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

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**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**

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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/Clerboug-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/Clermott-Ferrand-FRA
- Also appeared in QF at 2016 Linz (as qualifier, l. Keys)
- Ended 2016 season by defeating Davis in final of $100k ITF/Plitvice-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
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[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
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, 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 (I. Vekic) after a 1r exit at Brisbane (I. 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 (I. Barty), Wimbledon (I. Svitolina) and US Open (I. 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 (I. Buzarnescu), scoring first career Top 5 win after defeat of No.5 Ka.Pliskova in Rome as well as reaching SF at Istanbul (I. Hercog) and Seoul (I.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 (I. 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 (I. Pennetta)
- At 2016 Australian Open, by reaching 2r (d. Y.Wang, I. 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
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## ROAD TO THE QUARTERFINALS

### [Q] ANASTASIA POTAPKOVA (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

### [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

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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
- 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 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 Academy 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

EKATERINA ALEXANDROVA

| WTA RANKING | W | 15-11-1994 (25) | $309,801 | $1,983,022 | 1 / 1 | 4-1 | 11-1 / 59-53 | 4-0 / 19-20 | 1-0 / 10-15 | 11-1 / 46-30 | 1-1 / 8-4 | 0-0 / 1-5 | 0-1 / 2-9 | 0-1 / 4-13 |

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* Updated entering 2020 St. Petersburg QF

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EKATERINA ALEXANDROVA (RUS #28)

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

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- 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 fro No.29 in 2017)

Titles in 2018 came on all three surfaces – first player to win a title on three difference 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