



PREVIEW NOTES: TEB BNP PARIBAS TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP ISTANBUL
 ISTANBUL, TURKEY | SEPTEMBER 8-13, 2020 | USD \$225,500 INTERNATIONAL

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TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS ISTANBUL – QUICK FACTS

Main draw dates: Tuesday - Sunday, September 8-13, 2020
Singles Final: Sunday, September 13, NB 5pm
Doubles Final: Sunday, September 13, 2:30pm
Venue: Turkish Tennis Federation Tennis Center
Status: WTA International event
Staging: Tournament’s first year
Draw sizes: 30 singles / 16 doubles teams / 16 singles qualifying
Surface: Red clay / Outdoors
Total prize money: USD \$225,500
Tennis Ball: Head Tour – Regular Duty

SINGLES	USD \$	RANK POINTS
Winner	25,000	280
Runner-Up	14,000	180
Semifinalist	8,401	110
Quarterfinalist	5,006	60
Round of 16	3,430	30
Round of 32	2,600	1

DOUBLES	USD \$	RANK POINTS
Winner	9,000	280
Runner-Up	5,000	180
Semifinalist	3,230	110
Quarterfinalist	1,980	60
Round of 16	1,520	1

MAIN DRAW QUICK-HITS

Singles wildcards: Cagla Buyukakcay (TUR), Berfu Cengiz (TUR), Pemra Ozgen (TUR)
Youngest singles player: Kaja Juvan (SLO), 19 years old (November 25, 2000)
Oldest singles player: Svetlana Kuznetsova, 35 years old (July 27, 1985)



TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS

- Preparation for Roland Garros champion gets underway this week in Istanbul, with two-time major winner **Svetlana Kuznetsova** headlining the field for the inaugural TEB BNP Paribas Tennis Championship Istanbul
- Istanbul has been a regular stop-off on both WTA and ATP calendars for many years, with a stellar cast visiting the city. Indeed the WTA event held at the Garanti Koza WOS between 2005 and 2019 had an honor roll that included **Venus Williams, Elena Dementieva, Agnieszka Radwanska, Caroline Wozniacki** and **Elina Svitolina**
- Top seed **Kuznetsova** is the owner of three clay court titles, including Roland Garros in 2009, and after a first-round bye will face off against either **Viktoriya Tomova** or a qualifier
- The standout first-round match-up this year is between Turkish No.1 **Cagla Buyukakcay** and No.4 seed **Caroline Garcia**
- All six of **Polona Hercog's** six career tour-level finals have come on clay, including title runs 2011 and 2012 Bastad and 2019 Lugano and a runner-up finish at Istanbul in 2018. Such is the Slovene's aptitude on the *terre battue*, that nine of her 12 semifinal appearances have also been on the surface
- After Hercog and Kuznetsova, **Caroline Garcia** (2014 Bogotá, 2016 Strasbourg) and **Anna Karolina Schmiedlova** (2015 Bucharest and 2018 Bogotá) are the only other players in the main draw to claim multiple clay court titles
- Fourteen players – **Paula Badosa, Brefu Cengiz, Kaja Juvan, Danka Kovinic, Viktoria Kuzmova, Greet Minnen, Pemra Ozgen, Jasmine Paolini, Aliaksandra Sasnovich, Sara Sorribes Tormo, Patricia Maria Tig, Viktoriya Tomova, Stefanie Voegelé** and **Katarina Zavatska** – are seeking their first career titles
- *One to Watch* – **Aliaksandra Sasnovich**. Since the tour's restart the 26-year-old Belarusian has been quietly building momentum. After reaching the quarter-finals at Palermo – her deepest run since January 2019 – she produced an impressive performance at the US Open, defeating Marketa Vondrousova en route to the third round

COUNTRY AND REGION BREAKDOWN

Excluding qualifiers, a total of 18 countries and regions are represented in the main draw, led by home nation Turkey with three players:

Belgium (2)	Greet Minnen, Alison Van Uytvanck
Belarus (1)	Aliaksandra Sasnovich
Bulgaria (1)	Viktoriya Tomova
France (1)	Caroline Garcia
Great Britain (1)	Heather Watson
Italy (1)	Jasmine Paolini
Japan (1)	Misaki Doi
Kazakhstan (1)	Zarina Diyas
Montenegro (1)	Danka Kovinic
Romania (1)	Patricia Maria Tig
Russia (2)	Margarita Gasparyan, Svetlana Kuznetsova
Slovakia (2)	Viktoria Kuzmova, Anna Karolina Schmiedlova
Slovenia (2)	Polona Hercog, Kaja Juvan
Spain (2)	Paula Badosa, Sara Sorribes Tormo
Sweden (1)	Rebecca Peterson
Switzerland (1)	Stefanie Voegelé
Turkey (3)	Cagla Buyukakcay, Berfu Cengiz, Pemra Ozgen
Ukraine (2)	Kateryna Bondarenko, Katarina Zavatska



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2020 WTA TOUR FINALS

Week of	Level	Tournament	Singles Final	Doubles Final
January 6	Premier Int. Int.	Brisbane, AUS Shenzhen, CHN Auckland, NZL	[2] Pliskova d. [8] Keys 64 46 75 [5] Alexandrova d. [7] Rybakina 62 64 [1] Williams d. Pegula 63 64	Hsieh/Strycova d. Barty/Bertens 36 76(7) 108 Krejciikova/Siniakova d. Duan/Zheng 62 36 104 Muhammad/Townsend d. Williams/Wozniacki 64 64
January 13	Premier Int.	Adelaide, AUS Hobart, AUS	[1] Barty d. Yastremska 62 75 [3] Rybakina d. [4] Zhang 76(7) 63	Melichar/Xu d. Dabrowski/Jurak 26 75 105 Kichenok/Mirza d. Peng/Zhang 64 64
January 20	GS	Melbourne, AUS	[14] Kenin d. Muguruza 46 62 62	Babos/Mladenovic d. Hsieh/Strycova 62 61
February 10	Premier Int.	St. P'burg, RUS Hua Hin, THA	[2] Bertens d. [8] Rybakina 61 63 [5] Linette d. [Q] Kung 63 62	Aoyama/Shibahara d. Christian/Guarachi 46 60 103 Rodionova/Sanders d. Haas/Perez 63 63
February 17	Premier	Dubai, UAE	[1] Halep d. Rybakina 36 63 76(5)	Hsieh/Strycova d. Krejciikova/Zheng 76 36 105
February 24	Premier Int.	Doha, QAT Acapulco, MEX	[9] Sabalenka d. [8] Kvitova 63 63 [7] Watson d. [Q] Fernandez 64 67(8) 61	Hsieh/Strycova d. Dabrowski/Ostapenko 62 57 102 Krawczyk/Olmos d. Bondarenko/Fichman 63 76(5)
March 2	Int. Int.	Lyon, FRA Monterrey, MEX	[1] Kenin d. Friedsam 62 46 64 [1] Svitolina d. [9] Bouzkova 75 46 64	Paar/Wachaczyk d. Pattinama Kerkh./Schoofs 75 64 Bondarenko/Fichman d. Kato/Wang 46 63 107
August 3	Int.	Palermo, ITA	Ferro d. [4] Kontaveit 62 75	Rus/Zidasek d. Cocciaretto/Trevisan 75 75
August 10	Int. Int.	Prague, CZE Lexington, USA	[1] Halep d. [3] Mertens 62 75 Brady d. Teichmann 63 64	Hradecka/Pliskova d. Niculescu/Olaru 62 62 Carter/Stefani/Bouzkova/Teichmann 61 75
August 17	Premier 5	New York, USA	Azarenka d. [4/WC] Osaka w/o	Peschke/Schuurs d. Melichar/Xu 64 46 104

A SNAPSHOT OF 2020 – THE YEAR SO FAR

- **Three Top 10 Debuts:** Sofia Kenin (at No.7 on February 3)
- **Fewest games dropped en route to a title:** Kiki Bertens (25, St. Petersburg)
- **Lowest-ranked player to triumph:** Heather Watson (No.69, Acapulco)
- **Multiple:** Elena Rybakina: 4 (Shenzhen, R-Up, Hobart, W, St. Petersburg, R-Up, Dubai, R-Up); Sofia Kenin: 2 (Australian Open, W, Lyon, W); Simona Halep (Dubai, W, Prague, W)
- **Maiden titles (1):** Ekaterina Alexandrova (Shenzhen), Jennifer Brady (Lexington)
- **Youngest title winner:** Elena Rybakina, Hobart (20y 7m 1d)
- **Oldest title winner:** Serena Williams, Auckland (38y 3m 17d)
- **Aces leaders:** Elena Rybakina – 155, Garbiñe Muguruza – 128, Kristyna Pliskova – 125
- **Most aces in a match (22):** Alison Van Uytvanck (l. vs. Sofia Kenin 7-6(5) 6-7(2) 7-6(2) – Lyon, SF)
- **Match win leaders:** Elena Rybakina – 22, Elise Mertens – 22, Anett Kontaveit – 19, Sofia Kenin – 18
- **Most doubles titles (3):** Barbora Strycova / Hsieh Su-Wei (Brisbane, Dubai, Doha)
- **Best result by a qualifier (R-Up):** Kung (Hua Hin), Fernandez (Acapulco)
- **Longest match:** 3h 33m – Heather Watson d. Elise Mertens 6-7(5) 6-4 7-5 (Hobart, QF)
- **Shortest (completed) match:** 44m – Serena Williams d. Amanda Anisimova 6-1 6-1 (Auckland, SF)



SEASON & CAREER PRIZE MONEY LEADERS

PLAYER	SINGLES	DOUBLES	2020 TOTAL
Sofia Kenin (USA)	\$2,980,486	\$50,687	\$3,031,173
Garbiñe Muguruza (ESP)	\$1,603,605	-	\$1,603,605
Simona Halep (ROU)	\$1,464,783	\$4,811	\$1,469,594
Ashleigh Barty (AUS)	\$1,040,588	\$38,314	\$1,078,902
Aryna Sabalenka (BLR)	\$790,728	\$59,265	\$849,993
Petra Kvitova (CZE)	\$779,391	-	\$785,941
Elena Rybakina (KAZ)	\$751,968	\$15,414	\$767,382
Ons Jabeur (TUN)	\$516,146	\$21,477	\$537,623
Anett Kontaveit (EST)	\$517,226	\$16,644	\$533,890
Karolina Pliskova (CZE)	\$489,506	\$9,865	\$499,371

PLAYER	CAREER TOTAL
Serena Williams (USA)	\$92,742,122
Venus Williams (USA)	\$41,819,806
Maria Sharapova (RUS)	\$38,777,962
Simona Halep (ROU)	\$36,577,615
Caroline Wozniacki (DEN)	\$35,233,415
Petra Kvitova (CZE)	\$31,852,578
Victoria Azarenka (BLR)	\$30,650,035
Angelique Kerber (GER)	\$29,526,500
Agnieszka Radwanska (POL)	\$27,683,807
Svetlana Kuznetsova (RUS)	\$25,389,852



MATCH NOTES

ISTANBUL - TURKEY | Sep 08 - Sep 13, 2020 | \$225,500 | INTERNATIONAL

[Q] EUGENIE BOUCHARD (CAN #272) vs. PATRICIA MARIA TIG (ROU #88)

Head to Head: First meeting

EUGENIE BOUCHARD	WTA RANKING	PATRICIA MARIA TIG
272		88
106	PORSCHE RACE TO SHENZHEN LEADERBOARD	103
25-02-1994 (26)	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	27-07-1994 (26)
\$46,871	YTD PRIZE MONEY	\$39,547
\$6,469,693	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	\$732,365
0 / 1	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 0
0 / 1	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 0
4-0	ISTANBUL W-L (MD) *	4-0
8-2 / 149-133	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	8-4 / 32-32
3-2 / 41-52	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	1-0 / 7-9
2-2 / 40-24	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	1-0 / 9-3
6-1 / 41-25	YTD / CAREER CLAY W-L (MD) *	4-2 / 15-13
0-0 / 9-11	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	1-0 / 2-1
0-0 / 3-14	YTD / CAREER TOP 5 W-L (MD & Q) *	0-0 / 0-0
0-0 / 12-29	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD & Q) *	0-0 / 0-0
0-0 / 18-47	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD & Q) *	0-1 / 2-3

* Updated entering 2020 Istanbul final

ROAD TO THE FINAL

[Q] EUGENIE BOUCHARD (CAN #272)

R2-Q: d. LEONIE KUNG (SUI #148) 6-4,6-4 (1h33)

R1-Q: d. IVANA JOROVIC (SRB #230) 6-2,7-6(9) (2h02)

SF: d. PAULA BADOSA GIBERT (ESP #94) 6-3,6-2

QF: d. DANKA KOVINIC (MNE #92) 3-6,6-4,7-5 (3h02)

R16: d. [1] SVETLANA KUZNETSOVA (RUS #34) 7-6(3),6-7(5),6-2 (2h50)

R32: d. VIKTORIYA TOMOVA (BUL #133) 6-2,6-4 (1h34)

Total games: 100^

Won/lost: 59-41^

Sets won/lost: 8-2^

Total time on court: 8h51^

Average time on court: 2h13^

Average rank of opponent: 88^

^ Not including qualifying matches

PATRICIA MARIA TIG (ROU #88)

SF: d. TEREZA MARTINCOVA (CZE #136) 6-3,6-3 (1h49)

QF: d. [2] REBECCA PETERSON (SWE #48) 6-3,6-1 (1h26)

R16: d. [8] MISAKI DOI (JPN #81) 6-2,6-0 (1h04)

R32: d. OLGA DANILOVIC (SRB #174) 6-3,7-5 (1h57)

Total games: 69

Won/lost: 49-20

Sets won/lost: 8-0

Total time on court: 6h16

Average time on court: 1h34

Average rank of opponent: 110

BOUCHARD:

- Making debut appearance at Istanbul where she is through to her first WTA final since finishing R-Up to Svitolina at 2016 Kuala Lumpur
- Successfully negotiated two rounds of qualifying at the start of the week – her first time coming through qualifying since SF run at 2018 Luxembourg
- Beat top seed and World No.34 Kuznetsova in 2r – in terms of ranking, this was her best win since upsetting No.24 Suarez Navarro at 2018 Luxembourg
- Including qualifying, has spent 12h 26m on court in the past six days – Tig has spent only slightly more than half the amount in reaching the final
- Faces Tig in today's final; career record in WTA finals stands at 1-5, with sole title coming in her only previous clay court final, at 2014 Nurnberg (d. Ka.Pliskova in F)
- Is the third qualifier to reach a WTA final in 2020; Kung and Fernandez finished R-Up at Hua Hin and Acapulco, respectively
- The last lucky loser or qualifier to win a WTA title was Gauff at 2019 Linz
- Bidding to be the fourth-lowest ranked player to win a WTA Tour title – and the lowest-ranked qualifier ever
- This year, dropped out of Top 300 on February 24 for the first time since July 23, 2012 (No.314), but returned to No.272 after reaching QF at Prague (as WC, l. Mertens). Projected to return to Top 200 by reaching Istanbul final
- Other highlight of 2020 was making QF at season's opening tournament at Auckland (l. Anisimova)
- Joining her in the Turkish capital this week is former Australian player Tim Blenkiron
- During tour's hiatus, announced she would start working alongside former doubles World No.1 Rennae Stubbs; on the court prepared for her return by playing in World Team Tennis and an exhibition event in Charleston
- This year, also fell 1r at WTA 125K Series in Newport Beach (l. Glatch), and failed in qualifying at Australian Open (l. Trevisan)
- Ended 2019 ranked No.224, the first time her year-end ranking dropped outside Top 200 since 2011 (No.302)
- After reaching the QF at Auckland last year, failed to go beyond the 2r in a WTA event the rest of the year dropping out of the Top 200 on October 21 for the first time since August 2012
- Suffered a 13-match losing streak – across all levels – from 2019 Dubai (l. Halep), ending at WTA 125K Series at Houston (d. Grammatikopoulou)
- In 2019 also won maiden WTA doubles title, at Auckland (w/Kenin); owns 1-3 record in doubles finals
- Reached two WTA singles finals in 2016: Hobart (l. Cornet) and Kuala Lumpur (l. Svitolina)
- Breakout year in 2014 with maiden title at Nurnberg (d. Ka.Pliskova in F) and championship match at Wimbledon (l. Kvitova) breaking into Top 10 and reaching career-high ranking of No.5 (October 20, 2014)
- Also that year, was R-Up at Wuhan (l. Kvitova), made SF at Australian Open (l. eventual champion Li), Roland Garros (l. Sharapova) and Charleston (l. Petkovic) and R16 at US Open (l. Makarova)
- Qualified for WTA Finals in 2014 (went 0-3 in group play) and achieved career high ranking of No.5 on October 20, 2014
- Reached first career final at 2013 Osaka (l. Stosur)
- Named 2013 WTA Newcomer of the Year, as voted by international tennis mediaMade professional debut on ITF Circuit in USA in 2008

TIG:

- Making debut at Istanbul, where she is through to her third career WTA final – previously lost at 2015 Baku and 2019 Bucharest
- Is yet to drop a set this week, with wins including an upset of No.2 seed and World No.48 Peterson – her second Top 50 win of the season, having defeated No.36 Zheng during SF run at Hua Hin (l. Linette)
- Having seen off qualifiers Danilovic in 1r and Martincova in SF, faces a third in today's final in the shape of Bouchard – the winner will be the lowest-ranked WTA singles title winner in 2020 (previously No.69 Watson at Acapulco)
- By reaching the final is projected to break into Top 70 for the first time; current career-high ranking is No.80 (March 2, 2020)
- Is one of five mothers in WTA Top 100 (also S.Williams, Azarenka, Maria and Stosur)
- Struggled to build on SF run at Hua Hin upon tour's resumption, losing in 1r at Palermo (l. Kontaveit), Prague (l. Krejlikova) and in qualifying at Western & Southern Open
- Last week made 2r for the first time at a Grand Slam, at US Open (d. Nara, l. Vekic)
- Other early season highlights were R-Up finishes at two ITF events in Canberra (l. Frech) and Nonthaburi (l. Fetecau)
- In 2019, reached second career WTA final, playing first WTA event in two years following injury and maternity leave break, at Bucharest (d. No.11 Sevastova, l. Rybakina)
- Soared back into Top 300 following Cinderella week at home, then went on to compete in qualifying at US Open and reach main draws of both Hiroshima and Seoul in the Asian swing
- Clay court success also continued when she won her first WTA 125K Series title at the inaugural event in Karlsruhe, Germany in August of 2019. After beating three Top 100 players in Bucharest, she added another by coming from a set down to defeat Alison Van Uytvanck in the Karlsruhe final
- Her 2017 season ended when she was taken off court in a wheelchair at Guangzhou Open
- Cracked Top 100 for first time in early 2017
- Qualified for main draw and advanced to 3r (l. V.Williams) at Miami Open in 2017
- 2016 highlights include QF run at Madrid (l. Stosur), SF appearance at Seoul (l. Arruabarrena) and Grand Slam main draw debut at Wimbledon (l. No.20 seed Errani in 1r)
- In 2015, advanced to first WTA final at Baku (as qualifier, l. Gasparyan)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2015 Bucharest (as qualifier, l. Hercog in 2r)
- Competed in WTA qualifying for first time at 2014 Bucharest
- Coached by Razvan Sabau
- Gave birth to daughter Sofia in November 2018