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DUBAI DUTY FREE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS – DAY 1

AMANDA ANISIMOVA (USA #29) vs. BARBORA STRYCOVA (CZE #30)

Anisimova leads 1-0

Anisimova is making her tournament debut this week... A former finalist here in 2016, Strycova will look to rekindle that magic by notching first win vs American this year (0-2)

ALISON RISKE (USA #18) vs. [WC] ONS JABEUR (TUN #45)

First meeting

Riske has yet to fall against a player ranked outside the Top 5 this season... Jabeur is contesting this week’s event on a career-high ranking of No.45, soaring 33 spots following her maiden Grand Slam QF showing at Australian Open

[WC] KIM CLIJSTERS (BEL) vs. [9] GARBIÑE MUGURUZA (ESP #16)

First meeting

Clijsters makes her highly anticipated return to the WTA Tour this week in Dubai... The Belgian never competed in Dubai in either of her previous active periods on the WTA Tour... Muguruza is enjoying the best start to a season in her career and owns a 20-10 advantage vs Grand Slam champions since her 2016 title run at Roland Garros

MARKETA VONDROUSOVA (CZE #17) vs ANASTASIJA SEVASTOVA (LAT #41)

Vondrousova leads 1-0

Vondrousova is making her Dubai debut this week as one of four Czech ladies contesting the event... Sevastova is seeking her 20th career victory over a Top 20 opponent
**AMANDA ANISIMOVA (USA #29) vs. BARBORA STRYCOVA (CZE #30)**

Head to Head: AMANDA ANISIMOVA leads 1-0

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**AMANDA ANISIMOVA**

- **WTA RANKING**
  - Date of Birth (Age): 31-08-2001 (18)
  - YTD Prize Money: $77,910
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  - Singles Titles (YTD / Career): 0 / 1
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  - YTD / Career Top 20 W-L (MD & Q) *: 0-1 / 4-10

**BARBORA STRYCOVA**

- **WTA RANKING**
  - Date of Birth (Age): 28-03-1986 (33)
  - YTD Prize Money: $266,752
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  - YTD / Career Top 20 W-L (MD & Q) *: 1-1 / 30-93

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ANISIMOVA

Dubai:

- Making tournament debut at Dubai this week
- Started her 2020 campaign with SF run at Auckland (l. eventual champion S Williams) – her first time reaching the final four of a tournament since 2019 Roland Garros (l. Barty)
- Faces No.30 Strycova for their second career meeting – bidding to extend 1-0 record against the Doubles World No.2, having previously defeated her at 2019 Auckland
- Currently ranked No.29; at 18-years-old is the third highest-ranked teenager in the WTA Top 100 (after Andreescu and Yastremska)

Season:

- Made 1r exit at Australian Open (l. Diyas)
- Kicked off 2020 campaign by reaching SF at Auckland (l. eventual champion S Williams)

Career Milestones:

- Highlight of 2019 season was winning maiden title at Bogotá (d. Sharma in F); at 17y 222d was the youngest American to win a title since S Williams at 1999 Indian Wells (17y 169d)
- Finished 2019 ranked No.24 – the youngest of three teenagers in the Top 50 (also Andreescu and Yastremska). Other standout performances included SF run at Roland Garros – first player (man or woman) born in 2000s to advance to this stage of a major – QF showings at Mallorca and San Jose, and R16 appearance at Australian Open – at 17 years and five months old, was the youngest player to reach R16 at a Slam since Paszek at 2007 US Open (16 yrs 277 days)
- Scored maiden win over a Top 5 player during 2019 Roland Garros, upsetting No.3 and defending champion Halep in QF
- Made Top 100 debut at No.95 on September 17, 2018, after reaching first career tour-level final at Hiroshima (as qualifier, l. Hsieh in F)
- Also in 2018, upset No.9 Kvitova to become the jointyoungest player to reach R16 at Indian Wells, along with Majoli, who made SF in 1994 (both aged 16 years, 199 days)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2017 Miami (l. Townsend in 3s), with Grand Slam bow coming at 2017 Roland Garros. Also in 2017, reached four ITF Circuit finals, winning $60k ITF/Sacramento, CA-USA and finishing R-Up at $25k ITF/Curtiba-BRA, $80k ITF/Indian Harbour Beach, FL-USA and $60k ITF/Dothan, AL-USA

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In juniors, won US Open girls’ singles in 2017 and was R-Up at 2016 Roland Garros
Reached No.2 in junior world rankings
Father, Konstantin, and mother, Olga, were both born and raised in Moscow; sister Maria Anisimova-Egee and lives in New York
Born in New Jersey but moved to Miami at 3
Speaks English and Russian

Grand Slam History:
Insert text about Grand Slam history

Personal:
Coached by Jaime Cortez and Andis Juska, while fitness trainer is Yutaka Nakamura
Mother is Olga and father is Konstantin (deceased), both parents were born and raised in Moscow; sister Maria Anisimova-Egee played tennis at University of Pennsylvania and now lives in New York
Born in New Jersey but moved to Miami at age of 3

STRYCOVA

Dubai:
Making sixth main draw appearance at the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships (seventh overall)
Deepest run was making the championship match in 2016 (l. Errani in F)
Squares off against No.29 Anisimova in 1r today. Looking to improve 0-2 record against American players this season after falling to Riske at Brisbane and Pera at Adelaide
Contesting doubles this week in Dubai with Hsieh – as top seeds, received 1r bye

Season:
In doubles, lifted her first trophy of the season with partner Hsieh Su-Wei at Brisbane (d. Barty/Bertens in F) before going on to make the final round at the Australian Open (l. Babos/Mladenovic in F)
Made 1r exits at Adelaide (l. Pera) and Australian Open (l. Cirstea)
Began 2020 campaign by recording third Top 20 scalp of her career against No.12 Konta at Brisbane before falling to Riske in R16

Career Milestones:
Finished 2019 ranked No.33, her sixth consecutive Top 50 finish
Season highlight was Grand Slam breakthrough at Wimbledon, reaching SF (l. S.Williams) on what was her 53rd major appearance
During SW19 run, upset three seeds to become the oldest first-time Grand Slam semifinalist in the Open Era
Enjoyed stellar season in doubles, winning first Grand Slam doubles title at Wimbledon w/Hsieh (d. Dabrowski/Xu in F) and rose to World No.1 ranking following the tournament (July 15, 2019).
Wimbledon title was one of four doubles crowns from five finals, also winning Dubai, Madrid, Birmingham (all w/Hsieh)
Team finished as R-Up at WTA Finals, ensuring Strycova finished the year as the WTA Year No.1 Doubles player presented by Dubai Duty Free

Grand Slam History:

- Contested 56th Grand Slam main draw at 2020 Australian Open. One of seven active players who’ve contested more than 50 Slams, behind V.Williams, S.Williams, Kuznetsova, Stosur, Sharapova and Cornet.
- Breakthrough Slam result was SF run at 2019 Wimbledon (l. S.Williams).
- Before this, best result at Slam was QF run at 2014 Wimbledon (l. Li Na in the last match of the Chinese star’s career, as well as Wozniacki en route, l. eventual champion Kvitova). Occasion marked first time in Open Era that three Czech women advanced to QF at a Slam (also Safarova, Kvitova).
- At 2010 Australian Open played what was then the longest Grand Slam match (d. Kulikova in four hours and 19 minutes – since surpassed by Kuznetsova-Schiavone at 2011 Australian Open).
- In doubles, won 2019 Wimbledon w/Hsieh (d. Dabrowski/Xu in F). Reached the final at 2020 Australian Open (w/Hsieh) and is a five-time semifinalist, at 2014 US Open (w/Date), 2015 Australian Open (w/Krajicek), 2017 US Open (w/Safarova), 2018 Roland Garros (w/Sestini Hlavackova) and 2019 Australian Open (w/Vondrousova).
- In successful junior career, won back-to-back Australian Open girls’ singles titles in 2002 (d. Sharapova in F) and 2003 (d. Kutuzova in F) and was R-Up at the 2002 US Open (l. Kirilenko). Also won three junior Slams in doubles: 2001 Australian Open (w/Cetkovska), 2002 Roland Garros (w/Groenefeld) and 2002 Wimbledon (w/E.Clijsters).

Personal:

- Previously coached by David Kotyza (former coach of Petra Kvitova and Karolina Pliskova).
- Parents are Jindrich and Ilona; sister, Ivona, studied law and lives in US.
- Started playing tennis at age 5.
- Born in Plzen, Czech Republic – same hometown as frequent doubles partner Andrea Sestini Hlavackova.
ALISON RISKE (USA #18) vs. [WC] ONS JABEUR (TUN #45)

Head to Head: 0-0

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DUBAI Tournament History

### ALISON RISKE
- **2019**
  - R16: L - KAROLINA PLISKOVA (CZE #5) 7-6(3) 7-6(5)
- **2017**
  - R2: L - ANASTASIJA SEVASTOVA (LAT #35) 6-4 6-7(3) 6-2
- **2016**
  - R16-Q: L - JANA CEPELOVA (SVK #133) 6-3 6-7(1) 7-5

### ONS JABEUR
- **2019**
  - R2: L - ELINA SVITOLINA (UKR #6) 7-6(4) 4-0
- **2018**
  - R16-Q: L - LESIA TSURENKO (UKR #42) 6-3 6-3
- **2017**
  - R2: L - QIANG WANG (CHN #76) 6-3 6-1
- **2016**
  - R1-Q: L - VARVARA LEPCHENKO (USA #49) 6-4 6-1
- **2012**
  - R16-Q: L - ARANTXA RUS (NED #95) 6-3 2-6 7-5

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Dubai:

- Making second main draw appearance at Dubai (third overall)
- Deepest run here came last year where she advanced to R16 (l. Pliskova)
- Advanced to 2r in 2017 (l. Sevastova) and fell during qualifying in 2016
- Begins tournament facing No.45 Jabeur for their first career meeting. Has yet to fall against a player ranked outside the Top 5 this season – lost to No.2 Pliskova at Brisbane and No.1 Barty at Australian Open
- Enters this week at a career-high ranking of No.18. By contrast, this time last year was ranked No.52

Season:

- Recorded best result at a Grand Slam with R16 run at Australian Open (l. Barty)
- Opened 2020 season with QF run at Brisbane (d. Czechs Muchova and Strycova before falling to Czech No.1 and eventual champion Ka.Pliskova)

Career Milestones:

- Ended 2019 at career-high ranking of No.18, posted on November 4, 2019 – up from 2018 year-end ranking of No.63 with previous career-best finish being No.41 in 2016. Spending seventh consecutive year inside the Top 100
- In a breakout 2019 campaign, achieved best result in Grand Slam play to date by advancing to QF at Wimbledon, ousting World No.1 Barty to notch biggest win of her career before being halted by eventual runner-up S.Williams
- Additionally, lifted second career WTA singles title at ’s-Hertogenbosch (d. Bertens in F after saving 5mp) and finished runner-up at Shenzhen (l. Sabalenka) and Wuhan (l. Sabalenka)
- Highlights in 2018 include reaching 3r at 2018 Miami, her best result at a Premier Mandatory tournament (l. Y.Wang on third set tiebreak), and advancing to QF at Hobart (l. Buzarnescu), ’s-Hertogenbosch (l. Vandeweghe), Mallorca (l. Stosur) and Tokyo [PPO] (l. Pliskova). Also won eighth ITF Circuit singles title at Surbiton (d. Perrin in F)
- In 2017, finished R-Up at Shenzhen (d. No.3 A.Radwanska, l. Siniakova). Also part of Fed Cup winning USA team and reached QF at Nürnberg and 3r at Australian Open and Wimbledon
- Won maiden WTA singles title at 2014 Tianjin without dropping a set (d. Bencic in F)
- Made Top 100 debut on July 22, 2013 (No.96)
- Reached first WTA SF at 2010 Birmingham (as qualifier, l. Sharapova)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2010 Charleston
- Winner of nine singles and one doubles title on ITF Women’s Circuit
- Earned tennis scholarship to Vanderbilt University in summer 2009, but after good results and finding financial backing decided to pursue tennis full time and turned pro two weeks before classes were due to begin

Grand Slam History:

- 2020 Australian Open marked her 32nd Grand Slam main draw appearance
- Best Grand Slam result was QF run at 2019 Wimbledon (d. No.1 Barty in R16, l. S.Williams)
- Also produced R16 showing at 2013 US Open (d. No.10 Kvitova en route, l. Hantuchova)
- Has reached 3r at Australian Open in 2014 (l. Kerber) and at Wimbledon on three previous occasions (2013-14, 2017, 2019)
- Made 2r on debut at Roland Garros in 2014 but is yet to go further in Paris

Personal:

- Coached by Billy Heiser
- Earned tennis scholarship to Vanderbilt University in summer 2009, but after good results and finding financial backing decided to pursue tennis full time and turned pro two weeks before classes were due to begin
- If hadn’t been a tennis player, would have pursued medicine
- Parents, Albert and Carol, are retired. Earlier in career was coached by her sister, Sarah McGlamery; also has a brother, Daniel
- Married Stephen Amritraj in Alison’s hometown of Pittsburgh after 2019 Wimbledon
JABEUR

Dubai:
- Making third main draw appearance at Dubai (sixth overall)
- Best showings at this tournament came by reaching 2r in 2017 (l. Q. Wang) and 2019 (l. Svitolina)
- Fell during qualifying rounds in 2012, 2016 and 2018
- Faces No.18 Riske in 1r today; most recent Top 20 win occurred during this year’s Australian Open where she defeated No.13 Konta, pushing her record vs. Top 20 opponents to 6-13
- After maiden Grand Slam QF at Australian Open, soared 33 spots to career-high ranking of No.45
- Sits in the 12th position on the Porsche Race to the Shiseido WTA Finals Shenzhen
- Was voted January’s WTA Breakthrough Player of the Month

Season:
- Reached maiden Grand Slam QF to become the first Arab woman to accomplish this feat (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, while during season posted new career-high ranking of No.51 (September 9, 2019)
- 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. 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 previous results were QF at 2013 Baku, 2017 Taipei City and 2018 Bucharest
- Owns three Top 10 victories, over No.1 Halep at 2018 Beijing (via ret.), No.8 Stephens at 2018 Moscow and No.7 Cibulkova at 2017 Roland Garros 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 13th Grand Slam main draw at 2020 Australian Open
- 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 R16 at a major
- Has also made 2r at 2017 US Open (l. Vandeweghe) and 2018 Wimbledon (l. Siniakova)
- In girls’ singles at Roland Garros was champion in 2011 (d. Puig) and R-Up in 2010 (l. Svitolina)

Personal:
- Started playing tennis at age 3
- Husband Karim Kamoun is half-Russian and a former professional fencer; also her fitness coach
- Away from court enjoys playing and watching football
- In London in December 2019, was honoured at the Arab Women of the Year ceremony in for her achievements in the sport so far
- Big fan of Eminem and Cristiano Ronaldo
[WC] KIM CLIJSTERS (BEL #0) vs. [9] GARBIÑE MUGURUZA (ESP #16)

Head to Head: 0-0

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Dubai:

- The 36-year-old Belgian legend begins the third installment of what has been an illustrious career, at the Dubai Duty Free Championships this week.
- During her eight years away, the Belgian gave birth to her second and third child, and was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame in 2017.
- Clijsters said goodbye to the game for the second time at the 2012 US Open, falling to Robson in straight sets; heading into her 2r matchup against the Brit, the then 29-year-old Belgian was on a 22-match winning streak at Flushing Meadows – a run stemming back to her defeat by Justine Henin in the final of 2003. Only Chris Evert had won more consecutive matches at the US Open (31).
- Clijsters ‘first career’ was highlighted by two victories at the WTA Championships (2002-03), 19 non-consecutive weeks as World No.1 on the WTA Rankings (first attained on August 11, 2003 for 10 weeks), and a maiden Grand Slam title at the 2005 US Open. That triumph at Flushing Meadows came after four runner-up finishes at the Slams: Roland Garros in 2001 and 2003, the US Open in 2003 and the Australian Open in 2004.
- Clijsters first stepped away from tennis in May 2007, marrying Bryan Lynch shortly after and giving birth to a daughter, Jada, in February 2008. But in July 2009, after 26 months away from the tour, she launched what would prove to be a famous comeback. In just her third tournament back, Clijsters won the US Open to become the first mother to win a Grand Slam title since Evonne Goolagong at Wimbledon in 1980. She defended that title in 2010, going on to capture a third WTA Championships title at Doha, and winning the 2011 Australian Open. Her win in Melbourne saw Clijsters return to No.1 for a 20th career week in February 2011.
- Over the course of her 15-year career, Clijsters delivered against the very best, finding the measure of most of her key rivals. She finished with a 13-12 record against fellow Belgian Justine Henin; a 9-8 record against Lindsay Davenport; and an 8-7 record against Amélie Mauresmo. She went 7-6 with Venus Williams, 5-4 over both Martina Hingis and Maria Sharapova, and 3-3 against Jennifer Capriati. Only Serena Williams got the better of her on a regular basis (2-7).
- 13th player in the Open Era to win 40 singles titles, with 41 in total.
- Clijsters never competed in Dubai in either of her previous active periods on the WTA, and her match between No.16 Muguruza is the lone first-round clash on Monday to have never been played at the main draw level.
- Will put her impressive 162-79 strike rate vs Top 20 opponents to the test vs the Spaniard.
- Is 18 wins away from reaching the 500 wins club (main draw).

Season:

- This week marks the first event of her 2020 comeback campaign; originally targeted an earlier start to the year but injuries delayed her return to the WTA Tour.
- Set to compete at Monterrey and Indian Wells following this event.

Career Milestones:

- Owner of 41 singles titles, including 4 Grand Slams, most recently 2011 Australian Open; Runner-Up at 19 events, most recently 2011 Paris (indoors); owns 11 doubles crowns.
- Retired at 2012 US Open, losing 76(4) 76(5) to then-18-year-old Laura Robson in 2r.
- In final season, advanced to three SFs at 2012 Brisbane, Australian Open (as def. champion) and ‘s-Hertogenbosch, in addition to a QF finish at the London Olympics (falling to eventual silver medalist Sharapova).
- 13th player in the Open Era to win 40 singles titles or more, adding 2 in 2011, including 4th Grand Slam singles title.
- At the time of winning 2011 Australian Open, moved into 3rd place on career prize money list behind both Williams sisters.
- Returned to tour at 2009 Cincinnati (after more than 2 years away, during which time she became a mother). In 3rd tournament back won 2nd Grand Slam title at US Open; played 4 events in 2009 and ended year ranked No.18; prior to return had not played since May 6, 2007 (l. Vakulenko, 2r Warsaw); announced plans for comeback in March 2009, played exhibitions at Wimbledon in May, ‘s-Hertogenbosch in June and World Team Tennis in July.
- Only player to beat Serena and Venus Williams at the same tournament twice (2002 WTA Champs and 2009 US Open).
- Became 13th player and first Belgian to hold No.1 singles ranking on August 11, 2003; spent total of 20 weeks at No.1; last ranked No.1 on February 20, 2011; also held No.1 ranking in doubles for 3 weeks, becoming only the 5th player in WTA history to hold No.1 singles and doubles simultaneously (Navratilova, Sánchez-Vicario, Hingis and Davenport; S. Williams became 6th player to do so in June 2010).
- Missed much of 2004 w/left wrist injury (underwent surgery on June 12, 2004; played only 1 tournament between then and February 2005; returned to win Indian Wells-Miami double (only 2nd woman after Graf); injured left wrist again at 2006 Montreal and missed a further 2 months. Missed most of 2010 clay court season with left foot injury (suffered at Fed Cup tie).
- Has 6 career wins vs. reigning No.1, most recently vs. Wozniacki at 2012 Australian Open.
- Member of Belgian Fed Cup Team, 2000-06, 2010-11 helping Belgium win its first-ever title in 2001 and Belgian Olympic Team, 2012.
Grand Slam History:

- 2012 US Open marked 35th Grand Slam main draw singles appearance
- 4-time Grand Slam winner, at US Open in 2005 (d. Pierce in F), 2009 (d. Wozniacki) and 2010 (d. Zvonareva), extended winning streak there to 21 matches; won first GS title outside US at 2011 Australian Open
- At 2009 US Open became first wildcard to win a Grand Slam title and first mother to do so since Evonne Goolagong Cawley (1980 Wimbledon); 2009 US Open was first Slam played since 2007 Australian Open
- Won 2005 US Open in 5th Grand Slam final – the only female player in the Open Era to lose 4 finals and go on to win a major; runner-up at 2001 Roland Garros (l. Capriati), 2003 Roland Garros/2003 US Open/2004 Australian Open (l. Henin each time); also 8-time semifinalist, and 3-time quarterfinalist
- Has not lost in 1r of a major since 2000 Roland Garros, 1 of only 2 occasions that she has fallen in the opening round
- On Grand Slam (and tour-level) debut at 1999 Wimbledon, advanced to 4r (as qualifier, l. No.2 seed Graf)
- Owns two Grand Slam doubles titles w/Sugiyama (2003 Roland Garros and Wimbledon); mixed doubles finalist (2000 Wimbledon w/Hewitt)

Personal:

- Coached by Fred Hemmes Jr
- Fred is a former ATP player; since his playing days, he has worked in several academies and privately with several players - including Indy de Vroome, Arantxa Rus, Ruben Bemelmans, Scott Greekspoor and Jay Clarke. From 2012-2017, he worked with the Flanders men's team under the supervision of Johan van Herck. He joined the Kim Clijsters Academy and will be travelling full time
- Husband is former US basketball player, Brian Lynch; married July 13, 2007. Mother to three children
- Father, Leo (nickname Lei) passed away January 4, 2009; he was a soccer coach and former player (Belgium's 1988 Player of the Year); mother, Els, was a top gymnast in Belgium; younger sister, Elke also played professionally

MUGURUZA

Dubai:

- Making sixth consecutive main draw appearance at Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships
- Two-time semifinalist in 2018 (l. Kasatkina) and on tournament debut in 2015 (l. Ka.Pliskova)
- Other showings were two R16 visits last year and in 2016 (both losses came to Svitilina), and 2r finish in 2017 (l. Ka.Bondarenko)
- Takes on four-time Grand Slam champion and former World No.1 Clijsters for the first time in this evening’s marquee matchup
- There is a 10-year age gap between the two Grand Slam champions
- The Spaniard has amassed a 20-10 advantage vs Grand Slam champions since the beginning of her first major title run at 2016 Roland Garros (def. Serena in F)
- Enjoying the best start to a season in her career, coming in off the heels of a runner-up (Australian Open), quarterfinal (Hobart) and semifinal finish (Shenzhen)
- Sits at No.2 on tour in aces struck (86) and most match wins (11), behind Rybakina in both
- Has played (six) and won (five) the most 3s matches on tour this season

Season:

- Coming in off runner-up finish at Australian Open (l. Kenin in 3s)
- Defeated four seeds en route to finals, including three Top 10 scalps (No.4 Halep, No.5 Svitilina, No.9 Bertens)
- Forced to withdraw with viral illness prior to QF match against Kudermetova at Hobart International
- Began 2020 campaign posting SF appearance (l. Alexandrova) at Shenzhen Open

Career Milestones:

- Finished 2019 season at No.36 for first non-Top 20 finish since 2014
- Successfully defended her title in Monterrey for seventh career WTA trophy (d. Azarenka in F)
- Also in 2019, reached QF at Indian Wells defeating No.10 S.Williams and No.7 Bertens en route (l. eventual champion Andreescu) and R16 at Australian Open (l. Ka.Pliskova) and Roland Garros (l. Stephens)
- Is a two-time Grand-Slam champion winning titles at 2016 Roland Garros (d. S.Williams in F) and 2017 Wimbledon (d. V.Williams in F). Dropped only one set in Roland Garros title run
- Is only player to ever beat both Williams sisters in a Grand Slam final and one of 29 women in the Open Era to win multiple Grand Slam titles
- Also finished R-Up at 2015 Wimbledon (l. S.Williams) to make Top 10 debut. Is one of two players to meet both Williams sisters in the final of the same Grand Slam – also Hingis at US Open (1997, d. V.Williams; 1999, l. S.Williams)
- First Spaniard to reach Wimbledon final since Sánchez Vicario in 1996 and first to reach any Grand Slam final since Conchita
Martínez at 2000 Roland Garros

- Rose to World No.1 on September 11, 2017 to become the 24th woman in history to hold the top spot and second from Spain (after Sánchez Vicario in 1995). Also named ITF World Champion for 2017
- In 2015, became first Spanish player to compete at the WTA Finals in singles since 2001 (Sánchez Vicario) and reached doubles final (w/Suárez Navarro, l. Hingis/Mirza)
- Made WTA main draw debut at Miami in 2012, defeating No.9 Zvonareva for first Top 10 win of career

**Grand Slam History:**

- Contested 29th Grand Slam main draw at 2020 Australian Open where she produced best result at event with runner-up finish (l. Kenin in 3s) – Grand Slam final record now stands at 2-2 (also R-Up at 2015 Wimbledon – l. S.Williams)
- Won titles at 2016 Roland Garros (d. S.Williams in F dropping just one set en route to lifting the Coupe Suzanne Lenglen) and 2017 Wimbledon (d. V.Williams in F)
- One of just seven players all-time to defeat Serena in a Grand Slam final
- Is one of 29 women in the Open Era to win multiple Grand Slam titles
- Is the second player to face both Williams sisters in the final of the same major (also Hingis, at US Open in 1997 – d. V.Williams, and 1999 – l. S.Williams)
- By winning 2017 Wimbledon, became only player to defeat both sisters in Grand Slam final, at Roland Garros (d. S.Williams in 2016) and Wimbledon (d. V.Williams in 2017)
- Best result at US Open came in 2017 with R16 showing
- In doubles, best result was SF run at 2014 Roland Garros w/Suárez Navarro

**Personal:**

- Began playing tennis at age three; first memory of the sport was playing with her brothers
- Mother, Scarlet is from Venezuela and father, José Antonio, is from Spain
- Coached by Conchita Martínez
MARKETA VONDROUSOVA (CZE #17) vs. ANASTASIJA SEVASTOVA (LAT #41)

Head to Head: MARKETA VONDROUSOVA leads 1-0

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**Dubai:**

- Making main draw debut in Dubai this week, having fell in 1r of qualifying in 2018 to Pera
- One of four Czechs to contest this year’s main draw (also, Muchova, Ka.Pliskova and Strycova)
- Faces off against No.41 Sevastova for the second time in her career today, having captured previous meeting at Roland Garros last year
- Currently holding the top spot on tour for return games won percentage (56.8%) and return points won percentage (52.7%)

**Season:**

- Upset in 1r of Australian Open to Kuznetsova as No.15 seed
- Played in first tournament since falling in 1r at 2019 Wimbledon (l. Brengle) due to left wrist injury at Adelaide International, advanced to QF stage (l. Barty)

**Career Milestones:**

- Enjoyed break-out season in 2019, reaching three finals across the year and making Top 20 debut
- Finished R-Up at Budapest (l. Van Uytvanck) and Istanbul (l. Martic) before reaching championship match at Roland Garros (l. Barty); did not drop a set en route to final in Paris
- Posted first win of career over a Top 2 player in 2019, defeating No.2 Halep at Indian Wells and then Rome
- Forced to end 2019 season down early due to left wrist injury – did not play again following 1r exit at Wimbledon
- At 2018 US Open, became the first teenager to reach the last 16 at Flushing Meadows since 2016 (Konjuh, QF – 18) and the youngest Czech player to advance to this stage in New York since 2005 (Vaidisova, R16 – 16)
- Was the biggest ranking mover on tour in 2017, from No.376 to No.67 (309 places)
- Made WTA breakthrough by winning International-level title at 2017 Biel/Bienne (d. Kontaveit in F). At No.233, was the lowest-ranked title winner in 2017 and aged 17 years, 293 days was the youngest since Konjuh (17 years, 169 days) at 2015 Nottingham
- Reached doubles QF at 2017 Wimbledon (w/Bellis, l. eventual finalists H.Chan/Niculescu)
- Advanced to 2r on tour-level debut at 2016 Prague – as wildcard
- On ITF Circuit, winner of seven singles and four doubles titles
- Made professional debut at 2014 $100k ITF/Prague-CZE (d. Suk, l. Brengle in 2r)
- In juniors won doubles at Australian Open and Roland Garros in in 2015 (both w/Kolodziejova). In singles, was semifinalist at both Roland Garros and Wimbledon

**Grand Slam History:**

- Contested 11th and most recent major at 2020 Australian Open
- Breakthrough came during R-Up finish at 2019 Roland Garros; ranked No.38, was joint-third lowest-ranked woman to reach Roland Garros final, and aged 19, was first teenager to reach title match there since Ivanovic in 2007
- Previous best result at the majors was reaching R16 at 2018 US Open (l. Tsurenko). Was youngest Czech player to reach R16 at Flushing Meadows since 2005 (Nicole Vaidisova, R16 at 16yrs, 140 days)
- Made Grand Slam debut at 2017 Roland Garros, where she advanced to 2r. Has also reached 2r at 2018 and 2019 Australian Opens
- Fell 1r on debut at Wimbledon
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**Personal:**

- Coached by former ATP Pro Jan Hernych. Fitness trainer is Michal Vagner
- Born in Skolov but moved to Prague alone at age 15 to train full-time
- Chose tennis over soccer as she prefers the individual nature of the sport
- Describes herself as quiet and calm
- Tennis idol is Roger Federer

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**VONDROUSOVA**
Dubai:
- Seventh overall appearance in Dubai this week
- Best result was SF finish in 2017 (l. Wozniacki)
- Lone Latvian competing in this week’s main draw
- Comes in ranked No.41 – first time being ranked outside Top 40 since being ranked No.48 on August 29, 2016
- In contrast, was ranked No.11 at this stage last season
- Squares off against No.17 Vondrousova in today’s opening round
- Seeking 20th career victory over Top 20 opponent (19-46)
- Is 10-10 vs left-handed players, w/Vondrousova getting the win in their previous meeting at 2019 Roland Garros where she finished as runner-up

Season:
- Coming in off inspiring Fed Cup performance against Team USA, handing Serena Williams her first-ever Fed Cup singles loss, winning 76(5) 36 76(4) (also lost to Kenin 62 62)
- Endured a rough Australian swing to start the season, making 1r exits at all three events played (Australian Open, Adelaide International and Brisbane International)

Career Milestones:
- Finished 2019 ranked No. 27 for fourth consecutive Top 50 finish
- In 2019, captured fourth career title inaugural home event in Jurmala
- Also reached 3r at 2019 US Open (l. Martic)
- Upset in 2r of Wimbledon by Collins after posting SF run at Mallorca (l. eventual champion Kenin)
- Advanced to R16 for the first time at Roland Garros (l. Vondrousova); saved 5mp during 3h 21m 3r win over Mertens
- Opened 2019 season with QF run at Brisbane (l. Osaka) before suffering 1r exit in Sydney (l. Bacsinszky)
- Recorded second Top 20 season in 2018, finishing No.11 and posted a career-high number of wins (43)
- Lifted third title of her career on clay in Bucharest (d. Martic in F) and reached first Premier Mandatory final at Beijing (l. Wozniacki in F); now 3-4 in singles finals
- Was the second of two singles alternates for WTA Finals in Singapore and fell in round robin stage at WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai
- Flushing Meadows run saw her became the first Latvian woman to reach SF there, upsetting No.7 Svitolina and No.3 Stephens en route.
- Achieved first Top 20 season in 2017, finishing at No.16
- Captured second career singles title and first in seven years at 2017 Mallorca (d. Goerges in F)
- In 2016, played first full season since 2012, reaching two singles finals at Mallorca (l. Garcia) and Bucharest (l. Halep), as well as first Grand Slam QF of career at US Open
- Retired from professional tennis in May 2013 due to various injuries – mostly muscular and back-related – but returned to competition at ITF level in January 2015 after body had fully healed
- During break from tennis studied leisure management
- Prior to break from tennis, won first singles title at 2010 Oeiras – becoming first Latvian to win a WTA title in 17 years (since Savchenko at Schenectady in 1993)
- Made Top 100 debut on July 13, 2009. Top 50 debut on October 11, 2010 and Top 20 debut on May 15, 2017
- Played first WTA event at 2007 Istanbul; made Slam main draw debut as qualifier at 2009 Roland Garros
- Member of Latvian Fed Cup Team 2005-06, 2008-10, 2018-20

Grand Slam History:
- Made 29th Grand Slam main draw appearance at 2020 Australian Open
- Fell at QF stage on two occasions, at US Open in 2016 (l. Wozniacki) and 2017 (l. Stephens)
- In 2016, became first Latvian woman to reach a Grand Slam QF since Savchenko at 1994 Wimbledon (since joined by Ostapenko)
- Best results elsewhere is reaching R16 at 2011 Australian Open (l. Wozniacki), before her two-year absence from the game, and 2019 Roland Garros (l. Vondrousova)
- Made 3r at 2017 Roland Garros; this was the first time a Latvian woman reached 3r in the Open Era (also eventual champion Ostapenko). Latvian-born Larisa Savchenko advanced to 3r in 1984 and 1989 whilst representing the USSR
- At Wimbledon, has reached 2r in 2017 and 2019
- Became the first Latvian woman to reach a US Open SF in 2018. Across all majors, the only other Latvian woman to reach this stage is Ostapenko (2017 Roland Garros – WON; 2018 Wimbledon – SF)
**Personal:**

- Trains and resides in Liepaja, Latvia and coached by Ronald Schmidt
- Mother is Diana Golovanova (English teacher)
- Started playing at age six, introduced to the sport by her grandmother, played for fun until she was 15
- Speaks Latvian, English, Russian, German
- Other sports interests are soccer and jet skiing