12-5
Sets won/lost: 2-0
Total time on court: 1h10
Average time on court: 1h10
Average rank of opponent: 97

EKATERINA ALEXANDROVA (RUS #28)

R32: d. DARIJA KASATKINA (RUS #71) 6-4, 3-6, 6-4 (1h59)

Total games: 29
Won/lost: 15-14
Sets won/lost: 2-1
Total time on court: 1h59
Average time on court: 1h59
Average rank of opponent: 71
VEKIC:

**St. Petersburg**

- Making fourth consecutive main draw appearance in St. Petersburg this week
- Advanced to the final here last year, falling to Bertens
- Other notable result was R16 performance in 2017 (l. Cibulkova)
- Lone Croatian competing in the main draw at this year's event
- Ousted No.97 Ahn in 1r on Tuesday, now posting a 2-0 record against the American (career record vs. Americans is 24-22)
- Faces No.28 Alexandrova today in their second career meeting, and first since defeating the Russian at 2017 Budapest
- A win today would mark best second best-by-ranking of 2020, having previously defeated No.23 Sakkari at Adelaide
- Is 4-3 so far this season vs. Top 100 ranked opponents, and 105-122 overall in her career
- Has reached two finals at the same event once - at Nottingham, where she lifted the title in 2017 (d. Konta in F) and finished as R-Up in 2019 (l. Garcia in F)

**Season**

- Coming off 3r performance at Australian Open, falling to Swiatek in straight sets. Defeated Sharapova in straight sets in 1r
- Produced QF display at Adelaide International, falling to eventual finalist Yastremska
- Began 2020 campaign with 1r loss at Brisbane International to Putintseva

**Career**

- Ended 2019 ranked No.19 for career-best year-end finish (up from No.34 in 2018)
- Cracked the WTA Top 20 for the first time on October 21, 2019
- Produced career best Grand Slam result at 2019 US Open, where she reached QF (l. Bencic)
- Also in 2019, reached biggest final of career at Premier-level St. Petersburg (l. Bertens)
- Posted best win of career by ranking –and third over a Top 5 opponent –with defeat of No.2 Kvitova en route to St. Petersburg QF, bettering victories over No.4 Stephens at 2018 Wimbledon and No.4 Garcia at 2018 Tokyo [PPO]
- Grass court season saw her reach final at Nottingham (l. Garcia in thirdset tie-break)
- Qualified for WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai, however fell in RR stage
- Ended 2018 at then-career-high ranking of No.34, after registering 31 tour-level wins
- 2018 season highlighted by R-Up finish at Washington, DC (l. Kuznetsova after holding 4mp) – her first finals appearance since winning 2017 Nottingham
- Also made SF showings at Nottingham and Tokyo [PPO] and reached Grand Slam R16 for first time at Wimbledon (l. Goerges)
- Enjoyed a resurgent year in 2017, cracking the Top 50 in the week of July 24 and finishing campaign ranked No.54
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

Posted just four main draw wins across 2016, defeating Al Nabhani at Doha, Riske at Kaohsiung, Ivanovic at Cincinnati and Zhang at Tianjin

Highlights in 2015 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 2019 St. Petersburg and 2019 Nottingham, owns a 2-6 record in singles finals

Broke into Top 100 (at No.93) on January 28, 2013 Has won five ITF Circuit singles and one doubles title

Member of Croatian Fed Cup Team, 2012-15, 2017, 2019

Grand Slam History

- Played 26th Grand Slam main draw at 2020 Australian Open
- At 2019 US Open, posted her best Slam result, reaching the QF (l. Bencic)
- Has reached R16 at 2018 Wimbledon (l. Goerges) and 2019 Roland Garros (l. Konta)
- At Australian Open, best result was this year’s 3r run (l. Swiatek)

Personal

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

ALEXANDROVA:

St Petersburg

- Making second main draw appearance at St Petersburg, having advanced to QF in 2019 on a ranking of No.78 (as qualifier, l. Sabalenka)
- Fell in qualifying in 2017 and 2018
- Made Top 30 debut (at No.26) after capturing Shenzhen title in first week of this season and is now the highest-ranked Russian of seven women in this week’s Top 100 (week of February 12, 2020)
- Currently sits in eighth place on the Porsche Race to Shenzhen
- In 1r on Monday, defeated Kasatkina in three-sets. Is 5-0 in three-set matches this season (including Tour-level and Fed Cup)
- Fired 10 aces (the 14th match of her career with 10+ aces at a Tour-level event) and converted five and out six break points in 1r victory over her compatriot
- Faces No.23 Vekic today for a spot in her second straight St. Petersburg QF. A win today would mark her best-by-ranking of 2020 and best overall since ousting No.5 Halep at 2019 Beijing

Season

- Opened 2020 season by winning first tour-level WTA singles title at Shenzhen (d. Rybakina in F, having dispatched seeds Wang (QF) and Muguruza (SF) along the way
- Maintained win streak to seven by advancing to 3r at Australian Open – defeated Teichmann and Krejickova before falling to Kvitova
- Enjoyed first Grand Slam seeding in Melbourne – No.25
Improved win-loss record for season to 9-1 by going 2-0 in last week’s Fed Cup qualifiers vs Romania – posted wins over Bogdan and Ruse

Career

- Posted first Top 40 season finish in 2019, at No.35 (up from No.93 the year prior)
- Registered 30 tour-level match wins during 2019, in which she reached SF at Budapest, Seoul and Linz and made QF at St.Petersburg, ’s-Hertogenbosch, Eastbourne and Moscow
- Made Top 50 debut after QF run at ’s-Hertogenbosch (June 17, 2019)
- Other highlights in 2019 included upset of No.5 Halep en route to R16 at Beijing – the first win of her career over a Top 5 player – and 3r showing at Roland Garros
- Won first WTA doubles title at 2019 Budapest (w/Zvonareva)
- Reached maiden WTA final at 2018 Linz (I. Giorgi). Other notable results in 2018 were QF run at Seoul (d. No.10 Ostapenko en route for her first career Top 10 win) and lifted WTA 125K Series title at Limoges for second time
- Made Top 100 debut at No.93 after winning title at $60K ITF/Shenzhen-CHN (March 20, 2017)
- Won WTA 125K Series title at Limoges in 2016 (d. Garcia in F). Also in 2016 reached 2r at Wimbledon (won her way through qualifying, on first attempt to qualify at any Slam, upsetting No.23 seed Ivanovic in 1r)
- Reached 2r on WTA main draw debut at 2016 Katowice (as qualifier, l. eventual R-Up Giorgi)
- Contested qualifying for the first time at a WTA-level tournament at 2014 Bad Gastein
- Played first professional events of career on ITF Circuit in 2011

Grand Slam History

- 2020 Australian Open marked 14th Grand Slam main draw appearance; matched best Grand Slam result to date by reaching 3r (l. Kvitova)
- Also reached 3r at 2019 Roland Garros, defeating No.30 seed Mihaela Buzarnescu and former finalist Sam Stosur en route (l. Bolsova)
- Made Grand Slam debut at 2016 Wimbledon – defeated No.23 seed Ivanovic before falling to Friedsam in 2r
- Competed in all four majors for the first time in career in 2017, falling in 1r at Australian Open (l. compatriot Makarova) and Wimbledon (l. eventual champion Muguruza) and advancing to 2r at Roland Garros (l. Ka.Pliskova) and US Open (l. Garcia)

Personal

- Coached by her father, Evgeny Alexandrova and Petr Kralert, who both travel with her
- Born in Chelyabinsk, Russia, and began playing tennis at age six; remembers playing on holiday at Spain. Now trains in Prague, Czech Republic
- Prefers hardcourts; admires Serena Williams
VERONIKA KUDERMETOVA (RUS #38) vs. [2] KIKI BERTENS (NED #8)

Head to Head: 0-0

**ROAD TO THE SECOND ROUND**

**VERONIKA KUDERMETOVA (RUS #38)**

R32: d. YULIA PUTINTSEVA (KAZ #34) 7-6(4),1-6,7-5 (2h34)

- Total games: 32
- Won/lost: 15-17
- Sets won/lost: 2-1
- Total time on court: 2h34
- Average time on court: 2h34
- Average rank of opponent: 34

**[2] KIKI BERTENS (NED #8)**

R32: BYE

- Total games: 0
- Won/lost: 0-0
- Sets won/lost: 0-0
- Total time on court: 0h00
- Average time on court: 0h00
- Average rank of opponent: 0

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**WTA RANKING**

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**ST. PETERSBURG W-L (MD) * **

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* Updated entering 2020 St. Petersburg 2r
VERONIKA KUDERMETOVA

2019
R16 L - DONNA VEKIC (CRO #30) 6-4 6-3

2018
R1-Q L - ELENA RYBAKINA (KAZ #450) 3-6 6-3 6-2

2017
R1-Q L - PAULA CRISTINA GONCALVES (BRA #160) 6-3 6-4

KIKI BERTENS

2019
F W - DONNA VEKIC (CRO #30) 7-6(2) 6-4

2018
R1 L - VERA ZVONAREVA (RUS #197) 6-4

2017
R1 L - ANNIKA BECK (GER #67) 7-5 3-6 6-4

KUDERMETOVA:

St. Petersburg
- Making fourth appearance at St. Petersburg
- Fell 2r here last year (I. Vekic) and fell in qualifying in 2016 and 2017
- Enters St. Petersburg on a career-high ranking of No.38 (achieved February 3rd, 2020). In contrast, was ranked No.108 this time last year
- Defeated No.34 Putintseva last round in 3s to begin campaign here
- One of three Russians (of seven to begin event) remaining (also Alexandrova and Potapova)
- Takes on No.8 Bertens for a spot in the QFs
- Seeking 11th overall WTA QF appearance, having advanced to that stage eight times in 2019
- Owns a 14-11 record vs. Top 50 players
- Went 2-0 vs Top 10 opponents in 2019, defeating No.4 Svitolina (Moscow) and No.10 Bencic (Wuhan) in 3s

Season
- Fell 1r to Spain’ Sara Sorribes Tormo at Australian Open
- Posted SF run at Hobart (l. S.Zhang)
- Opened 2020 season by reaching final round of qualifying at Brisbane (l. Bouzkova)

Career Milestones
- Ended 2019 ranked No.41 for career-best year-end ranking, rising from No.115 at the end of 2018
- Played main draw at all four majors for first time in 2019, posting a career-best Grand Slam run to the 3r at Roland Garros, upsetting Wozniacki in 1r (l. Kanepi in 3r)
- Other 2019 highlights included SF finishes at ’s-Hertogenbosch (l. eventual champion Riske), Hiroshima (l. Doi) and Tianjin (l. Watson) and picked up the biggest title of career at WTA 125K Series event at Guadalajara (d. Bouzkova in F)
- Posted first two Top 10 wins of career in final weeks of 2019, defeating No.10 Bencic at Wuhan and No.4 Svitolina at Moscow
- Won career first WTA doubles title at 2019 Wuhan with Duan (d. Mertens/Sabalenka in F); also R-Up at Charleston (w/Khromacheva) and Lugano (w/Voskoboeva) in 2019
- Won biggest singles title of career at WTA 125K Series event at 2019 Guadalajara (d. Bouzkova in F)
- Made Top 100 debut at No.98 following 2019 St Petersburg, where she reached 2r as LL (week of February 4, 2019)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2018 Stuttgart, reaching 2r (d. No.25 Suarez Navarro, l. eventual champion Ka.Pliskova)
- Posted two QF runs in 2018, at ’s-Hertogenbosch (l. eventual champion Krunic) and Gstaad (l. Bouchard)
• Won two doubles titles in 2018 at WTA 125k Series events, at Mumbai (w/Dzalamidze) and Limoges (w/Voskoboeva). Also has titles at this level from Taipei in 2016 (w/Dzalamidze) and 2017 (w/Sabalenka)
• Made WTA qualifying debut at 2014 Moscow
• Contested first Tour-level match representing Russia in Fed Cup action in 2014 vs. Australia (l. Stosur)
• On ITF Circuit, owns four singles titles and 16 doubles titles

Grand Slam History

• 2020 Australian Open marked fifth Grand Slam main drawn appearance
• Contested the main draw at all four majors for the first time in 2019
• Best result so far at the Slams came with 3r run at Roland Garros (d. Wozniacki in 1r, l. Kanepi)
• Made 2r at 2019 US Open and fell 1r at 2019-20 Australian Open and 2019 US Open

Personal

• Coached by husband Sergey Demekhin, former coach of Vera Zvonareva
• Teenage sister, Polina, is on the junior circuit and contested Australian Open girls’ singles last January
• Born in Kazan, Russia. Based in Moscow and trains at CSKA club
• Off the court, has a passion for cooking and her specialty is roasted chicken with potatoes and garlic

BERTENS:

St. Petersburg

• Making fourth consecutive visit to St. Petersburg this week, returning as defending champion (d. Vekic last year in F)
• Fell in 1r in two previous trips, losing to Beck in 2017 and Zvonareva in 2018
• Lone Dutch representative competing in this week’s singles draw
• Faces off against No.38 Kudermetova for the first time in today’s 2r
• The Dutchwoman compiled a 9-4 strike rate last season when coming off a bye
• Leads the WTA Tour in 2020 in first serve points won % (76.4)
• Two wins shy of career main draw victory No.100 on hardcourts
• Aiming to defend a title for just the second time in her career (Nurnberg, 2016-17)

Season

• Coming off thrilling Fed Cup tie against Belarus that saw the latter win 10-8 in third set tiebreak of deciding doubles rubber; scored wins in both singles matches (def. Sasnovich and Sabalenka), fell in doubles w/partner Schuurs)
• Advanced to R16 at Melbourne, falling to eventual finalist Muguruza in straight sets
• Opened up 2020 campaign at Brisbane International with QF performance (d. Yastremska and Kontaveit, l. Osaka)

Career Milestones

• Ended 2019 ranked No.9, her joint-best finish of career (also No.9 in 2018)
• Reached a career high ranking of World No.4 in 2019 following her first Premier Mandatory title at Madrid (defeated four Grand Slam champion en route - Ostapenko, Kvitova, Stephens and Halep in F).
• Also became first woman to win Madrid title without dropping a set
• Other season highlights included lifting the trophy at St. Petersburg (d. Vekic in F) and final runs at Palermo (l. Teichmann), Zhuhai (l. Sabalenka), and on home soil in ‘s-Hertogenbosch (could not convert five championship points in loss to Riske)
• Also in 2019 became the third alternate to win a match at the WTA Finals since the round robin format was introduced in 2003 - also Bartoli (2007, 2011) and A.Radwanska (2008-09). Defeated No.1 Barty in Shenzhen to record her first win over the Australian and second win over a reigning World No.1, having also defeated Halep in 2018 Cincinnati final
• Won 55 matches in 2019 – the second most of the season, behind Barty (56)
• Struck 457 aces in 2019 - the second most on Tour behind Ka.Pliskova with 488
• Won the WTA Jerry Diamond ACES Award in 2019, granted to the player who consistently goes above and beyond in promoting the sport of women’s tennis to fans, media and local communities by performing off-court promotional and charitable initiatives

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

• Won the WTA’s Most Improved Player Award in 2018

• Lifted three titles in 2018, at Charleston (d. Goerges in F), Cincinnati (d. World No.1 Halep in F – saved 1mp) and Seoul (d. Tomljanovic in F). Reached one further final, at Premier Mandatory Madrid (l. Kvitova)

• Scored WTA-leading 12 Top 10 wins in 2018. Prior to 2018, only had three Top 10 wins in her career

• Also reached SF on WTA Finals debut in 2018 (l. Svitolina)

• Season highlights in 2017 were titles at Nürnberg and Gstaad, and posted first Premier Mandatory QF at Madrid

• Finished 2016 ranked No.22 in singles – big jump from her season-ending ranking of No.101 in 2015

• Played on Netherlands Olympic team at 2016 Rio Olympics – fell in 1r (l. Errani)

• Won maiden career singles title at 2012 Fès as a qualifier in just her second main draw appearance; currently owns 9-5 career record in singles finals

• Owner of 10 WTA doubles titles, most recently at 2018 Brisbane (w/Schuurs)

• Made WTA main draw debut as a wildcard at 2011 ‘s-Hertogenbosch (l. 1r)

• Played first event of career on ITF Circuit in the Netherlands in 2006; has won seven singles titles and 11 doubles titles at this level

• Netherlands Fed Cup Team, 2011-2012, 2014-2020

Grand Slam History

• Contested 31st Grand Slam main draw appearance at 2020 Australian Open

• Deepest run across the Slams came with SF showing at 2016 Roland Garros (l. eventual R-Up S.Williams)

• Enjoyed her best result at Wimbledon in 2018 by reaching her second career Grand Slam QF (l. Goerges). Became first Dutch woman to reach QF at Wimbledon since Krajicek in 2007

• In 2018 reached 3r for first time at both Australian Open (l. eventual champion Wozniacki) and US Open (l. Vondrousova)

• Is a two-time Grand Slam quarterfinalist in doubles, at 2015 Australian Open (w/Larsson, l. Goerges/Groenefeld) and 2016 Roland Garros (w/Larsson, l. eventual champions Garcia/Mladenovic)

Personal

• Coached by former WTA player Elise Tamaela. Formerly coached by Raemon Sluiter (announced the end of their four-year partnership in November)

• In November 2019, married her husband Remko de Rijke, who has been involved as part of her team as a physio and fitness coach. The two announced their engagement in November 2018

• Won the 2019 WTA Jerry Diamond ACES Award and the 2018 WTA Most Improved Player of the Year Award

• Fan-voted as May 2019 WTA Player of the Month

• Parents are Rob and Doré; sisters are Joyce and Daisy

• Started playing at age 6. Tennis idol growing up was Kim Clijsters
ST. PETERSBURG LADIES TROPHY – DAY 3

[Q] ALIZE CORNET (FRA #61) vs. JELENA OSTAPENKO (LAT #40)

Series tied 1-1

Cornet has compiled the most 3 set matches played in 2020, with a 100% win-rate...

Ostapenko defeated Cornet during their most recent encounter at 2019 Linz

AJLA TOMLJANOVIC (AUS #57) vs. [Q] ANASTASIA POTAPOVA (RUS #101)

First meeting

After 1r victory against No.17 Vondrousova, Tomljanovic notched first Top 20 win since 2019 China Open... From seven Russian players to contest the main draw, Potapova is one of just four remaining

[4] [WC] JOHANNA KONTA (GBR #14) vs. [Q] OCEANE DODIN (FRA #159)

Konta leads 1-0

Konta last defeated Dodin five years ago on the ITF circuit... Dodin bids to record first set of back-to-back tour-level wins since advancing to SF at 2017 Washington DC

[1] [WC] BELINDA BENCIC (SUI #5) vs. [WC] SVETLANA KUZNETSOVA (RUS #49)

Bencic leads 2-1

Bencic advanced to championship match on debut appearance here in 2016...

Kuznetsova owns 25 wins on Russian soil, second most amongst active players on tour

[LL] FIONA FERRO (FRA #58) vs. [8] ELENA RYBAKINA (RUS #25)

First meeting

Ferro is competing on a career high ranking of World No.58 (was ranked No.103 this time last year)... Rybakina looks to extend 5-0 record against French players
[Q] ALIZÉ CORNET (FRA #61) vs. JELENA OSTAPENKO (LAT #40)

Head to Head: 1-1

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ROAD TO THE SECOND ROUND

[Q] ALIZÉ CORNET (FRA #61)

R2-Q: d. VERA ZVONAREVA (RUS #474) 6-3,6-4 (1h42)

R1-Q: d. VALENTYNA IVAKHNENKO (RUS #233) 6-2,6-1 (1h02)

Total games: 0
Won/lost: 0-0
Sets won/lost: 0-0
Time on court: 0h00
Average time on court: 0h00
Average rank of opponent: 0

JELENA OSTAPENKO (LAT #40)

Total games: 0
Won/lost: 0-0
Sets won/lost: 0-0
Time on court: 0h00
Average time on court: 0h00
Average rank of opponent: 0

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ALIZÉ CORNET

2019
R1  L - ANASTASIA PAVLYUCHENKOVA (RUS #32)  7-5  7-6(4)

2018
R16  L - DARIA KASATKINA (RUS #23)  6-2  6-1

2017
R16  L - ELENA VESNINA (RUS #16)  2-6  6-3  6-3

JELENA OSTAPENKO

2019
R16  L - ANASTASIA PAVLYUCHENKOVA (RUS #32)  6-4  6-4

2018
QF  L - PETRA KVITOVA (CZE #29)  6-0  6-2

2017
R1  L - DONNA VEKIC (CRO #88)  6-0  6-4

2016
R1  L - YANINA WICKMAYER (BEL #55)  6-4  6-3

CORNET:

St. Petersburg

- Dropped Ivakhnenko and Zvonareva in qualifying to advance to fourth consecutive main draw appearance in St. Petersburg
- Has fell at the hands of a Russian opponent each year here
- Best results were back-to-back R16 performances in 2017 (l. Vesnina) and 2018 (l. Kasatkina)
- Fell 1r to Pavlyuchenkova last season
- Has compiled the most 3 set matches played in 2020, with a 100% win-rate (4/4)
- Takes on No.40 Ostapenko; owns 110-189 mark vs Top 50 opponents in career
- Lost last two matches vs Top 50 ranked player this year (No.20 Vekic, No.30 Rybakina)
- Aiming to win three rounds at an event (incl. qualifying) for the first time since making finals at Lausanne last July
- A win today would mark first victory over former Grand Slam champion since defeating Wozniacki last year at Madrid (3-0, retired)

Season

- First event since falling to No.20 Vekic in R64 at Australian Open
- Reached R16 at Hobart International (l. No.30 Rybakina)
- Began season with QF performance at Auckland (l. eventual runner-up Pegula)

Career

- Finished 2019 ranked No.60 - had previously enjoyed seven consecutive Top 50 finishes
- 2019 highlight was reaching Lausanne final (l. Ferro as defending champion) - has reached at least one WTA final in six of last seven seasons
- Part of victorious Fed Cup team for France who defeated Australia in Perth 3-2 to be crown 2019 champions (did not play)
- In 2018, won sixth career title at Gstaad (d. Minella in F), and reached two further QFs at Brisbane and Charleston
- Other five career titles came at 2008 Budapest, 2012 Bad Gastein, 2013 Strasbourg, 2014 Katowice and 2016 Hobart; owns 6-7 career record in finals
- Former World No.11 (achieved in February 2009) who broke back into Top 20 at end of 2014 for first time since May 2009; dropped out of Top 20 again after 2015 Dubai
- Owns five wins over Top 3 ranked opponents: No.1 S. Williams (2014 Dubai, 2014 Wimbledon and 2014 Wuhan via ret.), No.3 A.Rodwanska (2014 Katowice) and No.2 Halep (2015 Madrid); wins over S.Williams made her the first player to defeat the American in three straight meetings since Henin in 2007
- Qualified for 2013 and 2014 Tournament of Champions in Sofia, Bulgaria
- Three-time doubles champion: 2008 Budapest (w/Husarova), 2010 Strasbourg (w/King), 2015 Hong Kong (w/Shvedova)

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Grand Slam History

• 2020 Australian Open marked 53rd consecutive Grand Slam main draw appearance – the longest streak among active players. However, among active players also has the most Grand Slam appearances (56 including 2020 Australian Open) without reaching a quarterfinal.
• Reached R16 on four occasions, at Australian Open in 2009 (l. Safina), Wimbledon in 2014 (l. eventual runner-up Bouchard) and Roland Garros in 2015 (l. Svitolina) and 2017 (l. Garcia).
• Best showing at US Open is 3r (2007-08, 2013-14).
• Won 2007 Roland Garros girls’ singles (d. Duque-Mariño in F).

Personal

• Father is Francis (retired); mother is Patricia; brother is Sébastien (PhD, also her agent).
• Sponsors include BMW, Babolat and Lotto.
• Currently coached by Sandra Zaniewska. Worked with Pierre Bouteyre earlier in 2019.

OSTAPENKO:

St. Petersburg

• Making fifth consecutive main draw appearance in St. Petersburg this week.
• After 1r losses in 2016/17, produced best result here in 2018 with QF display (l. Kvitova). Lost in R16 last season to same player as Cornet (Pavlyuchenkova).
• Coming into St. Petersburg off heels of resurgent performance at Fed Cup tie vs. USA, defeating 2020 Australian Open champion Sofia Kenin in three sets and falling to Serena Williams in two tiebreak sets.
• Three of her four singles matches this season (incl. Fed Cup) have come against Top 10 ranked opponents.
• Faces off against No.61 Cornet today, after capturing their most recent meeting at 2019 Linz.
• Holds a 29-15 record vs qualifiers, including a 5-4 mark last season.

Season

• Began 2020 campaign with R64 showing at Australian Open, falling to No.7 Bencic in straight sets.

Career

• Ended 2019 season in fine style winning Luxembourg (d. Goerges in F) and finishing R-Up at Linz (l. Gauff); year-end ranking was No.44, having slipped as low as No.83 during the summer.
• Other highlights in 2019, included QF at Birmingham and 3r showings at US Open, Charleston, Eastbourne and Toronto.
• In doubles last year, won third WTA title at Luxembourg (w/Dabrowski) and finished R-Up at Jurmala (w/Voskoboeva) and Beijing (w/Yastremska).
• Finished 2018 season at No.22, with season highlighted by R-Up finish at Miami (l. Stephens). Record in singles finals now stands at 2-4.
• Saw off No.9 Kvitova and No.4 Svitolina during Miami run to register multiple Top 10 wins in the same tournament for the first time in her career.
• Elsewhere in 2018, made SF at Wimbledon (l. Kerber) and reached four further QFs.
• Won both singles rubbers (d. Makarova and Pavlyuchenkova in straight sets) to help Latvia beat Russia 3-2 and earn promotion to the Fed Cup World Group II for the first time.
• Enjoyed career-best season in 2017, finishing the year in the Top 10 for the first time in her career (at No.7); was No.44 at end of 2016 (first Top 50 finish) and No.79 at end of 2015 (first Top 100 finish).
• Won first tour-level title and maiden Grand Slam trophy at 2017 Roland Garros (d. Halep in F), where she became the lowest-ranked (No.47), and first unseeded, player to lift the trophy in the Open Era.
• Clinched second tour-level title at Seoul in September (d. Haddad Maia in F) as top seed.
• Seoul title, and subsequent SF runs at Wuhan and Beijing, helped earn her first-ever qualification at WTA Finals, where she went 1-2 in the group stage – d. Ka.Pliskova; l. V.Williams and Muguruza.
• Advanced to third career singles final at 2017 Charleston in April, falling to then fellow 19-year-old Kasatkina; was the first all-teenage final on tour since 2009 Linz (Wickmayer d. Kvitova).
• Upset Muguruza in QF at 2017 Beijing to register first win over a reigning World No.1.
• Made Top 10 debut at No.10 on September 11, 2017 - following 3r run at US Open (l. Kasatkina),
• In doubles, won first and second career titles in 2017, at St. Petersburg (w/Rosolska) and Stuttgart (w/Atawo)
• 2016 season highlight and breakthrough result was reaching final at Premier 5 Doha (l. Suárez Navarro)
• Reached first WTA final of career at 2015 Québec City (l. Beck)
• Ended 2015 at No.79 for first Top 100 finish (up from No.308 in 2014). Having leapt 229 spots, was second- highest year-end rankings jump, after Kasatkina who went from No.370 to No.72 (298 spots)
• Began playing ITF Circuit events in 2012

**Grand Slam History**

• Made 19th main draw major appearance at 2020 Australian Open
• Champion at 2017 Roland Garros (d. Halep in F), becoming first woman to win her first tour-level title at a Grand Slam since Barbara Jordan at 1979 Australian Open (d. Walsh in F)
• First Latvian player to reach the championship match at a Grand Slam; previously Ernests Gulbis reached SF at 2014 Roland Garros
• Followed Paris victory by reaching QF at 2017 Wimbledon (l. V.Williams). Along with S.Williams in 2015, is the only woman in the last 10 years to have followed up victory at Roland Garros with a run to the QF or better at Wimbledon. Before that, Henin also achieved the feat in 2007
• Improved upon her 2017 result by reaching the SF of Wimbledon in 2018 (l. eventual champion Kerber) becoming the first woman representing Latvia to reach SF at Wimbledon
• Best result to date at Australian Open and US Open is reaching 3r in 2017 and 2018
• Mixed doubles R-Up at 2019 Wimbledon (w/ Lindstedt)

**Personal**

• Currently with Marion Bartoli since late 2019
• Late father is Jevgenijs, mother is Jelena Jakovleva, half-brother is Maksim Ostapenko (graduated from art academy in Los Angeles and lives there)
• Previously worked with David Taylor from December 2017 until 2018 Roland Garros
• Tennis idols are Serena Williams and Ernests Gulbis – watched Gulbis’ QF match at Roland Garros from his box in 2014
• Took ballroom dancing classes for seven years
• Speaks Latvian, English and Russian
AJLA TOMLJANOVIC (AUS #57) vs. [Q] ANASTASIA POTAPOVA (RUS #101)

Head to Head: 0-0

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Total time on court: 2h10
Average time on court: 2h10
Average rank of opponent: 17

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Total games: 18
Total time on court: 1h19
Average time on court: 1h19
Average rank of opponent: 114

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ST. PETERSBURG Tournament History

ANASTASIA POTAPOVA

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TOMLJANOVIC:

**St. Petersburg**
- Making main draw debut this week
- Lone Australian woman competing in St. Petersburg
- Defeated No.17 Vondrousova in three-set 1r battle, marking first win over Top 20 ranked player since China Open last year (d. No.20 Q.Wang)
- Squares off against young gun Russian No.101 Potapova for the first time, winner to face winner of Bertens/Kudermetova
- Owns a 35-20 edge vs qualifiers
- Has lost four of last six meetings vs qualifiers, won one such encounter earlier this year at Adelaide International

**Season**
- Fell in 3s battle to former two-time Grand Slam champion Muguruza in R64 at Australian Open
- Advanced to R16 stage at Adelaide International, falling to Halep
- Began 2020 season with R16 showing at Brisbane International, falling to No.2 seed Pliskova in three tight sets

**Career Milestones**
- Ended 2019 ranked No.51, down from career-best year-end ranking of No.43 in 2018
- Highlight of season was reaching fourth WTA final of her career at Hua Hin (l. Yastremska in F); now 0-4 in finals
- Posted new career-high ranking of No.39 on April 1, 2019
- Made two further SFs in 2019, at Rabat (l. Konta) and first Premier-level SF of career, at Zhengzhou (d. No.8 Bertens, I. KaPliskova)
- Return to form and fitness in 2018 was marked by first career Top 50 finish, at No.43, and second and third WTA singles finals at Rabat (l. Mertens) and Seoul (l. Bertens)
- Opened 2016 season at Brisbane and Australian Open, but thereafter underwent shoulder surgery and was off tour until 2017 Acapulco (early March)
- Finished 2016 season at No.930
- Advanced to 2r at comeback event at 2017 Acapulco, defeating Bouchard in 1r – her first main draw win since September 2015 at Tokyo [Japan Open] – before retiring vs. Flipkens in 2r (w/shoulder injury)
- Returned to No.151 by end of 2017 season, helped by 3r run at Miami (l. Safarova) and 2r efforts at US Open (l. Krunic) and Linz (l. Buzarnescu)
- On ITF Circuit, finished R-Up in final event of 2017 at $100k ITF/Dubai-UAE (l. Bencic) and also reached finals at $60k ITF/Sacramento (l. Anisimova), CA-USA and $80k Waco, TX-USA (l. Townsend)
- Made first WTA final of career in 2015, finishing R-Up at Pattaya City (l. Hantuchova in 3s) – previously, had never been past the QF at any WTA event
- Reached first Premier-level QF of career in 2015, at Stanford (l. No.11 Ka.Pliskova). Other notable results in 2015 were SF run at Tokyo [Japan Open] (l. eventual champion Wickmayer) and QF at Strasbourg (l. eventual champion Stosur)
- Improved ranking from No.453 to No.78 in 2013 season – biggest jump of any player in Top 100
- Made pro debut on ITF Circuit in Croatia in 2007 and WTA main draw at 2009 Indian Wells (as WC, l. 1r)
- As a junior, achieved career-high ranking of No.4 in singles and No.4 in doubles. Member of Croatia’s victorious junior Fed Cup team in 2009

**Grand Slam History**
- Contested 22nd Grand Slam main draw at 2020 Australian Open. Made debut at 2013 Wimbledon (as qualifier, l. Bojanovsky)
- Best Grand Slam result to date was R16 run at 2014 Roland Garros (d. No.32 seed Vesnina in 2r and No.3 seed A.Radwanska in 3r, l. Suárez Navarro)
- Has also reached 2r on at least two occasions at the other three Slams

**Personal**
- Started playing tennis at age 7 (introduced by sister)
- Announced in 2014 she would switch nationalities from Croatia to Australia (first at 2014 US Open)
• Moved to Brisbane in November 2014 with Australian residency; parted ways with coach David Taylor in June 2015

**POTAPOVA:**

**St. Petersburg**

• Making second career main draw appearance in St. Petersburg this week after bowing out at R16 stage in 2018 (l. Wozniacki)
• Battled through Di Giuseppe and Parmentier in qualifying round to advance to main draw
• Defeated fellow qualifier and Russian Samsonova in 1r action
• First meeting vs. No.57 Tomljanovic today
• Aiming for first victory over Top 60 ranked player since Rogers Cup last August (d. No.35 S.Zhang)
• One of seven Russians to begin main draw this week, and one of just four home country players remaining
• Youngest singles player in this year’s draw at 18 years old (March 30, 2001)

**Season**

• Coming in off 1r exit to Serena Williams at Australian Open
• Fell in 2r qualifying at Adelaide International, following 3r qualifying loss in Brisbane the week prior to begin 2020 season

**Career Milestones**

• Finished last season ranked No.93 after a season highlighted by SF at Budapest (l. Vondrousova) and Jurmala (l. Sevastova)
• Posted career-high ranking of No.64 on July 22
• Also in 2019, reached 2r on seven occasions, including at Australian Open, Roland Garros and Wimbledon. Scored first Top 10 win over No.5 Kerber at Roland Garros
• In doubles, won title at Lausanne w/Sizikova
• Ended 2018 ranked No.94 for first finish inside Top 100
• Season highlighted by R-Up finishes at Tashkent (as qualifier, l. Gasparyan) and at Moscow [River Cup] (l. Danilovic)
• Also won doubles title at Moscow [River Cup] w/Zvonareva (d. Panova/Voskoboeva in F)
• Made Fed Cup debut during defeat to Slovakia in February (l. Kuzmova)
• Reached 2r at St. Petersburg in February (l. Wozniacki). Win over Maria in 1r was first at tour level
• On ITF Circuit owns one singles and two doubles titles
• Climbed to No.1 in the junior world rankings following 2016 junior Wimbledon title

**Grand Slam History**

• Contested sixth Grand Slam main draw at 2020 Australian Open
• Best results are 2r showings at Australian Open (l. Keys), Roland Garros (l. Vondrousova) and Wimbledon (l. Martic) in 2019
• Negotiated qualifying without dropping a set, to reach career first main draw at a Grand Slam at 2017 Wimbledon (l. Maria in 1r)
• At 16 years and three months, became youngest player to successfully navigate Slam qualifying since Ana Konjuh, who had just turned 16 when she did it at 2014 Australian Open
• Captured 2016 Wimbledon girls junior title, having to win final point three separate times after two challenge overrules – title lifted her to Junior World No.1
• In junior doubles, posted two runner-up finishes at 2015 US Open and 2016 Roland Garros

**Personal**

• Grandmother, and former Russian national team coach, inspired her to start playing tennis
• Trains at her agent Alexander Ostrovsky’s Acadamy in Khimki
• Currently coached by Iain Hughes
• Enjoys playing basketball

**SAP**
[4] JOHANNA KONTA (GBR #14) vs. [Q] OCEANE DODIN (FRA #159)

Head to Head: JOHANNA KONTA leads 1-0

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ROAD TO THE SECOND ROUND

[4] JOHANNA KONTA (GBR #14)
R32: BYE

[Q] OCEANE DODIN (FRA #159)
R2-Q: d. FIONA FERRO (FRA #58) 7-6(7),7-6(5) (1h54)
R1-Q: d. VARVARA GRACHEVA (RUS #102) 6-4,6-2 (1h03)
R32: d. VIKTORIA KUZMOVA (SVK #65) 6-2,6-2 (1h08)

Total games: 16
Won/lost: 12-4
Sets won/lost: 2-0
Total time on court: 1h08
Average time on court: 1h08
Average rank of opponent: 65

ST. PETERSBURG Tournament History

OCEANE DODIN
2018
R16= Q L - VERA LAPKO (BLR #133) 7-5 6-4

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KONTA:

**St. Petersburg**

- Making debut appearance at St. Petersburg Ladies Trophy as a wildcard
- Looking to record first win since advancing to QF at 2019 US Open (l. Svitolina) - bypassed fall swing due to knee injury
- Faces No.159 Dodin for the first time since defeating her on the ITF circuit at 2015 Cagnes-sur-Mer
- Has not lost to a player ranked outside of the Top 100 since falling to No.219 Stollar at 2018 Charleston

**Season**

- Opened her 2020 campaign with 1r exits at Brisbane (l. Strycova) and Australian Open (l. Jabeur)

**Career Milestones**

- Made historic run at Roland Garros in 2019, recording first ever main draw win in Paris before becoming the first British woman to reach SF since Jo Durie’s run to the same stage in 1983
- Re-entered Top 20 on June 10, 2019 for first time since March 2018 (dropped as low as No.50)
- Other highlights in 2019 included QF run at Wimbledon (d. No.9 Stephens and No.6 Kvitova; l. Strycova), R-Up finish in Rome (l. Ka.Pliskova) and Rabat (l. Sakkari, after lead-ing-by a set and a break)
- Highlights in 2018 included a second successive R-Up finish at Nottingham (l. Barty) and SF at Moscow [Kremlin Cup] (l. eventual champion Kasatkina)
- Began 2017 season by lifting title at Sydney (d. A. Radwanska in F), before landing big-gest title of career at Premier-Mandatory Miami (d. Wozniacki in F)
- At 2017 Wimbledon became first British player since Virginia Wade in 1978 to reach Wim-bledon SF (l. eventual R-Up V.Williams)
- Reached third final of 2017 season at Nottingham (l. Vekic). Also in 2017, reached SF for second year in a row at home event of Eastbourne – QF defeat of World No.1 Kerber was first by a British woman over a reigning No.1 since Barker d. Evert at 1979 Boston
- Reached first Premier Mandatory final of career at 2016 Beijing (l. A.Radwanska)
- Was the non-playing alternate for WTA Finals in Singapore in 2016, narrowly missing qualification in the Top 8
- By virtue of reaching 2016 Beijing final, made WTA Top 10 debut – becoming the first British woman to feature in the elite group since Durie in 1984, and the fourth British woman overall to do so (also Wade and Barker)
- Won career-first singles title at 2016 Stanford in maiden final (d. V.Williams in F). First British woman to reach final of a Premier event since WTA Roadmap was introduced in 2009
- Broke into Top 20 on June 6, 2016 (at No.18) – first British woman in Top 20 for nearly 30 years (the week of October 13, 1986, with Durie at No.20)
- Was voted WTA Most Improved Player in 2016 by international media and fans
- Made tour-level main draw debut at 2011 Copenhagen

**Grand Slam History**

- Is a three-time Grand Slam semifinalist. Made Slam breakthrough with historic run to SF at 2016 Australian Open (l. eventual champion Kerber); became first British woman to reach the last four at Melbourne Park since Sue Barker in December 1977, and at any Slam since Jo Durie at 1983 US Open
- Has since reached SF at 2017 Wimbledon (l. R-Up V.Williams), becoming the first British woman to reach the last four since Wade in 1978 (l. Evert), and at 2019 Roland Garros (l. Vondrousova)
- One of eight active players to reach a major SF on hard, grass and clay: also Azarenka, Bouchard, Halep, Kvitova, Sharapova, S.Williams and V.Williams
- Also advanced to QF at Australian Open in 2017 (l. eventual champion S.Williams), Wimbledon in 2019 (l. Strycova) and US Open in 2019

**Personal**

- Born in Sydney, Australia; became a British citizen in May 2012. Parents are Gabor (hotelier) and Gabriella (dentist); older sister is Eva (works in fashion)
- Grandfather Tamas Kertesz played football for the Hungarian ‘Golden Team’ with Ferenc Puskas in 1955
- Switched clothing sponsor from Asics to Ellesse at end of 2018
- Currently working with Dimitri Zavialoff, having parted ways with Michael Joyce at the end of 2018 season
DODIN:

**St. Petersburg**

- Making first main draw appearance in St. Petersburg (second overall)
- Previously fell during 2018 qualifying (l. Lapko)
- Defeated No.64 Kuzmova to record first tour-level main draw victory since defeating Cepede Royg at 2018 Miami
- Faces No.14 Konta for the first time today. Owns a 1-9 record v Top 20 opponents with sole victory coming against No.5 Cibulkova at 2017 Madrid
- Bidding to notch first set of back-to-back tour-level wins since advancing to SF at 2017 Washington DC (l. Makarova)
- Enters the St. Petersburg Ladies Trophy ranked No.159, up from last year’s ranking of No.332 during this same week

**Season**

- Fell in qualifying at Australian Open (l. Flink)

**Career Milestones**

- In 2019, recorded 1-3 record in ITF finals - advanced to final at $25k ITF/Corroios-PRT (l. Ozgen in F), $25k ITF/Koksijde-BEL (l. Hogenkam in F) and $25k ITF/St. Etienne-FRA (l. Bogdan via walkover) while lifting a trophy on home soil at $25k ITF/Cherboug-FRA (d. Tan in F) to record her ninth ITF Circuit singles title
- Advanced through qualifying at the 2018 Miami Open to defeat Cepede Royg in 1r, her sole tour-level main draw win of 2018 (l. Halep)
- Posted second Top 100 season finish in 2017, reaching career high WTA singles ranking No.46 on June 12
- Highlights included SF at Washington DC (l. Makarova) and first Premier Mandatory R16 at 2017 Madrid (l. Mladenovic)
- Captured maiden career title at 2016 Québec City (d. Davis in F) on ranking of No.132. Following this result, made Top 100 debut (September 19, 2016)
- Québec City run formed centerpiece of 16-match win streak that began with title at $25k ITF/Barcelona-ESP and concluded with SF effort at $25k ITF/Clermont-Ferrand-FRA
- Also appeared in QF at 2016 Linz (as qualifier, l. Keys)
- Ended 2016 season by defeating Davis in final of $100k ITF/Poitiers-FRA – her eighth ITF Circuit singles title
- Made tour-level debut in 2015 at Australian Open (as a wildcard), then reached Strasbourg main draw as a lucky loser, received another WC into Roland Garros, bowed out of the 1r at ’s-Hertogenbosch, made 2r at US Open (defeating 2008 runner-up Jankovic) and fell 1r at Luxembourg (as qualifier)

**Grand Slam History**

- 2018 Roland Garros marked her 11th Grand Slam main draw appearance
- Fell to Bouchard in 1r of 2018 Australian Open and to Watson in 1r of 2018 Roland Garros
- Reached 2r in major debut as a wildcard at 2015 Australian Open (d. Riske, l. Ka.Pliskova)
- Suffered a 1r exit in Wimbledon debut in 2017 (l. Safarova)

**Personal**

- Is an only child; started playing tennis with parents; father is a tennis coach and mother travels with her
- Favorite surface is hard; favorite shot is serve; favorite tournament is Australian Open (made tour-level main draw debut there and won first main draw match)
- Coached by father Frederic Dodin
- Tennis idols are Maria Sharapova and Roger Federer
- Short-term goal this year is to reach Top 50 and long-term goal is to be No.1
- Has always trained in France and is supported by the French Tennis Federation
[1] BELINDA BENCIC (SUI #5) vs. [WC] SVETLANA KUZNETSOVA (RUS #49)

Head to Head: BELINDA BENCIC leads 2-1

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ROAD TO THE SECOND ROUND

[1] BELINDA BENCIC (SUI #5)

R32: BYE

Total games: 0
Won/lost: 0-0
Sets won/lost: 0-0
Total time on court: 0h00
Average time on court: 0h00
Average rank of opponent: 0

[WC] SVETLANA KUZNETSOVA (RUS #49)

R32: d. JENNIFER BRADY (USA #52) 6-3,6-1 (1h27)

Total games: 16
Won/lost: 12-4
Sets won/lost: 2-0
Total time on court: 1h27
Average time on court: 1h27
Average rank of opponent: 52

ST. PETERSBURG Tournament History

BELINDA BENCIC

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BENCIC:

**St. Petersburg**

- Making third main draw appearance at St. Petersburg this week (fourth overall), as No.1 seed
- Best result was runner up finish on debut here in 2016 (l. Vinci in F)
- Suffered 1r exit in 2017 (l. Kasatkina). Fell in qualifying here last year (l. Kudermetova)
- After 1r bye, faces fellow wildcard Kuznetsova in 2r; owns 2-1 record vs. the Russian
- Enters this tournament at a career high ranking of No.5. By contrast, this time last year was ranked No.45

**Season**

- Made QF exit at Adelaide (l. Collins) and fell 3r at Melbourne Park (l. Kontaveit)
- Opened 2020 season with 1r exit at Shenzhen (l. Blinkova)

**Career Milestones**

- Enjoyed a stellar season in 2019, in which she lifted two titles – at Dubai (d. Kvitova in F) and Moscow (d. Pavlyuchenkova in F)
- Posted a career-best 49 Tour-level match wins in 2019 - only Ka.Pliskova (52), Barty (54) and Bertens (55) scored more. By contrast, posted a combined total of 37 wins at this level across 2016-18
- Victory in Moscow ensured she became first Swiss to compete in singles at the WTA Finals since Hingis in 2006, going on to reach SF at the season-ending showpiece in Shenzhen
- Equaled her career-high ranking of No.7 following Moscow title run (October 21, 2019)
- Also in 2019, marked 20th Grand Slam main draw by reaching her maiden major SF at US Open (l. eventual champion Andreescu), finished R-Up at Mallorca (l. Kenin after holding 3mp at 5-4 in second set) and advanced to SF at Hobart, Indian Wells and Madrid
- Led the WTA with six victories over Top 5 players last season, including upsets over No.1 Osaka at Indian Wells, Madrid and US Open
- Standout results in 2018 were R-Up finish at Luxembourg (as qualifier, l. Goerges), QF at New Haven and Washington, D.C., and R16 run at Wimbledon
- In first round at 2018 Australian Open, defeated No.5 V.Williams. Having also upset then-No.1 S.Williams in SF at 2015 Toronto is one of seven women to defeat both Williams sisters before their 21st birthday (also Hingis, Sharapova, Clijsters, Henin, Chakvetadze and Osaka)
- Underwent left wrist surgery in spring 2017, missing five months – ranking fell outside Top 300
- Run to 2016 St. Petersburg final saw her break into Top 10 (at No.9) for the first time in her career; became 116th player to break into the Top 10 since computerized rankings were introduced in 1975. In the last 20 years, 11 players have made their Top 10 debut before their 19th birthday
- At 2015 Eastbourne, at 18y 109d, became second youngest player to win a WTA Premier level final (Wozniacki won 2008 New Haven aged 18y 43d)
- With 2015 Toronto triumph, became first teenager to win an event at Premier 5 level or higher since Azarenka at 2009 Miami
- Qualified for 2015 WTA Elite Trophy in Zhuhai however withdrew due to hand injury
- Won second WTA doubles title of career in 2015 at Washington, DC (w/Mladenovic), the first coming

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**MATCH NOTES**

**ST. PETERSBURG - RUSSIA | Feb 10 - Feb 16, 2020 | $848,000 | PREMIER**

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earlier in the year at Prague (w/Siniakova)

- Voted 2014 WTA Newcomer of the Year after a campaign highlighted by R-Up finish at Tianjin (l. Riske) and QF run at 2014 US Open (defeated No.7 Kerber in 3r, No.10 Jankovic in R16); at 17 years of age, was youngest player through to last eight at Flushing Meadows since 1997 when Hingis won the title
- Played first WTA qualifying event at Luxembourg in October 2011, and first WTA main draw 12 months later at same event as WC (l. V.Williams, 1r); only 15 years, 7 months at the time
- Won junior singles titles at Roland Garros and Wimbledon in 2013; was named ITF Junior World Champion for 2013

**Grand Slam History**

- 2020 Australian Open marked 21st Grand Slam main draw appearance
- Best result came with SF run at 2019 US Open (l. eventual champion Andreescu)
- Next best Grand Slam singles result was QF at 2014 US Open; defeated two Top 10 players en route (No.7 Kerber in 3r, No.10 Jankovic in R16)
- Has made R16 at Australian Open in 2016 (l. Sharapova) and at Wimbledon in 2015 (l. Azarenka) and 2018 (l. eventual champion Kerber). Best result at Roland Garros is 3r in 2019 (l. Vekic)

**Personal**

- Fitness trainer is Martin Hromkovic, a former football player from Slovakia
- Split from coach Vlado Platenik at the end of 2018; has worked extensively with Melanie Molitor and Martina Hingis, as well as her father, Ivan, in the past
- Also holds Slovak citizenship through her parents
- Includes Nike, Yonex and Rolex among her sponsors

**KUZNETSOVA:**

**St. Petersburg**

- Making second appearance at St Petersburg, the city of her birth
- Advanced to QF in 2017 (l. Putintseva)
- Was out of action at this time of season in both 2018 (following wrist surgery) and 2019 (knee injury)
- Has won two WTA singles titles on Russian home soil – 2015 Moscow (d. Pavlyuchenkova in F) and 2016 Moscow (d. Gavrilova in F), the most amongst active players
- Defeated Brady in straight sets in 1r in what was the pairs first meeting
- Faces No.5 Bencic in 2r today; is 1-2 vs the Swiss, with sole win coming at 2016 Wuhan
- Owns 25 wins on Russian soil, the second most amongst active players on tour, behind Pavlyuchenkova with 30
- At 34 years old, is the oldest player in main draw this week
- One of seven Russians in the starting field

**Season**

- Defeated No.15 seed Vondrousova in 1r at Australian Open, before falling to Giorgi in 2r
- Fell 1r at Hobart (l. Linette)
- Withdrawn from scheduled season opener at Auckland due to illness

**Career Milestones**

- Finished 2019 season at No.54, up from No.107 in 2018, which was her first finish outside Top 100 since 2001 (No.259)
- Season highlight in 2019 was reaching final at Cincinnati (l. Keys) as a WC ranked No.153 – defeated four Top 20 seeds en route to the final (No.11 Sevastova, No.10 Stephens, No.3 Ka.Pliskova and No.1 Barty). Returned to Top 100 after tournament
- Missed first few months of 2019 season due to knee injury – returned at Lugano, where she reached QF
- At 2018 Washington, DC won first title since October 2016 (d. Vekic in F after saving 4mp). Is now 18-24 in WTA singles finals
- After falling 2r at 2018 Wimbledon (l. Strycova), dropped out of the Top 100 for the first time since August 12, 2002 (ending a run of 831 consecutive weeks)
- Missed opening two months of 2018 (w/wrist injury)
- Season highlight in 2017 was reaching final of Indian Wells (l. Vesnina)
- Posted consistent results at Slams in 2017, 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, Sharapova, Wozniacki and Kerber

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. Also 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 and Russian Olympic Team in 2004, 2008, 2016

**Grand Slam History**

- 2020 Australian Open marked 67th main draw appearance at a Grand Slam
- Is a two-time Grand Slam singles champion, winning at 2004 US Open (d. Dementieva in F) and 2009 Roland Garros (d. Safina in F). Also a two-time finalist, reaching the title bouts 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 4h 44min
- Has two major doubles titles, at Australian Open – in 2005 (w/Molik) and 2012 (w/Zvonareva)

**Personal**

- 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
- Currently coached by Andrey Stepanov. Previously worked with Guillermo Cañas
[LL] FIONA FERRO (FRA #58) vs. [8] ELENA RYBAKINA (KAZ #25)

Head to Head: 0-0

FIONA FERRO
58
91
12-03-1997 (22)
$102,840
$994,867
0 / 1
0 / 0
1-0
3-2 / 24-33
1-0 / 8-9
0-1 / 6-6
3-2 / 11-17
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0-0 / 0-1
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WTA RANKING
PORSCHE RACE TO SHENZHEN LEADERBOARD
DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)
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YTD / CAREER TOP 5 W-L (MD & Q) *
YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD & Q) *
YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD & Q) *

ELENA RYBAKINA
25
7
17-06-1999 (20)
$269,272
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1 / 2
0 / 0
3-1
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ROAD TO THE SECOND ROUND

[LL] FIONA FERRO (FRA #58)
R2-Q: L - OCEANE DODIN (FRA #158) 7-6(7),7-6(5) (1h54)
R1-Q: d. MARINA MELNIKOVA (RUS #219) 7-5,6-4 (1h30)
R32: d. CAROLINE GARCIA (FRA #46) 7-5,3-6,6-3 (2h29)

[8] ELENA RYBAKINA (KAZ #25)
R32: d. KATERINA SINIAKOVA (CZE #59) 6-3,6-4 (1h19)

Total games: 30
Won/lost: 16-14
Sets won/lost: 2-1
Total time on court: 2h29
Average time on court: 2h29
Average rank of opponent: 46

Total games: 19
Won/lost: 12-7
Sets won/lost: 2-0
Total time on court: 1h19
Average time on court: 1h19
Average rank of opponent: 59

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ELENA RYBAKINA
2018
QF L - JULIA GOERGES (GER #12) 6-3 6-3

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Insights from
FERRO:

**St. Petersburg**
- Making debut appearance at St. Petersburg as a lucky loser
- In qualifying, defeated Melnikova before falling to Dodin
- In 1r, defeated fellow Frenchwoman Garcia after 2 hour and 29-minute battle
- Faces No.25 Rybakina in 2r for their first career meeting. Owns 5-15 record against Top 50 players with most recent win coming against No.48 Cornet during championship match en route to her maiden WTA title at 2019 Lausanne
- Enters this tournament at a career high ranking of No.58. By contrast, this time last year was ranked No.103

**Season**
- Made 2r appearance at Australian Open (d. Van Uytvanck, l. Q.Wang)
- Opened 2020 season by falling in qualifying at Brisbane (l. Watson) before advancing to R16 at Hobart (l. Watson)

**Career Milestones**
- Enjoyed career-best season in 2019, lifting her first WTA title in her career first Tour-level final at Lausanne (d. Cornet in F)
- Member of the French Fed Cup Team that won the 2019 Fed Cup World Championships over Australia in November
- Reached one additional SF in 2019 at Lugano and the QFs on two other occasions at Strasbourg and Palermo
- Contested the main draw at all four Grand Slams for the first time in 2019, achieving her best result at the majors by reaching the 3r at the US Open (l. No.18 seed Q.Wang)
- 2019 marks her career first Top 100 year-end finish (No.63)
- 2018 campaign was highlighted by maiden WTA QF at Guangzhou (l. eventual champion Q.Wang). Also made 2r at Roland Garros, Tashkent and Luxembourg and won first four titles on ITF Circuit
- Prior to 2018 Roland Garros had lost 1r on eight previous Tour-level main draw appearances
- Made her Top 100 debut on October 22, 2018 after 2r showing at Luxembourg
- Has won four ITF singles titles – all achieved in 2018
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2014 Strasbourg

**Grand Slam History**
- This year’s Australian Open marks ninth Grand Slam main draw appearance
- 2019 marks the first time competing in main draw at all four majors
- Best result is reaching 3r at 2019 US Open
- Made 2r showing at 2018 Roland Garros (l. Muguruza) and 2020 Australian Open (l. Q.Wang)
- Also fell in 1r at Roland Garros 2014-15 and 2017 and at Australian Open in 2019

**Personal**
- Coach is Stéphane Huet
- Has three brothers, one young and two older
- Older brothers run an Italian restaurant in South of France; parents run two hotels in South of France
- Favorite surface is clay
- Born in Libramont, Belgium, and introduced to tennis aged 7 via brothers
- If not a tennis player would study medicine at university
- Enjoys reading

RYBAKINA:

**St. Petersburg**
- Making second main draw appearance at St. Petersburg
- Reached maiden QF of career by upsetting No.7 Garcia on debut run at the St. Petersburg Ladies' Trophy in 2018 (as qualifier, l. Goerges). Victory over Garcia was also maiden Top 10 win of career
- Following 3r run at the Australian Open (l. Barty), enters this week at a career-high ranking of No.25; by contrast, was ranked No.196 this time last year
- Dispatched No.59 Siniakova in 1r to improve win-loss record this season to 12-2
- Faces No.58 Ferro in 2r for their first career meeting. Hasn't fallen to a player outside the Top 50 since being overturned by No.72 Ostapenko at 2019 Linz
- Looking to extend perfect 5-0 record against French players from tour-level main draw matches
- Has now won 33 of past 43 matches on Tour, sequence which began with her maiden title run at Bucharest last July
**Season**

- Recorded career-best run at a Grand Slam by advancing to 3r at the Australian Open (I. Barty) - won back-to-back Major matches for the first time after two straight sets victories over Pera in 1r and Minnen in 2r
- Opened 2020 season with back-to-back final runs, first reaching the championship match at Shenzhen (I. Alexandrova in F) before claiming a second career title at Hobart (d. S.Zhang in F)

**Career Milestones**

- Finished 2019 season at No.37 to record first Top 50 finish of her career, up from 2018’s final ranking of No.191
- During a breakout 2019 season, lifted maiden WTA singles title at Bucharest (d. Tig in F). Also advanced to second career final at Nanchang (I. Peterson) and made SF appearances at Luxembourg (I. Goerges) and ‘s-Hertogenbosch (I. Bertens)
- Additionally, made QF runs at Istanbul (I. Strycova), Wuhan (I. Sabalenka) and Linz (I. Osatapenko)
- Made Grand Slam main draw debut at 2019 Roland Garros, falling 1r (as qualifier, I. Siniakova). Also fell 1r at 2019 US Open (as qualifier, I. Muchova)
- On the ITF Circuit in 2019, lifted silverware on three occasions; back-to-back at $25K Moscow-RUS and $25K Kazan-RUS and at $60K ITF/Launceston-AUS. Now holds four singles and four doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Highlights of 2018 included reaching maiden WTA QF at St. Petersburg (I. Goerges) and clinching the title at $15k ITF/Kazan-RUS
- First Top 10 win came over No.7 Garcia at 2018 St. Petersburg. Has since added the defeat of No.6 Halep (2019 Wuhan) to list of Top 10 triumphs
- Ended 2017 ranked No.425, improving 191 spots from 2016 (finished at No.616)
- Holds four singles and four doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Made WTA qualifying and main draw debut at 2017 Moscow (as qualifier, I. Begu in 1r)

**Grand Slam History**

- 2020 Australian Open marked her third career Grand Slam main draw where she recorded her career best appearance at a Major by advancing to 3r (I. Barty)
- Fell 1r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2019 Roland Garros (as qualifier, I. Siniakova)
- Also fell 1r at 2019 US Open (as qualifier, I. Muchova)
- Has also fallen in qualifying at other two majors, both in 2019
- In Juniors, reached two Grand Slam SFs at 2017 Australian Open and Roland Garros

**Personal**

- Trained at Spartak Club in Moscow as a junior
- Coached by Stefano Vukov; previous coaches included Andrei Cheshnokov (Elena Vesnina's former coach) and Evgenia Kulikovskaya
- Nominated for 2019 WTA Newcomer of the Year Award
- Started playing tennis aged five
ST. PETERSBURG LADIES TROPHY – DAY 2

ALISON VAN UYTVA NCK (BEL #47) vs. KRISTINA MLADENOVIC (FRA #37)

Van Uytvanck leads 1-0

Van Uytvanck is aiming for her first main draw singles win since reaching the 2r at Linz last year... Mladenovic won maiden career singles crown here in 2017

VERONIKA KU DERMETOVA (RUS #38) vs. YULIA PUTINTSEVA (KAZ #34)

First meeting

Kudermetova is competing on a career high ranking of World No.38 this week (was ranked No.108 this time last year)... Putintseva reached the first final of her career here in 2017

[7] DONNA VEKIC (CRO #23) vs. [Q] KRISTIE AHN (USA #97)

Vekic leads 1-0

Vekic is making her fourth consecutive appearance in St. Petersburg ... Ahn has come through qualifying to make main draw debut here this week

JENNIFER BRADY (USA #52) vs. SVETLANA KUZNETSOVA (RUS #49)

First meeting

Brady is making her tournament debut here at St.Petersburg this week... Kuznetsova is competing here on home soil for the first time since 2017

[WC] DARIA KASATKINA (RUS #71) vs. EKATERINA ALEXANDROVA (RUS #28)

Kasatkina leads 1-0

One of two all-Russian first round encounters this week... Kasatkina is looking to emulate SF success of 2016 and 2018 ... Alexandrova is competing as the highest-ranked Russian, of seven women in this week’s Top 100
ALISON VAN UYTVANCK (BEL #47) vs. KRISTINA MLADENOVIC (FRA #37)

Head to Head: ALISON VAN UYTVANCK leads 1-0

2015  ROLAND GARROS  CLAY O  R3  ALISON VAN UYTVANCK  6-4  6-1  75 mins

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ALISON VAN UYTVANCK

WTA RANKING
37

PO Shenzhen Leaderboard

DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)
26-03-1994 (25)

YTD PRIZE MONEY
$76,463

CAREER PRIZE MONEY
$2,743,512

Singles Titles (YTD / Career)
0 / 4

Doubles Titles (YTD / Career)
0 / 1

ST. PETERSBURG W-L (MD) *
1-1

YTD / Career 3-Set W-L (MD) *
0-2 / 91-108

YTD / Career Tie-Break W-L (MD) *
0-0 / 23-34

YTD / Career Hard W-L (MD) *
0-2 / 53-64

YTD / Career Left Hander W-L (MD) *
0-0 / 1-5

YTD / Career Top 5 W-L (MD & Q) *
0-0 / 1-10

YTD / Career Top 10 W-L (MD & Q) *
0-0 / 2-25

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KRISTINA MLADENOVIC

37

PO Shenzhen Leaderboard

DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)
14-05-1993 (26)

YTD PRIZE MONEY
$341,521

CAREER PRIZE MONEY
$11,330,024

Singles Titles (YTD / Career)
1 / 23

Doubles Titles (YTD / Career)
8-3

ST. PETERSBURG W-L (MD) *
0-1 / 197-199

YTD / Career 3-Set W-L (MD) *
0-0 / 65-60

YTD / Career Tie-Break W-L (MD) *
0-0 / 48-52

YTD / Career Hard W-L (MD) *
0-1 / 111-128

YTD / Career Left Hander W-L (MD) *
0-0 / 11-18

YTD / Career Top 5 W-L (MD & Q) *
0-1 / 17-27

YTD / Career Top 10 W-L (MD & Q) *
0-1 / 34-56

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ST. PETERSBURG Tournament History

"-Q" Qualifying match

ALISON VAN UYTVANCK

2019
R16  L - ARYNA SABALENKA (BLR #10)  6-1  6-4

KRISTINA MLADENOVIC

2019
R1  L - JELENA OSTAPENKO (LAT #22)  6-1  0-6  6-0

2018
F  L - PETRA KVITOVA (CZE #29)  6-1  6-2

2017
F  W - YULIA PUTINTSEVA (KAZ #34)  6-2  6-7(3)  6-4

2016
R1  L - LAURA SIEGEMUND (GER #87)  1-6  7-5  6-1

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Insights from SAP
VAN UYTVAENCK:

**St Petersburg**

- Making second consecutive appearance in St. Petersburg this week
- Fell in R16 last year to Sabalenka
- Takes on No.37 Mladenovic for the second time in her career today, having won previous meeting in straight sets in 3r of 2015 Roland Garros
- Seeking first main draw singles victory of 2020 campaign
- Owns a 21-51 mark vs Top 50 opponents in career
- A win today would be first Top 50 victory since defeating No.38 Siniakova last year at Mallorca

**Season**

- Coming off opening round exit at Australian Open (l. Ferro)
- Began 2020 season at Hobart International, falling in 1r in three sets to Cornet

**Career**

- Turned in one of best years of career in 2019, capturing two WTA titles, bringing career total to four, after hoisting trophies at Hungary and Tashkent
- Finished 2018 at No.50, her second Top 50 season. Career-best finish came in 2015, at No.42
- 2018 highlight was claiming her second tour-level title at Budapest, dropping only one set in the final (d. Cibulkova in F)
- Also enjoyed SF run at Linz (l. Giorgi) and posted best result at Wimbledon to date with R16 showing (l. Kasatkina)
- In 2018, represented Belgium in 3-2 Fed Cup World Group I defeat against France and play-off win over Italy (posted 2-0 record across both ties, d. Parmentier and Errani)
- 2017 season was highlighted by lifting first WTA singles title at Québec City (d. Babos in F)
- Reached two ITF singles finals in 2017, at $100k ITF/Ilkley-GBR (l. Rybarikova in F) and $100k ITF/Poitiers-FRA (l. Buzarnescu in F)
- Won 10th and 11th ITF singles titles in 2016, at $50k ITF/Stockton-USA (d. Pivovarova in F) and $50k ITF/Las Vegas-USA (d. Kenin in F)
- Advanced to one tour-level QF in 2016 at Québec City (l. eventual champion Dodin)
- Also in 2015, reached three tour-level SFs, at Katowice (l. Schmiedlova), Seoul (l. Begu) and Luxembourg (l. Doi)
- Won WTA 125k event in Chinese Taipei in 2013
- Career-high ranking is No.37 (August 13, 2018)
- Owns 11 ITF singles titles and two ITF doubles titles
- Contested first WTA qualifying event at 2011 Brussels, reaching 2r (l. Wickmayer)

**Grand Slam History**

- 2020 Australian Open marked 23rd Grand Slam main draw appearance
- Deepest run at a major came in 2015, reaching QF at Roland Garros to become first Belgian to reach this stage in Paris since Henin won the title in 2007
- Best result at Wimbledon was R16 showing in 2018 (l. Kasatkina)
- Is yet to make it past 1r at Australian Open

**Personal**

- Mother is Krista Laemers; father is René Van Uytvanck; older brother is Sean, twin brother is Brett
- Began playing at age five
- Baseline whose favorite shot is serve
MLADENOVIC:

St Petersburg

- Making fifth consecutive main draw appearance this week
- A two-time finalist, having won maiden career singles crown here in 2017
- Owns more wins here (8-4 record) than any other player in tournament’s history
- Defeated Putintseva in three sets in 2017 final prior to runner-up finish to Kvitova in 2018
- Fell in 1r last year to Ostapenko in three sets
- Faces off against No.47 Van Uytvanck in today’s 1r action, with the winner to take on No.3 seed Kvitova
- One of 4 Frenchwomen to begin the draw
- Fresh off sixth Grand Slam doubles title (incl. 2 mixed) w/partner Babos at 2020 Australian Open
- One of 12 active players to have been ranked inside Top 10 in both singles and doubles during career
- Three wins shy of career main draw victory No.200
- Holds an 81-126 mark vs Top 50 opponents in career
- Looking for first main draw singles win of 2020

Season

- Fell at first hurdle of 2020 Australian Open, losing to No.2 seed Pliskova in straight sets
- Opened season with 2r qualifying loss to Samsonova at Brisbane International

Career

- Finished 2019 ranked No.40 - her fifth consecutive Top 50 year-end finish
- Member of French Fed Cup team that defeated Australia win the Fed Cup final last November (d. Barty and Tomljanovic in both singles rubbers; combined w/Garcia to defeat Barty/Stosur in decisive doubles rubber)
- Posted her first win over a reigning World No.1, defeating Osaka at 2019 Dubai. Became the first French woman to defeat the World No.1 player since Cornet d. S.Williams at 2014 Wuhan (via ret.)
- Advanced to two SFs in 2019 - at Zhengzhou (l. Martic) and Moscow (l. Bencic)
- Won 20th career doubles title at 2019 Istanbul (w/Babos) before the pair went on to lift their second Grand Slam doubles trophy together at Roland Garros (d. Duan/S.Zheng in F) and defend their WTA Finals crown (d. Hsieh/Strycova in F)
- As defending champion in doubles at Australian Open (w/Babos), reached final again in 2019, however lost out to Stosur/Zhang
- Season highlights in 2018 were R-Up finish as St Petersburg (as defending champion, l. Kvitova in F) and matching her best career result at Wimbledon by reaching 3r (l. eventual R-Up S. Williams)
- In doubles in 2018, won second career Grand Slam doubles title at Australian Open (w/Babos) – defeated Makarova/Vesnina in F. Also finished doubles R-Up at Flushing Meadows York (w/Babos, l. Barty/Vandeweghe) and ended campaign by lifting WTA Finals crown w/Babos (d. Krejcikova/Siniakova in F)
- Owns nine Top 5 career wins, over No.2 Li (2014 Roland Garros), No.3 Halep (2015 Birmingham), No.3 Ka.Pliskova (2017 Dubai), No.4 Halep (2017 Indian Wells), No.2 Kerber (2017 Stuttgart), No.5 Muguruza (2017 Roland Garros), No.1 Osaka (2019 Dubai), No.3 Svitolina (2019 Zhengzhou) and No.1 Barty (2019 Fed Cup Final)
- Enjoyed best season of career in 2017, making Top 10 debut and lifting first career singles title at Premier-level 2017 St Petersburg (d. Putintseva in F). Passed $5 million career prize money mark by winning title
- Finished season at No.11 for highest year-end ranking and first inside Top 20. Broke into Top 10 on October 23, 2017
- Reached biggest final of career at Premier Mandatory-level Madrid in 2017 (l. Halep) and was R-Up at Acapulco (l. Tsurenko) and Stuttgart (l. Siegemund)
- Advanced to SF at Indian Wells (l. eventual champion Vesnina), en route defeating two seeds, No.4 Halep and No.13 Wozniacki. Result saw her break into Top 20 in WTA Rankings for first time in career, and overtake Garcia to become French No.1
- Qualified as first alternate for 2017 WTA Finals but not called on to play
• Reached two singles finals in 2016, at ‘s-Hertogenbosch (l. Vandeweghe) and Hong Kong (l. Wozniacki), having been runner-up at 2015 Strasbourg (l. Stosur)
• Won four doubles titles in 2016 w/Garcia: Charleston, Stuttgart, Madrid and Roland Garros
• Member of French Fed Cup side that advanced to 2016 competition final against Czech Republic – lost epic singles rubber to Ka.Pliskova, 63 46 16-14 in 3 hours 48 minutes – 30-game final set being longest-ever in a Fed Cup final – as well as decisive doubles rubber (w/Garcia, l. Pliskova/Strycova)
• Broke into Top 100 on September 17, 2012 and Top 50 on March 18, 2013
• Played first WTA qualifying event as wildcard at 2008 Paris [Indoors]

**Grand Slam History**

• 2020 Australian Open marked 37th Grand Slam main draw appearance
• Best Slam results are QF runs at 2015 US Open (l. Vinci) and 2017 Roland Garros (l. Bacsinszky)
• Also reached 3r at 2016 Australian Open (l. Gavrilova), 2015 Wimbledon (l. Azarenka) and 2018 Wimbledon (l. eventual R-Up S. Williams)
• In doubles, won first Grand Slam title at 2016 Roland Garros (w/compatriot Garcia, d. Makarova/Vesnina in F) – were first French pair to win the doubles title at Roland Garros since Gail Chanfreau and Francoise Durr in 1971
• Won second Grand Slam doubles title at 2018 Australian Open (w/Babos, d. Makarova/Vesnina in F), third at 2019 Roland Garros (w/Babos, d. Duan/S.Zheng in F) and fourth at 2020 Australian Open (w/Babos, d. Hsieh/Strycova)
• Finished R-Up at 2014 Wimbledon (w/Babos), 2016 US Open (w/Garcia), 2018 US Open (w/Babos) and 2019 Australian Open (w/Babos)
• Won mixed doubles at 2013 Wimbledon and 2014 Australian Open, and finished R-Up at 2013 Roland Garros and 2015 Australian Open (all w/Nestor)

**Personal**

• Mother is Dzenita (was a pro volleyball player); father is Dragan (was a pro handball player); brother is Luka (soccer player)
• Started playing tennis aged 8 when introduced to sport by parents
• Speaks French, English, Serbian, Italian and Spanish
• Split with coach Sascha Bajin at the end of 2019
VERONIKA KUDERMETOVA (RUS #38) vs. YULIA PUTINTSEVA (KAZ #34)

Head to Head: 0-0

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| R1-Q                 | 2017 |
| L - ELENA RYBAKINA (KAZ #450) | F |
| 3-6 6-3 6-2          | L - KRISTINA MLADENOVIC (FRA #51) |
| 6-2 6-7(3) 6-4       | 6-2 |

| 2017                 | |
| R1-Q                 | |
| L - PAULA CRISTINA GONCALVES (BRA #160) | |
| 6-3 6-4              | |

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KUDERMETOVA:

**St. Petersburg**
- Making fourth appearance at St. Petersburg
- Fell 2r here last year (l. Vekic) and fell in qualifying in 2016 and 2017
- Enters St. Petersburg on a career-high ranking of No.38 (achieved February 3rd, 2020). In contrast, was ranked No.108 this time last year
- Faces No.34 Putintseva today for the pairs first encounter
- One of seven Russians in the starting field this week (also Kuznetsova, Diatchenko, Kasatkina, Alexandrova, Samsonova and Potapova)

**Season**
- Opened 2020 season by reaching final round of qualifying at Brisbane (l. Bouzkova)
- Posted SF run at Hobart (l. S.Zhang)
- Fell 1r to Spain’ Sara Sorribes Tormo at Australian Open

**Career Highlights**
- Ended 2019 ranked No.41 for career-best year-end ranking, rising from No.115 at the end of 2018
- Played main draw at all four majors for first time in 2019, posting a career-best Grand Slam run to the 3r at Roland Garros, upsetting Wozniacki in 1r (l. Kanepi in 3r)
- Other 2019 highlights included SF finishes at ’s-Hertogenbosch (l. eventual champion Riske), Hiroshima (l. Doi) and Tianjin (l. Watson) and picked up the biggest title of career at WTA 125K Series event at Guadalajara (d. Bouzkova in F)
- Posted first two Top 10 wins of career in final weeks of 2019, defeating No.10 Bencic at Wuhan and No.4 Svitolina at Moscow
- Won career first WTA doubles title at 2019 Wuhan with Duan (d. Mertens/Sabalenka in F); also R-Up at Charleston (w/Khromacheva) and Lugano (w/Voskoboeva) in 2019
- Won biggest singles title of career at WTA 125K Series event at 2019 Guadalajara (d. Bouzkova in F)
- Made Top 100 debut at No.98 following 2019 St Petersburg, where she reached 2r as LL (week of February 4, 2019)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2018 Stuttgart, reaching 2r (d. No.25 Suarez Navarro, l. eventual champion Ka.Pliskova)
- Posted two QF runs in 2018, at ’s-Hertogenbosch (l. eventual champion Krunic) and Gstaad (l. Bouchard)
- Won two doubles titles in 2018 at WTA 125k Series events, at Mumbai (w/Dzalamidze) and Limoges (w/Voskoboeva). Also has titles at this level from Taipei in 2016 (w/Dzalamidze) and 2017 (w/Sabalenka)
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2014 Moscow
- Contested first Tour-level match representing Russia in Fed Cup action in 2014 vs. Australia (l. Stosur)
- On ITF Circuit, owns four singles titles and 16 doubles titles

**Grand Slam**
- 2020 Australian Open marked fifth Grand Slam main drawn appearance
- Contested the main draw at all four majors for the first time in 2019
- Best result so far at the Slams came with 3r run at Roland Garros (d. Wozniacki in 1r, l. Kanepi)
- Made 2r at 2019 US Open and fell 1r at 2019-20 Australian Open and 2019 US Open

**Personal**
- Coached by husband Sergey Demekhin, former coach of Vera Zvonareva
- Teenage sister, Polina, is on the junior circuit and contested Australian Open girls’ singles last January
- Born in Kazan, Russia. Based in Moscow and trains at CSKA club
- Off the court, has a passion for cooking and her specialty is roasted chicken with potatoes and garlic
PUTINTSEVA:

St. Petersburg

- Making third appearance at St. Petersburg
- Reached the first final of her career here in 2017, falling to Mladenovic in the title match. Beat No.5 Cibulkova (her first ever Top 5 win) and No.8 Kuznetsova en route
- Became first woman from Kazakhstan to reach a WTA final since Shvedova at 2015 Bogotá (l. Pereira)
- Rose to new career-high ranking of No.27 on February 6, 2017 following her run to the final in St Petersburg
- Other result here was falling 1r in 2019 – ranked No.41, fell to No.181 Martincova
- Faces Russia’s Kudermetova today – forced to retire last time she faced a Russian opponent, against Kuznetsova at 2019 Wuhan (w/left ankle injury)
- Was born in Russia (Moscow)
- Playing doubles here this week w/Potapova – team face Tomljanovic/Rosolska in 1r

Season

- Coming off reaching 3r at Australian Open (l. Halep) – her joint best result at Melbourne Park (also 2016)
- Opened season with 2r appearance at Brisbane (as qualifier, l. Collins) before a 1r exit at Adelaide (as qualifier, l. Tomljanovic)

Career

- Finished 2019 ranked No.34 for joint- career-best finish (also 2016)
- Peaked in rankings at No.28 last year in May – one spot off career best No.27 (achieved February 6, 2017)
- Won first career title at Nürnberg (d. Zidansek in F)
- Defeated the World No.1 player twice in 2019, overcoming at Osaka at Birmingham and Wimbledon
- Achieved best US Open result of career to date by reaching 3r (l. Vekic)
- Has four Top 5 wins in career – after No.5 Cibulkova (2017 St Petersburg), No.5 Stephens (2019 Sydney) and No.1 Osaka (2019 Birmingham and 2019 Wimbledon)
- Reached maiden WTA final in 2017 at St Petersburg (l. Mladenovic) after notching two Top 10 wins over No.8 Kuznetsova and No.5 Cibulkova (l. Mladenovic in F) – first woman from Kazakhstan to reach a WTA final since Shvedova at 2015 Bogotá (l. Pereira)
- Rose to new career-high ranking of No.27 on February 6, 2017 following her run to the final in St Petersburg
- Also in 2017 reached QF at Tokyo [Japan Open] (l. eventual champion Diyas) and Nürnberg (l. Cirstea), and reached 3r at Roland Garros (l. No.5 Muguruza)
- In 2016 became first Kazakh to reach the quarterfinals at Roland Garros – or at any major – since Shvedova in 2012
- Also reached SF at two International-level events in 2016: Kaohsiung (l. V.Williams) and Washington, DC (l. Wickmayer). Defeated No.14 V.Williams en route to first Premier-level quarterfinal of career at 2016 Charleston
- Later in season, posted second career win over a Top 10 opponent at 2016 Tokyo [PPO], defeating No.9 Keys in 1r. First Top 10 win came over No.10 Petkovic at 2015 Nürnberg (via ret.)
- Reached maiden WTA SF at 2015 Bastad (l. eventual champion Larsson)
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2009 Luxembourg and WTA main draw debut at 2012 Copenhagen
- On ITF Circuit, winner of six singles titles and six doubles titles
- Kazakhstan Fed Cup Team, 2014-19

Grand Slam History

- 2020 Australian Open marked her milestone 25th Grand Slam main draw
- Best result across the Slams were QF runs at Roland Garros in 2016 (l. S.Williams in 3 sets) and 2018 (l. Keys). Was the first Kazakh to reach QF at Roland Garros – or at any major – since Shvedova in 2012 (l. QF)
Away from Paris, other key results include 3r at 2016 Australian Open (l. Gasparyan) and 2020 (l. Halep), 3r at 2019 US Open (l. Vekic) and 2r at Wimbledon in 2015 (l. V.Williams), 2016 (l. Pavlyuchenkova) and 2019 (l. Golubic)

A two-time junior Grand Slam runner-up (2010 US Open, 2012 Australian Open)

3r run at 2020 Australian Open along with Diyas and Rybakina marked the first time in history three Kazakh women have reached this stage at a major

Personal

- Coached by Roman Kislianskii
- Changed representation from Russia to Kazakhstan in May 2012
- Practiced at Spartak Club in Moscow as a junior before moving to Paris to attend Mouratoglou Academy
- Tennis idols were Martina Hingis and Justine Henin – still watches videos of Henin on YouTube
- Enjoys dancing, singing, Sudoku, cards and chess
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[7] DONNA VEKIC (CRO #23) vs. [Q] KRISTIE AHN (USA #97)

Head to Head: DONNA VEKIC leads 1-0

2019 SAN JOSE HARD O QF DONNA VEKIC 7-5 6-0 86 mins

DONNA VEKIC

DONNA VEKIC (CRO #23)

WTA RANKING

23

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DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)

28-06-1996 (23)

YTD PRIZE MONEY

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KRISTIE AHN

KRISTIE AHN (USA #97)

DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)

15-06-1992 (27)

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$920,980

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"-Q" Qualifying match

DONNA VEKIC

DONNA VEKIC

2019

F L - KIKI BERTENS (NED #8) 7-6(2) 6-4

2018

R1 L - KATERINA SINIAKOVA (CZE #52) 6-3 2-6 6-4

2017

R16 L - DOMINIKA CIBULKOVA (SVK #6) 6-2 6-2

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VEKIC:

**St. Petersburg**

- Making fourth consecutive main draw appearance in St. Petersburg this week
- Lone Croatian competing in the main draw at this year’s event
- Advanced to the final last year, falling to Bertens, owns 5–3 career mark here
- Other notable result was R16 performance in 2017 (l. Cibulkova)
- Squares off against No. 97 Ahn in today’s 1r, having won previous meeting in straight sets at 2019 San Jose QFs
- Is 3–3 so far this season vs. Top 100 ranked opponents, and 104–122 overall in her career
- Owns a 23–22 record vs Americans and is 36–17 vs qualifiers

**Season**

- Coming off R32 performance at Australian Open, falling to up-and-comer Swiatek in straight sets. Defeated Sharapova in straight sets in 1r
- Produced QF display at Adelaide International, falling to eventual finalist Yastremska
- Began 2020 campaign with 1r loss at Brisbane International to Putintseva

**Career**

- Ended 2019 ranked No. 19 for career-best year-end finish (up from No. 34 in 2018)
- Cracked the WTA Top 20 for the first time on October 21, 2019
- Produced career best Grand Slam result at 2019 US Open, where she reached QF (l. Bencic)
- Also in 2019, reached biggest final of career at Premier-level St. Petersburg (l. Bertens)
- Posted best win of career by ranking – and third over a Top 5 opponent – with defeat of No. 2 Kvitova en route to St. Petersburg QF, bettering victories over No. 4 Stephens at 2018 Wimbledon and No. 4 Garcia at 2018 Tokyo [PPO]
- Grass court season saw her reach final at Nottingham (l. Garcia in third set tie-break)
- Qualified for WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai, however fell in RR stage
- Ended 2018 at then-career-high ranking of No. 34, after registering 31 tour-level wins
- 2018 season highlighted by R-Up finish at Washington, DC (l. Kuznetsova after holding 4mp) – her first finals appearance since winning 2017 Nottingham
- Also made SF showings at Nottingham and Tokyo [PPO] and reached Grand Slam R16 for first time at Wimbledon (l. Goerges)
- Enjoyed a resurgent year in 2017, cracking the Top 50 in the week of July 24 and finishing campaign ranked No. 54
- 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
- Posted just four main draw wins across 2016, defeating Al Nabhani at Doha, Riske at Kaohsiung, Ivanovic at Cincinnati and Zhang at Tianjin
- Highlights in 2015 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 2019 St. Petersburg and 2019 Nottingham, owns a 2-6 record in singles finals
- Broke into Top 100 (at No. 93) on January 28, 2013 Has won five ITF Circuit singles and one doubles title
- Member of Croatian Fed Cup Team, 2012-15, 2017, 2019
Grand Slam History

- Played 26th Grand Slam main draw at 2020 Australian Open
- At 2019 US Open, posted her best Slam result, reaching the QF (l. Bencic)
- Has reached R16 at 2018 Wimbledon (l. Goerges) and 2019 Roland Garros (l. Konta)
- At Australian Open, best result was this year’s 3r run (l. Swiatek)

Personal

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

AHN:

St. Petersburg

- Battled through two rounds of qualifying to begin the week here in St. Petersburg
- Defeated Strakohova and Martincova to set up 1r clash with No.23 Vekic
- Making debut main draw appearance this week
- Aiming for first main draw singles victory of 2020
- One of two Americans to compete in main draw at this year’s event (also Brady)
- Is 0-1 this year vs Top 50 players, and is 4-13 overall in her career

Season

- Fell in 1r of Australian Open to recently retired and former Melbourne champ Wozniacki
- Advanced to 2r qualifying at Hobart International (l. Sorribes Tormo)
- Began 2020 season with 1r qualifying loss to fellow American young gun McNally in three sets

Career

- Notched maiden Top 100 finish in 2019 at No.92
- Posted career-high ranking of No.87 on September 30, 2019
- Season highlight in 2019 was posting career-best Grand Slam result by reaching R16 at US Open (l. Mertens)
- Also made San Jose QFs (l. Vekic) and posted R-Up finish at $25K ITF/Rancho Santa Fe, CA-USA (l. Gibbs in F)
- Enjoyed second Top 200 season in 2018 at No.196 (also No.106 in 2017)
- Highlights of 2018 season were R-Up finish at $60K
- ITF/Landisville-PA and 2r showing at Charleston (l. Goerges). Also fell 1r at Sydney, Australian Open, Nottingham, Washington DC and Quebec City
- Career highlights of 2017 were SF run at Nottingham (as qualifier, l. Rybarikova); also won $80k USTA Pro Circuit event in Tyler Texas in November
- Owns seven ITF Circuit singles titles overall, as well as two doubles titles
- Made professional debut at $10k ITF/Landisville, PA-USA (won title)
Grand Slam History

- 2020 Australian Open marked fifth Grand Slam main draw appearance
- Made deepest run at a Grand Slam by reaching R16 at 2019 US Open as a main draw wildcard (l. Mertens)
- Fell 1r as direct main draw acceptant at 2018 Australian Open (l. Strycova) – was first main draw appearance at a Slam since 2008 US Open
- At home Slam of US Open, qualified and had 1r exit in 2008 (l. Safina). Fell in qualifying in 2009, 2016-18
- Has yet to make main draw debut at Roland Garros

Personal

- Serves on the WTA Player’s Council as a representative for players ranked 101+
- Graduated from Stanford University in 2014 with a major in Science, Technology and Society
- Also graduated as a four-time all American, going 97-17 in four seasons with the Cardinal and was named the 2014 ITA National Senior Player of the Year
JENNIFER BRADY (USA #52) vs. SVETLANA KUZNETSOVA (RUS #49)

Head to Head: 0-0

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SVETLANA KUZNETSOVA

2017

QF | L - YULIA PUTINTSEVA (KAZ #34) | 6-3 6-7(4) 7-5

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BRADY:

**St Petersburg**
- Making tournament debut at St Petersburg
- One of two Americans in the starting field (also qualifier Ahn)
- Contesting event just three places shy of her career high rank of No.49, set last month following QF run at Brisbane
- Winner of today’s match against Kuznetsova faces top seed Bencic in 2r

**Season**
- Opened 2020 by advancing to QF at Brisbane as a qualifier
- Brisbane run included 1r defeat of Sharapova followed by her first win over a reigning World No.1 or indeed any Top 10 opponent – Barty – before falling to Kvitova in last eight
- Now owns 1-5 record against Top 5 ranked players – losses have come to No.4 Ka.Pliskova at 2017 US Open, No.3 Kvitova at 2019 Dubai, No.2 Barty at 2019 Birmingham, No.3 Halep at 2019 Toronto and No.3 Halep at 2020 Australian Open
- Result in Brisbane propelled her to career high ranking of No.49 - her first ever spot inside the Top 50
- At Australian Open, l. Halep in 1r of singles but advanced to QF of doubles (w/Dolehide)

**Career**
- Ended 2019 season back in Top 60 after dipping as low as No.125
- Season highlights include R16 at Dubai (l. R-Up Kvitova) and 3r at Indian Wells (l. Barty)
- Finished 2018 ranked No.116 following her first Top 100 finish in 2017 (No. 64)
- 2018 season highlight was reaching two SFs at $100k ITF/Midland-USA (l. Loeb) and $80k ITF/Charlottesville-USA (l. Duque-Mariño). Also made 2r at Indian Wells (l. Garcia), Roland Garros (l. Putintseva) and Wimbledon (l. Kontaveit)
- Posted best win of career to date at 2019 Beijing, defeating No.15 Keys
- Reached first WTA career SF at 2017 Hong Kong (l. eventual R-Up Gavrilova)
- Posted first WTA main draw wins at 2016 Guangzhou (d. Pivovarova and Kovicin)
- Made first four main draw appearances at tour level in 2016 – at Rio de Janeiro (as qualifier, l. Hercog in 1r), Stanford (l. Cornet in 1r), Montréal (as qualifier l. Svitolina in 1r)
- Ended 2017 inside Top 100 for first time – at No.64; career-high ranking is No.60 (October 16, 2017)
- Made WTA qualifying draw at 2015 Cincinnati (l. 1r to Falconi)
- On ITF Circuit, owns four ITF singles and four doubles titles
- Made professional debut at $10k ITF/Evansville, INUSA (l. 1r)

**Grand Slam History**
- 2020 Australian Open marked 12th Grand Slam main draw
- Best result across the Slams came at 2017 Australian Open - came through qualifying and went on to become first major debutante to reach R16 at a Slam since Smitkova at 2014 Wimbledon. Defeated Zanevska in 1r, Watson in 2r (saved 5mp) and No.14 seed Vesnina in 3r, losing to Lucic-Baroni; became first American female qualifier to reach R16 at the Australian Open in Open Era
- Also became just sixth player to make R16 on Australian Open debut in last 21 years: V.Williams (1998), Suárez Navarro (2009), Bouchard (2014), Gasparyan and Konta (2016)
- Made debut at all four Slams in 2017; prior to 2017 Australian Open, had fallen in qualifying at US Open (2014-16), Roland Garros (2016) and Wimbledon (2016)
- Also reached R16 at 2017 US Open (l. Ka.Pliskova) and has made 2r at Roland Garros in 2018 and 2019 and Wimbledon in 2017 and 2018

**Personal**
- Attended the University of California, Los Angeles, making her debut for the Bruins tennis team in 2013. Completed sophomore year of studies before turning professional in 2015
- Recently hired Michael Geserer (previously with Goerges) at end of 2019 season, spent offseason training in Germany for first time
- Has twin sister, Jessica
KUZNETSOVA:

St Petersburg

- Making second appearance at St Petersburg, the city of her birth
- Advanced to QF in 2017 (l. Putintseva)
- Was out of action at this time of season in both 2018 (following wrist surgery) and 2019 (knee injury)
- Has won two WTA singles titles on Russian home soil – 2015 Moscow (d. Pavlyuchenkova in F) and 2016 Moscow (d. Gavrilova in F)
- At 34 years old, is the oldest player in main draw this week
- One of seven Russians in the starting field

Season

- Defeated No.15 seed Vondrousova in 1r at Australian Open, before falling to Giorgi in 2r
- Fell at Hobart (l. Linette)
- Withdrew from scheduled season opener at Auckland due to illness

Career

- Finished 2019 season at No.54, up from No.107 in 2018, which was her first finish outside Top 100 since 2001 (No.259)
- Season highlight in 2019 was reaching final at Cincinnati (l. Keys) as a WC ranked No.153 – defeated four Top 20 seeds en route to the final (No.11 Sevastova, No.10 Stephens, No.3 Ka.Pliskova and No.1 Barty). Returned to Top 100 after tournament
- Missed first few months of 2019 season due to knee injury – returned at Lugano, where she reached QF
- At 2018 Washington, DC won first title since October 2016 (d. Vekic in F after saving 4mp). Is now 18-24 in WTA singles finals
- After falling 2r at 2018 Wimbledon (l. Strycova), dropped out of the Top 100 for the first time since August 12, 2002 (ending a run of 831 consecutive weeks)
- Missed opening two months of 2018 (w/wrist injury)
- Season highlight in 2017 was reaching final of Indian Wells (l. Vesnina)
- Posted consistent results at Slams in 2017, 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, Sharapova, Wozniacki and Kerber
- 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. Also 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 and Russian Olympic Team in 2004, 2008, 2016

Grand Slam History

- 2020 Australian Open marked 67th main draw appearance at a Grand Slam
- Is a two-time Grand Slam singles champion, winning at 2004 US Open (d. Dementieva in F) and 2009 Roland Garros (d. Safina in F). Also a two-time finalist, reaching the title bouts 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 4h 44min
- Has two major doubles titles, at Australian Open – in 2005 (w/Molik) and 2012 (w/Zvonareva)
Personal

- 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
- Currently coached by Andrey Stepanov. Previously worked with Guillermo Cañas
[WC] DARIA KASATKINA (RUS #71) vs. EKATERINA ALEXANDROVA (RUS #28)

Head to Head: DARIA KASATKINA leads 1-0

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KASATKINA:

St Petersburg

- Making fifth main draw appearance at St Petersburg – best results have been SF runs in 2016 (l. Bencic) and 2018 (l. Mladenovic, having defeated World No.1 Wozniacki en route)
- Advanced to last eight here at Sibur Arena last year (l. Zvonareva), one of two QF she reached in 2019 (also Beijing, where she defeated today’s opponent, Alexandrova, in R16 before falling to Wozniacki)
- One of seven Russians in the starting line-up this week, along with her opponent Alexandrova; another all-Russian first round encounter sees qualifiers Potapova and Samsonova face off

Season

- Opened 2020 season at Auckland, defeating Suarez Navarro in 1r before falling to Anisimova
- Won her way through qualifying at Adelaide before falling to Bencic
- Made 1 exit at Australian Open (l. Keys)

Career

- Finished 2019 season at No.69, down from No.10 in 2018, having gone 12-21 across the season
- Ended 2018 season by capturing her second WTA singles title at Moscow [Kremlin Cup]. Recovered from a set and 6-2 4-1 down to defeat Jabeur in final; is now 2-3 in WTA singles finals, all coming at Premier-level or above
- Reached biggest final of career at 2018 Indian Wells (l. Osaka)
- Captured the joint-most wins over Top 5 players (five) in 2018, along with Bertens and Stephens
- Was one of eight players to reach QF or better at two or more Grand Slams in 2018 (Wimbledon and Roland Garros)
- One of five players in WTA history to have multiple wins over World No.1s before their 21st birthday, others being: V.Williams (9), S. Williams (8), Sharapova (4) and Kuznetsova (2)
- 2017 season was highlighted by capturing first WTA singles title in debut final at Charleston, defeating fellow teenager Ostapenko in F – the first all-teenage final on tour since 2009 Linz (Wickmayer d. Kvitova)
- Reached second tour-level final at Moscow in 2017 (l. Goerges in F). Also finished R-Up in two WTA doubles finals at 2017 – at Tokyo [PPO] and Moscow (both w/Gavrilova)
- Scored first win over a reigning No.1 by defeating Kerber at 2017 Sydney
- Ended 2016 as the highest-ranked teenager
- 2016 highlights included reaching second WTA SF at St Petersburg (l. eventual R-Up Bencic) and QF stage at Indian Wells (l. Ka.Pliskova), Charleston (l. eventual champion Stephens having held match points), Montreal (l. Kerber), Rio Olympics (l. Keys) and Moscow (l. Goerges)
- Reached first WTA SF at 2015 Moscow (l. Pavlyuchenkova, having recorded first Top 20 win over No.14 Suárez Navarro in QF)
- Nominated for WTA Newcomer of the Year in 2015
- QF run at 2015 Bad Gastein (as qualifier) was first time reaching last eight at a WTA-level tournament
- Won maiden WTA doubles title at 2015 Moscow (w/Vesnina)
- Won five singles titles on ITF Circuit in 2015, taking total to seven
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2013 Moscow; made main draw debut as WC also at Moscow in 2014 (l. Riske 1r)

Grand Slam History

- 2020 Australian Open marked 18th main draw appearance at a Grand Slam
- Earned best result at the majors with QF runs at 2018 Roland Garros (l. Stephens) and 2018 Wimbledon (l. eventual champion Kerber) surpassing her previous-best R16 effort at 2017 US Open (l. Kanepi)
- Reached 3r on her main draw debuts at all of the majors – 2015 US Open (l. Mladenovic), 2016 Australian Open (l. eventual champion S.Williams), 2016 Roland Garros (l. Bertens) and 2016 Wimbledon (l. V.Williams)
- In juniors, lifted the 2014 Roland Garros singles trophy

Personal

- Born and resides in Togliatti, Russia. Mother is Tatiana Timkovskaya and father is Sergey Kasatkin
- Began playing at age six when older brother and fitness trainer, Alexsandr Timkovskii, introduced her to tennis
- Currently attending Sport College in Samara, Russia
- Loves football; favorite team is Barcelona FC
- Formerly coached by Philippe Dehaes and Vladimir Platenik
ALEXANDROVA:

**St Petersburg**

- Making second main draw appearance at St Petersburg, having advanced to QF in 2019 on a ranking of No.78 (as qualifier, l. Sabalenka)
- Fell in qualifying in 2017 and 2018
- Made Top 30 debut (at No.26) after capturing Shenzhen title in first week of season and is now the highest-ranked Russian, of seven women in this week’s Top 100 (week of February 12, 2020)
- Currently sits in eighth place on the Porsche Race to Shenzhen

**Season**

- Opened 2020 season by winning first tour-level WTA singles title at Shenzhen (d. Rybakina in F, having dispatched seeds Wang (QF) and Muguruza (SF) along the way
- Maintained win streak to seven by advancing to 3r at Australian Open – defeated Teichmann and Krejickova before falling to Kvitova
- Enjoyed first Grand Slam seeding in Melbourne – No.25
- Improved win-loss record for season to 9-1 by going 2-0 in last week’s Fed Cup qualifiers vs Romania – posted wins over Bogdan and Ruse

**Career**

- Posted first Top 40 season finish in 2019, at No.35 (up from No.93 the year prior)
- Registered 30 tour-level match wins during 2019, in which she reached SF at Budapest, Seoul and Linz and made QF at St.Petersburg, ’s-Hertogenbosch, Eastbourne and Moscow
- Made Top 50 debut after QF run at ’s-Hertogenbosch (June 17, 2019)
- Other highlights in 2019 included upset of No.5 Halep en route to R16 at Beijing – the first win of her career over a Top 5 player – and 3r showing at Roland Garros
- Won first WTA doubles title at 2019 Budapest (w/Zvonareva)
- Reached maiden WTA final at 2018 Linz (l. Giorgi). Other notable results in 2018 were QF run at Seoul (d. No.10 Ostapenko en route for her first career Top 10 win) and lifted WTA 125K Series title at Limoges for second time
- Made Top 100 debut at No.93 after winning title at $60K ITF/Shenzhen-CHN (March 20, 2017)
- Won WTA 125K Series title at Limoges in 2016 (d. Garcia in F). Also in 2016 reached 2r at Wimbledon (won her way through qualifying, on first attempt to qualify at any Slam, upsetting No.23 seed Ivanovic in 1r)
- Reached 2r on WTA main draw debut at 2016 Katowice (as qualifier, l. eventual R-Up Giorgi)
- Contested qualifying for the first time at a WTA-level tournament at 2014 Bad Gastein
- Played first professional events of career on ITF Circuit in 2011

**Grand Slam History**

- 2020 Australian Open marked 14th Grand Slam main draw appearance; matched best Grand Slam result to date by reaching 3r (l. Kvitova)
- Also reached 3r at 2019 Roland Garros, defeating No.30 seed Mihaela Buzarnescu and former finalist Sam Stosur en route (l. Bolsova)
- Made Grand Slam debut at 2016 Wimbledon – defeated No.23 seed Ivanovic before falling to Friedsam in 2r
- Competed in all four majors for the first time in career in 2017, falling in 1r at Australian Open (l. compatriot Makarova) and Wimbledon (l. eventual champion Muguruza) and advancing to 2r at Roland Garros (l. Ka.Pliskova) and US Open (l. Garcia)

**Personal**

- Coached by her father, Evgeny Alexandrova and Petr Kralert, who both travel with her
- Born in Chelyabinsk, Russia, and began playing tennis at age six; remembers playing on holiday at Spain. Now trains in Prague, Czech Republic
- Prefers hardcourts; admires Serena Williams
ST. PETERSBURG LADIES TROPHY – DAY 1

KATERINA SINIAKOVA (CZE #59) vs. [8] ELENA RYBAKINA (KAZ #25)

_Siniakova leads 2-1_

_Siniakova is aiming for her first main draw singles win since reaching the R16 at Beijing last year… Rybakina is competing this week on a career high ranking of World No.25 (was ranked No.196 this time last year)_

[VITALIA DIATCHENKO (RUS #89) vs. [6] MARIA SAKKARI (GRE #21)]

_Sakkari leads 2-0_

_Diatchenko is looking for her best win today since defeating No.22 Sharapova at 2018 Wimbledon… Sakkari has won five of her last seven meetings against Russians, including today’s opponent at Adelaide_

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KATERINA SINIAKOVA (CZE #59) vs. [8] ELENA RYBAKINA (KAZ #25)

Head to Head: KATERINA SINIAKOVA leads 2-1

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**KATERINA SINIAKOVA**

- **WTA RANKING**
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  - 2-3
  - 0-2 / 106-123
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**ELENA RYBAKINA**

- **WTA RANKING**
  - 25
  - 7
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SINIAKOVA:

**St. Petersburg**

- Making fourth main draw appearance at St. Petersburg
- Reached QF in 2018 (d. No.35 Makarova, l. eventual R-Up Mladenovic)
- Fell 1r in 2016 (l. Babos) and 2019 (l. Bonaventure)
- Faces No.25 Rybakina in 1r today. Aiming to record third straight win against the Kazakh, having previously defeated her in the first round at both 2019 Roland Garros and 2019 Guangzhou
- Bidding to record first main draw win since advancing to R16 at Beijing last year (l. Wozniacki)
- At World No.59, is the Czech No.6 of eight women in the Top 100 (week of February 3, 2020)

**Season**

- In singles, fell 1r at first two tournaments of the season, at Shenzhen (l. eventual R-Up Alexandrova) and at the Australian Open (l. Kvitova)
- Advanced to the Australian Open doubles SF with partner Krejcikova (l. Hsieh/Strycova)
- Lifted fifth WTA doubles title with Krejcikova at Shenzhen, her eighth doubles title overall

**Career Milestones**

- 2019 highlights include SF run at Nürnberg (l. Larsson), Bronx (l. Linette), and QF run at Prague (l. Strycova). Also made R16 at Roland Garros (career-best result at a Slam, l. Keys), Guangzhou (l. Golubic) and Beijing (l. Wozniacki)
- Secured two Top 20 victories in 2019 after defeating No.17 Q. Wang at Rome and No. 1 Osaka at Roland Garros
- Won two doubles titles in 2019 at Sydney (w/Krunic) and Toronto (w/Krejcikova), Also R-Up at Indian Wells (l. Mertens/ Sabalenka) and SF run at Wimbledon (l. Dabrowski/Xu) both w/ Krejcikova
- Finished 2018 ranked No.1 in doubles after winning fi rst two Grand Slam trophies at Roland Garros (d. Hozumi/ Ninomiya in F) and Wimbledon (d. Melichar/Peschke in F) both w/ Krejcikova, the first pairing to complete the Roland Garros-Wimbledon double since Kim Clijsters and Ai Sugiyama in 2003. Also R-Up at WTA Finals Singapore (l. Babos/Mladenovic)
- Has three Top 5 career wins in singles - against No.4 Halep at 2017 Shenzhen, No.4 Garcia at Wuhan, and No.1 Osaka at 2019 Roland Garros
- In 2016, Reached fi rst two WTA fi nals of career, at Bastad (as qualifi er, l. Siegemund) and Tokyo [Japan Open] (l. McHale)
- On ITF Circuit has won seven singles titles and fi ve doubles titles
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2013 Miami (l. Muguruza)
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in 2012

**Grand Slam History**

- Contested 22nd Grand Slam main draw at 2020 Australian Open
- Achieved best showing at a major to date with run to R16 at 2019 Roland Garros (l. Keys)
- Previously made 3r at Wimbledon in 2016 (l. A.Radwanska) and 2018 (l. Giorgi), Roland Garros in 2018 (l. Strycova) and US Open in 2018 (l. Tsurenko)
- In doubles, lifted first two Grand Slam trophies at 2018 Roland Garros (d. Hozumi/Ninomiya in F) and 2018 Wimbledon (d. Melichar/Peschke in F) both w/Krejcikova – the fi rst pairing to complete the Roland Garros-Wimbledon double since Kim Clijsters and Ai Sugiyama in 2003. Became the fi rst team ever to win the girls’ (2013) and ladies’ (2018) doubles title at Wimbledon
- Also reached doubles fi nal at 2017 US Open (w/Hradecka, l. Chan/Hingis)

**Personal**

- Coached by father, Dmitri Siniakov (also a businessman). Has also worked with WTA legend Helena Sukova and Iain Hughes
- Mother’s name is Hana Siniakova (accountant); younger brother is Daniel
- Started playing tennis at age 5
- All-court player; favorite surface is hardcourt; favorite tournament is Australian Open
- Tennis idol growing up was Maria Sharapova
RYBAKINA:

St. Petersburg
- Making second main draw appearance at St. Petersburg
- Reached maiden QF of career by upsetting No.7 Garcia on debut run at the St. Petersburg Ladies' Trophy in 2018 (as qualifier, l. Goerges). Victory over Garcia was also maiden Top 10 win of career
- Following 3r run at the Australian Open (l. Barty), enters this week at a career-high ranking of No.25; by contrast, was ranked No.196 this time last year
- Faces No.59 Siniakova for their fourth career meeting in 1r today; last defeated the Czech at 2019 Istanbul where she went on to reach QF (as qualifier, l. Strycova)
- Has now won 32 of past 42 matches on Tour, sequence which began with her maiden title run at Bucharest last July

Season
- Recorded career-best run at a Grand Slam by advancing to 3r at the Australian Open (l. Barty) - won back-to-back Major matches for the first time after two straight sets victories over Pera in 1r and Minnen in 2r
- Opened 2020 season with back-to-back final runs, first reaching the championship match at Shenzhen (l. Alexandrova in F) before claiming a second career title at Hobart (d. S.Zhang in F)

Career Milestones
- Finished 2019 season at No.37 to record first Top 50 finish of her career, up from 2018’s final ranking of No.191
- During a breakout 2019 season, lifted maiden WTA singles title at Bucharest (d. Tig in F). Also advanced to second career final at Nanchang (l. Peterson) and made SF appearances at Luxembourg (l. Goerges) and ‘s-Hertogenbosch (l. Bertens)
- Additionally, made QF runs at Istanbul (l. Strycova), Wuhan (l. Sabalenka) and Linz (l. Osatapenko)
- Made Grand Slam main draw debut at 2019 Roland Garros, falling 1r (as qualifier, l. Siniakova). Also fell 1r at 2019 US Open (as qualifier, l. Muchova)
- On the ITF Circuit in 2019, lifted silverware on three occasions; back-to-back at $25K Moscow-RUS and $25K Kazan-RUS and at $60K ITF/Launceston-AUS. Now holds four singles and four doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Highlights of 2018 included reaching maiden WTA QF at St. Petersburg (l. Goerges) and clinching the title at $15k ITF/Kazan-RUS
- First Top 10 win came over No.7 Garcia at 2018 St. Petersburg. Has since added the defeat of No.6 Halep (2019 Wuhan) to list of Top 10 triumphs
- Ended 2017 ranked No.425, improving 191 spots from 2016 (finished at No.616)
- Holds four singles and four doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Made WTA qualifying and main draw debut at 2017 Moscow (as qualifier, l. Begu in 1r)

Grand Slam History
- 2020 Australian Open marked her third career Grand Slam main draw where she recorded her career best appearance at a Major by advancing to 3r (l. Barty)
- Fell 1r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2019 Roland Garros (as qualifier, l. Siniakova)
- Also fell 1r at 2019 US Open (as qualifier, l. Muchova)
- Has also fallen in qualifying at other two majors, both in 2019
- In Juniors, reached two Grand Slam SFs at 2017 Australian Open and Roland Garros

Personal
- Trained at Spartak Club in Moscow as a junior
- Coached by Stefano Vukov; previous coaches included Andrei Cheshnokov (Elena Vesnina’s former coach) and Evgenia Kulikovskaya
- Nominated for 2019 WTA Newcomer of the Year Award
- Started playing tennis aged five
[Q] VITALIA DIATCHENKO (RUS #89) vs. [6] MARIA SAKKARI (GRE #21)

Head to Head: MARIA SAKKARI leads 2-0

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VITALIA DIATCHENKO

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WTA RANKING

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DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER) 0 / 1
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YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) * 0-3 / 23-32
YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) * 3-0 / 22-14
YTD / CAREER HARD W-L (MD) * 4-3 / 41-50
YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) * 0-1 / 7-6
YTD / CAREER TOP 5 W-L (MD & Q) * 0-1 / 2-6
YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD & Q) * 0-2 / 7-12
YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD & Q) * 1-3 / 14-29

* Updated through entering 2020 St. Petersburg 1r

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VITALIA DIATCHENKO

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DIATCHENKO:

**St. Petersburg**
- Making her main draw debut at St. Petersburg, having fallen in qualifying last year (l. Petkovic)
- Defeated two of her compatriots in qualifying to enter this week’s main draw (d. Mishina and Vikhlyantseva)
- Faces No.21 Sakkari today in their third career meeting, most recently falling to the Greek earlier this year at Adelaide
- A win today would mark her best-by-ranking since defeating then-No.22 Sharapova at 2018 Wimbledon. Owns one win over a Top 20 ranked opponent, defeating then-No.14 Cibulkova at 2014 Moscow
- Aiming for her first Tour-level win since 2018 Wimbledon (as a qualifier; d. Sharapova and Kenin before falling to Ostapenko)
- One of a tournament-leading seven Russian women in this year’s draw – also Alexandrova, Kasatkina, Kudermetova, Kuznetsova, Potapova and Samsonova
- Best result by a Russian here were SF runs by Kasatkina (2016, 2018), Vikhlyantseva (2017) and Zvonareva (2019)

**Season**
- At the Australian Open, bowed out in 3s to Collins in 1r
- Opened her 2020 campaign with a 1r exit at Adelaide (as LL, l. Sakkari)

**Career**
- Finished 2019 ranked No.107 – her career best year-end ranking (up from No.108 in 2014)
- Captured her second career WTA 125K Series title in 2019 at Taipei (d. Babos in F) - also clinched the same title in 2014
- Enjoyed a remarkable year on the ITF circuit in 2019, hoisting six titles, including three in a row at Croissy-Beaubourg, Bolton and Istanbul
- Finished 2018 season at No.120 - highlights coming from ITF 25K title at Chiswick and 3r finish at Wimbledon (d. No.22 Sharapova)
- Owns 19 career ITF singles titles, including six in 2019
- Ended 2017 ranked No.188 (up from No.553 in 2016)
- Won two ITF Circuit titles in 2017 at 25K ITF/Chiswick-GBR and 25K ITF/Istanbul-TUR
- In 2016 fell 1r at Roland Garros (l. Safarova) and US Open (l. Bacsinszky) as she began her comeback after injury
- Did not play between February and May 2015 due to a left Achilles injury (underwent surgery in February)
- In 2014, advanced to first WTA QF at Moscow (as qualifier, l. eventual champion Pavlyuchenkova). Also won WTA 125K Series event in Taipei
- Owns one WTA doubles title – won at 2011 Tashkent (w/Daniilidou) and is a six-time doubles runner-up
- Achieved career-high singles ranking of No.71 in November 2014
- Missed first six months of season in 2012 due to a serious knee injury (only played three tournaments that year)
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in 2007 and made WTA main draw debut at 2009 Pattaya City

**Grand Slam**
- 2020 Australian Open marked her 12th Grand Slam main draw appearance
- Best result at any major came at 2018 Wimbledon, battling through three rounds of qualifying and upsetting No.22 Sharapova in 1r en route to 3r finish (l. Ostapenko)
- Other best results were 2r showings at Roland Garros in 2009 and 2015
- Has fallen 1r at other two majors
- Played main draw of all four Grand Slam events in 2015 for the first and only time in her career thus far

**Personal**
- Father Anatoliy works for the United Nations; mother Victoria is a housewife; brother Sergey is a hockey player
- Tennis idols growing up were Monica Seles and Serena Williams
- Favorite surface is hardcourt and favorite tournament is US Open
- Grew up in Sochi but has lived in Moscow since she was 11 years old
- Spent two years away from tennis w/right shoulder injury (age 14-16); began playing again at age 17
SAKKARI:

**St. Petersburg**

- Making third consecutive appearance at St. Petersburg Ladies Trophy
- Fell in 1r in back-to-back years, falling to Goerges in 2018 and 2019
- Faces No.89 Diatchenko today, having previously defeated the Russian two weeks ago in 1r at Adelaide
- Has won five of her last seven meetings against Russian opposition since the start of 2019, having defeated Zvonareva and Pavlyuchenkova (both at 2019 Rome), Alexandrova (2019 San Jose), Diatchenko (2020 Adelaide) and Gasparyan (2020 Australian Open). Losses came to Kudermetova (2019 Istanbul) and Pavlyuchenkova (2019 Moscow)
- A loss today would mark her worst-by-ranking since falling to No.140 McHale at 2019 Indian Wells 1r. Her last five losses came to the hands of Top 20 ranked players including No.8 Kvitova (2020 Australian Open), No.20 Vekic (2020 Adelaide), No.4 Osaka (2020 Brisbane), No.18 Mertens and No.14 Sabalenka (both at 2019 Zhuhai)

**Season**

- Coming off a run to the R16 at Australian Open (l. Kvitova) – her best result at the majors - to become the first Greek woman to reach this stage at a Grand Slam since Eleni Daniilidou at 2004 Wimbledon
- Defeated No.11 Keys in 3r at Melbourne for her 14th career Top 20 victory (14-29 record)
- Achieved new career high ranking of No.21 following Melbourne
- Made 2r at Adelaide (l. Vekic) after a 1r exit at Brisbane (l. Osaka)

**Career**

- Finished 2019 at No.23 – the best year-end finish of her career (up from No.41 in 2018)
- Reached as high as World No.22 on October 21, 2019
- Season highlight was winning maiden WTA title at Rabat, recovering from a set and break down to defeat Konta in final
- Made 3r at Australian Open (l. Barty), Wimbledon (l. Svitolina) and US Open (l. Barty). Has now reached 3r - but never further - at the majors seven times
- Closed out season by qualifying for WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai for first time in career (fell in RR stage)
- 2018 season highlights included reaching her first tour-level final at San Jose (l. Buzarnescu), scoring first career Top 5 win after defeat of No.5 Ka.Pliskova in Rome as well as reaching SF at Istanbul (l. Hercog) and Seoul (l. Bertens)
- Notched first Top 10 victory of career over No.6 Wozniacki en route to first WTA SF of career at 2017 Wuhan Open
- Since then has posted a further six Top 10 wins, against No.5 Ka.Pliskova (2018 Rome), No.6 Bertens (2019 Charleston), No.5 Kvitova (2019 Rome, via ret.), No.7 Svitolina (2019 San Jose), No.6 Kvitova and No.9 Sabalenka (both at 2019 Cincinnati)
- Broke into Top 50 for first time at No.49 on October 9, 2017
- Reached first career WTA QF at 2016 Istanbul after qualifying to enter main draw (l. Kovinic) – at the time, achieved her then best win-by-ranking defeating No.34 Schmiedlova in 1r
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2012 Palermo
- Made debut on ITF Circuit in 2010; owns seven ITF Circuit singles titles and five in doubles

**Grand Slam History**

- Contested 17th Grand Slam main draw at 2020 Australian Open, where she recorded her career-best result by reaching R16 to become the first Greek woman to reach this stage at a Grand Slam since Eleni Daniilidou at 2004 Wimbledon
- By reaching 3r at 2017 Australian Open, became first Greek woman to reach this stage at a Slam since Daniilidou at 2005 Wimbledon (l. Pennetta)
- At 2016 Australian Open, by reaching 2r (d. Y.Wang, l. Suárez Navarro) became the first woman from Greece to win a main draw match at a Slam since Daniilidou d. Ka.Pliskova at 2013 Australian Open

**Personal**

- Born and grew up in Athens, Greece, before moving to Barcelona aged 18 – has trained there for two years
- Mother, Angeliki Kanellopoulou, was tennis player too, however didn’t start because of her – just liked the sport.
- Tried karate and gymnastics but was thrown out of class for laughing too much
- Currently coached by Tom Hill
LIUDMILA SAMSONOVA

DOB: Nov 11, 1998 (21)
Residence: Plays
Height: Prize Career: $302,704
Prize YTD: $84,403
Career High Singles Rank: 114 (Feb 03 2020)
Career High Doubles Rank: 666 (Aug 07 2017)
WTA Singles Titles - YTD / Career: 0 / 0
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**MATCH FACTS**

2020 Events: 3 Played
2020 Matches: 4 Played (1 - 3 win-loss)

**RETURN RECORD YTD 2020**

- 1st Serve Return Points Won: 30.6%
- 2nd Serve Return Points Won: 61.8%
- Break Point Opportunities: 17
- Break Points Converted: 29.4%
- Return Games Played: 45
- Return Games Won: 11.1%
- Return Points Won: 34.7%
- Total Points Won: 45.7%

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LIUDMILA SAMSONOVA

TOURNAMENT HISTORY - SINGLES

BEST WIN OF THE SEASON (win against highest ranked Opponent)
R1 Main Draw in Brisbane (d. Sloane Stephens (USA #24) 6-4  2-6  6-3)

2020 Season Summary
2 tournaments in 2020:
- R16 Main Draw in Brisbane (l. Petra Kvitova 6-3  6-2)
**R1 Main Draw in Australian Open (l. Jelena Ostapenko 6-1  6-4)

Best Previous Results (ST. PETERSBURG)
1 appearance at ST. PETERSBURG:
- R16 Qualifying in 2019 (l. Margarita Gasparyan 6-3  6-3)

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# Player Profile & Performance - ST. PETERSBURG

ST. PETERSBURG, RUSSIA FEBRUARY 10 - 16, 2020 | USD $848,000 PREMIER

All data as at Monday, 03 Feb 2020

## ANASTASIA POTAPOVA

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## MATCH FACTS**

- 2020 Events: 1 Played
- 2020 Matches: 1 Played (0 - 1 win-loss)

**Stats are for main draw matches at WTA and Grand Slam events only and includes active tournament results. Fed Cup matches excluded.

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TOURNAMENT HISTORY - SINGLES

BEST WIN OF THE SEASON (win against highest ranked Opponent)
R16 Qualifying in Brisbane (d. Viktorija Golubic (SUI #79) 2-6 7-5 6-2)

2020 Season Summary

3 tournaments in 2020:
**R1 Main Draw in Australian Open (l. Serena Williams 6-0 6-3)
- QF Qualifying in Brisbane (l. Yulia Putintseva 6-4 6-3)
- R16 Qualifying in Adelaide (l. Arina Rodionova 6-2 1-6 6-2)

Best Previous Results (ST. PETERSBURG)
1 appearance at ST. PETERSBURG:
- R16 Main Draw in 2018 (l. Caroline Wozniacki 6-0 6-1)

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CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

SINGLES
Finalist (2): 2018 - Moscow [River Cup], Tashkent.

DOUBLES
Winner (2): 2019 - Lausanne (w/Sizikova); 2018 - Moscow [River Cup] (w/Zvonareva).

ADDITIONAL
Russian Fed Cup Team, 2018-19.
ST. PETERSBURG LADIES TROPHY – QUICK FACTS

Main draw dates: Saturday - Sunday, February 10-16, 2020
Singles Final: Sunday, February 16, 16:30pm
Doubles Final: Sunday, February 16, 2pm (TBC)
Venue: Sibur Arena
Status: WTA Premier event
Staging: Tournament's fifth year
Draw sizes: 28 singles / 16 doubles teams / 24 singles qualifying
Surface: Rebound Ace (wooden base) / Indoors
Total prize money: USD $848,000
Tennis Ball: Babolat Team
2019 Singles Final: [2] Kiki Bertens (NED) d. [8] Donna Vekic (CRO) 7-6(2) 6-4
2019 Doubles Final: Margarita Gasparyan/Ekaterina Makarova (RUS/RUS) d. Anna Kalinskaya/Viktoria Kuzmova (RUS/SVK) 7-5 7-5

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MAIN DRAW QUICK-HITS

Singles wildcards: Belinda Bencic (SUI), Daria Kasatkina (RUS), Johanna Konta (GBR), Svetlana Kuznetsova (RUS)
Youngest singles player: Anastasia Potapova, 18 years old (March 30, 2001)
Oldest singles player: Svetlana Kuznetsova, 34 years old (June 27, 1985)
Main draw debutantes: Kristie Ahn (USA), Jennifer Brady (USA), Vitalia Diatchenko (RUS), Océane Dodin (FRA), Johanna Konta (GBR), Liudmila Samsonova (RUS), Anastasija Sevastova (LAT), Ajla Tomljanovic (AUS), Marketa Vondrousova (CZE)
TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS

- Six of the seven players to have appeared in the final of the St. Petersburg Ladies Trophy return this year, with **Belinda Bencic** (2016 runner-up) leading the way. Twelve months ago the Swiss fell during qualifying here, but she returns as top seed and at a career-high No.5 in the rankings. After a first-round bye, Bencic will face either wildcard Svetlana Kuznetsova or Jennifer Brady.

- Joining Bencic in the 28-player field are defending champion **Kiki Bertens** and 2018 winner **Petra Kvitova**, both of whom enjoyed good runs at the recent Australian Open, reaching the fourth round and quarterfinals, respectively.

- Leading the charge for the home nation will be World No.28 **Ekaterina Alexandrova**, who has begun the season in a rich vein of form, lifting her maiden career title at Shenzhen. She is one of seven Russians in the main draw, one of whom she faces in the first round, two-time semifinalist **Daria Kasatkina**.

- Also in the draw is two-time finalist **Kristina Mladenovic**, who won her sole career singles title here in 2017. The Frenchwoman owns more wins in St. Petersburg (8-3 record) than any other player in the tournament’s history, and will open her latest campaign against **Alison Van Uytvanck**, with the winner going on to face No.3 seed **Kvitova**.

- **One to Watch – Elena Rybakina**. Last season was one to remember for Rybakina, who won 57 matches at all levels, rising nearly 150 places in the rankings. At the start of 2020, the 20-year-old has carried on from where she left off, reaching the final at Shenzhen, capturing the title at Hobart and breaking into the Top 30 for the first time. Along with Australian Open finalist Garbiñe Muguruza, she leads the WTA Tour for match wins in 2020, with a record of 11-2 (not including Fed Cup results).

### TOP 4 SEEDS’ TOURNAMENT HISTORY*

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*Main draw matches only

### PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS & RUNNERS-UP

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PREVIEW NOTES: ST. PETERSBURG LADIES TROPHY
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COUNTRY AND REGION BREAKDOWN

A total of 14 countries and regions are represented in the main draw, led by Russia with seven players:

Australia (1)  Ajla Tomljanovic
Belgium (1)  Alison Van Uytvanck
Croatia (1)  Donna Vekic
Czech Republic (3)  Petra Kvitova, Katerina Siniakova, Marketa Vondrousova
France (4)  Alizé Cornet, Océane Dodin, Caroline Garcia, Kristina Mladenovic
Great Britain (1)  Johanna Konta
Greece (1)  Maria Sakkari
Kazakhstan (2)  Yulia Putintseva, Elena Rybakina
Latvia (2)  Jelena Ostapenko, Anastasija Sevastova
Netherlands (1)  Kiki Bertens
Russia (7)  Ekaterina Alexandrova, Vitalia Diatchenko, Daria Kasatkina, Veronika Kudermetova, Svetlana Kuznetsova, Anastasia Potapova, Liudmila Samsonova
Slovakia (1)  Viktoria Kuzmova
Switzerland (1)  Belinda Bencic
USA (2)  Kristie Ahn, Jennifer Brady

2020 THE STORY SO FAR

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TOP 20 UPCOMING SCHEDULES

ASHLEIGH BARTY: Dubai, Doha, Indian Wells
SIMONA HALEP: Dubai, Doha, Indian Wells
KAROLINA PLISKOVA: Dubai, Doha, Indian Wells
ELINA SVITOLINA: Hua Hin, Doha, Monterrey, Indian Wells
BELINDA BENCIC: St. Petersburg, Dubai, Doha, Indian Wells
BIANCA ANDREESCU: Dubai, Doha, Indian Wells
SOFIA KENIN: Dubai, Doha, Lyon, Indian Wells
KIKI BERTENS: St. Petersburg, Dubai, Doha, Indian Wells
SERENA WILLIAMS: Indian Wells
NAOMI OSAKA: Indian Wells
PETRA KVITOVA: St. Petersburg, Doha, Indian Wells
MADISON KEYS: Acapulco, Indian Wells
ARYNA SABALENKA: Dubai, Doha, Indian Wells
JOHANNA KONTA: St. Petersburg, Dubai, Doha, Monterrey, Indian Wells
PETRA MARTIC: Dubai, Doha, Indian Wells
GARBIÑE MUGURUZA: Doha, Indian Wells
MARKETA VONDROUSOVA: St. Petersburg, Dubai, Doha, Indian Wells
ALISON RISKE: Dubai, Doha, Indian Wells
ELISE MERTENS: Dubai, Doha, Indian Wells
ANGELIQUE KERBER: Doha, Indian Wells
### ALPHABETIC PLAYER LIST

#### MAIN DRAW SINGLES

**2020 St. Petersburg Ladies Trophy - St. Petersburg, Russia**

**PLAYER NAME** | **RANK** | **SEED** | **CAREER @ TRN** | **YEAR-TO-DATE** | **CAREER** | **CAREER HGH** | **TITLES** |
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Head-to-Heads
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BRADY, JENNIFER vs KUZNETSOVA, SVETLANA
There are no head to heads

CORNET, ALIZÉ vs OSTAPENKO, JELENA
Both Have Equal Wins 1 - 1

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KASATKINA, DARIA vs ALEXANDROVA, EKATERINA

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# Head-to-Heads

## Van Uytvanck, Alison vs Mladenovic, Kristina
- **Year**: 2014
- **Tournament Name**: Wuhan
- **Surface**: Hard
- **I-O Round**: Q R32
- **Winner**: Van Uytvanck, Alison

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PRIZE (USD) 757,900  
Draw Dbl 16  

**2018 St. Petersburg WTA**  
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**Singles Activity: KUZMOVA, VIKTORIA**

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For St. Petersburg Ladies Trophy - St. Petersburg, Russia
Previously in St. Petersburg Ladies Trophy - St. Petersburg,

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