ST. PETERSBURG LADIES TROPHY – DAY 2

ALISON VAN UYT VANCK (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 KUDERMETOVA (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

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ALISON VAN UYTVANCK

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ST. PETERSBURG Tournament History

"-Q" Qualifying match

ALISON VAN UYTVANCK

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

KRISTINA MLADENOVIC

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

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

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

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

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Insights from SAP
VAN UYT VANCK:

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 (I. Martic) and Moscow (I. 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 KUDEMETOVA (RUS #38) vs. YULIA PUTINTSEVA (KAZ #34)

Head to Head: 0-0

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ST. PETERSBURG Tournament History

"-Q" Qualifying match

VERONIKA KUDEMETOVA

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

YULIA PUTINTSEVA

2019
R1  L - TEREZA MARTINCOVA (CZE #181)  4-6  6-2  6-2

2017
F  L - KRISTINA MLADENOVIC (FRA #51)  6-2  6-7(3)  6-4

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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
- 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 (I. 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 (I. Halep) – her joint best result at Melbourne Park (also 2016)
- Opened season with 2r appearance at Brisbane (as qualifier, I. Collins) before a 1r exit at Adelaide (as qualifier, I. 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 (I. 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 (I. Mladenovic) after notching two Top 10 wins over No.8 Kuznetsova and No.5 Cibulkova (I. Mladenovic in F) – first woman from Kazakhstan to reach a WTA final since Shvedova at 2015 Bogotá (I. 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 (I. S.Williams in 3 sets) and 2018 (I. Keys). Was the first Kazakh to reach QF at Roland Garros – or at any major – since Shvedova in 2012 (I. QF)
Away from Paris, other key results include 3r at 2016 Australian Open (I. Gasparyan) and 2020 (I. Halep), 3r at 2019 US Open (I. Vekic) and 2r at Wimbledon in 2015 (I. V Williams), 2016 (I. Pavlyuchenkova) and 2019 (I. 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
[7] DONNA VEKIC (CRO #23) vs. [Q] KRISTIE AHN (USA #97)

Head to Head: DONNA VEKIC leads 1-0

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**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 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 (I. Bencic)
- Has reached R16 at 2018 Wimbledon (I. Goerges) and 2019 Roland Garros (I. Konta)
- At Australian Open, best result was this year’s 3r run (I. 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 Martinova 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 (I. 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 (I. Mertens)
- Also made San Jose QFs (I. Vekic) and posted R-Up finish at $25K ITF/Rancho Santa Fe, CA-USA (I. 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 (I. 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, I. 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
# Match Notes

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

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"-Q" Qualifying match

**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), Gasparian 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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Insights from
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 winning 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 Togliatty, Russia. Mother is Tatiana Timkovskaya and father is Sergey Kasatkin
- Began playing at age six when older brother and fitness trainer, Aleksandr 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
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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