



# MATCH NOTES

LEXINGTON - United States, KY | Aug 10 - Aug 16, 2020 | \$225,500 | INTERNATIONAL

## [1] SERENA WILLIAMS (USA #9) vs. BERNARDA PERA (USA #60)

Head to Head: 0-0

SERENA WILLIAMS	WTA RANKING	BERNARDA PERA
9		60
25	PORSCHE RACE TO SHENZHEN LEADERBOARD	70
26-09-1981 (38)	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	03-12-1994 (25)
\$171,306	YTD PRIZE MONEY	\$109,797
\$92,715,122	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	\$1,286,556
1 / 73	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 0
0 / 23	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 0
0-0	LEXINGTON W-L (MD) *	0-0
8-2 / 825-140	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	2-3 / 30-33
1-2 / 162-62	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 10-13
3-2 / 110-54	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	1-1 / 6-13
8-2 / 514-86	YTD / CAREER HARD W-L (MD) *	2-3 / 14-22
0-0 / 68-13	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 1-3
0-0 / 112-34	YTD / CAREER TOP 5 W-L (MD & Q) *	0-1 / 0-1
0-0 / 175-72	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD & Q) *	0-1 / 1-3
0-0 / 306-98	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD & Q) *	0-2 / 2-10

\* Updated entering 2020 Lexington 1r

### LEXINGTON Tournament Performance - 2020

"-Q" Qualifying match

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### LEXINGTON Tournament History

"-Q" Qualifying match

## **S.WILLIAMS:**

- Faces No.60 Pera today in the first round here at inaugural Lexington tournament
- Has only recorded 13 career losses to players ranked outside the Top 50 – last defeat was at 2017 Auckland to No.72 Brengle
- Participating as the No.1 seed – owns 344-39 record when competing as the top seed and has won the title 38 times when sitting in the top spot of the draw
- Also owns a 316-51 record when competing on home soil and has won 27 of her titles in the United States
- At age 38, is the second oldest player in the main draw, only younger than her sister Venus at 40 years old
- Entering tournament, holds a tour leading service points won percentage of 65.6%
- Defeat over Anisimova in SF of Auckland earlier this year is currently the shortest completed match of the year at 44min with a score of 6-1,6-1
- In last tournament before hiatus, fell 3r at Australian Open (l. Q.Wang) before participating in Fed Cup action going 1-1 in singles as USA defeated Latvia 3-2 (d. Ostapenko, l. Sevastova)
- Began 2020 season with 73<sup>rd</sup> career title at Auckland (d. Pegula in F) for first championship since giving birth to her daughter in 2017– also finished R-Up in doubles w/Wozniacki (l. Townsend/Muhammed)
- Highlights of 2019 season were her 32nd and 33rd Grand Slam finals, at Wimbledon (l. Halep) and US Open (l. Andreescu)
- Reached a further final last year at Toronto (ret. vs. Andreescu w/back injury) – overall record in final stands at 73-25
- With 73 career singles titles, ranks fifth on the Open Era list of most titles, after Martina Navratilova (167), Chris Evert (154), Steffi Graf (107) and Margaret Court (92)
- All three finals in 2019 – Wimbledon, Toronto and US Open – came in consecutive tournaments
- Ended 2019 ranked No.10, her first year-end finish inside the elite ranking bracket since 2016 (at No.2)
- Other highlights last season were reaching QF at Australian Open and partnering with Andy Murray to contest Mixed Doubles at Wimbledon (reaching 3r)
- Defeated World No.1 Halep in R16 at Australian Open – at 37 years, is oldest player to defeat the reigning World No.1
- Reached two Grand Slam finals in 2018, at Wimbledon (l. Kerber) and US Open (l. Osaka). Made return to Tour following birth of daughter Olympia at 2018 Indian Wells.
- Ended 2017 ranked No.22, despite playing only two events all season, and both in January. Broke streak of 10 consecutive Top 20 finishes. Overall, has 16 Top 10 finishes to her name (most recently in 2019) – third-most behind Navratilova (20) and Evert (19) – including five as the year-end No.1
- Holds distinction of being the oldest No.1 in WTA history – set record when most recent streak began on February 18, 2013. Spent her 319th week at No.1 in May 2017. Third on all-time list after Graf's 377 and Navratilova's 332
- Held the top ranking for 186 consecutive weeks (through 2016 US Open) which equaled the record held by Graf (186 weeks, August 17, 1986 through March 10, 1991)
- Has registered 17 career wins over (eight different) No.1 ranked players, second-most behind Navratilova (18)
- Singles gold medalist at London 2012 Olympics
- Along w/sister Venus held all four Grand Slam titles at same time, from 2009 Wimbledon through 2010 Roland Garros – third pair to do so (also Navratilova/Shriver and Fernandez/Zvereva). Also teamed with Venus to win three Olympic gold medals: 2000 Sydney, 2008 Beijing and 2012 London
- Spent eight weeks as co-No.1 in doubles (w/V. Williams); one of six players to hold No.1 in singles and doubles simultaneously (also Navratilova, Hingis, Sánchez Vicario, Davenport and Clijsters)
- Holds single-season prize money record of \$12,385,572, achieved in 2013
- Coached by father Richard Williams and mother Oracene Price; coaching consultant is Patrick Mouratoglou; hitting partner is

Jarmere Jenkins

- Gave birth to daughter Alexis Olympia Ohanian Jr. on September 1, 2017
- Married Reddit co-founder Alexis Ohanian in November 2017 in New Orleans
- Launched her own clothing line, 'Serena', in late 2018

## **PERA:**

- One of sixteen Americans to start the main draw at the inaugural Top Seed Open
- Faces No.9 S.Williams today in first round action owning 1-3 record against Top 10 opponents – lone win came over No.10 Konta in 2r of 2018 Australian Open to reach 3r of a Slam for the first and only time so far in her career
- Also owns 2-3 record against fellow Americans and 8-8 record on home soil
- Before hiatus fell 2r at Doha (l. No.3 Ka.Pliskova) and reached R16 at Indian Wells 125K (l. Doi)
- Fell 1r at Australian Open (l. Rybakina) in ninth career Grand Slam main draw appearance
- Began 2020 season as a qualifier, reaching 2r at Adelaide (d. Strycova in 1r, l. Sabalenka)
- Win over No.31 Strycova in 1r at Adelaide marked her best win-by-ranking since defeating No.22 Garcia at 2019 Lausanne in July. Also defeated Strycova (then-ranked No.32 at 2019 Bronx in August)
- Opened 2020 campaign with qualifying exit at Brisbane (l. Kostyuk)
- Ended 2019 ranked No.65 – her career best year-end ranking and second consecutive Top 100 season (No.68 in 2018)
- Scored her second career Top 20 victory in 2019 against No.16 Q.Wang at Prague. Also defeated No.10 Konta at 2018 Australian Open
- Reached a career high ranking of No.63 on July 29, 2019 after back-to-back SF runs at Lausanne (l. Ferro) and Jurmala (l. Kawa)
- Captured her ninth ITF singles title in 2019 at \$100K ITF/Trnava 3-SVK (d. Blinkova in F)
- Reached first Tour-level QF of career at 2018 Charleston (l. eventual R-Up and No.14 Keys in 3s)
- Nominated for WTA's Breakthrough Player of the Month for April following 2018 run, which was eventually won by Bogdan (fan vote)
- As lucky loser, scored career first main draw win at the 2018 Australian Open (d. Blinkova 1r), first Top 100 win and Top 10 win (over No.10 Konta 2r) at the Australian Open (l. Strycova in 2r)
- Became first lucky loser to reach 3r of Australian Open since 1997 (Kleinova)
- Rose nearly 200 ranking places in 2017, ending season at No.127 after posting 54-20 record (all levels)
- Made WTA main draw debut at Guangzhou (l. Cornet) and contested qualifying at US Open, Wuhan, Linz and Moscow. Also made 1r exit at WTA 125K Series event at Limoges (l. Alexandrova)
- In 2015 won first titles on ITF Circuit at \$10k ITF/Alkmaar-NED, \$10k ITF/Breda-NED and \$10k ITF/Rotterdam-NED. Also fell in qualifying at Québec City. Improved ranking from No.646 to No.361
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2014 Québec City
- On ITF Circuit has won nine titles in singles and eight in doubles
- Made debut on ITF Circuit in 2011 at \$10k ITF/Landisville, PA-USA
- Born in Croatia. Started playing tennis aged five
- Favourite surface is hard
- Coached by former ATP World No.8 Guillermo Carnas



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## [Q] CAROLINE DOLEHIDE (USA #134) vs. CORI GAUFF (USA #53)

Head to Head: 0-0

CAROLINE DOLEHIDE	WTA RANKING	CORI GAUFF
134		53
110	<b>PORSCHE RACE TO SHENZHEN LEADERBOARD</b>	52
05-09-1998 (21)	<b>DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)</b>	13-03-2004 (16)
\$88,768	<b>YTD PRIZE MONEY</b>	\$251,518
\$768,423	<b>CAREER PRIZE MONEY</b>	\$803,530
0 / 0	<b>SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)</b>	0 / 1
0 / 0	<b>DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)</b>	0 / 2
0-0	<b>LEXINGTON W-L (MD) *</b>	0-0
1-2 / 7-13	<b>YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *</b>	4-2 / 15-7
0-2 / 3-6	<b>YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *</b>	1-2 / 7-2
0-0 / 3-2	<b>YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *</b>	2-0 / 5-0
1-2 / 4-9	<b>YTD / CAREER HARD W-L (MD) *</b>	4-2 / 12-6
0-0 / 0-0	<b>YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *</b>	0-0 / 0-0
0-0 / 0-1	<b>YTD / CAREER TOP 5 W-L (MD &amp; Q) *</b>	1-0 / 1-1
0-0 / 0-1	<b>YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD &amp; Q) *</b>	1-0 / 2-2
0-0 / 0-5	<b>YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD &amp; Q) *</b>	1-1 / 2-3

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### ROAD TO THE FIRST ROUND

#### [Q] CAROLINE DOLEHIDE (USA #134)

R2-Q: d. JAMIE LOEB (USA #278) 6-2,7-5 (1h31)

R1-Q: d. KATERYNA BONDARENKO (UKR #350) 6-3,4-6,6-2 (1h54)

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

#### CORI GAUFF (USA #53)

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

### LEXINGTON Tournament History

"-Q" Qualifying match

## DOLEHIDE

- One of a tournament-leading 16 Americans in the main draw of the inaugural Top Seed Open in Lexington
- Overcame two rounds of qualifying to enter the main draw this week, defeating Bondarenko and Loeb
- Faces No.53 Gauff today. Is 0-2 vs. Top 100 ranked opponents in 2020, having fallen to No.99 Giorgi (Auckland qualifying) and No.86 McHale (Acapulco 2r)
- Best win of her career came against No.30 Cibulkova at 2018 Indian Wells 2r before falling to then-No.1 Halep in 3s
- Opened 2020 season with back-to-back qualifying exits at Auckland (l. Giorgi) and Australian Open (l. Rogers)
- Overcame qualifying at Acapulco (l. McHale in 2r) and Monterrey (l. Govortsova in 1r)
- In February, fell 2r at \$100K/ITF-Midland (l. Falconi) and 1r at \$100K/ITF-Nicholasville (l. Liu)
- Finished 2019 ranked No.154 in singles. Season highlights include winning ITF titles at \$60K/ITF-Concord (d. Li in F) and \$60K/ITF-Charleston 2 (d. Min in F). Also reached final at \$25K/ITF-Pelham (l. Krejčíková in F)
- Reached main draw at US Open as qualifier (l. Q.Wang)
- Finished year ranked No.62 in doubles after advancing to SF at US Open (w/King)
- Coached by Jorge Todero and Stephen Huss
- Grew up working with Thomas Lockhart for 10 years before joining the USTA development program
- Committed to attend UCLA before deciding to turn pro

## GAUFF

- One of a tournament-leading 16 Americans in the main draw of the inaugural Top Seed Open in Lexington
- Opens her Lexington campaign against her compatriot Dolehide in their career first meeting. Is 3-1 vs. Americans at Tour-level, having defeated McNally (2019 Miami), V.Williams (2019 Wimbledon and 2020 Australian Open), and falling to Kenin (2020 Australian Open)
- At 16-years-old, is the youngest player in this week's field. In comparison, V.Williams (40) is the oldest in the draw
- Enters this week ranked No.53 – four spots shy from her career-high ranking of No.49 (achieved February 24, 2020)
- 2020 Lexington marks her third Tour-level event of the season, having reached 2r at Auckland (l. Siegemund) and R16 at Australian Open (l. eventual champion Kenin in 3s). Defeated V.Williams and No.5 Osaka en route to last 16 in Melbourne
- Also this year, reached SF in doubles at Auckland (w/McNally, l. Mugammad/Townsend) and QF at Australian Open (w/McNally, l. Babos/Mladenovic)
- Enjoyed breakout season in 2019, highlighted by maiden WTA singles title at Linz (as lucky loser, d. Ostapenko in F) - earned her first Top 10 win en route to title over No.8 Bertens in QF
- At 15y214d, her title run in Linz made her youngest to win a WTA tour-level title since Vaidisova (15y177d) won Tashkent in 2004
- On Grand Slam main draw debut in 2019, became first 15-year-old to reach R16 at Wimbledon - and also appear on Centre Court - since Hingis in 1996 (l. eventual champion Halep)
- Also competed at 2019 US Open (as WC, l. then-No.1 Osaka in 3r). Became the youngest player to reach last 32 at Flushing Meadows since Kournikova's R16 run in 1996
- Also claimed maiden WTA doubles titles at Washington, DC (w/McNally, d. Sanchez/Stollar in F) and Luxembourg (w/McNally, d. Christian/Guarachi in F)
- By winning the doubles title at Washington, DC at 15 yrs, 144 days, became the youngest player to win a doubles title since May 1995 (Martina Hingis won Hamburg at 14 yrs, 219 days)
- Reached R16 at 2019 Wimbledon on Grand Slam main draw debut (l. eventual champion Halep) - followed with 3r showing at US Open (as WC, l. Osaka)
- Finished 2019 season ranked No.69, having started the year ranked No.685
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2019 Miami (as WC, l. Kasatkina in 2r)
- Made ITF debut in May 2018 as a qualifier into the \$25K ITF/Osprey, FL—USA, where she won her first professional match (as qualifier, l. Stewart in R16)
- Finished 2018 season with a WTA ranking of No.875
- Former junior World No.1 (July 2018)
- Began playing tennis at age 7
- Grew up in Atlanta, Georgia before moving to Florida to pursue tennis
- Currently coached by her father Corey Gauff (played basketball for Georgia State University) and is part of 'Team Mouratoglou' along with rising male players Stefanos Tsitsipas, Alexei Popyrin, Rudi Molleker and Jason Tseng – has trained at Mouratoglou Academy in France since age of 10
- Mother, Candi was a track and field athlete at Florida State University
- Has two younger brothers, Cody and Cameron
- Nickname is Coco
- Main residence is in Delray Beach, Florida
- Favorite subject at school is literature
- Cites Serena Williams as the reason she plays tennis and also admires Venus
- Signed first multi-year sponsorships in 2018 with New Balance, Head and Barilla, an Italian food company known for its pasta



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## VENUS WILLIAMS (USA #67) vs. VICTORIA AZARENKA (BLR #58)

Head to Head: VENUS WILLIAMS leads 5-2

2019	AUCKLAND	HARD O	R1	VENUS WILLIAMS	6-3 1-6 6-3	131 mins
2015	MADRID	CLAY O	R1	VICTORIA AZARENKA	6-3 7-5	89 mins
2015	DOHA	HARD O	SF	VICTORIA AZARENKA	2-6 6-2 6-4	138 mins
2014	STANFORD	HARD O	R16	VENUS WILLIAMS	6-4 7-6(1)	103 mins
2013	TOKYO	HARD O	R2	VENUS WILLIAMS	6-2 6-4	81 mins
2010	DUBAI	HARD O	F	VENUS WILLIAMS	6-3 7-5	91 mins
2008	OLYMPICS	HARD O	R16	VENUS WILLIAMS	6-3 6-2	70 mins

VENUS WILLIAMS	WTA RANKING	VICTORIA AZARENKA
67	PORSCHE RACE TO SHENZHEN LEADERBOARD	58
521	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	9,999
17-06-1980 (40)	YTD PRIZE MONEY	31-07-1989 (31)
\$69,118	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	\$2,300
\$41,805,656	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	\$30,357,805
0 / 49	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 20
0 / 22	LEXINGTON W-L (MD) *	0 / 8
0-0	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	0-0
0-3 / 794-250	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	0-1 / 451-179
0-2 / 185-115	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 85-62
0-2 / 135-97	YTD / CAREER HARD W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 66-44
0-3 / 480-149	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	0-1 / 309-107
0-0 / 73-16	YTD / CAREER TOP 5 W-L (MD & Q) *	0-0 / 46-14
0-0 / 65-75	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD & Q) *	0-0 / 30-41
0-0 / 136-105	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD & Q) *	0-0 / 67-72
0-0 / 236-152		0-0 / 120-100

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### LEXINGTON Tournament Performance - 2020

"-Q" Qualifying match

Rnd	Result	Duration	Rnd	Result	Duration
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### LEXINGTON Tournament History

"-Q" Qualifying match

## V.WILLIAMS

- One of a tournament-leading 16 Americans to start in the inaugural Top Seed Open in Lexington
- Lexington marks the 59th different tournament she has played in her career
- Opens her Lexington campaign against fellow Grand Slam champion Azarenka. Owns a 5-2 career record vs. the Belarusian, most recently defeating her at 2019 Auckland in 3s
- Bidding for her first win of 2020, having fallen in the opening round this year at the Australian Open (I.Gauff), Acapulco (I. Juvan) and Monterrey (I. Schmiedlova). Last victory was over Strycova at 2019 Beijing 1r (I. Bencic in 2r)
- Winner of today's match will face the winner of S.Williams vs. Pera in 2r. Should she face S.Williams, it would mark their 31st career meeting, with S.Williams leading 18-12 (their last meeting came at 2018 US Open)
- Ended 2019 ranked No.53, down from No.40 in 2018
- Reached four QFs across the season, including Auckland (I. eventual R-Up Andreescu), Indian Wells (I. eventual R-Up Kerber), Birmingham (I. eventual champion Barty) and Cincinnati (I. eventual champion Keys)
- Scored her best win of the season at Indian Wells, ousting No.3 Kvitova in 3s. Also defeated the defending champion in Cincinnati, then-ranked No.5 Bertens
- Also made R16 at Miami (I. Halep) and Rome (I. Konta)
- Season highlights in 2018 were SF run at Indian Wells (d. S.Williams in 3r, I. eventual R-Up Kasatkina) and QF effort at Miami (I. Collins)
- Winnings at Indian Wells took her career total past \$40 million – S.Williams (\$84 million) is the only other player to pass this milestone
- Teamed up in Fed Cup for Serena's first competitive match back since giving birth in September 2017 (played dead doubles rubber, I. Kerkhove/Schuurs)
- Ended 2017 season as runner-up at WTA Finals (I. Wozniacki) – the oldest player to ever reach the title bout at the season finale
- Reached two other finals in 2017, at Australian Open (I. S.Williams) and Wimbledon (I. Muguruza) – only player in 2017 to reach two Grand Slam finals
- Shortly after her 37th birthday, returned to Top 10 in WTA Rankings by reaching 2017 Wimbledon final, becoming (at the time) the third oldest player to rank in Top 10 in WTA history behind Billie Jean King (September 26, 1983 – 39 years, 322 days) and Martina Navratilova (December 26, 1994 – 38 years, 75 days); was also surpassed by 37-year-old Serena in February 2019
- 2016 season highlights including winning 49th career singles title at Kaohsiung (d. Doi). Is sixth-oldest player to win a WTA singles title, after Billie Jean King (39) at 1983 Birmingham, Kimiko Date (38) at 2009 Seoul, Serena Williams (38) at 2020 Auckland, Martina Navratilova (37) at 1994 Paris [Indoor] and Francesca Schiavone (36) at 2017 Bogotá
- With 49 titles, currently 11th on list of Open Era titleholders, chasing Monica Seles (53 titles)
- At Grand Slam level in 2016, advanced to SF at Wimbledon (I. Kerber) which was first time reaching that stage at a major since 2010 US Open
- At 2016 Rio Olympics won silver medal in the mixed doubles (w/Ram, I. Mattek-Sands/Sock)
- Returned to Top 10 for first time since March 2011 following victory in final of the 2015 WTA Elite Trophy
- Was diagnosed with Sjögrens Syndrome in 2011, missing the end of that season and start of 2012
- Won singles gold medal at 2000 Sydney Olympics (d. Dementieva in F); won doubles gold three times with sister Serena, at Sydney, Beijing and London
- Spent 11 weeks at World No.1 in singles (first ascended to top spot week of February 25, 2002) and topped the doubles rankings for eight weeks in 2010
- Made WTA main draw debut at Oakland in 1994; as unranked WC, defeated Stafford in 1r before falling to then-world No.2 Sánchez Vicario in three sets
- Owns interior design company, VStarr Interiors. Also set up clothing line called EleVen, designing her own on-court outfits
- Chief Brand Officer of Asutra, a self-care line
- In 2015 received Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Indiana University East
- Coached by Richard Williams and Oracene Price. Split with long-term coach David Witt during off-season in 2018
- Turned 40 on June 17, 2020

## AZARENKA

- One of two Belarusian players represented in this week's main draw – also Sabalenka
- One of four Grand Slam champions in the field – also Stephens, S.Williams and V.Williams
- Competing in just her second WTA event of 2020, having fallen in 1r at Monterrey (I. Zidansek)
- Last tournament of 2019 was the US Open, where she fell to Sabalenka in 1r however reached the doubles final w/Barty (I. Mertens/Sabalenka)
- Faces V.Williams today in their eighth career meeting. Trails the American 2-5 in their career head-to-head, with both wins coming in 2015 at Doha (hard) and Madrid (clay)
- Bidding for her first singles victory since defeating then-No.12 Bencic in 1r at 2019 Cincinnati (via ret.). Last completed-match victory came over Giorgi at 2019 Toronto 1r

- Highlight of 2019 season was reaching 37th career singles final at Monterrey (d. No.5 Kerber in SF before falling to Muguruza in F via ret.). Also reached QF stage on three occasions – Acapulco (l. Kenin), Stuttgart (l. Kontaveit via ret.) and Rome (l. Ka.Pliskova)
- On February 2, 2019 returned to Top 50 for first time following the birth of her child, Leo
- Highlights of 2018 season included SF at Miami (l. Stephens) and QF at San Jose and Tokyo
- Made return to tennis in June 2017 following birth of first child in December 2016
- Comeback tournament was Mallorca, reaching 2r (d. Ozaki, l. Konjuh). Prior to 2017 Mallorca, last tournament contested was 2016 Roland Garros (1r)
- Followed this up with R16 showing at 2017 Wimbledon (l. Halep). Did not play any tournaments after Wimbledon due to personal reasons
- Ended 2016 ranked No.13, despite missing second half of season after going on maternity leave (announced pregnancy mid-July). Lifted three titles, at Brisbane (first title since 2013 Cincinnati) and 'Sunshine Double' of Indian Wells and Miami – third woman to achieve feat after Graf in 1994 and 1996 and Clijsters in 2005
- 2016 Miami marked 20th tour-level singles title of career (20-17 record in finals)
- Posted 26-3 record for first six months of 2016 with losses coming at the Australian Open (QF, l. Kerber), Rome (2r, l. Begu) and Roland Garros (ret. vs. Knapp w/right knee injury)
- Limited to total of 23 events over 2014-15 seasons due to variety of injuries
- Posted five consecutive Top 10 finishes between 2009 and 2013, qualifying for the WTA Finals on each occasion (l. Kvitova in 2011 final in Istanbul)
- Ascended to World No.1 after 2012 Australian Open and held top spot for a total of 51 weeks
- Began 2012 with 26-match win streak – best start since Hingis went 37-0 in 1997. Went on to win tour-leading 69 matches in 2012, season highlighted by six titles, finishing as WTA's year-end No.1
- Won two medals for Belarus at 2012 London Olympics bronze in singles and mixed doubles gold (w/Mirnyi)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2005 Kolkata
- ITF Junior World Champion for 2005 – reached first tour-level semifinal at Guangzhou the same year
- Currently coached by Dorian Descloix. Formerly coached by Wim Fissette, Sam Sumyk and Michael Joyce
- Gave birth to son Leo in December 2016
- Introduced to tennis at age 7 by mother Alla; father's name is Fedor and older brother is Max





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## [Q] LEYLAH FERNANDEZ (CAN #120) vs. [7] SLOANE STEPHENS (USA #37)

Head to Head: LEYLAH FERNANDEZ leads 1-0

2020 MONTERREY HARD O R16 LEYLAH FERNANDEZ 6-7(4) 6-3 6-3 126 mins

LEYLAH FERNANDEZ	WTA RANKING	SLOANE STEPHENS
120		37
44	<b>PORSCHE RACE TO SHENZHEN LEADERBOARD</b>	254
06-09-2002 (17)	<b>DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)</b>	20-03-1993 (27)
\$90,828	<b>YTD PRIZE MONEY</b>	\$90,303
\$147,176	<b>CAREER PRIZE MONEY</b>	\$15,271,325
0 / 0	<b>SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)</b>	0 / 6
0 / 0	<b>DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)</b>	0 / 0
0-0	<b>LEXINGTON W-L (MD) *</b>	0-0
7-4 / 8-8	<b>YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *</b>	1-5 / 221-155
1-1 / 1-2	<b>YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *</b>	1-3 / 71-53
3-2 / 4-3	<b>YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *</b>	1-0 / 60-29
7-4 / 8-7	<b>YTD / CAREER HARD W-L (MD) *</b>	1-5 / 142-104
0-1 / 0-2	<b>YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *</b>	0-1 / 19-8
1-0 / 1-0	<b>YTD / CAREER TOP 5 W-L (MD &amp; Q) *</b>	0-0 / 9-21
1-1 / 1-1	<b>YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD &amp; Q) *</b>	0-0 / 17-35
1-1 / 1-1	<b>YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD &amp; Q) *</b>	0-0 / 36-58

\* Updated entering 2020 Lexington 1r

### ROAD TO THE FIRST ROUND

#### [Q] LEYLAH FERNANDEZ (CAN #120)

R2-Q: d. ARINA RODIONOVA (AUS #155) 6-2,6-3 (1h20)

R1-Q: d. RENATA ZARAZUA (MEX #189) 6-4,6-1 (1h24)

Total games: 34  
Won/lost: 24-10  
Sets won/lost: 4-0  
Total time on court: 2h44  
Average time on court: 1h22  
Average rank of opponent: 172

#### [7] SLOANE STEPHENS (USA #37)

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

### LEXINGTON Tournament History

"-Q" Qualifying match

## **FERNANDEZ:**

- Lone Canadian in the draw at the inaugural Top Seed Open in Lexington
- At 17-years-old is second youngest player in the main draw – only 16-year-old Gauff is younger
- Earned spot through two qualifying matches defeating Mexico's Zarazua and Australia's Rodionova, both in straight sets
- Faces No.37 Stephens today – owns 2-2 record against Top 50 opponents with both wins coming earlier this year
- Before hiatus, defeated the American to reach QF at Monterrey where she fell to eventual champion Svitolina
- Result helped her reach career high ranking of No.118 on March 9 – currently sitting at No.120 just two spots short
- Appeared in first ever WTA final at Acapulco finishing runner-up to Watson earlier this year
- At 17y, 177d, she was the youngest Canadian to reach a WTA singles final in 34 years (since Helen Kelesi at 1986 Tokyo [Japan Open] won at 16y, 338d)
- Acapulco was the eighth tournament since the start of 2018 in which a player 17 or younger reached the final – in contrast, from 2008-2017, only seven times did a player 17 or younger advance to a WTA tour-level final.
- Prior to Acapulco final run, had not won back-to-back matches at tour-level
- In Fed Cup action for Canada, earned first Top 100 win with a shocking defeat of No.5 Bencic
- Before that came through qualifying at Australian Open defeating Tig, Hibi and Lao to reach first main draw of a Grand Slam (I. Davis in 1r) - result helped her reach career high ranking of No.185 for first time in Top 200
- Kicked off year with qualifying loss in Auckland (I. Badosa)
- Played one WTA tournament in 2019 at Hiroshima (I. Hibino in 1r) ending year ranked No.209
- Also in 2019 on ITF circuit, won first title at ITF \$80k/Granby-CAN (d. Cabrera) and reached two further finals
- Won 2019 Roland Garros junior's title (d. Navarro) becoming first Canadian to win a junior Grand Slam since Bouchard in 2012
- Played first WTA main draw and earned first main draw win of career at 2018 Quebec City defeating countrywoman Dabrowski in 1r (I. Watson in 2r)
- Made professional debut on ITF circuit in 2016
- Currently coached by Romain Deridder and father, Jorge Fernandez
- Current sponsors are ASICS, Babolat and Telcel/Claro
- Born in Montreal, Canada and currently lives and trains in Boynton Beach, Florida with her mother, Irene, father, Jorge, and younger sister (Bianca) who also plays tennis
- Is trilingual, speaking Spanish, French and English
- Hobbies include taking dancing lessons, currently learning Salsa with her younger sister; solving puzzles and Rubiks Cubes which she does during match rain delays or in her free time at the hotel
- Loves dessert but specifically enjoys molten lava chocolate cake

## **STEPHENS:**

- One of sixteen Americans to start the main draw here at the inaugural tournament in Lexington
- Also one of four Grand Slam champions in the draw – also Azarenka, S.Williams and V.Williams
- Owns 84-54 record on home soil and has won four of her six career titles in the United States at 2015 Washington DC, 2016 Charleston, 2017 US Open and 2018 Miami
- Competing at No.7 seed this week, owns 137-93 record when seeded and 70-52 when seeded in the Top 8
- Faces 17-year-old qualifier, No.120 Fernandez today in first round action – lost last match before hiatus to the young Canadian in 2r of Monterrey
- Already owns four losses to players outside the Top 100 this year (listed below)

- First round win in Monterrey over fellow American, Navarro, was first match win of the season
- Lost first four matches of the year at Brisbane (l. No.129 Samsonova), Adelaide (l. No.201 Rodionova), Australian Open (l. Zhang) and Acapulco (l. No.270 Zarazua)
- Finished 2019 season ranked No.25; campaign was highlighted by SF at Madrid (l. eventual champion Bertens) and QF at Roland Garros (l. Konta)
- In 2018 posted best year-end finish of career to date, at No.6; reached career-high No.3 ranking on July 16, 2018
- Season highlights in 2018 included capturing first Premier Mandatory title at Miami – subsequently made Top 10 debut at No.9. Also reached her second Grand Slam final, at Roland Garros and posted R-Up finishes at Montréal and WTA Finals
- Won her maiden Grand Slam title at 2017 US Open, d. Keys 6-3 6-0 to become the fifth unseeded player to win a major in the Open Era
- Voted 2017 WTA Comeback Player of the Year. Returned to action at Wimbledon after 11 months on sidelines w/foot injury (had surgery in the January)
- After 1r loss at 2017 Washington DC, went 15-2 through US Open title run, including back-to-back SF at Toronto and Cincinnati
- Won three titles in 2016, at Auckland, Acapulco and Premier-level Charleston. Won maiden singles title in first final contested at 2015 Washington, DC
- At No.97 was youngest player in year-end Top 100 in 2011; and after a phenomenal sophomore season, reached No.38 and was the youngest player, and the only teenager, in the year-end Top 50 in 2012
- Made Top 20 debut on January 29, 2013
- Mother is Sybil Smith a former collegiate swimmer at Boston University and late father, John Stephens, was an NFL player in 1980s and 1990s; brother is Shawn Farrell
- Aged 11, relocated from Fresno to Boca Raton, Florida, where she began training at the Evert Tennis Academy before moving to Nick Saviano High Performance Tennis Academy
- Recently reunited with former long-term coach Kamau Murray; formerly coached by Sven Groenefeld and Nick Saviano
- On April 29, 2019 announced engagement to Toronto FC soccer star Jozy Altidore



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## CATHERINE BELLIS



USA

DOB	Apr 8, 1999 (21)
Residence	Atherton, CA, USA
Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
Height	5' 7" (1.68 m)
Prize Career	\$1,229,065
Prize YTD	\$139,266
Career High Singles Rank	35 (Aug 14 2017)
Career High Doubles Rank	149 (Jul 17 2017)
WTA Singles Titles - YTD / Career	0 / 0
WTA Doubles Titles - YTD / Career	0 / 0

**302**  
Singles  
Ranking

**86**  
Porsche Race  
To Shenzhen

### PERFORMANCE - SINGLES\*

\*Stats include active tournament results

STATS	MD YTD (2020)	MD CAREER	ALL YTD (2020)	ALL CAREER
Tournament (LEXINGTON) W - L	-	-	-	-
Grand Slam W - L	2 - 1	7 - 7	2 - 1	12 - 9
Overall W - L	3 - 3	36 - 32	3 - 3	123 - 62
3 Set W - L	1 - 1	13 - 11	1 - 1	34 - 24
1 Set W - L	2 - 0	29 - 6	2 - 0	105 - 12
Tie Break W - L	2 - 1	9 - 7	2 - 1	15 - 12
Surface (HARD) W - L	3 - 3	25 - 25	3 - 3	97 - 44
Surface (CLAY) W - L	0 - 0	6 - 4	0 - 0	21 - 15
Surface (GRASS) W - L	0 - 0	3 - 2	0 - 0	3 - 2
Top 5 W - L	0 - 0	1 - 5	0 - 0	1 - 5
Top 10 W - L	0 - 0	3 - 6	0 - 0	3 - 6
Top 20 W - L	0 - 1	8 - 10	0 - 1	8 - 10
Top 100 W - L	3 - 3	30 - 27	3 - 3	37 - 31
vs. Left Hander W - L	0 - 0	4 - 3	0 - 0	10 - 5

### MATCH FACTS\*\*

2020 Events: 3 Played  
2020 Matches: 6 Played (3 - 3 win-loss)

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

#### SERVICE RECORD YTD 2020

Aces	6
Double Faults	12
1st Serve	65.8%
1st Serve Points Won	58.6%
2nd Serve Points Won	46.1%
Break Points Faced	58
Break Points Saved	56.9%
Service Games Played	61
Service Games Won	59%
Service Points Won	54.3%

#### RETURN RECORD YTD 2020

1st Serve Return Points Won	33.5%
2nd Serve Return Points Won	55.2%
Break Point Opportunities	41
Break Points Converted	51.2%
Return Games Played	63
Return Games Won	33.3%
Return Points Won	41.8%
Total Points Won	48.1%



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## CATHERINE BELLIS

### TOURNAMENT HISTORY - SINGLES

**BEST WIN OF THE SEASON** (win against highest ranked Opponent)

R2 Main Draw in Australian Open (d. Karolina Muchova (CZE #22) 6-4 6-4)

### 2020 Season Summary

3 tournaments in 2020:

\*\* indicates opening match at tournament

- R16 Main Draw in Hobart (l. Veronika Kudermetova 7-6(6) 6-1)
- R3 Main Draw in Australian Open (l. Elise Mertens 6-1 6-7(5) 6-0)
- \*\*R1 Main Draw in Auckland (l. Jessica Pegula 6-0 6-4)

### Best Previous Results (LEXINGTON)

Player has never previously played at this tournament.

### GRAND SLAM

	W / L	'20	'18	'17	'16	'14
AUSTRALIAN OPEN	2 - 2	3R	1R	-	-	-
ROLAND GARROS	2 - 1	-	-	3R	-	-
WIMBLEDON	0 - 1	-	-	1R	-	-
US OPEN	3 - 3	-	-	1R	3R	2R
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7 - 7</b>					

### OTHER INFORMATION

Coached by Dieter Kindlmann... Likes to be known as 'CiCi'... Born in San Francisco and resides in Atherton, CA... Was home schooled and is an only child... Turned professional after 2016 US Open, forgoing the opportunity to attend Stanford University on a tennis scholarship... Bellis was ranked the No.1 junior tennis player in the world in September 2014, and was declared 2014 ITF Junior World Champion... As part of a US Tennis Association mentoring program, talks on the phone a couple of times a week with 18-time Grand Slam champion Chris Evert.

### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

ADDITIONAL  
WTA 125K Series Titles - Singles (1): 2016 Honolulu.

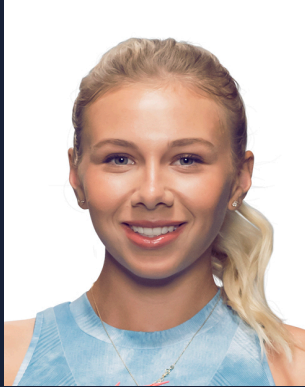


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## AMANDA ANISIMOVA



USA

DOB	Aug 31, 2001 (18)
Residence	Aventura, FL, USA
Plays	Right-handed
Height	5' 11" (1.8 m)
Prize Career	\$1,689,615
Prize YTD	\$129,465
Career High Singles Rank	21 (Oct 21 2019)
Career High Doubles Rank	386 (Jun 24 2019)
WTA Singles Titles - YTD / Career	0 / 1
WTA Doubles Titles - YTD / Career	0 / 0

**28**  
Singles  
Ranking

**66**  
Porsche Race  
To Shenzhen

### PERFORMANCE - SINGLES\*

\*Stats include active tournament results

STATS	MD YTD (2020)	MD CAREER	ALL YTD (2020)	ALL CAREER
Tournament (LEXINGTON) W - L	-	-	-	-
Grand Slam W - L	0 - 1	9 - 6	0 - 1	10 - 8
Overall W - L	5 - 3	39 - 23	5 - 3	80 - 41
3 Set W - L	1 - 2	8 - 13	1 - 2	16 - 25
1 Set W - L	5 - 0	35 - 6	5 - 0	72 - 11
Tie Break W - L	1 - 1	8 - 3	1 - 1	11 - 4
Surface (HARD) W - L	5 - 3	25 - 17	5 - 3	51 - 30
Surface (CLAY) W - L	0 - 0	11 - 4	0 - 0	26 - 9
Surface (GRASS) W - L	0 - 0	3 - 2	0 - 0	3 - 2
Top 5 W - L	0 - 0	1 - 3	0 - 0	1 - 3
Top 10 W - L	1 - 1	3 - 7	1 - 1	3 - 7
Top 20 W - L	1 - 1	5 - 10	1 - 1	5 - 10
Top 100 W - L	4 - 3	26 - 21	4 - 3	29 - 24
vs. Left Hander W - L	0 - 0	3 - 4	0 - 0	5 - 4

### MATCH FACTS\*\*

2020 Events: 4 Played  
2020 Matches: 8 Played (5 - 3 win-loss)

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

#### SERVICE RECORD YTD 2020

Aces	11
Double Faults	21
1st Serve	67.2%
1st Serve Points Won	58.5%
2nd Serve Points Won	47.2%
Break Points Faced	70
Break Points Saved	54.3%
Service Games Played	89
Service Games Won	64%
Service Points Won	54.8%

#### RETURN RECORD YTD 2020

1st Serve Return Points Won	38.8%
2nd Serve Return Points Won	59.9%
Break Point Opportunities	74
Break Points Converted	48.6%
Return Games Played	86
Return Games Won	41.9%
Return Points Won	46.3%
Total Points Won	50.6%



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## AMANDA ANISIMOVA

### TOURNAMENT HISTORY - SINGLES

BEST WIN OF THE SEASON (win against highest ranked Opponent)

R2 Main Draw in Doha (d. Elina Svitolina (UKR #7) 6-3 6-3)

#### 2020 Season Summary

4 tournaments in 2020:

\*\* indicates opening match at tournament

- SF Main Draw in Auckland (l. Serena Williams 6-1 6-1)
- R16 Main Draw in Doha (vs. Svetlana Kuznetsova, match not played due to walkover)
- \*\*R1 Main Draw in Dubai (l. Barbora Strycova 7-6(3) 2-6 6-4)
- \*\*R1 Main Draw in Australian Open (l. Zarina Diyas 6-3 4-6 6-3)

#### Best Previous Results (LEXINGTON)

Player has never previously played at this tournament.

### GRAND SLAM

	W / L	'20	'19	'18	'17
AUSTRALIAN OPEN	3 - 2	1R	4R	-	-
ROLAND GARROS	5 - 2	-	SF	-	1R
WIMBLEDON	1 - 1	-	2R	-	-
US OPEN	0 - 1	-	-	1R	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9 - 6</b>				

### OTHER INFORMATION

Mother is Olga, who was born and raised in Moscow; sister is Maria Anisimova-Egee and lives in New York ... Born in New Jersey but moved to Miami at age 3 ... Speaks English and Russian ... Started playing tennis after going to her sister's practices every day and eventually developed a passion for the sport ... At 2019 Roland Garros at age 17, defeated defending champion Simona Halep in the quarterfinals becoming the first player (male or female) born in the 2000s to reach the semis of a Grand Slam ... Favorite surface is hardcourt ... Tennis idols growing up were Serena Williams and Maria Sharapova ... Off the court enjoys music, running, writing, jet skiing and going to the beach ... Has one dog named Miley.

### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

#### SINGLES

Winner (1): 2019 - Bogotá

Finalist (1): 2018 - Hiroshima