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)

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Head to Head: DONNA VEKIC leads 2-0

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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. Cocciaeteto)
- Prior to Tour’s hiatus, reached R16 at St. Petersburg (l. Alexandova) 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

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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, Alexsandr Timkovskii is fitness trainer; formerly worked with Philippe Dehaes and Vladimir Platenik

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

Loves football; favorite team is Barcelona FC
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. Krunic 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. Hradeck/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 Gavaldon 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 US$156,000 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

### MATCH NOTES

**KATERINA SINIAKOVA**

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**WTA RANKING**

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* Updated entering 2020 Ostrava 1r

### CORI GAUFF

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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, Martincova, 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 pairing 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.Radowanska) 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)
- Finshed 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
**MATCH NOTES**  
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**BARBORA STRYCOVA (CZE #37) vs. ONS JABEUR (TUN #32)**

Head to Head: BARBORA STRYCOVA leads 1-0

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**STRYCOVA:**

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- 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 (L. 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)

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**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