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J&T BANKA OSTRAVA OPEN – DAY FOUR

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

Series tied 1-1

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

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

Gauff leads 1-0

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

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

Ostapenko leads 1-0

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

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

First meeting

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

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

First meeting

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

- **One Top 10 Debut**: Sofia Kenin (at No.7 on February 3)
- **Fewest games dropped en route to a title**: Jennifer Brady (24, Lexington)
- **Lowest-ranked title winner**: Patricia Maria Tig (No.88, Istanbul)
- **Multiple finals**: Elena Rybakina: 5 (Shenzhen – R-Up; Hobart – W; St. Petersburg – R-Up; Dubai – R-Up; Strasbourg – R-Up); Sofia Kenin: 3 (Australian Open – W; Lyon – W; Roland Garros – R-Up); Simona Halep: 3 (Dubai – W; Prague – W; Rome – W); Naomi Osaka: 2 (Western & Southern Open – R-Up; US Open – W); Victoria Azarenka (Western & Southern Open – W; US Open – R-Up); Karolina Pliskova: 2 (Brisbane – W; Rome – R-Up); Elina Svitolina: 2 (Monterrey – W; Strasbourg – W)
- **Maiden titles (3)**: Ekaterina Alexandrova (Shenzhen), Jennifer Brady (Lexington), Patricia Maria Tig (Istanbul)
- **Youngest title winner**: Iga Swiatek, Roland Garros (19y 4m 12d)
- **Oldest title winner**: Serena Williams, Auckland (38y 3m 17d)
- **Aces leaders**: Elena Rybakina – 193, Serena Williams – 178, Garbiñe Muguruza – 160, Naomi Osaka – 141, Kristyna Pliskova – 137
- **Most aces in a match (22)**: Alison Van Uytvanck (l. vs. Sofia Kenin 7-6(5) 6-7(2) 7-6(2) – Lyon, SF)
- **Most three-set matches played**: Garbiñe Muguruza (10-5 record), Sofia Kenin (10-3)
- **Most doubles titles (4)**: Barbora Strycova / Hsieh Su-Wei (Brisbane, Dubai, Doha, Rome)
- **Best result by a qualifier (R-Up)**: Leonie Kung (Hua Hin), Leylah Fernandez (Acapulco), Eugenie Bouchard (Istanbul)
- **Longest match**: 3h 33m – Heather Watson d. Elise Mertens 6-7(5) 6-4 7-5 (Hobart, QF)
- **Shortest (completed) match**: 39m – Ekaterina Alexandrova d. Storm Sanders 6-1 6-0 (Strasbourg, R1)
- **Most Top 10 wins (3)**: Garbiñe Muguruza (No.3 Simona Halep, No.5 Elina Svitolina and No.10 Kiki Bertens – all at Australian Open) and Jelena Ostapenko (No.7 Sofia Kenin – Fed Cup, No.8 Kiki Bertens – Strasbourg, No.4 Karolina Pliskova – Roland Garros)
VERONIKA KUDERMETOVA (RUS #47) vs. KAROLINA PLISKOVA (CZE #6)

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VERONIKA KUDERMETOVA (RUS #47)

WTA RANKING

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

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

* Updated entering 2020 Ostrava 2r

KAROLINA PLISKOVA (CZE #6)

ROAD TO THE SECOND ROUND

VERONIKA KUDERMETOVA (RUS #47)

R2-Q: d. ARANTXA RUS (NED #71) 7-5,6-2 (1h20)

R1-Q: d. STEFANIE VOEGELE (SUI #123) 7-6(5),6-3 (1h32)

R32: d. DONNA VEKIC (CRO #31) 6-2,6-4 (1h13)

KAROLINA PLISKOVA (CZE #6)

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KUDERMETOVA:

**Ostrava**

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

**Season**

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

**Career Highlights**

- Ended 2019 ranked No. 41 for career-best year-end ranking, rising from No. 115 at the end of 2018
- Played main draw at all four majors for first time in 2019, posting a career-best Grand Slam run to the 3r at Roland Garros, upsetting Wozniacki in 1r (l. Kanepi in 3r)
- Other 2019 highlights included SF finishes at ‘s-Hertogenbosch (l. eventual champion Riske), Hiroshima (l. Doi) and Tianjin (l. Watson). Picked up the biggest title of career at WTA 125K Series event at Guadalajara (d. Bouzkova in F)
- Posted first two Top 10 wins of career in final weeks of 2019, over No. 10 Bencic at Wuhan and No. 4 Svitlina at Moscow
- Won career first WTA doubles title at 2019 Wuhan with Duan (d. Mertens/Sabalenka in F); also R-Up at Charleston (w/Khromacheva) and Lugano (w/Voskoboeva) in 2019
- Won biggest singles title of career at WTA 125K Series event at 2019 Guadalajara (d. Bouzkova in F)
- Made Top 100 debut at No. 98 following 2019 St Petersburg, where she reached 2r as LL (week of February 4, 2019)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2018 Stuttgart, reaching 2r (d. No. 25 Suarez Navarro, l. eventual champion Ka.Pliskova)
- Posted two QF runs in 2018, at ‘s-Hertogenbosch (l. eventual champion Krunic) and Gstaad (l. Bouchard)
- Won two doubles titles in 2018 at WTA 125k Series events, at Mumbai (w/Dzalamidze) and Limoges (w/Voskoboeva). Also has titles at this level from Taipei in 2016 (w/Dzalamidze) and 2017 (w/Sabalenka)
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2014 Moscow
- Contested first Tour-level match representing Russia in Fed Cup action in 2014 vs. Australia (l. Stosur)
- On ITF Circuit, owns four singles titles and 16 doubles titles
Grand Slam History

- Contested seventh Grand Slam main drawn at 2020 Roland Garros
- Played in the main draw at all four majors for the first time in 2019
- Best result so far at the Slams came with 3r run at 2019 Roland Garros (d. Wozniacki in 1r, l. Kanepi)
- Has also made 2r at Wimbledon in 2019 and Roland Garros in 2020
- In doubles, best major result was SF run at 2020 US Open (w/Blinkova, l. eventual champions Siegemund/Zvonareva)

Personal

- Coached by husband Sergey Demekhin, former coach of Vera Zvonareva
- Teenage sister, Polina, is on the junior circuit and contested Australian Open girls’ singles last January
- Born in Kazan, Russia. Based in Moscow and trains at CSKA club
- Off the court, has a passion for cooking and her specialty is roasted chicken with potatoes and garlic

PLISKOVA:

Ostrava

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

Season

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

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

**Grand Slam History**

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

- Born in Louny, north of Prague, but now trains at Sparta Praha tennis club
- Has a twin sister – Kristyna. In 2013, became the first set of twins to capture a WTA doubles title
- Married Michal Hrdlicka after 2018 Wimbledon
- Currently coached by Daniel Vallverdu and Olga Savchuk, and previously coached by Conchita Martínez, Rennae Stubbs, Tomas Krupa and David Kotyza
- Away from the court, enjoys fresh-water fishing, as well as contributing to her foundation which benefits various causes, including pediatric oncology and children battling cancer in her native Czech Republic
- During the tour’s hiatus in 2020, contested the Mutua Madrid Open Virtual competition, undertook charity work by supporting key workers with free coffee, kept fit with bike rides (her first in 15 years), held her Foundation’s first junior tournament as well as played several exhibition events in the Czech Republic
HEAD TO HEAD: CORI GAUFF LEADS 1-0

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**CORI GAUFF (USA #55)**

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**ARYNA SABALENKA (BLR #12)**

**ROAD TO THE SECOND ROUND**

**CORI GAUFF (USA #55)**

R32: d. [WC] KATERINA SINIAKOVA (CZE #65) 7-5,6-4 (1h36)
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
- Fought past home favorite Siniakova in straight sets in 1r on Tuesday; only lost twice to players ranked outside Top 50 in 2020, against No.73 Siegemund (Auckland) and No.159 Trevisan (Roland Garros)
- Faces No.12 Sabalenka for her first Premier QF today, having stunned the Belarusian earlier this year at Lexington after a 2h 48m battle – the longest match of her career so far
- Now owns four career Top 20 wins in total, having defeated No.8 Bertens at 2019 Linz, No.4 Osaka at 2020 Australian Open, No.11 Sabalenka at 2020 Lexington and No.13 Konta at 2020 Roland Garros
- At 16-years-old, is the youngest of two teenagers in the draw (also Anisimova – 19) – only teenager to win a title this season was Swiatek (19) at Roland Garros
- One of three American women to start the tournament (Brady also advanced to 2r, while Anisimova fell in the opening round)
- Won sole career title on indoor hard courts, at 2019 Linz (as LL, d. Ostapenko in F)

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

**Career Milestones**
- Enjoyed breakout season in 2019, highlighted by maiden WTA singles title at Linz (as lucky loser, d. Ostapenko in F) - earned her first Top 10 win en route to title over No.8 Bertens in QF
- At 15y214d, her title run in Linz made her youngest to win a WTA tour-level title since Vaidisova (15y177d) won Tashkent in 2004
- Also claimed maiden WTA doubles titles at Washington, DC (w/McNally, d. Sanchez/Stollar in F) and Luxembourg (w/McNally, d. Christian/Guarachi in F)
- By winning the doubles title at Washington, DC at 15 yrs, 144 days, became the youngest player to win a doubles title since May 1995 (Martina Hingis won Hamburg at 14 yrs, 219 days)
- Reached R16 at 2019 Wimbledon on Grand Slam main draw debut (l. eventual champion Halep) - followed with 3r showing at US Open (as WC, l. Osaka)
Finished 2019 season ranked No.69, having started the year ranked No.685
Made WTA main draw debut at 2019 Miami (as WC, l. Kasatkina in 2r)
Made ITF debut in May 2018 as a qualifier into the $25K ITF/Osprey, FL—USA, where she won her first professional match (as qualifier, l. Stewart in R16)
Finished 2018 season with a WTA ranking of No.875
Former junior World No.1 (July 2018)

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

Personal
Began playing tennis at age 7
Grew up in Atlanta, Georgia before moving to Florida to pursue tennis; main residence is now Delray Beach, Florida
Currently coached by her father Corey Gauff (played basketball for Georgia State University) and is part of ‘Team Mouratoglou’ along with rising male players Stefanos Tsitsipas, Alexei Popyrin, Rudi Molleker and Jason Tseng – has trained at Mouratoglou Academy in France since age of 10
Mother, Candi was a track and field athlete at Florida State University. Has two younger brothers, Cody and Cameron
Favorite subject at school is literature
Cites Serena Williams as the reason she plays tennis and also admires Venus
Signed first multi-year sponsorships in 2018 with New Balance, Head and Barilla, an Italian food company known for its pasta
SABALENKA:

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

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

**Career Milestones**
- Ended as World No.11 for the second straight year in 2019 after capturing three WTA singles titles at Shenzhen (d. Riske in F), Wuhan (d. Riske in F) and Zhuhai (d. Bertens in F)
- Became first player to successfully defend Wuhan title (d. Kontaveit in 2018 F). Also finished runner-up in doubles with Mertens in 2019 (l. Duan/Kudermetova in F)
- During summer hard court season made R-Up finish at San Jose (l. S.Zheng)
- Made Top 10 debut on January 28, 2019 following 3r run at 2019 Australian Open
Captured first Grand Slam doubles trophy at US Open (w/Mertens, d. Azarenka/Barty in F). Earlier in the season, the pair claimed the ‘Sunshine Double’ by winning back-to-back titles at Indian Wells (d. Krejcikova/Siniakova in F) and Miami (d. Stosur/ Zhang in F)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WTA qualifying debut came at 2016 Rabat

Made debut on ITF Circuit in Minsk in 2012

**Grand Slam History**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Personal**

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

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

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

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

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

Her favorite book is *The Count of Monte Cristo*
ONS JABEUR (TUN #32) vs. JELENA OSTAPENKO (LAT #44)

Head to Head: JELENA OSTAPENKO leads 1-0

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ROAD TO THE SECOND ROUND

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

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

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

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

Ostrava Tournament History

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

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

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

OSTAPENKO:

Ostrava

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

Season

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

Career Milestones

- Ended 2019 season in fine style winning Luxembourg (d. Goerges in F) and finishing R-Up at Linz (l. Gauff); year-end ranking was No.44, having slipped as low as No.83 during the summer
- Other highlights in 2019, included QF at Birmingham and 3r showings at US Open, Charleston, Eastbourne and 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 Québéc 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.
KAROLINA MUCHOVA (CZE #28) vs. ELISE MERTENS (BEL #21)

Head to Head: First meeting

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

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

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

**Season**
- Coming off 1r exit at Roland Garros (I, 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 (I. Dart) and $60k ITF/Croissy-Beauborg-FRA (I. Blinkova)
- Also reached the final at $80k ITF/Olomouc-CZE (I. Ferro)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2017 Seoul (as qualifier, I. Hon). Also contested qualifying at ‘s-Hertogenbosch and Tokyo [Japan Open] and finished R-Up at one ITF Circuit event
- Won second career ITF Circuit title in 2016 and posted 39-18 win-loss record; at tour-level fell in qualifying at US Open
- On ITF Circuit has won two titles in singles and one in doubles
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in Croatia in 2013
Grand Slam History

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

MERTENS:

Ostrava

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

Season

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

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

**Grand Slam History**

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

**Personal**

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

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* Updated entering 2020 Ostrava 2r

ROAD TO THE SECOND ROUND

DARIA KASATKINA (RUS #75)

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

JENNIFER BRADY (USA #26)

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

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

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

Ostrava Tournament History

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

**Season**

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

**Career Milestones**

- Finished 2019 season at No.69, down from No.10 in 2018, having gone 12-21 across the season, with best result a QF run at Premier Mandatory China Open (l. Wozniacki)
- Ended 2018 season by catering her second WTA singles title at Moscow [Kremlin Cup]. Recovered from a set and 6-2 4-1 down to defeat Jabeur in final; is now 2-3 in WTA singles finals, all coming at Premier-level or above
- Reached biggest final of career at 2018 Indian Wells (l. Osaka) and was also R-Up at Dubai (l. Svitolina)
- Captured the joint-most wins over Top 5 players (five) in 2018, along with Bertens and Stephens, including upset of No.1 Wozniacki during SF run at St. Petersburg – having also beaten Kerber at 2017 Sydney, is one of five players in WTA history to have multiple wins over World No.1s before their 21st birthday, joining V. Williams (9), S. Williams (8), Sharapova (4) and Kuznetsova (2)
- Was one of eight players to reach QF or better at two or more Grand Slams in 2018 (Wimbledon and Roland Garros)
- 2017 season was highlighted by capturing first WTA singles title in debut final at Charleston, defeating fellow teenager Ostapenko in F – the first all-teenage final on tour since 2009 Linz (Wickmayer d. Kvitova)
- Reached second tour-level final at Moscow in 2017 (l. Goerges in F). Also finished R-Up in two WTA doubles finals at 2017 – at Tokyo [PPO] and Moscow (both w/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 Martínez, while brother, Aleksandr Timkovskii is fitness trainer; formerly worked with Philippe Dehaes and Vladimir Platenik

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

• Loves football; favorite team is Barcelona FC

**BRADY:**

**Ostrava**

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

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

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

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

**Season**

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

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

**Career Milestones**

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

**Grand Slam History**

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

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