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

Head to Head: ELISE MERTENS leads 1-0

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ROAD TO THE FIRST ROUND

AMANDA ANISIMOVA (USA #30)

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

ELISE MERTENS (BEL #21)

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

Ostrava Tournament History

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Insights from
ANISIMOVA:

**Ostrava**
- 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

**Season**
- 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)

**Career Milestones**
- 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

**Grand Slam History**
- 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

**Personal**
- 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, I. 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)
[4] VICTORIA AZARENKA (BLR #14) vs. [Q] BARBORA KREJCIKOVA (CZE #85)

Head to Head: 0-0

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ROAD TO THE SECOND ROUND

VICTORIA AZARENKA (BLR #14)

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

BARBORA KREJCIKOVA (CZE #85)

R2-Q: d. JIL BELEN TEICHMANN (SUI #58) 6-3,6-2 (1h02)
R1-Q: d. (KAJA JUVAN #101) 6-3,6-0 (1h12)
R32: d. TEREZA MARTINCOVA (CZE #121) 7-5,6-1 (1h15)

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

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

Head to Head: PETRA MARTIC leads 2-0

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| 2018 | INDIAN WELLS | HARD | R3 | PETRA MARTIC | PETRA MARTIC | 6-3 6-3 | 79 mins | 0

JELENA OSTAPENKO

WTA RANKING

PORSCHE RACE TO SHENZHEN LEADERBOARD

DATE OF BIRTH (AGE) 19-01-1991 (29)

YTD PRIZE MONEY $719,976

CAREER PRIZE MONEY $5,546,362

SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER) 0 / 1

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YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD & Q) * 0-0 / 4-28

YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD & Q) * 0-2 / 15-47

* Updated entering 2020 Ostrava 1r

PETRA MARTIC

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

Ostrava Tournament History

"Q" Qualifying match

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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/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

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 Kudernatova
- 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. Svitloina), Australian Open in 2018 (l. Mer- tens), Roland Garros in 2012 (l. Kerber) and 2017 (as qualifier, l. Svitloina 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

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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. Hibino), 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.Radvanska) Qualifed 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 QF 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, 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)
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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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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. Vikhlyantseva 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

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 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.