J&T BANKA OSTRAVA OPEN – QUICK FACTS

Main draw dates: Monday - Sunday, October 19-25, 2020
Singles Final: Sunday, October 25, 2:30pm
Doubles Final: Sunday, October 25, following singles final
Venue: Ostravar Arena
Status: WTA Premier event
Staging: Tournament’s 1st year
Draw sizes: 28 singles / 16 doubles teams / 24 singles qualifying
Surface: Indoor - Hard Court
Total prize money: USD $528,500
Tennis Ball: AO Dunlop

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MAIN DRAW QUICK-HITS

Singles wildcards: Kristyna Pliskova (CZE), Jelena Ostapenko (CZE), Katerina Siniakova (CZE),
Youngest singles player: Amanda Ansimova, 19 years old (August 31, 2001)
Oldest singles player: Barbora Strycova, 34 years old (March 28, 1996)

TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS

- The 1st edition of the J&T Banka Ostrava Open makes its debut this week headlined by Top 10 players Karolina Pliskova and Elina Svitolina as well as Grand Slam champions, Victoria Azarenka and wildcard Jelena Ostapenko.
- Top seed Svitolina will enjoy a first round bye to get ready for a tough first match against either wildcard Kristyna Pliskova or Maria Sakkari.
- Including the Pliskova sisters, the draw features five players from the home nation of Czech Republic: also Karolína Muchová, Katerina Siniaková and Barbora Strycova.

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• The qualifying draw is also impressive featuring players like American teen phenom, Coco Gauff, and former World No.10, Daria Kasatkina.
• One To Watch – Elena Rybakina. The 21-year-old burst onto the scene in 2020 breaking into the Top 20 for the first time back in February and winning a tour leading 29 matches so far this year. She also leads the tour in aces (192) and owns an impressive 9-4 (69.2%) record in three-set matches. The Kazakh has reached a tour leading five finals this year but has only walked away as the champion once in Hobart. This week, she looks to overcome her losing finals record and lift her second trophy of the year.

COUNTRY AND REGION BREAKDOWN

Excluding qualifiers, a total of 14 countries and regions are represented in the main draw, led by home nation Czech Republic with 5 players:

Belarus (2) Victoria Azarenka, Aryna Sabalenka
Belgium (1) Elise Mertens
China (1) Shuai Zhang
Croatia (2) Petra Martic, Donna Vekic
Czech Republic (5) Karolina Muchova, Karolina Pliskova, Kristyna Pliskova, Katerina Siniakova, Barbora Strycova
Estonia (1) Anett Kontaveit
Greece (1) Maria Sakkari
Kazakhstan (1) Elena Rybakina
Latvia (1) Jelena Ostapenko
Poland (1) Magda Linette
Russia (1) Ekaterina Alexandrova
Tunisia (1) Ons Jabeur
Ukraine (2) Elina Svitolina, Dayana Yastremska
USA (2) Amanda Ansimova, Jennifer Brady

WTA CHARITIES - ACEING CANCER

• It’s October and that means it’s Breast Cancer Awareness month. Breast Cancer is the most common cancer among women worldwide.
• With its ACEing Cancer campaign, WTA Charities is focused this month on fighting women’s cancers.
• As part of the campaign, the WTA and WTA Charities will donate $100 for every ace served this week during the J&T Banka Ostrava Open.
• A major global PSA will be released featuring WTA Women’s Health Ambassador and breast cancer survivor Martina Navratilova stressing the importance of early detection.
• Navratilova will also lead a virtual fundraiser for WTA Charities in collaboration with Cancer Research Racquet and the American Cancer Society to fund women’s cancer research.
• The money from the fundraiser, including what is raised this week, will go to fund a research project chosen by the WTA that focuses on cancers affecting women.
WTA Charities’ ACEing Cancer campaign was initiated in 2019 at the Shiseido WTA Finals Shenzhen with Cancer Research Racquet and the American Cancer Society resulting in a three-year women’s cancer research grant funded in 2020.

Key facts about breast cancer:
- Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related death among women.
- One in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime.
- Early detection is key.
- Mayo Clinic recommends annual screening mammography starting at age 40. Women with a family history of breast cancer might need to start screening mammograms before age 40.

### 2020 WTA TOUR FINALS

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A SNAPSHOT OF 2020 – THE YEAR SO FAR

- **Top 10 Debut (1):** Sofia Kenin (at No.7 on February 3)
- **Fewest games dropped en route to a title:** Jennifer Brady (24, Lexington)
- **Lowest-ranked player to triumph:** Patricia Maria Tig (No.88, Istanbul)
- **Most finals:**
  - Elena Rybakina: 5 (Shenzhen - R-Up; Hobart - W; St. Petersburg - R-Up; Dubai - R-Up; Strasbourg - R-Up)
  - Simona Halep: 3 (Dubai - W; Prague - W; Rome - W)
  - Sofia Kenin: 3 (Australian Open - W; Lyon - W; Roland Garros - R-Up)
- **Maiden titles (4):** Ekaterina Alexandrova (Shenzhen), Jennifer Brady (Lexington), Patricia Maria Tig (Istanbul), Iga Swiatek (Roland Garros)
- **Youngest title winner:** Elena Rybakina, Hobart (20y 7m 1d)
- **Oldest title winner:** Serena Williams, Auckland (38y 3m 17d)
- **Aces leaders:** Elena Rybakina – 192, Serena Williams – 178, Garbiñe Muguruza – 160
- **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 – 29, Elise Mertens – 28, Sofia Kenin – 24
- **Most three-set matches played (15):** Garbiñe Muguruza (10-5 record)
- **Most doubles titles (4):** Barbora Strýcová / Hsieh Su-Wei (Brisbane, Dubai, Doha, Rome)
- **Best result by a qualifier (R-Up):** Kung (Hua Hin), Fernandez (Acapulco), Bouchard (Istanbul)
- **Longest match:** 3h 33m – Heather Watson d. Elise Mertens 6-7(5) 6-4 7-5 (Hobart, QF)
- **Shortest (completed) match:** 39m – Ekaterina Alexandrova d. Storm Sanders 6-1 6-0 (Strasbourg, 1r)
- **Most Top 10 wins (3):** Garbiñe Muguruza (No.3 Simona Halep, No.5 Elina Svitolina and No.10 Kiki Bertens – all at Australian Open); Jelena Ostapenko (No.7 Kenin in Fed Cup, No.8 Bertens at Strasbourg, No.4 Ka.Pliskova at Roland Garros)

SEASON & CAREER PRIZE MONEY LEADERS

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OSTRAVA, CZECH REPUBLIC | OCTOBER 19-25, 2020 | USD $528,500 PREMIER

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ANETT KONTAVEIT (EST #22) vs. EKATERINA ALEXANDROVA (RUS #33)

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**KONTAVEIT:**

**Ostrava**

- Contesting the inaugural J&T Banka Ostrava Open as No.8 seed this week and lone Estonian representative in the main draw
- Faces No.33 Alexandrova for the first time in 1r today; owns 1-2 record vs Russian opponents this year, with sole win coming against No.31 Pavlyuchenkova at Dubai
- Reached QF stage or better three times across 17 events last season – whereas this season has reached four from ten tournaments contested thus far
- Currently fifth on tour for percentage of service points won in 2020, with (60%)
- Owns 20-10 record for match wins in 2020
- Enters Ostrava ranked No.22, up from No.25 this time last year

**Season**

- Coming off 1r exit at Roland Garros (I. Garcia)
- Made 2r showing at Rome (I. Kuznetsova)
- Advanced to R16 at US Open (l. eventual champion Osaka) after a QF run at Western & Southern Open (l. Osaka)
- Upon the Tour’s return, made R-Up finish at Palermo (d. No.15 Martic in SF, l. Ferro); career record in finals is now 1-5
- In Middle East, advanced to QF at Dubai (l. No.15 Martic) and fell 2r at Doha (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)
- Won all four singles rubbers on Fed Cup duty (including over No.4 Svitolina), leading Estonia to within one win of victory over Ukraine in the promotional play-off
• Made Grand Slam breakthrough by reaching maiden major QF at Australian Open (l. Halep), became the first Estonian to make the last eight at Australian Open
• Kicked off 2020 season by reaching 2r in Brisbane (l. Bertens) and falling 1r in Adelaide (l. Pavlyuchenkova)

Grand Slam History

• 2020 Roland Garros marked 22nd Grand Slam main draw appearance
• Earlier this year, made history by becoming the first Estonian to reach QF at Australian Open, and also the first Estonian to reach a Grand Slam QF since Kanepi at 2017 US Open
• Earned her first Grand Slam victories at 2015 US Open where she reached R16 (as qualifier, l. V. Williams) – only seventh qualifier in Open Era to reach US Open R16
• Also made R16 at 2018 Australian Open (l. Suárez Navarro), 2018 Roland Garros (l. Stephens) and 2020 US Open (l. eventual champion Osaka)
• Best showings at Wimbledon are 3r runs in 2017 (l. Wozniacki), 2018 (l. Van Uytvanck) and 2019 (l. Muchova)
• R-Up in 2012 US Open girls’ singles (l. Crawford)

Career Milestones

• Finished 2019 ranked No.26 – her second straight Top 30 finish (No.21 in 2018) – despite missing final two months of the season w/viral illness
• Reached her fifth career final in 2019 at Stuttgart (l. Kvitova). Also in 2019, advanced to her first Premier Mandatory SF at Miami (l. eventual champion Barty), which propelled her to a career high ranking of No.14 (April 1, 2019)
• In 2018, season highlighted by fourth WTA singles final at Wuhan (l. Sabalenka); posted 33 main draw wins – the first time she had registered 30 or more wins in a season – finishing No.21 in the rankings
• Enjoyed fruitful clay swing in 2018, including a R16 at Roland Garros (l. eventual R-Up Stephens) and SF showings at Rome (l. eventual champion Svitolina) and Stuttgart (l. eventual champion Ka.Pliskova)
• Breakthrough season came in 2017, finishing on a ranking of No.34, up from No.110 in 2016 – first year-end finish inside Top 50 and second non-consecutive year in Top 100
• Won first career singles title at 2017 ‘s-Hertogenbosch (d. Vihlyantseva in F). Also reached finals at Biel/Benne (l. Vondrousova) and Gstaad (l. Bertens)
• Broke into Top 30 for first time at No.27 following run at Gstaad (July 24, 2017)
• Also advanced to QF at Premier-level tournaments at Stuttgart, where she beat No.6 Muguruza en route, and Rome, where she posted her first career win over a reigning No.1 with defeat of Kerber in 2r
• In 2016, played main draw at all four Grand Slams for first time, but dropped out of Top 100
• One of five teenagers in 2015 year-end Top 100
• Made Top 100 debut on September 14, 2015 at No.96, up from No.152
• Scored first Top 20 win of career over No.17 Errani at 2016 Monterrey (2r)
• Has won 11 singles titles and five doubles titles on ITF Circuit
• Made WTA main draw debut at 2013 Miami as WC (l. McHale, 1r)
• Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in 2010
• Junior highlights included winning 2011 Orange Bowl, defeating Bouchard and Putintseva en route

Personal

• Coached by Nigel Sears
• Grew up in Tallinn, Estonia
• Mother, Ulle, is a tennis coach and started her in tennis (was her coach until the age of 11, then began working other Estonian coaches). Father, Andrus, is a manager at the Port of Tallinn
ALEXANDROVA:

Ostrava

- Lone Russian woman to contest the inaugural J&T Banka Ostrava Open this week
- Faces No.22 Kontaveit in 1r today for the pairs first career meeting; owns 3-3 record vs Top 30 opponents this year
- Contesting Ostrava ranked No.33, up from No.35 this time last year

Season

- Arrives in Ostrava off the back of 3r run at Roland Garros. Defeated Inglis and Sharma before falling to Svitolina to match best slam result to date
- Suffered 1r exit at Rome (I. Rybakina) and 2r visit in Strasbourg (I. Siniakova)
- Made back-to-back 2r showings at Western & Southern Open (I. McHale) and US Open (d. Clijsters, I. McNally)
- Fell 2r at Palermo (I. Ferro) and 1r at Prague (I. Tsurenko)
- 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)
- Extended winning streak to seven by advancing to 3r at Australian Open (I. Kvitova) – was seeded for the first time at a major (No.25)
- One of three maiden title winners in 2020 – also Brady (Lexington) and Tig (Istanbul)
- Won both singles rubbers (d. Bogdan and Ruse) as Russia beat Romania in Cluj-Napoca to reach next year’s Fed Cup by BNP Paribas Finals
- In February reached maiden Premier-level SF at St. Petersburg (I. Bertens) and fell 1r at Doha (I. Anisimova); rose to career-high ranking of No.25 after St. Petersburg run (February 17, 2020)

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

Grand Slam History

- Contested 16th Grand Slam main draw at 2020 Roland Garros
- Matched best Grand Slam result to date this year by reaching 3r at Australian Open (d. Teichmann and Krejcikova, I. Kvitova) and Roland Garros (d. Inglis and Sharma, I. Svitolina) 
- Also reached 3r at 2019 Roland Garros (d. Buzarnescu and Stosur, I. 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 (I. Ka.Pliskova) and US Open (l. Garcia)
Personal

- Coached by Vojtech Flegl and her father, Evgeny Alexandrov, 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
- Favorite surface is hard and admires Serena Williams
KRISTYNA PLISKOVA (CZE #68) vs. MARIA SAKKARI (GRE #23)

Head to Head: 1-1

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**KAROLINA MUCHOVA, KATERINA SINIAKOVA AND BARBORA STRYCOVA**

Begins campaign against No.23 Sakkari in today’s opening round – captured most recent meeting upon return to play at 2020 Palermo – series tied 1-1

Owns a career mark of 24-61 vs. Top 50 opponents, including 3-4 so far this season

Winner of this match books a date with top seeded Svitolina in the next round

Two wins shy of notching career victory No.50 on hard courts

Season

Coming in off 2r visit at Roland Garros, falling to Muguruza

Made 1r exit at US Open (I. Vekic)

Enjoyed SF run at Prague in August (l. Mertens). Upset No.2 seed and No.14 Martic in 2r

Martic win was third Top 20 win of season – also No.20 Sakkari (Palermo) and No.11 Sabalenka (Shenzhen)

Made 2r at Palermo (d. No.20 Sakkari, l. Errani) at first tournament back following hiatus

**KR. PLISKOVA:**

Ostrava

- Competing in the inaugural J&T Banka Ostrava Open this week as one of three singles wildcards (also, Ostapenko and Siniakova)
- Including the Pliskova sisters, the draw features five players from the home nation of Czech Republic: also, Karolina Muchova, Katerina Siniakova and Barbora Strycova
- Begins campaign against No.23 Sakkari in today’s opening round – captured most recent meeting upon return to play at 2020 Palermo – series tied 1-1
- Owns a career mark of 24-61 vs. Top 50 opponents, including 3-4 so far this season
- Winner of this match books a date with top seeded Svitolina in the next round
- Two wins shy of notching career victory No.50 on hard courts

 Paxi is from 1992 (28)
During June and July, played a series of exhibitions in Czech Republic with, among others, Muchova, Siniakova, Alexandrova and Strycova.
Contesting qualifying at Dubai and Doha.
Followed Shenzhen with a 2r showing at Hobart (I. Cabrera), a 1r exit at Australian Open (I. Watson).
Produced SF run at Shenzhen (d. No.11 Sabalenka, I. Rybakina) – hit 48 aces in her four matches.

**Grand Slam History**
Contested 27th Grand Slam main draw appearance at 2020 Roland Garros.
Has made 3r at a major twice, at 2015 Wimbledon (I. Niculescu) and 2017 Australian Open (I. Kerber).
At US Open, has made 2r three times (2012, 2017, 2019) and has reached 2r at Roland Garros in 2020.
Fell 1r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2011 Wimbledon (as qualifier, I. Bartoli).

**Career Milestones**
Ended 2019 ranked No.66, up from 2018 year-end ranking of No.97, to record fourth consecutive Top 100 finish.
Highlights of 2019 include SF runs at Lugano (I. Swiatek) and Tashkent (I. Van Uytvanck). Also advanced through qualifying at Birmingham to upset twin sister and World No.3 Karolina en route to the QF (I. Strycova).
Best results of 2018 campaign were QF showings at Shenzhen, Charleston, Prague and Nürnberg.
In 2017, contested second WTA singles final at Prague, finishing R-Up (I. Barthel). Also reached QF stage at Shenzhen, Biel, Strasbourg and Mallorca.
Posted equal-best Grand Slam result at 2017 Australian Open, advancing to 3r (l. No.1 Kerber). Also made 3r at 2015 Wimbledon.
Achieved career-high ranking of No.35 on July 31, 2017.
Season highlight in 2016 was reaching first WTA singles final at Tashkent, defeating Hibino in final for first career singles title.
Holds WTA record for most aces served in a match – 31 vs. Puig at 2016 Australian Open, beating Lisicki’s 27 vs. Bencic at 2015 Birmingham (Kr.Pliskova held five match points before eventually losing the match).
Aside from run to final at 2016 Tashkent and 3r at Miami (I. Begu), did not progress beyond 2r at any other tour level event, falling at this stage at Australian Open (I. Puig), Miami (I. Begu), Katowice (I. Ostapenko) and Luxembourg (I. Davis).
Owns four WTA doubles titles; at 2013 Linz (with twin sister Ka.Pliskova, first twins to win a WTA title), 2014 Bad Gastein and Hong Kong (both w/ Ka.Pliskova) and 2019 Bucharest (w/ Kuzmova).
On ITF Circuit, most recently reached final at 2017 $80k ITF/Olomouc-CZE. Overall owns 10 ITF Circuit singles and eight doubles titles.
Made WTA main draw debut as WC at 2007 Prague (I. Bartoli).

**Personal**
Coached by Jaro Levinsky.
Trains at and plays for Sparta Praha tennis club.
Began playing tennis at age 4.
Enjoys music (any type), movies (favorites are The Notebook and Gladiator) and nature.
Favorite book is Dear John.
Favorite foods are strawberries, melons and Italian cuisine.

**SAKKARI:**

**Ostrava**
Contests inaugural J&T Banka Ostrava Open this week as lone Greek representative.
Aims to avenge recent loss to No.68 Kr.Pliskova (Palermo) in today's 1r action – marks first meeting on hard court between the two.
Since falling to the Czech in Palermo, has reeled off an 8-3 record, including a 3-0 mark in 1r matches.
Owns an impressive 7-3 strike rate in 1r matches so far this season.
A win today would mark 90th career main draw victory.
Holds an even 8-8 record vs lefties over her career, including 1-3 this season.

**Season**
Upset by cinderella qualifier Trevisan in 3r Roland Garros.
Produced R16 showing at US Open falling to S.Williams in 3s who she had just beaten the week earlier.
Made QF run at Western & Southern Open (d. Gauff, Putintseva and S.Williams before falling to Konta).
Returned to competitive action following tour’s hiatus at Palermo in August, falling in 1r (l. Kr.Pliskova); was No.3 seed at Palermo – her joint-highest seeding at a WTA event (also during SF run at 2018 Seoul)

Broke into Top 20 just before the break on Feb. 24

Prior to this, made 3r at Doha (l. eventual champion Sabalenka) and fell 1r at Dubai (l. Sabalenka)

Posted SF run at St. Petersburg (l. eventual R-Up Rybakina) – her first SF since 2019 San Jose

Made 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

Fell 2r at Adelaide (l. Vekic) after a 1r exit at Brisbane (l. Osaka)

Grand Slam History

Contested 19th Grand Slam main draw at 2020 Roland Garros

Fell R16 at 2020 Australian Open (l. Kvitova) to become the first Greek woman to reach this stage at a Slam since Eleni Daniilidou at 2004 Wimbledon

Tied her best Grand Slam result at 2020 US Open falling to S.Williams in R16

By reaching 3r at 2017 Australian Open, became first Greek woman to reach this stage at a Slam since Daniilidou at 2005 Wimbledon (l. Pennetta)

At 2016 Australian Open, by reaching 2r (d. Y.Wang, l. Suárez Navarro) became the first woman from Greece to win a main draw match at a Slam since Daniilidou d. Ka.Pliskova at 2013 Australian Open


Career Milestones

Broke into Top 20 on February 24, 2020

Finished 2019 at No.23 – the best year-end finish of her career (up from No.41 in 2018)

Season highlight was winning maiden WTA title at Rabat, recovering from a set and break down to defeat Konta in final

Made 3r at Australian Open (l. Barty), Wimbledon (l. Svitolina) and US Open (l. Barty)

Closed out season by qualifying for WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai for first time in career (fell in RR stage)

2018 season highlights included reaching her first tour-level final at San Jose (l. Buzarnescu), scoring first career Top 5 win after defeat of No.5 Ka.Pliskova in Rome as well as reaching SF at Istanbul (l. Hercog) and Seoul (l. Bertens)

Notched first Top 10 victory of career over No.6 Wozniacki en route to first WTA SF of career at 2017 Wuhan Open

Since then has posted a further eight 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), No.5 Bencic (2020 St. Petersburg) and No.9 S.Williams (2020 Western & Southern Open)

Broke into Top 50 for first time at No.49 on October 9, 2017

Reached first career WTA QF at 2016 Istanbul (as qualifier, l. Kovinic) – 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

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

Tried karate and gymnastics but was thrown out of class for laughing too much

Currently coached by Tom Hill
**KRYSTYNA PLISKOVA**

- **DOB**: Mar 21, 1992 (28)
- **Residence**: Prague, Czech Republic
- **Plays**: Left-handed (two-handed backhand)
- **Height**: 6' 0" (1.84 m)
- **Prize Career**: $3,035,619
- **Prize YTD**: $321,644
- **Career High Singles Rank**: 35 (Jul 31 2017)
- **Career High Doubles Rank**: 45 (Aug 17 2020)

**Performance & Statistics**

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**Match Facts**

- **2020 Events**: 8 Played
- **2020 Matches**: 17 Played (9 - 8 win-loss)

**Service Record YTD 2020**

- **Aces**: 142
- **Double Faults**: 56
- **1st Serve**: 61.0%
- **1st Serve Points Won**: 72.2%
- **2nd Serve Points Won**: 44.5%
- **Break Points Faced**: 115
- **Break Points Saved**: 66.1%
- **Service Games Played**: 181
- **Service Games Won**: 78.5%
- **Service Points Won**: 61.4%

**Return Record YTD 2020**

- **1st Serve Return Points Won**: 30.2%
- **2nd Serve Return Points Won**: 53.8%
- **Break Point Opportunities**: 108
- **Break Points Converted**: 39.8%
- **Return Games Played**: 180
- **Return Games Won**: 23.9%
- **Return Points Won**: 37.8%
- **Total Points Won**: 50.0%

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**Insights from SAP**
KRYSTYNA PLISKOVA

TOURNAMENT HISTORY - SINGLES

BEST WIN OF THE SEASON (win against highest ranked Opponent)
R16 Main Draw in Shenzhen (d. Aryna Sabalenka (BLR #11) 6-4 6-4)

2020 Season Summary

9 tournaments in 2020:
- SF Main Draw in Prague (l. Elise Mertens 7-5 7-6(4))
- SF Main Draw in Shenzhen (l. Elena Rybakina 6-2 7-5)
- R16 Main Draw in Palermo (l. Sara Errani 3-6 6-4 6-3)
- R16 Main Draw in Hobart (l. Lizette Cabrera 4-6 6-4 6-4)
- R2 Main Draw in Roland Garros (l. Garbiñe Muguruza 6-3 6-2)
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**R1 Main Draw in Australian Open (l. Heather Watson 4-6 6-3 6-1)
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CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

SINGLES
Finalist (1): 2017 - Prague.

DOUBLES
Winner (5): 2020 (w/Hradecka); 2019 - Bucharest (w/Kuzmova); 2014 - Bad Gastein, Hong Kong (both w/Ka.Pliskova); 2013 - Linz (w/Ka.Pliskova).

ADDITIONAL
Czech Fed Cup Team, 2017.
KRYSTYNA PLIKSOVA
**MAGDA LINETTE**

**DOB**  
Feb 12, 1992 (28)

**Residence**  
Poznan, Poland

**Plays**  
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)

**Height**  
5' 7" (1.71 m)

**Prize Career**  
$2,788,408

**Prize YTD**  
$423,549

**Career High Singles Rank**  
33 (Feb 17 2020)

**Career High Doubles Rank**  
95 (Jul 27 2015)

**Tie Break W - L**  
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**PERFORMANCE - SINGLES**

*Stats include active tournament results*

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**MATCH FACTS**

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2020 Matches: 22 Played (12 - 10 win-loss)

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TOURNAMENT HISTORY - SINGLES

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

R1 Main Draw in Rome (d. Jelena Ostapenko (LAT #43) 6-4  6-3)

2020 Season Summary

11 tournaments in 2020:

- W in Hua Hin (d. Leonie Kung 6-3  6-2)
- R16 Main Draw in Strasbourg (l. Elina Svitolina 7-6(0)  7-5)
- R16 Main Draw in Lexington (l. Jennifer Brady 6-2  6-3)
- R16 Main Draw in Hobart (l. Lauren Davis 6-4  6-4)
- R3 Main Draw in US OPEN (l. Anett Kontaveit 6-3  6-2)
- R2 Main Draw in Rome (l. Elise Mertens 6-2  6-4)
**R1 Main Draw in Roland Garros (l. Leylah Fernandez  1-6  6-2  6-3)
**R1 Main Draw in New York (l. Vera Zvonareva  1-6  6-3  6-1)
**R1 Main Draw in Doha (l. Karolina Muchova 6-3  6-1)
**R1 Main Draw in Australian Open (l. Arantxa Rus  1-6  6-3  6-4)
**R1 Main Draw in Shenzhen (l. Shuai Zhang 6-4  6-2)

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OTHER INFORMATION

Coached by Izo Zunic and Mark Gellard ... Parents are Tomasz and Beata; sister is Dagmara ... Started playing at age 6 ... Favorite shot is backhand; favorite surfaces are hard and grass ... Tennis idol growing up was Monica Seles ... Favorite tournament is Roland Garros ... Other interests include learning languages and reading books.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

SINGLES
Finalist (2): 2019 - Seoul; 2015 - Tokyo [Japan Open].

DOUBLES
Finalist (2): 2017 - Bogotá (w/Cepede Royg); 2016 - Hong Kong (w/Y.Xu); 2014 - Guangzhou (w/Cornet).

ADDITIONAL
Polish Fed Cup Team, 2011-12, 2016-20; Polish Olympic Team, 2016.
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**TEREZA MARTINCOVA**

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### PERFORMANCE - SINGLES*

*Stats include active tournament results

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**MATCH FACTS**

2020 Events: 4 Played
2020 Matches: 9 Played (5 - 4 win-loss)

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BEST WIN OF THE SEASON (win against highest ranked Opponent)
QF Main Draw in Istanbul (d. Aliaksandra Sasnovich (BLR #0) 6-2 6-3)
R16 Main Draw in Istanbul (d. Caroline Garcia (FRA #0) 6-1 6-4)
R16 Qualifying in Istanbul (d. Elisabetta CocciaRetto (ITA #0) 5-7 7-5 6-3)
R1 Main Draw in Istanbul (d. Greet Minnen (BEL #0) 7-6(5) 6-3)
R1 Qualifying in Istanbul (d. Zeynep Sonmez (TUR #0) 4-1)
R1 Qualifying in Prague (d. Nikola Bartunkova (CZE #0) 6-2 6-2)

2020 Season Summary

10 tournaments in 2020:
- SF Main Draw in Istanbul (l. Patricia Maria Tig 6-3 6-3)
- R16 Main Draw in Lyon (l. Viktoria Kuzmova 6-4 4-6 6-4)
- R2 Main Draw in Doha (l. Maria Sakkari 3-6 7-6(5) 6-0)
**R1 Main Draw in Us Open (l. Petra Martic 5-7 6-2 6-4)
- R16 Qualifying in Prague (l. Marta Kostyuk 6-1 2-6 6-2)
- R16 Qualifying in Palermo (l. Aliaksandra Sasnovich 6-3)
- R16 Qualifying in Dubai (l. Veronika Kudermetova 5-7 6-3 6-4)
- R16 Qualifying in St. Petersburg (l. Kristie Ahn 7-6(1) 6-4)
- R3 Qualifying in Roland Garros (l. Sara Errani 6-3 7-5)
- R3 Qualifying in Australian Open (l. Elisabetta CocciaRetto 6-2 6-1)

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Coached by Daniel Vanek ... Born and raised in Prague, Czech Republic ... Sponsored by Mizuno and Wilson.

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**MARIA SAKKARI**

DOB | Jul 25, 1995 (25)
Residence | Monte Carlo, Monaco
Plays | Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
Height | 5' 8" (1.72 m)
Prize Career | $3,524,389
Prize YTD | $768,305
Career High Singles Rank | 20 (Feb 24 2020)
Career High Doubles Rank | 169 (Sep 09 2019)
WTA Singles Titles - YTD / Career | 0 / 1
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**MATCH FACTS**

2020 Events: 11 Played
2020 Matches: 30 Played (19 - 11 win-loss)

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2020 Season Summary

10 tournaments in 2020:
- SF Main Draw in St. Petersburg (l. Elena Rybakina 3-6  7-5  6-1)
- QF Main Draw in New York (l. Johanna Konta 6-4  6-3)
- R16 Main Draw in US OPEN (l. Serena Williams 6-3  6-7(6)  6-3)
- R16 Main Draw in Doha (l. Aryna Sabalenka 6-3  6-0)
- R16 Main Draw in Australian Open (l. Petra Kvitova 6-7(4)  6-3  6-2)
- R16 Main Draw in Adelaide (l. Donna Vekic 2-6  7-5  6-1)
- R3 Main Draw in Roland Garros (l. Martina Trevisan 1-6  7-6(6)  6-3)
**R1 Main Draw in Palermo (l. Kristyna Pliskova 6-4  6-4)
**R1 Main Draw in Dubai (l. Aryna Sabalenka 6-2  4-6  6-1)
**R1 Main Draw in Brisbane (l. Naomi Osaka 6-2  6-7(4)  6-3)

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OTHER INFORMATION

Coached by Tom Hill ... Parents are Konstantinos and Angeliki; brother is Yannis (studies at Boston University) and sister is Amanda ...
Introduction to tennis by parents at age 6 ... Mother played on WTA; achieved a Top 50 singles ranking ... Born and raised in Athens; moved to Barcelona at age 18 to train ... Favorite surfaces are hard and clay; favorite shot is serve ... Speaks Greek and English ... Best tennis memory is qualifying for first Grand Slam main draw at 2015 US Open ... Tennis idols are Serena Williams, Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer ... During free time enjoys going back to Greece and seeing friends.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

SINGLES
Finalist (1): 2018 - San Jose.

ADDITIONAL
Greek Fed Cup Team, 2012-16, 2018-19.
BARBORA KREJCIKOVÁ

DOB: Dec 18, 1995 (24)
Residence: Ivancice, Czech Republic
Plays: Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
Height: 5' 10" (1.78 m)
Prize Career: $2,944,676
Prize YTD: $568,712
Career High Singles Rank: 85 (Oct 12 2020)
Career High Doubles Rank: 1 (Oct 22 2018)

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BARBORA KREJCIKOVA

TOURNAMENT HISTORY - SINGLES

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

R2 Main Draw in Roland Garros (d. Barbora Strycova (CZE #37) 6-4 3-6 6-3)

2020 Season Summary

7 tournaments in 2020:
- QF Main Draw in Frydek Mistek (l. Miriam Kolodziejova 4-6 6-4 7-5)
- QF Main Draw in Prague (l. Renata Zarazua 6-4 7-6(7))
- R16 Main Draw in Roland Garros (l. Nadia Podoroska 2-6 6-2 6-3)
- R16 Main Draw in Prerov (vs. Grace Min, match not played due to walkover)
- R16 Main Draw in Prague (l. Simona Halep 3-6 7-5 6-2)
- R2 Main Draw in Australian Open (l. Ekaterina Alexandrova 6-1 6-3)
- R16 Qualifying in Shenzhen (l. Irina-camelia Begu 7-5 6-2)
**R1 Qualifying in Dubai (l. Ana Bogdan 6-4 6-4)

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OTHER INFORMATION

Coached by Petr Kovacka ... Started playing tennis aged 6 ... Was later coached and mentored by WTA legend Jana Novotna ... Highly ranked junior, won the Roland Garros, Wimbledon and US Open girls' doubles titles with Katerina Siniakova.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

SINGLES
Finalist (1): 2017 - Nürnberg

DOUBLES
Winner (6): 2020 - Shenzhen (w/Siniakova); 2019 - Toronto, Linz (both w/Siniakova); 2018 - Roland Garros, Wimbledon (both w/Siniakova); 2015 - Quebec City (w/Mestach), 125/Limoges (w/Minella).
Finalist (8): 2020 - Dubai (w/Siniakova); 2019 - Indian Wells (w/Siniakova); 2018 - Shenzhen, Miami, WTA Finals (all w/Siniakova); 2017 - Bastad (w/frigoyen); 2016 - St. Petersburg (w/Dushevina); 2014 - Luxembourg (w/Hradeckova).

MIXED DOUBLES
Winner (2): 2020 - Australian Open (w/Mektic); 2019 - Australian Open (w/Ram).

ADDITIONAL
Czech Fed Cup Team, 2019.
ANETT KONTAVEIT

DOB: Dec 24, 1995 (24)
Residence: Tallinn, Estonia
Plays: Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
Height: 5' 9" (1.74 m)
Prize Career: $4,866,013
Prize YTD: $867,252
Career High Singles Rank: 15 (Apr 08 2019)
Career High Doubles Rank: 95 (Mar 02 2020)

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PERFORMANCE - SINGLES*

*Stats include active tournament results

SERVICE RECORD YTD 2020

- Aces: 103
- Double Faults: 64
- 1st Serve: 62.1%
- 1st Serve Points Won: 67.6%
- 2nd Serve Points Won: 47.5%
- Break Points Faced: 209
- Break Points Saved: 56.5%
- Service Games Played: 320
- Service Games Won: 71.6%
- Service Points Won: 60.0%

RETURN RECORD YTD 2020

- 1st Serve Return Points Won: 37.6%
- 2nd Serve Return Points Won: 56.1%
- Break Point Opportunities: 232
- Break Points Converted: 53.4%
- Return Games Played: 309
- Return Games Won: 40.1%
- Return Points Won: 45.0%
- Total Points Won: 52.5%

MATCH FACTS**

2020 Events: 10 Played
2020 Matches: 30 Played (20 - 10 win-loss)

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ANETT KONTAVEIT

TOURNAMENT HISTORY - SINGLES

BEST WIN OF THE SEASON (win against highest ranked Opponent)
R1 Main Draw in Fed Cup Group 1 Europe/africa Event A (d. Elina Svitolina (UKR #4) €

2020 Season Summary
10 tournaments in 2020:
- F Main Draw in Palermo (l. Fiona Ferro 6-2 7-5)
- QF Main Draw in New York (l. Naomi Osaka 4-6 6-2 7-5)
- QF Main Draw in Dubai (l. Petra Martic 7-6(4) 6-1)
- QF Main Draw in Australian Open (l. Simona Halep 6-1 6-1)
- R16 Main Draw in US OPEN (l. Naomi Osaka 6-3 6-4)
- R16 Main Draw in Brisbane (l. Kiki Bertens 6-3 2-6 7-5)
- R2 Main Draw in Rome (l. Svetlana Kuznetsova 4-6 7-5 6-3)
- R2 Main Draw in Doha (l. Aryna Sabalenka 7-5 2-6 7-5)
**R1 Main Draw in Roland Garros (l. Caroline Garcia 6-4 3-6 6-4)
**R1 Main Draw in Adelaide (l. Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova 6-2 6-4)

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OTHER INFORMATION
Coached by Nigel Sears ... Mother is Ulle (tennis coach); father is Andrus (manager at Port of Tallinn); has a half-sister (works at H&M) ... Introduce to tennis at age 6 by mother (was her coach until age 11, then worked with Estonian coaches) ... Aggressive player; favorite shot is forehand ... Favorite surface is hard; favorite tournament is Wimbledon ... Speaks Estonian and English ... Enjoys shopping, going to movies and seeing friends ... Tennis idols are Maria Sharapova, Roger Federer and Victoria Azarenka ... Goal is to reach Top 10.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

SINGLES

ADDITIONAL
### Player Profile & Performance - Ostrava

Ostrava, Czech Republic OCTOBER 19 - 25, 2020 | USD $528,500 PREMIER

All data as at Monday, 12 Oct 2020

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**SARA SORRIBES TORMO**

DOB: Oct 8, 1996 (24)  
Residence: Vall de Uxó, Spain  
Plays: Right-handed (two-handed backhand)  
Height: 5' 9" (1.76 m)  
Prize Career: $1,763,599  
Prize YTD: $321,964  
Career High Singles Rank: 64 (Jun 10 2019)  
Career High Doubles Rank: 40 (Feb 03 2020)  

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### MATCH FACTS**

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2020 Matches: 18 Played (7 - 11 win-loss)

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SARA SORRIBES TORMO

TOURNAMENT HISTORY - SINGLES

BEST WIN OF THE SEASON (win against highest ranked Opponent)
R1 Main Draw in Istanbul (d. Heather Watson (GBR #0) 3-2)

2020 Season Summary

12 tournaments in 2020:

- W in Cagnes-sur-mer (d. Irina Bara 6-3 6-4)
- QF Main Draw in Prague (l. Irina-camelia Begu 6-2 4-6 6-2)
- R16 Main Draw in Istanbul (l. Paula Badosa 6-1 6-4)
- R2 Main Draw in US OPEN (l. Elise Mertens 6-3 7-5)
- R2 Main Draw in Australian Open (l. Anett Kontaveit 6-2 4-6 6-1)
**R1 Main Draw in Roland Garros (l. Simona Halep 6-4 6-0)
**R1 Main Draw in Palermo (l. Dayana Yastremska 6-3 6-4)
**R1 Main Draw in Monterrey (l. Kateryna Bondarenko 4-6 6-0 6-2)
**R1 Main Draw in Acapulco (l. Sara Errani 7-5 6-4)
**R1 Main Draw in Burnie (l. Ivana Popovic 6-2 2-6 6-2)
**R1 Main Draw in Hobart (l. Kateryna Kozlova 6-2 6-1)
**R1 Main Draw in Shenzhen (l. Yafan Wang 1-6 6-1 6-3)

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OTHER INFORMATION

Currently without a full-time coach ... Formerly coached by German Puentes ... Mother owns souvenir shop (used to be tennis instructor); father works in real estate (used to play pro soccer); also has one brother, Pablo ... Introduced to sport at age 6 by mother ... Favorite shot is volley; favorite surface is clay ... Favorite tournament is Roland Garros ... Tennis idol growing up was Justine Henin; now admires Sara Errani and David Ferrer ... Likes to hang out with brother and friends.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

DOUBLES
Winner (2): 2019 - Rabat (w/Martínez Sánchez); 2018 - Monterrey (w/Broady).
Finalist (1): 2019 - Mallorca (w/Martínez Sánchez).

ADDITIONAL
Spanish Fed Cup Team, 2015-17, 2019.
EKATERINA ALEXANDROVA

DOB: Nov 15, 1994 (25)
Residence: Prague, Czech Republic
Plays: Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
Height: 5' 9'' (1.75M)
Prize Career: $2,334,303
Prize YTD: $661,082
Career High Singles Rank: 25 (Feb 17 2020)
Career High Doubles Rank: 89 (Feb 03 2020)
WTA Singles Titles - YTD / Career: 1 / 1
WTA Doubles Titles - YTD / Career: 0 / 1

PERFORMANCE - SINGLES*

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MATCH FACTS**

2020 Events: 12 Played
2020 Matches: 30 Played (19 - 11 win-loss)

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EKATERINA ALEXANDROVA

TOURNAMENT HISTORY - SINGLES

BEST WIN OF THE SEASON (win against highest ranked Opponent)
R1 Main Draw in New York (d. Elena Rybakina (KAZ #17) 7-5 7-6(6))

2020 Season Summary

11 tournaments in 2020:

- W in Shenzhen (d. Elena Rybakina 6-2 6-4)
- SF Main Draw in St. Petersburg (l. Kiki Bertens 6-1 4-6 6-1)
- R16 Main Draw in Strasbourg (l. Katerina Siniakova 6-2 6-4)
- R16 Main Draw in Palermo (l. Fiona Ferro 7-5 6-2)
- R3 Main Draw in Roland Garros (l. Elina Svitolina 6-4 7-5)
- R3 Main Draw in Australian Open (l. Petra Kvitova 6-1 6-2)
- R2 Main Draw in US OPEN (l. Catherine McNally 4-6 6-3 7-6(2))
- R2 Main Draw in New York (l. Christina Mchale 6-1 7-6(8))
**R1 Main Draw in Rome (l. Elena Rybakina 6-0 6-4)
**R1 Main Draw in Prague (l. Lesia Tsurenko 6-2 6-4)
**R1 Main Draw in Doha (l. Amanda Anisimova 6-3 7-6(4))

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OTHER INFORMATION

Coached by Vojtech Flegl; also works with father, Evgeny ... Mother is Julia, also has sister, Anna, and brother Jury ... Began playing tennis at age 6 ... Favorite shot is forehand; favorite surface is hard ... Speaks Russian, English and Czech ... Likes to cook, especially making cakes ... Admires Serena Williams.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

SINGLES
Winner (1): 2020 - Shenzhen.

DOUBLES

ADDITIONAL
J&T BANKA OSTRAVA OPEN – DAY TWO

[Q] VERONIKA KUDERMETOVA (RUS #47) vs. DONNA VEKIC (CRO #31)

**Vekic leads 2-0**

*Vekic* beat *Kudermetova* en route to final at 2019 St. Petersburg... *Kudermetova* came through qualifying without dropping a set... Winner faces No.2 seed Pliskova in second round

[6] ELENA RYBAKINA (KAZ #19) vs. [Q] DARIA KASATKINA (RUS #75)

**First meeting**

*Kasatkina* aiming for her first Top 20 win of 2020... *Rybakina* has appeared in a tour-leading five finals this year... *Kasatkina* recovered from 4-2 down in the third set during qualifying on Sunday

ZHANG SHUAI (CHN #35) vs. KAROLINA MUCHOVA (CZE #28)

**First meeting**

*Muchova* won her only previous career meetings with Chinese opposition... *Zhang* coming off fourth-round run in Paris... *Muchova* reached maiden WTA final on home soil, at Prague in 2019

KATERINA SINIAKOVA (CZE #65) vs. CORI GAUFF (USA #55)

**First meeting**

The victor will meet No.3 seed Sabalenka in second round... *Siniakova* is one of seven Czechs in the draw this week... *Gauff* won sole career title on indoor hard in Linz last October

BARBORA STRYCOVA (CZE #37) vs. ONS JABEUR (TUN #32)

**Strycova leads 1-0**

*Strycova* won comfortably when the two met at Wuhan in 2017... *Jabeur* sitting one place off career-high ranking... *Strycova’s* two career singles titles have both come at indoor tournaments
A SNAPSHOT OF 2020 – THE YEAR SO FAR

- **One Top 10 Debut**: Sofia Kenin (at No.7 on February 3)
- **Fewest games dropped en route to a title**: Jennifer Brady (24, Lexington)
- **Lowest-ranked title winner**: Patricia Maria Tig (No.88, Istanbul)
- **Multiple finals**: Elena Rybakina: 5 (Shenzhen – R-Up; Hobart – W; St. Petersburg – R-Up; Dubai – R-Up; Strasbourg – R-Up); Sofia Kenin: 3 (Australian Open – W; Lyon – W; Roland Garros – R-Up); Simona Halep: 3 (Dubai – W; Prague – W; Rome – W); Naomi Osaka: 2 (Western & Southern Open – R-Up; US Open – W); Victoria Azarenka (Western & Southern Open – W; US Open – R-Up); Karolina Pliskova: 2 (Brisbane – W; Rome – R-Up); Elina Svitolina: 2 (Monterrey – W; Strasbourg – W)
- **Maiden titles (3)**: Ekaterina Alexandrova (Shenzhen), Jennifer Brady (Lexington), Patricia Maria Tig (Istanbul)
- **Youngest title winner**: Iga Swiatek, Roland Garros (19y 4m 12d)
- **Oldest title winner**: Serena Williams, Auckland (38y 3m 17d)
- **Aces leaders**: Elena Rybakina – 192, Serena Williams – 178, Garbiñe Muguruza – 160, Naomi Osaka – 141, Kristyna Pliskova – 135
- **Most aces in a match (22)**: Alison Van Uytvanck (l. vs. Sofia Kenin 7-6(5) 6-7(2) 7-6(2) – Lyon, SF)
- **Most three-set matches played**: Garbiñe Muguruza (10-5 record), Sofia Kenin (10-3)
- **Most doubles titles (4)**: Barbora Strycova / Hsieh Su-Wei (Brisbane, Dubai, Doha, Rome)
- **Best result by a qualifier (R-Up)**: Leonie Kung (Hua Hin), Leylah Fernandez (Acapulco), Eugenie Bouchard (Istanbul)
- **Longest match**: 3h 33m – Heather Watson d. Elise Mertens 6-7(5) 6-4 7-5 (Hobart, QF)
- **Shortest (completed) match**: 39m – Ekaterina Alexandrova d. Storm Sanders 6-1 6-0 (Strasbourg, R1)
- **Most Top 10 wins (3)**: Garbiñe Muguruza (No.3 Simona Halep, No.5 Elina Svitolina and No.10 Kiki Bertens – all at Australian Open) and Jelena Ostapenko (No.7 Sofia Kenin – Fed Cup, No.8 Kiki Bertens – Strasbourg, No.4 Karolina Pliskova – Roland Garros)
KUDERMETOVA:

Ostrava

- Overcame two rounds of qualifying to enter the inaugural J&T Banka Ostrava Open (d. Voegele and Rus in straight sets)
- Faces No.31 Vekic today in their third career meeting (second at Tour-level). Has defeated players ranked higher than today’s opponent twice in 2020 – d. No.26 Yastremska (Dubai) and No.3 Ka.Pliskova (Western & Southern Open)
- Is contesting her 80th career main draw match today (41-38 record), including 8-12 record in 2020
- Competing in doubles this week with Blinkova. Will face Teichmann/Linette in 1r today
- One of three Russian women contesting the main draw this week (also Alexandrova and fellow qualifier Kasatkina)
**Season**

- Coming off 2r showing at Roland Garros (l. Martic in 3s). Defeated Parmentier in 1r in Paris in what was the Frenchwoman's final singles match of her career
- Fell 1r at US Open (l. Swiatek) and at Rome (l. Strycova) after a R16 run at Western & Southern Open (l. Mertens)
- Defeated No.3 Ka.Pliskova at Western & Southern Open for her fourth career Top 20 victory (also No.13 Wozniacki at 2019 Roland Garros, No.10 Bencic at 2019 Wuhan and No.4 Svitolina at 2019 Moscow)
- Upon the Tour's return, made 1r exit at Prague (l. Bouchard)
- Before hiatus, made 2r at St. Petersburg (l. eventual champion Bertens), Dubai (l. Muguruza) and Doha (l. Bencic)
- Represented Russia in Fed Cup qualifying vs. Romania in February, falling to Bogdan and Cristian in both singles rubbers
- Fell 1r at Australian Open (l. Sorribes Tormo)
- Posted SF run at Hobart (l. S.Zhang) after opening 2020 season by losing in final round of qualifying at Brisbane

**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). Picked up the biggest title of career at WTA 125K Series event at Guadalajara (d. Bouzkova in F)
- Posted first two Top 10 wins of career in final weeks of 2019, defeating No.10 Bencic at Wuhan and No.4 Svitolina at Moscow
- Won career first WTA doubles title at 2019 Wuhan with Duan (d. Mertens/Sabalenka in F); also R-Up at Charleston (w/Khromacheva) and Lugano (w/Voskoboeva) in 2019
- Won biggest singles title of career at WTA 125K Series event at 2019 Guadalajara (d. Bouzkova in F)
- Made Top 100 debut at No.98 following 2019 St Petersburg, where she reached 2r as LL (week of February 4, 2019)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2018 Stuttgart, reaching 2r (d. No.25 Suarez Navarro, l. eventual champion Ka.Pliskova)
- Posted two QF runs in 2018, at ‘s-Hertogenbosch (l. eventual champion Krunic) and Gstaad (l. Bouchard)
- Won two doubles titles in 2018 at WTA 125k Series events, at Mumbai (w/Dzalamidze) and Limoges (w/Voskoboeva). Also has titles at this level from Taipei in 2016 (w/Dzalamidze) and 2017 (w/Sabalenka)
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2014 Moscow
- Contested first Tour-level match representing Russia in Fed Cup action in 2014 vs. Australia (l. Stosur)
- On ITF Circuit, owns four singles titles and 16 doubles titles

**Grand Slam History**

- Contested seventh Grand Slam main drawn at 2020 Roland Garros
- Played in 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 2019 Roland Garros (d. Wozniacki in 1r, l. Kanepi)
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

VEKIC:

Ostrava

- Contesting the inaugural J&T Banka Ostrava Open; only previous career appearance on Czech soil was qualifying exit at 2017 Prague
- Faces No.47 Kudermetova today in their third career meeting, having defeated the Russian at the ITF event in St. Petersburg in 2017 and then again en route to the final at the WTA Premier event in the same city in 2019
- Bidding for her first win since reaching 3r at US Open (l. Pironkova). Fell 1r at Rome (l. Anisimova) and Roland Garros (l. Bara)
- Is 1-2 vs. qualifiers in 2020, having defeated Ahn (St. Petersburg) and falling to Putintseva (Brisbane) and Bara (Roland Garros)
- Enters Ostrava ranked No.31. Achieved a career high of No.19 on November 4, 2019

Season

- Coming off back-to-back 1r exits at Rome (l. Anisimova) and Roland Garros (l. Bara)
- Reached 3r at US Open (l. unranked Pironkova) after falling 1r at Western & Southern Open (l. eventual champion Azarenka)
- Returned to tennis following the hiatus at Palermo, making 2r (l. Cocciaretto)
- Prior to Tour’s hiatus, reached R16 at St. Petersburg (l. Alexandrova) and fell 1r at Doha (l. Swiatek)
- Standout results of the early 2020 season were a QF run at Adelaide (l. Yastremska) and 3r showing at Australian Open (l. Swiatek), her best result at Melbourne Park
- Also posted 1r exit at Brisbane (l. Putintseva)

Career Milestones

- 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 US Open, where she reached QF (l. Bencic)
- Reached biggest final of career at Premier-level St. Petersburg (l. Bertens)
- Posted best win of career by ranking – and third over a Top 5 opponent –with defeat of No.2 Kvitova en route to St. Petersburg QF, bettering victories over No.4 Stephens at 2018 Wimbledon and No.4 Garcia at 2018 Tokyo [PPO]
Grass court season saw her reach final at Nottingham (l. Garcia in third-set tie-break)
Qualified for WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai, however fell in RR stage
Ended 2018 at then-career-high ranking of No.34, after registering 31 tour-level wins
2018 season highlighted by R-Up finish at Washington, DC (l. Kuznetsova after holding 4mp) – her first finals appearance since winning 2017 Nottingham
Also made SF showings at Nottingham and Tokyo [PPO] and reached Grand Slam R16 for first time at Wimbledon (l. Goerges)
Enjoyed a resurgent year in 2017, cracking the Top 50 in the week of July 24 and finishing campaign ranked No.54
Grass court season highlighted by winning second WTA singles title of career, at Nottingham –d. No.8 Konta. Until this title run, had not posted back-to-back main draw wins since September 2015 (run to final at Tashkent)
Reached two ITF finals at the end of 2016 season, winning the title at $100k ITF/Sharm ElSheikh-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
Contested her 28th Grand Slam main draw at 2020 Roland Garros
At 2019 US Open, posted her best Slam result, reaching the QF (l. Bencic)
Has reached R16 at 2018 Wimbledon (l. Goerges) and 2019 Roland Garros (l. Konta)
At Australian Open, reached 3r in 2020 (l. Swiatek)

Personal
Both parents played professional sports: mother, Brankica (track hurdler) and father, Igor (soccer goalkeeper)
Currently working with Sam Sumyk (former coach of Muguruza, Pavlyuchenkova, Bouchard, Azarenka and Zvonareva), having split with coach Torben Beltz during the tour’s hiatus. 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
[6] ELENA RYBAKINA (KAZ #19) vs. [Q] DARIA KASATKINA (RUS #75)

Head to Head: First meeting

ELENA RYBAKINA

- WTA RANKING
- PORSCHE RACE TO SHENZHEN LEADERBOARD
- DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)
- YTD PRIZE MONEY
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DARIA KASATKINA

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- YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD & Q) *

* Updated entering 2020 Ostrava 1r

RYBAKINA:

Ostrava

- Contesting the inaugural J&T Banka Ostrava Open as the No.6 seed – including this week, has been seeded at 11 of 12 events in 2020 (exception was Dubai)
- Faces No.75 Kasatkina in 1r today in their career first meeting. Has fallen to a player ranked outside the Top 50 just once in 2020 – l. No.93 Rogers at US Open
- Entering this week, owns a tour-leading 29 match wins this season, ahead of Mertens (28) and Kenin (24)
- Has hit a tour-leading 192 aces in 2020, ahead of S.Williams (178) and Muguruza (160)
- Playing this week ranked No.19 – two spots shy from her a career high ranking of No.17 (achieved on February 24, 2020 – following R-Up finish at Dubai)
- Has played 50 career main draw matches on hard courts (36-14 record), including a 22-6 record on the surface in 2020 – only player with more than 20 wins on the surface in 2020
- Contested doubles this week w/Yastremska. The pair fell to Stefani/Dabrowski in 1r on Monday
**Season**

- Coming off 2r showing at Roland Garros (l. Ferro in 3s) after reaching her fifth final of 2020 at Strasbourg (l. Svitolina)
- Reached R16 at Rome (l. Putintseva), 2r at US Open (l. Rogers) and 1r exit at Western & Southern Open (l. Alexandrova)
- In final tournament prior to tour’s hiatus, withdrew w/abductor strain prior to 3r match vs. No.1 Barty at Doha
- Earlier in February was R-Up at Dubai (l. Halep); en route, upset No.7 Kenin and No.3 Ka.Pliskova to score third and fourth career wins over Top 10 players
- Was also R-Up at St. Petersburg (l. Bertens) – first final appearance at a Premier-level tournament; made Top 20 debut at No.19 following run in Russia (February 17)
- Recorded career-best run at a Grand Slam by advancing to 3r at the Australian Open (l. Barty) – posted back-to-back victories at a major 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) before claiming a second career title at Hobart (d. S.Zhang in F)

**Career**

- 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. Ostapenko)
- 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 title at $15k ITF/Kazan-RUS
- First Top 10 win came over No.7 Garcia at 2018 St. Petersburg. Has since added three more: No.6 Halep (2019 Wuhan), No.7 Kenin and No.3 Ka.Pliskova (both 2020 Dubai)
- 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)
- Professional debut came at $10k ITF/Antalya-TUR in 2014

**Grand Slam History**

- Contested her fifth career Grand Slam main draw at 2020 Roland Garros
- Best result at the majors was reaching 3r at 2020 Australian Open (l. Barty)
- Fell 1r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2019 Roland Garros (as qualifier, l. Siniakova)
- Also made 1r exit at 2019 US Open (as qualifier, l. Muchova)
- Contested qualifying at Wimbledon in 2019
- As a junior, 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

KASATKINA:

Ostrava

- Overcame two rounds of qualifying to enter the inaugural J&T Banka Ostrava Open (d. Mattek-Sands and Bouzkova – recovered from 4-2 down in the final set)
- Faces No.19 Rybakina in 1r today; aiming for her 25th career Top 20 victory with a win today – is 0-6 this season, having lost to No.7 Bencic (Adelaide), No.11 Keys (Australian Open), No.16 Muguruza (Doha), No.20 Kontaveit (Western & Southern Open), No.14 Azarenka (Rome via ret.) and No.12 Sabalenka (Roland Garros); her last win over a Top 20 player came at 2019 Beijing (d. No.14 Sabalenka)
- One of three Russians in the starting line-up this week, along with Alexandrova and fellow qualifier Kudermetova
- Has reached two WTA finals in her career indoors, both at Moscow, winning title in 2018 and finishing R-Up in 2017

Season

- Coming off 2r showing at Roland Garros (l. Sabalenka) following 3r run at Rome (as qualifier, l. Azarenka via retirement due to an ankle injury)
- Made back-to-back 1r exits at Western & Southern Open (as LL, l. Kontaveit) and US Open (l. Kostyuk)
- Returned to tour with 1r exit at Palermo (l. Paolini)
- In final tournament before tennis’ hiatus, reached SF at Lyon (l. Friedsam) – her first WTA SF since Moscow title run in October 2018
- Prior to Lyon, only other main draw win this season came during 2r showing in season opener at Auckland (d. Suárez Navarro, l. Anisimova)
- Fell 1r at Adelaide (as qualifier, l. Bencic), Australian Open (l. Keys), St. Petersburg (l. Alexandrova) and Doha (as qualifier, l. Muguruza), while contested qualifying at Doha

Career Milestones

- Finished 2019 season at No.69, down from No.10 in 2018, having gone 12-21 across the season, with best result a QF run at Premier Mandatory China Open (l. Wozniacki)
- Ended 2018 season by catering 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) and was also R-Up at Dubai (l. Svitolina)
Captured the joint-most wins over Top 5 players (five) in 2018, along with Bertens and Stephens, including upset of No.1 Wozniacki during SF run at St. Petersburg – having also beaten Kerber at 2017 Sydney, is one of five players in WTA history to have multiple wins over World No.1s before their 21st birthday, joining V.Williams (9), S. Williams (8), Sharapova (4) and Kuznetsova (2)

Was one of eight players to reach QF or better at two or more Grand Slams in 2018 (Wimbledon and Roland Garros)

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)

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 career 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**

Contested milestone 20th Grand Slam main draw at 2020 Roland Garros

Best results at the majors were 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**

Coached by Carlos Martinez, while brother, Aleksandr Timkovskii is fitness trainer; formerly worked with Philippe Dehaes and Vladimir Platenik

Born and resides in Togliatty, Russia. Mother is Tatiana Timkovskaya and father is Sergey Kasatkin

Loves football; favorite team is Barcelona FC
SHUAI ZHANG (CHN #35) vs. KAROLINA MUCHOVA (CZE #28)

Head to Head: First meeting

SHUAI ZHANG

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KAROLINA MUCHOVA

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ZHANG:

Ostrava

- The only Chinese player to contest the inaugural J&T Banka Ostrava Open this week
- Faces No.28 Muchova for the first time in 1r today; holds a 2-4 mark vs. Top 30 opponents this year
- Record against Czech players (all levels) stands at 14-22 – most recently lost to Kvitova at Roland Garros two weeks ago
- On a four-match losing streak on hard courts, with last main draw win on this surface coming against McNally at Australian Open in January
- One of three 30-somethings in the field, also Azarenka and Strycova
- Played doubles this week w/L.Kichenok (l. Mattek-Sands/Strycova in 1r on Monday)
**Season**
- Coming off R16 showing at Roland Garros (l. Kvitova); became the first Chinese player to reach second week in Paris since Li Na in 2012
- Made QF at Strasbourg, snapping a five-match losing streak (as qualifier, l. Rybakina)
- Suffered 1r exits at Western & Southern Open, US Open and Rome (l. Putintseva, Bonaventure and Pavlyuchenkova respectively)
- Before lockdown, fell 1r at Doha (l. Navarro) and also contested qualifying at Dubai (l. Bogdan, after holding 1MP)
- Made 3r at Australian Open (d. Stephens in 1r, l. eventual champion Kenin)
- Opened the 2020 season with 2r exit at Shenzhen (d. Linette in 1r; l. K.Bondarenko) and finished R-Up at Hobart (l. Rybakina); also R-Up in doubles at Hobart w/Peng (l. N.Kichenok/Mirza); now 8-9 in WTA doubles finals

**Career Milestones**
- In singles, posted fourth successive Top 50 season finishing 2019, at No.46; also registered first Top 10 doubles season (at No.10)
- Singles highlight in 2019 was reaching second Grand Slam singles QF of career at Wimbledon (l. eventual champion Halep)
- Also in singles, reached final at WTA125K Series event in Anning, China (l. S.Zheng) and closed out season by winning $100k ITF/Tokyo-JPN (d.Paolini in F)
- Won first Grand Slam title in doubles at 2019 Australian Open (w/Stosur; d. Babos/Mladenovic in F); also reached final at Miami w/Stosur (l. Mertens/Sabalenka). Team qualified for WTA Finals in Shenzhen (Zhang’s debut at the season finale) where they advanced to SF (l. eventual champions Babos/Mladenovic)
- Ended 2018 ranked No.35 for third consecutive Top 50 finish
- Season highlights in 2018 included QF run at Premier Mandatory-level Beijing (l. Osaka), and SF efforts at Prague (l. eventual champion Kvitova), Hiroshima (l. Anisimova) and Hong Kong (l. Yastremska)
- In 2017 won Guangzhou title (d. Krunić in F); now owns 2-0 record in WTA singles finals, having also won 2013 Guangzhou
- Also the winner of two WTA 125/K Series events – 2013 Nanjing and 2017 Honolulu
- Posted career-high ranking of No.23 on November 14, 2016
- Strong end to 2016 (went 21-6 post US Open) brought back-to-back semifinals on Asian swing – Tokyo [Japan Open] and Seoul – and saw her win 19th ITF Circuit singles title of career at $100k ITF/Tokyo 2-JPN
- At last event of 2016 season, runner-up at WTA 125K Series event in Honolulu (l. Bellis in F)
- Enjoyed Grand Slam breakthrough at 2016 Australian Open, where she advanced to QF (d. No.2 Halep and No.17 Key en route, l. Konta). Run also marked first time winning back-to-back main draw matches since semifinal run at 2014 Birmingham
- Represented China at Rio Olympics (d. No.15 Bacsinszky in opening match, l. Siegemund in 2r). In doubles, also made 2r (w/Peng, l. Hradecka/Hlavackova)
- Contemplated retirement after ending 2015 ranked No.186, her lowest year-end finish since 2008 (No.212) and down from No.62 in 2014
- Reached 2r at tour-level on only four occasions in 2015: Pattaya City, Charleston, Prague and Nürnberg
- Has won eight WTA doubles titles, most recently at 2019 Australian Open (w/Stosur) and is a eight-time runner-up
- Winner of 19 singles titles and nine doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2006 Beijing; made WTA main draw debut at 2006 Guangzhou
Grand Slam History

• Made Slam singles breakthrough at 2016 Australian Open, where she came through qualifying to reach QF – first time she had progressed beyond 1r in what was her 15th main draw. Upset No.2 Halep and No.17 Keys en route (l. Konta). Ranked No.133, became lowest-ranked player to advance to last eight in Melbourne since unranked Henin reached final in 2010, and first qualifier since Gauffaldon in 1990

• Also reached QF at 2019 Wimbledon (d. No.14 Wozniacki in 3r, l. eventual champion Halep). Had previously not gone beyond 1r at Wimbledon

• At Roland Garros, best result is R16 in 2020. Now has reached second week in three Grand Slams across hardcourt, grass and clay

• Has reached 3r at US Open at 2016, 2017 and 2019

• Won first Grand Slam doubles title at 2019 Australian Open (w/Stosur)

Personal

• Hails from a sporting family. Father, Zhang Zhi Qiang, was a professional soccer player, and mother, Wang Feng Quin, was a basketball player

• Coached by Liu Shuo (Robert)

MUCHOVA:

Ostrava

• The inaugural J&T Banka Ostrava Open is only the second WTA event she has ever played on home soil; previously, made her maiden WTA final at 2019 Prague (as wildcard, l. Teichman)

• One of seven players from the Czech Republic in the draw, along with Krejcikova, Martincova the Pliskova sisters, Siniakova and Strycova

• Kicks off this week’s campaign against No.35 Zhang Shuai in today’s 1r; owns a career record of 12-15 vs. Top 50 opponents, including 1-4 so far this season, with sole win coming against No.33 Linette at Doha

• Career record against Chinese players stands at 2-0, having defeated Xu Shilin at 2019 Monterrey and Wang Yafan at 2019 Seoul

• This year, has contested seven of eight tournaments on hard courts (including this week), the only exception being Roland Garros; prior to Ostrava, only managed to win back-to-back matches once, at US Open

• Played doubles this week w/Azarenka (l. Ostapenko/Zvonareva in 1r on Monday)

Season

• Coming off 1r exit at Roland Garros (l, McHale); before that, pulled out of Rome due to left thigh injury

• Posted best result at US Open by reaching R16 – handed V.Williams her first-ever opening round loss in New York in 22 appearances, then saved three MPs vs. Cirstea in 3r, before l. eventual R-Up Azarenka

• Fell 2r at Western & Southern Open (l. eventual R-Up Osaka)

• Prior to hiatus, suffered 1r exit at Dubai (l. Siniakova) and fell 2r at Doha (l. Bertens)

• Reached 2r for first time at Australian Open (l. Bellis)

• Opened season with 1r exit at Brisbane (l. Riske)
Career Milestones

- Finished 2019 season in rich vein of form, winning 18 of last 24 matches, including winning maiden WTA title at Seoul (d. Linette in F), SFs at Zhuhai (l. eventual champion Sabalenka) and Moscow (l. Pavlyuchenkova) and maiden major QF at Wimbledon (l. Svitolina)
- Rose to career-high ranking of No.21 on November 4, 2019
- Other highlights of breakthrough 2019 season were R-Up finish on home soil at Prague (l. Teichmann) and QF at Doha (l. Svitolina) and the Bronx (l. Linette)
- Ended 2018 ranked No.145, her first Top 200 season (up from her previous best of No.208 in 2016)
- 2018 season highlight was making Grand Slam main draw debut at US Open (as qualifier, l. Barty in 3r)
- Also contested WTA qualifying in 2018 at Stuttgart, Roland Garros, Wimbledon and Luxembourg
- Reached three ITF Circuit finals in 2018, including back-to-back finals at $25k ITF/Altenkirchen-GER (l. Dart) and $60k ITF/Croissy-Beauborg-FRA (l. Blinkova)
- Also reached the final at $80k ITF/Olomouc-CZE (l. Ferro)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2017 Seoul (as qualifier, l. Hon). Also contested qualifying at ‘s-Hertogenbosch and Tokyo [Japan Open] and finished R-Up at one ITF Circuit event
- Won second career ITF Circuit title in 2016 and posted 39-18 win-loss record; at tour-level fell in qualifying at US Open
- On ITF Circuit has won two titles in singles and one in doubles
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in Croatia in 2013

Grand Slam History

- Contested eighth Grand Slam main draw of her career at 2020 Roland Garros
- Earned career best result with QF appearance at 2019 Wimbledon defeating No.20 Kontaveit and No.3 Ka.Pliskova en route (l. Svitolina)
- Posted best result at US Open by reaching R16 (l. R-Up Azarenka); also reached 3r at 2018 US Open in her main draw debut at the majors (as qualifier, l. Barty) and 2019 (l. R-Up S.Williams)
- Fell 2r at 2019 Roland Garros and 2020 Australian Open
- Earned USDS156,000 in prize money during 2018 Flushing Meadows run, more than doubling her career total
- Previously fell in qualifying at US Open in 2016, and Roland Garros and Wimbledon in 2018

Personal

- Born in city of Olomouc in eastern Czech Republic, but moved to train in Prague this year
- Started playing tennis at aged seven with dad, a former professional footballer in Czech Republic
- Roger Federer was tennis idol growing up
- Coached by Emil Miske
KATERINA SINIAKOVA (CZE #65) vs. CORI GAUFF (USA #55)

Head to Head: First meeting

**KATERINA SINIAKOVA**

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**SINIAKOVA:**

**Ostrava**

- Appearing in inaugural J&T Banka Ostrava Open; this is her seventh appearance at a WTA tournament on home soil, having appeared at the clay court event in Prague every year since 2015, reaching one SF and three QFs
- One of three wildcards in the main draw (also Ostapenko and Kr.Pliskova). Best results by a wildcard on tour this season were R-Up finishes by Osaka at Western & Southern Open and Bouchard at Istanbul (received WC into qualifying draw)
- Faces Gauff in 1r today; has 2-0 record against Americans in 2020, beating Vickery at WTA 125K Series event at Pera at Strasbourg
- Winner faces No.3 seed Sabalenka in 2r
- One of seven Czech women in draw this week (also Krejcikova, Martinova, Muchova, Ka.Pliskova, Kr.Pliskova and Strycova)
- Seeded No.2 in doubles this week w/Krejcikova (face Lister/Voracova in 1r); currently ranked No.8 in doubles, having won one title this season, w/Krejcikova at Shenzhen
- Best result of her career on indoor hard courts was her breakthrough run through qualifying to the SF at 2014 Moscow
**Season**

- Coming off 3r showing at Roland Garros (l. Bertens); also made SF in doubles w/Krejcikova (l. eventual champions Babos/Mladenovic)
- Advanced to QF at Strasbourg (l. Sabalenka)
- Made 2r at Rome (d. No.15 Kerber, l. Kasatkina)
- Suffered 1r exits at US Open (l. Kanepi), Western & Southern Open (l. Flipkens) and Prague (l. Zidansek)
- Before the Tour’s hiatus, reached 3r at WTA 125K Series event at Indian Wells (l. Zvonareva)
- Reached 2r at Dubai (l. Rybakina) - win over Muchova in 1r was first at tour level since 2019 Beijing – before fell 1r at Doha (as qualifier, l. Jabeur)
- In singles, fell 1r at Shenzhen (l. eventual R-Up Alexandrova), the Australian Open (l. Kvitova) and St. Petersburg (l. eventual R-Up Rybakina)
- Advanced to the doubles SF at Prague, Doha and Australian Open (all w/Krejcikova)
- Lifted fifth WTA doubles title with Krejcikova at Shenzhen, her eighth doubles title overall

**Career Milestones**

- Best results in 2019 were SF run at Nürnberg (l. Larsson), Bronx (l. Linette), and QF showing at Prague (l. Strycova). Also made R16 at Roland Garros (career-best result at a Slam, l. Keys)
- Secured two Top 20 victories in 2019 after defeating No.17 Q. Wang at Rome and No.1 Osaka at Roland Garros
- Won two doubles titles in 2019 at Sydney (w/Krunic) and Toronto (w/Krejcikova). Also R-Up at Indian Wells (l. Mertens/Sabalenka) and SF run at Wimbledon (l. Dabrowski/Xu) both w/ Krejcikova
- Finished 2018 ranked No.1 in doubles after winning first two Grand Slam trophies at Roland Garros (d. Hozumi/Ninomiya in F) and Wimbledon (d. Melichar/Peschke in F) both w/ Krejcikova, the first pair to complete the Roland Garros-Wimbledon double since Kim Clijsters and Ai Sugiyama in 2003. Also R-Up at WTA Finals Singapore (l. Babos/Mladenovic)
- Has three Top 5 career wins in singles - against No.4 Halep at 2017 Shenzhen, No.4 Garcia at Wuhan, and No.1 Osaka at 2019 Roland Garros
- In 2016, Reached first two WTA finals of career, at Bastad (as qualifier, l. Siegemund) and Tokyo [Japan Open] (l. McHale)
- Broke into Top 100 for the first time on October 20, 2014 following breakthrough SF run at Moscow (as qualifier, l. eventual champion Pavlyuchenkova)
- On ITF Circuit has won seven singles titles and five doubles titles
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2013 Miami (l. Muguruza)
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in 2012

**Grand Slam History**

- Contested 24th Grand Slam main draw at 2020 Roland Garros
- Achieved best showing at a major to date with run to R16 at 2019 Roland Garros (l. Keys)
- Previously made 3r at Wimbledon in 2016 (l. A.Radwanska) and 2018 (l. Giorgi), Roland Garros in 2018 (l. Strycova) and US Open in 2018 (l. Tsurenko)
- In doubles, lifted first two Slam trophies at 2018 Roland Garros (d. Hozumi/Ninomiya in F) and 2018 Wimbledon (d. Melichar/Peschke in F) both w/Krejcikova – the first pairing to complete the Roland Garros-Wimbledon double since Kim Clijsters and Ai Sugiyama in 2003. Became the first team ever to win the girls’ (2013) and ladies’ doubles title at SW19
- Also reached doubles final at 2017 US Open (w/Hradecka, l. Chan/Hingis)
**Personal**
- Coached by father, Dmitri Siniakov (also a businessman). Has also worked with WTA legend Helena Sukova and Iain Hughes
- Mother’s name is Hana Siniakova (accountant); younger brother is Daniel
- Started playing tennis at age 5
- All-court player; favorite surface is hardcourt; favorite tournament is Australian Open
- Tennis idol growing up was Maria Sharapova

**GAUFF:**

**Ostrava**
- Appearing at the inaugural edition of the J&T Banka Ostrava Open – only her sixth WTA main draw in Europe (also 2019 Wimbledon, 2019 Linz, 2019 Luxembourg, 2020 Rome and 2020 Roland Garros)
- Successfully negotiated two rounds of qualifying over the weekend, seeing off Cepelova and Begu in straight sets – the last time she contested qualifying was during title run at 2019 Linz
- Faces No.65 Siniakova in 1r today; has lost twice to players ranked outside Top 50 in 2020, against No.73 Siegemund (Auckland) and No.159 Trevisan (Roland Garros)
- At 16-years-old, is the youngest of two teenagers in the draw (also Anisimova – 19) – only teenager to win a title this season was Swiatek (19) at Roland Garros
- One of three American women to start the tournament (also Anisimova and Brady)
- Won sole career title on indoor hard courts, at 2019 Linz (as LL, d. Ostapenko in F)

**Season**
- Coming off 2r showing at Roland Garros (d. No.13 Konta, l. Trevisan)
- In her first WTA main draw appearance on clay, reached 2r at Rome (d. Jabeur, l. Muguruza in 3s)
- Made 1r exit at US Open (l. Sevastova) - her first 1r loss at a major
- Returned to tennis at Lexington, reaching the SF (l. eventual champion Brady), before 1r exit at Western & Southern Open (l. Sakkari)
- At 2h 50m, upset of No.11 Sabalenka in 2r at Lexington was the longest of her career – five minutes longer than her win over Hercog at 2019 Wimbledon
- Opened 2020 season by reaching 2r at Auckland (l. Siegemund) and R16 at Australian Open (d. No.4 Osaka, l. eventual champion Kenin in 3s)

**Career Milestones**
- 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
- 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)

**Grand Slam History**

• Contested fifth Grand Slam main draw at 2020 Roland Garros
• 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)
• In 1r, defeated No.44 Venus Williams to become the youngest player (15y123d at end of tournament) to win a main draw match at Wimbledon since Capriati (15y100d) reached SF in 1991; and youngest at all Slams since Kournikova (15y93d) advanced to R16 at 1996 US Open (l. Graf)
• Also competed at 2019 US Open (as WC, l. then-No.1 Osaka in 3r)
• At 2020 Australian Open, defeated No.4 Osaka in 3r, becoming the youngest woman to beat a Top 5 opponent at WTA level since Capriati (15y163d) defeated No.3 Sabatini in QF of 1991 US Open
• Is only the third player in last 30 years to win seven or more Grand Slam matches before her 16th birthday - also Capriati (28) and Hingis (20)
• Is the first American woman in 30 years to reach the 3r in her first three majors
• As a junior, won singles title at Roland Garros in 2018 (d. McNally) and was R-Up at US Open in 2017 (l. Anisimova), aged 13 – youngest finalist in history
• Won US Open girls’ doubles title in 2018 (w/McNally)

**Personal**

• Began playing tennis at age 7
• Grew up in Atlanta, Georgia before moving to Florida to pursue tennis; main residence is now Delray Beach, Florida
• 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
• 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
BARBORA STRYCOVA (CZE #37) vs. ONS JABEUR (TUN #32)

Head to Head: BARBORA STRYCOVA leads 1-0

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STRYCOVA:

Ostrava

- Appearing in inaugural J&T Banka Ostrava Open; this is her 12th appearance at a WTA tournament on home soil, with the previous 11 coming at the clay court event in Prague, where she was R-Up in 2010 (I. Szavay)
- Faces Jabeur in 1r today; broke serve six times to ease past the Tunisian in straight sets in their only previous meeting at 2017 Wuhan
- One of seven Czech women in draw this week (also Krejcikova, Martincova, Muchova, Ka.Pliskova, Kr.Pliskova and Siniakova)
- Oldest of three thirtysomethings in the draw (also Azarenka and Zhang)
- Seeded No.3 in doubles w/Mattek-Sands (face Dabrowski/Stefani in QF); currently ranked No.2 in doubles, having won a tour-leading four titles this season, at Brisbane, Dubai, Doha, Rome (all w/Hsieh)
- Best singles results of her career have come indoors, lifting her only two titles at 2011 Quebec City (carpet) and 2017 Linz (hard); was also R-Up at 2014 Luxembourg (hard)
## Season

- Made 2r at Rome (l. Ka.Pliskova) and Roland Garros (l. Krejcikova); won fourth doubles title of the season w/Hsieh at Rome (d. Friedsam/Olaru in F) – now owns 31-19 career record in WTA doubles finals
- Fell 1r in first event back following the tour’s hiatus at Prague (l. Sorribes Tormo)
- Prior to the hiatus, advanced to 2r at Dubai (l. Martic) and Doha (d. No.14 Martic, l. Ostapenko)
- In doubles, lifted her first trophy of the season with partner Hsieh Su-Wei at Brisbane (d. Barty/Bertens in F) before going on to make the Australian Open final (l. Babos/Mladenovic). Also lifted back-to-back doubles titles with Hsieh at Dubai (d. Krejcikova/S.Zheng in F) and Doha (d. Dabrowski/Ostapenko in F)
- Made 1r exits at Adelaide (l. Pera) and Australian Open (l. Cirstea)
- Began 2020 campaign by recording 30th Top 20 scalp of her career against No.12 Konta at Brisbane before falling to Riske in R16

## Career Milestones

- Finished 2019 ranked No.33, her sixth consecutive Top 50 finish
- Season highlight was Grand Slam breakthrough at Wimbledon, reaching SF (l. S.Williams) on what was her 53rd major appearance
- During SW19 run, upset three seeds to become the oldest first-time Grand Slam semifinalist in the Open Era
- Enjoyed stellar season in doubles, winning first Grand Slam doubles title at Wimbledon w/Hsieh (d. Dabrowski/Xu in F) and rose to World No.1 ranking following the tournament (July 15, 2019).
- Wimbledon title was one of four doubles crowns from five finals, also winning Dubai, Madrid, Birmingham (all w/Hsieh)
- Team finished as R-Up at WTA Finals, ensuring Strycova finished the year as the WTA Year No.1 Doubles player presented by Dubai Duty Free
- In 2018, reached R16 at Roland Garros – her best result in Paris to date (l. Putintseva). Was also part of Czech Republic team that beat USA 3-0 in Fed Cup final (d. Kenin in day 1 singles rubber)
- Clinched second tour-level singles title at 2017 Linz (d. No.1 seed Rybarikova in F). Holds a 2-6 record in singles finals, with other title coming at 2011 Québec City (d. Erakovic in F)
- Posted career-high singles ranking of No.16 on January 16, 2017
- Owns seven career Top 5 wins, having defeated No.2 Li (2014 Wimbledon), No.3 Sharapova (2015 Wuhan), No.3 Muguruza (2016 Australian Open), No.3 Kerber (2016 Madrid) and No.1 Muguruza (2017 Beijing), No.3 Muguruza (2018 Birmingham) and No.4 Bertens (2019 Wimbledon)
- Won doubles bronze medal at 2016 Rio Olympics (w/Safarova)
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in Czech Republic in 2000. Won nine singles and 10 doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Crowned ITF Junior World Champion in 2002

## Grand Slam History

- Contested 57th Grand Slam main draw at 2020 Roland Garros. One of 10 active players who have contested more than 50 Slams, (also V.Williams, S.Williams, Kuznetsova, Stosur, Cornet, Azarenka, Kerber, Peng and Pavlyuchenkova)
- Breakthrough Slam result was SF run at 2019 Wimbledon (l. S.Williams)
- Before this, best result at Slam was QF run at 2014 Wimbledon (d. Li Na in the last match of the Chinese star’s career, as well as Wozniacki en route, l. eventual champion Kvitova). Occasion marked first time in Open Era that three Czech women advanced to QF at a Slam (also Safarova, Kvitova)
• Advanced to R16 at Australian Open in 2016 (l. Azarenka), 2017 (l. S.Williams) and 2018 (l. Ka.Pliskova) and Roland Garros in 2018 (l. Putintseva)
• Reached 3r at US Open in 2014 (l. Bouchard), 2015 (l. Lisicki) and 2018 (l. Mertens)
• At 2010 Australian Open played what was then the longest Grand Slam match (d. Kulikova in four hours and 19 minutes – since surpassed by Kuznetsova-Schiavone at 2011 Australian Open)
• In doubles, won 2019 Wimbledon w/Hsieh (d. Dabrowski/Xu in F). Reached the final at 2020 Australian Open (w/Hsieh) and is a five-time semifinalist, at 2014 US Open (w/Date), 2015 Australian Open (w/Krajicek), 2017 US Open (w/Safarova), 2018 Roland Garros (w/Sestini Hlavackova) and 2019 Australian Open (w/Vondrousova)
• In successful junior career, won back-to-back Australian Open girls’ singles titles in 2002 (d. Sharapova in F) and 2003 (d. Kutuzova in F) and was R-Up at the 2002 US Open (l. Kirilenko). Also won three junior Slams in doubles: 2001 Australian Open (w/Cetkovska), 2002 Roland Garros (w/Groenefeld) and 2002 Wimbledon (w/E.Clijsters)

**Personal**
• Previously coached by David Kotyza (former coach of Petra Kvitova and Karolina Pliskova)
• Parents are Jindrich and Ilona; sister, Ivona, studied law and lives in US
• Started playing tennis at age 5
• Born in Plzen, Czech Republic – same hometown as frequent doubles partner Andrea Sestini Hlavackova

**JABEUR:**

**Ostrava**
• Appearing in inaugural J&T Banka Ostrava Open; only previous appearances of career on Czech soil were qualifying exit at 2015 Prague and 1r defeat at 2016 $75k ITF/Prague
• Faces Strycova in 1r today; only encounters with Czech opposition in 2020 came during QF run at Doha (d. Siniakova and Ka.Pliskova, l. Kvitova)
• Bidding for 20th main draw win of the season – only eight players have reached this milestone (Rybakina is No.1 with 29-9 record)
• Ranks No.9 on tour in 2020 for percentage of games won on serve (70.4%) and No.8 for games won on return (36.5%)
• Sole WTA final of her career came on indoor hard courts, at 2018 Moscow [Kremlin Cup] (l. Kasatkina)

**Season**
• Coming off R16 showing at Roland Garros (d. No.12 Sabalenka in 3r, l. Collins)
• Suffered 1r exit at Rome (l. Gauff)
• Produced 3r showing at US Open – the best run by an Arab woman at Flushing Meadows
• Made back-to-back QF runs at Western & Southern Open (d. defending champion Keys in 2r, l. eventual champion Azarenka) and Lexington (l. Gauff); posted career-high ranking of No.31 on August 31, 2020
• Prior to tennis’ hiatus in March, advanced to Doha QF (d. No.3 Ka.Pliskova in 3r, l. Kvitova)
• Fell 2r at Dubai (l. Halep – held 1MP in third-set tie-break)
• Made Top 50 debut at No.45 after breakthrough performance in Melbourne
• Reached maiden Grand Slam QF at Australian Open to become the first Arab woman to reach that stage at a major (l. eventual champion Kenin)
• Opened 2020 season with 1r exit at Shenzhen (l. Q.Wang) and 2r showing at Hobart (as qualifier, l. Muguruza)
Career Milestones

- Ended 2019 ranked No.77. Season highlights were matching best result at the Slams with 3r run at US Open (matching 2017 Roland Garros and now 2020 Australian Open) and SF appearances at Eastbourne (l. eventual R-Up Kerber) and Tianjin (l. eventual champion Peterson).
- In 2018, defeated No.3 seed Stephens, No.8 seed Kontaveit and No.5 seed Sevastova en route to her first WTA final at 2018 Moscow, where she fell in three sets to No.6 seed Kasatkina. Was first Tunisian woman to advance beyond QF at a WTA tournament (Sfar was the only other Tunisian to reach a QF at this level).
- Prior to 2018 Moscow, best tour-level results were QF runs at 2013 Baku, 2017 Taipei City and 2018 Bucharest.
- Owns four Top 10 victories, over No.7 Cibulkova (2017 Roland Garros), No.1 Halep (2018 Beijing), No.8 Stephens (2018 Moscow) and No.3 Ka.Pliskova (2020 Doha).
- Member of Tunisian Olympic Team in 2012 and 2016.
- Contested first two WTA main draws in 2012, at Doha (as WC) and Olympics.
- Became first North African woman to win a junior Slam at 2011 Roland Garros (d. Puig in F), having also reached the final in 2010 (l. Svitolina in F).
- On ITF Circuit, has 11 singles and one doubles title.
- Played first event of career at 2008 ITF/El Menzah-TUN.

Grand Slam History

- Played her 15th Grand Slam main draw at 2020 Roland Garros, where she reached R16 (l. Collins).
- Deepest run at a major was advancing to QF at 2020 Australian Open, making history by becoming the first Arab woman to reach the final eight of a Grand Slam (l. eventual champion Kenin).
- Prior to 2020 Australian Open, best Slam runs were 3r runs at 2017 Roland Garros and 2019 US Open; in Paris became first Arab woman to reach 3r at a major and first lucky loser to contest 3r of a Slam since Kasatkina at 2015 US Open, and first at Roland Garros since Pizzichini in 1996. Gaidano, at 1993 US Open, was most recent lucky loser to reach Slam R16.
- In girls’ singles at Roland Garros was champion in 2011 (d. Puig) and R-Up in 2010 (l. Svitolina).

Personal

- Coached by Issam Jellali.
- Started playing tennis at age 3.
- Husband Karim Kamoun is half-Russian and a former professional fencer; also her fitness coach.
- Speaks Arabic, English and French.
- Away from court enjoys playing and watching football.
- In London in December 2019, was honoured at the Arab Women of the Year ceremony for her achievements in the sport so far.
- Fan of Eminem and Cristiano Ronaldo.
J&T BANKA OSTRAVA OPEN – DAY THREE

AMANDA ANISIMOVA (USA #30) vs. [7] ELISE MERTENS (BEL #21)

Mertens leads 1-0
Anisimova is playing her 20th main draw match of 2020 today, posting an 11-8 record...
Mertens can tie Rybakina’s Tour-leading 29 match wins this season with a win today

[4] VICTORIA AZARENKA (BLR #14) vs. [Q] BARBORA KREJCIKOVA (CZE #85)

First meeting
Azarenka received a 1r bye this week, her first since 2016 Rome... Krejčíková is competing this week on a career high of No.85, having cracked the Top 100 following her run to Roland Garros R16

[WC] JELENA OSTAPENKO (LAT #44) vs. [5] PETRA MARTIC (CRO #18)

Martic leads 2-0
A win today would mark Ostapenko’s milestone 20th career victory over a Top 20 ranked opponent... Martic has won her opening round in seven of the 10 events contested thus far in 2020

[1] ELINA SVITOLINA (UKR #5) vs. MARIA SAKKARI (GRE #23)

Series tied 1-1
Svitolina is aiming for her 20th main draw victory of 2020 today to become the ninth player this season with 20+ wins... Sakkari is eyeing her fourth career win over a Top 5 ranked opponent

[8] ANETT KONTAVEIT (EST #22) vs. [Q] SARA SORRIBES TORMO (ESP #73)

Kontaveit leads 3-0
Today marks their first non-Grand Slam meeting... Kontaveit is looking to reach her fifth QF of 2020... Sorribes Tormo is bidding for her 50th career main draw victory with a win today
A SNAPSHOT OF 2020 – THE YEAR SO FAR

- **One Top 10 Debut:** Sofia Kenin (at No.7 on February 3)
- **Fewest games dropped en route to a title:** Jennifer Brady (24, Lexington)
- **Lowest-ranked title winner:** Patricia Maria Tig (No.88, Istanbul)
- **Multiple finals:** Elena Rybakina: 5 (Shenzhen – R-Up; Hobart – W; St. Petersburg – R-Up; Dubai – R-Up; Strasbourg – R-Up); Sofia Kenin: 3 (Australian Open – W; Lyon – W; Roland Garros – R-Up); Simona Halep: 3 (Dubai – W; Prague – W; Rome – W); Naomi Osaka: 2 (Western & Southern Open – R-Up; US Open – W); Victoria Azarenka (Western & Southern Open – W; US Open – R-Up); Karolina Pliskova: 2 (Brisbane – W; Rome – R-Up); Elina Svitolina: 2 (Monterrey – W; Strasbourg – W)
- **Maiden titles (3):** Ekaterina Alexandrova (Shenzhen), Jennifer Brady (Lexington), Patricia Maria Tig (Istanbul)
- **Youngest title winner:** Iga Swiatek, Roland Garros (19y 4m 12d)
- **Oldest title winner:** Serena Williams, Auckland (38y 3m 17d)
- **Aces leaders:** Elena Rybakina – 193, Serena Williams – 178, Garbiñe Muguruza – 160, Naomi Osaka – 141, Kristyna Pliskova – 137
- **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 – 29, Elise Mertens – 28, Sofia Kenin – 24, Simona Halep – 23, Garbiñe Muguruza – 23
- **Most three-set matches played:** Garbiñe Muguruza (10-5 record), Sofia Kenin (10-3)
- **Most doubles titles (4):** Barbora Strycova / Hsieh Su-Wei (Brisbane, Dubai, Doha, Rome)
- **Best result by a qualifier (R-Up):** Leonie Kung (Hua Hin), Leylah Fernandez (Acapulco), Eugenie Bouchard (Istanbul)
- **Longest match:** 3h 33m – Heather Watson d. Elise Mertens 6-7(5) 6-4 7-5 (Hobart, QF)
- **Shortest (completed) match:** 39m – Ekaterina Alexandrova d. Storm Sanders 6-1 6-0 (Strasbourg, R1)
- **Most Top 10 wins (3):** Garbiñe Muguruza (No.3 Simona Halep, No.5 Elina Svitolina and No.10 Kiki Bertens – all at Australian Open) and Jelena Ostapenko (No.7 Sofia Kenin – Fed Cup, No.8 Kiki Bertens – Strasbourg, No.4 Karolina Pliskova – Roland Garros)
## Match Notes

**AMANDA ANISIMOVA (USA #30) vs. [7] ELISE MERTENS (BEL #21)**

Head to Head: ELISE MERTENS leads 1-0

### 2019 INDIAN WELLS
- **Date:** R2
- **Winner:** 6-4 6-2
- **Time:** 80 mins

### Match Notes

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### Road to the First Round

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- Total games: 0
- Won/lost: 0-0
- Sets won/lost: 0-0
- Total time on court: 0:00
- Average time on court: 0:00
- Average rank of opponent: 0

#### ELISE MERTENS (BEL #21)
- Total games: 0
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### Ostrava Tournament History

- "Q" Qualifying match

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Contesting the inaugural J&T Banka Ostrava Open as one of three Americans in the main draw, also Gauff and Brady who are both through to 2r.

Squares off against No.21 Mertens today in their second career meeting; bids to avenge 2r loss to the Belgian at 2019 Indian Wells.

A win today would be best-by-ranking since defeating No.19 Riske at the Western & Southern Open.

Enters this week at No.30, down from where she sat this time last year at No.21.

Coming off 3r run at Roland Garros (l. Halep, whom she defeated en route to SFs in Paris in 2019).

Made 2r showing in Rome (d. Vekic, l. Yastremska) and 1r exit in Strasbourg (l. Teichmann).

Produced 3r showing at US Open (l. Sakkari).

Made 2r exit at the Western & Southern Open (l. Pegula).

Originally planned for return to play in Lexington, but withdrew due to a shoulder injury.

At Doha in February, withdrew prior to 3r match vs. Kuznetsova (w/gastrointestinal illness).

Upset No.7 Svitolina in 2r at Doha to record her first Top 10 win of 2020 and third overall, also No.9 Kvitova (2018 Indian Wells) and No.3 Halep (2019 Roland Garros).

Made 1r exits at Australian Open (l. Diyas) and Dubai (l. Strycova, having led 3-1 in third set).

Kicked off campaign with SF at Auckland (l. eventual champion S.Williams) – her first time reaching the final four since 2019 Roland Garros (l. Barty).

Highlight of 2019 season was winning maiden title at Bogotá (d. Sharma in F); at 17y 222d was the youngest American to win a title since S.Williams at 1999 Indian Wells (17y 169d).

Finished 2019 ranked No.24 – the youngest of three teenagers in the Top 50 (also Andreescu and Yastremska).

Other standout performances included SF run at Roland Garros – first player (man or woman) born in 2000s to advance to this stage of a major – QF showings at Mallorca and San Jose, and R16 appearance at Australian Open – at 17 years and five months old, was the youngest player to reach R16 at a Slam since Paszek at 2007 US Open (16 yrs 277 days).

Scored maiden win over a Top 5 player during 2019 Roland Garros, upsetting No.3 and defending champion Halep in QF.

Made Top 100 debut at No.95 on September 17, 2018, after reaching first WTA final at Hiroshima (as qualifier, l. Hsieh).

Also in 2018, upset No.9 Kvitova to become the joint-youngest player to reach R16 at Indian Wells, along with Majoli, who made SF in 1994 (both aged 16 years, 199 days).

Made WTA main draw debut at 2017 Miami (l. Townsend in 3s), with Grand Slam bow coming at 2017 Roland Garros. Also in 2017, reached four ITF Circuit finals, winning $60k ITF/Sacramento, CA-USA and finishing R-Up at $25k ITF/Curtiba-BRA, $80k ITF/Indian Harbour Beach, FL-USA and $60k ITF/Dothan, AL-USA.

Owns six Top 20 wins: No.9 Kvitova (2018 Indian Wells), No.11 Sabalenka (2019 Australian Open), No.11 Sabalenka (2019 Roland Garros), No.3 Halep (2019 Roland Garros), No.7 Svitolina (2020 Doha) and No.19 Riske (2020 Western & Southern Open).

In juniors, won US Open girls’ singles in 2017 and was R-Up at 2016 Roland Garros.

Reached No.2 in junior world rankings.

Contested eighth Grand Slam main draw at 2020 Roland Garros.

Produced best Slam showing at 2019 Roland Garros, becoming the first player born in 2000s – man or woman – to advance beyond R16 at a major (l. eventual champion Barty).

Best previous result was a R16 run at 2019 Australian Open (l. eventual R-Up Kvitova).

At 17 years and five months old, was the youngest player to reach R16 at Melbourne Park since Vaidisova in 2006 (16 yrs 281 days), and across all Slams since Paszek at 2007 US Open (16 yrs 277 days).

Also the youngest American to reach this stage of a Slam since S.Williams at 1998 Roland Garros (16y 254d) and at Australian Open since Capriati in 1993.

Fell 1r on Slam main draw debut at 2017 Roland Garros (as WC, l. Nara, having led 6-3 4-2).

Suffered 1r exit at 2018 US Open (l. Townsend); fell in qualifying in 2016 and 2017.

In juniors, won US Open girls’ singles in 2017 and was R-Up at 2016 Roland Garros.

Coached by Alex Kuznetsov.
• 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
• Started playing tennis after going to her sister’s practices every day and eventually developed a passion for the sport
• 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

MERTENS:

Ostrava

• Contesting the inaugural J&T Banka Ostrava Open as the No.7 seed and lone Belgian in the main draw
• Faces No.30 Anisimova today, leading with a 1-0 record against the young American
• A loss today would be worst-by-ranking since 1r loss to No.104 Sasnovich at Palermo, her first tournament back following the tour’s return
• Contesting doubles this week with partner Sabalenka as the top seeds – set to face Ostapenko/Zvonareva in the QFs

Season

• Coming off 3r showing at Roland Garros (l. Garcia)
• Notched back-to-back QF runs at US Open (l. Azarenka) and Rome (l. Ka.Pliskova)
• Defeated No.4 and reigning Australian Open champion Kenin in R16 at Flushing Meadows to record her first Top 10 win of the season (7-19 career record)
• Made SF at Western & Southern Open (l. Osaka)
• Bounced back from Palermo result the following week at Prague, where she finished R-Up (l. Halep). Is now 5-2 in WTA singles finals
• Fell 1r in the first week of the tour’s return at Palermo (l. Sasnovich)
• In February made 2r exit in defense of Doha title (l. Putintseva) and also fell at this stage the previous week at Dubai (l. Sabalenka)
• Began the season with QF runs at Shenzhen (l. Rybakina) and Hobart (l. Watson – 3h 33m match is the longest so far in 2020) and R16 showing at Australian Open (l. Halep)

Career Milestones

• Ended 2019 ranked No.17 for second consecutive Top 20 finish
• Singles highlight was winning biggest title of career at Doha (d. No.3 Halep in final). Also beat No.8 Bertens and No.6 Kerber in Doha, doubling career total of Top 10 wins to six
• Advanced to QF at US Open for the first time (l. eventual champion Andreescu in 3s) and R16 at Wimbledon for the first time (l. Strycova, having led 6-4 5-2). Reached QF during defense of Rabat title (l. eventual champion Sakkari)
• Enjoyed standout season in doubles in 2019 - won maiden major doubles title at US Open w/Sabalenka (d. Azarenka/Barty in F). Also Completed ‘Sunshine Double’ in doubles (w/Sabalenka), lifting the back-to-back titles at Indian Wells (d. Krejcikova/Siniakova) and Miami (d. Stosur/Zhang)
• Team qualified for Shiseido WTA Finals Shenzhen (went 1-2 in RR)
• Won three singles titles in 2018 (Hobart, Rabat and Lugano), one of six players on tour with three or more titles to their name that year - also Kvitova (5), Svitolina (4), Bertens (3), Halep (3) and Wozniacki (3)
• Also in 2018, advanced to first Grand Slam SF of career at 2018 Australian Open (l. eventual champion Wozniacki)
• Finished 2018 with 46 main draw match wins across the campaign – only Ka.Pliskova (49) and Kvitova (47) registered more. By contrast, prior to 2018 season owned only 36 wins at this level across entire career
• Reached career-high No.12 on November 26, 2018
• In doubles in 2018, won four titles and reached QF at WTA Finals (w/Schuurs)
• Finished 2017 season at No.35, up from No.120 in 2016 – first Top 50 and Top 100 year-end finish 2017 season highlighted by first career singles title at Hobart (as a qualifier, d. Niculescu in F)
• Registered first Top 10 win of career over No.10 Cibulkova in 1r at 2017 Beijing
• Made WTA singles main draw debut at 2016 ’s-Hertogenbosch – made QF (as qualifier, l. Mladenovic)
• Won first WTA title of any kind in doubles at 2016 Auckland (w/Mestach). Now has nine doubles titles – also 2017 Guangzhou (w/Schuurs), 2018 Hobart (w/Schuurs), 2018 Lugano (w/Flipkens), 2018 ’s-Hertogenbosch (w/Schuurs), 2018 Wuhan (w/Schuurs), 2019 Indian Wells-Miami double (w/Sabalenka) and 2019 US Open (w/Sabalenka)
• Played first tour-level event of career at 2015 Antwerp (fell in qualifying)
• Has 11 singles and 14 doubles titles on ITF Circuit
• Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in Belgium in 2010

**Grand Slam History**

• Advanced to first Grand Slam SF of career at 2018 Australian Open (l. eventual champion Wozniacki)
• In 2019, reached QF at 2020 US Open (l. eventual champion Andreescu in 3s) and R16 at Wimbledon (l. Strycova, having led 6-4 5-2) – the deepest run of her career at both tournaments
• Also reached QF at 2020 US Open (l. eventual R-Up Azarenka)
• Has also reached R16 at Roland Garros in 2018 (l. eventual champion Halep)
• Won maiden major doubles title at US Open w/Sabalenka (d. Azarenka/Barty in F)

**Personal**

• Working once again with former coach Robbe Ceyssens having been coached by both David Taylor and Dieter Kindlmann
• Earlier coaching history includes Belgian federation until early teens, as well as a year at the Mouratoglou Academy
• Mother is Liliane Barbe (teaches languages and history); father is Guido Mertens (makes furniture for churches). Was home schooled, enjoyed studying languages
• Loves animals and has lots of pets at home, four dogs and a variety of birds (pheasants, peacocks, chickens)
[4] VICTORIA AZARENKA (BLR #14) vs. [Q] BARBORA KREJCIKOVA (CZE #85)

Head to Head: 0-0

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* Updated entering 2020 Ostrava 2r

ROAD TO THE SECOND ROUND

**VICTORIA AZARENKA (BLR #14)**

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

**BARBORA KREJCIKOVA (CZE #85)**

Total games: 19
Won/lost: 13-6
Sets won/lost: 2-0
Total time on court: 1h15
Average time on court: 1h15
Average rank of opponent: 121

Ostrava Tournament History

"-Q" Qualifying match

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AZARENKA:

Ostrava
- Contesting the inaugural J&T Banka Ostrava Open as the No.4 seed
- Enters the tournament ranked No.14, up from No.50 this time last year
- Following 1r bye – her first since 2016 Rome – faces No.85 Krejcikova for their first career meeting; has fallen to someone of her rank or lower just once this year, against No.161 Schmiedlova during Roland Garros 2r
- Played doubles this week with partner Muchova (l. Ostapenko/Zvonareva in 1r)

Season
- Coming off 2r loss at Roland Garros (l. Schmiedlova)
- Posted QF showing at Rome (l. Muguruza); beat No.5 Kenin 6-0 6-0 in 2r to register first Top 5 win since 2019 Stuttgart (d. No.4 Ka.Pliskova)
- Finished R-Up for the third time at US Open (l. Osaka in 3s); now 21-18 in singles finals
- Upset No.11 Sabalenka, No.18 Mertens and No.8 S.Williams en route to record the 122nd, 123rd and 124th Top 20 wins of her career and reach first major final since 2013 US Open – seven-year between major finals is second-longest in Open Era behind V.Williams (seven years, 207 days between 2009 Wimbledon and 2017 Australian Open)
- Made history alongside S.Williams in New York by becoming the first pair of mothers to reach the semifinals at the same Grand Slam
- Lifted 21st career title at Western & Southern Open when final opponent Osaka withdrew w/left hamstring injury
- Suffered 1r exit at Lexington (l. V.Williams) in her second WTA event of 2020
- Opened 2020 season with 1r exit at Monterrey (l. Zidansek), having not contested any events in Australia due to personal reasons

Career Milestones
- Last tournament of 2019 was the US Open, where she fell to Sabalenka in 1r; also reached the doubles final w/Barty (l. Mertens/Sabalenka)
- Highlight of 2019 was 37th singles final at Monterrey (d. No.5 Kerber in SF, l. Muguruza in F via ret. w/leg injury). Also made QFs at 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 with R16 at Wimbledon (l. Halep). Did not play 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 and ‘Sunshine Double’ of Indian Wells and Miami – third woman to achieve feat after Graf in 1994 and 1996 and Clijsters in 2005
- 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 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

Grand Slam History
- Contested landmark 50th major at 2020 US Open – one of nine active players to reach this milestone
- Two-time major champion, winning Australian Open in 2012 (d. Sharapova in F) and 2013 (d. Li in F)
- Also a three-time runner-up, at 2012 (l. S.Williams in 3s), 2013 (l. S.Williams in 3s) and 2020 US Open (l. Osaka in 3s)
• Advanced to Wimbledon SF in 2011 and 2012, while best result at Roland Garros is also SF run in 2013
• Four-time doubles R-Up, at 2008 Australian Open (w/Peer), 2009 Roland Garros (w/Vesnina), 2011 Australian Open (w/Kirilenko), 2019 US Open (w/Barty)
• Two-time Grand Slam mixed doubles champion, at 2007 US Open (w/ Mirnyi) and 2008 Roland Garros (w/B.Bryan). Most recently finished as mixed doubles R-Up at 2018 Wimbledon (w/J.Murray)
• Won girls’ singles titles at the Australian Open and US Open in 2005

Personal
• 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

KREJCIKOVA:

Ostrava
• Enters the inaugural J&T Banka Ostrava Open as one of seven Czech players competing on home soil
• Battled through two qualifying rounds, defeating Juvan and Teichmann, to reach the main draw
• Converted 6 of 7 break points to defeat fellow qualifier Martincova in 1r
• Today, faces No.14 Azarenka where she bids to record her maiden Top 20 scalp, currently 0-6 against Top 20 opposition
• Contesting this week at a career-high ranking of No.85, achieved following R16 showing at Roland Garros on October 12, 2020
• Playing doubles this week with partner and fellow Czech Siniakova as the No.2 seeds – the pair take on Voracova/Lister in 1r today

Season
• Coming off Grand Slam breakthrough in Paris, reaching R16 at a major for the first time in her career (l. Podoroska)
• On ITF Circuit, posted back-to-back QF showings in September at $25K ITF/Prague-CZE and $25K ITF/ Frydek Mistek-CZE
• Returned to action with 2r showing at Prague (l. eventual champion Halep in 3s)
• Contested qualifying at Dubai; also finished R-Up in doubles w/Zheng - now 6-8 in doubles finals
• Advanced through qualifying at Australian Open to reach 2r at a major for the first time (d. Kanepi, l. Alexandrova); made SF in doubles (w/Siniakova) and won mixed doubles title (w/Mektic)
• Opened 2020 season with qualifying exit at Shenzhen; bounced back to win sixth WTA doubles title (wSiniakova)

Career Milestones
• Achieved career-high singles ranking of No.85 on October 12, 2020 following R16 run at Roland Garros
• In 2019, had best singles season to date, finishing at No.115. Advanced to QF at Bucharest in addition to winning four ITF singles titles on clay in North America and Europe, tallying 20 wins from 21 matches
• Also in 2019, posted second Top 20 doubles season highlighted by titles at Toronto and Linz, and R-Up finish at Indian Wells (all w/Siniakova). Won Australian Open mixed doubles title w/Ram
• In 2018, won first Grand Slam doubles titles of career, at Roland Garros and Wimbledon, and reached title match at WTA Finals (all w/Siniakova)
• Owns six doubles titles, at 2020 Shenzhen (w/Siniakova), 2019 Toronto and Linz (both w/Siniakova), 2018 Roland Garros and Wimbledon (both w/Siniakova) and 2015 Québec City (w/Mestach). Has been doubles R-Up on eight occasions.
• Achieved doubles career-high ranking of World No.1 on October 22, 2018
• Posted year-end finish of No.126 in 2017 (up from No.250 in 2016)
• Highlight was R-Up finish in first WTA singles final at Nürnberg (l. Bertens in F). Also made QF as qualifier at Bastad (l. Garcia). Only other tour-level appearances were 1r exits at Bucharest and Québec City
• Contested five WTA main draws in 2016, progressing to 2r at two events: Kuala Lumpur and Prague
• Reached 2r on WTA debut as qualifier at 2014 Québec City (l. Hradecka)
• On ITF Circuit, owns 14 singles and 19 doubles titles
• Made professional debut at $10K ITF/Piestany-SVK in 2010

Grand Slam History
• Contested third Grand Slam main draw at 2020 Roland Garros
• Best result was R16 run at 2020 Roland Garros where she reached the second week of a major for the first time in her career (l. Podoroska)
• Prior to Paris run, reached 2r at 2020 Australian Open where she defeated Kanepi to notch first Grand Slam win of career (l. Alexandrova)
• Made Grand Slam main draw debut at 2018 Roland Garros
• In doubles, lifted maiden Grand Slam titles at 2018 Roland Garros and Wimbledon (both w/Siniakova, with whom she had also won the junior titles with)
• In mixed doubles won Australian Open in 2019 (w/Ram) and 2020 (w/Pavic)

Personal

• Started playing tennis aged six
• Reached a Junior ranking of World No.3
• Was coached and mentored by WTA legend Jana Novotna
Head to Head: PETRA MARTIC leads 2-0

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**ROAD TO THE FIRST ROUND**

JELENA OSTAPENKO (LAT #44)

| 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 |

PETRA MARTIC (CRO #18)

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

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**Ostrava Tournament History**

"-Q" Qualifying match
OSTAPENKO:

Ostrava

- Contesting the inaugural J&T Banka Ostrava Open as a wildcard this week
- Lone Latvian representative in the main draw
- Competing against No.18 Martic for their third career meeting where she bids to defeat the Croatian for the first time
- Looks to record 20th Top 20 win of her career with most recent coming against No.4 Ka.Pliskova during Roland Garros 2r
- Also playing doubles this week with partner Zvonareva – face No.1 seeds Mertens/Sabalenka in QF on Thursday

Season

- Advanced to QF at Strasbourg (l. Hibino) before reaching 3r at Roland Garros (l. Badosa Gibert)
- Suffered 1r exit at Rome (l. Linette)
- Prior to hiatus, fell 1r at St. Petersburg (l. Cornet) before advancing to 3r at Doha (l. Kvitova)
- Finished R-Up in doubles w/Dabrowski at Doha (l. Hsieh/Strycova); now 3-3 in doubles finals
- Performed well during Latvia’s 3-2 Fed Cup defeat vs. USA; beat 2020 Australian Open champion Kenin and falling to S.Williams in two tie-break sets
- Began 2020 campaign with 2r showing at Australian Open (l. Bencic)

Career Milestones

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

Grand Slam History

- Unseeded champion at 2017 Roland Garros (d. Halep in F)
- One of eight players born in the 1990s to win a Grand Slam title (also Kvitova, Muguruza, Stephens, Wozniacki, Osaka, Barty and Kenin)
At Wimbledon reached SF in 2018 (l. eventual champion Kerber) and QF in 2017 (l. V.Williams)
Has been to 3r - but never further at Australian Open (2017-18) and US Open (2017-19)
Mixed doubles R-Up at 2019 Wimbledon (w/Lindstedt, l. Chan/Dodig)

Personal

- Coached by Thomas Hogstedt
- Mother, Jelena Jakovleva, also serves as coach
- Father is Jevgenis, half-brother is Maksim Ostapenko (graduated from art academy in Los Angeles and lives there)
- Previously coached by David Taylor and Glen Schaap
- Tennis idols are Serena Williams and Ernests Gulbis – watched Gulbis’ QF match at Roland Garros from his box in 2014
- Took ballroom dancing classes for seven years

MARTIC:

Ostrava

- Contesting the inaugural J&T Banka Ostrava Open as the No.5 seed
- One of two Croatians in this week’s main draw, though Vekic fell 1r to Kudermetova
- Today, squares off against No.44 Ostapenko with a 2-0 lead over the Latvian, having defeated her at 2018 Indian Wells and 2019 Birmingham
- Playing this week ranked No.18 – four spots shy of her career high of No.14 achieved on January 13, 2020

Season

- Fell R32 at Rome to Putintseva before reaching 3r in Paris (l. Siegemund)
- Advanced to R16 at US Open (l. Putintseva)
- Made 2r exit at Prague Open (l. Kr.Pliskova)
- On the tour’s return reached SF at Palermo (l. Kontaveit) and then fell 2r at Prague (l. Kr.Pliskova)
- In the Middle East, advanced to SF at Dubai (l. Rybakina) and fell 1r at Doha (l. Strycova)
- Made 1r exit at Hua Hin (l. X.Wang)
- Reached her career high singles ranking of World No.14 on January 13
- Started 2020 with back-to-back 2r showings at Auckland (l. Cornet) and Australian Open (l. Goerges)

Career Milestones

- Posted best season finish of career in 2019, at her then-career-high ranking of No.15 (first achieved October 21, 2019). Lifted maiden career WTA title at Istanbul (d. Vondrousova in F)
- Advanced to first Grand Slam QF of career at 2019 Roland Garros (l. eventual R-Up Vondrousova); upset No.2 seed and No.2-ranked Ka.Pliskova in 3r to register fourth Top 10 win of career (and best by ranking)
- Also in 2019, enjoyed R16 runs at both Wimbledon (l. Svitolina) and US Open (l. eventual R-Up S Williams)
- Finished R-Up at Zhengzhou before qualifying for the WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai for the first time (fell at RR stage)
- In 2018, finished R-Up at Bucharest (l. Sevastova), posted QF showing at Indian Wells and made R16 at Australian Open
- In 2017, notched first Top 20 win in nearly five years over No.13 Keys at Roland Garros
- In April 2017 played her first event after 10 months out with a back injury, coming through qualifying to win $25k ITF/Santa Margherita Di Pula-ITA
- Made Top 100 debut on September 14, 2009 (after US Open; rose from No.137 to No.89) and enjoyed a Top 50 season in 2011, finishing at No.49
- Member of Croatian Fed Cup Team 2008-2010, 2012, 2014
- Fell 1r on WTA main draw debut as a WC at 2007 Miami
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in Croatia in 2005

Grand Slam History

- Contested 36th Grand Slam main draw at 2020 Roland Garros
- Advanced to first Grand Slam QF of career at 2019 Roland Garros (l. eventual R-Up Vondrousova)
• Reached R16 on six other occasions across the Slams, at Wimbledon in 2017 (l. Rybarikova) and 2019 (l. Svitolina), Australian Open in 2018 (l. Mer-ten), Roland Garros in 2012 (l. Kerber) and 2017 (as qualifier, l. Svitolina after leading 5-2 in final set) and 2019 US Open (l. S.Williams)
• Was ranked No.290 during 2017 Roland Garros run– the lowest-ranked player to reach R16 at a Grand Slam since the unranked Henin finished R-Up at 2010 Australian Open (l. S.Williams). Since 1983, the only other player outside the Top 200 to reach R16 in Paris was No.279 Martínez in 1988
• Roland Garros exploits in 2017 ended run of seven1r losses at the majors (did not contest main draw at any of the Slams in 2016)
• Made 2r on Grand Slam debut at 2009 Roland Garros (as qualifier, l. Wozniak)

Personal
• Coached by Martijn Bok, formerly with Sandra Zaniewska
• Mother’s name is Sandra Martic
• Began playing tennis at age 5 when mother introduced her to the sport
• All-court player whose favorite shot is serve; favorite surface is hard
• Speaks Croatian, English
• Favorite music is pop; favorite singer is Sia
• Favorite food is Thai and Mexican
• In free time likes to watch TV series, documentaries, catch up with friends and explore new places and cities
• Favorite city to visit is Paris
• Favorite thing about being a professional tennis player is “making my dream come true”.
• During tour’s hiatus in 2020, spent time honing her cooking skills at home
[1] ELINA SVITOLINA (UKR #5) vs. MARIA SAKKARI (GRE #23)

Head to Head: 1-1

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ROAD TO THE SECOND ROUND

ELINA SVITOLINA (UKR #5)

- 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

MARIA SAKKARI (GRE #23)

- Total games: 18
- Won/lost: 12-6
- Sets won/lost: 2-0
- Total time on court: 1h19
- Average time on court: 1h19
- Average rank of opponent: 68

Ostrava Tournament History

"Q" Qualifying match
SVITOLINA:

Ostrava

- Contesting inaugural J&T Banka Ostrava Open as the top seed this week
- This marks her third event in 2020 as the No.1 seed (also Monterrey and Strasbourg – lifting the trophies at both events)
- Following 1r bye, faces No.23 Sakkari today in their third career meeting. Both previous meetings went the distance, defeating the Greek woman on their first meeting last year Wimbledon before falling to her two weeks later at San Jose
- Holds 2-4 record vs. Top 30 ranked opponents this season – both wins came during Strasbourg title run last month (d. No.12 Sabalenka in SF and No.18 Rybakina in F)
- Is 2-1 following a 1r bye in 2020 – Doha (2r), Rome (QF) and Strasbourg (WON)
- Aiming for her 20th main draw victory of 2020 today to become the ninth player this season with 20+ wins
- Sole Ukrainian left in the draw following a 1r exit by Yastremska (l. Brady in 1r). The Ukrainian pair competed together in doubles this week, falling to Romanian duo Niculescu/Halep in 1r

Season

- Coming off QF run at Roland Garros (l. Podoroska) after lifting her 15th career singles title at Strasbourg (d. Rybakina in F)
- Returned to action following tour’s hiatus at Rome as two-time champion, falling to Vondrousova in QF
- During the tour’s break, played exhibitions on hard, grass and clay in Germany and Switzerland
- At Monterrey won 14th WTA title of her career (d. Bouzkova in F); now 15-3 in WTA singles finals
- Made QF at Hua Hin (l. Hibi), before fell 1r at Dubai (l. Brady) and 2r at Doha (after 1r bye, l. Anisimova)
- In Fed Cup action, lost only singles rubber to Kontaveit even though Ukraine beat Estonia 2-1 in Group 1 promotional play-off
- Fell 3r at Australian Open (l. eventual R-Up Muguruza)
- Kicked off season falling in 1r at Brisbane (l. Collins)

Grand Slam History

- Made 31st Grand Slam main draw appearance at 2020 Roland Garros. 2020 Australian marked her 30 consecutive major appearance
- Two-time semifinalist, at 2019 Wimbledon (l. eventual champion Halep) and 2019 US Open (l. S.Williams)
- Became the first woman from Ukraine to reach a major SF; on the men’s, Medvedev made that stage at Roland Garros in 1993 (SF) and 1999 (R-Up)
- Elsewhere, has posted QF showings at 2015 Roland Garros (l. Ivanovic), 2017 Roland Garros (l. eventual R-Up Halep), 2018 Australian Open (l. Mertens), 2019 Australian Open (l. eventual champion Osaka) and 2020 Roland Garros (l. Podoroska)
- Joint-highest seeding at a Slam is No.4 (2017 Wimbledon and US Open, 2018 Australian Open and Roland Garros)

Career Milestones

- Finished 2019 at No.6, her third consecutive Top 10 finish
- Season highlight was reaching the title match as defending champion at the Shiseido WTA Finals (l. Barty)
- Also last year, made her first two Grand Slam SF runs at Wimbledon (l. Halep) and US Open (l. S.Williams), becoming the first woman from Ukraine to reach a major SF
- In 2018, won 13th – and most prestigious – career title at 2018 WTA Finals (d. Stephens in F), after going 3-0 during round robin stage. Ended year ranked No.4. Also won titles at Rome (as defending champion, d. No.1 Halep in F), Dubai (as defending champion, d. Kasatkina in F) and Brisbane (d. Sasnovich in F)
- Enjoyed stand-out 2017, finishing year at No.6, winning a tour-leading five titles and posting second-most wins (53, behind Wozniacki with 60)
- Season culminated by qualifying for WTA Finals in Singapore, becoming first Ukrainian woman to qualify for the season-ending tournament in singles (fell at round robin stage with 1-2 record)
- In 2017, became first player to win three Premier 5 titles in a single season (Dubai, Rome, Toronto), since such tournaments were introduced in 2009
- One of five players to make Top 10 debut in 2017, after winning Dubai in February (also Ostapenko, Garcia, Mladenovic and Vandeweghe). Peaked in rankings at No.3 on September 11, 2017
- On four occasions could have reached World No.1 – at 2017 US Open, then needed to win 2017 Beijing (fell QF), then needed to triumph at 2017 WTA Finals (fell in group stage), or reach final at 2018 Australian Open (fell in QF)
- End to 2016 season also saw her reach first SF at Premier Mandatory level at Beijing (l. A.Radwanska) Qualified for 2016 WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai for the second time (l. Kvitova in F)
• Reached three finals in 2016, winning Kuala Lumpur (d. Bouchard in F) and R-Up at New Haven (l. A.Radwanska) and Zhuhai (l. Kvitova)
• Other 2016 season highlights included SFs at Dubai, Tokyo [PPO] and Moscow, and QT at Rio Olympics
• Owns two career doubles titles: 2014 Istanbul (w/Doi) and 2015 Istanbul (w/Gavrilova)
• Made WTA main draw debut at 2012 Baku (lost in 1r but went on to win title there in both 2013 and 2014)
• Played first ITF Circuit events of career in 2008
• Ukrainian Fed Cup Team, 2012-15, 2017, 2020

Personal

• Parents are Mykhaylo and Olena; brother is Yulian
• Coached by Andrew Bettles and added Marcos Baghdatis to her team during offseason. Has previously worked with Iain Hughes and Thierry Ascione
• Won the Jerry Diamond ACES Award in the 2018 WTA Awards, in recognition of promotion of women’s tennis to fans, media, and local communities by performing off-court promotional and charitable activities
• Launched the Elina Svitolina Foundation on March 18, 2019 with a mission to encourage children, through the sport of tennis, to learn the values of hard work, self-discipline and the importance of giving 100 percent every day in life

SAKKARI:

Ostrava

• Contests inaugural J&T Banka Ostrava Open this week as lone Greek representative
• In 1r on Monday, avenged her loss to Kr.Pliskova at Palermo with a straight sets victory to claim her 90th career main draw victory
• Improved her record to 9-8 record vs lefties over her career, including 2-3 this season
• Now owns an impressive 8-3 strike rate in 1r matches so far this season
• Faces No.5 Svitolina today in their third career meeting, most recently saving four match points to defeat the Ukrainian at 2019 San Jose
• Owns three career wins over Top 5 ranked opponents, over No.5 Ka.Pliskova (2018 Rome), No.5 Kvitova (2019 Rome, via ret.) and No.5 Bencic (2020 St. Petersburg)
• Has won back-to-back matches in six of the 10 events contested in 2020, including Australian Open (R16), St. Petersburg (SF), Doha (R16), Western & Southern Open (QF), US Open (R16) and Roland Garros (3r)

Season

• Upset by cinderella qualifier Trevisan in 3r Roland Garros
• Produced R16 showing at US Open falling to S.Williams in 3s who she had just beaten the week earlier
• Made QF run at Western & Southern Open (d. Gauff, Putintseva and S.Williams before falling to Konta)
• Returned to competitive action following tour’s hiatus at Palermo in August, falling in 1r (l. Kr.Pliskova); was No.3 seed at Palermo – her joint-highest seeding at a WTA event (also during SF run at 2018 Seoul)
• Broke into Top 20 just before the break on Feb. 24
• Prior to this, made 3r at Doha (l. eventual champion Sabalenka) and fell 1r at Dubai (l. Sabalenka)
• Posted SF run at St. Petersburg (l. eventual R-Up Rybakina) – her first SF since 2019 San Jose
• Made 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
• Fell 2r at Adelaide (l. Vekic) after a 1r exit at Brisbane (l. Osaka)

Grand Slam History

• Contested 19th Grand Slam main draw at 2020 Roland Garros
• Fell R16 at 2020 Australian Open (l. Kvitova) to become the first Greek woman to reach this stage at a Slam since Eleni Daniilidou at 2004 Wimbledon
• Tied her best Grand Slam result at 2020 US Open falling to S.Williams in R16
• By reaching 3r at 2017 Australian Open, became first Greek woman to reach this stage at a Slam since Daniilidou at 2005 Wimbledon (l. Pennetta)
At 2016 Australian Open, by reaching 2r (d. Y.Wang, 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


Career Milestones

- Broke into Top 20 on February 24, 2020
- Finished 2019 at No.23 – the best year-end finish of her career (up from No.41 in 2018)
- 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)
- Closed out season by qualifying for WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai for first time in career (fell in RR stage)
- 2018 season highlights included reaching her first tour-level final at San Jose (l. Buzarnescu), scoring first career Top 5 win after defeat of No.5 Ka.Pliskova in Rome as well as reaching SF at Istanbul (l. Hercog) and Seoul (l. Bertens)
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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
- Tried karate and gymnastics but was thrown out of class for laughing too much
- Currently coached by Tom Hill
[8] ANETT KONTAVEIT (EST #22) vs. [Q] SARA SORRIBES TORMO (ESP #73)

Head to Head: ANETT KONTAVEIT leads 3-0

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- YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *
- YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *
- YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *
- YTD / CAREER HARD W-L (MD) *
- YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *
- YTD / CAREER TOP 5 W-L (MD & Q) *
- YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD & Q) *
- YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD & Q) *

* Updated through entering 2020 Ostrava 2r

SARA SORRIBES TORMO

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- 1-1 / 1-6
- 1-2 / 2-15

ROAD TO THE SECOND ROUND

ANETT KONTAVEIT (EST #22)

R32: d. EKATERINA ALEXANDROVA (RUS #33) 4-6,6-2,7-6(6) (2h14)

Total games: 31
Won/lost: 17-14
Sets won/lost: 2-1
Total time on court: 2h14
Average time on court: 2h14
Average rank of opponent: 33

SARA SORRIBES TORMO (ESP #73)

R2-Q: d. ANNA BLINKOVA (RUS #61) 4-6,5-2 Ret'd (1h59)
R1-Q: d. ANA BOGDAN (ROU #92) 6-4,6-4 (2h14)
R32: d. MAGDA LINETTE (POL #40) 6-1,6-3 (1h14)

Total games: 16
Won/lost: 12-4
Sets won/lost: 2-0
Total time on court: 1h14
Average time on court: 1h14
Average rank of opponent: 40

Ostrava Tournament History

"-Q" Qualifying match
KONTAVEIT:

Ostrava

- Contesting the inaugural J&T Banka Ostrava Open as No.8 seed this week and lone Estonian representative in the main draw
- Saved two match points to defeat No.33 Alexandrova on Monday. Now owns 2-2 record vs Russian opponents this year, with previous win coming against No.31 Pavlyuchenkova at Dubai
- Faces No.73 Sorribes Tormo today for a spot in her fifth QF of 2020 – Australian Open (QF), Dubai (QF), Palermo (R-Up) and Western & Southern Open (QF)
- Reached QF stage or better three times across 17 events last season – whereas this season has reached four from 10 tournaments contested thus far
- Has not fallen to a player ranked outside the Top 50 since 2019 Wimbledon (l. 68 Muchova in 3r). Worst loss-by-ranking in 2020 was against No.45 Garcia at Roland Garros 1r
- Currently fifth on Tour for percentage of service points won in 2020, with (60%)
- Owns 21-10 record for match wins in 2020 – the sixth-most wins this season
- Enters Ostrava ranked No.22, up from No.25 this time last year

Season

- Coming off 1r exit at Roland Garros (l. Garcia)
- Made 2r showing at Rome (l. Kuznetsova)
- Advanced to R16 at US Open (l. eventual champion Osaka) after a QF run at Western & Southern Open (l. Osaka)
- Upon the Tour’s return, made R-Up finish at Palermo (d. No.15 Martic in SF, l. Ferro); career record in finals is now 1-5
- In Middle East, advanced to QF at Dubai (l. No.15 Martic) and fell 2r at Doha (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)
- Won all four singles rubbers on Fed Cup duty (including over No.4 Svitolina), leading Estonia to within one win of victory over Ukraine in the promotional play-off
- Made Grand Slam breakthrough by reaching maiden major QF at Australian Open (l. Halep), became the first Estonian to make the last eight at Australian Open
- Kicked off 2020 season by reaching 2r in Brisbane (l. Bertens) and falling 1r in Adelaide (l. Pavlyuchenkova)

Grand Slam History

- 2020 Roland Garros marked 22nd Grand Slam main draw appearance
- Earlier this year, made history by becoming the first Estonian to reach QF at Australian Open, and also the first Estonian to reach a Grand Slam QF since Kanepi at 2017 US Open
- Earned her first Grand Slam victories at 2015 US Open where she reached R16 (as qualifier, l. V.Williams) – only seventh qualifier in Open Era to reach US Open R16
- Also made R16 at 2018 Australian Open (l. Suárez Navarro), 2018 Roland Garros (l. Stephens) and 2020 US Open (l. eventual champion Osaka)
- Best showings at Wimbledon are 3r runs in 2017 (l. Wozniacki), 2018 (l. Van Uytvanck) and 2019 (l. Muchova)
- R-Up in 2012 US Open girls’ singles (l. Crawford)

Career Milestones

- Finished 2019 ranked No.26 – her second straight Top 30 finish (No.21 in 2018) – despite missing final two months of the season w/viral illness
- Reached her fifth career final in 2019 at Stuttgart (l. Kvitova). Also in 2019, advanced to her first Premier Mandatory SF at Miami (l. eventual champion Barty), which propelled her to a career high ranking of No.14 (April 1, 2019)
- In 2018, season highlighted by fourth WTA singles final at Wuhan (l. Sabalenka); posted 33 main draw wins – the first time she had registered 30 or more wins in a season – finishing No.21 in the rankings
Enjoyed fruitful clay swing in 2018, including a R16 at Roland Garros (l. eventual R-Up Stephens) and SF showings at Rome (l. eventual champion Svitolina) and Stuttgart (l. eventual champion Ka.Pliskova)

Breakthrough season came in 2017, finishing on a ranking of No.34, up from No.110 in 2016 – first year-end finish inside Top 50 and second non-consecutive year in Top 100

Won first career singles title at 2017 's-Hertogenbosch (d. Vihlyantepe in F). Also reached finals at Biel/Benne (l. Vondrousova) and Gstaad (l. Bertens)

Broke into Top 30 for first time at No.27 following run at Gstaad (July 24, 2017)

Also advanced to QF at Premier-level tournaments at Stuttgart, where she beat No.6 Muguruza en route, and Rome, where she posted her first career win over a reigning No.1 with defeat of Kerber in 2r

In 2016, played main draw at all four Grand Slams for first time, but dropped out of Top 100

One of five teenagers in 2015 year-end Top 50

Made Top 100 debut on September 14, 2015 at No.96, up from No.152

Scored first Top 20 win of career over No.17 Errani at 2016 Monterrey (2r)

Has won 11 singles titles and five doubles titles on ITF Circuit

Made WTA main draw debut at 2013 Miami as WC (l. McHale, 1r)

Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in 2010

Junior highlights included winning 2011 Orange Bowl, defeating Bouchard and Putintseva en route

Personal

Coached by Nigel Sears
Grew up in Tallinn, Estonia

Mother, Ulle, is a tennis coach and started her in tennis (was her coach until the age of 11, then began working other Estonian coaches). Father, Andrus, is a manager at the Port of Tallinn

SORRIBES TORMO:

Ostrava

Overcame two rounds of qualifying to enter the main draw at the inaugural J&T Banka Ostrava Open (d. Bogdan and Blinkova, via ret.)

In 1r on Monday, dropped just four games to defeat No.40 Linette – her fourth Top 50 win of 2020, having also defeated No.40 Kudermetova (Australian Open), No.10 Osaka (Fed Cup) and No.31 Strycova (Prague)

Faces No.22 Kontaveit today in their first meeting outside of the Grand Slams – and fourth overall. Fell to the Estonian at 2019 Australian Open, 2019 US Open and 2020 Australian Open

Bidding for a spot in her second Tour-level QF of 2020 – also reached this stage at Prague (l. Begu). Reached two QFs in 2019 – at Bogota (l. Haddad Maia) and Hiroshima (l. Doi)

A win today would mark her 50th career main draw victory (49-73 overall record)

Season

Coming off a 1r exit at Roland Garros (l. Halep) after lifting her 10th career ITF Circuit title, at $80K Cagnes-sur-Mer-FRA (d. Bara in F)

Made 2r at US Open (l. Mertens) and Istanbul (l. Badosa)

Advanced to 10th career WTA QF at Prague (l. Begu)

Fell 1r at Palermo (l. Yastremska)

Made 1r exits at Acapulco (l. Errani) and Monterrey (l. Bondarenko)

Upset No.10 Osaka to register career-best win during Spain’s 3-1 Fed Cup qualifying win over Japan

Opened season with 1r exits at Shenzhen (l. Y.Wang) and Hobart (as qualifier, l. Kozova) before reaching 2r at Australian Open (d. Kudermetova, l. Kontaveit)

Grand Slam History

Made major debut at 2016 Roland Garros (as qualifier, l. Pavlyuchenkova in 1r)
Best showings are 2r runs at 2018 Wimbledon (as qualifier, d. Kanepi, l. Suarez Navarro) and 2019 Roland Garros (l. Stephens), 2020 Australian Open (l. Kontaveit) and 2020 US Open (l. Mertens)
R-Up in 2013 US Open girls' doubles (w/Bencic, l. Krejcikova/Siniakova)

Career Milestones

- Posted third consecutive Top 100 finish in 2019 (at No.82). Season highlights were making QF at Auckland (l. to Hsieh), Bogota (l. Haddad Maia) and Hiroshima (l. to Doi); reached 2r six times (including Roland Garros)
- Rose to career-high No.64 in the rankings on June 10, 2019
- Won second career doubles title in 2019, at Rabat (w/Martinez Sanchez); now 2-1 in WTA doubles finals
- Ended 2018 ranked No.87 to register second Top 100 finish (also No.99 in 2017)
- Season highlight in 2018 was reaching QF at Gstaad (l. Minella). Also made 2r for the first time at a major, as a qualifier at Wimbledon (l. Suarez Navarro)
- Won maiden WTA doubles title at 2018 Monterrey (w/Broady)
- Reached first career WTA SFs at Bogota and Gstaad in 2017. Also posted QF runs at Seoul and Tianjin
- In 2016, reached maiden tour-level QF at Seoul
- Also in 2016 made QF at WTA 125k Series event at Honolulu (l. eventual champion Bellis) and won two titles on the ITF Circuit at $25K ITF/Sao Paulo-BRA (d. Mitu in F) and $50K ITF/Essen-GER (d. Muchova in F). Finished as R-Up at $100K ITF/Sharm El Sheikh-EGY (l. Vekic in F)
- Scored first WTA main draw win over Pavlyuchenkova (via ret.) at 2015 Charleston
- Owns nine singles titles and five doubles titles on the ITF Circuit
- Played first WTA main draw event at 2015 Rio de Janeiro (as qualifier, l. Ormaechea)
- Played first professional event at $10k ITF/Vallduxo-ESP in 2010
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2012 Barcelona (l. 1r)

Personal

- Coached by German Puentes
- Born in Castellon, Spain; currently resides in Vallduxo, Spain. Began playing tennis aged 6; was introduced to the sport by her mother
- Mother used to play tennis; father was a professional footballer in Spain's second division
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J&T BANKA OSTRAVA OPEN – DAY FOUR

[Q] VERONIKA KUDERMETOVA (RUS #47) vs. [2] KAROLINA PLISKOVA (CZE #6)

Series tied 1-1
Kudermetova upset Pliskova at this summer's Western & Southern Open... Pliskova owns three career titles at indoor tournaments... Kudermetova struck eight aces in first-round win over Vekic

[Q] CORI GAUFF (USA #55) vs. [3] ARYNA SABALENKA (BLR #12)

Gauff leads 1-0
Gauff won in three sets when the pair met at Lexington in August... Sabalenka bidding for her 21st victory of the season... Gauff won sole career title on indoor hard in Linz last October

ONS JABEUR (TUN #32) vs. JELENA OSTAPENKO (LAT #44)

Ostapenko leads 1-0
Jabeur bidding to contest fifth QF of the season, most recently making the final eight at the Western & Southern Open... Ostapenko recorded a milestone 20th Top 20 win against Martic in 1r

KAROLINA MUCHOVA (CZE #28) vs. [7] ELISE MERTENS (BEL #21)

First meeting
Mertens bidding to become first player to post 30 wins in 2020... Muchova dropped two games during first-round win over Zhang... Mertens has reached QF at four of her past five tournaments

[Q] DARIA KASATKINA (RUS #75) vs. JENNIFER BRADY (USA #26)

First meeting
In first round, Kasatkina scored first Top 20 win in over a year... Brady is bidding for 18th main draw hard court victory of 2020... Kasatkina is one of five qualifiers to reach the second round
A SNAPSHOT OF 2020 – THE YEAR SO FAR

• **One Top 10 Debut:** Sofia Kenin (at No.7 on February 3)
• **Fewest games dropped en route to a title:** Jennifer Brady (24, Lexington)
• **Lowest-ranked title winner:** Patricia Maria Tig (No.88, Istanbul)
• **Multiple finals:** Elena Rybakina: 5 (Shenzhen – R-Up; Hobart – W; St. Petersburg – R-Up; Dubai – R-Up; Strasbourg – R-Up); Sofia Kenin: 3 (Australian Open – W; Lyon – W; Roland Garros – R-Up); Simona Halep: 3 (Dubai – W; Prague – W; Rome – W); Naomi Osaka: 2 (Western & Southern Open – R-Up; US Open – W); Victoria Azarenka (Western & Southern Open – W; US Open – R-Up); Karolina Pliskova: 2 (Brisbane – W; Rome – R-Up); Elina Svitolina: 2 (Monterrey – W; Strasbourg – W)
• **Maiden titles (3):** Ekaterina Alexandrova (Shenzhen), Jennifer Brady (Lexington), Patricia Maria Tig (Istanbul)
• **Youngest title winner:** Iga Swiatek, Roland Garros (19y 4m 12d)
• **Oldest title winner:** Serena Williams, Auckland (38y 3m 17d)
• **Aces leaders:** Elena Rybakina – 193, Serena Williams – 178, Garbiñe Muguruza – 160, Naomi Osaka – 141, Kristyna Pliskova – 137
• **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 – 29, Elise Mertens – 29, Sofia Kenin – 24, Simona Halep – 23, Garbiñe Muguruza – 23
• **Most three-set matches played:** Garbiñe Muguruza (10-5 record), Sofia Kenin (10-3)
• **Most doubles titles (4):** Barbora Strycova / Hsieh Su-Wei (Brisbane, Dubai, Doha, Rome)
• **Best result by a qualifier (R-Up):** Leonie Kung (Hua Hin), Leylah Fernandez (Acapulco), Eugenie Bouchard (Istanbul)
• **Longest match:** 3h 33m – Heather Watson d. Elise Mertens 6-7(5) 6-4 7-5 (Hobart, QF)
• **Shortest (completed) match:** 39m – Ekaterina Alexandrova d. Storm Sanders 6-1 6-0 (Strasbourg, R1)
• **Most Top 10 wins (3):** Garbiñe Muguruza (No.3 Simona Halep, No.5 Elina Svitolina and No.10 Kiki Bertens – all at Australian Open) and Jelena Ostapenko (No.7 Sofia Kenin – Fed Cup, No.8 Kiki Bertens – Strasbourg, No.4 Karolina Pliskova – Roland Garros)
VERONIKA KUDERMETOVA (RUS #47) vs. KAROLINA PLISKOVA (CZE #6)

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ROAD TO THE SECOND ROUND

VERONIKA KUDERMETOVA (RUS #47)

R2-Q: d. ARANTXA RUS (NED #71) 7-5,6-2 (1h20)
R1-Q: d. STEFANIE VOEGELE (SUI #123) 7-6(5),6-3 (1h32)
R32: d. DONNA VEKIC (CRO #31) 6-2,6-4 (1h13)

KAROLINA PLISKOVA (CZE #6)

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KUDERMETOVA:

**Ostrava**
- Overcame two rounds of qualifying to enter the inaugural J&T Banka Ostrava Open (d. Voegele and Rus in straight sets) – second time she has progressed through qualifying in 2020, having also done so during 2r showing at Dubai in February
- Struck eight aces and won eight of nine service games during 1r upset of No.31 Vekic
- Reward is a 2r meeting with No.6 Ka.Pliskova; owns three Top 10 wins in her career, over No.10 Bencic (2019 Wuhan), No.4 Svitolina (2019 Moscow) and No.3 Ka.Pliskova (2020 Western & Southern Open)
- Lost to Ka.Pliskova in 2r at 2018 Stuttgart, on what was her WTA main draw debut (as qualifier)
- One of three Russian women competing the main draw this week (also Alexandrova and fellow qualifier Kasatkina)
- Best career result on indoor hard courts was last year’s QF run at Moscow

**Season**
- Coming off 2r showing at Roland Garros (l. Martic in 3s). Defeated Parmentier in 1r in Paris in what was the Frenchwoman’s final singles match of her career
- Fell 1r at US Open (l. Swiatek) and at Rome (l. Strycova) after a 3r run at Western & Southern Open (l. Mertens)
- At US Open, also reached SF in doubles w/Blinkova (l. eventual champions Siegemund/Zvonareva)
- Defeated No.3 Ka.Pliskova at Western & Southern Open for her fourth career Top 20 victory (also No.13 Wozniacki at 2019 Roland Garros, No.10 Bencic at 2019 Wuhan and No.4 Svitolina at 2019 Moscow)
- Upon her return to action, suffered 1r exit at Prague (l. Bouchard)
- Before tour’s hiatus, made 2r at St. Petersburg (l. eventual champion Bertens), Dubai (l. Muguruza) and Doha (l. Bencic)
- Represented Russia in Fed Cup qualifying vs. Romania in February, falling to Bogdan and Cristian in both singles rubbers
- Fell 1r at Australian Open (l. Sorribes Tormo)
- Posted SF run at Hobart (l. S.Zhang) after opening 2020 season by losing in final round of qualifying at Brisbane

**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). 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, over No.10 Bencic at Wuhan and No.4 Svitolina at Moscow
- Won career first WTA doubles title at 2019 Wuhan with Duan (d. Mertens/Sabalenka in F); also R-Up at Charleston (w/Khromacheva) and Lugano (w/Voskoboeva) in 2019
- Won biggest singles title of career at WTA 125K Series event at 2019 Guadalajara (d. Bouzkova in F)
- Made Top 100 debut at No.98 following 2019 St Petersburg, where she reached 2r as LL (week of February 4, 2019)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2018 Stuttgart, reaching 2r (d. No.25 Suarez Navarro, l. eventual champion Ka.Pliskova)
- Posted two QF runs in 2018, at ‘s-Hertogenbosch (l. eventual champion Krunic) and Gstaad (l. Bouchard)
- Won two doubles titles in 2018 at WTA 125k Series events, at Mumbai (w/Dzalamidze) and Limoges (w/Voskoboeva). Also has titles at this level from Taipei in 2016 (w/Dzalamidze) and 2017 (w/Sabalenka)
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2014 Moscow
- Contested first Tour-level match representing Russia in Fed Cup action in 2014 vs. Australia (l. Stosur)
- On ITF Circuit, owns four singles titles and 16 doubles titles
**Grand Slam History**

- Contested seventh Grand Slam main drawn at 2020 Roland Garros
- Played in 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 2019 Roland Garros (d. Wozniacki in 1r, l. Kanepi)
- Has also made 2r at Wimbledon in 2019 and Roland Garros in 2020
- In doubles, best major result was SF run at 2020 US Open (w/Blinkova, l. eventual champions Siegemund/Zvonareva)

**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

**PLISKOVA:**

**Ostrava**

- Playing inaugural J&T Banka Ostrava Open. This is the eighth WTA main draw she has played on home soil in her career, with the previous seven coming at Prague, where she lifted the title in 2015
- After 1r bye, faces No.47 Kudermetova in 2r today; five of her seven defeats in 2020 have been at the hands of players outside Top 20, against No.30 Pavlyuchenkova (Australian Open), No.44 Jabeur (Doha), No.41 Kudermetova (Western & Southern Open), No.50 Garcia (US Open) and No.43 Ostapenko (Roland Garros)
- Beat Kudermetova in 2r en route to one of her three career titles indoors, on the clay of Stuttgart in 2018. Two other indoor titles came at 2014 Linz (hard) and 2018 Tokyo [PPO] (hard)
- One of two former World No.1s in draw this fortnight (also Azarenka)
- Among seven Czech woman in the starting field (also Krejcikova, Martinova, Muchova, Kr.Pliskova, Siniakova and Strycova)

**Season**

- On clay, posted R-Up finish at Rome (as defending champion, l. Halep via ret. w/left thigh injury) and then made 2r exit at Roland Garros (l. Ostapenko)
- Suffered 2r defeat at US Open (l. Garcia)
- Fell 2r in first event back following the tour’s hiatus at Western & Southern Open (after 1r bye, l. today’s opponent Kudermetova)
- Prior to this, last outings were 3r showing at Doha (l. Jabeur) and QF at Dubai (l. Rybakina)
- Made 3r at Australian Open (l. Pavlyuchenkova)
- Began 2020 by winning 16th career title at Brisbane International (d. Keys in F), defending her title from 2019 – has now won at least one WTA title for eight consecutive seasons. Was also first time successfully defending one of her previous 15 titles
- Brisbane marked first event working with new coach Daniel Vallverdu
**Career Milestones**

- After winning title at 2020 Brisbane has now won at least one WTA title for eight consecutive seasons; overall WTA singles finals record is 16-13
- Finished 2019 ranked No.2 for career-best year-end finish
- Lifted a WTA-leading four titles across the season (tied with Barty), taking tally to 15 – triumphed at Brisbane, Rome, Eastbourne and Zhengzhou
- Dropped 19 games across five matches during Eastbourne title win (d. Kerber in F) – most economic title run in 2019
- Also reached first Premier Mandatory final at Miami, losing to Barty in straight sets
- Produced best Australian Open performance of career, reaching SF (l. eventual champion Osaka in 3s); saved four match points to beat S.Williams in QF
- Lost to twin sister Kr.Pliskova in 2r at Birmingham, in what was their first career main draw encounter
- Made fourth straight appearance at the WTA Finals in 2019, reaching SF for the third year in a row
- Won two titles in 2018 from three finals contested, triumphing at Stuttgart (d. Vandeweghe in F) and Tokyo [PPO] (d. Osaka in F). Posted R-Up finish in Tianjin (l. Garcia in F)
- At Grand Slam level in 2018 season, made QF run at Australian Open (l. eventual R-Up Halep), reached 3r at Roland Garros (l. Sharapova), made R16 for first time at Wimbledon (l. Bertens) and had QF showing at US Open (d. No.17 Barty in R16, l. S.Williams)
- Also in 2018, made the SF at Brisbane (as defending champion, l. eventual champion Svitolina), Madrid (l. eventual champion Kvitova) and WTA Finals (l. Stephens). Enjoyed QF runs at four other tournaments
- Claimed No.1 ranking on July 17, 2017 despite making 2r exit at Wimbledon (l. Rybarikova). Was the first Czech woman to achieve the No.1 ranking since the computer rankings were introduced in 1975 (Martina Navratilova became No.1 on July 10, 1978 while representing USA)
- Won three titles in 2017, at Brisbane (d. Cornet in F), Doha (d. Wozniacki in F) and Eastbourne (d. Wozniacki in F)
- Owns 16-13 record in singles finals, having won titles on all three surfaces
- Captured fifth WTA doubles title of career at 2016 Birmingham (w/Strycova). Is now 5-2 in doubles finals. At 2013 Linz, with sister Kristyna, became first set of twins to ever win a tour-level doubles title
- Made Top 10 debut after 2015 Stanford R-Up finish; was first time in WTA history that three Czech women ranked inside Top 10 at the same time (also Kvitova and Safarova)
- Won first career WTA title at 2013 Kuala Lumpur (d. Mattek-Sands) and followed it up with two more in 2014 Seoul (d. Lepchenko) and 2014 Linz (d. Giorgi)
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in 2006

**Grand Slam History**

- At Australian Open, best result was SF run in 2019 (l. Osaka), also reached last four at 2017 Roland Garros (l. Halep)
- Reached R16 at Wimbledon in 2018 (l. Bertens) and 2019 (l. Muchova)
- Made Grand Slam main draw debut at 2012 Roland Garros (as qualifier, l. Bartoli in 1r)
- Has twice been top seed at a major, during QF run at 2017 US Open and 2r exit at 2020 US Open
**Personal**

- Born in Louny, north of Prague, but now trains at Sparta Praha tennis club
- Has a twin sister – Kristyna. In 2013, became the first set of twins to capture a WTA doubles title
- Married Michal Hrdlicka after 2018 Wimbledon
- Currently coached by Daniel Vallverdu and Olga Savchuk, and previously coached by Conchita Martínez, Rennae Stubbs, Tomas Krupa and David Kotyza
- Away from the court, enjoys fresh-water fishing, as well as contributing to her foundation which benefits various causes, including pediatric oncology and children battling cancer in her native Czech Republic
- During the tour’s hiatus in 2020, contested the Mutua Madrid Open Virtual competition, undertook charity work by supporting key workers with free coffee, kept fit with bike rides (her first in 15 years), held her Foundation’s first junior tournament as well as played several exhibition events in the Czech Republic
CORI GAUFF (USA #55) vs. ARYNA SABALENKA (BLR #12)

Head to Head: CORI GAUFF leads 1-0

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ROAD TO THE SECOND ROUND

CORI GAUFF (USA #55)

R32: d. [WC] KATERINA SINIAKOVA (CZE #65) 7-5,6-4 (1h36)

ARYNA SABALENKA (BLR #12)

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**Ostrava**
- Appearing at the inaugural edition of the J&T Banka Ostrava Open – only her sixth WTA main draw in Europe (also 2019 Wimbledon, 2019 Linz, 2019 Luxembourg, 2020 Rome and 2020 Roland Garros)
- Successfully negotiated two rounds of qualifying over the weekend, seeing off Cepelova and Begu in straight sets – the last time she contested qualifying was during title run at 2019 Linz
- Fought past home favorite Siniakova in straight sets in 1r on Tuesday; only lost twice to players ranked outside Top 50 in 2020, against No.73 Siegemund (Auckland) and No.159 Trevisan (Roland Garros)
- Faces No.12 Sabalenka for her first Premier QF today, having stunned the Belarusian earlier this year at Lexington after a 2h 48m battle – the longest match of her career so far
- Now owns four career Top 20 wins in total, having defeated No.8 Bertens at 2019 Linz, No.4 Osaka at 2020 Australian Open, No.11 Sabalenka at 2020 Lexington and No.13 Konta at 2020 Roland Garros
- At 16-years-old, is the youngest of two teenagers in the draw (also Anisimova – 19) – only teenager to win a title this season was Swiatek (19) at Roland Garros
- One of three American women to start the tournament (Brady also advanced to 2r, while Anisimova fell in the opening round)
- Won sole career title on indoor hard courts, at 2019 Linz (as LL, d. Ostapenko in F)

**Season**
- Coming off 2r showing at Roland Garros (d. No.13 Konta, l. Trevisan)
- In her first WTA main draw appearance on clay, reached 2r at Rome (d. Jabeur, l. Muguruza in 3s)
- Made 1r exit at US Open (l. Sevastova) - her first 1r loss at a major
- Returned to tennis at Lexington, reaching the SF (l. eventual champion Brady), before 1r exit at Western & Southern Open (l. Sakkari)
- At 2h 48m, upset of No.11 Sabalenka in 2r at Lexington was the longest of her career – three minutes longer than her win over Hercog at 2019 Wimbledon
- Opened 2020 season by reaching 2r at Auckland (l. Siegemund) and R16 at Australian Open (d. No.4 Osaka, l. eventual champion Kenin in 3s)

**Career Milestones**
- 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
- 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)

**Grand Slam History**
- Contested fifth Grand Slam main draw at 2020 Roland Garros
- 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)
- In 1r, defeated No.44 Venus Williams to become the youngest player (15y123d at end of tournament) to win a main draw match at Wimbledon since Capriati (15y100d) reached SF in 1991; and youngest at all Slams since Kournikova (15y93d) advanced to R16 at 1996 US Open (l. Graf)
- Also competed at 2019 US Open (as WC, l. then-No.1 Osaka in 3r)
- At 2020 Australian Open, defeated No.4 Osaka in 3r, becoming the youngest woman to beat a Top 5 opponent at WTA level since Capriati (15y163d) defeated No.3 Sabatini in QF of 1991 US Open
- Is only the third player in last 30 years to win seven or more Grand Slam matches before her 16th birthday - also Capriati (28) and Hingis (20)
- Is the first American woman in 30 years to reach the 3r in her first three majors
- As a junior, won singles title at Roland Garros in 2018 (d. McNally) and was R-Up at US Open in 2017 (l. Anisimova), aged 13 – youngest finalist in history
- Won US Open girls’ doubles title in 2018 (w/McNally)

**Personal**
- Began playing tennis at age 7
- Grew up in Atlanta, Georgia before moving to Florida to pursue tennis; main residence is now Delray Beach, Florida
- 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
- 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
SABALENKA:

**Ostrava**
- Contesting the inaugural J&T Ostrava Open as the No.3 seed
- After 1r bye, aims to avenge recent defeat to No.55 Gauff two months ago at Lexington, where she lost 12 of the last 15 points of the match
- Has fallen to players ranked outside Top 50 on four occasions this year, against No.66 Kr.Pliskova at Shenzhen, No.54 Navarro at Australian Open, No.53 Gauff at Lexington and No.83 Pegula at Western & Southern Open
- Record of the matches following 1r byes stands at 10-2 (2-0 this year), two losses coming against Tomljanovic at 2019 Miami and Kasatkina at 2019 Beijing
- Excluding Fed Cup matches, only made two main draw appearances in WTA indoor hard court events prior to this week – fell 1r at 2018 Québec City (l. Lepchenko) and made SF run at 2019 St. Petersburg (l. eventual champion Bertens)
- One of two Belarusians in action this week (also Azarenka)
- Played doubles this week with partner Mertens as the top seeds - set to face Ostapenko/Zvonareva in the QFs

**Season**
- Advanced to 3r for the first time at Roland Garros (l. Jabeur in 3s)
- Posted SF run at Strasbourg (l. eventual champion Svitolina in 3s)
- Made US Open 2r (l. eventual R-Up Azarenka) after 3r showing at Western & Southern Open (l. Pegula)
- In doubles w/Mertens, made QFs at Western & Southern Open and US Open (as defending champions, l. eventual champions Siegemund/Zvonareva)
- On return following the Tour’s five-month hiatus, made 2r at Lexington (l. Gauff in 3s)
- In February, won sixth career title at Doha (d. Kvitova in F); now 6-4 in singles finals
- Reached QF at Dubai (l. eventual champion Halep)
- Represented Belarus in Fed Cup play-off victory vs. the Netherlands. Teamed up with Sasnovich in doubles to seal the victory (d. Bertens/Schuurs on a third-set tie-break). In singles, d. Rus, l. Bertens
- Fell 1r at Australian Open (l. Suárez Navarro)
- Posted SF run at Adelaide (l. Yastremska). Upset No.4 Halep in QF at Adelaide to score fifth Top 5 win of her career, having previously beaten No.2 Wozniacki (2018 Montréal), No.5 Garcia (2018 Cincinnati), No.5 Kvitova (2018 US Open) and No.1 Barty (2019 Wuhan)
- Opened 2020 campaign with 2r exit at Shenzhen as the defending champion (l. Kr.Pliskova)

**Career Milestones**
- Ended as World No.11 for the second straight year in 2019 after capturing three WTA singles titles at Shenzhen (d. Riske in F), Wuhan (d. Riske in F) and Zhuhai (d. Bertens in F)
- Became first player to successfully defend Wuhan title (d. Kontaveit in 2018 F). Also finished runner-up in doubles with Mertens in 2019 (l. Duan/Kudermetova in F)
- During summer hard court season made R-Up finish at San Jose (l. S.Zheng)
- Made Top 10 debut on January 28, 2019 following 3r run at 2019 Australian Open
• Captured first Grand Slam doubles trophy at US Open (w/Mertens, d. Azarenka/Barty in F). Earlier in the season, the pair claimed the ‘Sunshine Double’ by winning back-to-back titles at Indian Wells (d. Krejcikova/Siniakova in F) and Miami (d. Stosur/Zhang in F)
• Qualified for WTA Finals Shenzhen (w/Mertens), going 1-2 in the round robin stage
• Enjoyed breakthrough season in 2018, lifting two titles, at New Haven (d. Suárez Navarro in F) and Wuhan (d. Kontaveit in F), winning 46 matches and finishing at No.11 in the rankings
• Also in 2018, was R-Up at Lugano (l. Mertens) and Eastbourne (l. Wozniacki), made SF at Cincinnati, reached five QFs and produced a career-best Grand Slam run to R16 at US Open
• Posted first Top 100 season finish in 2017, ending year at No.78. Season highlight was reaching first tour-level final at Tianjin (l. Sharapova) and making SF run at Tashkent (l. Babos)
• Made Grand Slam main draw debut 2017 Wimbledon, falling in 2r (as qualifier, l. Witthoeft), and WTA main draw debut at 2017 Dubai (as qualifier, l. Ka.Bondarenko)
• Member of Belarus Fed Cup Team that advanced to competition final in 2017 – went 1-1 in singles and 0-1 in doubles as side lost to USA
• Scored first Top 20 win of career with defeat of No.13 Stephens during 2017 Fed Cup final in Minsk
• Rounded out season by lifting WTA 125k Series title at Mumbai (d. Jakupovic)
• Owns three WTA doubles titles – all coming alongside Mertens during 2019 season (Indian Wells, Miami and US Open)
• In 2016 rose nearly 400 places in the rankings, ending year at No.155
• WTA qualifying debut came at 2016 Rabat
• Made debut on ITF Circuit in Minsk in 2012

Grand Slam History
• Making her 12th Grand Slam main draw appearance at 2020 Roland Garros
• Advanced to R16 for first time at 2018 US Open (l. eventual champion Osaka in 3s)
• Best singles showing at Australian Open was 3r run in 2019 (l. Anisimova)
• First Grand Slam win came during 2r showing on Grand Slam debut at 2017 Wimbledon (as qualifier, d. Khromacheva, l. Witthoeft)
• Made 1r exit on next three major appearances, at 2018 Australian Open (l. Barty), 2018 Roland Garros (l. Bertens) and 2018 Wimbledon (l. Buzarnescu)
• Won career first Grand Slam title of any kind, in doubles at 2019 US Open (w/Mertens) – pair defeated Azarenka/Barty in final

Personal
• Currently without a full-time coach; previously coached by Dmitry Tursunov and Didi Kindlmann
• Started playing tennis when she was 6 by accident when her father Sergey drove by the tennis courts and decided to give it a try
• Loves to laugh, has a sweet tooth and considers something sweet as a perfect present
• Loves her grandmother’s cooking, and looks forward to her pancakes when she is away from home
• She spends her time off with family, catching up with friends, or reading
• Her favorite book is The Count of Monte Cristo
ONS JABEUR (TUN #32) vs. JELENA OSTAPENKO (LAT #44)

Head to Head: JELENA OSTAPENKO leads 1-0

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ROAD TO THE SECOND ROUND

ONS JABEUR (TUN #32)
R32: d. BARBORA STRYCOVA (CZE #37) 6-2,6-2 (1h14)

Total games: 16
Won/lost: 12-4
Sets won/lost: 2-0
Total time on court: 1h14
Average time on court: 1h14
Average rank of opponent: 37

JELENA OSTAPENKO (LAT #44)
R32: d. [5] PETRA MARTIC (CRO #18) 6-3,6-1 (0h58)

Total games: 16
Won/lost: 12-4
Sets won/lost: 2-0
Total time on court: 0h58
Average time on court: 0h58
Average rank of opponent: 18

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Ostrava Tournament History

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JABEUR:

**Ostrava**
- Appearing in inaugural J&T Banka Ostrava Open; only previous appearances of career on Czech soil were qualifying exit at 2015 Prague and 1r defeat at 2016 $75k ITF/Prague
- Saw off Strycova in 1r to notch her 20th main draw win of the season – only eight players have reached this milestone (Rybakina and Mertens are tied for No.1 with 29 wins each)
- Squares off against No.44 Ostapenko in 2r today; bidding to contest her fifth QF of the season, having also reached the final eight at Australian Open (l. eventual champion Kenin), Doha (l. Kvitova), Lexington (l. Gauff) and Western & Southern Open (l. eventual champion Azarenka)
- Ranks No.9 on tour in 2020 for percentage of games won on serve (70.4%) and No.8 for games won on return (36.5%)
- Sole WTA final of her career came on indoor hard courts, at 2018 Moscow [Kremlin Cup] (l. Kasatkina)

**Season**
- Coming off R16 showing at Roland Garros (d. No.12 Sabalenka in 3r, l. Collins)
- Suffered 1r exit at Rome (l. Gauff)
- Produced 3r showing at US Open – the best run by an Arab woman at Flushing Meadows
- Made back-to-back QF runs at Western & Southern Open (d. defending champion Keys in 2r, l. eventual champion Azarenka) and Lexington (l. Gauff); posted career-high ranking of No.31 on August 31, 2020
- Prior to tennis’ hiatus in March, advanced to Doha QF (d. No.3 Ka.Pliskova in 3r, l. Kvitova)
- Fell 2r at Dubai (l. Halep – held 1MP in third-set tie-break)
- Made Top 50 debut at No.45 after breakthrough performance in Melbourne
- Reached maiden Grand Slam QF at Australian Open to become the first Arab woman to reach that stage at a major (l. eventual champion Azarenka)
- Opened 2020 season with 1r exit at Shenzhen (l. Q.Wang) and 2r showing at Hobart (as qualifier, l. Muguruza)

**Career Milestones**
- Ended 2019 ranked No.77. Season highlights were matching best result at the Slams with 3r run at US Open (matching 2017 Roland Garros and now 2020 Australian Open) and SF appearances at Eastbourne (l. eventual R-Up Kerber) and Tianjin (l. eventual champion Peterson)
- In 2018, defeated No.3 seed Stephens, No.8 seed Kontaveit and No.5 seed Sevastova en route to her first WTA final at 2018 Moscow, where she fell in three sets to No.6 seed Kasatkina. Was first Tunisian woman to advance beyond QF at a WTA tournament (Sfar was the only other Tunisian to reach a QF at this level)
- Prior to 2018 Moscow, best tour-level results were QF runs at 2013 Baku, 2017 Taipei City and 2018 Bucharest
- Owns four Top 10 victories, over No.7 Cibulkova (2017 Roland Garros), No.1 Halep (2018 Beijing), No.8 Stephens (2018 Moscow) and No.3 Ka.Pliskova (2020 Doha)
- Member of Tunisian Olympic Team in 2012 and 2016
- Contested first two WTA main draws in 2012, at Doha (as WC) and Olympics
- Became first North African woman to win a junior Slam at 2011 Roland Garros (d. Puig in F), having also reached the final in 2010 (l. Svitolina in F)
- On ITF Circuit, has 11 singles and one doubles title
- Played first event of career at 2008 ITF/EI Menzah-TUN
Grand Slam History

- Played her 15th Grand Slam main draw at 2020 Roland Garros, where she reached R16 (l. Collins)
- Deepest run at a major was advancing to QF at 2020 Australian Open, making history by becoming the first Arab woman to reach the final eight of a Grand Slam (l. eventual champion Kenin)
- Prior to 2020 Australian Open, best Slam runs were 3r runs at 2017 Roland Garros and 2019 US Open; in Paris became first Arab woman to reach 3r at a major and first lucky loser to contest 3r of a Slam since Kasatkina at 2015 US Open, and first at Roland Garros since Pizzichini in 1996. Gaidano, at 1993 US Open, was most recent lucky loser to reach Slam R16
- In girls' singles at Roland Garros was champion in 2011 (d. Puig) and R-Up in 2010 (l. Svitolina)

Personal

- Coached by Issam Jellali
- Started playing tennis at age 3
- Husband Karim Kamoun is half-Russian and a former professional fencer; also her fitness coach
- Speaks Arabic, English and French
- Away from court enjoys playing and watching football
- In London in December 2019, was honoured at the Arab Women of the Year ceremony for her achievements in the sport so far
- Fan of Eminem and Cristiano Ronaldo

OSTAPENKO:

Ostrava

- Contesting the inaugural J&T Banka Ostrava Open as a wildcard this week
- Lone Latvian representative in the main draw
- Struck 30 winners against No.18 Martic in 1r to claim milestone 20th win over Top 20 opposition
- Today, faces No.32 Jabeur. Won only prior meeting against the Tunisian at an ITF Challenger event in 2015
- Also playing doubles this week with partner Zvonareva – face No.1 seeds Mertens/Sabalenka in QF on Thursday

Season

- Advanced to QF at Strasbourg (l. Hibino) before reaching 3r at Roland Garros (l. Badosa Gibert)
- Suffered 1r exit at Rome (l. Linette)
- Prior to hiatus, fell 1r at St. Petersburg (l. Cornet) before advancing to 3r at Doha (l. Kvitova)
- Finished R-Up in doubles w/Dabrowski at Doha (l. Hsieh/Strycova); now 3-3 in doubles finals
- Performed well during Latvia’s 3-2 Fed Cup defeat vs. USA; beat 2020 Australian Open champion Kenin and falling to S.Williams in two tie-break sets
- Began 2020 campaign with 2r showing at Australian Open (l. Bencic)

Career Milestones

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

**Grand Slam History**

• Unseeded champion at 2017 Roland Garros (d. Halep in F)
• One of eight players born in the 1990s to win a Grand Slam title (also Kvitova, Muguruza, Stephens, Wozniacki, Osaka, Barty and Kenin)
• At Wimbledon reached SF in 2018 (l. eventual champion Kerber) and QF in 2017 (l. V.Williams)
• Has been to 3r - but never further at Australian Open (2017-18) and US Open (2017-19)
• Mixed doubles R-Up at 2019 Wimbledon (w/Lindstedt, l. Chan/Dodig)

**Personal**

• Coached by Thomas Hogstedt
• Mother, Jelena Jakovleva, also serves as coach
• Father is Jevgenijs, half-brother is Maksim Ostapenko (graduated from art academy in Los Angeles and lives there)
• Previously coached by David Taylor and Glen Schaap
• Tennis idols are Serena Williams and Ernests Gulbis – watched Gulbis’ QF match at Roland Garros from his box in 2014
• Took ballroom dancing classes for seven years
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KAROLINA MUCHOVA (CZE #28) vs. ELISE MERTENS (BEL #21)

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ROAD TO THE SECOND ROUND

KAROLINA MUCHOVA (CZE #28)
R32: d. SHUAI ZHANG (CHN #35) 6-1,6-1 (0h59)

ELISE MERTENS (BEL #21)
R32: d. AMANDA ANISIMOVA (USA #30) 6-2,6-3 (1h12)

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**Ostrava**
- The inaugural J&T Banka Ostrava Open is only the second WTA event she has ever played on home soil; previously, made her maiden WTA final at 2019 Prague (as wildcard, I. Teichman)
- One of seven players from the Czech Republic in the draw, along with Krejcikova, Martincova the Pliskova sisters, Siniakova and Strycova
- Won an impressive 80% of points on serve and 60% on return during comprehensive 1r win over No.35 Zhang – only previous Top 50 win this season came over No.33 Linette at Doha
- Faces Mertens in 2r today; bidding to reach first WTA QF since SF run at 2019 Zhuhai
- This year, has contested seven of eight tournaments on hard courts (including this week), the only exception being Roland Garros; prior to Ostrava, only managed to win back-to-back matches once, during R16 showing at US Open
- Played doubles this week w/Azarenka (l. Ostapenko/Zvonareva in 1r on Monday)

**Season**
- Coming off 1r exit at Roland Garros (l, McHale); before that, pulled out of Rome due to left thigh injury
- Posted best result at US Open by reaching R16 – handed V.Williams her first-ever opening round loss in New York in 22 appearances, then saved three MPs vs. Cirstea in 3r, before l. eventual R-Up Azarenka
- Fell 2r at Western & Southern Open (l. eventual R-Up Osaka)
- Prior to hiatus, suffered 1r exit at Dubai (l. Siniakova) and fell 2r at Doha (l. Bertens)
- Reached 2r for first time at Australian Open (l. Bellis)
- Opened season with 1r exit at Brisbane (l. Riske)

**Career Milestones**
- Finished 2019 season in rich vein of form, winning 18 of last 24 matches, including winning maiden WTA title at Seoul (d. Linette in F), SFs at Zhuhai (l. eventual champion Sabalenka) and Moscow (l. Pavlyuchenkova) and maiden major QF at Wimbledon (l. Svitolina)
- Rose to career-high ranking of No.21 on November 4, 2019
- Other highlights of breakthrough 2019 season were R-Up finish on home soil at Prague (l. Teichmann) and QF at Doha (l. Svitolina) and the Bronx (l. Linette)
- Ended 2018 ranked No.145, her first Top 200 season (up from her previous best of No.208 in 2016)
- 2018 season highlight was making Grand Slam main draw debut at US Open (as qualifier, l. Barty in 3r)
- Also contested WTA qualifying in 2018 at Stuttgart, Roland Garros, Wimbledon and Luxembourg
- Reached three ITF Circuit finals in 2018, including back-to-back finals at $25k ITF/Altenkirchen-GER (l. Dart) and $60k ITF/Croissy-Beauborg-FRA (l. Blinkova)
- Also reached the final at $80k ITF/Olomouc-CZE (l. Ferro)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2017 Seoul (as qualifier, l. Hon). Also contested qualifying at ‘s-Hertogenbosch and Tokyo [Japan Open] and finished R-Up at one ITF Circuit event
- Won second career ITF Circuit title in 2016 and posted 39-18 win-loss record; at tour-level fell in qualifying at US Open
- On ITF Circuit has won two titles in singles and one in doubles
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in Croatia in 2013
Grand Slam History

- Contested eighth Grand Slam main draw of her career at 2020 Roland Garros
- Earned career best result with QF appearance at 2019 Wimbledon defeating No.20 Kontaveit and No.3 Ka.Pliskova en route (I. Svitolina)
- Posted best result at US Open by reaching R16 (l. R-Up Azarenka); also reached 3r at 2018 US Open in her main draw debut at the majors (as qualifier, I. Barty) and 2019 (l. R-Up S.Williams)
- Fell 2r at 2019 Roland Garros and 2020 Australian Open
- Earned USDS156,000 in prize money during 2018 Flushing Meadows run, more than doubling her career total
- Previously fell in qualifying at US Open in 2016, and Roland Garros and Wimbledon in 2018

Personal

- Born in city of Olomouc in eastern Czech Republic, but moved to train in Prague this year
- Started playing tennis at aged seven with dad, a former professional footballer in Czech Republic
- Roger Federer was tennis idol growing up
- Coached by Emil Miske

MERTENS:

Ostrava

- Contesting the inaugural J&T Banka Ostrava Open as the No.7 seed and lone Belgian in the main draw
- Prior to this week, only professional outing on Czech soil (including qualifying and ITF Circuit) was during R-Up finish on clay at Prague this August
- Won all eight service games during straight sets 1r win over Anisimova on Wednesday; now tied with Rybakina on 29 for most main draw wins in 2020, followed by Kenin (24) and Halep and Muguruza (both 23)
- Faces No.28 Muchova in 2r today; has won two or more matches at each of her last five tournaments, since suffering 1r loss to No.104 Sasnovich at Palermo – the first tournament following the tour’s return
- Best results of her career on indoor hard courts were SF run at 2017 Luxembourg and QF showing at 2018 Biel
- Contesting doubles this week with partner Sabalenka as the top seeds – set to face Ostapenko/Zvonareva in the QFs

Season

- Coming off 3r showing at Roland Garros (I. Garcia)
- Posted back-to-back QF runs at US Open (l. Azarenka) and Rome (l. Ka.Pliskova)
- Defeated No.4 and reigning Australian Open champion Kenin in R16 at Flushing Meadows to record her first Top 10 win of the season (7-19 career record)
- Made SF at Western & Southern Open (I. Osaka)
- Bounced back from Palermo result the following week at Prague, where she finished R-Up (l. Halep). Is now 5-2 in WTA singles finals
- Fell 1r in the first week of the tour’s return at Palermo (I. Sasnovich)
- In February made 2r exit in defense of Doha title (I. Putintseva) and also fell at this stage the previous week at Dubai (I. Sabalenka)
- Began the season with QF runs at Shenzhen (l. Rybakina) and Hobart (l. Watson – 3h 33m match is the longest so far in 2020) and R16 showing at Australian Open (I. Halep)
Career Milestones

- Ended 2019 ranked No.17 for second consecutive Top 20 finish
- Singles highlight was winning biggest title of career at Doha (d. No.3 Halep in final). Also beat No.8 Bertens and No.6 Kerber in Doha, doubling career total of Top 10 wins to six
- Advanced to QF at US Open for the first time (l. eventual champion Andreescu in 3s) and R16 at Wimbledon for the first time (l. Strycova, having led 6-4 5-2). Reached QF during defense of Rabat title (l. eventual champion Sakkari)
- Enjoyed standout season in doubles in 2019 - won maiden major doubles title at US Open w/Sabalenka (d. Azarenka/Barty in F). Also Completed ‘Sunshine Double’ in doubles (w/Sabalenka), lifting the back-to-back titles at Indian Wells (d. Krejcikova/Siniakova) and Miami (d. Stosur/Zhang), and qualified for Shiseido WTA Finals Shenzhen (went 1-2 in RR)
- Won three singles titles in 2018 (Hobart, Rabat and Lugano), one of six players on tour with three or more titles to their name that year - also Kvitova (5), Svitolina (4), Bertens (3), Halep (3) and Wozniacki (3)
- Also in 2018, advanced to first Grand Slam SF of career at 2018 Australian Open (l. eventual champion Wozniacki)
- Finished 2018 with 46 main draw match wins across the campaign – only Ka.Pliskova (49) and Kvitova (47) registered more. By contrast, prior to 2018 season owned only 36 wins at this level across entire career
- Reached career-high No.12 on November 26, 2018
- In doubles in 2018, won four titles and reached QF at WTA Finals (w/Schuurs)
- Finished 2017 season at No.35, up from No.120 in 2016 – first Top 50 and Top 100 year-end finish 2017 season highlighted by first career singles title at Hobart (as a qualifier, d. Niculescu in F)
- Registered first Top 10 win of career over No.10 Cibulkova in 1r at 2017 Beijing
- Made WTA singles main draw debut at 2016 ‘s-Hertogenbosch – made QF (as qualifier, l. Mladenovic)
- Won first WTA title of any kind in doubles at 2016 Auckland (w/Mestach). Now has nine doubles titles – also 2017 Guangzhou (w/Schuurs), 2018 Hobart (w/Schuurs), 2018 Lugano (w/Flipkens), 2018 ‘s-Hertogenbosch (w/Schuurs), 2018 Wuhan (w/Schuurs), 2019 Indian Wells-Miami double (w/Sabalenka) and 2019 US Open (w/Sabalenka)
- Played first tour-level event of career at 2015 Antwerp (fell in qualifying)
- Has 11 singles and 14 doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in Belgium in 2010

Grand Slam History

- Advanced to first Grand Slam SF of career at 2018 Australian Open (l. eventual champion Wozniacki)
- In 2019, reached QF at 2020 US Open (l. eventual champion Andreescu in 3s) and R16 at Wimbledon (l. Strycova, having led 6-4 5-2) – the deepest run of her career at both tournaments
- Also reached QF at 2020 US Open (l. eventual R-Up Azarenka)
- Has also reached R16 at Roland Garros in 2018 (l. eventual champion Halep)
- Won maiden major doubles title at US Open w/Sabalenka (d. Azarenka/Barty in F)

Personal

- Working once again with former coach Robbe Ceyssens having been coached by both David Taylor and Dieter Kindlmann
- Earlier coaching history includes Belgian federation until early teens, as well as a year at the Mouratoglou Academy
- Mother is Liliane Barbe (teaches languages and history); father is Guido Mertens (makes furniture for churches). Was home schooled, enjoyed studying languages
- Loves animals and has lots of pets at home, four dogs and a variety of birds (pheasants, peacocks, chickens)
DARIA KASATKINA (RUS #75) vs. JENNIFER BRADY (USA #26)

Head to Head: 0-0

**ROAD TO THE SECOND ROUND**

**DARIA KASATKINA (RUS #75)**

R2-Q: d. MARIE BOUZKOVA (CZE #51) 6-4,5-7,7-5 (2h39)
R1-Q: d. BETHANIE MATTEK-SANDS (USA #343) 6-1,6-2 (1h15)
R32: d. [6] ELENA RYBAKINA (RUS #19) 6-2,3-6,6-3 (1h51)

Total games: 26
Won/lost: 15-11
Sets won/lost: 2-1
Total time on court: 1h51
Average time on court: 1h51
Average rank of opponent: 19

**JENNIFER BRADY (USA #26)**

R32: d. DAYANA YASTREMSKA (UKR #29) 3-6,7-6(6),6-1 (2h01)

Total games: 29
Won/lost: 16-13
Sets won/lost: 2-1
Total time on court: 2h01
Average time on court: 2h01
Average rank of opponent: 29

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**Ostrava Tournament History**

"-Q" Qualifying match
Ostrava

- Overcame two rounds of qualifying to enter the inaugural J&T Banka Ostrava Open (d. Mattek-Sands and Bouzkova – recovered from 4-2 down in the final set)
- Defeated No.19 Rybakina in 1r to claim her 25th career Top 20 victory win – is now 1-6 this season, having previously lost to No.7 Bencic (Adelaide), No.11 Keys (Australian Open), No.16 Muguruza (Doha), No.20 Kontaveit (Western & Southern Open), No.14 Azarenka (Rome via ret.) and No.12 Sabalenka (Roland Garros); her last win over a Top 20 player came at 2019 Beijing (d. No.14 Sabalenka)
- Today, faces No.26 Brady for their first career meeting. A win today would be her best-by-ranking since defeating No.14 Sabalenka en route to the 2019 Beijing QFs (l. Wozniacki)
- One of three Russians in the starting line-up this week, along with Alexandrova and fellow qualifier Kudermetova
- Has reached two WTA finals in her career indoors, both at Moscow, winning title in 2018 and finishing R-Up in 2017

Season

- Coming off 2r showing at Roland Garros (l. Sabalenka) following 3r run at Rome (as qualifier, l. Azarenka via retirement due to an ankle injury)
- Made back-to-back 1r exits at Western & Southern Open (as LL, l. Kontaveit) and US Open (l. Kostyuk)
- Returned to tour with 1r exit at Palermo (l. Paolini)
- In final tournament before tennis’ hiatus, reached SF at Lyon (l. Friedsam) – her first WTA SF since Moscow title run in October 2018
- Prior to Lyon, only other main draw win this season came during 2r showing in season opener at Auckland (d. Suárez Navarro, l. Anisimova)
- Fell 1r at Adelaide (as qualifier, l. Bencic), Australian Open (l. Keys), St. Petersburg (l. Alexandrova) and Doha (as qualifier, l. Muguruza), while contested qualifying at Doha

Career Milestones

- Finished 2019 season at No.69, down from No.10 in 2018, having gone 12-21 across the season, with best result a QF run at Premier Mandatory China Open (l. Wozniacki)
- Ended 2018 season by catering 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) and was also R-Up at Dubai (l. Svitolina)
- Captured the joint-most wins over Top 5 players (five) in 2018, along with Bertens and Stephens, including upset of No.1 Wozniacki during SF run at St. Petersburg – having also beaten Kerber at 2017 Sydney, is one of five players in WTA history to have multiple wins over World No.1s before their 21st birthday, joining V.Williams (9), S. Williams (8), Sharapova (4) and Kuznetsova (2)
- Was one of eight players to reach QF or better at two or more Grand Slams in 2018 (Wimbledon and Roland Garros)
- 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/Gavriloa)
- 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 career 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**

• Contested milestone 20th Grand Slam main draw at 2020 Roland Garros

• Best results at the majors were 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**

• Coached by Carlos Martínez, while brother, Aleksandr Timkovskii is fitness trainer; formerly worked with Philippe Dehaes and Vladimir Platenik

• Born and resides in Togliatty, Russia. Mother is Tatiana Timkovskaya and father is Sergey Kasatkin

• Loves football; favorite team is Barcelona FC

**BRADY:**

**Ostrava**

• Enters the inaugural J&T Banka Ostrava Open as one of three Americans in the main draw, also Gauff, who takes on Sabalenka in 2r, and Anisimova (l. Mertens in 1r)

• Fired 12 aces and rallied from a set down to see off No.29 Yastremska in 1r; win over the Ukrainian was her seventh Top 30 scalp of the season, also No.1 Barty at Brisbane, No.6 Svitolina, No.17 Vondrousova and No.16 Muguruza at Dubai, No.19 Riske at Doha, and No.23 Kerber at US Open

• Today, takes on No.75 Kasatkina for the first time. Has fallen to a player ranked outside the Top 75 on just two occasions this season, against No.83 Pegula at Western & Southern Open and No.188 Tauson at Roland Garros

• Contesting this week’s event one spot off from career-high ranking of No.25, achieved on September 14, 2020 after the American’s breakthrough run at the US Open

**Season**

• Suffered 1r loss at Roland Garros (l. Tauson)

• Posted career-best Grand Slam run at the US Open by reaching the final four (l. eventual champion Osaka)
• Made 1r exit at Western & Southern Open (l. Pegula)
• Lifted maiden WTA title at Lexington (d. Teichmann in F) - did not drop a set and broken just three times all week; made Top 40 debut at No.40 following the tournament (August 17, 2020)
• Prior to the tour’s resumption, performed in a series of exhibitions and World Team Tennis matches in the US, posting a 12-7 record including wins over Grand Slam champions Azarenka and Stephens
• Shortly before tour’s hiatus, fell 2r at Doha (l. Jabeur)
• Enjoyed one of her career-best weeks at Dubai, where, as a qualifier, she advanced to first SF at a Premier level (l. eventual champion Halep); defeated No.6 Svitolina, No.17 Vondrousova and No.16 Muguruza en route
• Suffered 1r exit at St Petersburg (l. Kuznetsova)
• Fell in the 1r at Australian Open (l. Halep) but progressed to QF in doubles w/Dolehide (l. Hsieh/ Strycova)
• In opening event of the season, made QF at Brisbane (as qualifier, l. Kvitova) – scored first career Top 10 win over World No.1 Barty in 2r; broke into Top 50 afterwards (No.49 on January 13, 2020)

**Career Milestones**

• Achieved career-high ranking of No.25 following 2020 US Open SF run (September 14, 2020)
• Ended 2019 season back in Top 60 after dipping as low as No.125 at one point. Season highlights included SF run at Nottingham (l. eventual champion Garcia), 3r showings at Dubai (l. eventual R-Up Kvitova), Indian Wells (l. Barty) and Beijing (l. Andreeescu)
• Finished 2018 ranked No.116 following her first Top 100 finish in 2017 (No. 64). Best results included reaching SFs at $100k ITF/Midland-USA (l. Loeb) and $80k ITF/Charlottesville-USA (l. Duque-Mariño), 2r showing at Indian Wells (l. Garcia), Roland Garros (l. Putintseva) and Wimbledon (l. Kontaveit)
• Posted first Top 100 year-end finish in 2017 (at No.64) during a campaign in which she reached first WTA career SF at 2017 Hong Kong (l. eventual R-Up Gavrilova)
• Made R16 at 2017 Australian Open and US Open
• Posted first WTA main draw wins during QF run at 2016 Guangzhou (d. Pivovarova and Kovinic)
• Made first four main draw appearances at tour level in 2016 – at Rio de Janeiro (as qualifier, l. Hercog in 1r), Stanford and Montréal
• Made WTA qualifying draw at 2015 Cincinnati (l. Falconi in 1r)
• Owns four singles and four doubles ITF Circuit titles
• Made professional debut at $10k ITF/Evansville, IN-USA (l. 1r)

**Grand Slam History**

• Recorded career-best Grand Slam run on home soil at 2020 US Open (l. eventual champion Osaka)
• Came through qualifying at 2017 Australian Open 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)
• Also reached R16 at 2017 US Open (l. Ka.Pliskova) and made 2r at Roland Garros (2018-19) and Wimbledon (2017-18)
**Personal**

- Attended the University of California, Los Angeles, part of the NCAA Division 1 Women’s Tennis National Championship winning Bruins team in 2014. Completed sophomore year before turning pro in 2015
- Hired Michael Geserer (previously with Goerges) at end of 2019, spent offseason training in Germany for first time
- Mother’s name is Elizabeth; father’s name is Patrick; has twin sister, Jessica
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[Q] SARA SORRIBES TORMO (ESP #73) vs. [3] ARYNA SABALENKA (BLR #12)

**First Meeting**

Sorribes Tormo is bidding to reach first SF since 2017...In 23 career QF appearances, Sabalenka has gone on to reach the final 10 times and win the title six times.


Azarenka leads 1-0

Azarenka has now advanced to QF stage in four of last five events, first time doing so since 2016...Mertens is contesting seventh QF of 2020 campaign, and looking to notch 90th career victory on hard court.

MARIA SAKKARI (GRE #23) vs. ONS JABEUR (TUN #32)

Jabeur leads 1-0

Sakkari has now won back-to-back matches in seven of the 11 events contested in 2020...Jabeur owns five wins over Top 25 opponents so far this season.

JENNIFER BRADY (USA #26) vs. VERONIKA KUDERMETOVA (RUS #47)

**First Meeting**

Brady is seeking 30th career victory over Top 50 opponent, and owns a 12-6 record against such opponents in 2020...Kudermetova is seeking fifth career SF appearance at WTA event, and second such result of 2020 campaign (also Hobart).
A SNAPSHOT OF 2020 – THE YEAR SO FAR

- **One Top 10 Debut:** Sofia Kenin (at No.7 on February 3)
- **Fewest games dropped en route to a title:** Jennifer Brady (24, Lexington)
- **Lowest-ranked title winner:** Patricia Maria Tig (No.88, Istanbul)
- **Multiple finals:**
  - Elena Rybakina: 5 (Shenzhen – R-Up; Hobart – W; St. Petersburg – R-Up; Dubai – R-Up; Strasbourg – R-Up); Sofia Kenin: 3 (Australian Open – W; Lyon – W; Roland Garros – R-Up); Simona Halep: 3 (Dubai – W; Prague – W; Rome – W); Naomi Osaka: 2 (Western & Southern Open – R-Up; US Open – W); Victoria Azarenka (Western & Southern Open – W; US Open – R-Up); Karolina Pliskova: 2 (Brisbane – W; Rome – R-Up); Elina Svitolina: 2 (Monterrey – W; Strasbourg – W)
- **Maiden titles (3):** Ekaterina Alexandrova (Shenzhen), Jennifer Brady (Lexington), Patricia Maria Tig (Istanbul)
- **Youngest title winner:** Iga Swiatek, Roland Garros (19y 4m 12d)
- **Oldest title winner:** Serena Williams, Auckland (38y 3m 17d)
- **Aces leaders:** Elena Rybakina – 193, Serena Williams – 178, Garbiñe Muguruza – 160, Naomi Osaka – 141, Kristyna Pliskova – 137
- **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:** Elise Mertens – 30, Elena Rybakina – 29, Sofia Kenin – 24, Simona Halep – 23, Garbiñe Muguruza – 23
- **Most three-set matches played:** Garbiñe Muguruza (10-5 record), Sofia Kenin (10-3)
- **Most doubles titles (4):** Barbora Strycova / Hsieh Su-Wei (Brisbane, Dubai, Doha, Rome)
- **Best result by a qualifier (R-Up):** Leonie Kung (Hua Hin), Leylah Fernandez (Acapulco), Eugenie Bouchard (Istanbul)
- **Longest match:** 3h 33m – Heather Watson d. Elise Mertens 6-7(5) 6-4 7-5 (Hobart, QF)
- **Shortest (completed) match:** 39m – Ekaterina Alexandrova d. Storm Sanders 6-1 6-0 (Strasbourg, R1)
- **Most Top 10 wins (3):** Garbiñe Muguruza (No.3 Simona Halep, No.5 Elina Svitolina and No.10 Kiki Bertens – all at Australian Open) and Jelena Ostapenko (No.7 Sofia Kenin – Fed Cup, No.8 Kiki Bertens – Strasbourg, No.4 Karolina Pliskova – Roland Garros)
[Q] SARA SORRIBES TORMO (ESP #73) vs. [3] ARYNA SABALENKA (BLR #12)

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SARA SORRIBES TORMO (ESP #73)
R2-Q: d. ANNA BLINKOVA (RUS #61) 4-6,5-2 Ref'd (1h59)
R1-Q: d. ANA BOGDAN (ROU #92) 6-4,6-4 (2h14)
R16: d. [8] ANETT KONTAVEIT (EST #22) 6-1,6-4 (1h26)
R32: d. MAGDA LINETTE (POL #40) 6-1,6-3 (1h14)

Total games: 33
Won/lost: 24-9
Sets won/lost: 4-0
Total time on court: 2h40
Average time on court: 1h20
Average rank of opponent: 31

ARYNA SABALENKA (BLR #12)
R16: d. [Q] CORI GAUFF (USA #55) 1-6,7-5,6-2 (2h13)
R32: BYE

Total games: 32
Won/lost: 15-17
Sets won/lost: 2-1
Total time on court: 2h13
Average time on court: 2h13
Average rank of opponent: 55

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SORRIBES TORMO:

**Ostrava**
- Playing inaugural Ostrava tournament as one of two qualifiers remaining in the draw (also Kudermetova)
- Overcame two rounds of qualifying to enter the main draw at the inaugural J&T Banka Ostrava Open (d. Bogdan and Blinkova, via ret.)
- In 1r on Monday, dropped just four games to defeat No.40 Linette for her fourth Top 50 win of 2020, having also defeated No.40 Kudermetova (Australian Open), No.10 Osaka (Fed Cup) and No.31 Strycova (Prague)
- Cruised past No.22 Kontaveit in 2r for first victory over the Estonian after a previous 0-3 record
- Win marked milestone 50th career main draw victory, now owns 50-73 overall record
- Into second WTA QF of the year also reaching this stage at Prague (l. Begu); reached a further two QFs in 2019 at Bogota (l. Haddad Maia) and Hiroshima (l. Doi)
- Faces No.12 Sabalenka today bidding to reach first SF since 2017
- Owns 2-8 record at QF stage; also reached SF at 2017 Bogota (l. Linette in SF) and 2017 Gstaad (l. Korpatsch in SF) – has yet to reach a WTA final in her career
- Looking for second Top 20 win of the year and third of career after defeating No.14 Keys at 2018 Madrid and No.10 Osaka in Fed Cup action earlier this year
- Lone Spaniard in action this week

**Season**
- Coming off a 1r exit at Roland Garros (l. Halep) after lifting her 10th career ITF Circuit title, at $80K Cagnes-sur-Mer-FRA (d. Bara in F)
- Made 2r at US Open (l. Mertens) and Istanbul (l. Badosa)
- Advanced to 10th career WTA QF at Prague (l. Begu)
- Fell 1r at Palermo (l. Yastremska)
- Made 1r exits at Acapulco (l. Errani) and Monterrey (l. Bondarenko)
- Upset No.10 Osaka to register career-best win during Spain’s 3-1 Fed Cup qualifying win over Japan
- Opened season with 1r exits at Shenzhen (l. Y.Wang) and Hobart (as qualifier, l. Kozova) before reaching 2r at Australian Open (d. Kudermetova, l. Kontaveit)

**Grand Slam History**
- Made major debut at 2016 Roland Garros (as qualifier, l. Pavlyuchenkova in 1r)
- Best showings are 2r runs at 2018 Wimbledon (as qualifier, d. Kanepi, l. Suarez Navarro) and 2019 Roland Garros (l. Stephens), 2020 Australian Open (l. Kontaveit) and 2020 US Open (l. Mertens)
- R-Up in 2013 US Open girls’ doubles (w/Bencic, l. Krejcikova/Siniakova)

**Career Milestones**
- Posted third consecutive Top 100 finish in 2019 (at No.82). Season highlights were making QF at Auckland (l. to Hsieh), Bogota (l. Haddad Maia) and Hiroshima (l. to Doi); reached 2r six times (including Roland Garros)
- Rose to career-high No.64 in the rankings on June 10, 2019
- Won second career doubles title in 2019, at Rabat (w/Martinez Sanchez); now 2-1 in WTA doubles finals
• Ended 2018 ranked No.87 to register second Top 100 finish (also No.99 in 2017)
• Season highlight in 2018 was reaching QF at Gstaad (l. Minella). Also made 2r for the first time at a major, as a qualifier at Wimbledon (l. Suarez Navarro)
• Won maiden WTA doubles title at 2018 Monterrey (w/Broady)
• Reached first career WTA SFs at Bogotá and Gstaad in 2017. Also posted QF runs at Seoul and Tianjin
• In 2016, reached maiden tour-level QF at Seoul
• Also in 2016 made QF at WTA 125k Series event at Honolulu (l. eventual champion Bellis) and won two titles on the ITF Circuit at $25K ITF/Sao Paulo-BRA (d. Mitu in F) and $50K ITF/Essen-GER (d. Muchova in F). Finished as R-Up at $100K ITF/Sharm El Sheikh-EGY (l. Vekic in F)
• Scored first WTA main draw win over Pavlyuchenkova (via ret.) at 2015 Charleston
• Owns nine singles titles and five doubles titles on the ITF Circuit
• Played first WTA main draw event at 2015 Rio de Janeiro (as qualifier, l. Ormaechea)
• Played first professional event at $10k ITF/Vallduxo-ESP in 2010
• Made WTA qualifying debut at 2012 Barcelona (l. 1r)

Personal
• Coached by German Puentes
• Born in Castellon, Spain; currently resides in Vallduxo, Spain. Began playing tennis aged 6; was introduced to the sport by her mother
• Mother used to play tennis; father was a professional footballer in Spain’s second division

SABALENKA:

Ostrava
• Contesting inaugural J&T Banka Ostrava Open as the No.3 seed
• After 1r bye, mounted impressive comeback over No.55 qualifier Gauff after being down 2-5 in the third set, was as close as two points away from losing the match
• The win avenged her tough three-set loss to the young American just two months ago in Lexington where she lost 12 of the last 15 points
• Faces another qualifier today, No.73 Sorribes Tormo in their first meeting
• Has fallen to players ranked outside Top 50 on four occasions this year, against No.66 Kr.Pliskova at Shenzhen, No.54 Suarez Navarro at Australian Open, No.53 Gauff at Lexington and No.83 Pegula at Western & Southern Open
• Appearing in her fifth QF of the season (3-1 record) also reaching the final eight at Adelaide (l. Yastremska in SF), Dubai (l. eventual champion Halep in QF), Doha (d. Kvitova in F) and Strasbourg (l. eventual champion Svitolina in SF)
• In 23 career QF appearances (15-8 record), has gone on to reach the final ten times and win the title six times – all of her titles have been won on hardcourts
• Excluding Fed Cup matches, only made two main draw appearances at WTA indoor hardcourt events prior to this week – fell 1r at 2018 Québec City (l. Lepchenko) and made SF run at 2019 St. Petersburg (l. eventual champion Bertens)
• One of two Belarusians in action this week (also Azarenka)
• Playing doubles this week with partner Mertens as the top seeds - defeated Ostapenko/Zvonareva yesterday in QFs

Season
• Advanced to 3r for the first time at Roland Garros (l. Jabeur in 3s)
• Posted SF run at Strasbourg (l. eventual champion Svitolina in 3s)
Made US Open 2r (l. eventual R-Up Azarenka) after 3r showing at Western & Southern Open (l. Pegula)
In doubles w/Mertens, made QFs at Western & Southern Open and US Open (as defending champions, l. eventual champions Siegemund/Zvonareva)
On return following the Tour’s five-month hiatus, made 2r at Lexington (l. Gauff in 3s)
In February, won sixth career title at Doha (d. Kvitova in F); now 6-4 in singles finals
Reached QF at Dubai (l. eventual champion Halep)
Represented Belarus in Fed Cup play-off victory vs. the Netherlands. Teamed up with Sasnovich in doubles to seal the victory (d. Bertens/Schuurs on a third-set tie-break). In singles, d. Rus, l. Bertens
Fell 1r at Australian Open (l. Suárez Navarro)
Posted SF run at Adelaide (l. Yastremska). Upset No.4 Halep in QF at Adelaide to score fifth Top 5 win of her career, having previously beaten No.2 Wozniacki (2018 Montréal), No.5 Garcia (2018 Cincinnati), No.5 Kvitova (2018 US Open) and No.1 Barty (2019 Wuhan)
Opened 2020 campaign with 2r exit at Shenzhen as the defending champion (l. Kr.Pliskova)

Career Milestones
Ended as World No.11 for the second straight year in 2019 after capturing three WTA singles titles at Shenzhen (d. Riske in F), Wuhan (d. Riske in F) and Zhuhai (d. Bertens in F)
Became first player to successfully defend Wuhan title (d. Kontaveit in 2018 F). Also finished runner-up in doubles with Mertens in 2019 (l. Duan/Kudermetova in F)
During summer hard court season made R-Up finish at San Jose (l. S.Zheng)
Made Top 10 debut on January 28, 2019 following 3r run at 2019 Australian Open
Captured first Grand Slam doubles trophy at US Open (w/Mertens, d. Azarenka/Barty in F). Earlier in the season, the pair claimed the ‘Sunshine Double’ by winning back-to-back titles at Indian Wells (d. Krejcikova/Siniakova in F) and Miami (d. Stosur/ Zhang in F)
Qualified for WTA Finals Shenzhen (w/Mertens), going 1-2 in the round robin stage
Enjoyed breakthrough season in 2018, lifting two titles, at New Haven (d. Suárez Navarro in F) and Wuhan (d. Kontaveit in F), winning 46 matches and finishing at No.11 in the rankings
Also in 2018, was R-Up at Lugano (l. Mertens) and Eastbourne (l. Wozniacki), made SF at Cincinnati, reached five QFs and produced a career-best Grand Slam run to R16 at US Open
Posted first Top 100 season finish in 2017, ending year at No.78. Season highlight was reaching first tour-level final at Tianjin (l. Sharapova) and making SF run at Tashkent (l. Babos)
Made Grand Slam main draw debut 2017 Wimbledon, falling in 2r (as qualifier, l. Witthoeft), and WTA main draw debut at 2017 Dubai (as qualifier, l. Ka.Bondarenko)
Member of Belarus Fed Cup Team that advanced to competition final in 2017 – went 1-1 in singles and 0-1 in doubles as side lost to USA
Scored first Top 20 win of career with defeat of No.13 Stephens during 2017 Fed Cup final in Minsk
Rounded out season by lifting WTA 125k Series title at Mumbai (d. Jakupovic)
Owns three WTA doubles titles – all coming alongside Mertens during 2019 season (Indian Wells, Miami and US Open)
In 2016 rose nearly 400 places in the rankings, ending year at No.155
WTA qualifying debut came at 2016 Rabat
Made debut on ITF Circuit in Minsk in 2012

Grand Slam History
Made her 12th Grand Slam main draw appearance at 2020 Roland Garros
Advanced to R16 for first time at 2018 US Open (l. eventual champion Osaka in 3s)

Best singles showing at Australian Open was 3r run in 2019 (l. Anisimova)

First Grand Slam win came during 2r showing on Grand Slam debut at 2017 Wimbledon (as qualifier, d. Khromacheva, l. Witthoeft)

Made 1r exit on next three major appearances, at 2018 Australian Open (l. Barty), 2018 Roland Garros (l. Bertens) and 2018 Wimbledon (l. Buzarnescu)

Won career first Grand Slam title of any kind, in doubles at 2019 US Open (w/Mertens) – pair defeated Azarenka/Barty in final

Personal

Currently without a full-time coach; previously coached by Dmitry Tursunov and Didi Kindlmann

Started playing tennis when she was 6 by accident when her father Sergey drove by the tennis courts and decided to give it a try

Loves to laugh, has a sweet tooth and considers something sweet as a perfect present

Loves her grandmother’s cooking, and looks forward to her pancakes when she is away from home

She spends her time off with family, catching up with friends, or reading

Her favorite book is *The Count of Monte Cristo*
VICTORIA AZARENKA (BLR #14) vs. ELISE MERTENS (BEL #21)

Head to Head: VICTORIA AZARENKA leads 1-0

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VICTORIA AZARENKA (BLR #14)

R16: d. BARBORA KREJCIKOVA (CZE #85) 2-6,6-2-6-1 (2h13)

Total games: 23
Won/lost: 14-9
Sets won/lost: 2-1
Total time on court: 2h13
Average time on court: 2h13
Average rank of opponent: 85

ELISE MERTENS (BEL #21)

R16: d. KAROLINA MUCHOVA (CZE #28) 6-4-6-2 (1h23)

R32: d. AMANDA ANISIMOVA (USA #30) 6-2-6-3 (1h12)

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: 29

Ostrava Tournament History

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AZARENKA:

**Ostrava**
- Contesting the inaugural J&T Banka Ostrava Open as the No.4 seed
- Enters the tournament ranked No.14, up from No.50 this time last year
- Outside of Serena (39 years old), she is the oldest player ranked inside the Top 20 at 31 years of age
- Following 1r bye – her first since 2016 Rome – defeated No.85 Krejcikova in three sets to setup QF clash with No.21 Mertens
- Marks second career meeting following a decisive victory by the Belarusian at 2020 US Open QF stage where she only lost one game to the Belgian
- Has now advanced to at least the QF stage in four out of her last five events. In comparison, this is the first time she’s produced a run of form like this since 2016 (Brisbane, Melbourne, Indian Wells, Miami)
- Her dominant run has seen her compile a 17-3 record, including 12 victories in straight sets, and 24 sets won by ceding three games or less
- Played doubles this week with partner Muchova (l. Ostapenko/Zvonareva in 1r)

**Season**
- Coming off 2r loss at Roland Garros (l. Schmiedlova)
- Posted QF showing at Rome (l. Muguruza); beat No.5 Kenin 6-0 6-0 in 2r to register first Top 5 win since 2019 Stuttgart (d. No.4 Ka.Pliskova)
- Finished R-Up for the third time at US Open (l. Osaka in 3s); now 21-18 in singles finals
- Upset No.11 Sabalenka, No.18 Mertens and No.8 S.Williams en route to record the 122nd, 123rd and 124th Top 20 wins of her career and reach first major final since 2013 US Open – seven-year between major finals is second-longest in Open Era behind V.Williams (seven years, 207 days between 2009 Wimbledon and 2017 Australian Open)
- Made history alongside S.Williams in New York by becoming the first pair of mothers to reach the semifinals at the same Grand Slam
- Lifted 21st career title at Western & Southern Open when final opponent Osaka withdrew w/left hamstring injury
- Suffered 1r exit at Lexington (l. V.Williams) in her second WTA event of 2020
- Opened 2020 season with 1r exit at Monterrey (l. Zidansek), having not contested any events in Australia due to personal reasons

**Career Milestones**
- Last tournament of 2019 was the US Open, where she fell to Sabalenka in 1r; also reached the doubles final w/Barty (l. Mertens/Sabalenka)
- Highlight of 2019 was 37th singles final at Monterrey (d. No.5 Kerber in SF, l. Muguruza in F via ret. w/leg injury). Also made QFs at 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 with R16 at Wimbledon (l. Halep). Did not play 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 and ‘Sunshine Double’ of Indian Wells and Miami – third woman to achieve feat after Graf in 1994 and 1996 and Clijsters in 2005

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 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

Grand Slam History

Contested landmark 50th major at 2020 US Open – one of nine active players to reach this milestone

Two-time major champion, winning Australian Open in 2012 (d. Sharapova in F) and 2013 (d. Li in F)

Also a three-time runner-up, at 2012 (l. S.Williams in 3s), 2013 (l. S.Williams in 3s) and 2020 US Open (l. Osaka in 3s)

Advanced to Wimbledon SF in 2011 and 2012, while best result at Roland Garros is also SF run in 2013

Four-time doubles R-Up, at 2008 Australian Open (w/Peer), 2009 Roland Garros (w/Vesnina), 2011 Australian Open (w/Kirilenko), 2019 US Open (w/Barty)

Two-time Grand Slam mixed doubles champion, at 2007 US Open (w/ Mirnyi) and 2008 Roland Garros (w/B.Bryan). Most recently finished as mixed doubles R-Up at 2018 Wimbledon (w/J.Murray)

Won girls’ singles titles at the Australian Open and US Open in 2005

Personal

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

MERTENS:

Ostrava

Contesting the inaugural J&T Banka Ostrava Open as the No.7 seed and lone Belgian in the main draw

Prior to this week, only professional outing on Czech soil (including qualifying and ITF Circuit) was during R-Up finish on clay at Prague this August

Won all eight service games during straight sets 1r win over Anisimova on Wednesday, prior to straight sets defeat of No.28 Muchova in 2r; now owns most main draw wins in 2020 (30), followed by Rybakina (29), Kenin (24) and Halep and Muguruza (both 23)

Has now won two or more matches at each of her last five tournaments, since suffering 1r loss to No.104 Sasnovich at Palermo – the first tournament following the tour’s return

Seeks to avenge recent loss at 2020 US Open against No.14 Azarenka in today’s QF action

Contesting seventh QF of 2020 campaign, and aiming to advance to third SF of the year
A win today would mark 90th career main draw victory on hard court
Best results of her career on indoor hard courts were SF run at 2017 Luxembourg and QF showing at 2018 Biel
Contesting doubles this week with partner Sabalenka as the top seeds, currently awaiting opponent in SF stage

**Season**
- Coming off 3r showing at Roland Garros (l. Garcia)
- Posted back-to-back QF runs at US Open (l. Azarenka) and Rome (l. Ka.Pliskova)
- Defeated No.4 and reigning Australian Open champion Kenin in R16 at Flushing Meadows to record her first Top 10 win of the season (7-19 career record)
- Made SF at Western & Southern Open (l. Osaka)
- Bounced back from Palermo result the following week at Prague, where she finished R-Up (l. Halep). Is now 5-2 in WTA singles finals
- Fell 1r in the first week of the tour’s return at Palermo (l. Sasnovich)
- In February made 2r exit in defense of Doha title (l. Putintseva) and also fell at this stage the previous week at Dubai (l. Sabalenka)
- Began the season with QF runs at Shenzhen (l. Rybakina) and Hobart (l. Watson – 3h 33m match is the longest so far in 2020) and R16 showing at Australian Open (l. Halep)

**Career Milestones**
- Ended 2019 ranked No.17 for second consecutive Top 20 finish
- Singles highlight was winning biggest title of career at Doha (d. No.3 Halep in final). Also beat No.8 Bertens and No.6 Kerber in Doha, doubling career total of Top 10 wins to six
- Advanced to QF at US Open for the first time (l. eventual champion Andreescu in 3s) and R16 at Wimbledon for the first time (l. Strycova, having led 6-4 5-2). Reached QF during defense of Rabat title (l. eventual champion Sakkari)
- Enjoyed standout season in doubles in 2019 - won maiden major doubles title at US Open w/Sabalenka (d. Azarenka/Barty in F). Also Completed ‘Sunshine Double’ in doubles (w/Sabalenka), lifting the back-to-back titles at Indian Wells (d. Krejcikova/Siniakova) and Miami (d. Stosur/Zhang), and qualified for Shiseido WTA Finals Shenzhen (went 1-2 in RR)
- Won three singles titles in 2018 (Hobart, Rabat and Lugano), one of six players on tour with three or more titles to their name that year - also Kvitova (5), Svitolina (4), Bertens (3), Halep (3) and Wozniacki (3)
- Also in 2018, advanced to first Grand Slam SF of career at 2018 Australian Open (l. eventual champion Wozniacki)
- Finished 2018 with 46 main draw match wins across the campaign – only Ka.Pliskova (49) and Kvitova (47) registered more. By contrast, prior to 2018 season owned only 36 wins at this level across entire career
- Reached career-high No.12 on November 26, 2018
- In doubles in 2018, won four titles and reached QF at WTA Finals (w/Schuurs)
- Finished 2017 season at No.35, up from No.120 in 2016 – first Top 50 and Top 100 year-end finish 2017 season highlighted by first career singles title at Hobart (as a qualifier, d. Niculescu in F)
- Registered first Top 10 win of career over No.10 Cibulkova in 1r at 2017 Beijing
- Made WTA singles main draw debut at 2016 ‘s-Hertogenbosch – made QF (as qualifier, l. Mladenovic)
- Won first WTA title of any kind in doubles at 2016 Auckland (w/Mestach). Now has nine doubles titles – also 2017 Guangzhou (w/Schuurs), 2018 Hobart (w/Schuurs), 2018 Lugano (w/Flipkens), 2018 ‘s-Hertogenbosch (w/Schuurs), 2018 Wuhan (w/Schuurs), 2019 Indian Wells-Miami double (w/Sabalenka) and 2019 US Open (w/Sabalenka)
- Played first tour-level event of career at 2015 Antwerp (fell in qualifying)
- Has 11 singles and 14 doubles titles on ITF Circuit
• Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in Belgium in 2010

Grand Slam History
• Advanced to first Grand Slam SF of career at 2018 Australian Open (l. eventual champion Wozniacki)
• In 2019, reached QF at 2020 US Open (l. eventual champion Andreeescu in 3s) and R16 at Wimbledon (l. Strycova, having led 6-4 5-2) – the deepest run of her career at both tournaments
• Also reached QF at 2020 US Open (l. eventual R-Up Azarenka)
• Has also reached R16 at Roland Garros in 2018 (l. eventual champion Halep)
• Won maiden major doubles title at US Open w/Sabalenka (d. Azarenka/Barty in F)

Personal
• Working once again with former coach Robbe Ceyssens having been coached by both David Taylor and Dieter Kindlmann
• Earlier coaching history includes Belgian federation until early teens, as well as a year at the Mouratoglou Academy
• Mother is Liliane Barbe (teaches languages and history); father is Guido Mertens (makes furniture for churches). Was home schooled, enjoyed studying languages
• Loves animals and has lots of pets at home, four dogs and a variety of birds (pheasants, peacocks, chickens)
MARIA SAKKARI (GRE #23) vs. ONS JABEUR (TUN #32)

Head to Head: ONS JABEUR leads 1-0

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Ostrava W-L (MD) *

ONS JABEUR (TUN #32)

R16: d. JELENA OSTAPENKO (LAT #44) 6-4,6-4 (1h24)

R32: d. BARBORA STRYCOVA (CZE #37) 6-2,6-2 (1h14)

ROAD TO THE QUARTERFINALS

MARIA SAKKARI (GRE #23)

R16: d. [1] ELINA SVITOLINA (UKR #5) 6-3,6-3 (1h16)

R32: d. KRISTYNA PLISKOVA (CZE #68) 6-3,6-3 (1h19)

Total games: 36
Won/lost: 24-12
Sets won/lost: 4-0
Total time on court: 2h35
Average time on court: 1h18
Average rank of opponent: 37

ONS JABEUR (TUN #32)

Total games: 36
Won/lost: 24-12
Sets won/lost: 4-0
Total time on court: 2h38
Average time on court: 1h19
Average rank of opponent: 41
SAKKARI:

**Ostrava**
- Contests inaugural J&T Banka Ostrava Open this week as lone Greek representative
- In 1r, avenged loss to Kr.Pliskova at Palermo with a straight sets victory to claim her 90th career main draw victory
- Ousted top seed Svitolina in straight sets in 2r to book third QF appearance of 2020 – also St. Petersburg (l. Rybakina in SF) and the Western & Southern Open (l. Konta in QF)
- Win over No.5 Svitolina was fourth career Top 5 win and second of the year, other wins have come over No.5 Ka.Pliskova (2018 Rome), No.5 Kvitova (2019 Rome, via ret.) and No.5 Bencic (2020 St. Petersburg)
- The victory was also her fifth win over the No.1 seed at a tournament - also at 2016 Istanbul (d. Schmiedlova), 2019 Rabat (d. Mertens and went on to win title), 2019 San Jose (d. Svitolina) and 2020 St. Petersburg (d. Bencic)
- Faces No.32 Jabeur today in first meeting since 2015 – the two have won and lost the exact same amount of games this tournament and have only spent a difference of three minutes on court
- Owns 8-6 career record in QF matches (1-1 this year)
- Only has two losses to players outside the Top 30 this year: No. 69 Kr.Pliskova in Palermo and No.159 Trevisan at Roland Garros
- Has now won back-to-back matches in seven of the 11 events contested in 2020
- Owns 5-5 career record at indoor hardcourt matches with all previous wins coming this year at St. Petersburg

**Season**
- Upset by Cinderella qualifier Trevisan in 3r Roland Garros
- Produced R16 showing at US Open falling to S.Williams in 3s who she had just beaten the week earlier
- Made QF run at Western & Southern Open (d. Gauff, Putintseva and S.Williams before falling to Konta)
- Returned to competitive action following tour’s hiatus at Palermo in August, falling in 1r (l. Kr.Pliskova); was No.3 seed at Palermo – her joint-highest seeding at a WTA event (also during SF run at 2018 Seoul)
- Broke into Top 20 just before the break on Feb. 24
- Prior to this, made 3r at Doha (l. eventual champion Sabalenka) and fell 1r at Dubai (l. Sabalenka)
- Posted SF run at St. Petersburg (l. eventual R-Up Rybakina) – her first SF since 2019 San Jose
- Made 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
- Fell 2r at Adelaide (l. Vekic) after a 1r exit at Brisbane (l. Osaka)

**Grand Slam History**
- Contested 19th Grand Slam main draw at 2020 Roland Garros
- Fell R16 at 2020 Australian Open (l. Kvitova) to become the first Greek woman to reach this stage at a Slam since Eleni Daniilidou at 2004 Wimbledon
- Tied her best Grand Slam result at 2020 US Open falling to S.Williams in R16
- By reaching 3r at 2017 Australian Open, became first Greek woman to reach this stage at a Slam since Daniilidou at 2005 Wimbledon (l. Pennetta)
- At 2016 Australian Open, by reaching 2r (d. Y.Wang, l. Suárez Navarro) became the first woman from Greece to win a main draw match at a Slam since Daniilidou d. Ka.Pliskova at 2013 Australian Open
Career Milestones

- Broke into Top 20 on February 24, 2020
- Finished 2019 at No.23 – the best year-end finish of her career (up from No.41 in 2018)
- Season highlight was winning maiden WTA title at Rabat, recovering from a set and break down to defeat Konta in final
- Made 3r at Australian Open (l. Barty), Wimbledon (l. Svitolina) and US Open (l. Barty)
- Closed out season by qualifying for WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai for first time in career (fell in RR stage)
- 2018 season highlights included reaching her first tour-level final at San Jose (l. Buzarnescu), scoring first career Top 5 win after defeat of No.5 Ka.Pliskova in Rome as well as reaching SF at Istanbul (l. Hercog) and Seoul (l. Bertens)
- Notched first Top 10 victory of career over No.6 Wozniacki en route to first WTA SF of career at 2017 Wuhan Open
- Since then has posted a further eight 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), No.5 Bencic (2020 St. Petersburg) and No.9 S.Williams (2020 Western & Southern Open)
- Broke into Top 50 for first time at No.49 on October 9, 2017
- Reached first career WTA QF at 2016 Istanbul (as qualifier, l. Kovinic) – 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

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
- Tried karate and gymnastics but was thrown out of class for laughing too much
- Currently coached by Tom Hill

JABEUR:

Ostrava

Appearing in inaugural J&T Banka Ostrava Open; only previous appearances on Czech soil were qualifying exit at 2015 Prague and 1r defeat at 2016 $75k ITF/Prague

Saw off Strycova in 1r to notch her 20th main draw win of the season – only eight players have reached this milestone (Mertens is No.1 with 30-11 record)

Defeated wildcard No.44 Ostapenko in 2r to book fifth QF of the season

Has yet to go beyond this stage this year also reaching the final eight at Australian Open (l. eventual champion Kenin), Doha (l. Kvitova), Lexington (l. Gauff) and Western & Southern Open (l. eventual champion Azarenka)

Win over Ostapenko was fourth career win over a Grand Slam champion – also defeated Halep at 2018 Beijing, Stephens at 2018 Moscow (would go on to win tournament) and Wozniacki and 2020 Australian Open

Faces No.23 Sakkari today having won their sole meeting on ITF circuit in 2015

Already owns five wins this year over players in the Top 25: No.13 Konta at 2020 Australian Open, No.18 Riske at Dubai, No.3 Ka.Pliskova at Doha, No.13 Keys at the Western & Southern Open and most recently No.12 Sabalenka at Roland Garros

While not going beyond QF stage this year (0-4 record), did reach two SFs in 2019 at Eastbourne (l. Kerber) and Tianjin (l. eventual champion Peterson)

Sole WTA final (and only other SF appearance) of her career came on indoor hard courts, at 2018 Moscow [Kremlin Cup] (l. Kasatkina)
Entered tournament ranked No.9 on tour in 2020 for percentage of games won on serve (70.4%) and No.8 for games won on return (36.5%)

**Season**

- Coming off R16 showing at Roland Garros (d. No.12 Sabalenka in 3r, l. Collins)
- Suffered 1r exit at Rome (l. Gauff)
- Produced 3r showing at US Open – the best run by an Arab woman at Flushing Meadows
- Made back-to-back QF runs at Western & Southern Open (d. defending champion Keys in 2r, l. eventual champion Azarenka) and Lexington (l. Gauff); posted career-high ranking of No.31 on August 31, 2020
- Prior to tennis’ hiatus in March, advanced to Doha QF (d. No.3 Ka.Pliskova in 3r, l. Kvitova)
- Fell 2r at Dubai (l. Halep – held 1MP in third-set tie-break)
- Made Top 50 debut at No.45 after breakthrough performance in Melbourne
- Reached maiden Grand Slam QF at Australian Open to become the first Arab woman to reach that stage at a major (l. eventual champion Kenin)
- Opened 2020 season with 1r exit at Shenzhen (l. Q.Wang) and 2r showing at Hobart (as qualifier, l. Muguruza)

**Career Milestones**

- Ended 2019 ranked No.77. Season highlights were matching best result at the Slams with 3r run at US Open (matching 2017 Roland Garros and now 2020 Australian Open) and SF appearances at Eastbourne (l. eventual R-Up Kerber) and Tianjin (l. eventual champion Peterson)
- In 2018, defeated No.3 seed Stephens, No.8 seed Kontaveit and No.5 seed Sevastova en route to her first WTA final at 2018 Moscow, where she fell in three sets to No.6 seed Kasatkina. Was first Tunisian woman to advance beyond QF at a WTA tournament (Sfar was the only other Tunisian to reach a QF at this level)
- Prior to 2018 Moscow, best tour-level results were QF runs at 2013 Baku, 2017 Taipei City and 2018 Bucharest
- Owns four Top 10 victories, over No.7 Cibulkova (2017 Roland Garros), No.1 Halep (2018 Beijing), No.8 Stephens (2018 Moscow) and No.3 Ka.Pliskova (2020 Doha)
- Member of Tunisian Olympic Team in 2012 and 2016
- Contested first two WTA main draws in 2012, at Doha (as WC) and Olympics
- Became first North African woman to win a junior Slam at 2011 Roland Garros (d. Puig in F), having also reached the final in 2010 (l. Svitolina in F)
- On ITF Circuit, has 11 singles and one doubles title
- Played first event of career at 2008 ITF/EI Menzah-TUN

**Grand Slam History**

- Played her 15th Grand Slam main draw at 2020 Roland Garros, where she reached R16 (l. Collins)
- Deepest run at a major was advancing to QF at 2020 Australian Open, making history by becoming the first Arab woman to reach the final eight of a Grand Slam (l. eventual champion Kenin)
- Prior to 2020 Australian Open, best Slam runs were 3r runs at 2017 Roland Garros and 2019 US Open; in Paris became first Arab woman to reach 3r at a major and first lucky loser to contest 3r of a Slam since Kasatkina at 2015 US Open, and first at Roland Garros since Pizzichini in 1996. Gaidano, at 1993 US Open, was most recent lucky loser to reach Slam R16
- In girls' singles at Roland Garros was champion in 2011 (d. Puig) and R-Up in 2010 (l. Svitolina)
Personal

- Coached by Issam Jellali
- Started playing tennis at age 3
- Husband Karim Kamoun is half-Russian and a former professional fencer; also her fitness coach
- Speaks Arabic, English and French
- Away from court enjoys playing and watching football
- In London in December 2019, was honoured at the Arab Women of the Year ceremony for her achievements in the sport so far
- Fan of Eminem and Cristiano Ronaldo
JENNIFER BRADY (USA #26) vs. VERONIKA KUDERMETOVA (RUS #47)

Head to Head: 0-0

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Road to the Quarterfinals

JENNIFER BRADY (USA #26)
R16: d. Daria Kasatkina (RUS #75) 7-5,6-2 (1h46)
R32: d. Dayana Yastremska (UKR #29) 3-6,7-6(6),6-1 (2h01)

Total games: 49
Won/lost: 29-20
Sets won/lost: 4-1
Total time on court: 3h47
Average time on court: 1h54
Average rank of opponent: 52

VERONIKA KUDERMETOVA (RUS #47)
R2-Q: d. Arantxa Rus (NED #71) 7-5,6-2 (1h20)
R1-Q: d. Stefanie Voegele (SUI #123) 7-6(5),6-3 (1h32)
R16: d. [2] Karolina Pliskova (CZE #6) 6-4,6-4,6-3 (1h56)
R32: d. Donna Vekic (CRO #31) 6-2,6-4 (1h13)

Total games: 47
Won/lost: 28-19
Sets won/lost: 4-1
Total time on court: 3h09
Average time on court: 1h35
Average rank of opponent: 19

Ostrava Tournament History

“-Q” Qualifying match

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BRADY:

**Ostrava**
- Entered the inaugural J&T Banka Ostrava Open as one of three Americans in the main draw, also Gauff, (l. Sabalenka in 2r), and Anisimova (l. Mertens in 1r)
- Fired 12 aces and rallied from a set down to see off No.29 Yastremska in 1r; win over the Ukrainian was her seventh Top 30 scalp of the season, also No.1 Barty at Brisbane, No.6 Svitolina, No.17 Vondrousova and No.16 Muguruza at Dubai, No.19 Riske at Doha, and No.23 Kerber at US Open
- 2r victory over No.75 Kasatkina marked 50th career main draw victory for the American
- Faces off against No.47 Kudermetova for the first time in her career in today’s QF showdown
- Seeking 30th career victory over Top 50 ranked opponent, and owns a 12-6 record against such opponents in 2020
- Competing in fifth QF of the season today, aiming to advance to fourth SF of the year
- Has compiled a 12-3 record since returning to play, with 11 of those victories coming in straight sets. Has won 22 sets conceding four games or less during this span
- Contesting this week’s event one spot off from career-high ranking of No.25, achieved on September 14, 2020 after the American’s breakthrough run at the US Open

**Season**
- Suffered 1r loss at Roland Garros (l. Tauson)
- Posted career-best Grand Slam run at the US Open by reaching the final four (l. eventual champion Osaka)
- Made 1r exit at Western & Southern Open (l. Pegula)
- Lifted maiden WTA title at Lexington (d. Teichmann in F) - did not drop a set and broken just three times all week; made Top 40 debut at No.40 following the tournament (August 17, 2020)
- Prior to the tour’s resumption, performed in a series of exhibitions and World Team Tennis matches in the US, posting a 12-7 record including wins over Grand Slam champions Azarenka and Stephens
- Shortly before tour’s hiatus, fell 2r at Doha (l. Jabeur)
- Enjoyed one of her career-best weeks at Dubai, where, as a qualifier, she advanced to first SF at a Premier level (l. eventual champion Halep); defeated No.6 Svitolina, No.17 Vondrousova and No.16 Muguruza en route
- Suffered 1r exit at St Peters burg (l. Kuznetsova)
- Fell in the 1r at Australian Open (l. Halep) but progressed to QF in doubles w/Dolehide (l. Hsieh/ Strycova)
- In opening event of the season, made QF at Brisbane (as qualifier, l. Kvitova) – scored first career Top 10 win over World No.1 Barty in 2r; broke into Top 50 afterwards (No.49 on January 13, 2020)

**Career Milestones**
- Achieved career-high ranking of No.25 following 2020 US Open SF run (September 14, 2020)
- Ended 2019 season back in Top 60 after dipping as low as No.125 at one point. Season highlights included SF run at Nottingham (l. eventual champion Garcia), 3r showings at Dubai (l. eventual R-Up Kvitova), Indian Wells (l. Barty) and Beijing (l. Andreescu)
- Finished 2018 ranked No.116 following her first Top 100 finish in 2017 (No. 64). Best results included reaching SFs at $100k ITF/Midland-USA (l. Loeb) and $80k ITF/Charlottesville-USA (l. Duque-Mariño), 2r showing at Indian Wells (l. Garcia), Roland Garros (l. Putintseva) and Wimbledon (l. Kontaveit)
• Posted first Top 100 year-end finish in 2017 (at No.64) during a campaign in which she reached first WTA career SF at 2017 Hong Kong (l. eventual R-Up Gavrilova)
• Made R16 at 2017 Australian Open and US Open
• Posted first WTA main draw wins during QF run at 2016 Guangzhou (d. Pivovarova and Kovinic)
• Made first four main draw appearances at tour level in 2016 – at Rio de Janeiro (as qualifier, l. Hercog in 1r), Stanford and Montréal
• Made WTA qualifying draw at 2015 Cincinnati (l. Falconi in 1r)
• Owns four singles and four doubles ITF Circuit titles
• Made professional debut at $10k ITF/Evansville, IN-USA (l. 1r)

Grand Slam History

• Recorded career-best Grand Slam run on home soil at 2020 US Open (l. eventual champion Osaka)
• Came through qualifying at 2017 Australian Open and went on to become first major debutante to reach R16 at a Slam since Smitkova at 2014 Wimbledon. Defeated Zanevska in 1r, Watson in 2r (saved 5mp) and No.14 seed Vesnina in 3r, losing to Lucic-Baroni; became first American female qualifier to reach R16 at the Australian Open in Open Era
• Also became just sixth player to make R16 on Australian Open debut in last 21 years: V.Williams (1998), Suárez Navarro (2009), Bouchard (2014), Gasparyan and Konta (2016)
• Also reached R16 at 2017 US Open (l. Ka.Pliskova) and made 2r at Roland Garros (2018-19) and Wimbledon (2017-18)

Personal

• Attended the University of California, Los Angeles, part of the NCAA Division 1 Women’s Tennis National Championship winning Bruins team in 2014. Completed sophomore year before turning pro in 2015
• Hired Michael Geserer (previously with Goerges) at end of 2019, spent offseason training in Germany for first time
• Mother’s name is Elizabeth; father’s name is Patrick; has twin sister, Jessica

KUDERMETOVA:

Ostrava

• Overcame two rounds of qualifying to enter the inaugural J&T Banka Ostrava Open (d. Voegele and Rus in straight sets) – second time she has progressed through qualifying in 2020, having also done so during 2r showing at Dubai in February
• Struck eight aces and won eight of nine service games during 1r upset of No.31 Vekic
• Completed upset of No.6 Ka.Pliskova in 2r, marking fourth career victory over Top 10 opponent, also No.10 Bencic (2019 Wuhan), No.4 Svitolina (2019 Moscow) and No.3 Ka.Pliskova (2020 Western & Southern Open)
• Lone remaining Russian in this year’s draw following Kasatkina’s loss to Brady in 2r
• Has now matched best career result on indoor hard courts following last year’s QF run at Moscow
• Seeking fifth career SF appearance at WTA event, and second such result of 2020 campaign (also Hobart)
• A victory today would mark 20th career main draw win over Top 50 opponent

Season

• Coming off 2r showing at Roland Garros (l. Martic in 3s). Defeated Parmentier in 1r in Paris in what was the Frenchwoman’s final singles match of her career
• Fell 1r at US Open (l. Swiatek) and at Rome (l. Strýcová) after a 3r run at Western & Southern Open (l. Mertens)
• At US Open, also reached SF in doubles w/Blinkova (l. eventual champions Siegemund/Zvonareva)
Defeated No.3 Ka. Pliskova at Western & Southern Open for her fourth career Top 20 victory (also No.13 Wozniacki at 2019 Roland Garros, No.10 Bencic at 2019 Wuhan and No.4 Svitolina at 2019 Moscow)

Upon her return to action, suffered 1r exit at Prague (l. Bouchard)

Before tour’s hiatus, made 2r at St. Petersburg (l. eventual champion Bertens), Dubai (l. Muguruza) and Doha (l. Bencic)

Represented Russia in Fed Cup qualifying vs. Romania in February, falling to Bogdan and Cristian in both singles rubbers

Fell 1r at Australian Open (l. Sorribes Tormo)

Posted SF run at Hobart (l. S. Zhang) after opening 2020 season by losing in final round of qualifying at Brisbane

**Career Milestones**

Ended 2019 ranked No.41 for career-best year-end ranking, rising from No.115 at the end of 2018

Played main draw at all four majors for first time in 2019, posting a career-best Grand Slam run to the 3r at Roland Garros, upsetting Wozniacki in 1r (l. Kanepi in 3r)

Other 2019 highlights included SF finishes at ‘s-Hertogenbosch (l. eventual champion Riske), Hiroshima (l. Doi) and Tianjin (l. Watson). 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, over No.10 Bencic at Wuhan and No.4 Svitolina at Moscow

Won career first WTA doubles title at 2019 Wuhan with Duan (d. Mertens/Sabalenka in F); also R-Up at Charleston (w/Khromacheva) and Lugano (w/Voskoboeva) in 2019

Won biggest singles title of career at WTA 125K Series event at 2019 Guadalajara (d. Bouzkova in F)

Made Top 100 debut at No.98 following 2019 St Petersburg, where she reached 2r as LL (week of February 4, 2019)

Made WTA main draw debut at 2018 Stuttgart, reaching 2r (d. No.25 Suarez Navarro, l. eventual champion Ka. Pliskova)

Posted two QF runs in 2018, at ‘s-Hertogenbosch (l. eventual champion Krunic) and Gstaad (l. Bouchard)

Won two doubles titles in 2018 at WTA 125k Series events, at Mumbai (w/Dzalamidze) and Limoges (w/Voskoboeva). Also has titles at this level from Taipei in 2016 (w/Dzalamidze) and 2017 (w/Sabalenka)

Made WTA qualifying debut at 2014 Moscow

Contested first Tour-level match representing Russia in Fed Cup action in 2014 vs. Australia (l. Stosur)

On ITF Circuit, owns four singles titles and 16 doubles titles

**Grand Slam History**

Contested seventh Grand Slam main draw at 2020 Roland Garros

Played in 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 2019 Roland Garros (d. Wozniacki in 1r, l. Kanepi)

Has also made 2r at Wimbledon in 2019 and Roland Garros in 2020

In doubles, best major result was SF run at 2020 US Open (w/Blinkova, l. eventual champions Siegemund/Zvonareva)

**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
J&T BANKA OSTRAVA OPEN – SEMIFINALS

[3] ARYNA SABALENKA (BLR #12) vs. JENNIFER BRADY (USA #26)

First Meeting
In QF match yesterday, Sabalenka came back to win final twelve games of the match after losing the first ten... Brady looking for just her second career WTA final appearance after winning first title earlier this year at Lexington... By comparison, Sabalenka owns a total of six WTA titles.

MARIA SAKKARI (GRE #23) vs. [4] VICTORIA AZARENKA (BLR #14)

First Meeting
A win for Sakkari today would mark fifth Top 20 win of the year and advance her to third career WTA final... Azarenka looking to book milestone 40th final appearance of career... Sakkari is the only semifinalist yet to win a title this year.

A LOOK AT THE SEMIFINALISTS

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A SNAPSHOT OF 2020 – THE YEAR SO FAR

- **One Top 10 Debut:** Sofia Kenin (at No.7 on February 3)
- **Fewest games dropped en route to a title:** Jennifer Brady (24, Lexington)
- **Lowest-ranked title winner:** Patricia Maria Tig (No.88, Istanbul)
- **Multiple finals:** Elena Rybakina: 5 (Shenzhen – R-Up; Hobart – W; St. Petersburg – R-Up; Dubai – R-Up; Strasbourg – R-Up); Sofia Kenin: 3 (Australian Open – W; Lyon – W; Roland Garros – R-Up); Simona Halep: 3 (Dubai – W; Prague – W; Rome – W); Naomi Osaka: 2 (Western & Southern Open – R-Up; US Open – W); Victoria Azarenka (Western & Southern Open – W; US Open – R-Up); Karolina Pliskova: 2 (Brisbane – W; Rome – R-Up); Elina Svitolina: 2 (Monterrey - W; Strasbourg – W)
- **Maiden titles (3):** Ekaterina Alexandrova (Shenzhen), Jennifer Brady (Lexington), Patricia Maria Tig (Istanbul)
- **Youngest title winner:** Iga Swiatek, Roland Garros (19y 4m 12d)
- **Oldest title winner:** Serena Williams, Auckland (38y 3m 17d)
- **Aces leaders:** Elena Rybakina – 193, Serena Williams – 178, Garbiñe Muguruza – 160, Naomi Osaka – 141, Kristyna Pliskova – 137
- **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:** Elise Mertens – 30, Elena Rybakina – 29, Sofia Kenin – 24, Simona Halep – 23, Garbiñe Muguruza – 23
- **Most three-set matches played:** Garbiñe Muguruza (10-5 record), Sofia Kenin (10-3)
- **Most doubles titles (4):** Barbora Strycova / Hsieh Su-Wei (Brisbane, Dubai, Doha, Rome)
- **Best result by a qualifier (R-Up):** Leonie Kung (Hua Hin), Leylah Fernandez (Acapulco), Eugenie Bouchard (Istanbul)
- **Longest match:** 3h 33m – Heather Watson d. Elise Mertens 6-7(5) 6-4 7-5 (Hobart, QF)
- **Shortest (completed) match:** 39m – Ekaterina Alexandrova d. Storm Sanders 6-1 6-0 (Strasbourg, R1)
- **Most Top 10 wins (3):** Garbiñe Muguruza (No.3 Simona Halep, No.5 Elina Svitlina and No.10 Kiki Bertens – all at Australian Open) and Jelena Ostapenko (No.7 Sofia Kenin – Fed Cup, No.8 Kiki Bertens – Strasbourg, No.4 Karolina Pliskova – Roland Garros)
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Head to Head: 0-0

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* Updated entering 2020 Ostrava SF

### JENNIFER BRADY

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### ROAD TO THE SEMIFINALS

#### [3] ARYNA SABALENKA (BLR #12)

- **QF:** d. [Q] SARA SORRIBES TORMO (ESP #73) 0-6,6-4,6-0 (2h02)
- **R16:** d. [Q] CORI GAUFF (USA #55) 1-6,7-5,7-6(2) (2h13)
- **R32:** BYE

Total games: 54
Won/lost: 27-27
Sets won/lost: 4-2
Total time on court: 4h15
Average time on court: 2h08
Average rank of opponent: 64

#### JENNIFER BRADY (USA #26)

- **QF:** d. [Q] VERONIKA KUDERMETOVA (RUS #47) 6-7(5),6-3,6-1 (1h57)
- **R16:** d. [Q] DARIA KASATKINA (RUS #75) 7-5,6-2 (1h46)
- **R32:** d. DAYANA YASTREMSKA (UKR #29) 3-6,7-6(6),6-1 (2h01)

Total games: 78
Won/lost: 47-31
Sets won/lost: 6-2
Total time on court: 5h44
Average time on court: 1h55
Average rank of opponent: 50

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SABALENKA:

**Ostrava**
- Contesting inaugural J&T Banka Ostrava Open as the No.3 seed
- After 1r bye, mounted impressive comeback over No.55 qualifier Gauff after being down 2-5 in the third set, was as close as two points away from losing the match
- The win avenged her tough three-set loss to the young American just two months ago in Lexington where she lost 12 of the last 15 points
- In a lopsided QF match, posted another impressive comeback over qualifier No.73 Sorribes Tormo after losing the first ten games then winning the next twelve
- Appearing in her fourth SF of the season (1-2 record) also reaching the final eight at Adelaide (l. Yastremska in SF), Doha (d. Kvitova in F) and Strasbourg (l. eventual champion Svitolina in SF)
- Faces No.26 Brady today hoping to reach 11th career final and second of the season after winning sixth career title in Doha – all of her titles have been won on hardcourts.
- Owns 10-6 record in career SF appearances and 16-7 record against American opposition including 2r match over teenager Gauff
- Excluding Fed Cup matches, only made two main draw appearances at WTA indoor hardcourt events prior to this week – fell 1r at 2018 Québec City (l. Lepchenko) and made SF run at 2019 St. Petersburg (l. eventual champion Bertens)
- One of two Belarusians in action this week, both of whom making it to the SF (also Azarenka)
- Has also advanced to SF in doubles this week with partner Mertens as the top seeds – play No.4 seeds Flipkens/Schuurs for a spot in the final later today

**Season**
- Advanced to 3r for the first time at Roland Garros (l. Jabeur in 3s)
- Posted SF run at Strasbourg (l. eventual champion Svitolina in 3s)
- Made US Open 2r (l. eventual R-Up Azarenka) after 3r showing at Western & Southern Open (l. Pegula)
- In doubles w/Mertens, made QFs at Western & Southern Open and US Open (as defending champions, l. eventual champions Siegemund/Zvonareva)
- On return following the Tour’s five-month hiatus, made 2r at Lexington (l. Gauff in 3s)
- In February, won sixth career title at Doha (d. Kvitova in F); now 6-4 in singles finals
- Reached QF at Dubai (l. eventual champion Halep)
- Represented Belarus in Fed Cup play-off victory vs. the Netherlands. Teamed up with Sasnovich in doubles to seal the victory (d. Bertens/Schuurs on a third-set tie-break). In singles, d. Rus, l. Bertens
- Fell 1r at Australian Open (l. Suárez Navarro)
- Posted SF run at Adelaide (l. Yastremska). Upset No.4 Halep in QF at Adelaide to score fifth Top 5 win of her career, having previously beaten No.2 Wozniacki (2018 Montréal), No.5 Garcia (2018 Cincinnati), No.5 Kvitova (2018 US Open) and No.1 Barty (2019 Wuhan)
- Opened 2020 campaign with 2r exit at Shenzhen as the defending champion (l. Kr.Pliskova)

**Career Milestones**
- Ended as World No.11 for the second straight year in 2019 after capturing three WTA singles titles at Shenzhen (d. Riske in F), Wuhan (d. Riske in F) and Zhuhai (d. Bertens in F)
• Became first player to successfully defend Wuhan title (d. Kontaveit in 2018 F). Also finished runner-up in doubles with Mertens in 2019 (l. Duan/Kudermetova in F).

• During summer hard court season made R-Up finish at San Jose (l. S.Zheng).

• Made Top 10 debut on January 28, 2019 following 3r run at 2019 Australian Open.

• Captured first Grand Slam doubles trophy at US Open (w/Mertens, d. Azarenka/Barty in F). Earlier in the season, the pair claimed the ‘Sunshine Double’ by winning back-to-back titles at Indian Wells (d. Krejcikova/Siniakova in F) and Miami (d. Stosur/Zhang in F).

• Qualified for WTA Finals Shenzhen (w/Mertens), going 1-2 in the round robin stage.

• Enjoyed breakthrough season in 2018, lifting two titles, at New Haven (d. Suárez Navarro in F) and Wuhan (d. Kontaveit in F), winning 46 matches and finishing at No.11 in the rankings.

• Also in 2018, was R-Up at Lugano (l. Mertens) and Eastbourne (l. Wozniacki), made SF at Cincinnati, reached five QFs and produced a career-best Grand Slam run to R16 at US Open.

• Posted first Top 100 season finish in 2017, ending year at No.78. Season highlight was reaching first tour-level final at Tianjin (l. Sharapova) and making SF at Tashkent (l. Babos).

• Made Grand Slam main draw debut 2017 Wimbledon, falling in 2r (as qualifier, l. Witthoeft), and WTA main draw debut at 2017 Dubai (as qualifier, l. Ka.Bondarenko).

• Member of Belarus Fed Cup Team that advanced to competition final in 2017 – went 1-1 in singles and 0-1 in doubles as side lost to USA.

• Scored first Top 20 win of career with defeat of No.13 Stephens during 2017 Fed Cup final in Minsk.

• Rounded out season by lifting WTA 125k Series title at Mumbai (d. Jakupovic).

• Owns three WTA doubles titles – all coming alongside Mertens during 2019 season (Indian Wells, Miami and US Open).

• In 2016 rose nearly 400 places in the rankings, ending year at No.155.

• WTA qualifying debut came at 2016 Rabat.

• Made debut on ITF Circuit in Minsk in 2012.

**Grand Slam History**

- Made her 12th Grand Slam main draw appearance at 2020 Roland Garros.
- Advanced to R16 for first time at 2018 US Open (l. eventual champion Osaka in 3s).
- Best singles showing at Australian Open was 3r run in 2019 (l. Anisimova).
- First Grand Slam win came during 2r showing on Grand Slam debut at 2017 Wimbledon (as qualifier, d. Khromacheva, l. Witthoeft).
- Won career first Grand Slam title of any kind, in doubles at 2019 US Open (w/Mertens) – pair defeated Azarenka/Barty in final.

**Personal**

- Currently without a full-time coach; previously coached by Dmitry Tursunov and Didi Kindlmann.
- Started playing tennis when she was 6 by accident when her father Sergey drove by the tennis courts and decided to give it a try.
- Loves to laugh, has a sweet tooth and considers something sweet as a perfect present.
- Loves her grandmother’s cooking, and looks forward to her pancakes when she is away from home.
- She spends her time off with family, catching up with friends, or reading.
- Her favorite book is *The Count of Monte Cristo*. 
BRADY:

**Ostrava**
- Entered the inaugural J&T Banka Ostrava Open as one of three Americans in the main draw, also Gauff, (l. Sabalenka in 2r), and Anisimova (l. Mertens in 1r)
- Fired 12 aces and rallied from a set down to see off No.29 Yastremska in 1r
- 2r victory over No.75 Kasatkina marked 50th career main draw victory for the American
- Earned 30th career victory over Top 50 ranked opponents with QF win over qualifier No.47 Kudermetova
- Has now advanced to fourth SF of the year: also Dubai (l. eventual champion Halep in SF), Lexington (d. Teichmann in F) and US Open (l. eventual champion Osaka in SF)
- Faces No.12 Sabalenka today aiming to book second WTA final appearance of career after winning first title at Lexington earlier this year
- Owns career 1-4 record in SF matches, before 2020 had only reached two previous SFs at 2017 Hong Kong (l. Gavrilova) and 2019 Nottingham (l. Garcia)
- A win today would be 11th career win over a Top 20 player and sixth of the year after posting wins over No.1 Barty at Brisbane, No.6 Svitolina, No.17 Vondrousova and No.16 Muguruza at Dubai and No.19 Riske at Doha
- Has compiled a 13-3 record since returning to play, with 11 of those victories coming in straight sets. Has won 24 sets conceding four games or less during this span
- Contesting this week’s event one spot off from career-high ranking of No.25, achieved on September 14, 2020 after the American’s breakthrough run at the US Open
- Prior to this week, was previously 0-3 at indoor tournaments with 1r losses at 2017 Stuttgart (clay, l. Strycova), 2017 Quebec City (carpet, l. Andreescu) and 2020 St. Petersburg (hardcourt, l. Kuznetsova)

**Season**
- Suffered 1r loss at Roland Garros (l. Tauson)
- Posted career-best Grand Slam run at the US Open by reaching the final four (l. eventual champion Osaka)
- Made 1r exit at Western & Southern Open (l. Pegula)
- Lifted maiden WTA title at Lexington (d. Teichmann in F) - did not drop a set and broken just three times all week; made Top 40 debut at No.40 following the tournament (August 17, 2020)
- Prior to the tour’s resumption, performed in a series of exhibitions and World Team Tennis matches in the US, posting a 12-7 record including wins over Grand Slam champions Azarenka and Stephens
- Shortly before tour’s hiatus, fell 2r at Doha (l. Jabeur)
- Enjoyed one of her career-best weeks at Dubai, where, as a qualifier, she advanced to first SF at a Premier level (l. eventual champion Halep); defeated No.6 Svitolina, No.17 Vondrousova and No.16 Muguruza en route
- Suffered 1r exit at St Petersburg (l. Kuznetsova)
- Fell in the 1r at Australian Open (l. Halep) but progressed to QF in doubles w/Dolehide (l. Hsieh/ Strycova)
- In opening event of the season, made QF at Brisbane (as qualifier, l. Kvitova) – scored first career Top 10 win over World No.1 Barty in 2r; broke into Top 50 afterwards (No.49 on January 13, 2020)
**Career Milestones**

- Achieved career-high ranking of No.25 following 2020 US Open SF run (September 14, 2020)
- Ended 2019 season back in Top 60 after dipping as low as No.125 at one point. Season highlights included SF run at Nottingham (l. eventual champion Garcia), 3r showings at Dubai (l. eventual R-Up Kvitova), Indian Wells (l. Barty) and Beijing (l. Andreeescu)
- Finished 2018 ranked No.116 following her first Top 100 finish in 2017 (No. 64). Best results included reaching SFs at $100k ITF/Midland-USA (l. Loeb) and $80k ITF/Charlottesville-USA (l. Duque-Mariño), 2r showing at Indian Wells (l. Garcia), Roland Garros (l. Putintseva) and Wimbledon (l. Kontaveit)
- Posted first Top 100 year-end finish in 2017 (at No.64) during a campaign in which she reached first WTA career SF at 2017 Hong Kong (l. eventual R-Up Gavrilova)
- Made R16 at 2017 Australian Open and US Open
- Posted first WTA main draw wins during QF run at 2016 Guangzhou (d. Pivovarova and Kovinic)
- Made first four main draw appearances at tour level in 2016 – at Rio de Janeiro (as qualifier, l. Hercog in 1r), Stanford and Montréal
- Made WTA qualifying draw at 2015 Cincinnati (l. Falconi in 1r)
- Owns four singles and four doubles ITF Circuit titles
- Made professional debut at $10k ITF/Evansville, IN-USA (l. 1r)

**Grand Slam History**

- Recorded career-best Grand Slam run on home soil at 2020 US Open (l. eventual champion Osaka)
- Came through qualifying at 2017 Australian Open and went on to become first major debutante to reach R16 at a Slam since Smitkova at 2014 Wimbledon. Defeated Zanevska in 1r, Watson in 2r (saved 5mp) and No.14 seed Vesnina in 3r, losing to Lucic-Baroni; became first American female qualifier to reach R16 at the Australian Open in Open Era
- Also became just sixth player to make R16 on Australian Open debut in last 21 years: V.Williams (1998), Suárez Navarro (2009), Bouchard (2014), Gasparyan and Konta (2016)
- Also reached R16 at 2017 US Open (l. Ka.Pliskova) and made 2r at Roland Garros (2018-19) and Wimbledon (2017-18)

**Personal**

- Attended the University of California, Los Angeles, part of the NCAA Division 1 Women’s Tennis National Championship winning Bruins team in 2014. Completed sophomore year before turning pro in 2015
- Hired Michael Geserer (previously with Goerges) at end of 2019, spent offseason training in Germany for first time
- Mother’s name is Elizabeth; father’s name is Patrick; has twin sister, Jessica
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**ROAD TO THE SEMIFINALS**

MARIA SAKKARI (GRE #23)

QF: d. ONS JABEUR (TUN #32) 3-6,6-3,6-1 (1h38)
R16: d. [1] ELINA SVITOLINA (UKR #5) 6-3,6-3 (1h16)
R32: d. [WC] KRISTYNA PLISKOVA (CZE #68) 6-3,6-3 (1h19)

Total games: 61
Won/lost: 39-22
Sets won/lost: 6-1
Total time on court: 4h13
Average time on court: 1h24
Average rank of opponent: 35

[4] VICTORIA AZARENKA (BLR #14)

QF: d. [7] ELISE MERTENS (BEL #21) 6-4,6-1 (1h30)
R16: d. [Q] BARBORA KREJCIKOVA (CZE #85) 2-6,6-2,6-1 (2h13)
R32: BYE

Total games: 40
Won/lost: 26-14
Sets won/lost: 4-1
Total time on court: 3h43
Average time on court: 1h52
Average rank of opponent: 53
SAKKARI:

**Ostrava**
- Contests inaugural J&T Banka Ostrava Open this week as lone Greek representative
- In 1r, avenged loss to Kr.Pliskova at Palermo with a straight sets victory to claim her 90th career main draw victory
- Ousted top seed Svitolina in straight sets in 2r to book third QF appearance of 2020 - also St. Petersburg (l. Rybakina in SF) and the Western & Southern Open (l. Konta in QF)
- Win over No.5 Svitolina was fourth career Top 5 win and second of the year, other wins have come over No.5 Ka.Pliskova (2018 Rome), No.5 Kvitova (2019 Rome, via ret.) and No.5 Bencic (2020 St. Petersburg)
- The victory was also her fifth win over the No.1 seed at a tournament - also at 2016 Istanbul (d. Schmiedlova), 2019 Rabat (d. Mertens and went on to win title), 2019 San Jose (d. Svitolina) and 2020 St. Petersburg (d. Bencic)
- In QF, came back from a set and a break down to defeat No.32 Jabeur booking ninth career WTA SF appearance and second of the year
- Faces No.14 Azarenka today looking for third WTA final appearance of career and first since winning title at 2019 Rabat (d. Konta in F); also made final at 2018 San Jose (l. Buzarnescu)
- Owns 2-6 career record in SF matches with 0-1 record this year after falling to Rybakina at St. Petersburg
- A win today would be 18th career win over a Top 20 player and fifth of the year: including win over No.5 Svitolina in 2r also defeated No.11 Keys at Australian Open, No.5 Bencic at St Petersburg and No.9 S.Williams at the Western and Southern Open
- Owns 6-5 career record at indoor hardcourt matches with all previous wins coming this year during SF run at St. Petersburg

**Season**
- Upset by Cinderella qualifier Trevisan in 3r Roland Garros
- Produced R16 showing at US Open falling to S.Williams in 3s who she had just beaten the week earlier
- Made QF run at Western & Southern Open (d. Gauff, Putintseva and S.Williams before falling to Konta)
- Returned to competitive action following tour’s hiatus at Palermo in August, falling in 1r (l. Kr.Pliskova); was No.3 seed at Palermo – her joint-highest seeding at a WTA event (also during SF run at 2018 Seoul)
- Broke into Top 20 just before the break on Feb. 24
- Prior to this, made 3r at Doha (l. eventual champion Sabalenka) and fell 1r at Dubai (l. Sabalenka)
- Posted SF run at St. Petersburg (l. eventual R-Up Rybakina) – her first SF since 2019 San Jose
- Made 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
- Fell 2r at Adelaide (l. Vekic) after a 1r exit at Brisbane (l. Osaka)

**Grand Slam History**
- Contested 19th Grand Slam main draw at 2020 Roland Garros
- Fell R16 at 2020 Australian Open (l. Kvitova) to become the first Greek woman to reach this stage at a Slam since Eleni Daniilidou at 2004 Wimbledon
- Tied her best Grand Slam result at 2020 US Open falling to S.Williams in R16
- By reaching 3r at 2017 Australian Open, became first Greek woman to reach this stage at a Slam since Daniilidou at 2005 Wimbledon (l. Pennetta)
- At 2016 Australian Open, by reaching 2r (d. Y.Wang, l. Suárez Navarro) became the first woman from Greece to win a main draw match at a Slam since Daniilidou d. Ka.Pliskova at 2013 Australian Open

**Career Milestones**

- Broke into Top 20 on February 24, 2020
- Finished 2019 at No.23 – the best year-end finish of her career (up from No.41 in 2018)
- Season highlight was winning maiden WTA title at Rabat, recovering from a set and break down to defeat Konta in final
- Made 3r at Australian Open (l. Barty), Wimbledon (l. Svitolina) and US Open (l. Barty)
- Closed out season by qualifying for WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai for first time in career (fell in RR stage)
- 2018 season highlights included reaching her first tour-level final at San Jose (l. Buzarnescu), scoring first career Top 5 win after defeat of No.5 Ka.Pliskova in Rome as well as reaching SF at Istanbul (l. Hercog) and Seoul (l. Bertens)
- Notched first Top 10 victory of career over No.6 Wozniacki in route to first WTA SF of career at 2017 Wuhan Open
- Since then has posted a further eight 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), No.5 Bencic (2020 St. Petersburg) and No.9 S.Williams (2020 Western & Southern Open)
- Broke into Top 50 for first time at No.49 on October 9, 2017
- Reached first career WTA QF at 2016 Istanbul (as qualifier, l. Kovinic) – 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

**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
- Tried karate and gymnastics but was thrown out of class for laughing too much
- Currently coached by Tom Hill

AZARENKA:

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- Enters the tournament ranked No.14, up from No.50 this time last year
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- Her dominant run has seen her compile a 17-3 record, including 13 victories in straight sets, and 25 sets won by ceding three games or less
- Faces No.23 Sakkari today hoping to book third final of the year, all of which have come since the restart – Western & Southern Open (d. Osaka in F, walkover) and US Open (l. Osaka in F)
- Has not reached at least three finals in one year since 2016 when she won titles at Brisbane, Indian Wells and Miami
- Owns 39-19 record in career SF matches, has not fallen at this stage since 2018 Miami (l. eventual champion Stephens)
- Hoping to reach milestone 40th career singles final (20-18 record)
Has lost to a player outside the Top 20 three times this year: No.71 Zidansek at Monterrey, No.67 V.Williams at Lexington and No.161 Schmiedlova at Roland Garros

Played doubles this week with partner Muchova (l. Ostapenko/Zvonareva in 1r)

**Season**

Coming off 2r loss at Roland Garros (l. Schmiedlova)

Posted QF showing at Rome (l. Muguruza); beat No.5 Kenin 6-0 6-0 in 2r to register first Top 5 win since 2019 Stuttgart (d. No.4 Ka.Pliskova)

Finished R-Up for the third time at US Open (l. Osaka in 3s); now 21-18 in singles finals

Success at US Open propelled her back into Top 20 for the first time since 2016

Upset No.11 Sabalenka, No.18 Mertens and No.8 S.Williams en route to record the 122nd, 123rd and 124th Top 20 wins of her career and reach first major final since 2013 US Open – seven-year between major finals is second-longest in Open Era behind V.Williams (seven years, 207 days between 2009 Wimbledon and 2017 Australian Open)

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**Career Milestones**

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Highlight of 2019 was 37th singles final at Monterrey (d. No.5 Kerber in SF, l. Muguruza in F via ret. w/leg injury). Also made QFs at 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 with R16 at Wimbledon (l. Halep). Did not play 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 and ‘Sunshine Double’ of Indian Wells and Miami – third woman to achieve feat after Graf in 1994 and 1996 and Clijsters in 2005

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 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
Grand Slam History
- Contested landmark 50th major at 2020 US Open – one of nine active players to reach this milestone
- Two-time major champion, winning Australian Open in 2012 (d. Sharapova in F) and 2013 (d. Li in F)
- Also a three-time runner-up, at 2012 (l. S.Williams in 3s), 2013 (l. S.Williams in 3s) and 2020 US Open (l. Osaka in 3s)
- Advanced to Wimbledon SF in 2011 and 2012, while best result at Roland Garros is also SF run in 2013
- Four-time doubles R-Up, at 2008 Australian Open (w/Peer), 2009 Roland Garros (w/Vesnina), 2011 Australian Open (w/Kirilenko), 2019 US Open (w/Barty)
- Two-time Grand Slam mixed doubles champion, at 2007 US Open (w/Mirnyi) and 2008 Roland Garros (w/B.Bryan).
  Most recently finished as mixed doubles R-Up at 2018 Wimbledon (w/J.Murray)
- Won girls’ singles titles at the Australian Open and US Open in 2005

Personal
- 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
J&T BANKA OSTRAVA OPEN – FINAL


Series tied 1-1

Today marks the WTA’s first all-Belarusian final… **Azarenka** is appearing in her milestone 40th career Tour-level final (20-18 record)... Meanwhile, **Sabalenka** is through to her 11th career final (6-4 record) and is also competing in the doubles final today w/Mertens vs. Dabrowski/Stefani

A LOOK AT THE FINALISTS

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A SNAPSHOT OF 2020 – THE YEAR SO FAR

- **One Top 10 Debut:** Sofia Kenin (at No.7 on February 3)
- **Fewest games dropped en route to a title:** Jennifer Brady (24, Lexington)
- **Lowest-ranked title winner:** Patricia Maria Tig (No.88, Istanbul)
- **Multiple finals:** Elena Rybakina: 5 (Shenzhen – R-Up; Hobart – W; St. Petersburg – R-Up; Dubai – R-Up; Strasbourg – R-Up); Sofia Kenin: 3 (Australian Open – W; Lyon – W; Roland Garros – R-Up); Simona Halep: 3 (Dubai – W; Prague – W; Rome – W); Naomi Osaka: 2 (Western & Southern Open – R-Up; US Open – W); Victoria Azarenka (Western & Southern Open – W; US Open – R-Up); Karolina Pliskova: 2 (Brisbane – W; Rome – R-Up); Elina Svitolina: 2 (Monterrey – W; Strasbourg – W)
- **Maiden titles (3):** Ekaterina Alexandrova (Shenzhen), Jennifer Brady (Lexington), Patricia Maria Tig (Istanbul)
- **Youngest title winner:** Iga Swiatek, Roland Garros (19y 4m 12d)
- **Oldest title winner:** Serena Williams, Auckland (38y 3m 17d)
- **Aces leaders:** Elena Rybakina – 193, Serena Williams – 178, Garbiñe Muguruza – 160, Naomi Osaka – 141, Kristyna Pliskova – 137
- **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:** Elise Mertens – 30, Elena Rybakina – 29, Sofia Kenin – 24, Simona Halep – 23, Garbiñe Muguruza – 23
- **Most three-set matches played:** Garbiñe Muguruza (10-5 record), Sofia Kenin (10-3)
- **Most doubles titles (4):** Barbora Strycova / Hsieh Su-Wei (Brisbane, Dubai, Doha, Rome)
- **Best result by a qualifier (R-Up):** Leonie Kung (Hua Hin), Leylah Fernandez (Acapulco), Eugenie Bouchard (Istanbul)
- **Longest match:** 3h 33m – Heather Watson d. Elise Mertens 6-7(5) 6-4 7-5 (Hobart, QF)
- **Shortest (completed) match:** 39m – Ekaterina Alexandrova d. Storm Sanders 6-1 6-0 (Strasbourg, R1)
- **Most Top 10 wins (3):** Garbiñe Muguruza (No.3 Simona Halep, No.5 Elina Svitolina and No.10 Kiki Bertens – all at Australian Open) and Jelena Ostapenko (No.7 Sofia Kenin – Fed Cup, No.8 Kiki Bertens – Strasbourg, No.4 Karolina Pliskova – Roland Garros)

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QF: d. [Q] SARA SORRIBES TORMO (ESP #73) 6-6,4-6-0 (2h02)
R16: d. [Q] COCO GAUFF (USA #55) 1-6,7-5,7-6(2) (2h13)

Total games: 74
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• Comeback tournament was Mallorca, reaching 2r (d. Ozaki, I. Konjuh). Prior to 2017 Mallorca, last tournament contested was 2016 Roland Garros (1r)
• Followed this with R16 at Wimbledon (I. Halep). Did not play 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 and ‘Sunshine Double’ of Indian Wells and Miami – third woman to achieve feat after Graf in 1994 and 1996 and Clijsters in 2005
• Posted 26-3 record for first six months of 2016 with losses coming at the Australian Open (QF, I. Kerber), Rome (2r, I. 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 (I. 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 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

**Grand Slam History**

• Contested landmark 50th major at 2020 US Open – one of nine active players to reach this milestone
• Two-time major champion, winning Australian Open in 2012 (d. Sharapova in F) and 2013 (d. Li in F)
• Also a three-time runner-up, at 2012 (I. S.Williams in 3s), 2013 (I. S.Williams in 3s) and 2020 US Open (I. Osaka in 3s)
• Advanced to Wimbledon SF in 2011 and 2012, while best result at Roland Garros is also SF run in 2013
• Four-time doubles R-Up, at 2008 Australian Open (w/Peer), 2009 Roland Garros (w/Vesnina), 2011 Australian Open (w/Kirilenko), 2019 US Open (w/Barty)
• Two-time Grand Slam mixed doubles champion, at 2007 US Open (w/ Mirnyi) and 2008 Roland Garros (w/B.Bryan). Most recently finished as mixed doubles R-Up at 2018 Wimbledon (w/J.Murray)
• Won girls’ singles titles at the Australian Open and US Open in 2005

**Personal**

• 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

**Sabalenka:**

**Ostrava**

• Contesting inaugural J&T Banka Ostrava Open as the No.3 seed
• After 1r bye, mounted impressive comeback over No.55 qualifier Gauff after being down 2-5 in the third set, was as close as two points away from losing the match
The win avenged her tough three-set loss to the young American just two months ago in Lexington where she lost 12 of the last 15 points.

In a lopsided QF match, posted another impressive comeback over qualifier No.73 Sorribes Tormo after losing the first 10 games then winning the next 12.

In her fourth SF of the season, defeated an in-form No.26 Brady in straight sets. Also reached the final eight at Adelaide (l. Yastremska in SF), Doha (d. Kvitova in F) and Strasbourg (l. eventual champion Svitolina in SF).

Is through to her 11th career Tour-level final (6-4 record) and second of the season after winning her sixth career title at 2020 Doha – all of her titles have been won on hardcourts (2018 New Haven and Wuhan, 2019 Shenzhen, Wuhan and Zhuhai, and 2020 Doha).

Faces No.14 Azarenka today in the WTA’s first all-Belarusian final. Defeated her compatriot in their career first meeting at 2019 US Open in 3s.

Aiming for her 25th career Top 20 victory (24-18 record). Is 3-3 vs. such players this season, having defeated No.4 Halep (Adelaide), No.20 Sakkari and No.11 Kvitova (both en route to Doha title).

Is 3-2 vs. Grand Slam champions in 2020, having defeated Halep (Adelaide), Kuznetsova and Kvitova (both at Doha). Fell to Halep (Dubai) and Azarenka (US Open).

Excluding Fed Cup matches, only made two main draw appearances at WTA indoor hardcourt events prior to this week – fell 1r at 2018 Québec City (l. Lepchenko) and made SF run at 2019 St. Petersburg (l. eventual champion Bertens).

Playing doubles this week with partner Mertens as the top seeds – face Dabrowski/Stefani in the championship match today. Bidding to win a singles and doubles title during the same week for the first time in her career.

Season:
- Advanced to 3r for the first time at Roland Garros (l. Jabeur in 3s).
- Posted SF run at Strasbourg (l. eventual champion Svitolina in 3s).
- Made US Open 2r (l. eventual R-Up Azarenka) after 3r showing at Western & Southern Open (l. Pegula).
- In doubles w/Mertens, made QFs at Western & Southern Open and US Open (as defending champions, l. eventual champions Siegemund/Zvonareva).
- On return following the Tour’s five-month hiatus, made 2r at Lexington (l. Gauff in 3s).
- In February, won sixth career title at Doha (d. Kvitova in F); now 6-4 in singles finals.
- Reached QF at Dubai (l. eventual champion Halep).
- Represented Belarus in Fed Cup play-off victory vs. the Netherlands. Teamed up with Sasnovich in doubles to seal the victory (d. Bertens/Schuurs on a third-set tie-break). In singles, d. Rus, l. Bertens.
- Fell 1r at Australian Open (l. Suárez Navarro).
- Posted SF run at Adelaide (l. Yastremska). Upset No.4 Halep in QF at Adelaide to score fifth Top 5 win of her career, having previously beaten No.2 Wozniacki (2018 Montréal), No.5 Garcia (2018 Cincinnati), No.5 Kvitova (2018 US Open) and No.1 Barty (2019 Wuhan).
- Opened 2020 campaign with 2r exit at Shenzhen as the defending champion (l. Kr.Pliskova).

Career Milestones:
- Ended as World No.11 for the second straight year in 2019 after capturing three WTA singles titles at Shenzhen (d. Riske in F), Wuhan (d. Riske in F) and Zhuhai (d. Bertens in F).
- Became first player to successfully defend Wuhan title (d. Kontaveit in 2018 F). Also finished runner-up in doubles with Mertens in 2019 (l. Duan/Kudermetova in F).
During summer hard court season made R-Up finish at San Jose (l. S.Zheng)

Made Top 10 debut on January 28, 2019 following 3r run at 2019 Australian Open

Captured first Grand Slam doubles trophy at US Open (w/Mertens, d. Azarenka/Barty in F). Earlier in the season, the pair claimed the ‘Sunshine Double’ by winning back-to-back titles at Indian Wells (d. Krejcikova/Siniakova in F) and Miami (d. Stosur/ Zhang in F)

Qualified for WTA Finals Shenzhen (w/Mertens), going 1-2 in the round robin stage

Enjoyed breakthrough season in 2018, lifting two titles, at New Haven (d. Suárez Navarro in F) and Wuhan (d. Kontaveit in F), winning 46 matches and finishing at No.11 in the rankings

Also in 2018, was R-Up at Lugano (l. Mertens) and Eastbourne (l. Wozniacki), made SF at Cincinnati, reached five QFs and produced a career-best Grand Slam run to R16 at US Open

Posted first Top 100 season finish in 2017, ending year at No.78. Season highlight was reaching first tour-level final at Tianjin (l. Sharapova) and making SF run at Tashkent (l. Babos)

Made Grand Slam main draw debut 2017 Wimbledon, falling in 2r (as qualifier, l. Witthoeft), and WTA main draw debut at 2017 Dubai (as qualifier, l. Ka.Bondarenko)

Member of Belarus Fed Cup Team that advanced to competition final in 2017 – went 1-1 in singles and 0-1 in doubles as side lost to USA

Scored first Top 20 win of career with defeat of No.13 Stephens during 2017 Fed Cup final in Minsk

Rounded out season by lifting WTA 125k Series title at Mumbai (d. Jakupovic)

Owns three WTA doubles titles – all coming alongside Mertens during 2019 season (Indian Wells, Miami and US Open)

In 2016 rose nearly 400 places in the rankings, ending year at No.155

WTA qualifying debut came at 2016 Rabat

Made debut on ITF Circuit in Minsk in 2012

Grand Slam History

Made her 12th Grand Slam main draw appearance at 2020 Roland Garros

Advanced to R16 for first time at 2018 US Open (l. eventual champion Osaka in 3s)

Best singles showing at Australian Open was 3r run in 2019 (l. Anisimova)

First Grand Slam win came during 2r showing on Grand Slam debut at 2017 Wimbledon (as qualifier, d. Khromacheva, l. Witthoeft)

Made 1r exit on next three major appearances, at 2018 Australian Open (l. Barty), 2018 Roland Garros (l. Bertens) and 2018 Wimbledon (l. Buzarnescu)

Won career first Grand Slam title of any kind, in doubles at 2019 US Open (w/Mertens) – pair defeated Azarenka/Barty in final

Personal

Currently without a full-time coach; previously coached by Dmitry Tursunov and Didi Kindlmann

Started playing tennis when she was 6 by accident when her father Sergey drove by the tennis courts and decided to give it a try

Loves to laugh, has a sweet tooth and considers something sweet as a perfect present

Loves her grandmother’s cooking, and looks forward to her pancakes when she is away from home

She spends her time off with family, catching up with friends, or reading

Her favorite book is The Count of Monte Cristo
ELISE MERTENS

DOB: Nov 17, 1995 (24)
Hamont-Achel, Belgium
RH (Two-handed backhand)
5' 10" (1.79 m)
$7,043,903
$1,087,258
12 (Nov 26 2018)
2 (Sep 09 2019)
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ARYNA SABALENKA

DOB: May 5, 1998 (22)
Belarus
Plays: RH (two-handed backhand)
Height: 5' 11" (1.82 m)
Prize Career: $6,720,310
Prize YTD: $1,155,684
Career High Singles Rank: 9 (Feb 04 2019)
Career High Doubles Rank: 2 (Oct 21 2019)

PERFORMANCE - DOUBLES

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PREVIOUS APPEARANCES AS TEAM

TOURNAMENT - WON (3)
- 2019 US Open (Hard) d. V. Azarenka/A. Barty 7-5 7-5
- 2019 Miami (Hard) d. S. Stosur/S. Zhang 7-6(5) 6-2
- 2019 Indian Wells (Hard) d. B. Krejcikova/K. Siniakova 6-3 6-2

TOURNAMENT - RUNNER UP (1)
- 2019 Wuhan (Hard) I. Y. Duan/V. Kudermetova 7-6(3) 6-2

OTHER RESULTS (BEST ROUND REACHED)
- SF at 2019 Roland Garros (Clay) I. T. Babos/K. Mladenovic 6-2 6-1
- QF at 2020 US Open (Hard) I. L. Siegemund/V. Zvonareva 6-4 7-6(1)
- QF at 2020 New York (Hard) I. L. Hradecka/A. Klepacz
- QF at 2020 Doha (Hard) I. G. Dabrowski/J. Ostapenko 4-6 6-1 10-4
- QF at 2020 Australian Open (Hard) I. H. Chan/L. Chan 7-6(7) 6-2
- QF at 2020 Shenzhen (Hard) I. M. Doi/ M. Niculescu 7-5 6-4
- QF at 2019 Wimbledon (Grass) I. S. Hsieh/B. Strycova 6-4 6-2
- R16 at 2019 Beijing (Hard) I. S. Kenin/B. Mattek-Sands 6-3 7-6(5)
- R16 at 2019 Cincinnati (Hard) I. A. Cornet/K. Mladenovic 4-6 6-2 10-6
OTHER RESULTS (BEST ROUND REACHED)
- R16 at 2019 Rome (Clay) I. A.Sasnovich/L. Tsurenko 6-3  6-2
- R16 at 2019 Madrid (Clay) I. I.Bara/M.Buzarnescu 1-6  6-3  10-7
- R16 at 2019 Australian Open (Hard)  I. B.Krejciikova/K.Siniakova 2-6  6-2  6-3
- R32 at 2020 Roland Garros (Clay) I. A.Muhammad/J.Pegula 3-6  6-1  6-4
- R1 at 2019 WTA Finals (Hard)  I. A.Groenefeld/D.Schuurs 7-5 1-6  10-7
- R1 at 2019 WTA Finals (Hard)  I. H.Chan/L.Chan 7-6(5)  6-4
- R1 at 2019 WTA Finals (Hard)  I. T.Babos/K.Mladenovic 4-6  6-2  10-5

TOURNAMENT HISTORY - DOUBLES

2020 Season Summary

E.MERTENS
6 tournaments in 2020:
- QF Main Draw in US Open
  Partner: A.Sabalenka (l. L.Siegemund/V.Zvonareva 6-4  7-6(1))
- QF Main Draw in Australian Open
  Partner: A.Sabalenka (l. H.Chan/L.Chan 7-6(7)  6-2)
- QF Main Draw in New York
  Partner: A.Sabalenka vs. L.Hradeck/A.Klepac, match not played due to walkover)
- QF Main Draw in Doha
  Partner: A.Sabalenka (l. G.Dabrowski/J.Ostapenko 4-6  6-1  10-4)
- R2 Main Draw in Roland Garros
  Partner: A.Sabalenka (l. A.Muhammad/J.Pegula 3-6  6-1  6-4)
- Q Main Draw in Shenzhen
  Partner: A.Sabalenka (l. M.Doi/M.Niculescu 7-5  6-4)

A.SABALENKA
7 tournaments in 2020:
- QF Main Draw in Australian Open
  Partner: E.Mertens (l. H.Chan/L.Chan 7-6(7)  6-2)
- QF Main Draw in US Open
  Partner: E.Mertens (l. L.Siegemund/V.Zvonareva 6-4  7-6(1))
- QF Main Draw in Doha
  Partner: E.Mertens (l. G.Dabrowski/J.Ostapenko 4-6  6-1  10-4)
- R16 Main Draw in Lexington
  Partner: J.Brady (l. M.Linette/J.Pegula 6-4  4-6  10-8)
- R2 Main Draw in Roland Garros
  Partner: E.Mertens (l. A.Muhammad/J.Pegula 3-6  6-1  6-4)
- Q Main Draw in Shenzhen
  Partner: E.Mertens (l. M.Doi/M.Niculescu 7-5  6-4)

Best Previous Results (Ostrava)

Player has never previously played at this tournament.

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OTHER INFORMATION
E. MERTENS
Currently coached by Robbie Ceyssens, formerly worked with Dieter Kindlmann... Previously trained under Belgian Federation until early teens, also spent a year at the Mouratoglou Academy in Paris... Favorite surface is grass, favorite shot is the serve...Began playing tennis at age 4, introduced to game by older sister Lauren, an airline pilot with KLM...First tennis memory is watching Kim Clijsters playing live...Mother is Liliane Barbe (teaches languages and history); father is Guido Mertens (makes furniture for churches)...Was home schooled, enjoyed studying languages...Loves animals and has lots of pets at home, four dogs and a variety of birds (pheasants, peacocks, chickens, cranes)...Speaks English, Dutch/Flemish and French.

A. SABALENKA
Currently without a full-time coach; previously coached by Dmitry Tursunov and Didi Kindlmann... Started playing tennis when she was 6 by an accident when her father Sergey drove by the tennis courts and decided to give it a try... Loves her family and her young sister... Loves to laugh, has a sweet tooth and considers something sweet as a perfect present... Dreams of having a dog... Loves her grandmother’s cooking, and looks forward to her pancakes when she is away from home... She spends her time off with family, catching up with friends, or reading. Her favorite book is “The Count of Monte Cristo”... Favorite movies are Titanic, Home Alone, Never Back Down... Her role model is Roger Federer

Twitter - @SabalenkaA
Instagram - sabalenka_aryna

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

E. MERTENS
SINGLES
Finalist (2): 2020 - Prague; 2017 - Istanbul.

DOUBLES
Winner (9): 2019 - Indian Wells, Miami, US Open (all w/Sabalenka); 2018 - Hobart, ’s-Hertogenbosch, Wuhan (all w/Schuurs), Lugano (w/Flipkens); 2017 - Guangzhou (w/Schuurs); 2016 - Auckland (w/Mestach).
Finalist (4): 2018 - Birmingham, Cincinnati (both w/Schuurs); 2017 - Bucharest (w/Schuurs), Istanbul (w/Melichar).

ADDITIONAL
Belgian Fed Cup Team, 2017-19.

A. SABALENKA
SINGLES

DOUBLES
Winner (3): 2019 - Indian Wells, Miami, US Open (all w/Mertens); 2017 - 125/Taipei (w/Kudermetova),
Finalist (1): 2018 - Lugano (w/Lapko).

ADDITIONAL
Belarusian Fed Cup Team, 2016-20.
**GABRIELA DABROWSKI**

- **DOB**: Apr 1, 1992 (28)
- **Residence**: Ottawa, Canada
- **Height**: 5' 10" (1.78 m)
- **Prize Career**: $2,826,367
- **Prize YTD**: $214,913
- **Career High Singles Rank**: 431 (May 20 2019)
- **Career High Doubles Rank**: 32 (Sep 28 2020)
- **WTA Singles Titles - YTD / Career**: 0 / 0
- **WTA Doubles Titles - YTD / Career**: 1 / 2

**LUISA STEFANI**

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**PREVIOUS APPEARANCES AS TEAM**

**TOURNAMENT - WON (None)**

**TOURNAMENT - RUNNER UP (None)**

**OTHER RESULTS (BEST ROUND REACHED)**

**TOURNAMENT HISTORY - DOUBLES**

**G.DABROWSKI**

- 8 tournaments in 2020:
  - F Main Draw in Doha
  - Partner: J.Ostapenko (l. S.Hsieh/B.Strycova 6-2 5-7 10-2)
  - F Main Draw in Adelaide

**L.STEFANI**

- 12 tournaments in 2020:
  - W in Lexington
  - Partner: H.Carter (d. M.Bouzkova/J.Teichmann 6-1 7-5)
  - W in Newport Beach
**G. DABROWSKI**

Partner: D. Jurak (l. N. Melichar/Y. Xu 2-6 7-5 10-5)
- SF Main Draw in Dubai
  Partner: S. Zhang (l. S. Hsieh/B. Strycova 7-5 6-3)
- QF Main Draw in US Open
  Partner: A. Risk (l. A. Muhammad/T. Townsend 6-4 6-2)
- QF Main Draw in Australian Open
  Partner: J. Ostapenko (l. B. Krejcikova/K. Siniakova 3-6 6-2 6-3)
- R16 Main Draw in Roland Garros
  Partner: J. Ostapenko (l. M. Kostyuk/A. Sasnovich 6-4 6-4)
- R16 Main Draw in Rome
  Partner: J. Ostapenko (l. L. Hradecka/A. Klepac 7-5 6-3)
- R1 Main Draw in New York
  Partner: A. Risk (l. E. Alexandrova/V. Zvonareva 6-3 6-4)

**L. STEFANI**

Partner: H. Carter (d. M. Benoît/J. Ponchet 6-1 6-3)
- F Main Draw in Strasbourg
  Partner: H. Carter (l. N. Melichar/D. Schuurs 6-4 6-3)
- SF Main Draw in Rome
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- R16 Main Draw in Roland Garros
  Partner: H. Carter (l. S. Aoyama/E. Shibahara 6-4 7-5)
- R16 Main Draw in Auckland
  Partner: H. Carter (l. C. Dolehide/J. Larsson 6-4 3-6 10-6)
- R16 Main Draw in Hobart
  Partner: H. Carter (l. A. Rus/H. Watson 7-6(3) 6-2)
- R16 Main Draw in New York
  Partner: H. Carter (l. E. Perez/S. Sanders 6-3 4-6 10-7)
- R1 Main Draw in Doha
  Partner: H. Carter (l. M. Ninomiya/Z. Yang 6-2 3-6 10-7)

**Best Previous Results (Ostrava)**

Player has never previously played at this tournament.

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**OTHER INFORMATION**

G. DABROWSKI

Currently coached by her father, Andrea Rabzak, and Patrick Daciek; fitness trainers are Chris May and Bryan Doo...Started playing tennis at age 7 with a friend at a park by her house...Favorite surface is a slow hard court; favorite tournament is the Australian Open...Had many tennis idols growing up including Martina Hingis, Jennifer Capriati and Kim Clijsters...Best tennis memory so far has been competing at the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro...Parents are Yurek and Wanda...Speaks English, French and Polish...Off the court, enjoys reading, TV, podcasts, music and playing other sports...Favorite city is Melbourne...Favorite movie is The Lord of the Rings...Favorite celebrity is Russell Brand...Describes her playing style as an “all court player” and enjoys playing at net while incorporating finesse and touch shots.

L. STEFANI
**G. DABROWSKI**

**DOUBLES**
Winner (9): 2019 - Nürnberg (w/Xu); 2018 - Sydney, Eastbourne (both w/Xu), Doha (w/Ostapenko); 2017 - Miami, New Haven (both w/Xu); 2016 - Mallorca (w/Martínez Sánchez); 2015 - Monterrey (w/Rosolska); 2014 - Washington (w/Aoyama).
Finalist (9): 2020 - Adelaide (w/Xu), Doha (w/Ostapenko); 2019 - Madrid, Wimbledon (w/Xu); 2018 - Beijing (w/Xu); 2017 - Hobart (w/Z. Yang); 2016 - Nottingham (w/Yang); 2013 - Brussels (w/Peer), Linz (w/Rosolska).

**MIXED DOUBLES**
Winner (2): 2018 - Australian Open (w/Pavic); 2017 - Roland Garros (w/Bopanna)
Finalist (2): 2019 - Roland Garros (w/Pavic); 2018 - Roland Garros (w/Pavic).

**ADDITIONAL**

**L. STEFANI**