



MATCH NOTES



US OPEN
AUGUST 31 – SEPTEMBER 13, 2020



WOMEN'S TENNIS ASSOCIATION MATCH NOTES



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US OPEN - SINGLES FINAL

[4] NAOMI OSAKA (JPN #9) vs. VICTORIA AZARENKA (BLR #27)

Osaka leads 2-1

2018 US Open champion **Osaka** owns a perfect 2-0 record in Grand Slam finals... **Azarenka** is into her first major final in seven years, when she fell to S. Williams in the final at the 2013 US Open... Both are bidding for their third career Grand Slam singles title... **Osaka** and **Azarenka** were scheduled to face off two weeks ago in the final of the Western & Southern Open however, Osaka withdrew due to a left hamstring injury

THE FINALISTS

PLAYER	US OPEN W/L (MD)*	YTD W/L*	CAREER W/L	YTD PRIZE \$	CAREER PRIZE \$	YTD TITLES	CAREER TITLES
[4] Naomi Osaka	20-3	15-3	135-73	352,755	14,770,234	0	5
Victoria Azarenka	40-12	11-2	462-180	294,530	30,650,035	1	21

*Includes 2020 US Open

GRAND SLAM RECORDS - BY ROUND REACHED

PLAYER	R128	R64	R32	R16	QF	SF	F	W	TOTAL*
[4] Naomi Osaka	2	1	9	2	0	0	0	2	17
Victoria Azarenka	9	5	12	7	9	3	2	2	50

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FINAL RECORDS

PLAYER	BEST USO RESULT	LAST FINAL REACHED	CAREER FINAL W/L
[4] Naomi Osaka	WON (1): 2018	2020 Western & Southern Open (R-Up)	5-3
Victoria Azarenka	R-Up (2): 2012, 2013	2020 Western & Southern Open (WON)	21-17

RECENT US OPEN FINALS

YEAR	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	SCORE
2019	[15] B. Andreescu (CAN)	[8] S. Williams (USA)	6-3, 7-5
2018	[20] N. Osaka (JPN)	[17] S. Williams (USA)	6-2, 6-4
2017	S. Stephens (USA)	[15] M. Keys (USA)	6-3, 6-0
2016	[2] A. Kerber (GER)	[10] Ka.Pliskova (CZE)	6-3, 4-6, 6-4
2015	[26] F. Pennetta (ITA)	R. Vinci (ITA)	7-6(4), 6-2



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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 player to triumph: Heather Watson (No.69, Acapulco)

Multiple finals: Elena Rybakina: 4 (Shenzhen, R-Up, Hobart, W, St. Petersburg, R-Up, Dubai, R-Up); Sofia Kenin: 2 (Australian Open, W, Lyon, W); Simona Halep: 2 (Dubai, W, Prague, W); Victoria Azarenka: 2 (Western & Southern Open, W, US Open); Naomi Osaka: 2 (Western & Southern Open, R-Up, US Open)

Maiden titles (2): Ekaterina Alexandrova (Shenzhen), Jennifer Brady (Lexington)

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

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

Aces leaders: Elena Rybakina – 155, Garbiñe Muguruza – 128, Kristyna Pliskova – 125

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

Match win leaders: Mertens – 23, Rybakina – 22, Kontaveit – 19

Most doubles titles (3): Barbora Strycova / Hsieh Su-Wei (Brisbane, Dubai, Doha)

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

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)

Most Top 10 wins (3): Garbiñe Muguruza (No.3 Simona Halep, No.5 Elina Svitolina and No.10 Kiki Bertens) – all at Australian Open

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.
- 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 ongoing 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 TSammet@wtatennis.com



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RANKING JUMPS

World No.9 **Naomi Osaka** will return to the WTA Top 5 following the 2020 US Open. The Japanese woman can jump to No.3 with the title or No.4 with a runner-up finish.

Victoria Azarenka entered the US Open ranked No.27 and is guaranteed her return to the WTA Top 20 when the new rankings are released on Monday. The Belarusian can climb as high as No.11 with the title or No.14 with a runner-up finish.

ON THIS DAY...

September 12, 1998: Former WTA World No.1 **Lindsay Davenport** captured her career first Grand Slam title by defeating the defending champion Martina Hingis in the championship match at the US Open.

COUNTRY BREAKDOWN

A total of 34 different countries were represented in the main draw this year at the US Open.

With Jennifer Brady and Serena Williams both falling in the semifinals on Thursday, this marks the first time in four years there will be no American women in the US Open singles final.

Naomi Osaka is bidding to become the first Asian player - man or woman - to capture three Grand Slam singles titles. China's Li Na is the only other major singles champion from Asia (2011 Roland Garros, 2014 Australian Open)

Two-time US Open finalist **Victoria Azarenka** remains the only player from Belarus that has won a Grand Slam singles title, lifting the trophies at the Australian Open in 2012 and 2013. Prior to her 2012 run in Melbourne, the last Belarusian to contest a major final was Natasha Zvereva (1988 Roland Garros R-Up, when representing USSR.

MATCH STATS

PLAYER	ACES	FIRST SERVES IN %	SERVICE GAMES WON	BREAK POINTS WON
[4] Naomi Osaka	35	56%	93%	21/59
Victoria Azarenka	16	71%	78%	31/63

TOURNAMENT STATS

PLAYER	SETS W-L	AVG TIME ON COURT	TOTAL TIME ON COURT	AVG RANK OF OPPONENT
[4] Naomi Osaka	12-3	1h44	10h26	75
Victoria Azarenka	12-2	1h34	9h23	43





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Head to Head: NAOMI OSAKA leads 2-1

2020	WESTERN & SOUTHERN OPEN	HARD O	F	VICTORIA AZARENKA	W/O	N/A
2019	ROLAND GARROS	CLAY O	R2	NAOMI OSAKA	4-6 7-5 6-3	170 mins
2018	ROME	CLAY O	R1	NAOMI OSAKA	6-0 6-3	74 mins
2016	AUSTRALIAN OPEN	HARD O	R3	VICTORIA AZARENKA	6-1 6-1	56 mins

NAOMI OSAKA	WTA RANKING	VICTORIA AZARENKA
9		27
13	PORSCHE RACE TO SHENZHEN LEADERBOARD	12
16-10-1997 (22)	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	31-07-1989 (31)
\$352,755	YTD PRIZE MONEY	\$294,530
\$14,770,234	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	\$30,650,035
0 / 5	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	1 / 21
0 / 0	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 8
20-3	US OPEN W-L (MD) *	40-12
15-3 / 135-73	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	11-2 / 462-180
8-1 / 40-19	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	3-0 / 88-62
3-5 / 26-24	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	2-0 / 68-44
15-2 / 105-50	YTD / CAREER HARD W-L (MD) *	11-2 / 320-108
1-1 / 12-20	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD) *	1-0 / 68-72
3-1 / 28-32	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD) *	4-0 / 124-100
0-0 / 7-5	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 46-14

* Updated through entering 2020 US Open Final

ROAD TO THE FINAL

[4] NAOMI OSAKA (JPN #9)

SF: d. [28] JENNIFER BRADY (USA #41) 7-6(1),3-6,6-3 (2h11)

QF: d. SHELBY ROGERS (USA #93) 6-3,6-4 (1h21)

R16: d. [14] ANETT KONTAVEIT (EST #21) 6-3,6-4 (1h13)

R32: d. MARTA KOSTYUK (UKR #137) 6-3,6-7(4),6-2 (2h26)

R64: d. CAMILA GIORGI (ITA #74) 6-1,6-2 (1h10)

R128: d. MISAKI DOI (JPN #81) 6-2,5-7,6-2 (2h3)

vs. VICTORIA AZARENKA (BLR #27)

SF: d. [3] SERENA WILLIAMS (USA #8) 1-6,6-3,6-3 (1h53)

QF: d. [16] ELISE MERTENS (BEL #18) 6-1,6-0 (1h14)

R16: d. [20] KAROLINA MUCHOVA (CZE #26) 5-7,6-1,6-4 (2h29)

R32: d. IGA SWIATEK (POL #53) 6-4,6-2 (1h39)

R64: d. [5] ARYNA SABALENKA (BLR #11) 6-1,6-3 (1h7)

R128: d. BARBARA HAAS (AUT #139) 6-1,6-2 (0h59)

US OPEN Tournament History

* Qualifying match

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VICTORIA AZARENKA

2019



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R16 L - BELINDA BENCIC (SUI #12) 7-5 6-4

2018

F W - SERENA WILLIAMS (USA #26) 6-2 6-4

2017

R3 L - KAIA KANEPI (EST #418) 6-3 2-6 7-5

2016

R3 L - MADISON KEYS (USA #9) 7-5 4-6 7-6(3)

2015

R2* L - JOHANNA KONTA (GBR #97) 6-4 6-4

R1 L - ARYNA SABALENKA (BLR #13) 3-6 6-3 6-4

2018

R3 L - SLOANE STEPHENS (USA #3) 6-3 6-4

2015

QF L - SIMONA HALEP (ROU #2) 6-3 4-6 6-4

2014

QF L - EKATERINA MAKAROVA (RUS #18) 6-4 6-2

2013

F L - SERENA WILLIAMS (USA #1) 7-5 6-7(6) 6-1

2012

F L - SERENA WILLIAMS (USA #4) 6-2 2-6 7-5

2011

R3 L - SERENA WILLIAMS (USA #27) 6-1 7-6(5)

2010

R2 L - GISELA DULKO (ARG #41) 5-1

2009

R3 L - FRANCESCA SCHIAVONE (ITA #28) 4-6 6-2 6-2

2008

R3 L - CAROLINE WOZNIACKI (DEN #18) 6-4 6-4

2007

R16 L - SVETLANA KUZNETSOVA (RUS #4) 6-2 6-3

2006

R3 L - ANNA CHAKVETADZE (RUS #29) 6-4 6-3

NAOMI
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US OPEN

- Making fifth main draw appearance at US Open, where she lifted title in 2018 (d. S.Williams in F)
- As a result, became first Japanese player to win a major singles title and was the youngest US Open champion since Sharapova in 2006
- Returned as defending champion last year, falling in R16 (l. Bencic)
- Made 3r on debut in 2016 (l. Keys) and again in 2017 (l. Kanepi). Fell in 2r of qualifying in 2015 (l. Konta)
- This is her 17th Grand Slam main draw – has one other Slam title to her name, coming at 2019 Australian Open. Was one of 10 major champions and six former US Open winners to begin this year's draw
- Hit 25 winners to see off Fed Cup teammate Doi in 1r
- Followed this up with straight sets win over Giorgi to move to a perfect 5-0 in Slam 2r matches here in New York – also defeated the Italian en route to R-Up finish at 2018 Tokyo [PPO]
- Battled past an inspired 18-year-old Kostyuk in 3r - improves record against players who are younger than her to 12-2 with only losses coming to Kenin at 2019 Cincinnati and Gauff at 2020 Australian Open
- Fired 21 winners to defeat World No.21 Kontaveit in R16, having also defeated the Estonian last week at Western & Southern Open QF
- Now owns 8-1 record against Top 30 players this year – collected four wins at Western & Southern Open (No.26 Muchova, No.25 Yastremska, No.20 Kontaveit and No.22 Mertens) and three at Brisbane (No.23 Sakkari, No.14 Kenin and No.9 Bertens)
- Improves to 3-2 record in R16 at the Slams. Previous wins at this stage have led Osaka to the crown
- At 22 yrs, 331 days, was the second-youngest player through to R16 following Kenin (21 yrs, 102 days)
- Dismissed No.93 Rogers in QF on Tuesday; won 83 percent of first service points and made just eight unforced errors
- Defeated No.41 Brady in a hard-hitting SF; Is now 7-4 vs. American opposition at the majors, with wins over Vandeweghe (2016 US Open), Kenin (2018 Roland Garros), Keys and S.Williams (both at 2018 US Open), Gauff (2019 US Open), Rogers and Brady (both at 2020 US Open). Losses came against Keys (2016 US Open), V.Williams (2017 Wimbledon), Keys (2018 Roland Garros) and Gauff (2020 Australian Open)
- Is into her first Grand Slam final since lifting the 2019 Australian Open trophy (d. Kvitova in F). Has dropped just three sets en route to this year's final
- Today, faces Azarenka for their fourth career meeting; owns 2-1 record over the Belarusian, taking their two most recent matches at 2019 Roland Garros and 2018 Rome
- Bids to extend pristine 2-0 record in Grand Slam finals having won both of her previous championship

US OPEN

- Making 13th main draw appearance at US Open, where she is a two-time R-Up, in 2012 (l. S.Williams) and 2013 (l. S.Williams)
- Also a two-time quarterfinalist in New York, in 2014 (l. Makarova) and 2015 (l. Halep)
- R-Up in doubles here in 2019 (w/Barty, l. Mertens/Sabalenka); seeded No.7 this year w/Kenin (fell to eventual champions Siegemund/Zvonareva in R16)
- Contesting landmark 50th major this fortnight - one of nine active players to reach this milestone. Progression to the final this week improves her record to 133-46 across the Slams, and is now 40-12 at US Open, surpassing Clijsters (38) to record the second most among active players
- One of eight players who've held the WTA World No.1 singles ranking to begin this year's draw
- Currently ranked No.27 – her highest ranking since returning to the Tour from maternity leave in 2017
- Was one of nine mothers in this year's US Open field – also Bondarenko, Clijsters, Govortsova, Maria, Pironkova, Tig, S.Williams and Zvonareva. S.Williams joined her in the SF - making history by becoming the first pair of mothers to reach the semifinals of the same Grand Slam
- Has dropped just two sets en route to the final – her most effective run to reach this stage of a Slam since 2016 Australian Open, when she dropped only 11 games across the first four matches
- Has reached the second week at a Slam for the first time since 2017 Wimbledon (l. Halep in R16) and reached her first Slam final since R-Up finish here in 2013 (l. S.Williams)
- Is currently on a 11-match winning streak (five wins across Western & Southern Open, six wins in New York) – her best since 2016, winning 14 Tour-level matches in a row (six wins at Indian Wells, six at Miami and two at Madrid)
- Opened 2020 US Open campaign by committing just seven unforced errors in 59-minute win over Haas
- Defeated No.11 Sabalenka in an all-Belarusian showdown in 2r, No.18 Mertens in QF and No.8 S.Williams in SF to record the 122nd, 123rd and 124th Top 20 wins of her career; now owns four Top 20 scalps this season including a win over No.15 Konta during last week's title run at Western & Southern Open
- Overcame No.53 Swiatek in 3r on Saturday to reach first R16 at US Open since 2015
- Rallied from a set down to dismiss Czech Republic's Muchova in R16 – improving record over Czech opposition at US Open to 4-0 (also d. Zakopalova in 2008, Strycova in 2009, and Hradecka in 2015)
- Dropped just one game against No.18 Mertens to power her way into the eighth Grand Slam SF of her career and first since making the 2013 US Open final



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US OPEN CONT.

- contests at 2018 US Open (d. S.Williams in F) and 2019 Australian Open (d. Kvitova in F)
- Aiming to become first Asian player - man or woman - to win three Grand Slam singles titles. The only other Asian player to win a major singles title is Li Na (2011 Roland Garros and 2014 Australian Open)
- Owns a perfect 10-0 record since the restart (four wins at Western & Southern Open, six wins at US Open)
- Owns a 5-3 career record in Tour-level finals. All five titles have been won on hard courts – Indian Wells and US Open in 2018, and Australian Open, Osaka and Beijing in 2019
- Currently ranked No.9. Will return to the WTA Top 5 regardless of today's result; can climb to No.3 with the title or No.4 with R-Up finish

GRAND SLAM HISTORY

- Two-time major winner, at 2018 US Open (d. S.Williams in F) and 2019 Australian Open (d. Kvitova in F)
- Is the first woman to win her second major straight after winning her first since Capriati did so in 2001 (Australian Open followed by Roland Garros)
- Won 2019 Australian Open on only her third appearance, becoming the 10th woman to win the US Open and Australian Open back-to-back
- In reaching R16 at 2018 Australian Open, became youngest Japanese player to reach R16 at a Slam since Sugiyama at 1995 Roland Garros (19y, 342d) and the youngest player from Japan to reach R16 in Melbourne since Date in 1990 (197, 122d)
- Has reached 3r at the other two majors: Roland Garros in 2016 (l. Halep), 2018 (l. Keys) and 2019 (l. Siniakova), and Wimbledon in 2017 (l. V.Williams) and 2018 (l. Kerber)

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- Rallied from a set down against No.8 S.Williams to conduct a near-perfect second set, hitting 12 winners to just one unforced error, and eventually take the match
- Thursday's win over the 23-time Grand Slam champion was her first in 11 attempts against the American at the majors; also marked her 40th win at the US Open, second most among active players
- Advances to first Grand Slam final in seven years; owns 2-2 record in major finals with two wins coming at 2012-13 Australian Open and two losses coming at 2012-13 US Open
- In today's championship match, faces No.9 Osaka, who she was slated to compete against in the final of the 2020 Western & Southern Open before Osaka withdrew due to a left hamstring injury
- By reaching the final, she is projected to climb to No.14 in the rankings and as high as No.11 with the title
- In addition to 1r exit here, last summer reached 2r at San Jose, Toronto and Cincinnati
- Twenty of 21 career titles have come on hardcourts (equal fifth among active players), with nine of these coming in the US
- Celebrated 31st birthday a few weeks ago; while there were 26 thirtysomethings in the field at start of tournament, she is the last one standing

GRAND SLAM HISTORY

- Two-time major champion, winning Australian Open in 2012 (d. Sharapova in F) and 2013 (d. Li in F)
- Also a two-time runner-up, at 2012 and 2013 US Open (losing to S.Williams in 3s on both occasions)
- Advanced to Wimbledon SF in 2011 and 2012, while best result at Roland Garros is also SF run in 2013
- Four-time Grand Slam doubles finalist, at 2008 Australian Open (w/Peer), 2009 Roland Garros (w/Vesnina), 2011 Australian Open (w/Kirilenko) and 2019 US Open (w/Barty)
- Two-time Grand Slam mixed doubles champion, at 2007 US Open (w/ Mirnyi) and 2008 Roland Garros (w/B.Bryan). Most recently finished as mixed doubles R-Up at 2018 Wimbledon (w/J.Murray)
- Won girls' singles titles at the Australian Open and US Open in 2005



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SEASON

- Withdrew w/left hamstring injury before final of the Western & Southern Open against Azarenka
- Prior to this, last competitive action was during Japan's 3-1 Fed Cup qualifier defeat vs. Spain in February (l. Sorribes Tormo)
- Suffered 3r exit at Australian Open (as defending champion, l. Gauff)
- In Australia, also reached SF at Brisbane (l. eventual champion Ka.Pliskova); was on a 14-match win streak prior to Brisbane loss – longest of her career

CAREER MILESTONES

- Finished 2019 ranked No.3 for career-best season-ending finish
- Won second Grand Slam at Australian Open (d. Kvitova in F); became first Japanese player to reach World No.1 ranking following the tournament
- In addition, won back-to-back titles for first time in her career at Osaka (d. Pavlyuchenkova in F) and Beijing (d. Barty in F); now owns 5-2 record in WTA singles finals. Defeated No.1 Barty in Beijing final for second career victory over world No.1 (also beat Halep at 2018 Indian Wells)
- Enjoyed break-out season in 2018, posting a 40-20 record resulting in a No.5 (first Top 10 season), up from No.68 in 2017
- Won the first two titles of her career in 2018, at Indian Wells (d. Kasatkina in F) and debut Grand Slam crown at US Open (d. S.Williams in F)
- En route to the Indian Wells title, defeated five-time major champion Sharapova, and A.Radwanska, Ka.Pliskova and Halep. Only set dropped all fortnight was against Sakkari in R16
- Reached one further final in 2018, at Tokyo [PPO] (l. Ka.Pliskova)
- Book-ended 2017 season with QF showings at Auckland and Hong Kong; other highlights included 3r runs at Wimbledon and US Open
- Scored first Top 5 win of career when she defeated No.5 V.Williams at 2017 Hong Kong. Upset win over defending champion and No.6-ranked Kerber at 2017 US Open marked first career Top 10 win
- Voted 2016 WTA Newcomer of the Year; highlight was career-first WTA final at Tokyo [PPO] (l. Wozniacki). Also reached QF on three occasions and 3r at Australian Open, Roland Garros and US Open
- Ranked No.406, made WTA main draw debut at 2014 Stanford. As an alternate, won through qualifying (achieving first WTA qualifying wins), and came from match point down to shock No.19 Stosur in 1r of main draw, before losing to No.18 Petkovic in 2r
- Made WTA qualifying debut at Québec City in 2013 (l. Dabrowski)

SEASON

- Lifted 21st career title at last week's Western & Southern Open when final opponent Osaka withdrew w/left hamstring injury; now 21-17 in singles finals
- Suffered 1r exit at Lexington (l. V.Williams) in her second WTA event of 2020
- Opened 2020 season with 1r exit at Monterrey (l. Zidasek), having not contested any events in Australia due to personal reasons

CAREER MILESTONES

- Last tournament of 2019 was the US Open, where she fell to Sabalenka in 1r; also reached the doubles final w/Barty (l. Mertens/Sabalenka)
- Highlight of 2019 was 37th singles final at Monterrey (d. No.5 Kerber in SF, l. Muguruza in F via ret. w/leg injury). Also made QFs at Acapulco (l. Kenin), Stuttgart (l. Kontaveit via ret.) and Rome (l. Ka.Pliskova)
- On February 2, 2019 returned to Top 50 for first time following the birth of her child, Leo
- Highlights of 2018 season included SF at Miami (l. Stephens) and QF at San Jose and Tokyo
- Made return to tennis in June 2017 following birth of first child in December 2016
- Comeback tournament was Mallorca, reaching 2r (d. Ozaki, l. Konjuh). Prior to 2017 Mallorca, last tournament contested was 2016 Roland Garros (1r)
- Followed this with R16 at Wimbledon (l. Halep). Did not play after Wimbledon due to personal reasons
- Ended 2016 ranked No.13, despite missing second half of season after going on maternity leave (announced pregnancy mid-July). Lifted three titles, at Brisbane and 'Sunshine Double' of Indian Wells and Miami – third woman to achieve feat after Graf in 1994 and 1996 and Clijsters in 2005
- Posted 26-3 record for first six months of 2016 with losses coming at the Australian Open (QF, l. Kerber), Rome (2r, l. Begu) and Roland Garros (ret. vs. Knapp w/right knee injury)
- Limited to total of 23 events over 2014-15 seasons due to variety of injuries
- Posted five consecutive Top 10 finishes between 2009 and 2013, qualifying for the WTA Finals on each occasion (l. Kvitova in 2011 final in Istanbul)
- Ascended to World No.1 after 2012 Australian Open and held top spot for a total of 51 weeks
- Began 2012 with 26-match win streak – best start since Hingis went 37-0 in 1997. Went on to win tour-leading 69 matches in 2012, season highlighted by six titles, finishing as WTA's year-end No.1
- Won two medals for Belarus at 2012 Olympics bronze in singles and mixed doubles gold (w/Mirnyi)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2005 Kolkata
- ITF Junior World Champion for 2005 – reached first tour-level semifinal at Guangzhou the same year



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PERSONAL

- Began working with Wim Fissette at beginning of 2020 season. Previous coaches include Sascha Bajin and Jermaine Jenkins
- Also in her team are Stuart Duguid (agent) and Abdul Sillah (fitness trainer)
- Was born in Osaka, Japan, and moved to USA when she was three years old
- Sponsorship deals include Nike, Citizen, broadcaster Wowow, Nissin, Nissan, ANA Airlines, Shiseido and bareMinerals

PERSONAL

- Currently coached by Dorian Descloix. Formerly coached by Wim Fissette, Sam Sumyk and Michael Joyce
- Gave birth to son Leo in December 2016
- Introduced to tennis at age 7 by mother Alla; father's name is Fedor and older brother is Max

