DUBAI DUTY FREE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS – DAY 3

[Q] KRISTINA MLADENOVIC (FRA #38) vs. [2] KAROLINA PLISKOVA (CZE #3)

Pliskova leads 3-2

Mladenovic earned first main draw win of the 2020 season in first round... Pliskova won their most recent meeting at Australian Open earlier this year

[Q] VERONIKA KUDERMETOVA (RUS #39) vs. [9/WC] GARBIÑE MUGURUZA (ESP #16)

First career meeting

Kudermetova came back from a double-break down in the third set to win first round match... Muguruza has reached the QF in each of the tournaments she’s played this year

[SE] ELENA RYBAKINA (KAZ #19) vs. [Q] KATERINA SINIAKOVA (CZE #58)

Series tied 2-2

Rybakina entered tournament as Tour leader in match wins and aces so far this year... Siniakova hoping to avenge first round loss to Kazakh in St. Petersburg last week

[1] SIMONA HALEP (ROU #2) vs. [WC] ONS JABEUR (TUN #45)

Jabeur leads 1-0

Halep has not lost her first match at a tournament since 2019 Rome... Jabeur’s lone Top 5 win came over Halep at 2018 Beijing... Halep only remaining former champion in the draw

ANETT KONTAVEIT (EST #24) vs ANASTASIA PAVLYUCHENKOVA (RUS #31)

Kontaveit leads 3-2

Kontaveit coming off Grand Slam breakthrough reaching QF at Australian Open... Pavlyuchenkova won their most recent meeting at Adelaide earlier this year... Kontaveit has not beaten the Russian on hard courts since 2015 US Open

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Head to Head: KAROLINA PLISKOVA leads 3-2

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**KRISTINA MLADENOVIC**

- R3-Q: d. POLONA HERCOG (SLO #43) 6-3,6-1 (1h25)
- R2-Q: d. DARIA KASATKINA (RUS #71) 6-3,6-3 (1h11)
- R1-Q: d. JASMINE PAOLINI (ITA #94) 6-1,6-4 (1h14)
- R32: d. ALIAKSENDRA SASNOVICH (BLR #114) 6-4,6-3 (1h32)

**WTA RANKING**

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- DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)
- YTD PRIZE MONEY
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- YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD & Q) *
- YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD & Q) *

**KAROLINA PLISKOVA**

- R32: BYE

**ROAD TO THE SECOND ROUND**

- Total games: 19
- Won/lost: 12-7
- Sets won/lost: 2-0
- Total time on court: 1h32
- Average time on court: 1h32
- Average rank of opponent: 114

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Mladenovic:

**Dubai**

- Making fifth appearance at Dubai (seventh overall)
- Best showing here has been achieved on three occasions, reaching R16 in 2016 (l. Vandeweghe), 2017 (l. Q.Wang) and 2019 (l. Suarez Navarro)
- Fell 1r in 2018 (l. Osaka) and during qualifying in 2012 and 2014
- Overcame Paolini, Hercog and Kasatkina in qualifying to contest main draw this week
- Defeated fellow qualifier Sasnovich in straight sets to notch first main draw win of the 2020 season
- Squares off against No.3 Pliskova in today’s match; last triumphed against the Czech at this tournament in 2017
- Bidding to record 10th career win against a Top 5 opponent
- At World No.38 is currently the French No.1

**Season**

- Lifted her first trophy of the season with partner Babos at the Australian Open (d. Hsieh/Strycova) in F) to record the pair’s third Grand Slam title (also 2018 Australian Open and 2019 Roland Garros)
- Began 2020 falling as a qualifier at Brisbane and 1r at Australian Open (l. Pliskova) and St. Petersburg (l. Van Uytvanck)

**Career Highlights**

- Ended 2019 season strong with SF appearances in Moscow (l. eventual champion Bencic) and Zhengzhou (l. Martic) and QF in Linz (l. Alexandra)
- Notched five Top 10 wins in 2019 with two wins vs. reigning World No.1 (d. Osaka in Dubai; Barty in Fed Cup Final); win over World No.1 Barty helped France take home their first Fed Cup title since 2003
- Other 2019 highlights include QF at Monterrey, Istanbul, Rome, Nottingham and Washington DC
- 2019 was another strong doubles year with titles at Istanbul and Roland Garros (both w/Babos) boosting her to World No.1 for the first time in career
- Also w/Babos, defended title at year-end WTA Finals and finished R-Up at Australian Open to end the year at No.2
- Won only career singles title to date at 2017 St. Petersburg (d. Putintseva) in eight final appearances – made final in 2018 as defending champion (l. Kvitova)
- Reached biggest final of career at Premier Mandatory level Madrid in 2017 (l. Halep)
- Finished 2017 season at No.11 for highest year-end ranking and first inside Top 20. Broke into Top 10 on October 23, 2017
- Career best singles result at Grand Slam is QF at 2015 US Open (l. Vinci) and 2017 Roland Garros (l. Bacsinszky)
- Broke into Top 100 on September 17, 2012 and Top 50 on March 18, 2013
- Played first WTA main draw matches in 2009 and first WTA qualifying event as wildcard at 2008 Paris [Indoors]
- Mother is Dzenita (was a pro volleyball player); father is Dragan (was a pro handball player); brother is Luka (soccer player)
- Speaks French, English, Serbian, Italian and Spanish

**Grand Slam**

- Best Slam results are QF runs at 2015 US Open (l. Vinci) and 2017 Roland Garros (l. Bacsinszky)
- Also reached 3r at 2016 Australian Open (l. Gavrilova), 2015 Wimbledon (l. Azarenka) and 2018 Wimbledon (l. eventual R-Up S. Williams)
- In doubles, won first Grand Slam title at 2016 Roland Garros (w/compatriot Garcia, d. Makarova/Vesnina in F) – were first French pair to win the doubles title at Roland Garros since Gail Chanfreau and Francoise Durr in 1971
- Won second Grand Slam doubles title at 2018 Australian Open (w/Babos, d. Makarova/Vesnina in F), third at 2019 Roland Garros (w/Babos, d. Duan/S.Zheng in F) and fourth at 2020 Australian Open (w/ Babos, d. Hsieh/Strycova in F)
- Finished R-Up at 2014 Wimbledon (w/Babos), 2016 US Open (w/Garcia), 2018 US Open (w/Babos) and 2019 Australian Open (w/Babos)
- Won mixed doubles at 2013 Wimbledon and 2014 Australian Open, and finished R-Up at 2013 Roland Garros and 2015 Australian Open (all w/Nestor)

**Personal**

- Mother is Dzenita (was a pro volleyball player); father is Dragan (was a pro handball player); brother is Luka (soccer player)
- Started playing tennis aged 8 when introduced to sport by parents
- Speaks French, English, Serbian, Italian and Spanish
**Pliskova:**

**Dubai**
- Making seventh main draw appearance at the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships (eighth overall)
- Deepest run to date was R-Up showing in 2015 (l. Halep in F)
- Also made QF stage in 2018 (l. Kerber) and 2019 (l. Hsieh)
- Following 1r bye, faces No.38 Mladenovic in repeat of 2020 Australian Open 1r where she defeated the Frenchwoman in straight sets, extending their career head-to-head record to 3-2
- In meeting prior to this year’s Australian Open, during the 2016 Fed Cup final, defeated Mladenovic in a nail biting third set at 16-14 to help seal the victory for the Czech Republic
- Entering tournament, owns the eighth most aces on tour this season with 61 (Rybakina led the pack at 104)

**Season**
- Advanced to 3r at Australian Open (l. Pavlyuchenkova)
- Began 2020 by winning 16th career title at Brisbane International (d. Keys in F), defending her title from 2019 – has now won at least one WTA title for eight consecutive seasons. Was also first time successfully defending one of her previous 15 titles
- Brisbane marked first event working with new coach Daniel Vallverdu

**Career Highlights**
- Finished 2019 ranked No.2 for career-best year-end finish
- Lifted a Tour-leading four title across the season (tied with Barty), taking tally to 15 – triumphed at Brisbane, Rome, Eastbourne and Zhengzhou
- Dropped 19 games across five matches during Eastbourne title win (d. Kerber in F) – most economic title run in 2019
- Also reached first Premier Mandatory final at Miami, losing to Barty in straight sets
- Produced best Australian Open performance of career, reaching SF (l. eventual champion Osaka in 3s); saved four match points to beat S.Williams in QF
- Lost to twin sister Kr.Pliskova in R16 at Birmingham, in what was their first career main draw encounter
- Made fourth straight appearance at the WTA Finals in 2019, reaching SF for the third year in a row
- Won two titles in 2018 from three finals contested, triumphing at Stuttgart (d. Vandeweghe in F) and Tokyo [PPO] (d. Osaka in F), Posted R-Up finish in Tianjin (l. Garcia in F)
- At Grand Slam level in 2018 season, made QF run at Australian Open (l. eventual R-Up Halep), reached 3r at Roland Garros (l. Sharapova), made R16 for first time at Wimbledon (l. Bertens) and had QF showing at US Open (d. No.17 Barty in R16, l. S.Williams)
- Also in 2018, made the SF at Brisbane (as defending champion, l. eventual champion Svitolina), Madrid (l. eventual champion Kvitova) and WTA Finals (l. Stephens). Enjoyed QF runs at four other tournaments
- Claimed No.1 ranking on July 17, 2017 despite making 2r exit at Wimbledon (l. Rybarikova). Was the first Czech woman to achieve the No.1 ranking since the computer rankings were introduced in 1975 (Martina Navratilova became No.1 on July 10, 1978 while representing USA)
- Won three titles in 2017, at Brisbane (d. Cornet in F), Doha (d. Wozniacki in F) and Eastbourne (d. Wozniacki in F)
- Owns 15-12 record in singles finals, having won having titles on all three surfaces
- Captured fifth WTA doubles title of career at 2016 Birmingham (w/Strycova). Is now 5-2 in doubles finals. At 2013 Linz, with sister Kristyna, became first set of twins to ever win a tour-level doubles title
- Made Top 10 debut after 2015 Stanford R-Up finish; was first time in WTA history that three Czech women ranked inside Top 10 at the same time (also Kvitova and Safarova)
- Won first career WTA title at 2013 Kuala Lumpur (d. Mattek-Sands) and followed it up with two more in 2014 Seoul (d. Lepchenko) and 2014 Linz (d. Giorgi)
- Made professional debut on ITF circuit in 2006

**Grand Slam History**
- Contested 31st career Grand Slam main draw at 2020 Australian Open
- At Australian Open, best result was SF run in 2019 (l. Osaka), also reached last four at 2017 Roland Garros (l. Halep)
- Reached R16 at Wimbledon in 2018 (l. Bertens) and 2019 (l. Muchova)
- Made Grand Slam main draw debut at 2012 Roland Garros (as qualifier, l. Bartoli in 1r)
Personal

- Born in Louny, north of Prague, but now trains at Sparta Praha tennis club
- Has a twin sister – Kristyna. In 2013, became the first set of twins to capture a WTA doubles title
- Married Michal Hrdlicka after 2018 Wimbledon
- Currently coached by Daniel Vallverdu, and previously coached by Conchita Martínez, Rennae Stubbs, Tomas Krupa and David Kotyza
- Away from the court, enjoys fresh-water fishing, as well as contributing to her foundation which benefits various causes, including pediatric oncology and children battling cancer in her native Czech Republic
[Q] VERONIKA KUDEMETOVA (RUS #39) vs. [9/WC] GARBIÑE MUGURUZA (ESP #16)

Head to Head: 0-0

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Road to the Second Round

Veronika Kudermova
- Total games: 34
- Won/lost: 18-16
- Sets won/lost: 2-1
- Total time on court: 2h18
- Average time on court: 2h18
- Average rank of opponent: 26

Garbine Muguruza
- Total games: 21
- Won/lost: 13-8
- Sets won/lost: 2-0
- Total time on court: 1h37
- Average time on court: 1h37
- Average rank of opponent: 0

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KUDERMETOVA:

Dubai

- Making main draw debut at Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships
- Fell in qualifying in 2018 (l. Diyas)
- Came through qualifying to enter this year’s main draw, defeating Askew, Martincova and Mattek-Sands
- In 1r on Tuesday, ousted No.26 Yastremska for her first Top 30 win of the season and first since defeating No.4 Svitolina at Moscow last October
- Faces No.16 Muguruza today in their career first meeting. The two were scheduled to play earlier this season at Hobart before the Spaniard withdrew due to viral illness prior to their QF match
- Owns three career wins over Top 20 ranked players, including over No.13 Wozniacki at 2019 Roland Garros, No.10 Bencic at 2019 Wuhan and No.4 Svitolina at 2019 Moscow
- Seeking 12th overall WTA QF appearance, having advanced to that stage eight times in 2019 and once already this year
- Enters Dubai ranked No.39 – one spot shy from her career high of No.38 (achieved February 3, 2020). By contrast, was ranked No.96 this time last year

Season

- Coming off 2r showing at St. Petersburg (l. eventual champion Bertens)
- Represented Russia in Fed Cup qualifying vs. Romania earlier this month, falling to Bogdan and Cristian in both singles rubbers
- Fell 1r to Sorribes Tormo at Australian Open
- Posted SF run at Hobart (l. S.Zhang); received walkover into the SF due to the withdrawal of Muguruza (viral illness)
- Opened 2020 season by reaching final round of qualifying at Brisbane (l. Bouzkova)
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, defeating 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

- 2020 Australian Open marked fifth Grand Slam main drawn appearance
- Contested 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 Roland Garros (d. Wozniacki in 1r, l. Kanepi)
- Made 2r at 2019 US Open and fell 1r at 2019-20 Australian Open and 2019 US Open

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

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 Svitolina), and 2r finish in 2017 (l. Ka.Bondarenko)
- On Monday’s marquee matchup, defeated former No.1 and four-time Grand Slam singles champion Clijsters in what was the Belgian’s first professional match since 2012
- Fired eight aces and won 73% of her first service points in victory over Clijsters
- The Spaniard has now amassed a 21-10 advantage vs Grand Slam champions since the beginning of her first major title run at 2016 Roland Garros (d. S.Williams in F)
- Faces No.39 Kudermetova today in their career first meeting. Withdrew prior to what would have been their first meeting earlier this season at Hobart QF due viral illness
• Is two wins away from her 250th career main draw victory (248-139 overall record)
• Entering this week, sits at No.2 on tour in aces struck (86) and most match wins (11), behind Rybakina in both
• 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)

**Season**

• Coming in off runner-up finish at Australian Open (l. Kenin in 3s) – her fourth career major final
• Defeated four seeds en route to final, including three Top 10 scalps (No.4 Halep, No.5 Svitolina, 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
[SE] ELENA RYBAKINA (KAZ #19) vs. [Q] KATERINA SINIAKOVA (CZE #58)

Head to Head: 2-2

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**ELENA RYBAKINA**

- WTA RANKING: 19
- PORSCHE RACE TO SHENZHEN LEADERBOARD
- DATE OF BIRTH (AGE): 17-06-1999 (20)
- YTD PRIZE MONEY: $347,432
- CAREER PRIZE MONEY: $792,176
- SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER): 1 / 2
- DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER): 0 / 0

**KATERINA SINIAKOVA**

- WTA RANKING: 58
- PORSCHE RACE TO SHENZHEN LEADERBOARD
- DATE OF BIRTH (AGE): 10-05-1996 (23)
- YTD PRIZE MONEY: $156,239
- CAREER PRIZE MONEY: $5,806,163
- SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER): 0 / 2
- DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER): 1 / 8

**ROAD TO THE SECOND ROUND**

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

- R32: d. [5] SOFIA KENIN (USA #7) 6-7(2),6-3,6-3 (2h00)

  Total games: 31
  Won/lost: 18-13
  Sets won/lost: 2-1
  Total time on court: 2h00
  Average time on court: 2h00
  Average rank of opponent: 7

**[Q] KATERINA SINIAKOVA (CZE #58)**

- R3-Q: d. ALISON VAN UYT VANCK (BEL #47) 5-7,6-2,7-5 (2h23)
- R2-Q: d. GIULIA GATTO-MONTICONE (ITA #149) 6-1,6-4 (1h16)
- R1-Q: d. SAISAI ZHENG (CHN #36) 7-6(8),6-4 (1h44)
- R32: d. KAROLINA MUCHOVA (CZE #27) 6-4,4-6,6-0 (1h52)

  Total games: 26
  Won/lost: 16-10
  Sets won/lost: 2-1
  Total time on court: 1h52
  Average time on court: 1h52
  Average rank of opponent: 27

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RYBAKINA:

**Dubai**

- Making tournament debut here in Dubai
- Sealed third career win over a Top 10 player after dispatching No.7 Kenin in 1r – also defeated No.7 Garcia in 2018 St. Petersburg and No.6 Halep in 2019 Wuhan
- Squares off against Siniakova in repeat of last week’s St. Petersburg first round where she defeated the Czech in straight sets to begin an R-Up run (l. Bertens in F)
- Enters tournament as Tour leader in match wins with 16-3 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, led Tour in Aces – now owns 111 through 19 matches
- Also entering tournament leads Tour in most 3 set matches played and won with 7-0 record – only Muguruza and Sakkari have played as many 3s matches, but have not won all of them
- Sits in fourth place on the Porsche Race to Shenzhen leaderboard

**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
SINIAKOVA:

Dubai

- Making fourth main draw appearance in Dubai (fifth overall)
- Advanced to 2r in 2019 (d. No.36 Martic, I. Kvitova)
- Fell 1r in 2015 (I. Dellacqua) and 2017 (I. Mladenovic)
- As a qualifier, overcame S.Zheng, Gatto-Monticone and Van Uytvanck to contest main draw this week
- Defeated compatriot and No.27 Muchova on Tuesday to record first main draw win since advancing to R16 at 2019 Beijing (l. Wozniacki) and best win-by-ranking since toppling World No.1 Osaka at 2019 Roland Garros (l. Keys)
- Faces No.19 Rybakina in 2r where she will bid to avenge first round loss to the Kazakh last week in St. Petersburg. Last triumphed against Rybakina at 2019 Guangzhou (l. Golubic)
- Owns 13-34 record over Top 20 players – most recently over No.1 Osaka last year at Roland Garros
- At World No.58, is the Czech No.6 of eight women in the Top 100 (week of February 17, 2020)

Season

- In singles, fell 1r at Shenzhen (l. eventual R-Up Alexandrova), the Australian Open (l. Kvitova) and St. Petersburg (l. eventual R-Up Rybakina)
- Advanced to the Australian Open doubles SF with partner Krejcikova (l. Hsieh/Strycova)
- Lifted fifth WTA doubles title with Krejcikova at Shenzhen, her eighth doubles title overall

Career Milestones

- 2019 highlights include SF run at Nürnberg (l. Larsson), Bronx (l. Linette), and QF run at Prague (l. Strycova). Also made R16 at Roland Garros (career-best result at a Slam, l. Keys), Guangzhou (l. Golubic) and Beijing (l. Wozniacki)
- Secured two Top 20 victories in 2019 after defeating No.17 Q. Wang at Rome and No. 1 Osaka at Roland Garros
- Won two doubles titles in 2019 at Sydney (w/Krunic) and Toronto (w/Krejcikova). Also R-Up at Indian Wells (l. Mertens/ Sabalenka) and SF run at Wimbledon (l. Dabrowski/Xu) both w/ Krejcikova
- Finished 2018 ranked No.1 in doubles after winning fi rst two Grand Slam trophies at Roland Garros (d. Hozumi/ Ninomiya in F) and Wimbledon (d. Melichar/Peschke in F) both w/ Krejcikova, the first pairing to complete the Roland Garros-Wimbledon double since Kim Clijsters and Ai Sugiyama in 2003. Also R-Up at WTA Finals Singapore (l. Babos/ Mladenovic)
- Has three Top 5 career wins in singles - against No.4 Halep at 2017 Shenzhen, No.4 Garcia at Wuhan, and No.1 Osaka at 2019 Roland Garros
- In 2016, Reached fi rst two WTA fi nals of career, at Bastad (as qualifi er, l. Siegemund) and Tokyo [Japan Open] (l. McHale)
- On ITF Circuit has won seven singles titles and fi ve doubles titles
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2013 Miami (l. Muguruza)
- Played fi rst events of career on ITF Circuit in 2012

Grand Slam History

- Contested 22nd Grand Slam main draw at 2020 Australian Open
- Achieved best showing at a major to date with run to R16 at 2019 Roland Garros (l. Keys)
- Previously made 3r at Wimbledon in 2016 (l. A.Radwanska) and 2018 (l. Giorgi), Roland Garros in 2018 (l. Strycova) and US Open in 2018 (l. Tsurenko)
- In doubles, lifted first two Grand Slam trophies at 2018 Roland Garros (d. Hozumi/Ninomiya in F) and 2018 Wimbledon (d. Melichar/Peschke in F) both w/Krejcikova – the first pairing to complete the Roland Garros-Wimbledon double since Kim Clijsters and Ai Sugiyama in 2003. Became the first team ever to win the girls’ (2013) and ladies’ (2018) doubles title at Wimbledon
- Also reached doubles fi nal at 2017 US Open (w/Hradecka, I. Chan/Hingis)

Personal

- Coached by father, Dmitri Siniakov (also a businessman). Has also worked with WTA legend Helena Sukova and Iain Hughes
- Mother’s name is Hana Siniakova (accountant); younger brother is Daniel
- Started playing tennis at age 5
- All-court player; favorite surface is hardcourt; favorite tournament is Australian Open
- Tennis idol growing up was Maria Sharapova
[1] SIMONA HALEP (ROU #2) vs. [WC] ONS JABEUR (TUN #45)

Head to Head: ONS JABEUR leads 1-0

2018 BEIJING HARD O R1 ONS JABEUR 6-1 32 mins

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PORSCHIE RACE TO SHENZHEN LEADERBOARD

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CAREER PRIZE MONEY

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YTD / CAREER Top 5 W-L (MD & Q) *

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

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

* Updated entering 2020 Dubai 2r

ROAD TO THE SECOND ROUND

[1] SIMONA HALEP (ROU #2)

R32: BYE

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

[WC] ONS JABEUR (TUN #45)

R32: d. ALISON RISKE (USA #18) 7-6(3),1-6,6-3 (2h12)

Total games: 29
Won/lost: 14-15
Sets won/lost: 2-1
Total time on court: 2h12
Average time on court: 2h12
Average rank of opponent: 18
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HALEP

Dubai:

- Making sixth main draw appearance at Dubai (seventh overall)
- Won title here in 2015 defeating this year’s No.2 seed Ka.Pliskova in final match
- Only former champion remaining in tournament of three to start the main draw – also Bencic (l. Pavlyuchenkova in 1r) and Svitolina (l. Brady in 1r)
- Third time contesting Dubai as No.1 seed: 2015 (d. Ka.Pliskova in F) and 2016 (l. Ivanovic in 2r after 1r bye)
- The No.1 seed has won the tournament on eight occasions including her title run in 2015 – also Hingis (2001), Henin (2003, 2004, 2007), Davenport (2005), Wozniacki (2011) and Svitolina (2018)
- Faces No.45 Jabeur today – retired in their only previous meeting in 2018 Beijing due to an ongoing back injury
- Has not lost her first match of a tournament since 2019 Rome (l. Vondrousova in 3s)
- Currently in fifth position on Porsche Race to Shiseido WTA Finals Shenzhen

Season:

- Reached eighth career Grand Slam SF at Australian Open (l. Muguruza) bringing record in major SF matches to 5-3
- Opened 2020 season with QF appearance in Adelaide (l. Sabalenka)

Career Milestones:

- Ended 2019 ranked No.4 for sixth consecutive year in the Top 5
- 2019 highlighted by winning second career Grand Slam title at Wimbledon (d. S.Williams)
- Also finished R-Up at Madrid (l. Bertens) and QF at Roland Garros (as defending champion, l. Anisimova) and Toronto (ret. vs. Bouzova w/Achilles pain)
- Ended 2018 season as World No.1 for the second time in her career, with season highlighted by maiden Grand Slam title at Roland Garros (d. Stephens in F)
- Also won titles last year at Shenzhen (d. Siniakova in F) and Montréal (d. Stephens in F) and was R-Up at Australian Open (l. Wozniacki), Rome (l. Svitolina) and Cincinnati (l. Bertens). Is 18-16 in career finals
- Won first career WTA doubles title at 2018 Shenzhen (w/Begu). Now 1-1 in career doubles finals
- Finished 2017 as the year-end World No.1, having ascended to the No.1 spot for first time in career on October 9, 2017 – became the 25th woman to reach the top spot, and the 13th to hold year-end No.1
- Defended Madrid title in 2017 (d. Mladenovic in F); reached four more finals in 2017: Rome, Roland Garros, Cincinnati and Beijing. 2016 season highlighted by three titles, at Madrid, Bucharest and Montréal
- Between May 2013 and August 2014, improved ranking from No.64 to No.2, winning seven titles
- Has qualified six times for WTA Finals in Singapore (2014-19, although withdrew injured in 2018), reaching final in 2014 (l. S.Williams, having defeated the World No.1 in the round robin stage)
- Named 2013 WTA Most Improved Player, winning her first six WTA titles and ending year ranked No.11
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2010 Marbella as a qualifier, reaching quarterfinals

Grand Slam History:

- Contested 39th Grand Slam main draw of her career at 2020 Australian Open
- Winner of two Grand Slam titles, lifting first at 2018 Roland Garros (d. Stephens in F) followed by an historic 2019 Wimbledon run (d. Williams in F)
- Became first Romanian to lift the singles title at the All England Club, defeating S.Williams in 56 minutes
- Posted three runner-up finishes in Paris in 2014 (l. Sharapova in 3s), 2017 (l. Ostapenko in 3s) and at Australian Open in 2018 (l. Wozniacki in 3s)
- Was the first Romanian woman to advance to final at Australian Open in 2018 (l. Wozniacki)
- Best result at US Open is SF run in 2015 (l. eventual champion Pennetta)

Personal:

- Reunited with long-time coach, Darren Cahill during offseason after taking a 12-month break
- Formerly coached by Wim Fissette and Victor Ionita
- Sponsorship portfolio includes deals with Mercedes, Unilever and is an Ambassador for Dubai Duty Free
- Sponsors a children’s hockey team back in Romania through the Simona Halep Foundation
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
- Defeated No.18 Riske in 1r for seventh career Top 20 win and second of the season (also d. No.13 Konta in Melbourne)
- Faces World No.2 Halep today – only other Top 5 victory came over Halep ranked No.1 at time at 2018 Beijing
- After maiden Grand Slam QF at Australian Open, soared 33 spots to career-high ranking of No.45
- Sits in the 14th position on the Porsche Race to the Shiseido WTA Finals Shenzhen
- Was voted January’s WTA Breakthrough Player of the Month

Season:
- Made Top 50 debut at career high 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, 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
ANETT KONTAVEIT (EST #24) vs. ANASTASIA PAVLYUCHENKOVA (RUS #31)

Head to Head: ANETT KONTAVEIT leads 3-2

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Total games: 16
Won/lost: 12-4
Sets won/lost: 2-0
Total time on court: 1h09
Average time on court: 1h09
Average rank of opponent: 70

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Total games: 21
Won/lost: 13-8
Sets won/lost: 2-1
Total time on court: 1h30
Average time on court: 1h30
Average rank of opponent: 4

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Dubai

- Making third main draw appearance at Dubai – has matched best result by reaching 2r, also reached this stage on debut in 2018 (l. Osaka)
- Faced only one break point in 1r win over qualifier Cirstea
- Faces No.31 Pavlyuchenkova today in hopes of reaching QF for first time in Dubai
- Leads head-to-head record against the Russian however has not beaten her on hard courts since 2015 US Open
- Owns 3-1 record in 3s matches this year
- One of three players to notch multiple wins over a Top 10 player before this tournament (also Muguruza and Collins) – defeated No.6 Bencic in 3r of Australian Open and No.4 Svitola in Fed Cup
- Lone Estonian representative in the main draw

Season

- Represented Estonia in Fed Cup action winning her only singles rubber over No.4 Svitola
- Made Grand Slam breakthrough by reaching maiden major QF at Australian Open (l. Halep)
- Kicked off 2020 season by reaching 2r in Brisbane (l. Bertens) and falling 1r in Adelaide (l. Pavlyuchenkova)

Career Milestones

- Finished 2019 ranked No.26 – her second straight Top 30 finish (No.21 in 2018)
- Reached her fifth career final in 2019 at Stuttgart (l. Kvitova in F); career record in finals is now 1-4
- Also in 2019, advanced to her first Premier Mandatory SF at Miami (l. eventual champion Barty), which propelled her to a career high ranking of No.14 (April 1, 2019). Came from a set and 4-0 down in the decider to defeat Hsieh in QF
- In 2018, season highlighted by fourth WTA singles final at Wuhan (l. Sabalenka); posted 33 main draw wins – the first time she had registered 30 or more wins in a season – finishing No.21 in the rankings
- Enjoyed fruitful clay swing in 2018, including a R16 at Roland Garros (l. eventual R-Up Stephens) and SF showings at Rome (l. eventual champion Svitola) and Stuttgart (l. eventual champion Ka.Pliskova)
- Breakthrough season came in 2017, finishing on a ranking of No.34, up from No.110 in 2016 – first year-end finish inside Top 50 and second non-consecutive year in Top 100
- Won first career singles title at 2017 ’s-Hertogenbosch (d. Vikhlyantseva in F). Also reached finals at Biel/Benne (l. Vondrousova) and Gstaad (l. Bertens)
- Broke into Top 30 for first time at No.27 following run at Gstaad (July 24, 2017)
- Also advanced to QF at Premier-level tournaments at Stuttgart, where she beat No.6 Muguruza en route, and Rome, where she posted her first career win over a reigning No.1 with defeat of Kerber in 2r
- In 2016, played main draw at all four Grand Slams for first time, but dropped out of Top 100
- One of five teenagers in 2015 year-end Top 100
- Made Top 100 debut on September 14, 2015 at No.96, up from No.152
- Scored first Top 20 win of career over No.17 Errani at 2016 Monterrey (2r)
- Has won 11 singles titles and five doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2013 Miami as WC (l. McHale, 1r)
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in 2010
- Junior highlights included winning 2011 Orange Bowl, defeating Bouchard and Putintseva en route

Grand Slam History

- Playing landmark 20th Grand Slam main draw at 2020 Australian Open
- Earned her first Grand Slam victories at 2015 US Open where she reached R16 (as qualifier, l. V.Williams) – only seventh qualifier in Open Era to reach US Open R16
- Also made R16 at 2018 Australian Open (l. Suárez Navarro) and 2018 Roland Garros (l. Stephens)
- Best showings at Wimbledon are 3r runs in 2017 (l. Wozniacki), 2018 (l. Van Uytvanck) and 2019 (l. Muchova)
- R-Up in 2012 US Open girls’ singles (l. Crawford)

Personal

- Coached by Nigel Sears
- Grew up in Tallinn, Estonia
- World No.1 Estonian player
- Mother, Ulle, is a tennis coach and started her in tennis (was her coach until the age of 11, then began working other Estonian coaches). Father, Andrus, is a manager at the Port of Tallinn
PAVLYUCHENKOVA

Dubai

- Making 10th overall main draw appearance in Dubai this week
- Best result was QF appearance in 2010 (l. V.Williams); has fallen in the 1r here in 7-consecutive visits
- Earned 15th win over Top 5 player with victory over defending champion No.5 Bencic today
- Faces No.24 Kontaveit today to reach QF for second time in Dubai
- While trailing in head-to-head records, owns more wins on hardcourts with 2-1 record against the Estonian and won their most recent meeting earlier this year in Adelaide
- Entered tournament tied w/Sakkari and Kenin 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 QF finish, falling to eventual R-Up Muguruza (def. No.2 Ka.Pliskova and No.18 Kerber en route)
- Fell to eventual champion Barty in R16 at Adelaide following 1r exit to begin 2020 campaign at Brisbane (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
- Reached QF in Melbourne in 2019 to match best Grand Slam result (l. Collins); took out No.9 Bertens, 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 (l. Kerber), St. Petersburg (l. Bencic), Acapulco (l.Wickmayer), Montréal (l. Keys), Linz (l. Cibulkova) and Moscow (l. 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 (l. Schiavone) and US Open (l. S.Williams), 2016 Wimbledon (l. eventual champion S.Williams), 2017 Australian Open (l. event R-Up V.Williams), and 2019 Australian Open (l. 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 (l. 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; l. 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