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J&T BANKA OSTRAVA OPEN – QUARTERFINALS

[Q] SARA SORRIBES TORMO (ESP #73) vs. [3] ARYNA SABALENKA (BLR #12)

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


Azarenka leads 1-0
Azarenka has now advanced to QF stage in four of last five events, first time doing so since 2016...Mertens is contesting seventh QF of 2020 campaign, and looking to notch 90th career victory on hard court

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

Jabeur leads 1-0
Sakkari has now won back-to-back matches in seven of the 11 events contested in 2020...Jabeur owns five wins over Top 25 opponents so far this season

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

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

- **One Top 10 Debut**: Sofia Kenin (at No.7 on February 3)
- **Fewest games dropped en route to a title**: Jennifer Brady (24, Lexington)
- **Lowest-ranked title winner**: Patricia Maria Tig (No.88, Istanbul)
- **Multiple finals**: Elena Rybakina: 5 (Shenzhen – R-Up; Hobart – W; St. Petersburg – R-Up; Dubai – R-Up; Strasbourg – R-Up); Sofia Kenin: 3 (Australian Open – W; Lyon – W; Roland Garros – R-Up); Simona Halep: 3 (Dubai – W; Prague – W; Rome – W); Naomi Osaka: 2 (Western & Southern Open – R-Up; US Open – W); Victoria Azarenka (Western & Southern Open – W; US Open – R-Up); Karolina Pliskova: 2 (Brisbane – W; Rome – R-Up); Elina Svitolina: 2 (Monterrey – W; Strasbourg – W)
- **Maiden titles (3)**: Ekaterina Alexandrova (Shenzhen), Jennifer Brady (Lexington), Patricia Maria Tig (Istanbul)
- **Youngest title winner**: Iga Swiatek, Roland Garros (19y 4m 12d)
- **Oldest title winner**: Serena Williams, Auckland (38y 3m 17d)
- **Aces leaders**: Elena Rybakina – 193, Serena Williams – 178, Garbiñe Muguruza – 160, Naomi Osaka – 141, Kristyna Pliskova – 137
- **Most aces in a match (22)**: Alison Van Uytvanck (l. vs. Sofia Kenin 7-6(5) 6-7(2) 7-6(2) – Lyon, SF)
- **Most three-set matches played**: Garbiñe Muguruza (10-5 record), Sofia Kenin (10-3)
- **Most doubles titles (4)**: Barbora Strycova / Hsieh Su-Wei (Brisbane, Dubai, Doha, Rome)
- **Best result by a qualifier (R-Up)**: Leonie Kung (Hua Hin), Leylah Fernandez (Acapulco), Eugenie Bouchard (Istanbul)
- **Longest match**: 3h 33m – Heather Watson d. Elise Mertens 6-7(5) 6-4 7-5 (Hobart, QF)
- **Shortest (completed) match**: 39m – Ekaterina Alexandrova d. Storm Sanders 6-1 6-0 (Strasbourg, R1)
- **Most Top 10 wins (3)**: Garbiñe Muguruza (No.3 Simona Halep, No.5 Elina Svitolina and No.10 Kiki Bertens – all at Australian Open) and Jelena Ostapenko (No.7 Sofia Kenin – Fed Cup, No.8 Kiki Bertens – Strasbourg, No.4 Karolina Pliskova – Roland Garros)
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Average time on court: 1h20
Average rank of opponent: 31

Total time on court: 2h13
Average time on court: 2h13
Average rank of opponent: 55

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SORRIBES TORMO:

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

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

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

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

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

SABALENKA:

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

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

**Career Milestones**

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

**Grand Slam History**

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

**Personal**

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

Head to Head: VICTORIA AZARENKA leads 1-0

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VICTORIA AZARENKA

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ROAD TO THE QUARTERFINALS

VICTORIA AZARENKA (BLR #14)

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

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

ELISE MERTENS (BEL #21)

R16: d. KAROLINA MUCHOVA (CZE #28) 6-4, 6-2 (1h23)
R32: d. AMANDA ANISIMOVA (USA #30) 6-2, 6-3 (1h12)

Total games: 35
Won/lost: 24-11
Sets won/lost: 4-0
Total time on court: 2h35
Average time on court: 1h18
Average rank of opponent: 29

Ostrava Tournament History

"-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
- Outside of Serena (39 years old), she is the oldest player ranked inside the Top 20 at 31 years of age
- Following 1r bye – her first since 2016 Rome – defeated No.85 Krejcikova in three sets to setup QF clash with No.21 Mertens
- Marks second career meeting following a decisive victory by the Belarusian at 2020 US Open QF stage where she only lost one game to the Belgian
- Has now advanced to at least the QF stage in four out of her last five events. In comparison, this is the first time she’s produced a run of form like this since 2016 (Brisbane, Melbourne, Indian Wells, Miami)
- Her dominant run has seen her compile a 17-3 record, including 12 victories in straight sets, and 24 sets won by ceding three games or less
- Played doubles this week with partner Muchova (l. Ostapenko/Zvonareva in 1r)

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

**Career Milestones**
- Last tournament of 2019 was the US Open, where she fell to Sabalenka in 1r; also reached the doubles final w/Barty (l. Mertens/Sabalenka)
- Highlight of 2019 was 37th singles final at Monterrey (d. No.5 Kerber in SF, l. Muguruza in F via ret. w/leg injury). Also made QFs at Acapulco (l. Kenin), Stuttgart (l. Kontaveit via ret.) and Rome (l. Ka.Pliskova)
- On February 2, 2019 returned to Top 50 for first time following the birth of her child, Leo
- Highlights of 2018 season included SF at Miami (l. Stephens) and QF at San Jose and Tokyo
- Made return to tennis in June 2017 following birth of first child in December 2016
- Comeback tournament was Mallorca, reaching 2r (d. Ozaki, l. Konjuh). Prior to 2017 Mallorca, last tournament contested was 2016 Roland Garros (1r)
- Followed this with R16 at Wimbledon (l. Halep). Did not play after Wimbledon due to personal reasons
Ended 2016 ranked No.13, despite missing second half of season after going on maternity leave (announced pregnancy mid-July). Lifted three titles, at Brisbane and ‘Sunshine Double’ of Indian Wells and Miami – third woman to achieve feat after Graf in 1994 and 1996 and Clijsters in 2005

Posted 26-3 record for first six months of 2016 with losses coming at the Australian Open (QF, l. Kerber), Rome (2r, l. Begu) and Roland Garros (ret. vs. Knapp w/right knee injury)

Limited to total of 23 events over 2014-15 seasons due to variety of injuries

Posted five consecutive Top 10 finishes between 2009 and 2013, qualifying for the WTA Finals on each occasion (l. Kvitova in 2011 final in Istanbul)

Ascended to World No.1 after 2012 Australian Open and held top spot for a total of 51 weeks

Began 2012 with 26-match win streak – best start since Hingis went 37-0 in 1997. Went on to win tour-leading 69 matches in 2012, season highlighted by six titles, finishing as WTA’s year-end No.1

Won two medals for Belarus at 2012 Olympics bronze in singles and mixed doubles gold (w/Mirnyi)

Made WTA main draw debut at 2005 Kolkata

ITF Junior World Champion for 2005 – reached first tour-level semifinal at Guangzhou the same year

**Grand Slam History**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Personal**

Currently coached by Dorian Descloix. Formerly coached by Wim Fissette, Sam Sumyk and Michael Joyce

Gave birth to son Leo in December 2016

Introduced to tennis at age 7 by mother Alla; father’s name is Fedor and older brother is Max

**MERTENS:**

**Ostrava**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Season**

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

**Career Milestones**

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

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

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

Head to Head: ONS JABEUR leads 1-0

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ROAD TO THE QUARTERFINALS

MARIA SAKKARI (GRE #23)

R16: d. [1] ELINA SVITOLINA (UKR #5) 6-3,6-3 (1h16)
R32: d. KRISTYNA PLISKOVA (CZE #68) 6-3,6-3 (1h19)

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

ONS JABEUR (TUN #32)

R16: d. JELENA OSTAPENKO (LAT #44) 6-4,6-4 (1h24)
R32: d. BARBORA STRYCOVA (CZE #37) 6-2,6-2 (1h14)

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

Ostrava

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

Season

- Upset by Cinderella qualifier Trevisan in 3r Roland Garros
- Produced R16 showing at US Open falling to S.Williams in 3s who she had just beaten the week earlier
- Made QF run at Western & Southern Open (d. Gauff, Putintseva and S.Williams before falling to Konta)
- Returned to competitive action following tour’s hiatus at Palermo in August, falling in 1r (l. Kr.Pliskova); was No.3 seed at Palermo – her joint-highest seeding at a WTA event (also during SF run at 2018 Seoul)
- Broke into Top 20 just before the break on Feb. 24
- Prior to this, made 3r at Doha (l. eventual champion Sabalenka) and fell 1r at Dubai (l. Sabalenka)
-Posted SF run at St. Petersburg (l. eventual R-Up Rybakina) – her first SF since 2019 San Jose
- Made the R16 at Australian Open (l. Kvitova) – her best result at the majors – to become the first Greek woman to reach this stage at a Grand Slam since Eleni Daniilidou at 2004 Wimbledon
- Fell 2r at Adelaide (l. Vekic) after a 1r exit at Brisbane (l. Osaka)

Grand Slam History

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

- Broke into Top 20 on February 24, 2020
- Finished 2019 at No.23 – the best year-end finish of her career (up from No.41 in 2018)
- Season highlight was winning maiden WTA title at Rabat, recovering from a set and break down to defeat Konta in final
- Made 3r at Australian Open (l. Barty), Wimbledon (l. Svitlina) and US Open (l. Barty)
- Closed out season by qualifying for WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai for first time in career (fell in RR stage)
- 2018 season highlights included reaching her first tour-level final at San Jose (l. Buzarnescu), scoring first career Top 5 win after defeat of No.5 Ka.Pliskova in Rome as well as reaching SF at Istanbul (l. Hercog) and Seoul (l. Bertens)
- Notched first Top 10 victory of career over No.6 Wozniacki en route to first WTA SF of career at 2017 Wuhan Open
- Since then has posted a further eight Top 10 wins, against No.5 Ka.Pliskova (2018 Rome), No.6 Bertens (2019 Charleston), No.5 Kvitova (2019 Rome, via ret.), No.7 Svitolina (2019 San Jose), No.6 Kvitova and No.9 Sabalenka (both at 2019 Cincinnati), No.5 Bencic (2020 St. Petersburg) and No.9 S.Williams (2020 Western & Southern Open)
- Broke into Top 50 for first time at No.49 on October 9, 2017
- Reached first career WTA QF at 2016 Istanbul (as qualifier, l. Kovinic) – achieved her then best win-by-ranking defeating No.34 Schmiedlova in 1r
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2012 Palermo
- Made debut on ITF Circuit in 2010; owns seven ITF Circuit singles titles and five in doubles

**Personal**

- Born and grew up in Athens, Greece, before moving to Barcelona aged 18 – has trained there for two years
- Mother, Angeliki Kanellopoulou, was tennis player
- Tried karate and gymnastics but was thrown out of class for laughing too much
- Currently coached by Tom Hill

**JABEUR:**

**Ostrava**

- Appearing in inaugural J&T Banka Ostrava Open; only previous appearances on Czech soil were qualifying exit at 2015 Prague and 1r defeat at 2016 $75k ITF/Prague
- Saw off Strycova in 1r to notch her 20th main draw win of the season – only eight players have reached this milestone (Mertens is No.1 with 30-11 record)
- Defeated wildcard No.44 Ostapenko in 2r to book fifth QF of the season
- Has yet to go beyond this stage this year also reaching the final eight at Australian Open (l. eventual champion Kenin), Doha (l. Kvitova), Lexington (l. Gauff) and Western & Southern Open (l. eventual champion Azarenka)
- Win over Ostapenko was fourth career win over a Grand Slam champion – also defeated Halep at 2018 Beijing, Stephens at 2018 Moscow (would go on to win tournament) and Wozniacki and 2020 Australian Open
- Faces No.23 Sakkari today having won their sole meeting on ITF circuit in 2015
- Already owns five wins this year over players in the Top 25: No.13 Konta at 2020 Australian Open, No.18 Riske at Dubai, No.3 Ka.Pliskova at Doha, No.13 Keys at the Western & Southern Open and most recently No.12 Sabalenka at Roland Garros
- While not going beyond QF stage this year (0-4 record), did reach two SFs in 2019 at Eastbourne (l. Kerber) and Tianjin (l. eventual champion Peterson)
- Sole WTA final (and only other SF appearance) of her career came on indoor hard courts, at 2018 Moscow [Kremlin Cup] (l. Kasatkina)
• Entered tournament ranked No.9 on tour in 2020 for percentage of games won on serve (70.4%) and No.8 for games won on return (36.5%)

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

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

Grand Slam History
• Played her 15th Grand Slam main draw at 2020 Roland Garros, where she reached R16 (l. Collins)
• Deepest run at a major was advancing to QF at 2020 Australian Open, making history by becoming the first Arab woman to reach the final eight of a Grand Slam (l. eventual champion Kenin)
• Prior to 2020 Australian Open, best Slam runs were 3r runs at 2017 Roland Garros and 2019 US Open; in Paris became first Arab woman to reach 3r at a major and first lucky loser to contest 3r of a Slam since Kasatkina at 2015 US Open, and first at Roland Garros since Pizzichini in 1996. Gaidano, at 1993 US Open, was most recent lucky loser to reach Slam R16
• Is second Tunisian woman to win a Grand Slam main draw match after Selima Sfar reached 2r at 2001 Roland Garros, Wimbledon and US Open; 2002 Wimbledon; 2005 Wimbledon; and 2008 Roland Garros
• In girls' singles at Roland Garros was champion in 2011 (d. Puig) and R-Up in 2010 (l. Svitolina)
Personal

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

Head to Head: 0-0

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WTA RANKING

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DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)

YTD PRIZE MONEY

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YTD / CAREER Tie-Break W-L (MD) *

YTD / CAREER Hard W-L (MD) *

YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *

YTD / CAREER Top 50 W-L (MD & Q) *

YTD / CAREER Top 100 W-L (MD & Q) *

* Updated entering 2020 Ostrava QF

ROAD TO THE QUARTERFINALS

JENNIFER BRADY (USA #26)

R16: d. DARIA KASATKINA (RUS #75) 7-5,6-2 (1h46)
R32: d. DAYANA YASTREMSKA (UKR #29) 3-6,7-6(6),6-1 (2h01)

VERONIKA KUDERMETOVA (RUS #47)

R2-Q: d. ARANTXA RUS (NED #71) 7-5,6-2 (1h20)
R1-Q: d. STEFANIE VOEGELE (SUI #123) 7-6(5),6-3 (1h32)
R16: d. [2] KAROLINA PLISKOVA (CZE #6) 4-6,6-4,6-3 (1h56)
R32: d. DONNA VEKIC (CRO #31) 6-2,6-4 (1h13)

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

Ostrava Tournament History

"-Q" Qualifying match
BRADY:

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

**Season**
- Suffered 1r loss at Roland Garros (l. Tauson)
- Posted career-best Grand Slam run at the US Open by reaching the final four (l. eventual champion Osaka)
- Made 1r exit at Western & Southern Open (l. Pegula)
- Lifted maiden WTA title at Lexington (d. Teichmann in F) - did not drop a set and broken just three times all week; made Top 40 debut at No.40 following the tournament (August 17, 2020)
- Prior to the tour’s resumption, performed in a series of exhibitions and World Team Tennis matches in the US, posting a 12-7 record including wins over Grand Slam champions Azarenka and Stephens
- Shortly before tour’s hiatus, fell 2r at Doha (l. Jabeur)
- Enjoyed one of her career-best weeks at Dubai, where, as a qualifier, she advanced to first SF at a Premier level (l. eventual champion Halep); defeated No.6 Svitolina, No.17 Vondrousova and No.16 Muguruza en route
- Suffered 1r exit at St 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. Andreescu)
- Finished 2018 ranked No.116 following her first Top 100 finish in 2017 (No. 64). Best results included reaching SFs at $100k ITF/Midland-USA (l. Loeb) and $80k ITF/Charlottesville-USA (l. Duque-Mariño), 2r showing at Indian Wells (l. Garcia), Roland Garros (l. Putintseva) and Wimbledon (l. Kontaveit)
• Posted first Top 100 year-end finish in 2017 (at No.64) during a campaign in which she reached first WTA career SF at 2017 Hong Kong (l. eventual R-Up Gavrilova)
• Made R16 at 2017 Australian Open and US Open
• Posted first WTA main draw wins during QF run at 2016 Guangzhou (d. Pivovarova and Kovinic)
• Made first four main draw appearances at tour level in 2016 – at Rio de Janeiro (as qualifier, l. Hercog in 1r), Stanford and Montréal
• Made WTA qualifying draw at 2015 Cincinnati (l. Falconi in 1r)
• Owns four singles and four doubles ITF Circuit titles
• Made professional debut at $10k ITF/Evansville, IN-USA (l. 1r)

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

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

KUDERMETOVA:

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

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

**Career Milestones**

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

**Grand Slam History**

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

**Personal**

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