



MATCH NOTES



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US OPEN - DOUBLES FINAL

[3] NICOLE MELICHAR (USA #16)
XU YIFAN (CHN #8)

vs.

LAURA SIEGEMUND (GER #59)
VERA ZVONAREVA (RUS #86)

First Meeting

THE FINALISTS

PLAYER	USO W/L*	YTD W/L*	CAREER W/L*	YTD PRIZE \$	CAREER PRIZE \$	YTD TITLES	CAREER TITLES
[3] Nicole Melichar (USA)	10-4	16-5	148-136	\$82,447	\$1,294,564	1	7
[3] Xu Yifan (CHN)	16-6	16-5	186-135	\$78,290	\$2,389,836	1	10
Laura Siegemund (GER)	9-4	7-5	71-56	\$162,355	\$2,585,346	0	5
Vera Zvonareva (RUS)	19-4	7-3	195-131	\$62,653	\$14,294,274	0	9

*Includes 2020 US Open

CAREER GRAND SLAM RECORDS - BY ROUND REACHED

PLAYER	R64	R32	R16	QF	SF	F	W	TOTAL*
[3] Nicole Melichar (USA)	9	2	3	2	0	1	0	18
[3] Xu Yifan (CHN)	7	2	3	7	2	1	0	23
Laura Siegemund (GER)	5	2	5	0	0	0	0	13
Vera Zvonareva (RUS)	5	13	5	4	1	1	2	32

*Includes 2020 US Open

BEST PREVIOUS GRAND SLAM RESULTS

PLAYER	BEST GRAND SLAM DOUBLES RESULT
[3] Nicole Melichar (USA)	R-Up (1): 2018 Wimbledon (w/Peschke)
[3] Xu Yifan (CHN)	R-Up (1): 2019 Wimbledon (w/Dabrowski)
Laura Siegemund (GER)	R16 (5): 2016 Roland Garros (w/Friedsam), 2018 US Open (w/L.Kichenok), 2019 Roland Garros (w/Friedsam), 2019 Wimbledon (w/Friedsam), 2019 US Open (w/Friedsam)
Vera Zvonareva (RUS)	WON (2): 2006 US Open (w/Dechy), 2012 Australian Open (w/Kuznetsova) R-Up (1): 2010 Wimbledon (w/Vesnina)



ROAD TO THE FINAL

No.3 seeds **Nicole Melichar** and **Xu Yifan** are both aiming for their career first Grand Slam doubles title today in what is both their second career major doubles final.

Entering the 2020 US Open, Melichar and Xu finished as runners-up at the Western & Southern Open (I. Peschke/Schuurs in F), and have kept their momentum going. The American/Chinese duo have dropped just one set en route to the final, going the distance against Americans Asia Muhammad / Taylor Townsend in the semifinals to reach their first major doubles final as a pair.

The unseeded team of **Laura Siegemund** and **Vera Zvonareva** teamed up for the very first time at the 2020 US Open, and have enjoyed instant success by reaching this year's championship match.

Siegemund, who is appearing in her career first major doubles final, and Zvonareva, a former doubles champion here in 2006, upset the No.2 seeds and defending champions Elise Mertens / Aryna Sabalenka in the quarterfinals. The German/Russian pair dropped a set for the first time this fortnight in the semifinals against Veronika Kudermetova / Anna Blinkova before reaching this year's doubles final.

ON THIS DAY...

September 11, 1971: In an all-American final at the US Open, WTA founder **Billie Jean King** defeats her doubles partner Rosie Casals 6-4, 7-6, to claim her second of four singles titles at Flushing Meadows.

COOKING UP A STORM

This week saw the unveiling of the WTA Cookbook, a new digital publication with more than 70 international recipes contributed by players past, present and future.

The WTA Cookbook is available for download on wtatenis.com with all proceeds supporting WTA Charities' global initiatives.

Favorite recipes from WTA legends and superstars Martina Navratilova, Caroline Wozniacki, Bianca Andreescu, Naomi Osaka and current WTA World No.1 Ashleigh Barty, among others, are certain to delight palates from around the world.

RANKING WATCH

Nicole Melichar entered this year's US Open ranked No.16, while **Xu Yifan** started this fortnight at No.8.

Melichar will rise to No.13 with a runner-up finish and No.11 with the title, meanwhile **Xu** will move to No.7 regardless of the final result.

Laura Siegemund began her 2020 US Open campaign ranked No.59 in doubles, as **Vera Zvonareva** entered at No.86.

Siegemund will improve to No.51 by reaching the final and can climb as high as No.37 with the title. **Zvonareva** will improve her ranking to No.41 with a runner-up finish and No.34 with the title.

ACTIVE CHAMPIONS

While Melichar and Xu are both appearing in their second Grand Slam doubles final, **Zvonareva** is the only finalist that has captured a major doubles title, having done so twice at 2006 US Open and 2012 Australian Open.

Active Players with 3+ Grand Slam Doubles Titles:

NAME	# of Titles
Serena Williams (USA)	14
Venus Williams (USA)	14
Lisa Raymond (USA)	6
Sara Errani (ITA)	5
Bethanie Mattek-Sands (USA)	5
Kristina Mladenovic (FRA)	4
Hsieh Su-Wei (TPE)	3
Sania Mirza (IND)	3
Samantha Stosur (AUS)	3
Timea Babos (HUN)	3





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NICOLE MELICHAR

YIFAN XU



USA

Jul 29, 1993 (27)

Stuart, FL, USA

RH (two-handed backhand)

5' 11" (1.81 m)

\$1,294,564

\$82,447

400 (Sep 24 2012)

12 (Feb 18 2019)

0 / 0

1 / 7

DOB

Residence

Plays

Height

Prize Career

Prize YTD

Career High Singles Rank

Career High Doubles Rank

WTA Singles Titles - YTD / Career

WTA Doubles Titles - YTD / Career

Aug 8, 1988 (32)

Beijing, China

LH (two-handed backhand)

5' 5" (1.65 m)

\$2,389,836

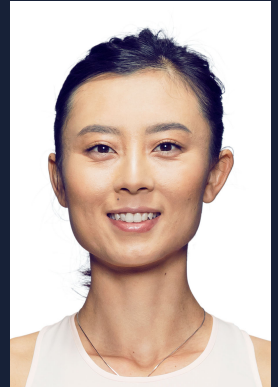
\$78,290

148 (Jul 13 2015)

7 (Jan 13 2020)

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1 / 10



CHN

16

Doubles Ranking

-

Road To Shenzhen

8

Doubles Ranking

-

Road To Shenzhen

PERFORMANCE - DOUBLES

MD YTD (2020) / CAREER	STATS	MD YTD (2020) / CAREER
4-0 / 10-4	Tournament (US OPEN) W - L	4-0 / 16-6
4-1 / 23-17	Grand Slam W - L	4-1 / 46-22
16-5 / 148-136	Overall W - L	16-5 / 186-135
14-2 / 56-63	3 Set W - L	14-2 / 74-45
8-0 / 112-38	1 Set W - L	8-0 / 112-38
6-1 / 41-28	Tie Break W - L	6-1 / 41-43
16-5 / 95 - 85	Surface (HARD) W - L	16-5 / 141-100
0-0 / 32 - 33	Surface (CLAY) W - L	13-0 / 727-21
0-0 / 17 - 16	Surface (GRASS) W - L	0-0 / 18 - 14

PREVIOUS APPEARANCES AS TEAM

TOURNAMENT - WON (1)

- 2020 Adelaide (Hard) d. G.Dabrowski/D.Jurak 2-6 7-5 10-5

TOURNAMENT - RUNNER UP (1)

- 2020 W&S Open (Hard) l. K.Peschke/D.Schuurs 6-1 4-6 10-4

OTHER RESULTS (BEST ROUND REACHED)

- QF at 2020 Doha (Hard) l. T.Babos/K.Mladenovic 6-3 6-3

- QF at 2020 Dubai (Hard) l. B.Krejciikova/S.Zheng 6-4 5-7 13-11

- QF at 2020 Brisbane (Hard) l. A.Barty/K.Bertens 6-3 6-2

- R16 at 2019 Tianjin (Hard) l. C.Mchale/Y.Wickmayer 6-2 6-4

- R64 at 2020 Australian Open (Hard) l. J.Brady/C.Dolehide 6-3 6-4

TOURNAMENT HISTORY - DOUBLES

2020 Season Summary

N.MELICHAR

Y.XU

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6 tournaments in 2020:

- W in Adelaide
Partner: Y.Xu (d. G.Dabrowski/D.Jurak 2-6 7-5 10-5)
- F Main Draw in New York
Partner: Y.Xu (l. K.Peschke/D.Schuurs 6-1 4-6 10-4)
- QF Main Draw in Doha
Partner: Y.Xu (l. T.Babos/K.Mladenovic 6-3 6-3)
- QF Main Draw in Dubai
Partner: Y.Xu (l. B.Krejckova/S.Zheng 6-4 5-7 13-11)
- R1 Main Draw in Australian Open
Partner: Y.Xu (l. J.Brady/C.Dolehide 6-3 6-4)
- Q Main Draw in Brisbane
Partner: Y.Xu (l. A.Barty/K.Bertens 6-3 6-2)

6 tournaments in 2020:

- W in Adelaide
Partner: N.Melichar (d. G.Dabrowski/D.Jurak 2-6 7-5 10-5)
- F Main Draw in New York
Partner: N.Melichar (l. K.Peschke/D.Schuurs 6-1 4-6 10-4)
- QF Main Draw in Doha
Partner: N.Melichar (l. T.Babos/K.Mladenovic 6-3 6-3)
- QF Main Draw in Dubai
Partner: N.Melichar (l. B.Krejckova/S.Zheng 6-4 5-7 13-11)
- R1 Main Draw in Australian Open
Partner: N.Melichar (l. J.Brady/C.Dolehide 6-3 6-4)
- QF Main Draw in Brisbane
Partner: N.Melichar (l. A.Barty/K.Bertens 6-3 6-2)

Best Previous Results (US OPEN)

N.MELICHAR

4 appearances at US OPEN:

- R2 Main Draw in 2019 Partner: K.Peschke (d. C.Gauff/C.Mcnally 6-3 7-6(9))
- R2 Main Draw in 2016 Partner: V.Golubic (d. S.Mirza/B.Strycova 6-2 7-6(5))
- R1 Main Draw in 2018 Partner: K.Peschke (d. J.Brady/A.Muhammad 6-7(5) 6-3 7-5)
- R1 Main Draw in 2017 Partner: A.Smith (d. R.Atawo/S.Lisicki 3-6 7-5 6-3)

Y.XU

6 appearances at US OPEN:

- QF Main Draw in 2019 Partner: G.Dabrowski (d. V.Kuzmova/A.Sasnovich 2-6 6-3 6-3)
- QF Main Draw in 2017 Partner: G.Dabrowski (d. L.Safarova/B.Strycova 6-3 2-6 6-4)
- QF Main Draw in 2014 Partner: Z.Diyas (d. C.Black/S.Mirza 6-1 1-0)
- R16 Main Draw in 2016 Partner: S.Zheng (d. M.Hingis/C.Vandeweghe 6-4 4-6 6-2)
- R2 Main Draw in 2018 Partner: G.Dabrowski (d. S.Stosur/S.Zhang 6-2 7-6(2))
- R1 Main Draw in 2015 Partner: Z.Diyas (d. V.King/S.Zheng 2-6 7-5 7-6(7))

GRAND SLAM

N.MELICHAR	W / L	'20	'19	'18	'17	'16	'15	'14
AUSTRALIAN OPEN	4-4	1R	3R	QF	QF	SF	1R	-
ROLAND GARROS	5-4	-	QF	3R	3R	QF	2R	-
WIMBLEDON	8-5	-	F	F	1R	1R	1R	-
US OPEN	2-4	-	QF	2R	QF	3R	1R	QF

TOTAL 19-17

Y.XU	W / L	'20	'19	'18	'17	'16	'15	'14
AUSTRALIAN OPEN	10-6	1R	1R	QF	QF	SF	1R	-
ROLAND GARROS	11-5	-	QF	3R	3R	QF	2R	-
WIMBLEDON	9-5	-	F	SF	1R	1R	1R	-
US OPEN	12-6	-	QF	2R	QF	3R	1R	QF

TOTAL 42-22

OTHER INFORMATION

N.MELICHAR

Currently coached by Torsten Peschke...Parents are Milan and Helena who work in real estate and her sister, Jane, is a nurse practitioner in pediatrics...Was always around tennis from a young age, inspired to start playing by her sister who was five years older...All of her family members play tennis recreationally but not a higher level...Growing up, tennis idol was Kim Clijsters...Favorite surface is grass and favorite tournament is Wimbledon...Speaks English, Czech and a little Spanish...Enjoys cooking, the beach, family, biking, rollerblading and fishing...Has a black cat named Spooky...Favorite city is Prague...Favorite books are the Harry Potter Series...Favorite movie is My Cousin Vinny...Describes her playing style as aggressive with strengths in her serve and forehand.

Y.XU



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Coached by Alice Han Carlsson ... Favorite surface is hard, while favorite tournaments are Indian Wells and Wimbledon ... Views her strengths as creativity, shot selection and the ability to read her opponent's game ... Only realised she could make it as a professional player on tour at 19 ... Along with tennis, as a child also did gymnastics, skating and table tennis ... Off the court, likes to read, talk to friends and loves coffee.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

N.MELICHAR

DOUBLES

Winner (7): 2020 - Adelaide (w/Y.Xu); 2019 - Brisbane, San Jose, Zhengzhou (all w/Peschke); 2018 - Prague, Tianjin (both w/Peschke); 2017 - Nürnberg (w/Smith); 2016 - 125/San Antonio (w/Groenefeld).

Finalist (9): 2020 - New York [Western & Southern Open] (w/Xu); 2019 - Prague (w/Peschke), Nürnberg (w/Fichman); 2018 - Stuttgart, Wimbledon (both w/Peschke); 2017 - Istanbul (w/Mertens), Kuala Lumpur (w/Ninomiya), Moscow (w/A.Smith); 2015 - Tianjin (w/Jurak).

MIXED DOUBLES

Winner (1): 2018 Wimbledon (w/Peya).

Y.XU

DOUBLES

Winner (10): 2020 - Adelaide (w/Melichar); 2019 - Nürnberg (w/Dabrowski); 2018 - Sydney, Eastbourne (both w/Dabrowski); 2017 - Miami, New Haven (both w/Dabrowski); 2016 - Zhuhai (w/Soylu); 2015 - Stanford, Tianjin (both w/S.Zheng); 2013 - Seoul (w/C.Chan), 125/Nanjing (w/Doi).

Finalist (8): 2020 - New York [Western & Southern Open] (w/Melichar); 2019 - Madrid, Wimbledon (both w/Dabrowski); 2018 - Beijing (w/Dabrowski); 2016 - Shenzhen (w.S.Zheng), Tianjin (w/Linette); 2008 - Beijing (w/Han); 2007 - Beijing (w/Han).

ADDITIONAL

Chinese Fed Cup Team, 2019-20.



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LAURA SIEGEMUND



GER

59

Doubles
Ranking

-

Road To
Shenzhen

Mar 4, 1988 (32)

Stuttgart, Germany

RH (two-handed backhand)

5' 6" (1.68 m)

\$2,585,346

\$162,355

27 (Aug 29 2016)

40 (Apr 25 2016)

0 / 2

0 / 5

DOB

Residence

Plays

Height

Prize Career

Prize YTD

Career High Singles Rank

Career High Doubles Rank

WTA Singles Titles - YTD / Career

WTA Doubles Titles - YTD / Career

Sep 7, 1984 (36)

Moscow, Russia

RH (two-handed backhand)

5' 7 3/4" (1.72 m)

\$14,294,374

\$62,653

2 (Oct 25 2010)

9 (Aug 08 2005)

0 / 12

0 / 9

VERA ZVONAREVA



RUS

86

Doubles
Ranking

-

Road To
Shenzhen

PERFORMANCE - DOUBLES

MD YTD (2020) / CAREER	STATS	MD YTD (2020) / CAREER
4-0 / 9-4	Tournament (US OPEN) W - L	4-0 / 19-4
4-1 / 16-12	Grand Slam W - L	4-0 / 60-25
7-5 / 71-56	Overall W - L	7-3 / 195-131
1-3 / 28-18	3 Set W - L	2-0 / 59-43
3-1 / 46-11	1 Set W - L	3-1 / 46-11
1-0 / 16-18	Tie Break W - L	2-1 / 41-26
6-4 / 40 - 33	Surface (HARD) W - L	7-3 / 124 - 79
1-1 / 22 - 20	Surface (CLAY) W - L	0-0 / 43 - 34
0-0 / 9 - 3	Surface (GRASS) W - L	0-0 / 15 - 10

PREVIOUS APPEARANCES AS TEAM

TOURNAMENT - WON (None)

TOURNAMENT - RUNNER UP (None)

OTHER RESULTS (BEST ROUND REACHED)

TOURNAMENT HISTORY - DOUBLES

2020 Season Summary

L.SIEGEMUND

6 tournaments in 2020:

- QF Main Draw in Doha
Partner: C.Buyukakcay (I. B.Krejcikova/K.Siniakova 6-1 6-2)
- R1 Main Draw in Australian Open

V.ZVONAREVA

4 tournaments in 2020:

- R16 Main Draw in New York
Partner: E.Alexandrova (I. K.Peschke/D.Schuurs 6-2 7-6(5))
- R16 Main Draw in St. Petersburg



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L.SIEGEMUND

- Partner: A.Friedsam (l. B.Krejciakova/K.Siniakova 6-4 4-6 6-1)
- R1 Main Draw in New York
Partner: E.Rybakina (l. H.Carter/L.Stefani 6-2 3-6 12-10)
- Q Main Draw in Palermo
Partner: Y.Wickmayer (l. G.Minnen/A.Van Uytvanck 2-6 7-5 10-6)
- Q Main Draw in Auckland
Partner: D.Krawczyk (l. K.Flipkens/A.Van Uytvanck 6-3 1-0)
- Q Main Draw in Indian Wells 125k
Partner: M.DoI (l. C.Mcnally/J.Pegula 6-1 3-6 10-5)

Best Previous Results (US OPEN)

L.SIEGEMUND

4 appearances at US OPEN:

- R16 Main Draw in 2019 Partner: A.Friedsam (d. G.Dabrowski/Y.Xu 6-3 0-6 6-2)
- R16 Main Draw in 2018 Partner: L.Kichenok (d. B.Krejciakova/K.Siniakova 6-3 6-2)
- R2 Main Draw in 2015 Partner: M.Barthel (d. L.Chan/H.Chan 6-2 6-4)
- R1 Main Draw in 2016 Partner: M.Barthel (d. E.Makarova/E.Vesnina 6-3 4-2)

V.ZVONAREVA

- Partner: E.Alexandrova (l. H.Carter/S.Fichman 6-2 6-1)
- Q Main Draw in Indian Wells 125k
Partner: V.King (l. A.Muhammad/T.Townsend 6-3 6-2)
- S Main Draw in Lexington
Partner: A.Blinkova (l. H.Carter/L.Stefani 7-5 6-1)

V.ZVONAREVA

7 appearances at US OPEN:

- W in 2006 Partner: N.Dechy (d. D.Safina/K.Srebotnik 7-6(5) 7-5)
- QF Main Draw in 2010 Partner: E.Vesnina (d. C.Black/A.Rodionova 4-6 7-5 6-4)
- R16 Main Draw in 2018 Partner: T.Bacsinszky (d. S.Stosur/S.Zhang 6-3 6-3)
- R2 Main Draw in 2011 Partner: A.Pavlyuchenkova vs. M.Kirilenko/N.Petrova, match not played due to walkover)
- R2 Main Draw in 2009 Partner: V.Azarenka (d. S.Cirstea/C.Wozniacki 5-7 6-4 6-2)
- R2 Main Draw in 2008 Partner: E.Vesnina (d. L.Davenport/D.Hantuchova 7-5 6-1)
- R2 Main Draw in 2007 Partner: A.Harkleroad vs. S.Foretz / Y.Shvedova, match not played due to walkover)

GRAND SLAM

L.SIEGEMUND	W / L	'20	'19	'18	'17	'16	'15	'14	'12	'11	'10	'09	'08	'07	'06	'05	'04
AUSTRALIAN OPEN	1-4	1R	1R	-	2R	1R	-	1R	W	2R	-	2R	-	3R	QF	SF	1R
ROLAND GARROS	4-2	-	3R	-	-	3R	-	-	-	2R	2R	-	2R	-	QF	3R	3R
WIMBLEDON	2-2	-	3R	2R	-	1R	-	1R	-	-	F	1R	2R	-	2R	QF	1R
US OPEN	5-4	-	3R	3R	-	1R	2R	-	-	1R	QF	2R	2R	1R	W	-	-

TOTAL 12-12

V.ZVONAREVA	W / L	'19	'18	'14	'12	'11	'10	'09	'08	'07	'06	'05	'04
AUSTRALIAN OPEN	18-7	1R	-	1R	W	2R	-	2R	-	3R	QF	SF	1R
ROLAND GARROS	11-7	2R	-	-	-	2R	2R	-	2R	-	QF	3R	3R
WIMBLEDON	12-7	-	2R	1R	-	-	F	1R	2R	-	2R	QF	1R
US OPEN	15-4	-	3R	-	-	1R	QF	2R	2R	1R	W	-	-

TOTAL 56-25

OTHER INFORMATION

L.SIEGEMUND

Coached by Antonio Zucca ... Mother's name is Brigitta, father's name is Harro (engineer); sister's name is Satu, brother's name is Arlen ... Introduced to tennis by family at age 3 ... Lived in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia from age 4 to 7 and in Jakarta, Indonesia from age 9 to 10 ... Speaks German, English and French ... Tennis idol growing up was Steffi Graf ... Favorite tennis memories include winning the match point at the 2016 Mixed US Open Final and winning the 2017 Porsche Tennis Grandprix at her hometown in Stuttgart ... Completed bachelor's degree in psychology from University of Hagen in 2016.

V.ZVONAREVA



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Coached by Sam Sumyk ... Mother, Natalia, was Olympic bronze medalist in field hockey (introduced her to tennis at age 6) ... Husband, Alexander Kucher is a former officer who worked in the administration of the Moscow Oblast; their daughter Evelina was born in 2016 ... Baseline; likes all surfaces ... Has two degrees (one from Russian State Academy of Physical Education, the second in international economic relations at Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation in Moscow) ... Loves travelling; favorites include mom's cooking, "Peter the First" by Tolstoy and actor Matt Damon ... Other interests include volleyball, hockey, computers, reading and listening to music ... Works with International Rett Syndrome Foundation to increase awareness and raise funds for research (Rett Syndrome is a nervous system disorder that leads to developmental reversals); after 2010 US Open, donated portion of prize money and went to Russia to help create organizing committee for Russian Rett Syndrome Foundation (also serves on board of directors).

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

L.SIEGEMUND

SINGLES

Winner (2): 2017 - Stuttgart; 2016 - Bastad.

Finalist (1): 2016 - Stuttgart.

DOUBLES

Winner (5): 2019 - Guangzhou (w/Peng); 2018 - Moscow (w/Panova); 2015 - 's-Hertogenbosch (w/Muhammad), Florianopolis (w/Beck), Luxembourg (w/Barthel).

Finalist (3): 2018 New Haven (w/S.Hsieh); 2016 - Mallorca (w/Friedsam); 2015 - Marrakech (w/Zanevska).

MIXED DOUBLES

Winner (1): 2016 - US Open (w/Pavic).

ADDITIONAL

German Fed Cup Team, 2017, 2019-20.

V.ZVONAREVA

SINGLES

Winner (12): 2011 - Doha, Baku; 2010 - Pattaya City; 2009 - Pattaya City, Indian Wells; 2008 - Prague, Guangzhou; 2006 - Birmingham, Cincinnati; 2005 - Memphis; 2004 - Memphis; 2003 - Bol.

Finalist (18): 2011 - Carlsbad, Tokyo [Pan Pacific]; 2010 - Charleston, Wimbledon, Montréal, US Open, Beijing; 2008 - Hobart, Doha, Charleston, Moscow, Linz, WTA Finals; 2007 - Auckland; 2006 - Auckland; 2004 - Cincinnati, Philadelphia; 2002 - Palermo.

DOUBLES

Winner (9): 2019 - Budapest (w/Alexandrova); 2018 - St. Petersburg (w/Bacsinszky), Moscow [River Cup] (w/Potapova); 2012 - Australian Open (w/Kuznetsova); 2009 - Indian Wells (w/Azarenka); 2006 - Auckland (w/Likhovtseva), US Open (w/Dechy); 2005 - Berlin (w/Likhovtseva); 2004 - Moscow (w/Myskina).

Finalist (6): 2010 - Wimbledon (w/Vesnina); 2008 - Stanford (w/Vesnina); 2005 - Eastbourne, Stanford (both w/Likhovtseva); 2004 - Memphis (w/Sharapova); 2003 - Moscow (w/Myskina).

MIXED DOUBLES

Winner (2): 2006 - Wimbledon (w/Ram); 2004 - US Open (w/B.Bryan).

ADDITIONAL

Russian Fed Cup Team, 2003-04, 2008, 2011; Russian Olympic Team, 2008, 2012.

**NICOLE MELICHAR
XU YIFAN**

VS

**LAURA SIEGEMUND
VERA ZVONAREVA**

QUICK-HITS

- Melichar and Xu are competing at the US Open for the first time as a team
- Melichar is making her fifth appearance in doubles at the US Open. Prior to this fortnight, her best results here were 2r runs in 2016 (w/Golubic, I. Mirza/Strycova) and 2019 (w/Peschke, I. Gauff/McNally)
- Xu is making her seventh appearance in doubles at the US Open, and has reached the QF stage on three occasions - in 2014 (w/Diyas, I. Black/Mirza), 2017 (w/Dabrowski, I. Safarova/Strycova) and 2019 (w/Dabrowski, I. Kuzmova/Sasnovich)
- Both are aiming for their career first Grand Slam doubles title today. Both are former Wimbledon finalists - Melichar in 2018 (w/Peschke, I. Krejčíková/Siniakova in F) and Xu in 2019 (w/Dabrowski, I. Hsieh/Strycova in F)
- Melichar captured the 2018 Wimbledon mixed doubles title (w/Peya, d. J.Murray/Azarenka in F)
- Opened their 2020 US Open campaign against Belgian duo Flipkens/Van Uytvanck before ousting home favorites Gauff/McNally in two tough tie breaks
- Dropped just five games to defeat Carter/Stefani in QF and dropped their first set of the tournament during SF victory over Muhammad/Townsend
- Coming off a R-Up finish together at the Western & Southern Open (I. Peschke/Schuurs in F)
- Before the Tour shutdown, reached back-to-back QFs at Dubai (I. Krejčíková/S.Zheng) and Doha (I. Babos/Mladenovic)
- Fell 1r at Australian Open (I. Brady/Dolehide)
- Kicked off 2020 campaign and their partnership with QF run at Brisbane (I. Barty/Bertens) before lifting silverware at Adelaide (d. Dabrowski/Jurak in F)
- Melichar owns seven WTA doubles titles (7-9 record in doubles finals); Xu holds 10 doubles titles (10-8 record)
- No.16 Melichar achieved a career high doubles ranking of No.12 (February 18, 2019) while No.8 Xu has reached as high as No.7 (January 13, 2020)
- The American can reach a new career high of No.11 with the title (No.13 with R-Up finish) while Xu will return to her career high of No.7 regardless of today's result
- In today's final, the pair will face off against Siegemund/Zvonareva for the very first time

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- Siegemund and Zvonareva are competing in their first tournament together at this year's US Open
- Siegemund is appearing in her fifth US Open doubles draw. Prior to this fortnight, her best result at Flushing Meadows was reaching R16 in 2018 (w/L. Kichenok, I. Krejčíková/Siniakova) and 2019 (w/Friedsam, I. Dabrowski/Y.Xu)
- In 2016, Siegemund won the mixed doubles title here in New York (w/Pavic, d. Vandeweghe/Ram in F)
- Zvonareva is making her eighth appearance in doubles at the US Open as a former champion, lifting the title on her doubles debut here in 2006 (w/Dechy, d. Safina/Srebotnik in F)
- Zvonareva also reached the QF stage here in 2010 (w/Vesnina, I. Black/An.Rodionova)
- In addition, Zvonareva is a former US Open mixed doubles champion in 2004 (w/B.Bryan) and also captured the 2006 Wimbledon mixed title (w/Ram)
- Zvonareva is also a former Australian Open doubles champion in 2012 (w/Kuznetsova) and finalist at Wimbledon in 2010 (w/Vesnina)
- The German/Russian pair dropped only three games in their opening round this fortnight over Krawczyk/Guarachi before defeating No.7 seeds Azarenka/Kenin in straight sets
- In the QFs, ousted the defending champions and No.2 seeds Mertens/Sabalenka and dropped their first set of the tournament in the SFs against Kudermetova/Blinkova
- 2020 US Open marks the pairing's first tournament as a team. Last week, both played the Western & Southern Open - Siegemund (w/Rybakina, I. Carter/Stefani in 1r) and Zvonareva (w/Alexandrova, I. Dabrowski/Riske in 2r)
- In only other tournament following the Tour's five month hiatus, Siegemund contested doubles at Palermo (w/Wickmayer, I. Minnen/Van Uytvanck in QF); Zvonareva contested doubles at Lexington (w/Blinkova, I. Carter/Stefani in SF)
- Siegemund owns five career WTA doubles titles, most recently at 2019 Guangzhou (w/S.Peng); 5-3 record in doubles finals
- Zvonareva is the owner of nine doubles titles, most recently at 2019 Budapest (w/Alexandrova); 9-6 career record in doubles finals
- No.59 Siegemund can climb as high as No.37 with the title or No.51 with a R-Up finish; achieved a career high of No.40 on April 25, 2016
- No.86 Zvonareva will improve to No.41 by reaching the final and can climb to No.34 with the title; achieved a career high of No.9 on August 8, 2005

