**DUBAI DUTY FREE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS – DAY 2**

**[3/WC] ELINA SVITOLINA (UKR #6) vs. [Q] JENNIFER BRADY (USA #52)**

*Svitolina leads 1-0*

Two-time Dubai champion Svitolina is one of three former champions in the draw (also Bencic and Halep). Brady will look to claim her second career Top 10 victory, having previously defeated WTA World No.1 Barty earlier this season in Brisbane.

**ANASTASIA PAVLYUCHENKOVA (RUS #31) vs. [4] BELINDA BENCIC (SUI #4)**

*Bencic leads 4-1*

Pavlyuchenkova is aiming for her second Top 5 win of the season after defeating No.2 Ka.Pliskova at the Australian Open... 2019 champion Bencic is competing this week on a career-high ranking of No.4 as she looks to defend a title for the first time in her career.

**[5] SOFIA KENIN (USA #7) vs. [SE] ELENA RYBAKINA (KAZ #19)**

First meeting

Kenin is competing in her first Tour-level event since capturing her maiden Grand Slam crown at the Australian Open... Rybakina enters this week as the newest edition to the WTA Top 20 following the biggest final of her career at St. Petersburg last week.

**MARIA SAKKARI (GRE #21) vs [7] ARYNA SABALENKA (BLR #13)**

Series tied 1-1

Sakkari is making her main draw debut at Dubai... The Greek woman is bidding for her 80th career main draw victory (79-79 overall record)... Sabalenka is aiming for her second best win by ranking of the season today, having previously defeated No.4 Halep at Adelaide.
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Head to Head: ELINA SVITOLINA leads 1-0

2016 MONTREAL HARD O R1 ELINA SVITOLINA 6-2 6-4 80 mins

Road to the First Round

[3] ELINA SVITOLINA (UKR #6)

R3-Q: d. SU-WEI HSIEH (TPE #39) 6-2,6-2 (1h08)
R2-Q: d. GABRIELA DABROWSKI (CAN #447) 6-4,6-3 (1h09)
R1-Q: d. KRISTYNA PLISKOVA (CZE #67) 6-3,7-6(3) (1h37)

JENNIFER BRADY (USA #52)

Total games: 0
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Total time on court: 0h00
Average time on court: 0h00
Average rank of opponent: 0

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"-Q" Qualifying match

ELINA SVITOLINA

2019 SF L - BELINDA BENCIC (SUI #45) 6-2 3-6 7-6(3)

JENNIFER BRADY

2019 R16 L - PETRA KVITOVA (CZE #4) 7-5 1-6 6-3

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SVITOLINA:

Dubai
- Making sixth appearance here in a Dubai - two-time champion in 2017 (d. Wozniacki) and 2018 (d. Kasatkina)
- Only third player in history to win the title in Dubai two consecutive years – Henin (2003-04; 2006-07) and V.Williams (2008-09)
- Also reached SF on two occasions: 2016 (l. Errani) and 2019 (l. Bencic)
- Fell in 2r on debut in 2015 (l. Kvitova)
- Faces qualifier Brady today in 1r
- Owns incredible 16-3 record in Dubai – second most wins at this tournament amongst active players (both V.Williams and Kuznetsova have 19 main draw wins)
- One of three former champions in the draw – also Bencic (2019) and Halep (2015)
- One of two Ukrainians in the draw, also Yastremska

Season
- Coming off QF appearance in Hua Hin (l. Hibino)
- In Fed Cup action, lost only singles rubber to Kontaveit even though Ukraine beat Estonia 2-1 in Group 1 promotional play-off
- Fell 3r at Australian Open (l. eventual R-Up Muguruza)
- Kicked off season falling in 1r at Brisbane (l. Collins)

Career
- Finished 2019 at No.6, her third consecutive Top 10 finish
- Season highlight was reaching the title match as defending champion at the Shiseido WTA Finals (l. Barty)
- Loss to Barty ended her nine-match unbeaten run at the year-end championship having gone undefeated in the RR stage from 2018-19
- In 2018, won 13th – and most prestigious – career title at 2018 WTA Finals (d. Stephens in F), after going 3-0 during round robin stage. Ended year ranked No.4. Also won titles at Rome (as defending champion, d. No.1 Halep in F), Dubai (as defending champion, d. Kasatkina in F) and Brisbane (d. Sasnovich in F); career record in finals now stands at 13-2, including a current nine match win streak
- Enjoyed stand-out 2017, finishing year at No.6, winning a tour-leading five titles and posting second-most wins (53, behind Wozniacki with 60)
- Season culminated by qualifying for WTA Finals in Singapore, becoming first Ukrainian woman to qualify for the season-ending tournament in singles (fell at round robin stage with 1-2 record)
- In 2017, became first player to win three Premier 5 titles in a single season (Dubai, Rome, Toronto), since such tournaments were introduced in 2009
- One of five players to make Top 10 debut in 2017, after winning Dubai in February (also Ostapenko, Garcia, Mladenovic and Vandeweghe). Peaked in rankings at No.3 on September 11, 2017
- On four occasions could have reached World No.1 spot – at 2017 US Open, then needed to win 2017 Beijing (fell in QF), then needed to triumph at 2017 WTA Finals (failed to progress from group stage), or reach final at 2018 Australian Open (fell in QF)
- End to 2016 season also saw her reach first SF at Premier Mandatory level at Beijing (l.
A. Radwanska) Qualified for 2016 WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai for the second time (l. Kvitova in F)
• Reached three finals in 2016, at Kuala Lumpur (d. Bouchard in F) and advancing to finals at New Haven (l. A. Radwanska) and Zhuhai (l. Kvitova)
• Other 2016 season highlights included SFs at Dubai, Tokyo [PPO] and Moscow, and QF at Rio Olympics
• Owns two career doubles titles: 2014 Istanbul (w/Doi) and 2015 Istanbul (w/Gavrilova)
• Made WTA main draw debut at 2012 Baku (lost in 1r but went on to win title there in both 2013 and 2014)
• Played first ITF Circuit events of career in 2008
• Ukrainian Fed Cup Team, 2012-15, 2017

Grand Slam
• 2020 Australian Open marked 30th consecutive Grand Slam main draw appearance
• Tied best Grand Slam result by reaching 2019 US Open SF (l. S. Williams), also made this stage at 2019 Wimbledon (l. eventual champion Halep) - previous QF record at Slams was 0-4
• Became the first woman from Ukraine to reach a major SF; on the men’s, Medvedev made that stage at Roland Garros in 1993 (SF) and 1999 (R-Up)
• Elsewhere, has posted QF showings at 2015 Roland Garros (l. Ivanovic), 2017 Roland Garros (l. eventual R-Up Halep), 2018 Australian Open (l. Mertens) and 2019 Australian Open (l. eventual champion Osaka)
• Joint-highest seeding at a Slam is No.4 (2017 Wimbledon and US Open, 2018 Australian Open and Roland Garros)

Personal
• Parents are Mykhaylo and Olena; brother is Yulian
• Coached by Andrew Bettles and added Marcos Baghdatis to her team during offseason. Has previously worked with Iain Hughes and Thierry Ascione
• Won the Jerry Diamond ACES Award in the 2018 WTA Awards, in recognition of promotion of women’s tennis to fans, media, and local communities by performing off-courts promotional and charitable activities
• Launched the Elina Svitolina Foundation on March 18, 2019 with a mission to encourage children, through the sport of tennis, to learn the values of hard work, self-discipline and the importance of giving 100 percent every day in life

BRADY:

Dubai
• Making second appearance in Dubai – last year made debut after coming through qualifying and reaching R16 by upsetting No.20 Garcia in 2r (l. R-Up Kvitova)
• Did not drop a set through qualifying this year dispatching Kr. Pliskova, Dabrowski and Hsieh
• Faces two-time champion and No.6 Svitolina today
• Owns one Top 10 career win which she earned earlier this year over World No.1 Barty in Brisbane

Season
• Coming off 1r defeat in St. Petersburg to hometown hero Kuznetsova
• Fell in the 1r of Australian Open (l. Halep)
• Reached career high of No.49 on Jan. 13, 2020
• Made incredible start to the season at Brisbane coming through qualifying and reaching QF (l. Kvitova) – scored first career Top 10 win over World No.1 Barty in R16

Career
• Ended 2019 season back in Top 60 after dipping as low as No.125
• Season highlights include R16 at Dubai (l. R-Up Kvitova), 3r at Indian Wells (l. Barty)
• Finished 2018 ranked No.116 following her first Top 100 finish in 2017 (No. 64)
• 2018 season highlight was reaching two SFs at $100k ITF/Midland-USA (L. Loeb) and $80k ITF/Charlottesville-USA (L. Duque-Mariño). Also made 2r at Indian Wells (L. Garcia), Roland Garros (L. Putintseva) and Wimbledon (L. Kontaveit)
• Posted best win of career to date at 2017 Beijing, defeating No.15 Keys
• Reached first WTA career SF at 2017 Hong Kong (l. eventual R-Up Gavrilova)
• Posted first WTA main draw wins at 2016 Guangzhou (d. pivovarova and Kovinich)
• Made first four main draw appearances at tour level in 2016 – at Rio de Janeiro (as qualifier, L. Hercog in 1r), Stanford (L. Cornet in 1r), Montréal (as qualifier L. Svitolina in 1r)
• Ended 2017 inside Top 100 for first time – at No.64; career-high ranking is No.60 (October 16, 2017)
• Made WTA qualifying draw at 2015 Cincinnati (l. 1r to Falconi)
• On ITF Circuit, owns four ITF singles and four doubles titles
• Made professional debut at $10k ITF/Evansville, IN-USA (l. 1r)

Grand Slam
• 2020 Australian Open marked 13th Grand Slam main draw
• Made debut at all four Slams in 2017; prior to 2017 Australian Open, had fallen in qualifying at US Open (2014-16), Roland Garros (2016) and Wimbledon (2016)
• 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 has made 2r at Roland Garros in 2018 and 2019 and Wimbledon in 2017 and 2018

Personal
• Attended the University of California, Los Angeles, making her debut for the Bruins tennis team in 2013. Completed sophomore year of studies before turning professional in 2015
• Recently hired Michael Geserer (previously with Goerges) at end of 2019 season, spent offseason training in Germany for first time
• Has twin sister, Jessica
ANASTASIA PAVLYUCHENKOVA (RUS #31) vs. [4] BELINDA BENCIC (SUI #4)

Head to Head: BELINDA BENCIC leads 4-1

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**ANASTASIA PAVLYUCHENKOVA**

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PAVLYUCHENKOVA:

**Dubai:**
- Making 10th overall main draw appearance in Dubai this week
- Has fallen in the 1r here in 7-consecutive visits
- Best result was QF appearance in 2010 (l. Venus)
- Lone representative for Russia in this week’s main draw
- Begins campaign vs. No.5 Bencic today – 1-4 vs. the Swiss, w/lone victory coming at 2015 Washington DC
- Holds a 14-35 record vs Top 5 opponents in career, including 1-1 so far this season, having beaten No.2 Ka.Pliskova in Melbourne and lost to No.1 Barty in Adelaide
- Has won first set against Bencic on three of five occasions, and three of five meetings have gone the distance to three sets
- Tied w/Muguruza for most tiebreak wins on tour (4) and No.2 for most tiebreak sets played (5), behind Ka.Pliskova (6)
- Currently the No.2 ranked Russian woman at No.31, six spots behind No.1 Alexandrova
- Aiming to have a resurgent 2020 under new head coach Sam Sumyk, to see herself break back into the Top 20 for the first time since leaving the top echelon in January 15, 2018

**Season**
- Matched last year’s Australian Open result with another QF finish, falling to eventual runner-up Muguruza (def. Ka.Pliskova and Kerber en route)
- Fell to World No.1 Barty in R16 at Adelaide International following 1r exit to begin 2020 campaign at Brisbane International (l. Kvitova)

**Career Milestones**
- Ended 2019 ranked No.30, up from No.42 in 2018 – marking her 12th consecutive Top 50 finish
- Advanced to two finals in 2019 – both at the Premier-level – at Osaka (l. Osaka in F) and Moscow (l. Bencic in F)
- Fell in qualifying at Cincinnati (l. Diyas) - first time contesting WTA qualifying since 2011 Dubai
- Matched best Grand Slam result in 2019 at Melbourne Park by reaching QF (l. Collins); defeating No.9 Bertens and No.5 Stephens en route
- 2018 season highlight was claiming her 12th WTA singles title at Strasbourg (d. Cibulkova in F). Other highlights were QF runs at Stuttgart (l. Kontaveit), Wuhan (d. No.11 Bertens in 2r and No.5 Kvitova in R16, l. Barty), Linz (l. Alexandrova) and Moscow [Kremlin Cup] (l. Kasatkina)
Owns 12 WTA singles titles, including a career-best three titles in a single season in 2017 at Monterrey, Rabat and Hong Kong
Notched only win over a reigning World No.1 against Kerber en route to fourth Monterrey title in 2017
Is a winner of five doubles titles from eight finals, most recently at 2017 Sydney (w/Babos)
In addition to reaching last eight at 2016 Wimbledon, reached a further six quarterfinals in 2016: Brisbane (I. Kerber), St. Petersburg (I. Bencic), Acapulco (I. Wickmayer), Montréal (I. Keys), Linz (I. Cibulkova) and Moscow (I. Gavrilova)
Owns 32 Top 10 victories (32-63 record), most recently No.8 Bertens at 2019 Osaka
Represented Russia at Rio Olympics, losing to eventual gold medalist Puig in 2r
Broke into Top 100 in singles on July 7, 2009 and entered Top 50 on November 3, 2008
Made Top 20 debut on September 13, 2010 and rose as high as No.13 (July 4, 2011)
Played first WTA main draw as a wildcard at 2006 Moscow
Named 2006 ITF Junior World Champion

Grand Slam History

Has reached QFs at all four majors; 2011 Roland Garros (I. Schiavone) and US Open (I. S.Williams), 2016 Wimbledon (I. eventual champion S.Williams), 2017 Australian Open (I. eventual R-Up V.Williams), and 2019 Australian Open (I. Collins)
One of just five active players to reach QF or better at all four majors in both singles and doubles (also Williams sisters, Kuznetsova and Zvonareva) and is the only player to do so since 2011
Made Grand Slam debut as 15-year-old wildcard at 2007 Wimbledon (I. Hantuchova 6-0 6-1)
In doubles, is a three-time semifinalist, at Australian Open (2015 w/Groenefeld and 2016 w/Ka.Pliskova) and Wimbledon (2016 w/Ka.Pliskova)
Reached first Grand Slam final of any kind at 2014 Roland Garros, finishing runner-up in mixed doubles (w/Zimonjic; I. Groenefeld/Rojer)
As well as twice winning the girls’ singles at the Australian Open (2006, 2007), won 2006 US Open junior title

Personal

Began new coaching partnership with Sam Sumyk in September 2019. Occasionally works with father, Sergey and brother, Aleks
Introduced to tennis at age six by family
Grandmother played basketball for USSR and grandfather was high-level basketball referee; father was Olympic-level canoeist (missed Games due to boycott) and mother a swimmer

BENCIC:

Dubai

Making fourth career main draw appearance in Dubai this week
Returns as defending champion, defeating Kvitova in 3s last season for biggest title of her career
Had not advanced beyond 2r here until hoisting title last season
Triumph here last year ignited a career resurgence that saw her finish the year in the Top 8 at WTA Finals
Enters this tournament at a career high ranking of No.4. By contrast, this time last year was ranked No.45
This title has been defended on four different occasions by three different players (Svitolina, Venus, Henin – twice)
The Swiss is aiming to defend a title for the first time in her career this week
Last year, Bencic became the first Swiss to win Dubai since Hingis won the first installment of this event in 2001
Lone representative from Switzerland competing in this week’s tournament
Sits at No.2 on WTA Tour in break points converted percentage at 65.0%
Takes on No.31 Pavlyuchenkova for the sixth time in their careers today, owning a 4-1 advantage over the Russian
Has captured the last three meetings vs. Pavlyuchenkova, including the Moscow final in 2019 which helped catapult the Swiss into the Top 8 to qualify for WTA Finals
**Season**

- Coming in off QF visit in St. Petersburg last week (l. Sakkari in 3s)
- Split Fed Cup singles matches vs Team Canada (def. Dabrowski, l. Fernandez)
- Made QF exit at Adelaide (l. Collins) and fell 3r at Melbourne Park (l. Kontaveit)
- Opened 2020 season with 1r exit at Shenzhen (l. Blinkova)

**Career Milestones**

- Enjoyed a stellar season in 2019, in which she lifted two titles – at Dubai (d. Kvitova in F) and Moscow (d. Pavlyuchenkova in F)
- Posted a career-best 49 Tour-level match wins in 2019 - only Ka.Pliskova (52), Barty (54) and Bertens (55) scored more. By contrast, posted a combined total of 37 wins at this level across 2016-18
- Victory in Moscow ensured she became first Swiss to compete in singles at the WTA Finals since Hingis in 2006, going on to reach SF at the season-ending showpiece in Shenzhen
- Equaled her career-high ranking of No.7 following Moscow title run (October 21, 2019)
- Also in 2019, marked 20th Grand Slam main draw by reaching her maiden major SF at US Open (l. eventual champion Andreescu), finished R-Up at Mallorca (l. Kenin after holding 3mp at 5-4 in second set) and advanced to SF at Hobart, Indian Wells and Madrid
- Led the WTA with six victories over Top 5 players last season, including upsets over No.1 Osaka at Indian Wells, Madrid and US Open
- Standout results in 2018 were R-Up finish at Luxembourg (as qualifier, l. Goerges), QF at New Haven and Washington, D.C., and R16 run at Wimbledon
- In first round at 2018 Australian Open, defeated No.5 V.Williams. Having also upset then-No.1 S.Williams in SF at 2015 Toronto is one of seven women to defeat both Williams sisters before their 21st birthday (also Hingis, Sharapova, Clijsters, Henin, Chakvetadze and Osaka)
- Underwent left wrist surgery in spring 2017, missing five months – ranking fell outside Top 300
- Run to 2016 St. Petersburg final saw her break into Top 10 (at No.9) for the first time in her career; became 116th player to break into the Top 10 since computerized rankings were introduced in 1975. In the last 20 years, 11 players have made their Top 10 debut before their 19th birthday
- At 2015 Eastbourne, at 18y 109d, became second youngest player to win a WTA Premier level final (Wozniacki won 2008 New Haven aged 18y 43d)
- With 2015 Toronto triumph, became first teenager to win an event at Premier 5 level or higher since Azarenka at 2009 Miami
- Qualified for 2015 WTA Elite Trophy in Zhuhai however withdrew due to hand injury
- Won second WTA doubles title of career in 2015 at Washington, DC (w/Mladenovic), the first coming earlier in the year at Prague (w/Siniakova)
- Voted 2014 WTA Newcomer of the Year after a campaign highlighted by R-Up finish at Tianjin (l. Riske) and QF run at 2014 US Open (defeated No.7 Kerber in 3r, No.10 Jankovic in R16); at 17 years of age, was youngest player through to last eight at Flushing Meadows since 1997 when Hingis won the title
- Played first WTA qualifying event at Luxembourg in October 2011, and first WTA main draw 12 months later at same event as WC (l. V.Williams, 1r); only 15 years, 7 months at the time
- Won junior singles titles at Roland Garros and Wimbledon in 2013; was named ITF Junior World Champion for 2013

**Grand Slam History**

- 2020 Australian Open marked 21st Grand Slam main draw appearance
- Best result came with SF run at 2019 US Open (l. eventual champion Andreescu)
- Next best Grand Slam singles result was QF at 2014 US Open; defeated two Top 10 players en route (No.7 Kerber in 3r, No.10 Jankovic in R16)
- Has made R16 at Australian Open in 2016 (l. Sharapova) and at Wimbledon in 2015 (l. Azarenka) and 2018 (l. eventual champion Kerber). Best result at Roland Garros is 3r in 2019 (l. Vekic)
Personal

- Fitness trainer is Martin Hromkovic, a former football player from Slovakia
- Split from coach Vlado Platenik at the end of 2018; has worked extensively with Melanie Molitor and Martina Hingis, as well as her father, Ivan, in the past
- Also holds Slovak citizenship through her parents
- Includes Nike, Yonex and Rolex among her sponsors
**[5] SOFIA KENIN (USA #7) vs. [SE] ELENA RYBAKINA (KAZ #19)**

Head to Head: 0-0

### SOFIA KENIN

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### ROAD TO THE FIRST ROUND

**[5] SOFIA KENIN (USA #7)**

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

**[SE] ELENA RYBAKINA (KAZ #19)**

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

### DUBAI Tournament History

**SOFIA KENIN**

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*“-Q” Qualifying match*
KENIN:

Dubai
- Making second appearance in Dubai – reached R16 on debut last year (l. Kuzmova)
- Faces No.19 Rybakina today for first time, owns one Top 20 win already this season over World No.1 Barty in the SF of Australian Open
- Playing at a career high ranking of No.7 after winning her maiden Grand Slam title at the Australian Open earlier this year
- One of four Grand Slam champions in the main draw here – also Clijsters (l. Muguruza in 1r), Halep and Muguruza
- Entering tournament with third most match wins this season (10-3 record), behind only her opponent today Rybakina who leads the tour with 15 and Alexandrova, Muguruza and Bertens who are all tied at 11
- Also entering the tournament, owns four tie break set wins which is tied for most on tour with Sakkari and Pavlyuchenkova
- One of four Americans to start the main draw – also Anisimova (l. Strycova in 1r), Riske (l. Jabeur in 1r) and qualifier Brady

Season
- In Fed Cup action for the USA, went 1-1 in singles (d. Sevastova, l. Ostapenko) before winning the deciding doubles rubber w/Mattek-Sands – USA beat Latvia 3-2 to qualify for the finals in Budapest
- Made her Top 10 debut at No.7 and USA No.1 on February 3
- Won maiden Grand-Slam in Melbourne defeating two-time major champion Muguruza to become the youngest champion (21y, 80d) at Australian Open since Sharapova (20y, 283d) in 2008
- Kicked off season two straight 2r appearances at Brisbane (l. Osaka) and Adelaide (l. Collins)

Career
- Produced incredible 2019 campaign, tallying three singles titles, a career-best Grand Slam performance, qualification into both WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai and WTA Finals (as alternate, played one match), and a career-high singles ranking of No.12
- Finished the year as US No.2 (behind No.9 S.Williams) and leader in hard court wins (38-tied w/Barty)
- Registered back-to-back SF runs at Cincinnati and Toronto, subsequently leading to Top 20 debut
- During this run, defeated No.1 Barty (Toronto) and No.1 Osaka (Cincinnati), to become first player since October 2001 to defeat reigning World No.1s in consecutive weeks (Davenport); also became youngest American to defeat reigning No.1 in eight years (McHale)
- Advanced to R16 for first time at a Slam at Roland Garros (d. S.Williams), becoming first American to defeat Serena at the majors since Stephens at 2013 Australian Open QF
- Broke into the Top 100 on March 19, 2018 and Top 50 on October 8, 2018
- Advanced to first WTA level SF in 2018 at Mallorca as a qualifier, also reaching this stage later in the season at Québec City
- Represented the USA in the Fed Cup final vs. the Czech Republic in November 2018
- In 2017, won the US Open Wild Card Challenge, reaching the third round (l. Sharapova) and posting career first Top 50 win over No.34 Davis
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2015 US Open as a wildcard (l. Duque-Mariño in 1r)
- Owns four ITF singles titles and two doubles titles
- Played first matches of career on ITF Circuit in 2013, climbing to No.2 in ITF World Junior Rankings
- Represented the USA at the 2014 Youth Olympic Games and competed at the 2016 ITF Junior Masters, both held in China

Grand Slam
- Produced previous best Grand Slam result by reaching R16 at Roland Garros (l. eventual champion Barty); in 3r became first American to defeat S.Williams at the majors since Stephens at 2013 AO QF
- Made Slam main draw debut at 2015 US Open as a wildcard – received for being crowned USTA Girls’ 18s National Champion. Fell 1r to Duque Mariño
- Reached 3r at 2017 US Open as a wildcard (l. Sharapova), in what was only fourth tour-level main draw outing. Repeated feat in 2018 (l. Ka.Pliskova) and again in 2019 (l. Keys)
- Made 2r at Australian Open in 2019 and Wimbledon in 2018-19

Personal
- Born in Moscow, moved to New York as a baby before family settled in Florida. Now resides in Pembroke Pines, Florida, where she was home-schooled
- Coached by father Alexander Kenin with support Lorenzo Cava; trains at ProWorld Academy in Delray Beach, Florida
- Best tennis memory is playing idol Maria Sharapova on Arthur Ashe (US Open 2017)
- If not a tennis player would be a fashion designer
• Dream doubles partners would be Serena Williams and Grigor Dimitrov
• Good friends with CiCi Bellis and Katie Swan
• Likes rap music, especially Drake
• Treat food is Froyo - cookies and cream with Hershey’s on top

RYBAKINA:

Dubai
• Making tournament debut here in Dubai
• Faces No.7 Kenin today in first round action
• Owns two career wins over a Top 10 player – defeated No.7 Garcia in 2018 St. Petersburg and No.6 Halep in 2019 Wuhan
• Enters tournament as Tour leader in match wins with 15-3 record
• Has reached the final in three of the four tournaments played this year: Shenzhen (l. Alexandrova in F), Hobart (d. Zhang in F) and St. Petersburg (l. Bertens in F)
• Playing on a career high ranking of No.19 – made Top 20 debut on Monday
• Entering tournament, leads Tour in Aces with 104 through 18 matches
• Also entering tournament leads Tour in most 3 set matches played and won with 6-0 record – only Muguruza and Sakkari have played as many 3s matches, but have not won all of them

Season
• Coming off R-Up appearance at St. Petersburg (l. Bertens) for first final appearance at a Premier-level tournament
• Made Top 20 debut at No.19 on Feb. 17
• Recorded career-best run at a Grand Slam by advancing to 3r at the Australian Open (l. Barty) - won back-to-back Major matches for the first time after two straight sets victories over Pera in 1r and Minnen in 2r
• Opened 2020 season with back-to-back final runs, first reaching the championship match at Shenzhen (l. Alexandrova in F) before claiming a second career title at Hobart (d. S.Zhang in F)

Career
• Finished 2019 season at No.37 to record first Top 50 finish of her career, up from 2018’s final ranking of No.191
• During a breakout 2019 season, lifted maiden WTA singles title at Bucharest (d. Tig in F). Also advanced to second career final at Nanchang (l. Peterson) and made SF appearances at Luxembourg (l. Goerges) and ‘s-Hertogenbosch (l. Bertens)
• Additionally, made QF runs at Istanbul (l. Strycova), Wuhan (l. Sabalenka) and Linz (l. Osatapenko)
• Made Grand Slam main draw debut at 2019 Roland Garros, falling 1r (as qualifier, l. Siniakova). Also fell 1r at 2019 US Open (as qualifier, l. Muchova)
• On the ITF Circuit in 2019, lifted silverware on three occasions; back-to-back at $25K Moscow-RUS and $25K Kazan-RUS and at $60K ITF/Launceston-AUS. Now holds four singles and four doubles titles on ITF Circuit
• Highlights of 2018 included reaching maiden WTA QF at St. Petersburg (l. Goerges) and clinching the title at $15k ITF/Kazan-RUS
• First Top 10 win came over No.7 Garcia at 2018 St. Petersburg. Has since added the defeat of No.6 Halep (2019 Wuhan) to list of Top 10 triumphs
• Ended 2017 ranked No.425, improving 191 spots from 2016 (finished at No.616)
• Holds four singles and four doubles titles on ITF Circuit
• Made WTA qualifying and main draw debut at 2017 Moscow (as qualifier, l. Begu in 1r)

Grand Slam History
• 2020 Australian Open marked her third career Grand Slam main draw where she recorded her career best appearance at a Major by advancing to 3r (l. Barty)
• Fell 1r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2019 Roland Garros (as qualifier, l. Siniakova)
• Also fell 1r at 2019 US Open (as qualifier, l. Muchova)
• Has also fallen in qualifying at other two majors, both in 2019
• In Juniors, reached two Grand Slam SFs at 2017 Australian Open and Roland Garros

Personal:
• Trained at Spartak Club in Moscow as a junior
• Coached by Stefano Vukov; previous coaches included Andrei Cheshnokov (Elena Vesnina’s former coach) and Evgenia Kulikovskaya
• Nominated for 2019 WTA Newcomer of the Year Award
• Started playing tennis aged five
MARIA SAKKARI (GRE #21) vs. [7] ARYNA SABALENKA (BLR #13)

Head to Head: 1-1

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SAKKARI:

**Dubai**
- Making main draw debut at Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships this week
- Fell in qualifying in her only previous appearance here in 2018 (l. Stosur)
- Competing this week on a career-high ranking of No.21 (achieved February 3, 2020). By contrast, was ranked No.38 this time last year
- Faces No.13 Sabalenka today in their third career meeting. Bidding for her 80th career main draw victory (79-79 overall record)
- Owns 2-3 record vs. Top 20 ranked opponents this season, having defeated No.11 Keys (Australian Open) and No.5 Bencic (St. Petersburg). Losses came to No.4 Osaka (Brisbane), No.20 Vekic (Adelaide) and No.8 Kvitova (Australian Open)
- Enters this week with the Tour-leading record in tiebreak set wins this season with 4-0 record

**Season**
- Coming off SF run at St. Petersburg (l. eventual R-Up Rybakina) – her first SF since 2019 San Jose in August
- 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
- Achieved new career high ranking of No.21 following Melbourne
- Made 2r at Adelaide (l. Vekic) after a 1r exit at Brisbane (l. Osaka)

**Career**
- Finished 2019 at No.23 – the best year-end finish of her career (up from No.41 in 2018)
- Reached as high as World No.22 on October 21, 2019
- Season highlight was winning maiden WTA title at Rabat, recovering from a set and break down to defeat Konta in final
- Made 3r at Australian Open (l. Barty), Wimbledon (l. Svitolina) and US Open (l. Barty). Has now reached 3r - but never further - at the majors seven times
- 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 six 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)
- Broke into Top 50 for first time at No.49 on October 9, 2017
- Reached first career WTA QF at 2016 Istanbul after qualifying to enter main draw (l. Kovicic) – at the time, 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

**Grand Slam History**
- Contested 17th Grand Slam main draw at 2020 Australian Open, where she recorded her career-best result by reaching R16 to become the first Greek woman to reach this stage at a Grand Slam since Eleni Daniilidou at 2004 Wimbledon
- 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

**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 too, however didn’t start because of her – just liked the sport.
- Tried karate and gymnastics but was thrown out of class for laughing too much
- Currently coached by Tom Hill
SABALENKA:

**Dubai**
- Making third main draw appearance at Dubai (fourth overall)
- Best result here was R16 showing in 2019 (l. eventual champion Bencic having held six match points)
- Fell 1r on debut in 2017 (l. K.Bondarenko) and made qualifying exit in 2018 (l. Errani)
- Competing in first Tour-level event since Australian Open (l. Suárez Navarro in 1r)
- Faces No.21 Sakkari today in their third career meeting, most recently defeating the Greek woman en route to the 2019 Zhuhai title – the biggest title of her career
- A win today would mark her second best-by-ranking of the season, having previously defeated No.4 Halep (Adelaide) – her fifth Top 5 win of her career

**Season**
- Represented Belarus in Fed Cup playoff victory vs. the Netherlands. Teamed up with Sasnovich in doubles to seal the victory (d. Bertens/Schuurs). In singles, defeated Rus and fell to Bertens
- Fell 1r at Australian Open (l. Suárez Navarro) after 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 (d. Gasparyan, l. Kr.Pliskova)

**Career**
- 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**

- Contested milestone 10th career Grand Slam main draw at 2020 Australian Open
- 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)
- Also fell in qualifying at 2016 and 2017 US Opens, 2017 Australian Open and 2017 Roland Garros
- Won career first Grand Slam title of any kind, in doubles at 2019 US Open (w/Mertens) – pair defeated Azarenka/Barty in final

**Personal**

- Coached by former ATP player Dmitry Tursunov since last summer
- Started playing aged six as an accident when father drove by local tennis courts
- Voted 2018 WTA Newcomer of the Year by international media
- Her favorite book is *The Count of Monte Cristo*