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AUSTRALIAN OPEN - DAY 6 MATCH-UPS

[30] ANASTASIA PAVLYUCHENKOVA (RUS #30) vs. [2] KAROLINA PLISKOVA (CZE #2)

Pliskova leads 6-0

Pavlyuchenkova has only won one set against the Czech in their past six meetings... Pliskova currently on a six match win streak... The two players are the only former Australian Open juniors champions left in the draw

YULIA PUTINTSEVA (KAZ #38) vs. [4] SIMONA HALEP (ROU #3)

First career meeting

Putintseva notched three Top 5 wins last year bringing her career total to four... Halep has only fallen at this stage of a Slam on three occasions

[5] ELINA SVITOLINA (UKR #5) vs. GARBINE MUGURUZA (ESP #32)

Svitolina leads 6-4

Svitolina has won five six of her victories over the Spaniard on hardcourts... Muguruza has won the last three meetings between the two at Slams

CAMILA GIORGI (ITA #102) vs. [17] ANGELIQUE KERBER (GER #18)

First career meeting

Giorgi has not made it past the 3r at a Slam outside of Wimbledon... Kerber has not lost to a player outside the Top 100 at a Slam since 2011 Wimbledon

[6] BELINDA BENCIC (SUI #7) vs. [28] ANETT KONTAVEIT (EST #31)

First career meeting

Bencic notched 100th career main draw hard-court victory with win in second round... Kontaveit withdrew before third round match-up with the Swiss at 2019 US Open

ZARINA DIYAS (KAZ #73) vs. [9] KIKI BERTENS (NED #10)

Diyas leads 1-0

Diyas came from a break down in the deciding set to win her second round match... Bertens's last five defeats at a Slam have come at the hands of a player outside the Top 20

[16] ELISE MERTENS (BEL #17) vs. CICI BELLIS (USA #600)

Bellis leads 1-0

Mertens has only lost five games en route to the third round... Bellis playing her first Grand Slam since 2018 Australian Open due to injuries... This is will be their second meeting here this year after Mertens (w/ Sabalenka) defeated Bellis (w/Vondrousova) in doubles first round action

[19] DONNA VEKIC (CRO #20) vs. IGA SWIATEK (POL #56)

First career meeting

Vekic owns 1-1 record against teenagers at Grand Slams... Swiatek recorded two wins over Top 20 ranked opponents last season

RANKING PREDICTIONS

Ashleigh Barty will extend her stay at No.1 to 21 consecutive weeks atop the WTA Rankings making her 28 total weeks at the top spot the 14th most in WTA history and the 4th most of active players (not including Wozniacki). She will hold onto that spot after this fortnight regardless of results.

Bianca Andreescu will drop out of the Top 5 giving **Bencic**, **Bertens** (needs final) and **Kvitova** (needs title) a chance to move into the top group.

An additional ten players have a chance to break into the Top 10 - **Kenin** needs to reach SF; **Riske**, **Mertens** and **Kerber** need to reach the final; and **Sakkari, Vekic, Wang, Kontaveit, Putintseva** and **Muguruza** would need to win the title.

With R16, **Coco Gauff** will near the Top 50 depending on other results.

NEWCOMERS

First-timers in a Grand Slam R16:
Maria Sakkari, Ons Jabeur

Players hoping to make their first Grand Slam R16:
CiCi Bellis

Players left in the draw who have yet to make a Grand Slam QF:
Sofia Kenin   **Coco Gauff**
Anett Kontaveit   **Iga Swiatek**

KAZAKH HOPEFULS

Should **Yulia Putintseva** and **Zarina Diyas** win their third round matches today, it would be only the second time Kazakhstan has had two players in the final 16 - also at 2014 Wimbledon when Diyas and Yaroslava Shvedova reached the fourth round where they both lost. **No one** from the country has made it to the R16 at the Australian Open.

The country has only had a player reach the QF at a Slam on five occasions but has never had a representative in the final four: **Putintseva** at 2016 and 2018 Roland Garros; and Shvedova at 2010, 2012 Roland Garros and 2016 Wimbledon.

Shvedova is the only player representing Kazakhstan to make it to the QF of a hard-court slam at 2016 US Open.

ON THIS DAY...

On this day in tennis history, at 16 years, 105 days, **Martina Hingis** becomes the youngest player to win a major singles title at the 1997 Australian Open - a record that holds to this day.

Coco Gauff now has a chance to make history and beat that record by becoming the first 15-year-old to win a Grand Slam title.

COCO MANIA

Youngest player to beat a defending champion at the Australian Open in the Open Era.

Youngest player to beat a defending champion at a Grand Slam since Capriati (15y163d) beat No.3 Sabatini in QF of 1991 US Open

Youngest player to beat a Top 5 ranked opponent since the 1991 match between Capriati and Sabatini.

Youngest player to reach the last sixteen at the Australian Open since Hingis (15y120d) reached the QF in 1996.

First American woman in 30 years to reach the third round in each of her first three Grand Slam main draw appearances, a feat accomplished by neither WIlliams sister.

The **third player in the last 30 years** to earn at least eight Grand Slam match wins before her 16th birthday.

Should she reach the QF, would become **youngest player** to reach the QF of a Slam since Karatantcheva (15y301d) reached QF at 2005 Roland Garros and the 8th player to make final eight at a Slam (128 player draw) before their 16th birthday.

[30] ANASTASIA PAVLYUCHENKOVA (RUS #30) vs. [2] KAROLINA PLISKOVA (CZE #2)

Head to Head: KAROLINA PLISKOVA leads 6-0

2018	EASTBOURNE	GRASS O	R2	KAROLINA PLISKOVA	6-4 2-6 6-3	110 mins
2017	TORONTO	HARD O	R2	KAROLINA PLISKOVA	6-3 6-3	70 mins
2016	US OPEN	HARD O	R3	KAROLINA PLISKOVA	6-2 6-4	76 mins
2016	SYDNEY	HARD O	R16	KAROLINA PLISKOVA	6-3 6-0	58 mins
2015	FED CUP FINAL	HARD I	R1	KAROLINA PLISKOVA	6-3 6-4	
2015	DUBAI	HARD O	R1	KAROLINA PLISKOVA	6-2 6-4	78 mins

ANASTASIA PAVLYUCHENKOVA		KAROLINA PLISKOVA
30	WTA RANKING	2
88	PORSCHE RACE TO SHENZHEN LEADERBOARD	2
03-07-1991 (28)	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	21-03-1992 (27)
$27,500	YTD PRIZE MONEY	$272,450
$9,820,319	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	$19,784,968
0 / 12	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	1 / 16
0 / 5	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 5
17-11	AUSTRALIAN OPEN W-L (MD) *	20-7
3-2 / 341-257	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	6-0 / 315-159
0-2 / 114-98	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	3-0 / 103-58
1-0 / 82-68	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	2-2 / 64-66
3-2 / 256-173	YTD / CAREER HARD W-L (MD) *	6-0 / 225-106
0-2 / 32-66	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD) *	1-0 / 32-39
0-2 / 62-115	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD) *	3-0 / 62-71
1-1 / 29-30	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 29-20

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ROAD TO THE THIRD ROUND

[30] ANASTASIA PAVLYUCHENKOVA (RUS #30)   vs.   **[2] KAROLINA PLISKOVA (CZE #2)**

R64: d. TAYLOR TOWNSEND (USA #79) 7-5,7-6(1) (2h8)   **R64:** d. LAURA SIEGEMUND (GER #72) 6-3,6-3 (1h27)

R128: d. NINA STOJANOVIC (SRB #85) 6-1,7-5 (1h12)   **R128:** d. KRISTINA MLADENOVIC (FRA #41) 6-1,7-5 (1h24)

Total games: 44   Total games: 37
Won/lost: 27-17   Won/lost: 25-12
Sets won/lost: 4-0   Sets won/lost: 4-0
Total time on court: 3h20   Total time on court: 2h51
Average time on court: 1h40   Average time on court: 1h26
Average rank of opponent: 82   Average rank of opponent: 57

AUSTRALIAN OPEN Tournament History

* Qualifying match

ANASTASIA PAVLYUCHENKOVA

2019		
QF	L - DANIELLE COLLINS (USA #35)	2-6 7-5 6-1

KAROLINA PLISKOVA

2019		
SF	L - NAOMI OSAKA (JPN #4)	6-2 4-6 6-4

2018			
R2	L - KATERYNA BONDARENKO (UKR #94)	6-2	6-3
2017			
QF	L - VENUS WILLIAMS (USA #17)	6-4	7-6(3)
2016			
R1	L - LAUREN DAVIS (USA #103)	1-6 6-3	6-4
2015			
R1	L - YANINA WICKMAYER (BEL #80)	4-6 6-3	6-3
2014			
R3	L - AGNIESZKA RADWANSKA (POL #5)	5-7 6-2	6-2
2013			
R1	L - LESIA TSURENKO (UKR #85)	7-5 3-6	7-5
2012			
R2	L - VANIA KING (USA #66)	5-7 6-3	6-4
2011			
R3	L - IVETA MELZER (CZE #60)	6-3 1-6	7-5
2010			
R2	L - SVETLANA KUZNETSOVA (RUS #3)	6-2	6-2
2009			
R1	L - TATHIANA GARBIN (ITA #54)	6-4 2-6	7-5
2008			
R2*	L - TIMEA BACSINSZKY (SUI #119)	6-1 4-6	6-4
2007			
R3*	L - JULIA VAKULENKO (UKR #116)	3-6 6-1	6-1

2018			
QF	L - SIMONA HALEP (ROU #1)	6-3	6-2
2017			
QF	L - MIRJANA LUCIC-BARONI (CRO #79)	6-4 3-6	6-4
2016			
R3	L - EKATERINA MAKAROVA (RUS #24)	6-3	6-2
2015			
R3	L - EKATERINA MAKAROVA (RUS #11)	6-4	6-4
2014			
R2	L - DANIELA HANTUCHOVA (SVK #33)	6-3 3-6	12-10
2013			
R1	L - ELENI DANIILIDOU (GRE #94)	7-5 5-7	6-4
2012			
R1*	L - NINA BRATCHIKOVA (RUS #136)	6-1	6-2
2011			
R1*	L - ANNA-LENA GROENEFELD (GER #171)	6-2	6-4

ANASTASIA PAVLYUCHENKOVA

VS

KAROLINA PLISKOVA

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

- Making 12th main draw appearance at Australian Open (14th overall)
- Best run at Melbourne Park was reaching the QF in 2017 (l. V.Williams) and 2019 (l. Collins)
- 2017 Australian Open result meant she had officially reached the QF stage at all four majors (one of five players left in the draw who have accomplished the same - 2011 Roland Garros (l. Schiavone) and US Open (l. S.Williams), 2016 Wimbledon (l. eventual champion S.Williams), 2017 and 2019 Australian Open
- Won girls' singles title here in 2006 and 2007. One of four junior champions to start the women's draw this year - also Strycova, Ka.Pliskova and Townsend
- Defeated Stojanovic in 1r on Tuesday before firing 45 winners in 2r victory over Townsend
- Bidding for her first win over today's opponent, No.2 Ka.Pliskova, in their seventh career meeting
- Her best win-by-ranking was over then-No.1 Kerber en route to fourth Monterrey title in 2017. Record vs. Top 5 ranked opponents is 13-35, most recently falling to No.1 Barty last week at Adelaide. Her most recent win over such players came over No.5 Stephens last year here at Melbourne Park in R16
- Holds 6-10 record in 3r at the majors; overall Slam record stands at 62-48
- Coming off opening match loss at Brisbane (l. No.7 Kvitova in 3s) before a 2r run at Adelaide (d. Kontaveit, l. No.1 Barty in 3s)

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. eventual 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)

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

- Making eighth main draw appearance (and 10th overall) in Melbourne
- Achieved best result at Melbourne Park in 2019 by reaching SF (l. eventual champion Osaka) - saved four match points to beat S.Williams in QF
- Also made QF stage in 2017 (l. Lucic-Baroni) and 2018 (l. Halep)
- Has matched or improved best result here year-on-year since debut - 1r in 2013, 2r in 2014, 3r in 2015-16, QF in 2017-18 and SF in 2019
- Won girls' singles title here in 2010, one of four junior champions to start the women's draw this year - also Strycova, Pavlyuchenkova and Townsend
- Is seeded No.2 this fortnight – has now been seeded at 21 consecutive majors
- Opened 2020 Australian Open campaign with straight sets win over Mladenovic. Was more straightforward than their last encounter, which ended in nail biting third set during the 2016 Fed Cup final, winning 16-14 to help seal the victory for the Czech Republic
- Defeated Siegemund in 2r, having fallen to the German in their only previous meeting on the clay of Stuttgart in 2017 in 3s
- Faces Pavlyuchenkova today for a spot in her fourth consecutive R16 at Melbourne Park
- Has dropped one set against the Russian in their six previous meetings, during their most recent encounter at 2018 Eastbourne
- Record in 3r at the majors is 10-5, including 3-2 here in Melbourne; overall Slam record stands at 61-30
- Including first two wins this week, is on a six-match winning streak (four en route to Brisbane title, two here at the Australian Open)
- 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. It was also first time successfully defending one of her previous 15 titles
- No woman has won Brisbane and gone on to win the Australian Open. Maria Sharapova came close in 2015, triumphing at Brisbane but finishing R-Up in Melbourne (l. S.Williams)
- Brisbane marked first event working with new coach Daniel Vallverdu

WTA

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 (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

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

GRAND SLAM HISTORY

- Contesting 31st career Grand Slam main draw at 2020 Australian Open
- Advanced to career first Grand Slam final at 2016 US Open (l. Kerber), simultaneously making debuts in R16, QF, SF and title match at the majors. Became first Czech to reach US Open final since Helena Sukova in 1993 (l. Graf in F)
- 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)

CAREER MILESTONES

- 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)

CAREER CONT.

- 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

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

WTA

YULIA PUTINTSEVA (KAZ #38) vs. [4] SIMONA HALEP (ROU #3)

Head to Head: 0-0

YULIA PUTINTSEVA		SIMONA HALEP
38	WTA RANKING	3
39	PORSCHE RACE TO SHENZHEN LEADERBOARD	45
07-01-1995 (25)	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	27-09-1991 (28)
$28,600	YTD PRIZE MONEY	$24,250
$3,987,087	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	$35,132,271
0 / 1	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 19
0 / 0	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 1
8-7	AUSTRALIAN OPEN W-L (MD) *	21-9
3-2 / 120-137	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	3-1 / 373-169
2-0 / 40-44	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 110-57
0-1 / 33-32	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	1-0 / 48-55
3-2 / 72-92	YTD / CAREER HARD W-L (MD) *	3-1 / 217-109
0-0 / 8-26	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 39-49
1-0 / 17-45	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD) *	0-1 / 99-76
0-0 / 4-10	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 35-15

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ROAD TO THE THIRD ROUND

YULIA PUTINTSEVA (KAZ #38)   vs.   **[4] SIMONA HALEP (ROU #3)**

R64: d. [26] DANIELLE COLLINS (USA #25) 6-4,2-6,7-5 (2h38)   **R64:** d. [Q] HARRIET DART (GBR #173) 6-2,6-4 (1h18)

R128: d. SU-WEI HSIEH (TPE #37) 6-1,6-3 (1h18)   **R128:** d. JENNIFER BRADY (USA #49) 7-6(5),6-1 (1h36)

Total games: 46   Total games: 38
Won/lost: 27-19   Won/lost: 25-13
Sets won/lost: 4-1   Sets won/lost: 4-0
Total time on court: 3h56   Total time on court: 2h54
Average time on court: 1h58   Average time on court: 1h27
Average rank of opponent: 31   Average rank of opponent: 111

AUSTRALIAN OPEN Tournament History

* Qualifying match

YULIA PUTINTSEVA

2019			
R2	L - BELINDA BENCIC (SUI #49)		7-5 4-6 6-2
2018			
R2	L - ANA BOGDAN (ROU #104)		1-6 6-2 6-3
2017			
R2	L - JELENA OSTAPENKO (LAT #38)		6-3 6-1

SIMONA HALEP

2019			
R16	L - SERENA WILLIAMS (USA #16)		6-1 4-6 6-4
2018			
F	L - CAROLINE WOZNIACKI (DEN #2)		7-6(2) 3-6 6-4
2017			
R1	L - SHELBY ROGERS (USA #52)		6-3 6-1

2016		
R3	L - MARGARITA GASPARYAN (RUS #58)	6-3 6-4

2015		
R1	L - ELINA SVITOLINA (UKR #26)	6-3 7-5

2014		
R1	L - AGNIESZKA RADWANSKA (POL #5)	6-0 5-7 6-2

2013		
R2	L - CARLA SUÁREZ NAVARRO (ESP #33)	1-6 7-6(5) 6-2

2016		
R1	L - SHUAI ZHANG (CHN #133)	6-4 6-3

2015		
QF	L - EKATERINA MAKAROVA (RUS #11)	6-4 6-0

2014		
QF	L - DOMINIKA CIBULKOVA (SVK #24)	6-3 6-0

2013		
R1	L - SLOANE STEPHENS (USA #25)	6-1 6-1

2012		
R1	L - PAULA ORMAECHEA (ARG #189)	6-1 3-6 7-5

2011		
R3	L - AGNIESZKA RADWANSKA (POL #14)	6-1 6-2

2010		
R1*	L - STÉPHANIE FORETZ (FRA #163)	6-4 4-6 6-4

YULIA PUTINTSEVA

VS

SIMONA HALEP

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

- Making eighth appearance at Australian Open, and has equaled her best result here by returning to 3r. Also reached this stage in 2016 (l. Gasparyan)
- During 2016 run, defeated then-No.18 Wozniacki, who went on to lift the trophy here two years later
- One of three Kazakh women competing in this year's field - also Diyas and Rybakina, who are also through to the 3r. This marks the first time in history three Kazakh women have reached this stage at a major
- Defeated Hsieh in 1r on Tuesday before dispatching No.26 seed Collins in 2r in 3s. Has now reached one 3r (or better) at a Slam in each of the last five seasons, including 2016 (Australian Open, 3r, Roland Garros, QF), 2017 (Roland Garros, 3r), 2018 (Roland Garros, QF) and 2019 (US Open, 3r)
- Her record in 3r at the majors is 2-3; overall Grand Slam record stands at 28-24
- Faces No.3 Halep today in their career first meeting. Bidding for her fifth career Top 5 win, having previously defeated No.5 Cibulkova (2017 St. Petersburg), No.5 Stephens (2019 Sydney) and No.1 Osaka (2019 Birmingham and 2019 Wimbledon)
- Aiming to become the first Kazakh woman to reach the R16 at Australian Open, and first at any major since she herself reached the QF at 2018 Roladn Garros (l. Keys)
- Coming off 2r run at Brisbane (as qualifier, l. Collins) before a 1r exit at Adelaide (as qualifier, l. Tomljanovic)

GRAND SLAM HISTORY

- 2020 Australian Open marks her milestone 25th Grand Slam main draw
- Best result across the Slams were QF runs at Roland Garros in 2016 (l. S.Williams in 3 sets) and 2018 (l. Keys). Was the first Kazakh to reach QF at Roland Garros – or at any major – since Shvedova in 2012 (l. QF)
- Away from Paris, other key results include 3r at 2016 Australian Open (l. Gasparyan), 3r at 2019 US Open (l. Vekic) and 2r at Wimbledon in 2015 (l. V.Williams), 2016 (l. Pavlyuchenkova) and 2019 (l. Golubic)
- A two-time junior Grand Slam runner-up (2010 US Open, 2012 Australian Open)

CAREER MILESTONES

- Finished 2019 ranked No.34 for joint- career-best finish (also 2016)
- Peaked in rankings at No.28 last year in May – one spot off career best No.27 (achieved February 6, 2017)
- Won first career title at Nürnberg (d. Zidansek in F)

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

- Making 10th main draw appearance at Australian Open (and 11th overall)
- Finished R-Up at Melbourne Park in 2018 (l. Wozniacki in 3s) - saved match points in 3r with Davis and SF against Kerber
- Match against Davis in 2018 went 3h44 as third longest women's match ever at Australian Open, after Schiavone d. Kuznetsova (2011, R16, 4h44) and Strycova d. Kulikova (2010, 1r, 4h19)
- Reached R16 here last year as No.1 seed (l. S.Williams in 3s)
- Also reached QF on two occasions: 2014 (l. Cibulkova) and 2015 (l. Makarova)
- Recovered from losing the opening two games to beat Brady in Tuesday's night session
- Won her 20th career Grand Slam 2r match over No.173 Dart in 2r (20-7); improves overall major record to 90-36 at Grand Slam level
- Faces No.38 Putintseva today for a spot in her fifth R16 at Melbourne Park, and 17th overall at the Slams; record in R16 at the majors is 13-3, with her last loss at this stage taking place here in 2019 (l. S.Williams)
- Contesting this fortnight as No.4 seed - only player to be one of Top 4 seeds for past five years (was No.1 seed in 2018-19, No.4 in 2017 and No.2 in 2016)
- One of the ten Top 10 seeds to reach the 3r, marking the first time this has happened at a Slam since 2009 Wimbledon and first time at Australian Open since 2007
- Played one tournament in warm-up for Australian Open at Adelaide reaching QF (l. Sabalenka)

GRAND SLAM HISTORY

- Contesting 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. S.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)

WTA

YULIA PUTINTSEVA

VS

SIMONA HALEP

CAREER MILESTONES

- Defeated the World No.1 player twice in 2019, overcoming at Osaka at Birmingham and Wimbledon
- Achieved best US Open result of career to date by reaching 3r (l. Vekic)
- Has four Top 5 wins in career – after No.5 Cibulkova (2017 St Petersburg), No.5 Stephens (2019 Sydney) and No.1 Osaka (2019 Birmingham and 2019 Wimbledon)
- Reached maiden WTA final in 2017 at St Petersburg (l. Mladenovic) after notching two Top 10 wins over No.8 Kuznetsova and No.5 Cibulkova (l. Mladenovic in F) – first woman from Kazakhstan to reach a WTA final since Shvedova at 2015 Bogotá (l. Pereira)
- Rose to new career-high ranking of No.27 on February 6, 2017 following her run to the final in St Petersburg
- Also in 2017 reached QF at Tokyo [Japan Open] (l. eventual champion Diyas) and Nürnberg (l. Cirstea), and reached 3r at Roland Garros (l. No.5 Muguruza)
- In 2016 became first Kazakh to reach the quarterfinals at Roland Garros – or at any major – since Shvedova in 2012
- Also reached SF at two International-level events in 2016: Kaohsiung (l. V.Williams) and Washington, DC (l. Wickmayer). Defeated No.14 V.Williams en route to first Premier-level quarterfinal of career at 2016 Charleston
- Later in season, posted second career win over a Top 10 opponent at 2016 Tokyo [PPO], defeating No.9 Keys in 1r. First Top 10 win came over No.10 Petkovic at 2015 Nürnberg (via ret.)
- Reached maiden WTA SF at 2015 Bastad (l. eventual champion Larsson)
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2009 Luxembourg and WTA main draw debut at 2012 Copenhagen
- On ITF Circuit, winner of six singles titles and six doubles titles
- Kazakhstan Fed Cup Team, 2014-19

PERSONAL

- Coached by Roman Kislianskii
- Changed representation from Russia to Kazakhstan in May 2012
- Practiced at Spartak Club in Moscow as a junior before moving to Paris to attend Mouratoglou Academy
- Tennis idols were Martina Hingis and Justine Henin – still watches videos of Henin on YouTube
- Enjoys dancing, singing, Sudoku, cards and chess

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

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

WTA

[5] ELINA SVITOLINA (UKR #5) vs. GARBIÑE MUGURUZA (ESP #32)

Head to Head: ELINA SVITOLINA leads 6-4

2019	WUHAN	HARD O	R2	ELINA SVITOLINA	7-5 6-2	95 mins
2019	ROLAND GARROS	CLAY O	R3	GARBIÑE MUGURUZA	6-3 6-3	88 mins
2019	DUBAI	HARD O	R16	ELINA SVITOLINA	6-1 6-2	63 mins
2017	TORONTO	HARD O	QF	ELINA SVITOLINA	4-6 6-4 6-3	128 mins
2017	ROME	CLAY O	SF	ELINA SVITOLINA	4-1	23 mins
2017	INDIAN WELLS	HARD O	R16	GARBIÑE MUGURUZA	7-6(5) 1-6 6-0	113 mins
2016	TOKYO	HARD O	QF	ELINA SVITOLINA	6-2 4-6 6-3	119 mins
2016	DUBAI	HARD O	R16	ELINA SVITOLINA	7-6(3) 6-3	114 mins
2014	WUHAN	HARD O	R16	ELINA SVITOLINA	W/O	
2012	WIMBLEDON	GRASS O	R1	GARBIÑE MUGURUZA	6-3 6-0	57 mins
2012	ROLAND GARROS	CLAY O	R2	GARBIÑE MUGURUZA	6-1 7-5	75 mins

ELINA SVITOLINA		GARBIÑE MUGURUZA
5	WTA RANKING	32
9,999	PORSCHE RACE TO SHENZHEN LEADERBOARD	17
12-09-1994 (25)	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	08-10-1993 (26)
$12,000	YTD PRIZE MONEY	$53,075
$19,246,960	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	$19,270,804
0 / 13	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 7
0 / 2	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 5
17-7	AUSTRALIAN OPEN W-L (MD) *	19-7
2-1 / 267-147	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	7-1 / 243-138
0-0 / 81-50	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	5-0 / 78-59
1-0 / 53-44	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	2-0 / 37-50
2-1 / 198-100	YTD / CAREER HARD W-L (MD) *	7-1 / 164-94
0-0 / 33-38	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 32-33
0-0 / 59-68	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 58-58
0-0 / 21-21	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 18-14

* Updated entering 2020 Australian Open 3r

ROAD TO THE THIRD ROUND

[5] ELINA SVITOLINA (UKR #5) **vs.** **GARBIÑE MUGURUZA (ESP #32)**

R64: d. LAUREN DAVIS (USA #62) 6-2,7-6(6) (1h34) **R64:** d. AJLA TOMLJANOVIC (CRO #52) 6-3,3-6,6-3 (2h23)

R128: d. KATIE BOULTER (GBR #315) 6-4,7-5 (1h21) **R128:** d. [Q] SHELBY ROGERS (USA #155) 0-6,6-1,6-0 (1h34)

Total games: 43 Total games: 46
Won/lost: 26-17 Won/lost: 27-19
Sets won/lost: 4-0 Sets won/lost: 4-2
Total time on court: 2h55 Total time on court: 3h57
Average time on court: 1h28 Average time on court: 1h59
Average rank of opponent: 189 Average rank of opponent: 104

AUSTRALIAN OPEN Tournament History

* Qualifying match

ELINA SVITOLINA

2019		
QF	L - NAOMI OSAKA (JPN #4)	6-4 6-1
2018		
QF	L - ELISE MERTENS (BEL #37)	6-4 6-0
2017		
R3	L - ANASTASIA PAVLYUCHENKOVA (RUS #27)	7-5 4-6 6-3
2016		
R2	L - NAOMI OSAKA (JPN #127)	6-4 6-4
2015		
R3	L - SERENA WILLIAMS (USA #1)	4-6 6-2 6-0
2014		
R3	L - SLOANE STEPHENS (USA #13)	7-5 6-4
2013		
R1	L - ANGELIQUE KERBER (GER #5)	6-2 6-4

GARBIÑE MUGURUZA

2019		
R16	L - KAROLINA PLISKOVA (CZE #8)	6-3 6-1
2018		
R2	L - SU-WEI HSIEH (TPE #88)	7-6(1) 6-4
2017		
QF	L - COCO VANDEWEGHE (USA #35)	6-4 6-0
2016		
R3	L - BARBORA STRYCOVA (CZE #48)	6-3 6-2
2015		
R16	L - SERENA WILLIAMS (USA #1)	2-6 6-3 6-2
2014		
R16	L - AGNIESZKA RADWANSKA (POL #5)	6-1 6-3
2013		
R2	L - SERENA WILLIAMS (USA #3)	6-2 6-0

ELINA SVITOLINA   VS   GARBIÑE MUGURUZA

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

- Making eighth main draw appearance in Melbourne
- Last year, advanced to QF (l. eventual champion Osaka) to match career best result at Melbourne Park, also reached the final eight in 2018 (l. Mertens)
- Fell 3r on three occasions, in 2014 (l. Stephens), 2015 (l. eventual champion S.Williams) and 2017 (l. Pavlyuchenkova)
- Excelled on the Grand Slam stage last year, advancing to QF at Australian Open before posting back-to-back career-best appearances by reaching SF at Wimbledon (l. eventual champion Halep) and US Open (l. S.Williams)
- Enters Melbourne as No.5 seed, the 21st consecutive time she has been seeded at a Slam – first seeded at 2015 Australian Open
- Since making Grand Slam debut at 2012 US Open, has not missed a major, and including wins this week, has compiled a 60-29 record. Owns 17-7 record in Melbourne
- A win today would make Australian Open her happiest Slam hunting ground, currently tied with Roland Garros at 17 wins each
- Overcame No.315 Boulter (who had entered on a special ranking) in 1r - hasn't fallen to a player outside the Top 100 since 2017 Hong Kong against No.114 Gibbs
- Defeated Davis in 2r – has won her last 12 2r Grand Slam matches, most recent loss coming at 2016 Wimbledon
- Takes on No.32 and two-time Grand Slam champion Muguruza in today's 3r action - owns a 6-4 mark vs. the Spaniard, with all 6 wins coming on hard court
- Compiled a 7-7 record last season when facing a former Grand Slam champion
- Is 10-7 in Grand Slam 3r matches, including 2-3 in Melbourne
- Five of her last six visits to the hard court Slams (AO & USO) have seen her advance to at least the R16
- 2 wins away from notching her 200th career main draw victory on hard court
- Her 13 career titles are the most among active players without winning a Grand Slam title
- Opened 2020 season at Brisbane and suffered 1r exit (l. Collins)

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

- Making eighth main draw appearance at Australian Open. Best showing to date was QF run in 2017 (l. Vandeweghe)
- Victory over Konta in 2019 2r holds the record for the latest-ever start time at the Australian Open, beginning at 12.30am
- This year, is unseeded for the first time at a Slam since 2014 Roland Garros, when she was ranked No.35 and made QF
- Recovered from winning just nine points in the opening set to beat Rogers in 1r prior to taking out hometown hope Tomljanovic in 3s
- Two-time major champion with 68-26 win-loss record at this level - one of 14 Grand Slam champions to start this year's main draw (also Barty, Halep, Kerber, Kuznetsova, Kvitova, Osaka, Ostapenko, Sharapova, Stephens, Stosur, S.Williams, V.Williams and Wozniacki)
- Takes on No.5 Svitolina in today's 3r matchup - has won all three previous Slam encounters, most recently at last year's Roland Garros. Also won two qualifying meetings at 2012 Roland Garros and Wimbledon
- Compiled a 32-33 career mark vs. Top 10 opponents, with last such victory coming against today's opponent No.9 Svitolina at Roland Garros last year
- Owns an impressive 13-1 strike rate in the 3r of Slams, with lone loss coming here in Melbourne in 2016 to Strycova
- In two pre-Australian Open outings made SF at Shenzhen (l. Alexandrova) and QF at Hobart (withdrew prior to facing Kudermetova w/viral illness)

GRAND SLAM HISTORY

- 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 GS final
- Is one of 29 women in the Open Era to win multiple Grand Slam titles. Owns a 2-1 record in final matches (also R-Up at 2015 Wimbledon – l. S.Williams)
- 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 results at other two majors both came in 2017 with a QF run at Australian Open and R16 showing at US Open
- In doubles, best result was SF run at 2014 Roland Garros w/Suárez Navarro

ELINA SVITOLINA VS GARBIÑE MUGURUZA

GRAND SLAM HISTORY

- 2020 Australian Open marks 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)

CAREER MILESTONES

- 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)

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

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

CAREER CONT.

- 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

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-court 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

CAMILA GIORGI (ITA #102) vs. [17] ANGELIQUE KERBER (GER #18)

Head to Head: ANGELIQUE KERBER leads 4-0

2019	SYDNEY	HARD O	R16	ANGELIQUE KERBER	7-6(3) 6-2	107 mins
2018	SYDNEY	HARD O	SF	ANGELIQUE KERBER	6-2 6-3	75 mins
2016	BRISBANE	HARD O	R1	ANGELIQUE KERBER	5-7 6-3 6-0	128 mins
2015	WUHAN	HARD O	R16	ANGELIQUE KERBER	6-2 6-4	81 mins

CAMILA GIORGI		ANGELIQUE KERBER
102	WTA RANKING	18
148	PORSCHE RACE TO SHENZHEN LEADERBOARD	84
30-12-1991 (28)	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	18-01-1988 (32)
$3,985	YTD PRIZE MONEY	$24,000
$3,759,803	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	$29,318,657
0 / 2	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 12
0 / 0	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 0
8-7	AUSTRALIAN OPEN W-L (MD) *	31-11
2-1 / 143-131	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	3-2 / 430-246
0-0 / 46-44	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 119-99
0-0 / 36-29	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	0-2 / 86-59
2-1 / 90-84	YTD / CAREER HARD W-L (MD) *	3-2 / 282-161
0-1 / 9-19	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 39-62
0-1 / 27-44	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 90-116
0-0 / 10-9	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 34-20

* Updated entering 2020 Australian Open 3r

ROAD TO THE THIRD ROUND

CAMILA GIORGI (ITA #102)

R64: d. SVETLANA KUZNETSOVA (RUS #53) 6-3,6-1 (1h4)

R128: d. [Q] ANTONIA LOTTNER (GER #156) 6-3,6-3 (1h20)

vs.

[17] ANGELIQUE KERBER (GER #18)

R64: d. [WC] PRISCILLA HON (AUS #139) 6-3,6-2 (1h13)

R128: d. [Q] ELISABETTA COCCIARETTO (ITA #175) 6-2,6-2 (1h20)

Total games: 34
Won/lost: 24-10
Sets won/lost: 4-0
Total time on court: 2h24
Average time on court: 1h12
Average rank of opponent: 105

Total games: 33
Won/lost: 24-9
Sets won/lost: 4-0
Total time on court: 2h35
Average time on court: 1h18
Average rank of opponent: 157

AUSTRALIAN OPEN Tournament History

* Qualifying match

CAMILA GIORGI

2019			
R3	L - KAROLINA PLISKOVA (CZE #8)		6-4 3-6 6-2
2018			
R2	L - ASHLEIGH BARTY (AUS #17)		5-7 6-4 6-1

ANGELIQUE KERBER

2019			
R16	L - DANIELLE COLLINS (USA #35)		6-0 6-2
2018			
SF	L - SIMONA HALEP (ROU #1)		6-3 4-6 9-7

2017			
R1	L - TIMEA BACSINSZKY (SUI #15)		6-4 3-6 7-5
2016			
R1	L - SERENA WILLIAMS (USA #1)		6-4 7-5
2015			
R3	L - VENUS WILLIAMS (USA #18)		4-6 7-6(3) 6-1
2014			
R2	L - ALIZÉ CORNET (FRA #25)		6-3 4-6 6-4
2013			
R1	L - STÉPHANIE FORETZ (FRA #101)		6-2 6-3

2017			
R16	L - COCO VANDEWEGHE (USA #35)		6-2 6-3
2016			
F	W - SERENA WILLIAMS (USA #1)		6-4 3-6 6-4
2015			
R1	L - IRINA-CAMELIA BEGU (ROU #42)		6-4 0-6 6-1
2014			
R16	L - FLAVIA PENNETTA (ITA #29)		6-1 4-6 7-5
2013			
R16	L - EKATERINA MAKAROVA (RUS #19)		7-5 6-4
2012			
R3	L - MARIA SHARAPOVA (RUS #4)		6-1 6-2
2011			
R1	L - DOMINIKA CIBULKOVA (SVK #32)		6-2 6-7(4) 6-4
2010			
R3	L - SVETLANA KUZNETSOVA (RUS #3)		3-6 7-5 6-4
2009			
R1	L - VENUS WILLIAMS (USA #6)		6-3 6-3
2008			
R2	L - FRANCESCA SCHIAVONE (ITA #24)		6-2 6-3
2007			
R1*	L - JULIA VAKULENKO (UKR #116)		6-1 3-6 6-0

CAMILA GIORGI VS ANGELIQUE KERBER

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

- Making eighth main draw appearance at the Australian Open – is through to the 3r for the third time, having also made this stage in 2015 (l. V.Williams) and 2019 (l. Ka.Pliskova)
- Enters 2020 Australian Open ranked No.102 – in 2019, was seeded No.27 in Melbourne, her second time among the elite 32 at a major
- Progression to this stage begin with 1r defeat of Lottner – had lost her last two 1r Slam matches, at 2019 Wimbledon (l. Yastremska) and 2019 US Open (l. Sakkari)
- Defeated two-time Slam champion Kuznetsova in 2r – yet to drop a set en route to 3r
- Faces No.18 Kerber today, bidding to reach R16 at a Slam for the first time since QF run at 2018 Wimbledon. Win would be first Top 20 win since 2019 Osaka (No.14 Stephens)
- Opened 2020 season by reaching 1r through qualifying at Auckland (l. eventual champion S.Williams) and fell in qualifying at Hobart

GRAND SLAM HISTORY

- 2020 Australian Open marks 30th career Grand Slam main draw
- Best result across the majors was reaching QF at 2018 Wimbledon (l. S.Williams)
- Also reached R16 at 2012 Wimbledon (as qualifier, l. A.Radwanska) and at 2013 US Open (l. Vinci)
- Made 3r at Wimbledon in 2013 (l. eventual champion Bartoli) and 2015 (l. Wozniacki), Australian Open in 2015 (l. V.Williams), 2019 (l. Ka.Pliskova) and now 2020, and 2018 Roland Garros (l. eventual R-Up Stephens)
- Made tour-level debut at Wimbledon in 2011 (as qualifier, l. Pironkova in 1r)

CAREER MILESTONES

- Finished 2019 ranked No.98
- Highlights were R-Up finishes at Washington DC (l. Pegula) and the Bronx (l. Linette); these were her first final losses, with career record in WTA finals slipping to 2-6
- Missed entire clay court season w/wrist and ankle injuries
- Lost both her matches (l. Golubic, Bencic) as Italy fell to a 3-1 defeat to Switzerland in last week's Fed Cup World Group II encounter. Her previous appearance in the team competition came in 2016
- Ended 2018 season perched at a career-best ranking of No.26, winning second career title in final

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

- Making 13th main draw appearance (and 14th overall) in Melbourne
- Became first German to win a Grand Slam singles title since Graf at 1999 Roland Garros and just the fourth player to defeat S.Williams in a major final when she captured the 2016 Australian Open title
- Saved match point against Doi in 1r of her title run here four years ago
- Other key results here include reaching SF in 2018 (l. eventual R-Up Halep after holding 2MP). Also made R16 in 2019, 2017, 2014 and 2013
- Defeat of Haddad Maia here last year was 100th Grand Slam main draw win, one of eight active players to reach century; now 103-45
- One of five former Australian Open champions to begin the draw this fortnight - also Osaka (2019), Sharapova (2008), S.Williams (2003, 2005, 2007, 2009-10, 2015, 2017) and Wozniacki (2018)
- Started 2020 Australian Open against No.175 Cocciaretto. Dropped just four games against the Grand Slam debutante to advance to the next round
- Defeated No. 139 Hon in 2r to progress to her 27th Grand Slam 3r match – record at this stage stands at 18-8, with last loss coming at 2018 US Open (l. Cibulkova)
- Faces No.102 Giorgi today – last loss to a player outside the Top 100 was 2017 Toronto (No.934 Stephens); last loss to a player outside Top 100 at a major came against No.254 Robson at 2011 Wimbledon
- Turned 32 on Saturday; is the 15th oldest player in the starting field
- Prepared for Australian Open with 1r exit at Brisbane (l. Stosur) and 2r showing at Adelaide (ret. vs. Yastremska w/left hamstring injury)

GRAND SLAM HISTORY

- Just one of two players all-time to defeat Serena Williams in two Grand Slam finals (also Venus Williams at 2001 US Open and 2008 Wimbledon)
- At 2016 Australian Open, became first Grand Slam champion to save match point en route to the title since Li Na at 2014 Australian Open (Kerber saved a match point in 1r win over Doi)
- Won second Grand Slam singles title at US Open (d. Ka.Pliskova in F) and duly rose to World No.1. Kerber made just five unforced errors to beat S.Williams and lift third major at 2018 Wimbledon
- In 2016, finished R-Up at Wimbledon (l. S.Williams), before triumphing over her in the 2018 Wimbledon final
- Best result at Roland Garros are QF runs in 2012 (l. eventual R-Up Errani) and 2018 (l. eventual champion Halep)

CAREER CONT.

- event at Linz (d. Alexandrova in F). Won 29 tour-level matches in 2018 – the most wins she had previously posted in a single season was 28, in 2014
- Advanced to first Grand Slam QF at 2018 Wimbledon (l. eventual R-Up S.Williams) on her 26th appearance at this level; became the first Italian woman to reach the QF of Wimbledon since 2009 (Schiavone, l. Dementieva)
- Other highlights last season included SF runs at Sydney (l. eventual champion Kerber), Prague (l. Buzarnescu after serving for match in third set) and Tokyo (l. Osaka)
- Posted sixth consecutive Top 100 season, finishing 2017 ranked No.79 (up from No.83 in 2017)
- In 2016 reached final at Katowice for the third year in a row (l. Cibulkova). Appeared in four additional quarterfinals in 2016, at Hobart (l. Bouchard), Prague (l. Ka.Pliskova), Washington, DC (l. Davis) and Seoul (l. Zhang)
- Won first career title at 2015 's-Hertogenbosch (d. Bencic in F).
- Finished 2015 season with then best year-end ranking (No.34), up one place from No.35 in 2014. Season highlighted by winning her first WTA singles title at 's-Hertogenbosch (d. Bencic in F)
- Had never reached WTA QF prior to 2014; reached QF or better at seven events during that season
- Made Top 100 debut on July 9, 2012 and broke into Top 50 on May 26, 2014
- Tour-level main draw debut came as a qualifier at 2011 Wimbledon
- On ITF Circuit, winner of five singles titles
- Played first career professional tournament at 2006 ITF/Baku-AZE

PERSONAL

- Coached by father, Sergio Giorgi
- Favorite book is The Diary of Anne Frank
- Mother Claudia is a fashion designer

CAREER MILESTONES

- Ended 2019 ranked No.20, down from No.2 in 2018. Best finish of career remains No.1 in 2016
- Reached two finals across last season, firstly finishing as R-Up at Indian Wells (l. Andreescu), in what was the first Premier Mandatory final of her career. As a result, passed the $28 million prize money mark – now eighth on the all-time list
- Second final came on the grass of Eastbourne (R-Up, l. Pliskova)
- Also made SF runs at Doha (l. eventual champion Mertens), Osaka (l. Pavlyuchenkova) and Mallorca
- 2r win over Kontaveit in Doha marked 600th career win across all levels
- Defeated Haddad Maia in 2r at 2019 Australian Open for 100th Grand Slam match-win (one of eight active players to achieve the feat)
- Won two titles in 2018, at Sydney (d. Barty in F) and third Grand Slam crown of career at Wimbledon (d. S.Williams in F), finishing the season ranked No.2
- Also in 2018, advanced to SF at Australian Open (l. Halep in 3s, having held two match points), Dubai (l. eventual champion Svitolina) and Eastbourne (l. eventual champion Wozniacki)
- Ended 2017 on a ranking of No.21. Best results of season were R-Up finish at Monterrey and SF runs at Tokyo [PPO] and Dubai
- Enjoyed an outstanding 2016 season, winning first Grand Slam titles of career at Australian Open (d. S.Williams in F) and US Open (d. Ka.Pliskova in F), finishing R-Up at Wimbledon (l. S.Williams in F) and rising to World No.1 in the WTA rankings. At 28, became oldest player to make her debut at World No.1
- Finished 2016 year-end World No.1 ranking – became 12th WTA player to achieve the feat and second German woman to do so after Graf (eight times)
- Was voted WTA Player of the Year in 2016 by international media and fans; also, ITF World Champion
- 2016 marked fifth successive Top 10 season finish. Was the WTA match win leader in 2016, going 63-18
- Made fourth appearance at WTA Finals in 2016, progressing past round-robin for first time (l. Cibulkova in F); first German to reach final at the season-ending championships since Graf won title in 1996
- Reached first WTA final of career at 2010 Bogotá and won first title at 2012 Paris [Indoors]
- Three-time Grand Slam champion, at 2016 Australian Open (d. S.Williams in F), 2016 US Open (d. Ka.Pliskova in F) and 2018 Wimbledon (d. S.Williams in F)
- One of only four active players with three or more Grand Slam titles to their resume along with S.Williams (23), V.Williams (7) and Sharapova (5)

WTA

PERSONAL

- Coached by Dieter Kindlmann
- Ended partnership with Raemon Sluiter during 2019 season. Parted ways with Wim Fissette at the end of 2018; previously worked with Torben Beltz
- In January 2017 was named in Forbes 30 Under 30 in Europe (in the entertainment category), alongside the likes of Gareth Bale and Luis Suárez
- Commercial endorsements include deals with Porsche, Rolex and Head & Shoulders and SAP

[6] BELINDA BENCIC (SUI #7) vs. [28] ANETT KONTAVEIT (EST #31)

Head to Head: 0-0

| 2019 | US OPEN | HARD O | R3 | BELINDA BENCIC | W/O |

BELINDA BENCIC		ANETT KONTAVEIT
7	WTA RANKING	31
42	PORSCHE RACE TO SHENZHEN LEADERBOARD	85
10-03-1997 (22)	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	24-12-1995 (24)
$26,605	YTD PRIZE MONEY	$32,100
$7,872,813	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	$4,030,862
0 / 4	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 1
0 / 2	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 0
9-6	AUSTRALIAN OPEN W-L (MD) *	6-4
4-2 / 152-110	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	3-2 / 106-90
0-1 / 56-36	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	1-1 / 38-30
2-0 / 38-25	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 28-28
4-2 / 100-75	YTD / CAREER HARD W-L (MD) *	3-2 / 64-58
0-0 / 24-22	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD) *	0-1 / 9-17
0-0 / 30-40	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD) *	0-1 / 16-28
0-0 / 15-10	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 10-10

* Updated entering 2020 Australian Open 3r

ROAD TO THE THIRD ROUND

[6] BELINDA BENCIC (SUI #7)   **vs.**   **[28] ANETT KONTAVEIT (EST #31)**

R64: d. JELENA OSTAPENKO (LAT #45) 7-5,7-5 (1h42)   **R64:** d. SARA SORRIBES TORMO (ESP #91) 6-2,4-6,6-1 (1h43)

R128: d. ANNA KAROLINA SCHMIEDLOVA (SVK #203) 6-3,7-5 (1h43)   **R128:** d. [WC] ASTRA SHARMA (AUS #111) 6-0,6-2 (0h59)

Total games: 45   Total games: 39

Won/lost: 27-18   Won/lost: 28-11

Sets won/lost: 4-0   Sets won/lost: 4-1

Total time on court: 3h25   Total time on court: 2h42

Average time on court: 1h43   Average time on court: 1h21

Average rank of opponent: 124   Average rank of opponent: 101

AUSTRALIAN OPEN Tournament History

* Qualifying match

BELINDA BENCIC

2019			
R3	L - PETRA KVITOVA (CZE #6)	6-1	6-4
2018			
R2	L - LUKSIKA KUMKHUM (THA #124)	6-1	6-3
2017			
R1	L - SERENA WILLIAMS (USA #2)	6-4	6-3

ANETT KONTAVEIT

2019			
R2	L - ALIAKSANDRA SASNOVICH (BLR #31)	6-3	6-3
2018			
R16	L - CARLA SUÁREZ NAVARRO (ESP #39)	4-6	6-4	8-6
2017			
R1	L - MARIA SAKKARI (GRE #94)	6-0	6-4

2016		
R16	L - MARIA SHARAPOVA (RUS #5)	7-5 7-5

2015		
R1	L - JULIA GOERGES (GER #73)	6-2 6-1

2014		
R2	L - NA LI (CHN #4)	6-0 7-6(5)

2016		
R1	L - GARBIÑE MUGURUZA (ESP #3)	6-0 6-4

2015		
R2*	L - EVGENIYA RODINA (RUS #116)	2-6 6-2 6-4

BELINDA BENCIC VS ANETT KONTAVEIT

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

- Making seventh main draw appearance at Australian Open. Best result here came with R16 run in 2016 (l. Sharapova) – became first Swiss woman to reach R16 since Hingis and Schnyder in 2007
- Reached 3r in 2019 (l. eventual R-Up Kvitova), fell in 2r in 2014 (as qualifier, l. Li Na) and 2018 (l. Kumhhum) and suffered 1r losses in 2015 (l. Goerges) and 2017 (l. eventual champion S.Williams)
- Enjoying her highest-seeding at a Slam, at No.7
- Appearance here in 2014 marked Grand Slam main draw debut
- After difficult 2017 caused by wrist issues, returned to tour with stunning defeat of V.Williams in 1r at Australian Open, who had reached the final the year before
- With the win, the 20-year-old became just the sixth player all-time to defeat both Williams sisters before her 21st birthday (also Hingis, Sharapova, Clijsters, Henin, Chakvetadze and more recently Osaka)
- Also became the 43rd player in history to beat both Williams sisters in their career, and just the second Swiss player to achieve the feat (after Hingis)
- Hit 25 winners and broke serve seven times during 1r win over Schmiedlova prior to notching 100th main draw hard court victory over Ostapenko in 2r
- Overall Grand Slam record now stands at 36-20, incliuding 5-6 in 3r matches at the majors
- Takes on No.31 Kontaveit for the first time today - the two were slated to square off at last year's US Open but the Estonian was forced to withdraw due to injury
- Coming off QF run at Adelaide (l. Collins) and 1r exit at Shenzhen (l. Blinkova)

GRAND SLAM HISTORY

- Contesting 21st Grand Slam main draw at 2020 Australian Open
- 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)

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

- Making fifth main draw appearance at Australian Open (sixth overall)
- Achieved her best result at Melbourne Park by reaching R16 in 2018 (d. the reigning Roland Garros champion, then-ranked No.7 Ostapenko before falling to Suarez Navarro)
- Took out home town hopeful Sharma in 1r action prior to dispatching Sorribes Tormo in 3s the following round
- Overall Slam record now stands at 21-18
- Faces off against No.7 Bencic for the first time in her career today - was meant to face the Swiss at this stage of last year's US Open but was forced to withdraw due to injury
- Seeking fourth career R16 appearance at a major today
- Owns a 9-17 career record vs. Top 10 opponents, including a 1-5 mark in 2019 with last win coming against No.7 Kvitova at Brisbane
- Enters this fortnight following 2r run at Brisbane (l. Bertens) and 1r exit at Adelaide (l. Pavlyuchenkova)
- Currently coached by Nigel Sears

GRAND SLAM HISTORY

- 2020 Australian Open marks her 20th Grand Slam main draw appearance
- 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)

WTA

BELINDA BENCIC

VS

ANETT KONTAVEIT

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

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 Svitolina) 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

CAREER CONT.

- 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

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

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

WTA

ZARINA DIYAS (KAZ #73) vs. [9] KIKI BERTENS (NED #10)

Head to Head: ZARINA DIYAS leads 1-0

| 2015 | TOKYO INTERNATIONAL | HARD O | R1 | ZARINA DIYAS | 6-4 6-4 | 85 mins |

ZARINA DIYAS		KIKI BERTENS
73	WTA RANKING	10
35	PORSCHE RACE TO SHENZHEN LEADERBOARD	46
18-10-1993 (26)	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	10-12-1991 (28)
$11,271	YTD PRIZE MONEY	$69,550
$2,768,751	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	$10,799,700
0 / 1	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 9
0 / 0	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 10
6-5	AUSTRALIAN OPEN W-L (MD) *	6-7
4-1 / 85-104	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	4-1 / 213-160
3-1 / 25-34	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	2-1 / 62-61
0-1 / 19-24	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 45-50
4-1 / 61-71	YTD / CAREER HARD W-L (MD) *	4-1 / 97-103
0-0 / 2-20	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD) *	0-1 / 23-25
0-0 / 5-33	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD) *	0-1 / 35-46
0-0 / 4-11	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 24-11

* Updated entering 2020 Australian Open 3r

ROAD TO THE THIRD ROUND

ZARINA DIYAS (KAZ #73)

R64: d. ANNA BLINKOVA (RUS #58) 4-6,6-3,6-4 (2h13)

R128: d. [21] AMANDA ANISIMOVA (USA #24) 6-3,4-6,6-3 (1h46)

Total games: 57
Won/lost: 32-25
Sets won/lost: 4-2
Total time on court: 3h59
Average time on court: 1h0
Average rank of opponent: 41

vs.

[9] KIKI BERTENS (NED #10)

R64: d. [WC] ARINA RODIONOVA (AUS #163) 6-3,7-5 (1h26)

R128: d. IRINA-CAMELIA BEGU (ROU #105) 6-1,6-4 (1h21)

Total games: 38
Won/lost: 25-13
Sets won/lost: 4-0
Total time on court: 2h47
Average time on court: 1h24
Average rank of opponent: 134

AUSTRALIAN OPEN Tournament History

* Qualifying match

ZARINA DIYAS

2019			
R1	L - ALEKSANDRA KRUNIC (SRB #61)		3-6 7-5 6-1
2018			
R1	L - SORANA CIRSTEA (ROU #36)		5-7 6-4 6-3
2016			
R1	L - MADISON KEYS (USA #17)		7-6(5) 6-1

KIKI BERTENS

2019			
R2	L - ANASTASIA PAVLYUCHENKOVA (RUS #44)		3-6 6-3 6-3
2018			
R3	L - CAROLINE WOZNIACKI (DEN #2)		6-4 6-3
2017			
R1	L - VARVARA LEPCHENKO (USA #88)		7-5 7-6(5)

2015			
R3	L - MARIA SHARAPOVA (RUS #2)	6-1 6-1	

2014			
R3	L - SIMONA HALEP (ROU #11)	6-1 6-4	

2013			
R1*	L - KATHRIN WOERLE-SCHELLER (GER #221)	6-2 6-4	

2011			
R3*	L - IRINA FALCONI (USA #184)	7-6(6) 6-3	

2016			
R1	L - LAURA SIEGEMUND (GER #97)	6-4 7-5	

2015			
R2	L - EUGENIE BOUCHARD (CAN #7)	6-0 6-3	

2014			
R1	L - ANA IVANOVIC (SRB #14)	6-4 6-4	

2013			
R1	L - LUCIE HRADECKA (CZE #51)	6-2 7-6(8)	

2012			
R2*	L - OLGA SAVCHUK (UKR #183)	6-4 6-7(8) 6-3	

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

- Making sixth Australian Open appearance (eighth overall), where she is through to 3r for a third time
- Also made it this far on Grand Slam main draw debut here in 2014 (d. Siniakova, Erakovic, I. Halep), as well as in 2015 (l. Sharapova)
- Also fell 1r in 2016, 2018 and 2019 (l. Krunic having led 6-3 5-3)
- In 1r this year, beat No.21 seed Anisimova - her thid win over a seeded player at a major, having previously upset No.15 Suárez Navarro at 2014 Wimbledon and No.24 Pennetta at 2015 Wimbledon
- Won four of the final five games to recover from a break down in the deciding set to beat Blinkova in 2r
- Faces No.10 Bertens in 3r today; owns two career Top 10 wins over No.7 Jankovic (2010 Moscow) and No.10 Petkovic (2015 Dubai)
- Record in Grand Slam 3r matches stands at 2-4; reached 3r or better in five of her first seven major appearances, but has only returned to this juncture twice since (including 2020 Australian Open)
- Including two victories in opening week, Grand Slam win-loss record stands at 20-19
- Prepared for Australian Open with QF run at Shenzhen (l. Muguruza)

GRAND SLAM HISTORY

- Contesting 20th Grand Slam main draw at 2020 Australian Open
- Best results across the majors are R16 runs at Wimbledon in 2014 (on debut, d. No.15 Suárez Navarro en route, l. Halep) and 2015 (d. No.14 Petkovic, l. Sharapova)
- Has also reached 3r at Australian Open in 2014 (as qualifier, l. Halep) and 2015 (l. eventual R-Up Sharapova) and US Open in 2014 (l. Makarova). At Roland Garros fell 2r in 2015 and 2016

CAREER MILESTONES

- Enjoyed third consecutive Top 100 finish in 2019 at No.78
- Campaign highlights included QF at Washington DC (l. Giorgi) and 2r 2r showings. Also reached four ITF Circuit finals, lifting two titles
- Made fourth career Top 100 year-end finish in 2018, at No.91
- 2018 highlights include R16 run at Miami and three QF runs at Shenzhen, Strasbourg and Hiroshima
- Finished 2017 at No.66, up from No.148 in 2016. Scored best year-end finish in 2014, at No.34
- Career-high rank is No.31, set week of January 12, 2015

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

- Making her eighth consecutive main draw appearance (ninth overall) at the Australian Open, where she is through to 3r for a second time
- Also reached this stage in 2018 (l. eventual champion Wozniacki)
- Reached doubles QF here in 2015 w/Larsson
- Broke serve four times in 1r win over Begu
- Recovered from a break down in the opening set to beat WC Ar.Rodionova in 2r
- Faces No.73 Diyas in 3r today; last five Slam defeats have come to players ranked outside Top 20
- Record in Grand Slam 3r matches is 3-6; has fallen at this stage in five of the past eight majors
- Bidding to reach R16 at a major for the first time since 2018 Wimbledon QF run
- After two wins in the opening week at Melbourne Park, overall Grand Slam win-loss record is 33-30
- Contesting 2020 Australian Open ranked No.10 – has not left the Top 10 since she first reached the elite group on October 8, 2018
- Last Dutchwoman in the tournament following Rus's 2r exit to Keys
- Opened 2020 season at Brisbane, reaching QF (l. Osaka). Withdrew from Adelaide last week with an Achilles injury

GRAND SLAM HISTORY

- Contesting 31st Grand Slam main draw appearance at 2020 Australian Open
- Deepest run across the Slams came with SF showing at 2016 Roland Garros (l. eventual R-Up S.Williams)
- Enjoyed her best result at Wimbledon in 2018 by reaching her second career Grand Slam QF (l. Goerges). Became first Dutch woman to reach QF at Wimbledon since Krajicek in 2007
- In 2018 reached 3r for first time at both Australian Open (l. eventual champion Wozniacki) and US Open (l. Vondrousova)
- Is a two-time Grand Slam quarterfinalist in doubles, at 2015 Australian Open (w/Larsson, l. Goerges/Groenefeld) and 2016 Roland Garros (w/Larsson, l. eventual champions Garcia/Mladenovic)

CAREER MILESTONES

- Ended 2019 ranked No.9, her joint-best finish of career (also No.9 in 2018)
- Reached a career high ranking of World No.4 in 2019 following her first Premier Mandatory title at Madrid (defeated four Grand Slam champion en route - Ostapenko, Kvitova, Stephens and Halep in F).

WTA

CAREER CONT.

- Won maiden WTA title at 2017 Tokyo [Japan Open] (as qualifier, d. Kato in F – title run took in eight matches)
- Is 1-1 in WTA singles finals, after finishing R-Up at 2014 Osaka (l. Stosur in F)
- Following 1r loss at 2016 Wimbledon, underwent wrist surgery, sidelining her until February 2017, and spent much of last season playing ITF events
- Before being sidelined by wrist injury, 2016 highlight was reaching 3r at Miami (l. S.Williams). This was the first time she won back-to-back matches in 2016, and the first time since 2015 Wimbledon
- Made 2r exits at 2016 Indian Wells (l. eventual champion Azarenka), Shenzhen (l. Siniakova), Kaohsiung (l. Kulichkova), Kuala Lumpur (l. Zhu), Strasbourg (l. Kudryavtseva) and Roland Garros (l. Halep)
- Started 2015 season strongly with back-to-back QF appearances at Shenzhen (l. Zheng) and Hobart (l. Riske). Other highlights in first half of 2015 included reaching 3r at Indian Wells (l. S.Williams)
- Post 2015 Wimbledon R16 run, won just one match for remainder of season, at the WTA International-level tournament in Tokyo in September – went 1-9 during this period, including 1r exit at US Open
- Participated in 2014 Rising Stars Invitational at WTA Finals in Singapore
- Made professional debut at $100k ITF/Bratislava-SVK in 2007
- On ITF Circuit has won nine singles titles

PERSONAL

- Currently working with Roberto Antonini
- Previously coached by Alan Ma, with training base in Guangzhou, China
- Started playing tennis at age six
- Lived in Czech Republic from ages five to 12; now mainly based in Guangzhou, China

CAREER CONT.

- Also became first woman to win Madrid title without dropping a set
- Other season highlights included lifting the trophy at St. Petersburg (d. Vekic in F) and final runs at Palermo (l. Teichmann), Zhuhai (l. Sabalenka), and on home soil in 's-Hertogenbosch (could not convert five championship points in loss to Riske)
- Also in 2019 became the third alternate to win a match at the WTA Finals since the round robin format was introduced in 2003 - also Bartoli (2007, 2011) and A.Radwanska (2008-09). Defeated No.1 Barty in Shenzhen to record her first win over the Australian and second win over a reigning World No.1, having also defeated Halep in 2018 Cincinnati final
- Won 55 matches in 2019 – the second most of the season, behind Barty (56)
- Struck 457 aces in 2019 - the second most on Tour behind Ka.Pliskova with 488
- Won the WTA Jerry Diamond ACES Award in 2019, granted to the player who consistently goes above and beyond in promoting the sport of women's tennis to fans, media and local communities by performing off-court promotional and charitable initiatives
- Enjoyed a break-out year in 2018, reaching a career-best four singles finals across the season and breaking into the Top 10 (October 8, 2018) – first Dutch woman to be ranked in the Top 10 since Brenda Schultz-McCarthy in 1996
- Won the WTA's Most Improved Player Award in 2018
- Lifted three titles in 2018, at Charleston (d. Goerges in F), Cincinnati (d. World No.1 Halep in F – saved 1mp) and Seoul (d. Tomljanovic in F). Reached one further final, at Premier Mandatory Madrid (l. Kvitova)
- Scored WTA-leading 12 Top 10 wins in 2018. Prior to 2018, only had three Top 10 wins in her career
- Also reached SF on WTA Finals debut in 2018 (l. Svitolina)
- Season highlights in 2017 were titles at Nürnberg and Gstaad. Also` posted SF run at 2017 Rome and reached QF at Madrid - first Premier Mandatory QF
- Finished 2016 ranked No.22 in singles – big jump from her season-ending ranking of No.101 in 2015
- Played on Netherlands Olympic team at 2016 Rio Olympics – fell in 1r (l. Errani)
- Won maiden career singles title at 2012 Fès as a qualifier in just her second main draw appearance; currently owns 9-5 career record in singles finals
- Owner of 10 WTA doubles titles, most recently at 2018 Brisbane (w/Schuurs)
- Made WTA main draw debut as a wildcard at 2011 's-Hertogenbosch (l. 1r)
- Played first event of career on ITF Circuit in the Netherlands in 2006; has won seven singles titles and 11 doubles titles at this level
- Netherlands Fed Cup Team, 2011-2012, 2014-2017

ZARINA DIYAS

VS

KIKI BERTENS

PERSONAL

- Coached by former WTA player Elise Tamaela. Formerly coached by Raemon Sluiter (announced the end of their four-year partnership in November)
- In November 2019, married her husband Remko de Rijke, who has been involved as part of her team as a physio and fitness coach. The two announced their engagement in November 2018
- Won the 2019 WTA Jerry Diamond ACES Award and the 2018 WTA Most Improved Player of the Year Award
- Fan-voted as May 2019 WTA Player of the Month
- Parents are Rob and Doré; sisters are Joyce and Daisy
- Started playing at age 6. Tennis idol growing up was Kim Clijsters

[16] ELISE MERTENS (BEL #17) vs. CATHERINE BELLIS (USA #600)

Head to Head: CATHERINE BELLIS leads 1-0

| 2018 | DUBAI | HARD O | R1 | CATHERINE BELLIS | 6-3 6-3 | 74 mins |

ELISE MERTENS		CATHERINE BELLIS
17	WTA RANKING	600
28	PORSCHE RACE TO SHENZHEN LEADERBOARD	95
17-11-1995 (24)	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	08-04-1999 (20)
$19,596	YTD PRIZE MONEY	$5,900
$5,976,242	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	$1,095,699
0 / 5	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 0
0 / 9	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 0
9-2	AUSTRALIAN OPEN W-L (MD) *	2-1
6-2 / 122-74	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	3-2 / 36-31
0-2 / 35-28	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	1-0 / 13-10
1-0 / 24-28	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	1-1 / 8-7
6-2 / 74-46	YTD / CAREER HARD W-L (MD) *	3-2 / 25-24
0-0 / 6-15	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 3-6
0-0 / 13-34	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 8-9
0-0 / 12-3	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 4-3

* Updated entering 2020 Australian Open 3r

ROAD TO THE THIRD ROUND

[16] ELISE MERTENS (BEL #17)   **vs.**   **CATHERINE BELLIS (USA #600)**

R64: d. HEATHER WATSON (GBR #75) 6-3,6-0 (0h0)   **R64:** d. [20] KAROLINA MUCHOVA (CZE #22) 6-4,6-4 (1h24)

R128: d. DANKA KOVINIC (MNE #86) 6-2,6-0 (2h11)   **R128:** d. TATJANA MARIA (GER #87) 6-0,6-2 (0h54)

Total games: 29   Total games: 34
Won/lost: 24-5   Won/lost: 24-10
Sets won/lost: 4-0   Sets won/lost: 4-0
Total time on court: 2h11   Total time on court: 2h18
Average time on court: 1h6   Average time on court: 1h9
Average rank of opponent: 81   Average rank of opponent: 55

AUSTRALIAN OPEN Tournament History

* Qualifying match

ELISE MERTENS

2019			
R3	L - MADISON KEYS (USA #17)		6-3 6-2
2018			
SF	L - CAROLINE WOZNIACKI (DEN #2)		6-3 7-6(2)
2016			
R2*	L - MARIA SAKKARI (GRE #170)		2-6 6-4 6-2

CATHERINE BELLIS

2018		
R1	L - KIKI BERTENS (NED #32)	6-7(5) 6-4 6-2

ELISE MERTENS

VS

CICI BELLIS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

- Making third main draw appearance at the Australian Open, and has reached the 3r on all her outings here at Melbourne Park – in 2018 (SF l. eventual champion Wozniacki), 2019 (3r l. Keys) and now 2020
- SF run here in 2018, her best Slam result, marked first Belgian to reach a Slam SF since Flipkens at 2013 Wimbledon; also the first to do so at Australian Open since 2012 (Kim Clijsters, SF)
- Also became the 26th unseeded player to advance to a Grand Slam semifinal since 2001 Wimbledon (first Grand Slam with 32 seeds), and the fifth in a row at the Australian Open
- Opened 2020 Australian Open campaign with 1r defeat of Kovinic before dispatching Watson in 2r. Yet to drop a set and has only lost 5 games en route to 3r
- Faces Bellis today – defeated the American in doubles on Thursday
- Has teamed up with Sabalenka in doubles this fortnight – pair defeated Bellis (her opponent today) and Vondrousova in 1r; face Fourlis/Rodionova in 2r
- Coming off two QF runs so far in 2020, at Shenzhen (l. Rybakina) and Hobart (l. Watson)

GRAND SLAM HISTORY

- 2020 Australian Open marks 13th main draw appearance at a Grand Slam
- Advanced to first Grand Slam SF of career at 2018 Australian Open (l. eventual champion Wozniacki)
- Became first Belgian to reach a Slam SF since Flipkens at 2013 Wimbledon; also the first to do so at Australian Open since 2012 (Kim Clijsters, SF)
- In 2018, also achieved best result at Roland Garros, with run to R16 (l eventual champion Halep)
- Deepest run at Wimbledon was to R16 in 2019 (l. Strycova despite leading 6-4 5-2), while at US Open made QF in 2019 (l. Andreescu)
- Won doubles title at 2019 US Open (w/Sabalenka, d. Azarenka/Barty in F). Also made SF at Roland Garros and QF at Wimbledon in 2019 (both w/Sabalenka)

CAREER MILESTONES

- Ended 2019 ranked No.17 for second consecutive Top 20 finish
- Singles highlight was winning biggest title of career at Doha (d. No.3 Halep in final). Now owns 5-1 record in finals. Also beat No.8 Bertens and No.6 Kerber in Doha, doubling career total Top 10 wins to six
- Advanced to QF at US Open for the first time (l. eventual champion Andreescu in 3s

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

- Making second main draw appearance at the Australian Open – on previous appearance, in 2018, fell 1r (l. Bertens)
- Entered the main draw on a special ranking of No.43 (actual ranking is No.600)
- Has suffered from right elbow and wrist injuries, which kept her off Tour for 18 months. Following 1r loss at 2018 Miami (l. Azarenka), did not play again until November 2019, at the WTA 125k Series even in Houston
- 2020 Australian Open marks first Grand Slam main draw appearance in two years, with last appearance coming here in Melbourne Park in 2018
- Has reached the 3r of a Slam now for the third time making this stage at 2016 US Open (l. eventual champion Kerber) and 2017 Roland Garros (l. Wozniacki) - tied for best Slam result
- Opened 2020 Australian Open campaign with defeat of Maria in 1r and No.22 Muchova in 2r. Yet to drop a set en route to the 3r
- Defeat of No.22 Muchova was best win-by-ranking since 2018 Dubai, defeating No.21 Mertens – her opponent today
- A win today against No.17 Mertens would be first Top 20 win since 2018 Qatar, where she defeated No.14 Keys (2r) and No.5 Ka.Pliskova (3r)
- Owns a 8-9 record vs. Top 20 opponents, with wins coming over No.13 Cibulkova (2014 US Open), No.6 A.Radwanska (2017 Dubai), No.18 Bertens (2017 Roland Garros), No.14 Kvitova (2017 Stanford), No.8 Kuznetsova (2017 Toronto), No.20 Rybarikova (2018 Sydney), No.14 Keys (2018 Doha) and No.5 Ka. Pliskova (2018 Doha)
- In doubles at this year's Australian Open, teamed up w/Vondoursova – pair fell to Sabalenka/Mertens (her opponent today) in 1r
- Opened 2020 season with 1r loss at Auckland (l. Pegula) and reaching 2r at Hobart (l. Kudermetova)

GRAND SLAM HISTORY

- 2020 Australian Open marks seventh Grand Slam main draw appearance - debut at 2014 US Open (d. No.13 Cibulkova in 1r, l. Diyas in 2r). Became youngest Grand Slam main draw participant since Cornet at 2005 Roland Garros (15 years, 133 days), and youngest main draw participant at US Open since 2004, when both Karatantcheva (15 years, 34 days) and Vaidisova (15 years, 141 days) qualified
- Since then has reached 3r at US Open (2016, l. eventual champion Kerber), Roland Garros (2017, l. Wozniacki) and now 2020 Australian Open, and fell 1r at Wimbledon (2017, l. Azarenka) and Australian Open (2018, l. Bertens)

CAREER CONT.

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

PERSONAL

- Working with former coach Robbe Ceyssens having parted ways with David Taylor in March
- Earlier coaching history includes Belgian federation until early teens, as well as a year at the Mouratoglou Academy
- Is an animal lover, and has four dogs and a variety of birds as pets (pheasants, peacocks)

GRAND SLAM CONT.

- By reaching 3r at Roland Garros in 2017, became the third American since turn of 21st century to reach this stage in Paris before turning 19 (also Harkleroad, 2003, and Townsend, 2014)
- In doubles, reached QFs at 2017 Wimbledon (w/ Vondrousova, l. Chan/Niculescu)

CAREER MILESTONES

- Has recently suffered from right elbow and wrist injuries, which kept her off Tour for 18 months. Following 1r loss at 2018 Miami (l. Azarenka), did not play again until November 2019, at the WTA 125k Series even in Houston
- Ranking dropped as low as No. 860 in Dec. 2019
- Prior to injury, posted strong QF run at 2018 Doha (as qualifier, d. defending champion Ka.Pliskova in 3r, l. Halep) followed by a 2r exit in Dubai at the hands of No.2 Muguruza
- Finished 2017 ranked No.60 for career-best year-end finish (up from No.90 in 2016)
- Posted career-high ranking of No.35 on August 14, 2017
- Named 2017 Newcomer of the Year in the annual WTA Player Awards
- Stand-out results in 2017 included SF run on home soil at Stanford (l. eventual runner-up Vandeweghe, in QF dropped only two games against world No.14 Kvitova to earn fourth Top 20 win) and SF at Mallorca (l. Goerges)
- Also advanced to QF at Dubai (l. eventual R-Up Wozniacki) and Rabat (l. Bacsinszky)
- Win over No.6 A.Radwanska in 3r at 2017 Dubai marked first Top 10 win of career. Became the youngest player to defeat a Top 10 opponent since 2014 US Open (Bencic d. No.7 Kerber and No.10 Jankovic) and the youngest American to do so since 2009 Wimbledon (Oudin d. No.6 Jankovic).
- Missed Australian swing in 2017 with hip injury
- Ended 2016 at No,90 after a 15-match win streak brought titles at $50k ITF/Saguenay-CAN, $50k ITF/Toronto-CAN and WTA 125K Series event in Honolulu (d. No.23 Zhang in F); made Top 100 debut on November 7, 2016
- Reached career-first tour-level QF at 2016 Stanford (l. V.Williams)
- Ended 2015 at World No.248. Season highlight was reaching 3r at Miami (l. World No.1 S.Williams). Also granted wildcard into Stanford, falling 1r (l. Doi); broke Top 100 on November 7, 2016
- 2014 ITF Junior World Champion; received award at ITF World Champions' Dinner held during 2015 Roland Garros
- Made tour debut at $25k ITF/Rancho Santa Fe, CA-USA in March 2014

CAREER CONT.

- Won notable junior titles in 2014, including the 50th Coffee Bowl, USTA International Spring Championships, Easter Bowl and 55° Trofeo Bonfiglio. Won USTA Girls' 18s National Championship to secure 2014 US Open wildcard
- Winner of six singles and two doubles titles on ITF Circuit

PERSONAL

- Coached by Tom Gutteridge
- Likes to be known as 'CiCi'
- Born in San Francisco and resides in Atherton, CA. Was home schooled and is an only child
- Turned professional after 2016 US Open, forgoing the opportunity to attend Stanford University on a tennis scholarship
- Has been helped by Chris Evert under US Tennis Association mentoring program

[19] DONNA VEKIC (CRO #20) vs. IGA SWIATEK (POL #56)

Head to Head: 0-0

DONNA VEKIC		IGA SWIATEK
20	WTA RANKING	56
43	PORSCHE RACE TO SHENZHEN LEADERBOARD	9,999
28-06-1996 (23)	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	31-05-2001 (18)
$40,850	YTD PRIZE MONEY	$0
$4,088,246	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	$675,189
0 / 2	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 0
0 / 0	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 0
6-7	AUSTRALIAN OPEN W-L (MD) *	3-1
4-2 / 128-128	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	2-0 / 16-12
2-1 / 35-46	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 6-4
0-0 / 27-35	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 1-4
4-2 / 88-92	YTD / CAREER HARD W-L (MD) *	2-0 / 9-7
0-0 / 7-21	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 0-2
0-0 / 10-40	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 2-4
0-0 / 8-10	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 2-0

* Updated entering 2020 Australian Open 3r

ROAD TO THE THIRD ROUND

[19] DONNA VEKIC (CRO #20)　　　　vs.　　**IGA SWIATEK (POL #56)**

R64: d. ALIZÉ CORNET (FRA #61) 6-4,6-2 (1h31)　　**R64:** d. CARLA SUÁREZ NAVARRO (ESP #54) 6-3,7-5 (1h30)

R128: d. [WC] MARIA SHARAPOVA (RUS #145) 6-3,6-4 (1h21)　　**R128:** d. TIMEA BABOS (HUN #88) 6-3,6-2 (1h7)

Total games: 37　　　　　　　　　　　Total games: 38
Won/lost: 24-13　　　　　　　　　　　Won/lost: 25-13
Sets won/lost: 4-0　　　　　　　　　　Sets won/lost: 4-0
Total time on court: 2h52　　　　　　　Total time on court: 2h37
Average time on court: 1h26　　　　　　Average time on court: 1h19
Average rank of opponent: 103　　　　　Average rank of opponent: 71

AUSTRALIAN OPEN Tournament History

* Qualifying match

DONNA VEKIC

2019			
R2	L - KIMBERLY BIRRELL (AUS #240)		6-4 4-6 6-1
2018			
R2	L - ANGELIQUE KERBER (GER #16)		6-4 6-1
2017			
R2	L - CAROLINE WOZNIACKI (DEN #20)		6-1 6-3

IGA SWIATEK

2019		
R2	L - CAMILA GIORGI (ITA #28)	6-2 6-0

2016

R1	L - NAOMI OSAKA (JPN #127)	6-3 6-2

2015

R1	L - MONA BARTHEL (GER #43)	3-6 6-4 6-2

2014

R1	L - LUCIE HRADECKA (CZE #146)	6-3 6-1

2013

R2	L - CAROLINE WOZNIACKI (DEN #10)	6-1 6-4

DONNA VEKIC

VS

IGA SWIATEK

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

- Making eighth main draw appearance at Australian Open, where she is through to 3r for the first time
- Reached 2r here on Grand Slam main draw debut in 2013 (d. Hlavackova, l. Wozniacki). Also made 2r in 2017-19
- Converted all four break points to see off 2008 Australian Open champion Sharapova in 1r
- Struck 38 winners to beat Cornet in 2r; career win-loss record at majors improves to 24-25
- Faces Swiatek in 3r; owns 1-1 record against teenagers in main draws at Slams, losing to Osaka at 2016 Australian Open then beating Cabrera at 2017 Australian Open
- Record in Grand Slam 3r matches is 3-2
- Contesting 2020 Australian Open ranked No.20, one place off career-high ranking of No.19. Is seeded No.19 – highest seeding at a Slam (up from No.23 at 2019 US Open)
- Coming off 1r exit at Brisbane (l. Putintseva) and QF run at Adelaide (l. Yastremska)

GRAND SLAM HISTORY

- Playing 26th Grand Slam main draw at 2020 Australian Open
- At 2019 US Open, posted her best Slam result, reaching the QF (l. Bencic)
- Has reached R16 at 2018 Wimbledon (l. Goerges) and 2019 Roland Garros (l. Konta)
- At Australian Open, best result is this year's 3r run

CAREER MILESTONES

- Ended 2019 ranked No.19 for career-best year-end finish (up from No.34 in 2018)
- Cracked the WTA Top 20 for the first time on October 21, 2019
- Produced career best Grand Slam result at 2019 US Open, where she reached QF (l. Bencic)
- Also in 2019, reached biggest final of career at Premier-level St. Petersburg (l. Bertens)
- Posted best win of career by ranking –and third over a Top 5 opponent –with defeat of No.2 Kvitova en route to St. Petersburg QF, bettering victories over No.4 Stephens at 2018 Wimbledon and No.4 Garcia at 2018 Tokyo [PPO]
- Grass court season saw her reach final at Nottingham (l. Garcia in thirdset tie-break)
- Qualified for WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai, however fell in RR stage
- Ended 2018 at then-career-high ranking of No.34, after registering 31 tour-level wins

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

- Making second appearance at Australian Open
- Made Grand Slam debut (main draw or qualifying) here in 2019, reached 2r having come through qualifying (d. Bogdan, l. Giorgi)
- In 1r this year, beat Babos in her first match since last August (sidelined after US Open w/right foot injury)
- Continued her successful comeback by striking 33 winners in straight set win over Suárez Navarro
- Overall Grand Slam win-loss record is now 10-4
- Faces No.20 Vekic in 3r today; owns two Top 20 wins, over No.16 Q.Wang (2019 Roland Garros) and No.18 Wozniacki (2019 Toronto)
- Along with Gauff (plays on Friday) is one of two teenagers left in the draw; best result by a teenager here last year was Anisimova's run to R16
- Is the No.2 ranked of two Polish women in the Top 100, behind No.43 Linette (week of January 20)

GRAND SLAM HISTORY

- Contesting fifth career Grand Slam at 2020 Australian Open
- Made Grand Slam debut (main draw and qualifying) at 2019 Australian Open, coming through qualifying to reach 2r (d. Bogdan, l. Giorgi)
- On first direct entry, at 2019 Roland Garros, advanced to R16 (l. Halep); was one of three teenagers to reach R16, along with Anisimova and Vondrousova - the most to have reached this stage at a major since 2009 US Open: Oudin (17), Kvitova (18), Wickmayer (19) and Wozniacki (19)
- Last year also fell 2r at US Open (l. Sevastova) and 1r at Wimbledon (l. Golubic)
- Enjoyed success at the junior Grand Slams, highlighted by winning the girls' singles at 2018 Wimbledon (d. Kung in F) and doubles at 2018 Roland Garros (w/McNally)

CAREER MILESTONES

- Ended 2019 season ranked No.61 after a campaign highlighted by R-Up finish at Lugano (l. Hercog) and R16 run at Roland Garros (l. Halep)
- Also in 2019, reached 3r at Toronto (l. Osaka) and made 2r five times (incl. Australian and US Open)
- Posted career-high ranking of No.49 on August 19 (after reaching 2r at Cincinnati)
- Broke into Top 100 at No.88 after R-Up finish at 2019 Lugano
- Ended 2018 season ranked No.175 (up from No.690 in 2017), after posting 42-6 record in ITF Circuit

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CAREER CONT.

- 2018 season highlighted by R-Up finish at Washington, DC (l. Kuznetsova after holding 4mp) – her first finals appearance since winning 2017 Nottingham
- Also made SF showings at Nottingham and Tokyo [PPO] and reached Grand Slam R16 for first time at Wimbledon (l. Goerges)
- Enjoyed a resurgent year in 2017, cracking the Top 50 in the week of July 24 and finishing campaign ranked No.54
- Grass court season highlighted by winning second WTA singles title of career, at Nottingham –d. No.8 Konta. Until this title run, had not posted back-to-back main draw wins since September 2015 (run to final at Tashkent)
- Reached two ITF finals at the end of 2016 season, winning the title at $100k ITF/Sharm El Sheikh-EGY
- Posted just four main draw wins across 2016, defeating Al Nabhani at Doha, Riske at Kaohsiung, Ivanovic at Cincinnati and Zhang at Tianjin
- Highlights in 2015 included reaching final at Tashkent (l.Hibino) and QF at Baku
- When she won first career singles title at 2014 Kuala Lumpur, aged 17 yrs 10 mos, became youngest player to win a WTA singles title since 2006 Bangkok (Vania King)
- Reached first WTA career final at 2012 Tashkent. In what was her first WTA main draw appearance, became youngest WTA finalist since 15-year-old Paszek won Portoroz in 2005. Also finished runner-up on grass at 2013 Birmingham (l. Hantuchova) and 2015 Tashkent (l. Hibino). Including 2019 St. Petersburg and 2019 Nottingham, owns a 2-6 record in singles finals
- Broke into Top 100 (at No.93) on January 28, 2013 Has won five ITF Circuit singles and one doubles title
- Member of Croatian Fed Cup Team, 2012-15, 2017, 2019

PERSONAL

- Both parents played professional sports: mother, Brankica (track hurdler) and father, Igor (soccer goalkeeper)
- Currently coached by Torben Beltz. Dario Novak is also part of coaching team
- Favorite surface is hard
- Speaks Croatian, English and Italian
- Self-described as strong-willed, determined and extremely competitive

CAREER CONT.

- Highlights of 2018 campaign were four titles on the ITF Circuit, including at the $60k clay court events in Budapest-HUN and Montreux-SUI
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2019 Auckland
- On ITF Circuit, owns seven singles titles
- On professional debut, came through qualifying to win title at $10k ITF/Stockholm-SWE
- As a junior, she was part of the Polish team which won the Junior Fed Cup in 2016 and won girls' single at 2018 Wimbledon and 2018 Summer Youth Olympics in Buenos Aires

PERSONAL

- Coached by Piotr Sierzputowski; at times last season was also helped by former ATP player Nick Brown
- Father is Olympic rower Tomasz Swiatek who competed in the men's quadruple sculls event at the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul
- She resides in Raszyn, a small town near Warsaw

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