



MATCH NOTES



US OPEN
AUGUST 31 – SEPTEMBER 13, 2020



WOMEN'S TENNIS ASSOCIATION MATCH NOTES



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US OPEN - DAY 6 MATCH-UPS

[27] ONS JABEUR (TUN #31) vs. [2] SOFIA KENIN (USA #4)

Kenin leads 4-1

Jabeur has reached the QFs in four of the seven events contested this season... *Kenin* defeated Jabeur during her title run at 2020 Australian Open... *Kenin* scored 20th Grand Slam main draw win on Thursday

[26] SLOANE STEPHENS (USA #39) vs. [3] SERENA WILLIAMS (USA #8)

S.Williams leads 5-1

Stephens has won her last three meetings against Americans at the majors... *Serena* has advanced to her 72nd Grand Slam R32 in her 75 major appearances and owns a record 103 match wins in New York

[7] MADISON KEYS (USA #14) vs. ALIZE CORNET (FRA #56)

Keys leads 3-0

Keys has posted the most efficient run so far, dropping only five games between her first two rounds... Playing in her 57th Slam main draw, *Cornet* is into her first R32 at a major since 2018 Australian Open

[15] MARIA SAKKARI (GRE #22) vs. [22] AMANDA ANISIMOVA (USA #28)

First meeting

Sakkari is looking to improve on her 1-7 record in Grand Slam R32 matches... *Anisimova* is one of three teenagers that have reached the R32 this fortnight, joining McNally and Swiatek

[16] ELISE MERTENS (BEL #18) vs. CATY MCNALLY (USA #124)

Mertens leads 1-0

Mertens has won 21 matches in 2020, the second-most on Tour behind Rybakina with 22... *McNally* has won back-to-back main draw matches for the second time in her career (also 2019 Washington, D.C.)

[18] DONNA VEKIC (CRO #24) vs. TSVETANA PIRONKOVA (BUL #NA)

Pironkova leads 3-0

Vekic is bidding to join Martic in the R16 as the only two Croatian women to begin in the main draw... Playing in her first tournament in over three years, *Pironkova* has yet to drop a set this week

[20] KAROLINA MUCHOVA (CZE #26) vs. SORANA CIRSTEANU (ROU #77)

First meeting

Muchova is aiming to reach the second week of a Slam for the second time, following her QF run at 2019 Wimbledon... *Cirsteanu* is looking to surpass the R32 at Flushing Meadows for the first time in her career

VICTORIA AZARENKA (BLR #27) vs. IGA SWIATEK (POL #53)

First meeting

Azarenka is contesting her landmark 50th Grand Slam this fortnight... *Swiatek* is aiming to become the first Polish woman to reach the R16 at the US Open since A.Radwanska in 2016



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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 (Dubai, W, Prague, W)

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: Rybakina – 22, Mertens – 21, Kontaveit – 19, Muguruza – 17

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 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 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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CORNET CONTINUES

Playing in her 57th Grand Slam, **Alize Cornet** is trying to advance to the quarterfinals for the first time in her career.

For Cornet, the 2020 US Open is her 54th consecutive Grand Slam appearance, the longest active streak and tied for the fourth longest streak in the Open Era:

LONGEST STREAKS FOR CONSECUTIVE SLAMS PLAYED	STREAK
Ai Sugiyama (JPN)	62
Francesca Schiavone (ITA)	61
Jelena Jankovic (SRB)	56
Nathalie Dechy (FRA)	54
Elena Likhovtseva (RUS)	54
Alize Cornet (FRA)	54

ON THIS DAY...

September 5, 1989 - In her 54th career Grand Slam quarterfinal, WTA Legend and six-time US Open singles champion **Chris Evert** played her final US Open tennis match, falling to her compatriot Zina Garrison.

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.

COUNTRY BREAKDOWN

A total of 34 different countries were represented in the draw this year at the US Open. Players from 17 different countries advanced to the third round.

With 11 Americans through to the third round, it is the most Americans to reach the R32 at the US Open since 1992 when 11 Americans also advanced.

With Cornet and Garcia through the the third round, it marks the first time two Frenchwoman have reached the R32 at the US Open since 2012 (Bartoli QF, Mladenovic 3r, Parmentier 3r).

Belarus, Croatia and Czech Republic are the only other countries with two players in the R32.

30-SOMETHINGS THRIVE

Eight players who are 30+ years old have advanced to the third round this fortnight:

NAME	AGE (Years)	AGE (Days)
Serena Williams	38	351
Tsvetana Pironkova	32	365
Angelique Kerber	32	238
Victoria Azarenka	31	43
Alize Cornet	30	233
Petra Kvitova	30	188
Madison Brengle	30	162
Sorana Cirstea	30	158

*All ages in table calculated by tournament end date





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Head to Head: SOFIA KENIN leads 4-1

2020	AUSTRALIAN OPEN	HARD O	QF	SOFIA KENIN	6-4 6-4	92 mins
2019	MALLORCA	GRASS O	R16	SOFIA KENIN	6-2 2-0	45 mins
2019	HOBART	HARD O	R16	SOFIA KENIN	7-6(6) 6-3	84 mins
2017	ITF/INDIAN HARBOUR BEACH	CLAY O	R16	ONS JABEUR	6-3 6-1	n/a
2016	ITF/WESLEY CHAPEL	CLAY O	R16	SOFIA KENIN	6-4 6-1	n/a

ONS JABEUR	WTA RANKING	SOFIA KENIN
31		4
10	PORSCHE RACE TO SHENZHEN LEADERBOARD	1
28-08-1994 (26)	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	14-11-1998 (21)
\$537,623	YTD PRIZE MONEY	\$3,031,173
\$2,169,436	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	\$5,949,905
0 / 0	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	2 / 5
0 / 0	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 2
5-4	US OPEN W-L (MD) *	8-5
16-7 / 55-68	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	17-6 / 86-50
6-3 / 17-27	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	6-3 / 32-22
4-5 / 15-23	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	7-6 / 24-16
16-7 / 42-52	YTD / CAREER HARD W-L (MD) *	17-6 / 70-36
1-1 / 4-7	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD) *	1-1 / 8-14
4-3 / 9-15	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD) *	1-2 / 15-23
1-1 / 6-4	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	2-0 / 4-3

* Updated entering 2020 US Open 3r

ROAD TO THE THIRD ROUND

[27] ONS JABEUR (TUN #31)

R64: d. KAIA KANEPI (EST #100) 7-6(8),6-0 (1h18)

R128: d. KATARZYNA KAWA (POL #125) 6-2,7-6(6) (1h29)

vs. [2] SOFIA KENIN (USA #4)

R64: d. LEYLAH FERNANDEZ (CAN #104) 6-4, 6-3 (1h21)

R128: d. YANINA WICKMAYER (BEL #146) 6-2,6-2 (1h08)

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* Qualifying match

ONS JABEUR

2019	R3	L - KAROLINA PLISKOVA (CZE #3)	6-1 4-6 6-4
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SOFIA KENIN

2019	R3	L - MADISON KEYS (USA #9)	6-3 7-5
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2018

R1 L - ASHLEIGH BARTY (AUS #17) 6-1 6-3

2017

R2 L - COCO VANDEWEGHE (USA #22) 7-6(6) 6-2

2016

R1* L - YINGYING DUAN (CHN #103) 5-7 6-1 6-4

2015

R1* L - PAULA BADOSA (ESP #216) 7-6(2) 2-6 6-4

2014

R1 L - ANDREA PETKOVIC (GER #19) 7-6(7) 1-6 6-3

2013

R1* L - KATERYNA KOZLOVA (UKR #232) 6-4 7-6(8)

2018

R3 L - KAROLINA PLISKOVA (CZE #8) 6-4 7-6(2)

2017

R3 L - MARIA SHARAPOVA (RUS #146) 7-5 6-2

2016

R1 L - KAROLINA PLISKOVA (CZE #11) 6-4 6-3

2015

R1 L - MARIANA DUQUE-MARIÑO (COL #96) 6-3 6-1

**ONS
JABEUR**

VS

**SOFIA
KENIN**

US OPEN

- Making fifth main draw appearance at US Open and eighth overall
- Has matched best result at Flushing Meadows by reaching the 3r, having also reached this stage last year (l. Ka.Pliskova in 3s)
- 2019 result marked best result by an Arab woman at the US Open
- Made 2r in 2017 (l. Vandeweghe) and fell 1r in 2014 (l. Petkovic) and 2018 (l. Barty). Made qualifying exits in 2013, 2015-16
- Seeded No.27 this fortnight - the first time seeded at a Slam - and currently ranked at a career high of No.31 (achieved on August 31, 2020), the highest ranking ever for an Arab woman
- Opened her 2020 US Open campaign with a straight sets victory over Kawa followed by another straight sets win over Kanpei in 2r
- Has now won back-to-back matches in five of the eight tournaments contested in 2020, reaching the QFs on four of those occasions
- Faces No.4 Kenin today in their sixth career meeting. Scored one of her two career Top 5 wins earlier this season over No.3 Ka.Pliskova at Doha
- Owns four career wins over Top 10 ranked opponents, having defeated No.7 Cibulkova (2017 Roland Garros), No.1 Halep (2018 Beijing), No.8 Stephens (2018 Moscow) and No.3 Ka.Pliskova (2020 Doha)
- Record against Americans this season is 5-2, with victories over Riske (Dubai), Brady (Doha), McNally (Lexington), Keys and McHale (both at Western & Southern Open)
- Overall record at the Slams stands at 12-13

GRAND SLAM HISTORY

- Playing her 14th Grand Slam main draw at 2020 US Open
- Deepest run at a major was advancing to QF at 2020 Australian Open, making history by becoming the first Arab woman to reach the final eight of a Grand Slam (l. eventual champion Kenin)
- Prior to 2020 Australian Open, best Slam runs were 3r runs at 2017 Roland Garros and 2019 US Open; in Paris became first Arab woman to reach 3r at a major and first lucky loser to contest 3r of a Slam since Kasatkina at 2015 US Open, and first at Roland Garros since Pizzichini in 1996. Gaidano, at 1993 US Open, was most recent lucky loser to reach Slam R16
- Is second Tunisian woman to win a Grand Slam main draw match after Selima Sfar reached 2r at 2001 Roland Garros, Wimbledon and US Open; 2002 Wimbledon; 2005 Wimbledon; and 2008 Roland Garros
- In girls' singles at Roland Garros was champion in 2011 (d. Puig) and R-Up in 2010 (l. Svitolina)

US OPEN

- Making sixth straight main draw appearance at US Open
- Has reached 3r here on last three visits, in 2017 (as WC, l. Sharapova), 2018 (l. Ka.Pliskova) and 2019 (l. Keys)
- 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
- Won maiden Grand Slam at Australian Open earlier this year. The last player to win back-to-back Slams was Osaka (2018 US Open, 2019 Australian Open)
- Contesting 2020 US Open ranked at a career-high No.4 (achieved March 4, 2020). By contrast, this time last year was No.20
- Seeded No.2, her fourth time among the 32 seeds at a major (also No.27 at 2019 Wimbledon, No.20 at 2019 US Open and No.14 at 2020 Australian Open)
- Defeated No.146 Wickmayer in 1r on Tuesday in just over an hour before dispatching No.104 Fernandez in 2r - both in straight sets
- Now owns 20 Grand Slam main draw wins (20-11 across the majors)
- Faces No.31 Jabeur today. Has won their last three encounters, including during her Australian Open title run earlier this season
- Has lost to a player ranked lower than today's opponent at Tour-level just once in 2020, having fallen to No.60 Cornet last week at Western & Southern Open
- Is 2-3 in Grand Slam 3r matches (0-3 at US Open)
- During last year's US Open Series, made 2r at Washington DC, posted SF runs at Toronto and Cincinnati (d. No.1s Barty and Osaka along the way) before reaching 3r at US Open
- Has won four titles on hard courts: 2020 Australian Open, 2020 Lyon, 2019 Guangzhou and 2019 Hobart
- One of two players with multiple titles in 2020 (also Halep)

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 (l. 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 a wildcard (l. Sharapova), in what was only fourth tour-level main draw outing. Repeated feat in 2018 (l. Ka.Pliskova) and again in 2019 (l. Keys)
- Made 2r at Australian Open in 2019 and Wimbledon in 2018-19



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SEASON

- Coming off back-to-back QF runs at Western & Southern Open (d. defending champion Keys in 2r, l. eventual champion Azarenka) and Lexington (l. Gauff)
- Prior to tennis' hiatus in March, advanced to Doha QF (d. No.3 Ka.Pliskova in 3r, l. Kvitova)
- Fell 2r at Dubai (l. Halep – held 1MP in third-set tie-break)
- Made Top 50 debut at No.45 after breakthrough performance in Melbourne
- Reached maiden Grand Slam QF at Australian Open to become the first Arab woman to reach that stage at a major (l. eventual champion Kenin)
- Was voted January's WTA Breakthrough Player of the Month
- Opened 2020 season with 1r exit at Shenzhen (l. Q.Wang) and 2r showing at Hobart (as qualifier, l. Muguruza)

CAREER MILESTONES

- Ended 2019 ranked No.77, while during season posted ranking of No.51 (September 9, 2019)
- Season highlights were matching best result at the Slams with 3r run at US Open (matching 2017 Roland Garros and now 2020 Australian Open) and SF appearances at Eastbourne (l. eventual R-Up Kerber) and Tianjin (l. eventual champion Peterson)
- In 2018, defeated No.3 seed Stephens, No.8 seed Kontaveit and No.5 seed Sevastova en route to her first WTA final at 2018 Moscow, where she fell in three sets to No.6 seed Kasatkina. Was first Tunisian woman to advance beyond QF at a WTA tournament (Sfar was the only other Tunisian to reach a QF at this level)
- Prior to 2018 Moscow, best previous results were QF at 2013 Baku, 2017 Taipei City and 2018 Bucharest
- Owns four Top 10 victories, over No.7 Cibulkova (2017 Roland Garros), No.1 Halep (2018 Beijing), No.8 Stephens (2018 Moscow) and No.3 Ka.Pliskova (2020 Doha)
- Member of Tunisian Olympic Team in 2012 and 2016
- Contested first two WTA main draws in 2012, at Doha (as WC) and Olympics
- Became first North African woman to win a junior Slam at 2011 Roland Garros (d. Puig in F), having also reached the final in 2010 (l. Svitolina in F)
- On ITF Circuit, has 11 singles and one doubles title
- Played first event of career at 2008 ITF/EI Menzah-TUN

SEASON

- Coming off 2r exit at Western and Southern Open (l. Cornet)
- Before hiatus, lifted fifth WTA singles title at Lyon (d. Friedsam in F)
- Suffered 1r exit at Dubai (l. Rybakina) before falling 2r at Doha (l. 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 (d. Sevastova, l. Ostapenko)
- Made her Top 10 debut at No.7 and US No.1 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 (l. Osaka) and Adelaide (l. 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 a career-high singles ranking of No.12
- 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)
- 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 (l. Sharapova) and posting career first Top 50 win over No.34 Davis
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2015 US Open as a wildcard (l. 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



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PERSONAL

- Coached by Issam Jellali
- Started playing tennis at age 3
- Husband Karim Kamoun is half-Russian and a former professional fencer; also her fitness coach
- Speaks Arabic, English and French
- Away from court enjoys playing and watching football
- In London in December 2019, was honoured at the Arab Women of the Year ceremony for her achievements in the sport so far
- Fan of Eminem and Cristiano Ronaldo

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
- Best tennis memory is playing idol Maria Sharapova on Arthur Ashe (US Open 2017)
- 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





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Head to Head: SERENA WILLIAMS leads 5-1

2015	ROLAND GARROS	CLAY O	R16	SERENA WILLIAMS	1-6 7-5 6-3	120 mins
2015	MADRID	CLAY O	R2	SERENA WILLIAMS	6-4 6-0	58 mins
2015	INDIAN WELLS	HARD O	R16	SERENA WILLIAMS	6-7(3) 6-2 6-2	127 mins
2013	US OPEN	HARD O	R16	SERENA WILLIAMS	6-4 6-1	87 mins
2013	AUSTRALIAN OPEN	HARD O	QF	SLOANE STEPHENS	3-6 7-5 6-4	137 mins
2013	BRISBANE	HARD O	QF	SERENA WILLIAMS	6-4 6-3	72 mins

SLOANE STEPHENS	WTA RANKING	SERENA WILLIAMS
39		8
259	PORSCHE RACE TO SHENZHEN LEADERBOARD	19
20-03-1993 (27)	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	26-09-1981 (38)
\$106,843	YTD PRIZE MONEY	\$198,306
\$15,287,865	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	\$92,742,122
0 / 6	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	1 / 73
0 / 0	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 23
21-7	US OPEN W-L (MD) *	103-13
3-7 / 223-157	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	13-4 / 830-142
1-3 / 71-53	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	4-4 / 165-64
1-1 / 60-30	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	5-4 / 112-56
1-7 / 142-106	YTD / CAREER HARD W-L (MD) *	11-4 / 517-88
0-0 / 17-35	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 175-72
0-0 / 36-58	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 306-98
0-2 / 19-9	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	2-0 / 70-13

* Updated through entering 2020 US Open 3r

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[26] SLOANE STEPHENS (USA #39)

R64: d. OLGA GOVORTSOVA (BLR #130) 6-2,6-2 (1h6)

R128: d. MIHAELA BUZARNESCU (ROU #122) 6-3,6-3 (1h16)

vs. [3] SERENA WILLIAMS (USA #8)

R64: d. MARGARITA GASPARYAN (RUS #117) 6-2,6-4 (1h33)

R128: d. KRISTIE AHN (USA #96) 7-5,6-3 (1h21)

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* Qualifying match

SLOANE STEPHENS

2019

R1 L - ANNA KALINSKAYA (RUS #127)

6-3 6-4

SERENA WILLIAMS

2019

F L - BIANCA ANDREESCU (CAN #15)

6-3 7-5



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2018

QF L - ANASTASIJA SEVASTOVA (LAT #18) 6-2 6-3

2017

F W - MADISON KEYS (USA #16) 6-3 6-0

2015

R1 L - COCO VANDEWEGHE (USA #45) 6-4 6-3

2014

R2 L - JOHANNA LARSSON (SWE #96) 5-7 6-4 6-2

2013

R16 L - SERENA WILLIAMS (USA #1) 6-4 6-1

2012

R3 L - ANA IVANOVIC (SRB #13) 6-7(4) 6-4 6-2

2011

R3 L - ANA IVANOVIC (SRB #19) 6-3 6-4

2010

R2* L - ZUZANA ONDRASKOVA (CZE #120) 6-3 7-5

2009

R1* L - NEUZA SILVA (POR #154) 6-3 6-2

2008

R2* L - STEFANIE VOEGELE (SUI #162) 6-1 6-3

2018

F L - NAOMI OSAKA (JPN #19) 6-2 6-4

2016

SF L - KAROLINA PLISKOVA (CZE #11) 6-2 7-6(5)

2015

SF L - ROBERTA VINCI (ITA #43) 2-6 6-4 6-4

2014

F W - CAROLINE WOZNIACKI (DEN #11) 6-3 6-3

2013

F W - VICTORIA AZARENKA (BLR #2) 7-5 6-7(6) 6-1

2012

F W - VICTORIA AZARENKA (BLR #1) 6-2 2-6 7-5

2011

F L - SAMANTHA STOSUR (AUS #10) 6-2 6-3

2009

SF L - KIM CLIJSTERS (BEL #9,999) 6-4 7-5

2008

F W - JELENA JANKOVIC (SRB #2) 6-4 7-5

2007

QF L - JUSTINE HENIN (BEL #1) 7-6(3) 6-1

2006

R16 L - AMÉLIE MAURESMO (FRA #1) 6-4 0-6 6-2

2005

R16 L - VENUS WILLIAMS (USA #10) 7-6(5) 6-2

2004

QF L - JENNIFER CAPRIATI (USA #8) 2-6 6-4 6-4

2002

F W - VENUS WILLIAMS (USA #2) 6-4 6-3

2001

F L - VENUS WILLIAMS (USA #4) 6-2 6-4

2000

QF L - LINDSAY DAVENPORT (USA #2) 6-4 6-2

1999

F W - MARTINA HINGIS (SUI #1) 6-3 7-6(4)

1998

R3 L - IRINA SPIRLEA (ROM #8) 6-3 0-6 7-5

**SLOANE
STEPHENS**

VS

**SERENA
WILLIAMS**

US OPEN

- Making ninth main draw appearance at US Open (and 12th overall)
- One of six champions in this year's draw having triumphed in 2017 (d. Keys in F)
- At 2017 tournament, capped historic summer comeback by upsetting Cibulkova, V.Williams and Keys to become the fifth unseeded woman (ranked No.83) in the Open Era to win a major, doing so just 69 days after returning from an 11-month injury lay-off, and six weeks since her ranking dropped to No.957
- Made QF during title defense in 2018 (l. Sevastova)
- Reached 3r here in 2011 on US Open main draw debut (as WC, l. Ivanovic) and again in 2012 (l. Ivanovic) before reaching R16 in 2013 (l. eventual champion S.Williams)
- Beat Buzarnescu in 1r on Tuesday to end a three-match losing streak before ousting No.130 Govortsova in 2r
- Grand Slam win-loss record is now 69-31
- Faces No.8 S.Williams today in their seventh career meeting and second here at Flushing Meadows. Owns one win over her compatriot, at 2013 Australian Open
- Owns 17-35 career record vs. Top 10 ranked players. Last victories over such players came at 2018 WTA Finals in Singapore, defeating No.2 Kerber, No.4 Osaka and No.9 Bertens in RR stage, and No.8 Ka.Pliskova in SF before falling to No.7 Svitolina in the championship match
- Today marks her second meeting against an American in 2020, having defeated Navarro at Monterrey in March - her sole victory this season prior to this fortnight
- Has won her last three meetings against her compatriots at the Slams, with wins over V.Williams and Keys en route to 2017 US Open title and Townsend at 2019 Australian Open. Last loss to an American at the majors was against Riske in 1r at 2017 Wimbledon in what was her first professional match following an 11-month injury lay off
- Owns 13-6 record in Grand Slam 3r matches (3-2 record at US Open), most recently falling at this stage at 2019 Wimbledon (l. Konta)
- Five of her seven defeats in 2020 have been at the hands of players outside Top 100: Brisbane (l. No.129 Samsonova), Adelaide (l. No.201 Rodionova), Acapulco (l. No.270 Zarazua), Monterrey (l. No.126 Fernandez) and Lexington (l. No.120 Fernandez)
- One of 31 Americans in starting field. The home nation has had at least one representative in SF (or better) every year since 2007
- Has won four of her six career titles in the United States, at 2015 Washington DC, 2016 Charleston, 2017 US Open and 2018 Miami

US OPEN

- Making 20th appearance at US Open where she is a six-time champion: 1999 (d. Hingis in F), 2002 (d. V.Williams in F), 2008 (d. Jankovic in F), 2012 (d. Azarenka in F), 2013 (d. Azarenka in F) and 2014 (d. Wozniacki in F). Tied with Chris Evert for most US Open titles in the Open Era
- Also R-Up four times, in 2001 (l. V.Williams), 2011 (l. Stosur), 2018 (l. Osaka) and 2019 (l. Andreescu)
- By reaching 2019 final, established the largest gap between first and most recent Slam final appearance at 19y 362d (d. Hingis in 1999 US Open) - previously held by V.Williams at 19 yrs, 312 days (l. Hingis in 1997 US Open, l. Muguruza in 2017 Wimbledon)
- Her 20 appearances at US Open is second among players in 2020 starting field, behind V.Williams (22)
- Doubles champion here in 1999 (w/V.Williams d. Rubin/Testud in F) and 2009 (w/V.Williams d. Black/Huber). Also won mixed doubles (w/Mirnyi) in 1998
- Bidding this fortnight to tie Australia's Margaret Court on 24 Grand Slam singles titles, the all-time record. Her record in Grand Slam finals stands at 23-10
- Winner of 13 major titles on hard - most of any player in Open Era; across all WTA events, has won 47 hard court titles, more than any other active player
- Contesting her 75th Slam main draw - in Open Era, trails only V.Williams (86, including 2020 US Open)
- Seeded No.3 this fortnight; has been seeded on all but two of her appearances in New York (exceptions were debut in 1998 and 2006)
- Win-loss record across the Grand Slams is 353-50 (includes both wins this week), the most wins in Open Era, ahead of Martina Navratilova (306-49)
- Began 2020 US Open campaign with 1r win over Ahn - moves to a perfect 20-0 in opening round matches here in New York
- Victory over Ahn was first straight sets win since the restart - all five other matches had gone the distance
- Defeated Gasparyan in 2r, improving her record against Russians at the US Open to 12-0
- Improves to 103-13 at US Open, now ahead of Evert (101-12) for most wins in the Open Era, and ahead of Navratilova (89-17) - fourth player to ever reach 100+ wins at one single major, in addition to Evert also Navratilova (120 wins at Wimbledon) and Federer (101 wins at Wimbledon)
- Has advanced to 3r in 72 of her 75 Slam appearances. Among this year's field, Azarenka has the most Grand Slam 3r appearances with 36, followed by Kvitova (30) and Kerber (29)
- Faces Stephens today in their fourth Grand Slam meeting and first meeting since 2015 Roland Garros
- Owns 61-9 record in 3r at the Slams (18-1 at US Open). Sole loss at this stage in Flushing Meadows came on her debut in 1998 (l. No.8 Spirlea)
- One of eight 30-somethings to reach the 3r this fortnight - also Pironkova, Kerber, Azarenka, Cornet, Kvitova, Brengle and Cirstea



**SLOANE
STEPHENS**

VS

**SERENA
WILLIAMS**

GRAND SLAM HISTORY

- Contesting 33rd Grand Slam main draw at 2020 US Open
- Enjoyed fairytale run at 2017 US Open, lifting maiden Grand Slam title at Flushing Meadows (d. Keys in F)
- Best result across other Slams was R-Up finish at 2018 Roland Garros (l. Halep)
- Prior to 2017 US Open triumph, best result across all majors was reaching SF at 2013 Australian Open (d. S.Williams in QF, l. eventual champion Azarenka)
- Also just the second American (after Davenport) to beat both Williams sisters in Grand Slam match play
- Advanced to SF at 2013 Australian Open (d. Halep, Mladenovic and S.Williams en route) and QF at 2013 Wimbledon (l. eventual champion Bartoli)

SEASON

- On tennis' return suffered 1r exits at Lexington (l. Fernandez) and Cincinnati (l. Garcia)
- Before break, advanced to 2r at Monterrey (d. Navarro, l. Fernandez). Fell 1r at Acapulco (l. Zarazua)
- Suffered 1r defeats in first three tournaments of the year, at Brisbane (l. Samsonova), Adelaide (l. Rodionova) and Australian Open (l. Zhang)

GRAND SLAM HISTORY

- A 23-time Grand Slam singles winner, ahead of Stefanie Graf (22) on Open Era leaderboard, and behind only Margaret Court (24) all time
- Her titles were won at Australian Open: 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009-10, 2015, 2017; Roland Garros: 2002, 2013, 2015; Wimbledon: 2002-03, 2009-10, 2012, 2015-16; US Open: 1999, 2002, 2008, 2012-14
- Owns a 23-10 record in Slam finals, with losses coming at 2001 US Open (l. V.Williams), 2004 Wimbledon (l. Sharapova), 2008 Wimbledon (l. V.Williams), 2011 US Open (l. Stosur), 2016 Australian Open (l. Kerber), 2016 Roland Garros (l. Muguruza), 2018 Wimbledon (l. Kerber), 2018 US Open (l. Osaka), 2019 Wimbledon (l. Halep) and 2019 US Open (l. Andreescu)
- Aged 35y 125d at the end of 2017 Australian Open, is the oldest player to win a major in the Open Era
- Boasts the longest span of Grand Slam singles glory all-time. Pre-Open Era, Helen Wills Moody won her majors over the course of 15y 9.5m. Serena won her first Slam at 1999 US Open, 17y 6.5m before her 2017 Australian title. WTA legends Evert, Navratilova and Graf all won their Slams over a 12 year span

SEASON

- Made 3r exit at Western & Southern Open (l. Sakkarin - led 7-5 5-3); 2h48m 2r win over Rus was her longest match since l. Razzano at 2012 Roland Garros
- Returned to action at Lexington earlier this month, reaching the QF (l. Rogers)
- Faced sister Venus in 2r in what was their 31st meeting – now leads their head-to-head 19-12 (13-9 on hard courts and 8-5 on US soil)
- With a combined age of 79 years, 19 days, S.Williams vs. V.Williams represented the highest combined age in a match since 2004 Charleston when Martina Navratilova (47) faced Amy Frazier (31), with a combined age of 79 years, 28 days
- Loss to No.116 Rogers was 14th to a player ranked outside the Top 50, and most recent since 2017 Auckland to No.72 Brengle, while last to a player outside the Top 100 came against No.111 Razzano at 2012 Roland Garros
- In last tournament before tour's hiatus, fell 3r at Australian Open (l. Q.Wang) before participating in Fed Cup action going 1-1 in singles as USA defeated Latvia 3-2 (d. Ostapenko, l. Sevastova)
- Began 2020 with 73rd career title at Auckland (d. Pegula in F) for first championship since giving birth to her daughter in 2017– also finished R-Up in doubles w/Wozniacki (l. Townsend/Muhammed); overall record in finals stands at 73-25
- At 44m, 6-1 6-1 SF defeat of Anisimova in Auckland is currently shortest completed match of the year



**SLOANE
STEPHENS**

VS

**SERENA
WILLIAMS**

CAREER MILESTONES

- Finished 2019 season ranked No.25; campaign was highlighted by SF at Madrid (l. eventual champion Bertens) and QF at Roland Garros (l. Konta)
- Also made R16 at Sydney (l. Putintseva), Australian Open (l. Pavlyuchenkova), Acapulco (l. Haddad Maia), Cincinnati (l. to Kuznetsova), Osaka (l. Giorgi) and Wuhan (l. Kvitova)
- In 2018 posted best year-end finish of career to date, at No.6; reached career-high No.3 ranking on July 16, 2018
- Season highlights in 2018 included capturing first Premier Mandatory title at Miami – subsequently made Top 10 debut at No.9. Also reached her second Grand Slam final, at Roland Garros and posted R-Up finishes at Montréal and WTA Finals
- Won her maiden Grand Slam title at 2017 US Open, d. Keys 6-3 6-0 to become the fifth unseeded player to win a major in the Open Era
- Voted 2017 WTA Comeback Player of the Year. Returned to action at Wimbledon after 11 months on sidelines w/foot injury (had surgery in the January)
- After 1r loss at 2017 Washington DC, went 15-2 through US Open title run, including back-to-back SF at Toronto and Cincinnati
- Won three titles in 2016, at Auckland, Acapulco and Premier-level Charleston. Won maiden singles title in first final contested at 2015 Washington, DC
- At No.97 was youngest player in year-end Top 100 in 2011; and after a phenomenal sophomore season, reached No.38 and was the youngest player, and the only teenager, in the year-end Top 50 in 2012
- Made Top 20 debut on January 29, 2013

CAREER MILESTONES

- Highlights of 2019 season were her 32nd and 33rd Grand Slam finals, at Wimbledon (l. Halep) and US Open (l. Andreescu)
- Reached one further final last year at Toronto (ret. vs. Andreescu w/back injury)
- With 73 career singles titles, ranks fifth on the Open Era list of most titles, after Martina Navratilova (167), Chris Evert (154), Steffi Graf (107) and Margaret Court (92)
- All three finals in 2019 – Wimbledon, Toronto and US Open – came in consecutive tournaments
- Ended 2019 ranked No.10, her first year-end finish inside the elite ranking bracket since 2016 (at No.2)
- Other highlights last season were reaching QF at Australian Open and partnering with Andy Murray to contest Mixed Doubles at Wimbledon (reaching 3r)
- Defeated World No.1 Halep in R16 at Australian Open – at 37 years, is oldest player to defeat the reigning World No.1
- Reached two Grand Slam finals in 2018, at Wimbledon (l. Kerber) and US Open (l. Osaka). Made return to Tour following birth of daughter Olympia at 2018 Indian Wells
- Ended 2017 ranked No.22, despite playing only two events all season, and both in January. Broke streak of 10 consecutive Top 20 finishes. Overall, has 16 Top 10 finishes to her name (most recently in 2019) – third-most behind Navratilova (20) and Evert (19) – including five as the year-end No.1
- Holds distinction of being the oldest No.1 in WTA history – set record when most recent streak began on February 18, 2013. Spent her 319th week at No.1 in May 2017. Third on all-time list after Graf's 377 and Navratilova's 332
- Held the top ranking for 186 consecutive weeks (through 2016 US Open) which equaled the record held by Graf (186 weeks, August 17, 1986 through March 10, 1991)
- Has registered 17 career wins over (eight different) No.1 ranked players, second-most behind Navratilova (18)
- Singles gold medalist at London 2012 Olympics
- Along w/sister Venus held all four Grand Slam titles at same time, from 2009 Wimbledon through 2010 Roland Garros – third pair to do so (also Navratilova/Shriver and Fernandez/Zvereva). Also teamed with Venus to win three Olympic gold medals: 2000 Sydney, 2008 Beijing and 2012 London
- Spent eight weeks as co-No.1 in doubles (w/V. Williams); one of six players to hold No.1 in singles and doubles simultaneously (also Navratilova, Hingis, Sánchez Vicario, Davenport and Clijsters)
- Holds single-season prize money record of \$12,385,572, achieved in 2013



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PERSONAL

- Reunited with former long-term coach Kamau Murray during off-season; formerly coached by Sven Groenefeld and Nick Saviano
- Mother is Sybil Smith a former collegiate swimmer at Boston University and late father, John Stephens, was an NFL player in 1980s and 1990s; brother is Shawn Farrell
- Aged 11, relocated from Fresno to Boca Raton, Florida, where she began training at the Evert Tennis Academy before moving to Nick Saviano High Performance Tennis Academy
- On April 29, 2019 announced engagement to Toronto FC soccer star Jozy Altidore

PERSONAL

- Coached by father Richard Williams and mother Oracene Price; coaching consultant is Patrick Mouratoglou; hitting partner is Jarmere Jenkins
- Gave birth to daughter Alexis Olympia Ohanian Jr. on September 1, 2017
- Married Reddit co-founder Alexis Ohanian in November 2017 in New Orleans
- Launched her own clothing line, 'Serena', in late 2018





MATCH NOTES

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[7] MADISON KEYS (USA #14) vs. ALIZÉ CORNET (FRA #56)

Head to Head: MADISON KEYS leads 3-0

2016	WIMBLEDON	GRASS O	R3	MADISON KEYS	6-4	5-7	6-2	116 mins
2014	CINCINNATI	HARD O	R1	MADISON KEYS	6-2	6-4		80 mins
2014	FED CUP WEEK 2 - PLAYOFFS	HARD I	R1	MADISON KEYS	6-7(4)	7-6(4)	6-3	

MADISON KEYS	WTA RANKING	ALIZÉ CORNET
14		56
32	PORSCHE RACE TO SHENZHEN LEADERBOARD	37
17-02-1995 (25)	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	22-01-1990 (30)
\$283,156	YTD PRIZE MONEY	\$144,640
\$12,374,422	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	\$7,335,913
0 / 5	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 6
0 / 0	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 3
24-8	US OPEN W-L (MD) *	15-13
8-3 / 215-124	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	10-6 / 313-298
1-1 / 53-52	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	5-1 / 104-99
1-0 / 54-45	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	2-1 / 64-61
8-3 / 132-85	YTD / CAREER HARD W-L (MD) *	10-6 / 188-179
1-1 / 18-31	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD) *	1-0 / 20-48
1-1 / 37-49	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD) *	2-1 / 42-103
2-0 / 20-18	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	1-0 / 28-17

* Updated through entering 2020 US Open 3r

ROAD TO THE THIRD ROUND

[7] MADISON KEYS (USA #14)

R64: d. ALIONA BOLSOVA (ESP #103) 6-2,6-1 (0h54)

R128: d. TIMEA BABOS (HUN #101) 6-1,6-1 (0h55)

vs. ALIZÉ CORNET (FRA #56)

R64: d. YSALINE BONAVENTURE (BEL #121) 7-6(4),6-3 (1h46)

R128: d. LAUREN DAVIS (USA #65) 6-3,1-6,6-0 (1h44)

US OPEN Tournament History

* Qualifying match

MADISON KEYS

2019
R16 L - ELINA SVITOLINA (UKR #5) 7-5 6-4

2018
SF L - NAOMI OSAKA (JPN #19) 6-2 6-4

ALIZÉ CORNET

2019
R2 L - BELINDA BENCIC (SUI #12) 6-4 1-6 6-2

2018
R1 L - JOHANNA LARSSON (SWE #82) 4-6 6-3 6-2



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2017

F L - SLOANE STEPHENS (USA #83) 6-3 6-0

2016

R16 L - CAROLINE WOZNIACKI (DEN #74) 6-3 6-4

2015

R16 L - SERENA WILLIAMS (USA #1) 6-3 6-3

2014

R2 L - ALEKSANDRA KRUNIC (SRB #145) 7-6(4) 2-6 7-5

2013

R1 L - JELENA JANKOVIC (SRB #12) 6-3 6-4

2012

R2* L - PAULA ORMAECHEA (ARG #120) 6-4 6-2

2011

R2 L - LUCIE SAFAROVA (CZE #26) 3-6 7-5 6-4

2010

R1* L - MARIA ELENA CAMERIN (ITA #130) 3-6 6-4 6-3

2017

R2 L - PETRA KVITOVA (CZE #14) 6-1 6-2

2016

R1 L - MIRJANA LUCIC-BARONI (CRO #57) 6-4 6-1

2015

R1 L - KURUMI NARA (JPN #82) 2-6 6-4 6-4

2014

R3 L - LUCIE SAFAROVA (CZE #15) 6-3 6-7(3) 6-4

2013

R3 L - VICTORIA AZARENKA (BLR #2) 6-7(2) 6-3 6-2

2012

R2 L - PETRA KVITOVA (CZE #5) 6-4 6-3

2011

R2 L - ROBERTA VINCI (ITA #20) 6-2 6-3

2010

R1 L - KAIA KANEPI (EST #32) 3-6 6-1 6-0

2009

R2 L - JIE ZHENG (CHN #22) 1-6 6-3 6-3

2008

R3 L - ANNA-LENA GROENEFELD (GER #141) 6-4 7-5

2007

R3 L - JELENA JANKOVIC (SRB #3) 4-6 6-2 6-3

**MADISON
KEYS**

VS

**ALIZE
CORNET**

US OPEN

- Making ninth main draw appearance at US Open (and 11th overall appearance)
- Best result here was R-Up finish in 2017 (l. Stephens); took part in first all-American US Open final since 2002 (Serena d. Venus)
- Enjoyed SF run in 2018 (l. eventual champion Osaka) and advanced to R16 in 2015 (l. S. Williams), 2016 (l. Wozniacki) and 2019 (l. Svitolina)
- Reached 2r here in 2011 on Grand Slam main draw debut (as WC, l. Safarova) and again in 2014 (l. Krunic). Fell 1r in 2013 (l. Jankovic)
- No.7 seed this fortnight – her 20th consecutive major as a seeded player
- Fired 19 winners in just 55 minutes on court against Babos in 1r
- Overcame Bolsova in 2r for the loss of only three games – coupled with dropping only two games vs. Babos, has posted the most efficient run to the 3r, losing only 5 games
- Faces the experienced Cornet today in the 3r – owns a 14-6 record in Slam 3r matches, last loss at this stage coming at 2020 Australian Open (l. Sakkari)
- Loss to No.56 Cornet today would represent worst loss-by-ranking of season (currently No.39 Jabeur at Western & Southern Open), and worst loss outright since 2018 Beijing (l. No.66 Brady)
- Hasn't lost to anyone outside the Top 50 at the Slams since 2019 Wimbledon (l. No.60 Hercog in 2r)
- Last time she faced French opposition at the Slams was here at US Open in 2018 (d. Parmentier)
- Is perfect 3-0 vs. French women at Grand Slam level, also defeating Garcia (2018 Australian Open) and Cornet (2016 Wimbledon)
- The US Open is Keys' happiest major hunting ground holding a 24-8 record here (through 3r), followed by the Australian Open (20-8).
- Overall across the Slams, she is now 75-30 (through 3r)
- One of 31 Americans in starting field. The home nation has had at least one representative in SF (or better) every year since 2007

GRAND SLAM HISTORY

- Best result at a major was 2017 US Open R-Up finish to Stephens
- Deepest run prior to that was breakthrough SF run at Australian Open in 2015 when she defeated No.18 V. Williams and No.4 Kvitova en route (l. eventual champion S. Williams)
- Became just the third American teenager since 1995 to reach SF at the Australian Open – also Chanda Rubin (1996, SF) and Sloane Stephens (2013, SF)
- Prior to 2015 had not passed 3r at a major

US OPEN

- Making 14th main draw appearance at US Open, the sixth most among active players
- Has matched best result in 2020 by making 3r, having also made this stage in 2007 (l. Jankovic), 2008 (l. Groenfeld), 2013 (l. Azarenka) and 2014 (l. Safarova)
- 2020 US Open is her 54th consecutive Grand Slam main draw appearance, the longest active streak
- This is also her 57th Grand Slam main draw appearance overall – the fifth most among active players. Made debut at 2005 Roland Garros
- This is the most Slam appearances without ever making a QF
- One for four French women to begin the main draw this fortnight, and one of two to reach the 3r (also Garcia)
- 2020 US Open campaign began with topsy turvy win over Davis – after winning first set, dropped second 1-6 before prevailing 6-0 in the third
- Followed this up straight sets 2r win over Bonaventure
- Is through to her first Slam 3r since 2018 Australian Open (l. Mertens) and bidding for first R16 appearance since 2017 Roland Garros (l. Garcia)
- Faces No.14 Keys today – owns two Top 15 wins this season, over No.15 Martic (Auckland) and No.4 Kenin (Western & Southern Open). Defeat of Kenin was first Top 5 win since No.4 Kerber at 2018 Montréal
- Win would be best at a Slam since overcoming No.12 Goerges at 2018 Australian Open
- Through progression to 3r, owns a 60-56 record across the Slams
- Best career result in the US are SF runs at Amelia Island, Charleston and New Haven in 2008 and Washington DC in 2013

GRAND SLAM HISTORY

- Made Grand Slam – and WTA main draw debut – as a 15-year-old at 2005 Roland Garros, advancing to 2r (l. Mauresmo)
- 2020 US Open is her 54th consecutive Grand Slam main draw appearance, the longest active streak
- This is also her 57th Grand Slam main draw appearance overall – the fifth most among active players. This is the most Slam appearances without ever making a QF
- Reached R16 on four occasions, at Australian Open in 2009 (l. Safina), Wimbledon in 2014 (l. eventual runner-up Bouchard) and Roland Garros in 2015 (l. Svitolina) and 2017 (l. Garcia)
- Best showing at US Open is 3r (2007-08, 2013-14 and 2020)
- Won 2007 Roland Garros girls' singles (d. Duque-Mariño in F)



**MADISON
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VS

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GRAND SLAM CONT.

- Achieved best result at Roland Garros with SF run in 2018 (l. Stephens) – has reached at least QF at all four majors, including Wimbledon in 2015
- Made Grand Slam main draw debut at 2011 US Open, advancing to 2r (was first 16-year-old to compete at Flushing Meadows since Kristie Ahn in 2008)

SEASON

- In first event back since six month hiatus, fell 2r at Western and Southern Open (after 1r bye, l. Jabeur)
- Before hiatus, advanced to 3r at Australian Open (l. Sakkari)
- Began 2020 campaign with R-Up finish at Brisbane (l. Ka.Pliskova); now 5-5 in WTA singles finals

CAREER MILESTONES

- Lifted biggest title of career during 2019 season at WTA Premier-5 level Cincinnati (d. Kuznetsova in F); afterwards returned to Top 10 for first time since week of June 25, 2018
- Reached QF at Roland Garros (l. Barty). One of three Americans to make last eight (also Anisimova and Stephens) - the first time since 2004 (Capriati, S.Williams and V.Williams)
- Also in 2019, produced R16 showings at Australian Open and US Open (l. Svitolina on both occasions) as well as picking up first title on clay at Charleston (d. Wozniacki in F)
- Season highlights in 2018 were SF at US Open (l. eventual champion Osaka), Roland Garros (l. Stephens) and QF at Australian Open (l. Kerber)
- Reached first Grand Slam final in 2017 in New York, losing out to Stephens in 10th all-American US Open final in the Open Era. At 22, became the youngest Flushing Meadows finalist since 19-year-old Wozniacki lost to Clijsters in 2009
- Enjoyed first Top 10 year-end finish in 2016 (at No.8), as youngest player in the year-end Top 25
- Broke into Top 10 on June 20, 2016, becoming 118th player to reach the elite bracket since computer rankings were introduced. Became first American to make Top 10 debut since S.Williams in 1999
- Reached a career-high singles ranking of No.7 on October 10, 2016
- Made WTA Finals debut at Singapore in 2016, going 1-2 in round robin play
- Represented USA at 2016 Rio Olympics, reaching SF (lost Bronze medal match against Kvitova)
- Owns seven career Top 5 victories: No.5 Li (2013 Madrid), No.4 Kvitova (2015 Australian Open), No.4 Muguruza (2016 Rome, 2017 Stanford), No.4 Svitolina (2017 US Open), No.4 Kerber (2018 Cincinnati) and No.4 Halep (2019 Cincinnati)

SEASON

- Coming off reaching R16 at Western & Southern Open (l. eventual champion Azarenka). Defeated No.4 Kenin in 2r – first Top 5 win since No.4 Kerber at 2018 Montréal
- During the Tour's break, played a series of exhibitions against, among others, Mladenovic, Pavlyuchenkova and Ferro, compiling an 8-6 record
- Reached 2r at Lyon (l. Giorgi) and St. Petersburg (as qualifier, l. Sakkari)
- Followed this with 2r showings at Hobart (l. eventual champion Rybakina) and then Australian Open (l. Vekic)
- Began season with QF performance at Auckland (l. eventual R-Up Pegula)

CAREER MILESTONES

- Finished 2019 ranked No.60 - had previously enjoyed seven consecutive Top 50 finishes
- Highlight of 2019 was reaching Lausanne final (l. Ferro as the defending champion) – has reached at least one WTA final in six of last seven seasons; now 6-7 in WTA singles finals
- Part of victorious Fed Cup squad for France who defeated Australia in Perth 3-2 to be crown 2019 champions (did not play)
- In 2018, won sixth career title at Gstaad (d. Minella in F), and reached two further QFs at Brisbane and Charleston
- Other five career titles came at 2008 Budapest, 2012 Bad Gastein, 2013 Strasbourg, 2014 Katowice and 2016 Hobart; owns 6-7 career record in finals
- Former World No.11 (achieved in February 2009) who broke back into Top 20 at end of 2014 for first time since May 2009; dropped out of Top 20 again after 2015 Dubai
- Owns five wins over Top 3 ranked opponents: No.1 S. Williams (2014 Dubai, 2014 Wimbledon and 2014 Wuhan via ret.), No.3 A.Radwanska (2014 Katowice) and No.2 Halep (2015 Madrid); wins over S.Williams made her the first player to defeat the American in three straight meetings since Henin in 2007
- Qualified for 2013 and 2014 Tournament of Champions in Sofia, Bulgaria
- Three-time doubles champion: 2008 Budapest (w/ Husarova), 2010 Strasbourg (w/King), 2015 Hong Kong (w/Shvedova)
- Member of French Fed Cup Team, 2008-17, 2019; French Olympic Team, 2008, 2012, 2016



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CAREER CONT.

- Qualified for WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai in 2015 (went 1-1 in round robin stage on all three appearances); advanced to SF stage in 2018 however withdrew before match due to a left knee injury
- Cracked Top 20 on February 2, 2015
- Was second-youngest player to win a WTA title in 2014, at Eastbourne (after Vekic at Kuala Lumpur); also youngest American to win a title since Vania King in October 2006 (17 years, 254 days, Bangkok)
- Made tour-level debut at 2009 Ponte Vedra Beach at 14 years old (as WC, d. Kudryavtseva); was seventh youngest player to win a WTA main draw match at 14 years, 48 days, and youngest since Hingis in 1994

PERSONAL

- Coached by Ola Malmqvist; fitness coach is Rodney Marshall
- Past coaches: Juan Todero, Jim Madrigal, Jesse Levine, Thomas Hogstedt, Dieter Kindlmann, Lindsay Davenport and David Taylor
- Ambassador for Evian and FearlesslyGIRL
- Was the architect behind Kinder Girl World Day recently on May 21, created in the "hope of replacing some of the toxicity we often see online with messages of kindness"

PERSONAL

- Father is Francis (retired); mother is Patricia; brother is Sébastien (PhD, also her agent)
- Sponsors include BMW, Babolat and Lotto
- Currently coached by Sandra Zaniewska. Worked with Pierre Bouteyre in 2019





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[15] MARIA SAKKARI (GRE #22) vs. [22] AMANDA ANISIMOVA (USA #28)

Head to Head: 0-0

MARIA SAKKARI	WTA RANKING	AMANDA ANISIMOVA
22		28
18	PORSCHE RACE TO SHENZHEN LEADERBOARD	63
25-07-1995 (25)	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	31-08-2001 (19)
\$379,038	YTD PRIZE MONEY	\$145,965
\$3,135,122	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	\$1,706,115
0 / 1	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 1
0 / 0	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 0
7-5	US OPEN W-L (MD) *	2-1
14-8 / 86-83	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	8-4 / 42-24
6-5 / 29-34	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	2-2 / 9-13
7-0 / 26-14	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	1-1 / 8-3
14-7 / 51-54	YTD / CAREER HARD W-L (MD) *	8-4 / 28-18
2-2 / 9-12	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD) *	1-1 / 3-7
3-6 / 16-32	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD) *	2-1 / 6-10
1-2 / 8-7	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 3-4

* Updated through entering 2020 US Open 3r

ROAD TO THE THIRD ROUND

[15] MARIA SAKKARI (GRE #22)

vs. [22] AMANDA ANISIMOVA (USA #28)

R64: d. BERNARDA PERA (USA #61) 2-6,6-3,6-2 (1h43)

R64: d. KATRINA SCOTT (USA #637) 46 64 61 (1h58)

R128: d. STEFANIE VOEGELE (SUI #114) 6-3,3-6,7-5 (2h5)

R128: d. VIKTORIYA TOMOVA (BUL #133) 7-5,7-5 (1h27)

US OPEN Tournament History

* Qualifying match

MARIA SAKKARI

Year	Round	Opponent (Rank)	Score
2019	R3	L - ASHLEIGH BARTY (AUS #2)	7-5 6-3
2018	R2	L - SOFIA KENIN (USA #65)	4-6 6-1 6-4
2017	R3	L - VENUS WILLIAMS (USA #9)	6-3 6-4

AMANDA ANISIMOVA

Year	Round	Opponent (Rank)	Score
2018	R1	L - TAYLOR TOWNSEND (USA #73)	3-6 6-4 6-3
2017	R1*	L - IPEK SOYLU (TUR #165)	6-2 0-6 6-0
2016	R2*	L - ERI HOZUMI (JPN #205)	6-1 2-6 7-6(1)



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2016

R1 L - YINGYING DUAN (CHN #103) 6-4 4-6 6-3

2015

R1 L - QIANG WANG (CHN #112) 7-5 6-2

**MARIA
SAKKARI**

VS

**AMANDA
ANISIMOVA**

US OPEN

- Making sixth main draw appearance at the US Open, where she is through to 3r for a third time
- Also made it this far in 2017 (l. V.Williams) and 2019 (l. Barty)
- Was seeded No.30 during last year's 3r showing here (l. Barty) - is seeded No.15 this fortnight, previously, highest seeding at a major was No.22 at 2020 Australian Open
- Fell 2r in 2018, seeded No.32 - was the first Greek woman seeded at a Slam since Daniilidou at 2007 Australian Open
- In 1r this year, fired 38 winners to dismiss No.114 Voegele in three sets
- Overcame No.61 Pera in 2r on Thursday to equal best result at Flushing Meadows by reaching 3r
- Overall Grand Slam win-loss record now stands at 23-17
- Faces No.28 Anisimova for the first time in 3r today; the only 3r match-up that features two Top 30 players
- Is 1-7 in 3r matches at majors, falling at this stage here in New York in 2017 and 2019, at the Australian Open in 2017 and 2019, at Roland Garros in 2018, and at Wimbledon in 2017 and 2019
- In addition to 3r showing here, last summer in North America, posted SF showing at San Jose, reached QF at Cincinnati and fell 1r at Toronto
- Contesting US Open ranked No.22, two spot of career-high of No.20 (first achieved February 24, 2020)

GRAND SLAM HISTORY

- 2020 US Open marks 18th Grand Slam main draw appearance
- Best result across the Slams came at 2020 Australian Open when she reached R16 to become the first Greek woman to reach this stage at a Grand Slam since Eleni Daniilidou at 2004 Wimbledon
- By reaching 3r at 2017 Australian Open, became first Greek woman to reach this stage at a Slam since Daniilidou at 2005 Wimbledon (l. Pennetta)
- At 2016 Australian Open, by reaching 2r (d. Y.Wang, l. Suárez Navarro) became the first woman from Greece to win a main draw match at a Slam since Daniilidou d. Ka.Pliskova at 2013 Australian Open
- Has made 3r at Wimbledon (2017 and 2019), Roland Garros (2018) and US Open (2017 and 2019)

US OPEN

- Making second main draw appearance at US Open, having previously fallen in 1r in 2018 (as WC, l. Townsend)
- Also contested qualifying in 2016 and 2017
- Won girls' singles here in 2017 (d. Gauff in F); is one of five former junior champions in the women's draw (also Flipkens, Azarenka, Watson and Bouzkova)
- Is seeded No.22 this fortnight – her third time being seeded at a major (also No.25 at 2019 Wimbledon and No.21 at 2020 Australian Open)
- Defeated No.133 Tomova in a hard-fought straight sets battle on Tuesday
- In 2r, overcame fellow American and fellow teenager No.637 Katrina Scott in three set battle on Thursday
- Faces No.22 Sakkari in 3r today for the pairs first encounter; has 2-0 in 3r matches across the Slams
- Overall win-loss record at Grand Slams stands at 11-6
- One of 31 Americans in this year's main draw
- The highest-ranked of 11 teenagers in the draw (also Baptiste, Fernandez, Gauff, Juvan, Kostyuk, McNally, Montgomery, Osuigwe, Scott and Swiatek)
- Only contested one event during the 2019 North American hard court swing, reaching the QF at San Jose – her best career result on home soil. Missed the remainder of the summer due to family reasons
- During tennis' hiatus in 2020 played a series of exhibition events, including the UTR Pro Match Series in West Palm Beach, FL (faced Collins, Riske and Tomljanovic)

GRAND SLAM HISTORY

- Is contesting seventh Grand Slam main draw at 2020 US Open
- Produced best Slam showing at 2019 Roland Garros, becoming the first player born in 2000s – man or woman – to reach a Grand Slam SF (l. eventual champion Barty)
- Best previous result was a R16 run at 2019 Australian Open (l. eventual R-Up Kvitova)
- At 17 years and five months old, was the youngest player to reach R16 at Melbourne Park since Vaidisova in 2006 (16 yrs 281 days), and across all Slams since Paszek at 2007 US Open (16 yrs 277 days)
- Also the youngest American to reach this stage of a Slam since S.Williams at 1998 Roland Garros (16y 254d) and at Australian Open since Capriati in 1993
- Fell 1r on Slam main draw debut at 2017 Roland Garros (as WC, l. Nara, having led 6-3 4-2)
- Suffered 1r exit at 2018 US Open (l. Townsend); fell in qualifying in 2016 and 2017
- In juniors, won US Open girls' singles in 2017 and was R-Up at 2016 Roland Garros



**MARIA
SAKKARI**

VS

**AMANDA
ANISIMOVA**

SEASON

- Coming off QF run at Western and Southern Open (d. Gauff, Putintseva and S.Williams before falling to Konta in QF)
- Returned to competitive action following tour's hiatus at Palermo in early August, falling in 1r (l. Kr.Pliskova)
- Was No.3 seed in Palermo – her joint-highest seeding at a WTA event (also during SF run at 2018 Seoul)
- Prior to this, made 3r at Doha (l. eventual champion Sabalenka) and fell 1r at Dubai (l. Sabalenka again, in 3s)
- Posted SF run at St. Petersburg (l. eventual R-Up Rybakina) – her first SF since 2019 San Jose in August
- Made the R16 at Australian Open (l. Kvitova) – her best result at the majors – to become the first Greek woman to reach this stage at a Grand Slam since Eleni Daniilidou at 2004 Wimbledon
- Fell 2r at Adelaide (l. Vekic) after a 1r exit at Brisbane (l. Osaka)

CAREER MILESTONES

- Broke into Top 20 on February 24, 2020
- Finished 2019 at No.23 – the best year-end finish of her career (up from No.41 in 2018)
- Season highlight was winning maiden WTA title at Rabat, recovering from a set and break down to defeat Konta in final
- Made 3r at Australian Open (l. Barty), Wimbledon (l. Svitolina) and US Open (l. Barty)
- Closed out season by qualifying for WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai for first time in career (fell in RR stage)
- 2018 season highlights included reaching her first tour-level final at San Jose (l. Buzarnescu), scoring first career Top 5 win after defeat of No.5 Ka.Pliskova in Rome as well as reaching SF at Istanbul (l. Hercog) and Seoul (l. Bertens)
- Notched first Top 10 victory of career over No.6 Wozniacki en route to first WTA SF of career at 2017 Wuhan Open
- Since then has posted a further seven Top 10 wins, against No.5 Ka.Pliskova (2018 Rome), No.6 Bertens (2019 Charleston), No.5 Kvitova (2019 Rome, via ret.), No.7 Svitolina (2019 San Jose), No.6 Kvitova and No.9 Sabalenka (both at 2019 Cincinnati), and No.5 Bencic (2020 St. Petersburg)
- Broke into Top 50 for first time at No.49 on October 9, 2017
- Reached first career WTA QF at 2016 Istanbul after qualifying to enter main draw (l. Kovinic) – at the time, achieved her then best win-by-ranking defeating No.34 Schmiedlova in 1r

SEASON

- Coming off 2r showing last week at the Western & Southern Open (d. Riske, l. Pegula)
- At Doha in February, withdrew prior to 3r match vs. Kuznetsova (w/gastrointestinal illness)
- Upset No.7 Svitolina in 2r at Doha to record her first Top 10 win of 2020 and third overall, also No.9 Kvitova (2018 Indian Wells) and No.3 Halep (2019 Roland Garros)
- Made 1r exits at Australian Open (l. Diyas) and Dubai (l. Strycova, having led 3-1 in third set)
- Kicked off campaign with SF at Auckland (l. eventual champion S.Williams) – her first time reaching the final four since 2019 Roland Garros (l. Barty)

CAREER MILESTONES

- Highlight of 2019 season was winning maiden title at Bogotá (d. Sharma in F); at 17y 222d was the youngest American to win a title since S.Williams at 1999 Indian Wells (17y 169d)
- Finished 2019 ranked No.24 – the youngest of three teenagers in the Top 50 (also Andreescu and Yas-tremaska). Other standout performances included SF run at Roland Garros – first player (man or woman) born in 2000s to advance to this stage of a major – QF showings at Mallorca and San Jose, and R16 appearance at Australian Open – at 17 years and five months old, was the youngest player to reach R16 at a Slam since Paszek at 2007 US Open (16 yrs 277 days)
- Scored maiden win over a Top 5 player during 2019 Roland Garros, upsetting No.3 and defending champion Halep in QF
- Made Top 100 debut at No.95 on September 17, 2018, after reaching first WTA final at Hiroshima (as qualifier, l. Hsieh)
- Also in 2018, upset No.9 Kvitova to become the joint-youngest player to reach R16 at Indian Wells, along with Majoli, who made SF in 1994 (both aged 16 years, 199 days)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2017 Miami (l. Townsend in 3s), with Grand Slam bow coming at 2017 Roland Garros. Also in 2017, reached four ITF Circuit finals, winning \$60k ITF/Sacramento, CA-USA and finishing R-Up at \$25k ITF/Curtiba-BRA, \$80k ITF/Indian Harbour Beach, FL-USA and \$60k ITF/Dothan, AL-USA
- Owns six Top 20 wins: No.9 Kvitova (2018 Indian Wells), No.11 Sabalenka (2019 Australian Open), No.11 Sabalenka (2019 Roland Garros), No.3 Halep (2019 Roland Garros), No.7 Svitolina (2020 Doha) and No.19 Riske (2020 Western & Southern Open)
- In juniors, won US Open girls' singles in 2017 and was R-Up at 2016 Roland Garros
- Reached No.2 in junior world rankings



**MARIA
SAKKARI**

VS

**AMANDA
ANISIMOVA**

CAREER CONT.

- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2012 Palermo
- Made debut on ITF Circuit in 2010; owns seven ITF Circuit singles titles and five in doubles

PERSONAL

- Born and grew up in Athens, Greece, before moving to Barcelona aged 18 – has trained there for two years
- Mother, Angeliki Kanellopoulou, was tennis player
- Tried karate and gymnastics but was thrown out of class for laughing too much
- Currently coached by Tom Hill

PERSONAL

- Coached by Jaime Cortez and Andis Juska, while fitness trainer is Yutaka Nakamura
- Mother is Olga and father is Konstantin (deceased), both parents were born and raised in Moscow; sister Maria Anisimova-Egee played tennis at University of Pennsylvania and now lives in New York
- Born in New Jersey but moved to Miami at age of 3





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[16] ELISE MERTENS (BEL #18) vs. CATHERINE MCNALLY (USA #124)

Head to Head: ELISE MERTENS leads 1-0

2019 CINCINNATI HARD O R1 ELISE MERTENS 7-5 6-0 89 mins

ELISE MERTENS	WTA RANKING	CATHERINE MCNALLY
18		124
9	PORSCHE RACE TO SHENZHEN LEADERBOARD	90
17-11-1995 (24)	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	20-11-2001 (18)
\$417,264	YTD PRIZE MONEY	\$156,497
\$6,373,909	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	\$501,945
0 / 5	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 0
0 / 9	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 2
9-4	US OPEN W-L (MD) *	3-1
21-8 / 137-80	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	3-4 / 7-11
5-3 / 40-29	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	1-0 / 2-2
3-3 / 26-31	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	1-0 / 1-3
17-6 / 85-50	YTD / CAREER HARD W-L (MD) *	3-4 / 7-10
0-3 / 6-18	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 0-1
0-4 / 13-38	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 0-1
2-0 / 14-3	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 0-1

* Updated through entering 2020 US Open 3r

ROAD TO THE THIRD ROUND

[16] ELISE MERTENS (BEL #18)

R64: d. SARA SORRIBES TORMO (ESP #82) 6-3,7-5 (1h0)

R128: d. LAURA SIEGEMUND (GER #64) 6-2,6-2 (1h27)

vs. CATHERINE MCNALLY (USA #124)

R64: d. [21] EKATERINA ALEXANDROVA (RUS #29) 4-6,6-3,7-6(2) (1h0)

R128: d. VIKTORIA KUZMOVA (SVK #85) 6-4,6-1 (1h2)

US OPEN Tournament History

* Qualifying match

ELISE MERTENS

2019 QF L - BIANCA ANDREESCU (CAN #15) 3-6 6-2 6-3

2018 R16 L - SLOANE STEPHENS (USA #3) 6-3 6-3

2017 R1 L - MADISON KEYS (USA #16) 6-3 7-6(6)

CATHERINE MCNALLY

2019 R2 L - SERENA WILLIAMS (USA #8) 5-7 6-3 6-1

2018 R1* L - EKATERINE GORGODZE (GEO #167) 0-6 7-5 6-2

2017 R2* L - ANNA KAROLINA SCHMIEDLOVA (SVK #175) 6-0 6-2



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2016

R1 L - GARBIÑE MUGURUZA (ESP #3) 2-6 6-0 6-3

2015

R1* L - NASTASSJA BURNETT (ITA #428) 6-3 3-6 6-4

**ELISE
MERTENS**

VS

**CATHERINE
MCNALLY**

US OPEN

- Making fifth consecutive main draw appearance at US Open (sixth overall)
- Achieved best result here last year by reaching QFs (l. eventual champion Andreescu in 3s)
- Reached R16 in 2018 (l. Stephens) and fell 1r in 2016 (l. Muguruza) and 2017 (l. Keys). Fell in qualifying in 2015
- Opened her 2020 US Open campaign with a straight sets victory over Siegemund. Has now won her last 10 Grand Slam 1r matches. Last 1r loss at the majors was at 2017 US Open (l. eventual R-Up Keys)
- Outlasted Sorribes Tormo in 2r after a rain delay caused their match to be played between Thursday and Friday, firing 33 winners against the Spaniard
- Has now won 21 matches this season (21-8 record) - only Rybakina (22) has won more in 2020
- Faces No.124 McNally today for a spot in her fourth consecutive Grand Slam R16. Reached R16 at 2020 Australian Open (l. Halep), QF at 2019 US Open (l. Andreescu) and R16 at 2019 Wimbledon (l. Strycova)
- A loss today would mark her worst-by-ranking since falling to No.178 Ahn last summer at San Jose
- Is 3-0 vs. Americans in 2020, having defeated McHale (Hobart), Bellis (Australian Open) and Pegula (Western & Southern Open)
- Is 6-3 in Grand Slam 3r matches (2-0 at US Open)
- During last year's summer hard court season fell 2r at San Jose (after 1r bye, l. Ahn), Toronto (l. S.Williams) and Cincinnati (l. Svitolina) before bouncing back to reach US Open QF for the first time (l. eventual champion Andreescu); also won maiden major doubles title at US Open w/Sabalenka (d. Azarenka/Barty in F)
- Seeded No.2 w/Sabalenka in doubles this fortnight. The pair face Rogers/Pegula in 2r on Saturday

GRAND SLAM HISTORY

- Advanced to first Grand Slam SF of career at 2018 Australian Open (l. eventual champion Wozniacki)
- In 2020, reached QF at 2020 US Open (l. eventual champion Andreescu in 3s) and R16 at Wimbledon (l. Strycova, having led 6-4 5-2) – the deepest run of her career at both tournaments
- Has also reached R16 at Roland Garros in 2018 (l. eventual champion Halep)
- Won maiden major doubles title at US Open w/Sabalenka (d. Azarenka/Barty in F)

US OPEN

- Making second main draw appearance at US Open following her 2r run last year (d. Bacsinszky, l. S.Williams in 3s)
- Fell in qualifying here in 2017 and 2018
- 2020 US Open marks her fourth Grand Slam main draw appearance, following 2019 Wimbledon and US Open and 2020 Australian Open
- Won the US Open girls' doubles title in 2018 (w/ Gauff)
- Contesting just 12th Tour-level main draw of her career and fifth of 2020 following Auckland, Australian Open, Lexington and Western & Southern Open
- Defeated No.85 Kuzmova in 1r on Tuesday in just over an hour before ousting No.21 seed Alexandrova, conqueror of Clijsters in 1r, on Friday in 3s
- Has now won back-to-back main draw matches for the second time in her career, having reached the SFs last year at Washington, DC (l. Giorgi)
- Faces No.18 Mertens today in their second career meeting, falling to the Belgium at her home tournament in Cincinnati last year in 1r
- Has only faced one Top 20 ranked opponent in her career, falling to No.8 S.Williams here in Flushing Meadows last year
- Is the youngest of three teenagers to reach 3r this fortnight (also Anisimova, 19, and Swiatek, 19)
- One of 11 American women to reach the 3r this fortnight. The last time 11 Americans reached the R32 at the US Open was 1992
- Played doubles here w/Gauff; the pair fell to No.3 seeds Melichar/Xu in 2r

GRAND SLAM HISTORY

- Making fourth Grand Slam main draw appearance at 2020 US Open; 4-3 win-loss record at this level
- Reached 2r at 2019 US Open (as WC, d. Bacsinszky, l. S.Williams in 3s)
- Fell 1r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2019 Wimbledon (as qualifier, l. Watson)
- Contested qualifying at US Open in 2017 and 2018
- As a junior, was R-Up in singles at 2018 Roland Garros (l. Gauff) and champion in doubles at 2018 Roland Garros (w/Swiatek) and 2018 US Open (w/ Gauff); also a three-time doubles finalist at junior Wimbledon



**ELISE
MERTENS**

VS

**CATHERINE
MCNALLY**

SEASON

- Coming off SF run at Western & Southern Open last week (l. Osaka); was seeded No.1 in doubles w/ Sabalenka – withdrew prior to QF against Hradecka/Klepac w/left leg injury
- Fell 1r in the first week of the tour's return at Palermo (l. Sasnovich)
- Bounced back the following week at Prague, where she finished R-Up (l. Halep). Is now 5-2 in WTA singles finals
- Began the season with QF runs at Shenzhen (l. Rybakina) and Hobart (l. Watson – 3h 33m match is the longest so far in 2020) and R16 showing at Australian Open (l. Halep)
- In February made 2r exit in defense of Doha title (l. Putintseva) and also fell at this stage the previous week at Dubai (l. 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). Also beat No.8 Bertens and No.6 Kerber in Doha, doubling career total of Top 10 wins to six
- Advanced to QF at US Open for the first time (l. eventual champion Andreescu in 3s) and 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 in 2020 - 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. Krejckova/Siniakova) and Miami (d. Stosur/Zhang)
- Team qualified for Shiseido WTA Finals Shenzhen (went 1-2 in RR)
- Won three singles titles in 2018 (Hobart, Rabat and Lugano), one of six players on tour with three or more titles to their name that year - also Kvitova (5), Svitolina (4), Bertens (3), Halep (3) and Wozniacki (3)
- Also in 2018, advanced to first Grand Slam SF of career at 2018 Australian Open (l. eventual champion Wozniacki), going on to post 46 main draw match wins across the campaign – 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)

SEASON

- Coming off back-to-back 1r exits as a wildcard at Lexington (l. Jabeur) and Western & Southern Open (l. Cornet)
- In March, fell 1r at Indian Wells \$125K (l. Vickery)
- Advanced to QF at \$100K ITF/Midland-USA (l. Kalinina) before 2r run at \$100K ITF/Nicholasville-USA (l. Abanda)
- Claimed her second Grand Slam main draw victory at Australian Open over home favorite Stosur (as qualifier, l. S.Zhang in 2r)
- Opened 2020 season with 1r exit at Auckland (as LL, l. Siegemund)

CAREER MILESTONES

- Finished 2019 season ranked No.682 (up from No.682 in 2018)
- Posted first WTA main draw wins of career during SF run at Washington, DC, where she also won the doubles title (w/Gauff, d. Sanchez/Stollar in F); with a combined age of 33y 36d, Gauff/McNally became the youngest doubles championship team since 1991 Rome (Capriati/Seles, at 32y 205d)
- Also won doubles title at Luxembourg (w/Gauff)
- Fell 1r on Grand Slam main draw debut at Wimbledon (as qualifier, l. Watson)
- In first appearances at WTA-level tournaments, fell 1r at 2019 Indian Wells (as qualifier, l. Pera) and Miami (as WC, l. Gauff)
- Highlight of 2018 season was winning maiden ITF Circuit title at \$25K Lawrence, KS-USA. Also reached QF on four occasions at this level
- Owns nine career Top 100 wins, all registered in 2019: d. No.80 Brengle and No.57 Peterson (both at \$100K ITF/Midland, MI-USA), No.63 Lapko (WTA 125K Series at Indian Wells), No.90 Kr.Pliskova (Indian Wells qualifying), No.80 Brady and No.54 Van Uytvanck (both at \$100K ITF/Surbiton-GBR), No.31 Hsieh (Washington, DC), No.89 Bacsinszky (2019 US Open) and No.92 Ahn (2020 Auckland qualifying)
- Awarded WC w/Glatch into doubles draw at 2017 Cincinnati (l. Barty/Dellacqua in 1r) – first main draw tour-level match she played
- Owns two singles and five doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Made professional debut at ITF/\$100K Midland, MI-USA in 2016 (fell in qualifying)



**ELISE
MERTENS**

VS

**CATHERINE
MCNALLY**

CAREER CONT.

- 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 once again with former coach Robbe Ceysens having recently worked with both David Taylor and Dieter Kindlmann
- Earlier coaching history includes Belgian federation until early teens, as well as a year at the Mouratoglou Academy
- Mother is Liliane Barbe (teaches languages and history); father is Guido Mertens (makes furniture for churches). Was home schooled, enjoyed studying languages
- Loves animals and has lots of pets at home, four dogs and a variety of birds (pheasants, peacocks, chickens,

PERSONAL

- Hails from the Cincinnati suburb of Madeira
- Coached by mother Lynn Nabors-McNally, who briefly played on tour, and Kevin O'Neill
- Father is John, brother John Jr. was a high-ranked junior player who is also making the transition to the professional tour (also received a WC into recent Western & Southern Open at Cincinnati)
- Began playing at age of three
- Friends call her Caty
- Hobbies include listening to music, watching Netflix, reading, hanging out with friends





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[18] DONNA VEKIC (CRO #24) vs. TSVETANA PIRONKOVA (BUL #0)

Head to Head: TSVETANA PIRONKOVA leads 3-0

2016	SAN ANTONIO	HARD O	QF	TSVETANA PIRONKOVA	6-2 6-1	52 mins
2016	INDIAN WELLS	HARD O	R1	TSVETANA PIRONKOVA	6-2 7-5	77 mins
2015	SYDNEY	HARD O	R16	TSVETANA PIRONKOVA	6-1 6-0	44 mins

DONNA VEKIC	WTA RANKING	TSVETANA PIRONKOVA
24	PORSCHE RACE TO SHENZHEN LEADERBOARD	13-09-1987 (32)
53	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	\$0
28-06-1996 (24)	YTD PRIZE MONEY	\$4,497,095
\$200,806	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	0 / 1
\$4,248,202	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 0
0 / 2	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	10-11
0 / 0	US OPEN W-L (MD) *	2-0 / 164-218
9-5	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 36-73
8-7 / 132-133	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	2-0 / 53-38
3-1 / 36-46	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	2-0 / 82-126
1-0 / 28-35	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 12-36
7-6 / 91-96	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD) *	1-0 / 22-80
0-0 / 7-21	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 10-15
0-0 / 10-40		
2-0 / 10-10		

* Updated through entering 2020 US Open 3r

ROAD TO THE THIRD ROUND

[18] DONNA VEKIC (CRO #24)

R64: d. PATRICIA MARIA TIG (ROU #88) 6-2,6-1 (1h14)

R128: d. KRISTYNA PLISKOVA (CZE #66) 3-6,7-6(6),6-4 (2h4)

vs. TSVETANA PIRONKOVA (BUL #0)

R64: d. [10] GARBINE MUGURUZA (ESP #16) 7-5,6-3 (1h24)

R128: d. LUDMILLA SAMSONOVA (ITA #120) 6-4,6-4 (1h20)

US OPEN Tournament History

* Qualifying match

DONNA VEKIC

2019
QF L - BELINDA BENCIC (SUI #12) 7-6(5) 6-3

2018
R1 L - ANASTASIJA SEVASTOVA (LAT #18) 6-2 2-6 6-3

TSVETANA PIRONKOVA

2016
R2 L - JOHANNA KONTA (GBR #14) 6-2 5-7 6-2

2015
R1 L - MONA BARTHEL (GER #53) 5-7 7-6(4) 6-1



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2017

R3 L - ANASTASIJA SEVASTOVA (LAT #17) 6-2 6-3

2016

R3* L - NADIA PODOROSKA (ARG #230) 6-4 6-3

2015

R2* L - SORANA CIRSTEA (ROU #176) 7-6(4) 2-6 6-4

2014

R1 L - COCO VANDEWEGHE (USA #38) 2-6 6-3 6-1

2013

R2 L - SIMONA HALEP (ROU #19) 6-2 6-1

2012

R3* L - EDINA GALLOVITS-HALL (USA #135) 2-6 6-4 6-0

2014

R2 L - JELENA JANKOVIC (SRB #10) 7-5 6-4

2013

R1 L - ALISON RISKE (USA #81) 6-3 6-3

2012

R16 L - ANA IVANOVIC (SRB #13) 6-0 6-4

2011

R2 L - SHUAI PENG (CHN #14) 6-2 6-4

2010

R2 L - MANDY MINELLA (LUX #185) 6-4 6-0

2009

R1 L - MARIA SHARAPOVA (RUS #31) 6-3 6-0

2008

R1 L - ANABEL MEDINA GARRIGUES (ESP #26) 6-4 7-5

2007

R2 L - JUSTINE HENIN (BEL #1) 6-4 6-0

2006

R1 L - JAMEA JACKSON (USA #57) 6-2 6-2

2005

R2* L - TIFFANY DAVIS (USA #202) 6-3 4-6 6-2

**DONNA
VEKIC**

VS

**TSVETANA
PIRONKOVA**

US OPEN

- Making sixth main draw appearance at US Open – her best result here and across the Slams came with QF run last year (l. Bencic)
- Also made 3r in 2017 (l. Sevastova), 2r in debut here in 2013 (l. Halep), and fell 1r in 2014 (l. Vandeweghe) and 2018 (l. Sevastova)
- One of two Croatians to begin main draw – also Martic, who has progressed to R16
- 2020 US Open is her 27th Grand Slam main draw appearance, and progression to 3r this week takes her to 26-26 across the Slams
- Seeded No.18 this fortnight – her highest seeding at a Slam, bettering that of No.19 at 2020 Australian Open
- Began 2020 US Open campaign with tough 1r win against Kr.Pliskova, prevailing 6-4 in the third
- Enjoyed a more comfortable defeat of Tig in 2r, dropping only three games
- Faces unranked Pironkova today – worst loss-by-ranking at Slam level came to No.240 Birrell at 2019 Australian Open

GRAND SLAM HISTORY

- 2020 US Open is her 27th Grand Slam main draw appearance, and progression to 3r this week takes her to 26-26 across the Slams
- At 2019 US Open, posted her best Slam result, reaching the QF
- Has reached R16 at 2018 Wimbledon (l. Goerges) and 2019 Roland Garros (l. Konta)
- At Australian Open, reached 3r in 2020 (l. Swiatek)

SEASON

- Coming off 1r exit at Western & Southern Open (l. eventual champion Azarenka)
- Returned to tennis following the hiatus at Palermo, making 2r (l. Cocciaretto)
- Standout results of the early 2020 season were a QF run at Adelaide (l. Yastremska) and 3r showing at Australian Open (l. Swiatek), her best result at Melbourne Park
- Also posted 1r exit at Brisbane (l. Putintseva)

US OPEN

- Making 12th main draw appearance at US Open and 13th overall, and first since 2016 having spent over three years away from Tour to give birth and raise her son
- One of nine mothers to begin the singles field this fortnight (also Azarenka, Bondarenko, Clijsters, Govortsova, Maria, Tig, S.Williams and Zvonareva)
- Best result in Flushing Meadows is reaching R16 in 2012 (l. Ivanovic)
- Reached 2r here on five occasions - 2007 (as qualifier, l. eventual champion Henin), 2010 (l. Minella), 2011 (l. S.Peng), 2014 (l. Jankovic) and 2016 (l. Konta)
- Fell 1r in 2006 (l. Jackson), 2008 (l. Medina Garrigues), 2009 (l. Sharapova), 2013 (l. Riske) and 2015 (l. Barthel), and in qualifying on her debut in 2005
- Playing in her first tournament since 2017 Wimbledon (l. Wozniacki in 2r), where she is a former semifinalist - her best result across the majors
- Contesting 48th Grand Slam main draw at 2020 US Open – progression to 3r improves her to 45-47 across the Slams
- In her first match in over three years, defeated Samsonova on Tuesday to improve her record in 1r matches at the majors to 29-19
- Caused major upset by defeating No.16 and 2020 Australian Open finalist Muguruza in 2r on Thursday – was her 22nd Top 20 win of career, and first since wins over No.18 Errani and No.2 A.Radwanska en route to 2016 Roland Garros QF
- Hasn't dropped a set yet en route to 3r
- Faces No.18 seed Vekic today – Prior to this fortnight, last defeated a seed at a Slam at 2016 Roland Garros (No.2 seed A.Radwanska). Has lost her last six Slam meetings vs. seeded players – No.5 Wozniacki (2017 Wimbledon), No.5 Svitolina (2017 Roland Garros), No.3 A.Radwanska (2017 Australian Open), No.13 Konta (2016 US Open), No.7 Bencic (2016 Wimbledon) and No.21 Stosur (2016 Roland Garros)
- Owns one title in her career, on the hard courts of Sydney in 2014 (as qualifier, d. Kerber in F)
- Currently without a ranking. Reached as high as No.31 on September 13, 2010 to become the highest ranked Bulgarian woman in WTA history

GRAND SLAM HISTORY

- Had not missed a major between making her debut at 2006 Australian through 2017 Wimbledon
- Became first player representing Bulgaria (male or female) to reach a Grand Slam SF when she advanced to last four at 2010 Wimbledon
- Defeated No.13 Bartoli and No.2 V.Williams en route to SFs at 2010 Wimbledon (l. Zvonareva)



**DONNA
VEKIC**

VS

**TSVETANA
PIRONKOVA**

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 US Open, where she reached QF (l. Bencic)
- 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
- 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 ElSheikh-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

GRAND SLAM CONT.

- At the other majors, best result at Roland Garros is a QF run in 2016 (d. No.2 A.Radwanska en route, l. Stosur); became first Bulgarian woman to reach the last eight in Paris since Sesil Karatantcheva in 2005. At US Open, made R16 in 2012 (l. Ivanovic) but is yet to pass 2r at Australian Open

SEASON

- US Open marks first tournament since 2017 Wimbledon having spent over three years away from tennis after giving birth to son Alexander in April 2018

CAREER MILESTONES

- Finished 2017 ranked No.162. Of her 16 year-end rankings, has ended the year outside the Top 100 only on five occasions
- Season highlights of 2017 were reaching QF at Nottingham (l. Safarova) and R16 at Eastbourne (l. Halep)
- Also in 2017, reached 2r at Roland Garros (l. Svitolina) and Wimbledon (l. Wozniacki)
- Ended 2016 at No.66 for 11th non-consecutive Top 100 finish. Career-best finish was No.35 in 2010 (rose as high as No.31 the week of September 13 that year)
- Highlight of 2016 was first Grand Slam QF in five years, at Roland Garros (l. Stosur). Was only the sixth major where she has achieved back-to-back wins during her career (after 2010 Wimbledon, 2011 Wimbledon, 2012 US Open, 2013 Wimbledon and 2015 Roland Garros)
- Other notable result was reaching QF at Birmingham (as qualifier, l. Strycova)
- Represented Bulgaria at the Rio Olympics, making 1r exit in singles (l. Siegemund)
- Owns one career singles title at 2014 Sydney (as qualifier, achieved three Top 10 wins: vs. No.7 Errani in QF, No.6 Kvitova in SF and No.9 Kerber in F). Ranked No.107 at time, was the lowest-ranked player to win a title in 2014
- Competed in front of home fans at Tournament of Champions-Sofia in 2012 (SF) and 2014 (RR)
- Bulgarian Fed Cup Team, 2003-13, 2015-16; Bulgarian Olympic Team, 2008, 2012, 2016



**DONNA
VEKIC**

VS

**TSVETANA
PIRONKOVA**

PERSONAL

- Both parents played professional sports: mother, Brankica (track hurdler) and father, Igor (soccer goalkeeper)
- Currently working with Nikola Horvat, having split with coach Torben Beltz during the tour's hiatus. 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

PERSONAL

- Gave birth to her son in March 2018
- Married husband Mihail Mirchez in July 2016
- Coached Kiril Enchev Pironkov (father)





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[20] KAROLINA MUCHOVA (CZE #26) vs. SORANA CIRSTEIA (ROU #77)

Head to Head: 0-0

KAROLINA MUCHOVA	WTA RANKING	SORANA CIRSTEIA
26		77
89	PORSCHE RACE TO SHENZHEN LEADERBOARD	107
21-08-1996 (24)	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	07-04-1990 (30)
\$164,060	YTD PRIZE MONEY	\$128,025
\$1,579,451	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	\$5,578,492
0 / 1	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 1
0 / 0	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 5
6-2	US OPEN W-L (MD) *	12-11
5-5 / 35-20	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	3-5 / 227-240
1-2 / 11-9	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	1-4 / 87-72
3-0 / 10-4	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	2-0 / 53-45
5-5 / 25-16	YTD / CAREER HARD W-L (MD) *	3-4 / 130-140
0-2 / 1-8	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 14-39
0-3 / 6-12	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD) *	1-1 / 32-72
0-0 / 1-3	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	0-1 / 17-20

* Updated through entering 2020 US Open 3r

ROAD TO THE THIRD ROUND

[20] KAROLINA MUCHOVA (CZE #26)

R64: d. ANNA KALINSKAYA (RUS #110) 6-3,7-6(4) (1h20)

R128: d. VENUS WILLIAMS (USA #67) 6-3,7-5 (1h49)

vs. SORANA CIRSTEIA (ROU #77)

R64: d. [9] JOHANNA KONTA (GBR #13) 2-6,7-6(5),6-4 (2h50)

R128: d. CHRISTINA MCHALE (USA #75) 6-4,7-5 (1h36)

US OPEN Tournament History

* Qualifying match

KAROLINA MUCHOVA

2019			
R3	L - SERENA WILLIAMS (USA #8)	6-3	6-2
2018			
R3	L - ASHLEIGH BARTY (AUS #17)	6-3	6-4
2016			
R1*	L - AMANDINE HESSE (FRA #169)	6-7(5)	6-3 7-5

SORANA CIRSTEIA

2019			
R3	L - TAYLOR TOWNSEND (USA #116)	7-5	6-2
2018			
R2	L - MARIA SHARAPOVA (RUS #22)	6-2	7-5
2017			
R2	L - JELENA OSTAPENKO (LAT #12)	6-4	6-4



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2016

R1 L - ANA BOGDAN (ROU #116) 0-6 7-5 6-2

2015

R3* L - MAYO HIBI (JPN #177) 6-4 6-4

2014

R2 L - EUGENIE BOUCHARD (CAN #8) 6-2 6-7(4) 6-4

2013

R2 L - KURUMI NARA (JPN #109) 7-5 6-1

2012

R2 L - ANNA TATISHVILI (USA #73) 6-7(5) 6-1 6-2

2011

R1 L - YANINA WICKMAYER (BEL #22) 6-1 7-5

2010

R1 L - SOFIA ARVIDSSON (SWE #55) 6-1 6-2

2009

R3 L - CAROLINE WOZNIACKI (DEN #8) 6-3 6-2

2008

R2 L - SVETLANA KUZNETSOVA (RUS #4) 7-6(3) 6-1

2007

R1* L - ALISON RISKE (USA #9,999) 6-2 7-6(4)

**KAROLINA
MUCHOVA**

VS

**SORANA
CIRSTEA**

US OPEN

- Making third main draw appearance at US Open (fourth overall)
- Came through qualifying to reach 3r on her Grand Slam main draw debut in 2018 at Flushing Meadows, (d. Yastremska and No.12 Muguruza, I. Barty)
- Also made 3r run here last year (l. S.Williams)
- Career best result at a major came at 2019 Wimbledon with loss to Svitolina in the QF (d. No.20 Kontaveit and No.3 Ka.Pliskova en route)
- Has matched previous best result here by reaching 3r for third consecutive year this week
- Fired 27 winners to dismiss No.65 V.Williams in opening round on Tuesday
- Overcame No.98 Kalinskaya in straight sets on Thursday; is yet to drop a set this week
- Faces No.77 Cirstea in 3r today; is bidding for first R16 appearance at Flushing Meadows
- Owns 6-2 record in New York
- Competing at No.26, five places off her career high ranking of No.21 (achieved on November 4, 2019). By contrast, was No.44 this time last year
- Currently the Czech No.4 of eight women in the Top 100 (week of August 31, 2020)

GRAND SLAM HISTORY

- 2020 US Open marks seventh Grand Slam main draw appearance of her career
- Earned career best result with QF appearance at 2019 Wimbledon defeating No.20 Kontaveit and No.3 Ka.Pliskova en route (l. Svitolina) Reached 3r at 2018 US Open in her main draw debut at the majors (as qualifier, I. Barty in 3r) and 2019 (l. R-Up S.Williams)
- Fell 2r at 2019 Roland Garros and 2020 Australian Open
- Earned US\$156,000 in prize money during 2018 Flushing Meadows run, more than doubling her career total
- Previously fell in qualifying at US Open in 2016, and Roland Garros and Wimbledon in 2018

SEASON

- Prior to hiatus, suffered 1r exit at Dubai (l. Siniakova) and fell 2r at Doha (l. Bertens)
- Reached 2r for first time at Australian Open (l. Bellis)
- Opened season with 1r exit at Brisbane (l. Riske)

US OPEN

- Making 12th main draw appearance at US Open (14th overall)
- Has matched previous best result by reaching 3r, also in 2009 (l. eventual R-Up Wozniacki) and last year (l. Townsend)
- Also made 2r here in 2008, 2012-14 and 2017-18
- In 1r, struck 23 winners to beat McHale in two tight sets
- Rallied from a set down to upset No.13 Konta in 2r on Thursday to record first back-to-back main draw match wins (tour level) since 2019 Tashkent R-Up run
- Only other main draw win this year came over Strycova at Australian Open
- Faces No.26 Muchova in 3r today for the pairs first meeting; bidding for first R16 appearance at a Slam since 2017 Australian Open (l. Muguruza)
- Owns a 2-9 record in 3r matches across the Slams, and 0-2 here in New York
- Has 45-45 record across the Slams
- During last year's North American hard court season, only competed in US Open (l. Townsend in 3r)
- Best results on American soil were SF appearances at Los Angeles in 2009, and Stanford in 2012-13
- Sole Romanian left in the draw from four in the starting field (also Begu, Buzarnescu and Tig)

GRAND SLAM HISTORY

- Contesting 46th Grand Slam main draw at 2020 US Open
- Best showing at a major came at 2009 Roland Garros (QF, l. Stosur)
- At 2017 Australian Open, achieved second-best Slam result by reaching R16 (upset No.10 seed Suárez Navarro in 2r, l. Muguruza); her previous best result in Melbourne was reaching 3r in 2012 (l. Errani) and 2013 (l. Li); 1r win over Khromacheva in Melbourne was first Grand Slam main draw victory since 2014 US Open (d. Watson in 1r)
- Reached 3r at Wimbledon in 2009, 2012 and 2017; at US Open, also reached 3r in 2009 and 2019



**KAROLINA
MUCHOVA**

VS

**SORANA
CIRSTEA**

CAREER MILESTONES

- Finished 2019 season in rich vein of form, winning 18 of last 24 matches, including winning maiden WTA title at Seoul (d. Linette in F), SFs at Zhuhai (l. eventual champion Sabalenka) and Moscow (l. Pavlyuchenkova) and maiden major QF at Wimbledon (l. Svitolina)
- Rose to career-high ranking of No.21 on November 4, 2019
- Other highlights of breakthrough 2019 season were R-Up finish on home soil at Prague (l. Teichmann) and QF at Doha (l. Svitolina) and the Bronx (l. Linette)
- Ended 2018 ranked No.145, her first Top 200 season (up from her previous best of No.208 in 2016)
- 2018 season highlight was making Grand Slam main draw debut at US Open (as qualifier, l. Barty in 3r)
- Also contested WTA qualifying in 2018 at Stuttgart, Roland Garros, Wimbledon and Luxembourg
- Reached three ITF Circuit finals in 2018, including back-to-back finals at \$25k ITF/Altenkirchen-GER (l. Dart) and \$60k ITF/Croissy-Beauborg-FRA (l. Blinkova)
- Also reached the final at \$80k ITF/Olomouc-CZE (l. Ferro)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2017 Seoul (as qualifier, l. Hon). Also contested qualifying at 's-Hertogenbosch and Tokyo [Japan Open] and finished R-Up at one ITF Circuit event
- Won second career ITF Circuit title in 2016 and posted 39-18 win-loss record; at tour-level fell in qualifying at US Open
- On ITF Circuit has won two titles in singles and one in doubles
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in Croatia in 2013

PERSONAL

- Born in city of Olomouc in eastern Czech Republic, but moved to train in Prague this year
- Started playing tennis at aged seven with dad, a former professional footballer in Czech Republic
- Roger Federer was tennis idol growing up
- Coached by Emil Miske

SEASON

- After tour's resumption, lost the opening match at Palermo (l. Errani in 3s), and fell in qualifying at Western & Southern Open
- Suffered 1r exit at Dubai (as qualifier, l. Kontaveit) and Doha (l. Rybakina)
- Reached 2r at Australian Open (l. Gauff)
- Opened season with a 1r exit at Shenzhen (l. X.Wang) and qualifying defeat at Hobart (l. Begu)

CAREER MILESTONES

- Finished 2019 ranked No.72 for her 11th non-consecutive Top 100 year-end season (up from No.86 in 2018)
- Advanced to fourth career singles final in 2019 at Tashkent (l. Van Uytvanck in F) as a former champion in 2008
- Captured fifth career doubles title at Lugano (w/Mitu, d. Kudrmetova/Voskoboeva in F)
- Other season highlights in 2019 were SF run at Nürnberg (l. eventual champion Putintseva); previous appearance in last four at a WTA-level event came at the same tournament two years earlier
- Also reached 3r at 2019 US Open (l. Townsend)
- Ended 2018 season at No.86, after a year highlighted by clay court QF runs at Nürnberg and Bucharest
- Posted fifth non-consecutive Top 50 finish in 2017, at No.37 (up from No.81 in 2016). Has now finished in Top 100 nine times in past 10 years, including Top 30 finishes in 2012 and 2013
- 2017 season highlighted by SF showing at Nürnberg (l. Krejčíková) and QF runs at Istanbul, Madrid, Seoul, Beijing and Linz
- Also reached R16 at 2017 Australian Open – first time advancing to that stage at a Slam since 2009 Roland Garros (QF, l. Stosur), her best Slam result
- In 2016 played a mix of WTA and ITF events, improving ranking by 163 ranking places to No.81 in 2016 on comeback from shoulder injury, with highlights being a SF run at Rio de Janeiro (l. Rogers) and making QF at Premier Mandatory Madrid (as wildcard, l. eventual R-Up Cibulkova) and Mallorca (as qualifier, l. Jankovic)
- Reached biggest singles final of career at 2013 Toronto – posted three Top 10 wins en route to final (No.10 Wozniacki, No.7 Kvitova and No.5 Li) before falling to No.1 S.Williams
- Won maiden WTA singles title at 2008 Tashkent (d. Lisicki in F) having previously been R-Up at 2007 Budapest (l. Dulko)



**KAROLINA
MUCHOVA**

VS

**SORANA
CIRSTEA**

CAREER CONT.

- Owns four Top 5 victories: No.5 Jankovic (2009 Roland Garros), No.5 Stosur (2012 Australian Open), No.5 Li Na (2013 Toronto) and No.4 Ka.Pliskova (2017 Beijing)
- Posted career-high ranking of No.21 on August 21, 2013
- Owns five WTA doubles titles, most recently at 2019 Lugano (w/Mitu) from 10 finals
- Member of Romania's Fed Cup team 2006, 2008-09, 2013-14 and 2017-18; also part of Romanian Olympic Team 2008 and 2012
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2006 Stockholm (l. Kanepi in 1r)
- On ITF Circuit owns eight singles and nine doubles titles
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in 2004

PERSONAL

- Introduced to tennis at age four by mother
- Coached by Carl Maes
- Born in Bucharest, but currently resides in Targoviste where her parents (Mihai and Liliana) are from and her father owns an ice cream factory. Has a younger brother Mihnea





MATCH NOTES

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VICTORIA AZARENKA (BLR #27) vs. IGA SWIATEK (POL #53)

Head to Head: 0-0

VICTORIA AZARENKA	WTA RANKING	IGA SWIATEK
27		53
12	PORSCHE RACE TO SHENZHEN LEADERBOARD	56
31-07-1989 (31)	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	31-05-2001 (19)
\$294,530	YTD PRIZE MONEY	\$257,459
\$30,650,035	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	\$932,648
1 / 21	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 0
0 / 8	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 0
36-12	US OPEN W-L (MD) *	3-1
7-2 / 458-180	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	7-3 / 21-15
1-0 / 86-62	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	2-1 / 8-5
2-0 / 68-44	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	1-1 / 2-5
7-2 / 316-108	YTD / CAREER HARD W-L (MD) *	7-3 / 14-10
0-0 / 67-72	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 0-2
2-0 / 122-100	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD) *	1-0 / 3-4
0-0 / 46-14	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 2-0

* Updated through entering 2020 US Open 3r

ROAD TO THE THIRD ROUND

VICTORIA AZARENKA (BLR #27)

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

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

vs. IGA SWIATEK (POL #53)

R64: d. [WC] SACHIA VICKERY (USA #160) 6-7(5),6-3,6-4 (1h0)

R128: d. [29] VERONIKA KUDERMETOVA (RUS #42) 6-3,6-3 (1h32)

US OPEN Tournament History

* Qualifying match

VICTORIA AZARENKA

2019

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

IGA SWIATEK

2019

R2 L - ANASTASIJA SEVASTOVA (LAT #11) 3-6 6-1 6-3



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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

**VICTORIA
AZARENKA**

VS

**IGA
SWIATEK**

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 Zvonareva/Siegemund in R16 on Friday)
- Contesting landmark 50th major this fortnight - one of nine active players to reach this milestone
- Committed just seven unforced errors during 59-minute 1r win over Haas on Tuesday
- In an all-Belarusian showdown, defeated No.11 Sabalenka in 2r to score her 122nd Top 20 win of her career and second of 2020 following a win over No.15 Konta during last week's title run at Western & Southern Open
- After clearing first two hurdles here, Grand Slam win-loss record improves to 129-46
- Meanwhile, among active players, places fifth for wins at US Open (36-12 record)
- Faces No.53 Swiatek in their career first meeting. Has not faced a Polish opponent since defeating A.Radwanska en route to 2018 Miami SF
- Owns 23-12 record in Grand Slam 3r matches (5-5 at US Open)
- Bidding to reach the second week at a Slam for the first time since 2017 Wimbledon (l. Halep in R16)
- One of eight players who've held the WTA World No.1 singles ranking in this year's draw
- Currently ranked No.27 - her highest ranking since returning to the Tour from maternity leave in 2017
- One of nine mothers in this year's US Open field - also Bondarenko, Clijsters, Govortsova, Maria, Pironkova, Tig, S.Williams and Zvonareva
- 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; there are 26 thirtysomethings in the field at start of tournament and eight to reach 3r - also Pironkova, Kerber, Cornet, Kvitova, Brengle, Cirstea and S.Williams

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

US OPEN

- Making second appearance at US Open, having reached 2r on her debut last year (l. Sevastova)
- Made Grand Slam debut (main draw or qualifying) at 2019 Australian Open, reached 2r having come through qualifying (d. Bogdan, l. Giorgi)
- In 1r this year, beat No.29 seed Kudermetova before defeating American wildcard Vickery in 2r
- After dropping the opening set to Vickery on Thursday, play was suspended due to rain. Play resumed on Friday, when she took the final two sets to seal the victory
- Now owns 10 Grand Slam main draw wins (10-5 record)
- Faces No.27 Azarenka today. Is 2-0 vs. Top 30 ranked opponents in 2020, with wins coming over No.20 Vekic (Australian Open) and No.24 Vekic (Doha)
- Bidding to reach the R16 of a Slam for the third time in her career, having done so at 2019 Roland Garros (l. Halep) and 2020 Australian Open (l. Kontaveit)
- Last Polish woman through to the R16 at the US Open was A.Radwanska in 2016 (R16)
- One of three teenagers to reach 3r this fortnight (also Anisimova, 19, and McNally, 18)

GRAND SLAM HISTORY

- Contesting sixth career Grand Slam at 2020 US 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)



**VICTORIA
AZARENKA**

VS

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GRAND SLAM CONT.

- 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

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. Zidansek), 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

SEASON

- Coming off 1r exit last week at Western & Southern Open (l. McHale); reached SF in doubles (w/Kuznetsova, l. Melichar/Xu)
- Reached 2r at Doha in February (d. Vekic, l. Kuznetsova)
- Posted career-high ranking of No.48 on February 3, 2020
- Represented Poland in Fed Cup playoffs vs. Sweden in February, defeating Bjorklund in her singles rubber
- Opened her 2020 season with R16 run at Australian Open (l. Kontaveit)

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.48 on February 3, 2020
- 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
- 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



**VICTORIA
AZARENKA**

VS

**IGA
SWIATEK**

CAREER CONT.

- 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

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

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

