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#### **ROLAND GARROS - SEMIFINALS**

#### IGA SWIATEK (POL #54) vs. [Q] NADIA PODOROSKA (ARG #131)

#### First meeting

Winner will be the seventh unseeded Open Era Roland Garros finalist... Swiatek is yet to drop a set so far... Podoroska is the lowest-ranked woman to reach SF in Paris... Swiatek has broken serve 27 times en route... Podoroska has spent nearly twice as much time on court as Swiatek in reaching the last four

#### [4] SOFIA KENIN (USA #6) vs. [7] PETRA KVITOVA (CZE #11)

#### Kvitova leads 2-0

**Kvitova** won in straight sets when they met on clay last year in Madrid... **Kenin** bidding for 16th Grand Slam match win of the season... **Kvitova** has fired a tournament-leading 24 aces... **Kenin** has struck nearly 100 backhand winners in her five matches here this fortnight

#### THE SEMIFINALISTS

PLAYER NAME	RG W/L*	YTD W/L*^	CAREER W/L*^	YTD PRIZE \$	CAREER PRIZE \$	YTD TITLES	CAREER TITLES
[4] Sofia Kenin	7-2	23-8	213-119	3,326,962	6,245,694	2	5
[7] Petra Kvitova	28-10	20-5	546-238	1,029,391	32,102,578	0	27
lga Swiatek	8-1	12-5	108-31	431,619	1,606,808	0	0
[Q] Nadia Podoroska	5-0	43-6	277-144	89,584	301,547	0	0

<sup>\*</sup>Includes 2020 Roland Garros

## CAREER GRAND SLAMRECORDS - BY ROUND REACHED

PLAYER NAME	R128	R64	R32	R16	QF	SF*	F	W	TOTAL*
[4] Sofia Kenin	4	3	3	2	-	1	-	1	14
[7] Petra Kvitova	9	7	10	8	6	4	1	2	47
lga Swiatek	1	2	1	2	-	1	-	-	7
[Q] Nadia Podoroska	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2

<sup>^</sup>Includes qualifying and ITF Circuit matches

#### CAREER WTA SEMIFINAL RECORD

PLAYER	BEST RG RESULT	CAREER SF W/L	LAST FINAL REACHED	CAREER FINAL W/L
[4] Sofia Kenin	SF (1): 2020	6-4	2020 Lyon (WON)	5-1
[7] Petra Kvitova	SF (1): 2012, 2020	37-20	2020 Doha (R-Up)	27-10
Iga Swiatek	SF (1): 2020	1-0	2019 Lugano (R-Up)	0-1
[Q] Nadia Podoroska	SF (1): 2020	-	-	-

# **SEMIFINALISTS' MATCH STATS**

PLAYER NAME	ACES	FASTEST SERVE (MPH)	WINNERS	UNFORCED ERRORS	SERVICE GAMES WON %	RETURN GAMES WON %
[4] Sofia Kenin	3	99	171	149	72	51
[7] Petra Kvitova	24	106	139	130	77	52
lga Swiatek	3	111	127	90	75	69
[Q] Nadia Podoroska	4	101	145	129	60	67

## POTENTIAL FINAL HEAD-TO-HEADS

	KENIN	KVITOVA
SWIATEK	First meeting	First meeting
PODOROSKA	Kenin leads 1-0	First meeting

## **ROLAND GARROS 10-YEAR SEMIFINAL HISTORY**

YEAR				
2019	[8] Ashleigh Barty	[26] Johanna Konta	Amanda Anismova	Marketa Vondrousova
2018	[1] Simona Halep	[3] Garbiñe Muguruza	[10] Sloane Stephens	[13] Madison Keys
2017	[2] Karolina Pliskova	[3] Simona Halep	[30] Timea Bacsinszky	Jelena Ostapenko
2016	[1] Serena Williams	[4] Garbiñe Muguruza	[21] Samantha Stosur	Kiki Bertens
2015	[1] Serena Williams	[7] Ana Ivanovic	[13] Lucie Safarova	[23] Timea Bacsinszky
2014	[4] Simona Halep	[7] Maria Sharapova	[18] Eugenie Bouchard	[28] Andrea Petkovic
2013	[1] Serena Williams	[2] Maria Sharapova	[3] Victoria Azarenka	[5] Sara Errani
2012	[2] Maria Sharapova	[4] Petra Kvitova	[6] Samantha Stosur	[21] Sara Errani
2011	[5] Francesca Schiavone	[6] Li Na	[7] Maria Sharapova	[11] Marion Bartoli
2010	[4] Jelena Jankovic	[5] Elena Dementieva	[7] Samantha Stosur	[17] Francesca Schiavone

## **PATRIOT GAMES**

**Iga Swiatek** has become just the second Polish woman ever to reach the semifinals in Paris. The other was 1939 runner-up Jadwiga Jedrzejowska.

**Nadia Podoroska** is bidding to become the first Argentinian woman to appear in final at Roland Garros. While the last of her compatriots to reach a Slam final was Gabriela Sabatini at 1991 Wimbledon.

Thanks to **Petra Kvitova's** progress, the Czech Republic has a semifinalist for the third time in the past four years.

**Sofia Kenin** has ensured that the United States will be represented in the final four at Roland Garros for the fifth time in six years.



# NICE LITTLE EARNER

**Nadia Podoroska** entered the Roland Garros fortnight with career earnings of \$301,547. By advancing to the last four she will take home a cheque for over \$500,000.

Meanwhile, **Petra Kvitova**, who will pass the \$33 million mark for career prize money should she progress to the final, is set to overtake Victoria Azarenka in sixth place on the all-time list for on-court earnings.

# **UNBLEMISHED RECORD\$**

Neither **Iga Swiatek** nor **Petra Kvitova** have dropped a set at this year's tournament.

The last woman to lift the title in Paris without conceding one was Justine Henin in 2007.

## SURPRISE PACKAGES

World No.131 **Nadia Podoroska** is the lowest-ranked woman to reach the semifinals at Roland Garros in the Open Era.

The winner of her encounter with fellow surprise package **Iga Swiatek** wil become the seventh unseeded finalist in Paris, following in the footsteps of Helen Gourlay (1971 - R-Up), Renata Tomanova (1976 - R-Up), Florenta Mihai (1977 - R-Up), Mima Jausovec (1983 - R-Up), Jelena Ostapenko (2017 - Champion) and Marketa Vondrousova (2019 - R-Up).

Roland Garros, however, has become more accustomed to surprises than most majors in recent years - this is the fourth time the past five editions of the tournament that the women's draw has featured an unseeded semifinalist:

Year	Unseeded Semifinalist(s)
2020	Nadia Podoroska, Iga Swiatek
2019	Amanda Anisimova (SF), Marketa Vondrousova (R-UP)
2018	None
2017	Jelena Ostapenko (WON)
2016	Kiki Bertens (SF)

# RANKING WATCH

By virtue of reaching the last four, **Nadia Podoroska** will rise to No.48 in the new rankings, going as high as No.31 should she make the final.

**Iga Swiatek** is guaranteed to jump to a career-high ranking of No.34 on Monday and is projected to be No.24 by advancing to the final. Should she lift the title, she will break into the Top 20 at No.17.

By reaching the final, **Sofia Kenin** will match her career-high ranking of No.4 and moving to No.3 with the title. **Petra Kvitova**, meanwhile, needs to walk away with the Coupe Suzanne Lenglen to return to the Top 5.

# MASTER OF ALL SURFACES

Should **Petra Kvitova** win her semifinal today then she will become just the fourth active player to reach Grand Slam finals on clay, grass and hard.

The three of her peers to have already done so are Simona Halep, Serena Williams and Venus Williams.

#### A SNAPSHOT OF 2020 - THE YEAR SO FAR

One Top 10 Debut: Sofia Kenin (at No.7 on February 3)

Fewest games dropped en route to a title: Jennifer Brady (24, Lexington)

Lowest-ranked title winner: Patricia Maria Tig (No.88, Istanbul)

Most finals: Elena Rybakina: 5 (Shenzhen, R-Up, Hobart, W, St. Petersburg, R-Up, Dubai,

R-Up, Strasbourg, R-Up); Simona Halep: 3 (Dubai, W, Prague, W, Rome, W)

Maiden titles (3): Alexandrova (Shenzhen), Brady (Lexington), Tig (Istanbul)

Youngest title winner: Elena Rybakina, Hobart (20y 7m 1d)

Oldest title winner: Serena Williams, Auckland (38y 3m 17d)

Aces leaders: Elena Rybakina – 192, Serena Williams – 178, Garbiñe Muguruza – 160

Most aces in a match (22): Alison Van Uytvanck (I. vs. Sofia Kenin 7-6(5) 6-7(2) 7-6(2) - Lyon, SF)

Match win leaders: Rybakina - 29, Mertens - 28, Halep - 23, Muguruza - 23, Kenin - 23

Most doubles titles (4): Barbora Strycova / Hsieh Su-Wei (Brisbane, Dubai, Doha, Rome)

Best result by a qualifier (R-Up): Kung (Hua Hin), Fernandez (Acapulco), Bouchard (Istanbul)

Longest match: 3h 33m – Heather Watson d. Elise Mertens 6-7(5) 6-4 7-5 (Hobart)

Shortest (completed) match: 44m – Serena Williams d. Amanda Anisimova 6-1 6-1 (Auckland)

#### WTA4LOVE - SUPPORTING THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY



- As part of the ongoing humanitarian campaign, WTA4Love, more than **100 community initiatives** have been undertaken by WTA players and partners since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March.
- Many players are stepping up again to raise awareness by wearing **WTA4Love patches** during competition in support of the ongoing campaign as we return to play.
- WTA4Love initiatives have provided COVID-19 support ranging from donations of medical equipment to hospitals, including **30,000 masks** donated to medical professionals through the efforts of the players and WTA Charities.
- Food insecurity has also been addressed by providing **24,000 meals** to families and frontline workers and through fundraisers for local foodbanks. WTA Charities will continue to support the ongo-

ing needs of communities with upcoming donations of 100,000 meals in partnership with Lilly Pulitzer.

- "WTA4Love" is a global campaign with activities and donations by players and WTA Charities in **14 of the countries** which are home to WTA tournaments and most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, including China, Spain, the United Kingdom and the United States, among others.
- In addition to the urgent focus on the COVID-19 pandemic, WTA Charities has continued to support a wide range of nonprofit organizations including **live video chats** teaching leadership and character development to youth and **offering support and positive messaging** to Special Olympics participants.
- For more information on each player's specific activities, please contact WTA Communications Manager, Teyva Sammet <a href="mailto:TSammet@wtatennis.com">TSammet@wtatennis.com</a>



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## IGA SWIATEK (POL #54) vs. [Q] NADIA PODOROSKA (ARG #131)

Head to Head: First meeting

IGA SWIATEK		NADIA PODOROSKA
54	WTA RANKING	131
51	PORSCHE RACE TO SHENZHEN LEADERBOARD	58
31-05-2001 (19)	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	10-02-1997 (23)
\$431,619	YTD PRIZE MONEY	\$89,584
\$1,106,808	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	\$301,547
0 / 0	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0/0
0 / 0	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 1
8-1	ROLAND GARROS W-L (MD) *	5-0
12-5 / 26-17	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	6-2 / 9-10
2-1 / 8-5	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	2-0 / 4-1
1-2 / 2-6	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 1-2
5-1 / 12-4	YTD / CAREER CLAY W-L (MD) *	6-1 / 8-6
1-0 / 1-2	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD) *	1-0 / 1-0
3-0 / 5-4	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD) *	1-0 / 1-0
1-1 / 3-1	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 0-0

<sup>\*</sup> Updated entering 2020 Roland Garros SF

ROAD TO THE SEMIFINALS

#### **IGA SWIATEK (POL #54)**

**QF:** d. [Q] MARTINA TREVISAN (ITA #159) 6-3,6-1 (1h18) **R16:** d. [1] SIMONA HALEP (ROU #2) 6-1,6-2 (1h08)

R32: d. [WC] EUGENIE BOUCHARD (CAN #168) 6-3,6-2 (1h14)

R64: d. SU-WEI HSIEH (TPE #63) 6-1,6-4 (1h07)

R128: d. [15] MARKETA VONDROUSOVA (CZE #19) 6-1,6-2 (1h03)

Total games: 80 Won/lost: 60-20 Sets won/lost: 10-0 Total time on court: 5h50 Average time on court: 1h10 Average rank of opponent: 82

#### vs. [Q] NADIA PODOROSKA (ARG #131)

QF: d. [3] ELINA SVITOLINA (UKR #5) 6-2,6-4 (1h19)

R16: d. BARBORA KREJCIKOVA (CZE #114) 2-6,6-2,6-3 (2h09)

R32: d. ANNA KAROLINA SCHMIEDLOVA (SVK #161) 6-3,6-2 (1h39)

R64: d. [23] YULIA PUTINTSEVA (KAZ #27) 6-3,1-6,6-2 (2h02)

R128: d. GREET MINNEN (BEL #110) 6-2,6-1 (0h54)

Total games: 99 Won/lost: 63-36 Sets won/lost: 10-2 Total time on court: 8h03 Average time on court: 1h37 Average rank of opponent: 83

#### **ROLAND GARROS Tournament History**

\* Qualifying match

#### **IGA SWIATEK**

2019			
R16	L - SIMONA HALEP (ROU #3)	6-1	6-0

#### **NADIA PODOROSKA**

2017	
R1* I - MARKETA VONDROUSOVA (CZE #96)	6-0 6-1

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## **ROLAND GARROS**

- Making second main draw appearance at Roland Garros, where she is through to her maiden Slam SF
- On debut here in 2019 and only her second major overall - produced breakthrough run to R16 (d. No.16 Q.Wang, I. Halep)
- At 2019 Roland Garros 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)
- Contesting seventh Grand Slam main draw, and she has now reached the 3r or better at over half of them: 2019 Roland Garros (R16, I. Halep), 2020 Australian Open (R16, I. Kontaveit), 2020 US Open (3r, I. Azarenka) and now 2020 Roland Garros (SF)
- Opened 2020 Roland Garros campaign with upset of last year's R-Up Vondrousova. Result was also second Top 20 win of 2020 (also No.20 Vekic at Australian Open)
- Won the final five games of the match to close out a straight sets win over Hsieh in 2r
- Struck 30 winners and just 15 unforced errors to ease past 2014 semifinalist Bouchard in 3r
- Exacted revenge on her conqueror here last year, Halep, by striking 30 winners to see off the World No.2 in R16 - in terms of ranking, previous best win of her career came over No.16 Q.Wang in 2r at 2019 Roland Garros
- Broke serve six times during QF win over qualifier Trevisan; has won 27 of 39 (.692) return games this fortnight
- Record across the Slams now stands at 15-6
- Has hit 127 winners and only 90 unforced errors this fortnight
- Is one of two players yet to drop a set (also Kvitova)
- Faces No.131 Podoroska today in SF; in terms of ranking, a defeat would be her worst since falling to No.132 Stosur in qualifying at 2019 Eastbourne
- Has spent 5h 50m on court so far this tournament;
   by contrast, including qualifying matches, Podoroska has taken 11h 38m to reach the SF
- Last time two unseeded players met in a Roland Garros SF was in 1983 (Jo Durie vs Mima Jausovec), while across all Slams the most recent occurrence was at 2010 Australian Open (Henin vs Zheng Jie)
- Is just the second Polish woman to reach a Roland Garros SF, following in the footsteps of Jedrzejowska (1939 - R-Up). In the Open Era, A.Radwanska had been the only previous player to make it past R16 in Paris (2013 - QF)
- Across all Slams is the first Polish woman to reach a SF since A.Radwanska at 2016 Australian Open
- Is the only teenager left in the draw; last year two teenagers made this stage - Anisimova (SF) and Vondrousova (R-Up)

## **ROLAND GARROS**

- Making main draw debut at Roland Garros this year, having fallen at the first hurdle in qualifying in 2017 (I. Vondrousova in 39m, winning just 21 points)
- Appearing in only second career Grand Slam main draw - suffered 1r defeat on only other outing at 2016 US Open (as qualifier, I. Beck)
- Made her way through three rounds of qualifying with wins over Frech, Cristian and Wang Xinyu dropping just 14 games - joint-fewest along with Sherif among the 12 qualifiers
- Last qualifier standing in the draw and first to make SF in Roland Garros history
- The only other qualifiers in the Open Era to reach a major SF were Alexandra Stevenson at 1999 Wimbledon (I. Davenport) and Christine Dorey at 1978 Australian Open (I. Nagelsen)
- Beat Minnen in 1r to earn first Slam main draw at 54m it is the draw's second fastest completed match
- Followed this up with impressive upset of the in-form No.27 Putintseva in 2r - first Top 50 win of her career
- In terms of ranking, best win in a completed match had been vs. No.86 Giorgi (2017 Moscow qualifying)
- Broke serve seven times to see off Schmiedlova in 3r, then recovered from a break down in the final set to beat Krejcikova in R16
- Upset No.5 Svitolina in QF the highest-ranked opponent she had previously faced in her career was No.24 Garcia in 2r at 2017 Monterrey (I. 6-0 6-3)
- Including ITF Circuit, Fed Cup and qualifying matches, now has a 43-6 win-loss record in 2020
- Faces Swiatek in today's SF they are the seventh and eight unseeded semifinalists in Paris since 2002 (the first staging of the tournament after the introduction of 32 seeds), following in the footsteps of Fernandez (2002), Petrova (2003), Bertens (2016), Ostapenko (2017), Anisimova and Vondrousova (both 2019)
- This year's Roland Garros is the ninth consecutive major to feature a player appearing in their first SF
   Podoroska and Swiatek are the 14th and 15th SF debutantes during this time span
- The winner will be seventh unseeded Roland Garros finalist in the Open Era - in addition to Ostapenko and Vondrousova from the list above, Helen Gourlay (1971 - R-Up), Renata Tomanova (1976 - R-Up), Florenta Mihai (1977 - R-Up) and Mima Jausovec (1983 - R-Up) also made the final
- Two other majors in 2020 had an unseeded finalist: Australian Open (Muguruza), US Open (Azarenka)
- Is the lowest-ranked women's semifinalist in Paris in the Open Era. Across Slams, is lowest-ranked since No.181 S.Williams was R-Up at 2018 Wimbledon
- Is guaranteed to rise to No.48 in the new rankings, and No.31 by making the final; her previous career-high ranking was No.130 (September 14, 2020)



## ROLAND GARROS CONT.

- Contesting Paris this year ranked No.54, six spots off career-high ranking of No.48 (posted February 3, 2020); projected to rise to No.34 and No.24 should she advance to the final
- Also through to SF in doubles draw w/Melichar (face Guarachi/Krawczyk on Friday); last player to make SF in singles and doubles here in the same year was Safarova in 2015
- Won junior doubles here in Paris in 2018 (w/McNally)
- Only previous SF run at tour level was during R-Up finish on clay at 2019 Lugano (I. Hercog)

## GRAND SLAM HISTORY

- Contesting seventh career Grand Slam at 2020 Roland Garros
- Best result across the Slams is SF at 2020 Roland Garros, and reaching R16 at 2019 Roland Garros (I. Halep) and 2020 Australian Open (I. Kontaveit)
- Made 3r at US Open in 2020 (I. Azarenka) and fell 1r on sole Wimbledon appearance in 2019 (I. Golubic)
- Made Grand Slam debut (main draw and qualifying) at 2019 Australian Open, coming through qualifying to reach 2r (d. Bogdan, I. Giorgi)
- At 2019 Roland Garros 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)
- 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)

## SEASON

- Coming off 1r exit at Rome (I. Rus)
- Made 3r at US Open (I. Azarenka), her best result in New York
- Suffered 1r exit at Western & Southern Open (I. McHale); reached SF in doubles (w/Kuzmova, I. Melichar/Xu)
- Reached 2r at Doha in February (d. Vekic, I. Kuznetsova)
- Posted career-high ranking of No.48 on February 3, 2020
- Posted 3-0 record as Poland saw off Slovenia,
  Turkey and Sweden to set up a Fed Cup playoff with
  Brazil in 2021
- Opened her 2020 season with R16 run at Australian Open (I. Kontaveit)

## ROLAND GARROS CONT.

- The last Argentinian to be ranked in Top 100 was Ormaechea on August 25, 2014
- With Schwartzman also into the last four, this is the first major since 2004 (Paola Suárez, Gastón Gaudio, Guillermo Coria and David Nalbandian) to feature an Argentinian in SF of both men's and women's singles draws
- Suárez's SF showing here in 2004 (I. Dementieva)
  was the previous occasion and Argentinian woman
  made the last four at a major. Gabriela Sabatini was
  the last to reach a final, at 1991 Wimbledon (I. Graf)
- Prior to 2020 Roland Garros, best results at tour level had been 2r showings at 2017 Monterrey, 2017 Bucharest and 2018 Nurnberg
- Eleven of her 14 ITF Circuit titles have come on clay, most recently last month at \$60k ITF/Saint-Malo-FRA

## GRAND SLAM HISTORY

- Fell 1r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2016 US Open (as qualifier, I. Beck)
- Reached SF at 2020 Roland Garros (as qualifier, d. seeds Putintseva and Svitolina en route)
- Fell in qualifying at Australian Open (2017 and 2019) and Wimbledon (2017)

## SEASON

- Coming off winning 14th career title on ITF Circuit at \$60K Saint-Malo-FRA; posted career-high ranking of No.130 after the tournament (September 14, 2020)
- Made SF at WTA 125K Series event at Prague in early September (I. Cocciaretto)
- Fell 1r at Palermo (as qualifier, I. eventual champion Ferro) and in qualifying at Prague
- Prior to the tour's hiatus, suffered 1r exit at Monterrey (as qualifier, I. Davis) and contested qualifying at Acapulco
- Won all three singles rubbers as Argentina went undefeated in its Fed Cup Americas Group I campaign to secure a berth in next year's Fed Cup Play-offs.
- Made SF at WTA 125K Series event at Newport Beach (I. Brengle)
- Opened the season with back-to-back titles at \$25K ITF/Malibu, CA-USA and \$25K ITF/Petit Bourg-FRA



## **CAREER MILESTONES**

- Posted career-high ranking of No.48 on February 3, 2020
- Ended 2019 season ranked No.61 after a campaign highlighted by R-Up finish at Lugano (I. Hercog) and R16 run at Roland Garros (I. Halep)
- Also in 2019, reached 3r at Toronto (I. Osaka) and made 2r five times (incl. Australian and US Open)
- Broke into Top 100 at No.88 after R-Up finish at 2019 Lugano
- In terms of ranking, best win of her career was over No.2 Halep at 2020 Roland Garros
- Ended 2018 season ranked No.175 (up from No.690 in 2017), after posting 42-6 record in ITF Circuit
- 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
- Member of Poland's Fed Cup team 2018-20
- 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

## **CAREER MILESTONES**

- Ended 2019 ranked No.255 (up from No.320 in 2018)
- Won gold medal at 2019 Pan American Games in Lima (d. Dolehide in F) to earn a place at the Tokyo Olympic Games
- Also in 2019, lifted titles at \$25K ITF/Santa Margherita Di Pula-ITA and \$25K ITF/Monzon-ESP
- Only tour-level outing in 2018 was 2r run at Nurnberg (as qualifier, I. Flipkens)
- Won first tour-level match during 2r showing at 2017 Monterrey (d. Brengle, I. No.24 Garcia). Also in 2017 made 2r at Bucharest and fell 1r at Bogota and Rabat
- Posted only Top 200 year-end finish of her career in 2016 after compiling 45-24 record and lifting two titles on ITF Circuit
- Also in 2016 made debut in WTA qualifying at Rabat and then fell 1r on main draw bow at Bucharest (as qualifier, I. Kovinic)
- Owns six Top 100 wins in her career: No.97 Minella (2016 \$50K ITF/Las Vegas, NV-USA), No.100 Brengle (2017 Monterrey), No.86 Giorgi (2017 Moscow qualifying), No.87 Maria (2020 WTA 125K Series Newport Beach), No.27 Putintseva and No.5 Svitolina (both at 2020 Roland Garros)
- Member of Argentina Fed Cup team 2014-17, 2020
- Owns 14 singles and eight doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in 2011

#### **PERSONAL**

- Coached by Juan Pablo Guzman and Emiliano Redondi
- · Born and resides in Rosario, Argentina
- · Family has Ukrainian ancestry



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Head to Head: PETRA KVITOVA leads 2-0

 2019
 MADRID
 CLAY O
 R1
 PETRA KVITOVA
 6-1
 6-4
 77 mins

 2018
 MIAMI
 HARD O
 R3
 PETRA KVITOVA
 3-6
 6-2
 6-4
 121 mins

SOFIA KENIN		PETRA KVITOVA
6	WTA RANKING	11
2	PORSCHE RACE TO SHENZHEN LEADERBOARD	9
14-11-1998 (21)	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	08-03-1990 (30)
\$3,326,962	YTD PRIZE MONEY	\$1,035,941
\$6,245,694	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	\$32,102,578
2/5	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 27
0/2	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0/0
7-2	ROLAND GARROS W-L (MD) *	28-10
23-8 / 92-52	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	20-5 / 455-210
10-3 / 36-22	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	6-3 / 134-90
8-6 / 25-16	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	4-4 / 91-67
5-1 / 10-10	YTD / CAREER CLAY W-L (MD) *	5-0 / 92-42
1-1 / 8-14	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD) *	1-1 / 56-57
1-4 / 15-25	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD) *	1-3 / 109-96
2-0 / 4-3	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 45-14

<sup>\*</sup> Updated entering 2020 Roland Garros SF

#### **ROAD TO THE SEMIFINALS**

#### [4] SOFIA KENIN (USA #6)

**QF**: d. DANIELLE COLLINS (USA #57) 6-4,4-6,6-0 (2h04) **R16**: d. FIONA FERRO (FRA #49) 2-6,6-2,6-1 (1h44) **R32**: d. [Q] IRINA MARIA BARA (ROU #142) 6-2,6-0 (1h12)

**R64:** d. ANA BOGDAN (ROU #93) 3-6,6-3,6-2 (1h51)

R128: d. LUDMILLA SAMSONOVA (ITA #125) 6-4,3-6,6-3 (1h58)

Total games: 117 Won/lost: 72-45 Sets won/lost: 10-4 Total time on court: 8h49 Average time on court: 1h46 Average rank of opponent: 93

#### vs. [7] PETRA KVITOVA (CZE #11)

**QF**: d. LAURA SIEGEMUND (GER #66) 6-3,6-3 (1h20) **R16**: d. SHUAI ZHANG (CHN #39) 6-2,6-4 (1h25)

**R32**: d. LEYLAH FERNANDEZ (CAN #100) 7-5,6-3 (1h56)

**R64:** d. JASMINE PAOLINI (ITA #94) 6-3,6-3 (1h24) **R128:** d. OCEANE DODIN (FRA #118) 6-3,7-5 (1h17)

Total games: 96 Won/lost: 62-34 Sets won/lost: 10-0 Total time on court: 7h20 Average time on court: 1h28 Average rank of opponent: 83

#### **ROLAND GARROS Tournament History**

\* Qualifying match

#### **SOFIA KENIN**

2019		
R16	L - ASHLEIGH BARTY (AUS #8)	6-3 3-6 6-0
2018		
R1	L - NAOMI OSAKA (JPN #20)	6-2 7-5

#### PETRA KVITOVA

2018			
R3	L - ANETT KONTAVEIT (EST #24)	7-6(6)	7-6(4)
2017			
R2	L - BETHANIE MATTEK-SANDS (USA #117)	7-6(5)	7-6(5)

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2017		
R2*	L - ALISON VAN UYTVANCK (BEL #113)	6-3 6-2

2016	
R3 L - SHELBY ROGERS (USA #108)	6-0 6-7(3) 6-0
2015	
R16 L - TIMEA BACSINSZKY (SUI #24)	2-6 6-0 6-3
2014	
R3 L - SVETLANA KUZNETSOVA (RUS #28)	6-7(3) 6-1 9-7
2013	
R3 L - JAMIE HAMPTON (USA #54)	6-1 7-6(7)
2012	
SF L - MARIA SHARAPOVA (RUS #2)	6-3 6-3
2011	
R16 L - NA LI (CHN #7)	2-6 6-1 6-3
2010	
R1 L - SOPHIE FERGUSON (AUS #142)	1-6 6-2 6-2
2008	
R16 L - KAIA KANEPI (EST #49)	6-3 3-6 6-1

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# **ROLAND GARROS**

- Making third main draw appearance at Roland Garros (fourth overall)
- Last year in Paris, advanced to R16 for the first time at a major (I. eventual champion Barty)
- In 3r during 2019 run became first American to defeat S.Williams at the majors since Stephens at 2013 Australian Open QF
- One of two Grand Slam champions left in the draw (also Kvitova) out of 11 at the start of the fortnight
- Recovered from 2-0 down in the final set to defeat Samsonova in 1r
- Won nine of the final 11 games to complete another three-set comeback in 2r against Bogdan
- Struck 34 winners and reeled off 12 unanswered games to beat qualifier Bara in 3r
- One of two players (along with Kvitova) to reach R16 at all three Slams this year (Australian Open - WON, US Open - R16)
- Was taken the distance once again in R16, defeating Ferro under the roof on Philippe-Chatrier to end French hopes in this year's tournament
- Outside of US Open, this was only the second time facing an opponent playing on home soil at a Slam, having also beaten then-No.1 Barty en route to Australian Open title this January
- Saw off Collins in QF to improve her record against fellow Americans at the majors to 8-1
- Overall win-loss record across the four majors now stands at 26-12 (15-1 in 2020)
- Has struck a tournament-leading 91 backhand winners across her five matches en route to SF
- Faces No.11 Kvitova in SF today owns one Top 20 win this season, over No.1 Barty in SF at Australian Open
- Has two wins over left-handers in 2020, against Trevisan (Australian Open) and Fernandez (US Open)
- Progress to SF ensures that America is represented in SF at Roland Garros for the fifth time in past six years; on three occasions an American went on to make the final, S.Williams in 2015 (WON) and 2016 (R-Up) and Stephens in 2018 (R-Up)
- Prior to 2020 Roland Garros, had never reached a WTA QF on clay, with her best result on the surface last year's R16 run here
- Including results in Paris, owns 23 main draw wins in 2020, the equal third most on tour: Rybakina (29), Mertens (28), Halep (23) and Muguruza (23)
- By reaching the final would rise to No.4 in the ranking and No.3 by lifting the title
- Has won two titles this season (Australian Open and Lyon) – only other woman to win more than one is Halep (Dubai, Prague and Rome)
- Reached doubles QF this fortnight w/Mattek-Sands (I. No.4 seeds and 2018 champions Krejcikova/Sinia-kova on Tuesday)

## **ROLAND GARROS**

- Making 11th main draw appearance in Paris
- Best result here was SF finish in 2012 (I. eventual champion Sharapova)
- Also made R16 on three occasions, including on Grand Slam main draw debut in 2008 (I. Kanepi)
- In 2019, withdrew on eve of 1r match against Cirstea due to left forearm injury
- Appearance here in 2017, when she fell in 2r (I. Mattek-Sands), marked the first tournament after a knife attack in her home in Czech Republic
- Did not compete in any lead-up clay events following this year's US Open, withdrawing from Rome
- Made a fine start to this year's event, striking 61 winners across wins over Dodin in 1r and Paolini in 2r
- Fended off two set points as she won nine games in a row to recover from 5-1 down in the opening set in 3r victory over Fernandez
- One of two players (along with Kenin) to reach R16 at the all Slams this year (Australian Open - QF, US Open - R16)
- Made a fast start against Zhang in R16, winning first four games of the match in another straight sets win
- Hit six aces in QF win over Siegemund, taking her total for the fortnight to a tournament-leading 24
- Has won 77% of her service games (the highest percentage of any player to reach the second week)
- Is one of two players yet to drop a set (also Swiatek); the last player to lift the title without conceding a set was Henin in 2007
- Improves win-loss record to 114-44 at Slams; sixth among active players for match wins at the majors
- Faces No.6 Kenin in SF today; owns one Top 10 win in 2020, over No.1 Barty (Doha)
- Record against Americans at the majors is 12-11
- Is 3-3 in Grand Slam SF matches
- Should she reach the final, would become fourth active player to appear in a Slam final on all four surfaces, joining Halep, S.Williams and V.Williams
- Is the first woman in her thirties to reach SF at Roland Garros since 2016: Stosur (SF) and S.Williams (R-Up)
- One of 10 Czech women to make Roland Garros SF in Open Era. Mandlikova (1981) is the only one to go on and lift the title, while more recently Safarova (2015) and Vondrousova (2019) finished R-Up
- Has been among the Top 16 seeds on every visit to Paris since 2011
- By reaching SF, is projected to rise to No.8 in the rankings. Will be No.7 as R-Up and No.4 with the title
- Owns five clay titles in her career, winning Madrid (2011, 2015 and 2018), Prague (2018) and Stuttgart (2019) - level with Svitolina as the sixth most successful active player on the surface
- Holds 27 titles overall, sitting in fourth place among active players list for titles won



## PETRA KVITOVA

## **GRAND SLAM HISTORY**

- Won maiden Grand Slam in Melbourne, defeating two-time major champion Muguruza to become the youngest champion (21y, 80d) at Australian Open since Sharapova (20y, 283d) in 2008
- Before 2020 Australian Open, best Slam result was R16 run at 2019 Roland Garros (I. eventual champion Barty); in 3r became first American to beat S.Williams at a majors since Stephens at 2013 AO QF
- Made Slam main draw debut at 2015 US Open as a wildcard – received for being crowned USTA Girls' 18s National Champion. Fell 1r to Duque Mariño
- Reached 3r at 2017 US Open (as WC, I. Sharapova), in what was only fourth tour-level main draw outing
- Best US Open result was R16 run in 2020, while at Wimbledon has made 2r in 2018-19
- Was R-Up in girls' singles at 2015 US Open (I. Galfi)

#### SEASON

- Fell 2r at Rome (after 1r bye, I. Azarenka 6-0 6-0 only time she has lost by that scoreline in her career)
- Advanced to R16 at 2020 US Open (I. Mertens)
- Suffered 2r exit at Western & Southern Open (after 1r bye, I. Cornet)
- Before hiatus, lifted fifth WTA singles title at Lyon (d. Friedsam in F); now 5-1 in WTA singles finals
- Suffered 1r exit at Dubai (I. Rybakina) before falling 2r at Doha (I. Yastremska)
- Won deciding doubles rubber w/Mattek-Sands to help USA beat Latvia 3-2 and qualify for next year's Fed Cup finals in Budapest; also went 1-1 in singles
- Made her Top 10 debut at No.7 on February 3
- Won maiden major at Australian Open (d. Muguruza in F) to become the youngest champion (21y, 80d) in Melbourne since Sharapova (20y, 283d) in 2008
- Kicked off season with 2r showings at Brisbane (I. Osaka) and Adelaide (I. Collins)

## **CAREER MILESTONES**

- Produced incredible 2019 campaign, winning three singles titles, a career-best Grand Slam performance, qualification into both WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai and WTA Finals (as alternate, played one match), and breaking into the Top 20
- Finished the year as US No.2 (behind No.9 S.Williams) and leader in hard court wins (38-tied w/Barty)
- Registered back-to-back SF runs at Cincinnati and Toronto, subsequently leading to Top 20 debut
- During this run, defeated No.1 Barty (Toronto) and No.1 Osaka (Cincinnati), to become first player since October 2001 to defeat reigning No.1s in consecutive weeks (Davenport); also became youngest American to defeat reigning No.1 in eight years (after McHale)

## **GRAND SLAM HISTORY**

- Winner of two major singles titles: 2011 Wimbledon (d. Sharapova) and 2014 Wimbledon (d. Bouchard)
- Was first player born in 1990s to win a Grand Slam title (since joined by Muguruza, Ostapenko, Stephens, Wozniacki, Halep, Osaka, Barty and Kenin)
- Best result at Australian Open came with runner-up finish in 2019 (I. Osaka) – becoming first Czech woman to reach the final there since Novotna in 1991 (I. Seles)
- Other Grand Slam highlights include reaching SF at 2010 Wimbledon (I. S.Williams), 2012 Australian Open (I. Sharapova) and 2012 Roland Garros (I. eventual champion Sharapova), and QF runs at 2017 US Open (I. V.Williams) and 2015 US Open (I. eventual champion Pennetta)

## SEASON

- Advanced to R16 at US Open (I. Rogers held 4MP)
- Posted 2r exit at Western & Southern Open (after 1r bye, I. Bouzkova) - main draw record vs. fellow Czechs now 36-5
- Before the hiatus, last tournament contested was Doha, finishing as R-Up (I. Sabalenka); now 27-10 in WTA singles finals
- Defeat of Barty in Doha SF was sixth career win over a reigning World No.1
- Advanced to QF at St Petersburg (withdrew prior to match vs. Alexandrova w/illness)
- Made 12th major QF at Australian Open (I. Barty)
- Opened season at Brisbane, reaching SF (I. R-Up Keys) before withdrawing from Adelaide w/fatigue

#### CAREER MILESTONES

- Ended 2019 ranked No.7 for second consecutive year ending in Top 10 and seventh time in her career
- Captured 26th and 27th career titles in 2019 at Sydney (d. Barty) and Stuttgart (d. Kontaveit). With 27 titles, is currently tied with Mandlikova and Sabatini in 20th place (Open Era)
- Reached title match at 2019 Australian Open for third career Grand Slam final appearance – result moved her to World No.2, matching her career high ranking
- Also in 2019, qualified for WTA Finals in Shenzhen for seventh time (went 0-3 in group play)
- Won a WTA-leading five titles in 2018, at St Petersburg (d. Mladenovic in F), Doha (d. Muguruza in F), Prague (d. Buzarnescu in F), Madrid (d. Bertens in F) and Birmingham (d. Rybarikova in F). Ended the year ranked No.7 sixth career Top 10 finish, and first since 2015 (up fro No.29 in 2017)



## CAREER CONT.

- Advanced to R16 for first time at a Slam at Roland Garros (d. S.Williams), becoming first American to defeat Serena at the majors since Stephens at 2013 Australian Open QF
- Broke into the Top 100 on March 19, 2018, Top 50 on October 8, 2018 and Top 20 on August 19, 2019
- Advanced to first WTA level SF in 2018 at Mallorca as a qualifier, also reaching this stage later in the season at Québec City
- Represented the USA in the Fed Cup final vs. the Czech Republic in November 2018
- In 2017, won the US Open Wild Card Challenge, reaching the third round (I. Sharapova) and posting career first Top 50 win over No.34 Davis
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2015 US Open as a wildcard (I. Duque-Mariño in 1r)
- · Owns four ITF singles titles and two doubles titles
- Played first matches of career on ITF Circuit in 2013, climbing to No.2 in ITF World Junior Rankings
- Represented the USA at the 2014 Youth Olympic Games and competed at the 2016 ITF Junior Masters, both held in China

#### PERSONAL

- Born in Moscow, moved to New York as a baby before family settled in Florida. Now resides in Pembroke Pines, Florida, where she was home-schooled
- · Known as 'Sonya'
- Coached by father Alexander Kenin with support Lorenzo Cava; trains at ProWorld Academy in Delray Beach, Florida
- If not a tennis player would be a fashion designer
- Dream doubles partners would be Serena Williams and Grigor Dimitrov
- · Good friends with CiCi Bellis and Katie Swan
- Likes rap music, especially Drake
- Treat food is Froyo cookies and cream with Hershey's on top

## CAREER CONT.

- Titles in 2018 came on all three surfaces first player to win a title on three difference surfaces in a season since S.Williams in 2015
- Including 2019, has won at least one title every year dating back to 2011
- Began 2017 season in May at Roland Garros (2r, I. Mattek-Sands) after a knife attack in her home in Czech Republic on December 20, 2016; required extensive surgery to left hand
- Won title at 2017 Birmingham. Other highlights included a SF at Beijing (I. eventual champion Garcia) and reached second US Open QF (I. V. Williams)
- Won two singles titles in 2016, at Wuhan and the WTA Elite Trophy in Zhuhai
- Contested Rio Olympics in August 2016, winning the singles bronze medal (I. Puig in SF, d. Keys in bronze medal play-off)
- Runner-up at 2015 WTA Finals in Singapore (I. A.Radwanska in 3s). Former champion at the season finale, which she won on her event debut in 2011 (d. Azarenka in F)
- At 2012 Sydney was two wins from becoming No.1 (had won Wimbledon and WTA Finals in previous six months)
- Owns six wins over current World No.1s: Safina (2009 US Open), Wozniacki (2011 WTA Finals), S.Williams (2015 Madrid), Kerber (2016 Wuhan), Wozniacki (2018 Doha) and Barty (2020 Doha)
- Among active players, owns the most wins in indoor hardcourt events (77)
- Member of Czech Republic's Fed Cup winning team in 2011-12, 2014-16 and 2018
- Made pro debut on ITF Circuit in Czech Republic in 2006

#### **PERSONAL**

- Current coach is Jiri Vanek, fitness trainer is Ivan Trebaticky and physio/trainer is Florian Zitzelsberger; trains at TK Sparta Praha
- Father who introduced her to tennis is Jiri (vice mayor); mother is Pavla; brothers are Jiri (engineer) and Libor (teacher)
- Won the 2019 Karen Krantzcke Sportsmanship Award, voted by her WTA peers for the eighth time
- A global ambassador for Right To Play International, a charity which helps children to learn through sport
- Favorite type of movie is comedy. Favorite types of music are pop, rock. Favorite foods are sushi, Italian. Also enjoys basketball and volleyball
- Favorite city to visit is Melbourne; favorite tournament is Wimbledon
- Self-described as friendly, happy
- Tennis idol growing up was Martina Navratilova (because she's left-handed like her)

