



MATCH NOTES



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WOMEN'S TENNIS ASSOCIATION MATCH NOTES



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US OPEN - DAY 8 MATCH-UPS

[16] ELISE MERTENS (BEL #18) vs. [2] SOFIA KENIN (USA #4)

Kenin leads 2-0

Mertens has won the joint-most matches of any player on Tour in 2020, along with Rybakina with 22... Kenin is bidding to become the first back-to-back Slam champion since Osaka (2018 US Open, 2019 AO)

[15] MARIA SAKKARI (GRE #22) vs. [3] SERENA WILLIAMS (USA #8)

Sakkari leads 1-0

Sakkari is aiming to become the first ever Greek woman to reach the QF stage of a major... Serena has hit a tournament-leading 32 aces this fortnight and has recorded the fastest serve (124mph / 199.5kph)

VICTORIA AZARENKA (BLR #27) vs. [20] KAROLINA MUCHOVA (CZE #26)

First meeting

Azarenka is on an 8-match winning streak, including her title run last week at Western & Southern Open... Muchova now has seven wins in Flushing Meadows, more than the other three Slams combined (six)

ALIZE CORNET (FRA #56) vs. TSVETANA PIRONKOVA (BUL #NA)

Pironkova leads 2-1

Cornet has now reached the R16 at all four majors, and aims to reach her career first QF... Pironkova defeated two seeds this fortnight (No. 10 Muguruza, No. 18 Vekic), having lost her previous six Slam meetings against seeded players... The two players meet today for the first time in over nine years

A LOOK AT THE BOTTOM HALF (R16)

PLAYER	US OPEN W/L (MD)	YTD W/L	CAREER W/L*	YTD PRIZE \$	CAREER PRIZE \$	YTD TITLES	CAREER TITLES
[2] Sofia Kenin	9-5	18-6	87-50	3,031,173	5,949,905	2	5
[3] Serena Williams	104-13	14-4	831-142	198,306	92,742,122	1	73
[15] Maria Sakkari	8-5	15-8	87-83	379,038	3,135,122	0	1
[16] Elise Mertens	10-4	22-8	138-80	417,264	6,373,909	0	5
[20] Karolina Muchova	7-2	6-5	36-20	164,060	1,579,451	0	1
Victoria Azarenka	37-12	8-2	459-180	294,530	30,650,035	1	21
Alize Cornet	16-13	11-6	314-298	144,640	7,335,913	0	6
Tsvetana Pironkova	11-11	3-0	165-218	0	4,497,095	0	1



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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 – 22, Kontaveit – 19

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

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

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

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

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

WTA4LOVE – SUPPORTING THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY



- As part of the ongoing humanitarian campaign, WTA4Love, more than **100 community initiatives** have been undertaken by WTA players and partners since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic 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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STAT LEADERS

- **Serena Williams** has hit a tournament-leading 32 aces, followed by **Jennifer Brady** (22)
- **Sofia Kenin** has won 26-of-28 service games (93%)
- **Victoria Azarenka** has won 16-of-24 return games (67%, a tournament best)
- **Serena** has hit the fastest recorded serve thus far at the US Open (124 mph / 199.5 kph)

ON THIS DAY...

September 7, 1958 - WTA Legend **Althea Gibson**, the first African American player to win a Grand Slam title, defeated Darlene Hard to claim her second straight US Open crown.



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 wtaten-nis.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 12 different countries advanced to the Round of 16.

- Four Americans have reached the R16: **Jennifer Brady** (QF), **Sofia Kenin**, **Shelby Rogers** (QF) and **Serena Williams**
- This is the sixth consecutive US Open that at least three Americans have advanced to the R16
- At least one American has advanced to the QFs every year at the US Open since 1993
- Czech Republic is the only other country with more than one player to reach the R16 – Petra Kvitova (l. Rogers in R16 on Sunday) and **Karolina Muchova**
- **Alize Cornet** is the first Frenchwoman to reach the R16 at the US Open since 2015 when Mladenovic advanced to the QF

YOUTH VS. EXPERIENCE

At 21 years, 302 days, **Sofia Kenin** is the youngest player remaining in the draw while **Serena Williams** (38 years, 351 days) is the oldest.

Youngest Players Remaining:

NAME	AGE YRS	AGE DAYS
Sofia Kenin	21	302
Naomi Osaka	22	331
Karolina Muchova	24	22
Elise Mertens	24	300

Oldest Players Remaining:

NAME	AGE YRS	AGE DAYS
Serena Williams	38	351
Tsvetana Pironkova	32	365
Victoria Azarenka	31	43
Alize Cornet	30	233





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[16] ELISE MERTENS (BEL #18) vs. [2] SOFIA KENIN (USA #4)

Head to Head: SOFIA KENIN leads 2-0

2019	WUHAN	HARD O	R2	SOFIA KENIN	4-6	6-4	7-6(5)	142 mins
2019	MALLORCA	GRASS O	QF	SOFIA KENIN	1-6	6-1	6-3	111 mins

ELISE MERTENS	WTA RANKING	SOFIA KENIN
18		4
9	PORSCHE RACE TO SHENZHEN LEADERBOARD	1
17-11-1995 (24)	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	14-11-1998 (21)
\$417,264	YTD PRIZE MONEY	\$3,031,173
\$6,373,909	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	\$5,949,905
0 / 5	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	2 / 5
0 / 9	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 2
10-4	US OPEN W-L (MD) *	9-5
22-8 / 138-80	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	18-6 / 87-50
5-3 / 40-29	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	6-3 / 32-22
3-3 / 26-31	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	8-6 / 25-16
18-6 / 86-50	YTD / CAREER HARD W-L (MD) *	18-6 / 71-36
0-3 / 6-18	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD) *	1-1 / 8-14
0-4 / 13-38	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD) *	1-2 / 15-23
2-0 / 14-3	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	2-0 / 4-3

* Updated through entering 2020 US Open R16

ROAD TO THE ROUND OF 16

[16] ELISE MERTENS (BEL #18)

R32: d. CATHERINE MCNALLY (USA #124) 7-5,6-1 (1h27)

R64: d. SARA SORRIBES TORMO (ESP #82) 6-3,7-5 (2h17)

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

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

R32: d. [27] ONS JABEUR (TUN #31) 7-6(4),6-3 (1h41)

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

R128: d. YANINA WICKMAYER (BEL #146) 6-2,6-2 (1h8)

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)

SOFIA KENIN

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

2018
R3 L - KAROLINA PLISKOVA (CZE #8) 6-4 7-6(2)

2017
R3 L - MARIA SHARAPOVA (RUS #146) 7-5 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

2016

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

2015

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

**ELISE
MERTENS**

VS

**SOFIA
KENIN**

US OPEN

- Making fifth consecutive main draw appearance at US Open (and sixth appearance 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
- 2016 appearance was Grand Slam main draw debut
- 2020 US Open is her 14th Grand Slam main draw appearance, and progression to R16 this week improves her to 33-13 across the Slams
- Has reached her fourth consecutive R16 at a Slam, after 2019 Wimbledon (R16, l. Strycova), 2019 US Open (QF, l. Andreescu) and 2020 Australian Open (R16, l. Halep)
- US Open is now her joint happiest Slam hunting ground, owning 10 wins here (same as Australian Open)
- Seeded No.16 this fortnight, her ninth consecutive seeding at a Slam – highest seeding was No.12 at 2019 Australian Open
- 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
- Defeat McNally on Saturday to record her 22nd win of 2020 – joint-highest with Rybakina
- Reached 22 match wins last season across 17 events – this season, has done it in 10 events
- Is now 4-0 vs. Americans in 2020, having also defeated McHale (Hobart), Bellis (Australian Open) and Pegula (Western & Southern Open). Can add to this tally with defeat of Kenin today
- Yet to drop a set en route to her sixth Slam R16, dropping 16 games – second most efficient run to this stage of a Slam, after 2019 US Open (14 games)
- Defeat of No.4 Kenin would be best win of season (currently No.28 Q.Wang at Dubai and Doha)
- Win would also be second-best of career, after defeat of No.3 Halep in 2019 Doha final and No.3 Stephens at 2018 Cincinnati
- Kenin is seeded No.2 this fortnight – highest seed she has knocked out at a Slam is No.4 Svitolina at 2018 Australian 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 fell to Zvonareva/Siegemund in QF

US OPEN

- Making sixth straight main draw appearance at US Open, and has posted best result here in 2020 by reaching R16
- Previous best showings were making 3r three times - 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)
- 2020 US Open is her 13th main draw appearance at a Slam, and results this week take her to 21-11 across the Majors
- Defeated No.146 Wickmayer in 1r on Tuesday in just over an hour before dispatching No.104 Fernandez in 2r - both in straight sets
- Defeated No.31 Jabeur on Saturday in 3r – is now 4-0 versus Jabeur, including beating her during Australian Open title run earlier this season
- Faces No.18 Mertens today – win would be second Top 20 victory of season (also d. No.1 Barty at 2020 Australian Open)
- A win against No.16 seed Mertens would be the fourth time she's knocked out a seeded player at a Slam, after No.32 Sakkari (2018 US Open), No.10 S.Williams (2019 Roland Garros) and No.1 Barty (2020 Australian Open)
- This is her third R16 appearance – owns a 1-1- record at this stage of Slams. 2020 US Open is her most efficient run to a major R16, dropping no sets and only 20 games
- 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)
- At 21 years, 302 days old, is the youngest player remaining in the draw



**ELISE
MERTENS**

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**SOFIA
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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)

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. Krejcikova/Siniakova) and Miami (d. Stosur/Zhang)
- Team qualified for Shiseido WTA Finals Shenzhen (went 1-2 in RR)

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. Has since posted best US Open result with R16 run in 2020
- Made 2r at Wimbledon in 2018-19

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)



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CAREER CONT.

- 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)
- 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)

CAREER CONT.

- Advanced to R16 for first time at a Slam at Roland Garros (d. S.Williams), becoming first American to defeat Serena at the majors since Stephens at 2013 Australian Open QF
- Broke into the Top 100 on March 19, 2018, Top 50 on October 8, 2018 and Top 20 on August 19, 2019
- Advanced to first WTA level SF in 2018 at Mallorca as a qualifier, also reaching this stage later in the season at Québec City
- Represented the USA in the Fed Cup final vs. the Czech Republic in November 2018
- In 2017, won the US Open Wild Card Challenge, reaching the third round (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

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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2020 WESTERN & SOUTHERN OPEN HARD O R16 MARIA SAKKARI 5-7 7-6(5) 6-1 137 mins

MARIA SAKKARI	WTA RANKING	SERENA WILLIAMS
22		8
18	PORSCHE RACE TO SHENZHEN LEADERBOARD	19
25-07-1995 (25)	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	26-09-1981 (38)
\$379,038	YTD PRIZE MONEY	\$198,306
\$3,135,122	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	\$92,742,122
0 / 1	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	1 / 73
0 / 0	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 23
8-5	US OPEN W-L (MD) *	104-13
15-8 / 87-83	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	14-4 / 831-142
6-5 / 29-34	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	5-4 / 166-64
7-0 / 26-14	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	5-4 / 112-56
15-7 / 52-54	YTD / CAREER HARD W-L (MD) *	14-4 / 520-88
2-2 / 9-12	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 175-72
3-6 / 16-32	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 306-98
1-2 / 8-7	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	2-0 / 70-13

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ROAD TO THE ROUND OF 16

[15] MARIA SAKKARI (GRE #22)

R32: d. [22] AMANDA ANISIMOVA (USA #28) 6-3,6-1 (0h56)

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

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

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

R32: d. [26] SLOANE STEPHENS (USA #39) 2-6, 6-2,6-2 (1h46)

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

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

US OPEN Tournament History

* Qualifying match

MARIA SAKKARI

Year	Round	Opponent (Country #)	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

SERENA WILLIAMS

Year	Round	Opponent (Country #)	Score
2019	F	L - BIANCA ANDREESCU (CAN #15)	6-3 7-5
2018	F	L - NAOMI OSAKA (JPN #19)	6-2 6-4
2016	SF	L - KAROLINA PLISKOVA (CZE #11)	6-2 7-6(5)



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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

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

MARIA
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VS

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WILLIAMS

US OPEN

- Making sixth main draw appearance at the US Open, where she is through to R16 for her first time
- Reached 3r in 2017 (l. V.Williams) and 2019 (l. Barty)
- Was seeded No.30 during last year's 3r showing here - 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 before dispatching No.28 Anisimova in 3r to reach her second career R16 at the majors (also at 2020 Australian Open, l. Kvitova in R16)
- The match vs. Anisimova marked the only 3r match-up that featured two Top 30 ranked players
- Is now 2-7 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
- Overall Grand Slam win-loss record now stands at 24-17
- Faces No.8 S.Williams today for a spot in her career first major QF. Defeated the American last week at Western & Southern Open, having trailed a set and 1-4 in the second set tie break
- Bidding to become first ever Greek woman to reach the QF of a Slam. Prior to her R16 finish at 2020 Australian Open, the last Greek woman to reach the R16 of a Slam was Daniilidou at 2004 Wimbledon
- Is 2-2 vs. Top 10 ranked opponents this season, with wins over No.5 Bencic (St. Petersburg) and No.9 S.Williams (Western & Southern Open). Fell to No.4 Osaka (Brisbane) and No.8 Kvitova (Australian Open)
- 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)

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 354-50 (includes all 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
- In her 20th career US Open 3r match (also 20th US Open overall), defeated Stephens in their first meeting since 2015 Roland Garros; improves to 6-1 against her compatriot
- Improves to 104-13 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)
- Faces No.22 Sakkari today for the second consecutive week, falling to the Greek woman at Western & Southern Open after being up a set and 4-1 in TB
- One of six 30-somethings to reach the R16 this fortnight - also Pironkova, Kerber, Azarenka, Cornet and Kvitova



**MARIA
SAKKARI**

VS

**SERENA
WILLIAMS**

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)

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)

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. Sakkari - 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



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WILLIAMS**

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

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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WILLIAMS**

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 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





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VICTORIA AZARENKA (BLR #27) vs. [20] KAROLINA MUCHOVA (CZE #26)

Head to Head: 0-0

VICTORIA AZARENKA	WTA RANKING	KAROLINA MUCHOVA
27		26
12	PORSCHE RACE TO SHENZHEN LEADERBOARD	89
31-07-1989 (31)	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	21-08-1996 (24)
\$294,530	YTD PRIZE MONEY	\$164,060
\$30,650,035	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	\$1,579,451
1 / 21	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 1
0 / 8	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 0
37-12	US OPEN W-L (MD) *	7-2
8-2 / 459-180	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	6-5 / 36-20
1-0 / 86-62	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	2-2 / 12-9
2-0 / 68-44	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	4-0 / 11-4
8-2 / 317-108	YTD / CAREER HARD W-L (MD) *	6-5 / 26-16
0-0 / 67-72	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD) *	0-2 / 1-8
2-0 / 122-100	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD) *	0-3 / 6-12
0-0 / 46-14	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 1-3

* Updated through entering 2020 US Open R16

ROAD TO THE ROUND OF 16

VICTORIA AZARENKA (BLR #27)

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

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

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

vs. [20] KAROLINA MUCHOVA (CZE #26)

R32: d. SORANA CIRSTEAN (ROU #77) 6-3,2-6,7-6(7) (2h19)

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

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

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

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



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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
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VS

**KAROLINA
MUCHOVA**

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 . Progression to R16 this week improves her to 130-46 across the Slams, and is now 37-12 at US Open (fifth most among active players)
- One of eight players who've held the WTA World No.1 singles ranking to begin this year's draw
- Currently ranked No.27 – her highest ranking since returning to the Tour from maternity leave in 2017
- Was one of nine mothers in this year's US Open field – also Bondarenko, Clijsters, Govortsova, Maria, Pironkova, Tig, S.Williams and Zvonareva. S.Williams and Pironkova have joined her in the R16
- Yet to drop a set en route to R16 – her most effective run to reach this stage of a Slam since 2016 Australian Open, dropping only five games across the first three matches
- Has reached the second week at a Slam for the first time since 2017 Wimbledon (l. Halep in R16), and today bidding for first Slam QF since 2016 Australian Open (l. eventual champion Kerber)
- Is currently on an 8-match winning streak (five wins across Western & Southern Open, three wins in New York) – her best since 2016, winning 14 Tour-level matches in a row (six wins at Indian Wells, six at Miami and two at Madrid)
- Opened 2020 US Open campaign by committing just seven unforced errors during 59-minute 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
- Had lost to Sabalenka in 1r last year at US Open
- Overcame No.53 Swiatek in 3r on Saturday to reach first R16 at US Open since 2015
- Faces Czech Republic's Muchova today – fourth time facing Czech opposition at US Open, and owns a 3-0 record (d. Zakopalova in 2008, Strycova in 2009, and Hradecka in 2015)
- Owns a 16-7 record in Slam R16 matches
- 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

US OPEN

- Making third main draw appearance at US Open (and fourth appearance overall), and has posted best result in Flushing Meadows in 2020 by reaching R16
- Previously came through qualifying to reach 3r on her Grand Slam main draw debut in 2018 (d. Yas-tremska and No.12 Muguruza, l. Barty)
- Also made 3r run here last year (l. S.Williams)
- Can match best result across the Slams by reaching QF today – also made this stage at 2019 Wimbledon, losing to Svitolina (d. No.20 Kontaveit and No.3 Ka.Pliskova en route)
- 2020 US Open marks seventh Grand Slam main draw, and results this week move her to 13-6 across the Slams
- New York is her happiest Slam hunting ground – owns more wins here (7) than at the other three Slams combined (6)
- Currently the Czech No.4 of eight women in the Top 100 (week of August 31, 2020)
- Seeded No.20 this fortnight – joint-highest, after 2020 Australian Open
- Contesting US Open ranked No.26, five spots off career-high of No.21 (posted November 4, 2019). By contrast, was No.44 this time last year
- Fired 27 winners to dismiss No.65 V.Williams in opening round on Tuesday
- Overcame No.98 Kalinskaya in straight sets on Thursday
- Saved three MPs vs. Cirstea in 3r, eventually prevailing 9-7 in third set tie break. During third set, was 3-5 down before rallying to force tie break and progress
- Faces No.27 Azarenka today – win would be best by ranking of season (currently d. No.33 Linette at Doha)
- Aside from the US, Czech Republic is the only other country with more than one player to reach the R16 (also Kvitova, who fell to Rogers in R16 on Sunday)

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, l. Barty in 3r), 2019 (l. R-Up S.Williams) and now 2020
- 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



**VICTORIA
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VS

**KAROLINA
MUCHOVA**

US OPEN CONT.

- Celebrated 31st birthday a few weeks ago; there are 26 thirtysomethings in the field at start of tournament and six to reach R16 - also Pironkova, Kerber, Cornet, Kvitova 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
- 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

SEASON

- Coming off 2r exit at Western & Southern Open (l. eventual R-Up Osaka)
- 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)

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/Aitenkirchen-GER (l. Dart) and \$60k ITF/Croissy-Beaubourg-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



**VICTORIA
AZARENKA**

VS

**KAROLINA
MUCHOVA**

CAREER CONT.

- Comeback tournament was Mallorca, reaching 2r (d. Ozaki, I. Konjuh). Prior to 2017 Mallorca, last tournament contested was 2016 Roland Garros (1r)
- Followed this with R16 at Wimbledon (l. Halep). Did not play after Wimbledon due to personal reasons
- Ended 2016 ranked No.13, despite missing second half of season after going on maternity leave (announced pregnancy mid-July). Lifted three titles, at Brisbane and 'Sunshine Double' of Indian Wells and Miami – third woman to achieve feat after Graf in 1994 and 1996 and Clijsters in 2005
- Posted 26-3 record for first six months of 2016 with losses coming at the Australian Open (QF, l. Kerber), Rome (2r, l. Begu) and Roland Garros (ret. vs. Knapp w/right knee injury)
- Limited to total of 23 events over 2014-15 seasons due to variety of injuries
- Posted five consecutive Top 10 finishes between 2009 and 2013, qualifying for the WTA Finals on each occasion (l. Kvitova in 2011 final in Istanbul)
- Ascended to World No.1 after 2012 Australian Open and held top spot for a total of 51 weeks
- Began 2012 with 26-match win streak – best start since Hingis went 37-0 in 1997. Went on to win tour-leading 69 matches in 2012, season highlighted by six titles, finishing as WTA's year-end No.1
- Won two medals for Belarus at 2012 Olympics bronze in singles and mixed doubles gold (w/Mirnyi)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2005 Kolkata
- ITF Junior World Champion for 2005 – reached first tour-level semifinal at Guangzhou the same year

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

- 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





MATCH NOTES

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ALIZÉ CORNET (FRA #56) vs. TSVETANA PIRONKOVA (BUL #0)

Head to Head: TSVETANA PIRONKOVA leads 2-1

2011	INDIAN WELLS	HARD O	R2	ALIZÉ CORNET	7-5	3-6	6-2	159 mins
2008	STUTT GART	HARD I	R1	TSVETANA PIRONKOVA	6-2	6-1		74 mins
2007	BORDEAUX	CLAY O	F	TSVETANA PIRONKOVA	6-2	6-3		

ALIZÉ CORNET	WTA RANKING	TSVETANA PIRONKOVA
56	PORSCHE RACE TO SHENZHEN LEADERBOARD	13-09-1987 (32)
37	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	\$0
22-01-1990 (30)	YTD PRIZE MONEY	\$4,497,095
\$144,640	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	
\$7,335,913	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 1
0 / 6	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 0
0 / 3	US OPEN W-L (MD) *	11-11
16-13	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	3-0 / 165-218
11-6 / 314-298	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 36-73
5-1 / 104-99	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 51-38
3-1 / 65-61	YTD / CAREER HARD W-L (MD) *	3-0 / 83-126
11-6 / 189-179	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 12-36
1-0 / 20-48	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD) *	1-0 / 22-80
3-1 / 43-103	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 10-15
2-0 / 29-17		

* Updated through entering 2020 US Open R16

ROAD TO THE ROUND OF 16

ALIZÉ CORNET (FRA #56)

R32: d. [7] MADISON KEYS (USA #14) 7-6(4),3-2 Ret'd (1h29)

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)

vs. TSVETANA PIRONKOVA (BUL #0)

R32: d. [18] DONNA VEKIC (CRO #24) 6-4,6-1 (1h06)

R64: d. [10] GARBIÑE 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

ALIZÉ CORNET

2019	R2	L - BELINDA BENCIC (SUI #12)	6-4	1-6	6-2
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2018	R1	L - JOHANNA LARSSON (SWE #82)	4-6	6-3	6-2
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TSVETANA PIRONKOVA

2016	R2	L - JOHANNA KONTA (GBR #14)	6-2	5-7	6-2
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2015	R1	L - MONA BARTHEL (GER #53)	5-7	7-6(4)	6-1
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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

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

**ALIZE
CORNET**

VS

**TSVETANA
PIRONKOVA**

US OPEN

- Making 14th main draw appearance at US Open, the sixth most among active players
- Has achieved best result here in 2020 by making R16. Previously reached 3r 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 sole representative in R16
- 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 with a straight sets win over Bonaventure to reach her first Slam 3r since 2018 Australian Open (l. Mertens)
- Defeated No.14 Keys in 3r on Saturday (following retirement from the American due to a neck injury)
- Now holds three Top 15 wins this season, previously defeating 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 Is through to her first R16 appearance since 2017 Roland Garros (l. Garcia)
- Has now reached the R16 at all four Slams, having also done so at 2017 Roland Garros, 2015 Roland Garros, 2014 Wimbledon and 2009 Australian Open
- Through progression to R16, owns a 61-56 record across the Slams
- Faces unranked Pironkova today in their fourth career meeting, and first since defeating the Bulgarian at 2011 Indian Wells 2r in nearly 2 hrs, 40 mins
- 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

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 R16 improves her to 46-47 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
- Ousted No.18 seed Vekic on Saturday to reach her seventh career R16 at the majors, and first since 2016 Roland Garros (l. Stosur in QF)
- 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)
- Faces No.56 Cornet today. Owns 2-1 record over the Frenchwoman however, last victory came over 12 years ago at Stuttgart in 2008
- Hasn't dropped a set yet en route to R16
- 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



**ALIZE
CORNET**

VS

**TSVETANA
PIRONKOVA**

GRAND SLAM CONT.

- 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)
- Before 2020, best showing at US Open is 3r (2007-08, 2013-14 and 2020)
- Won 2007 Roland Garros girls' singles (d. Duque-Mariño in F)

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

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)
- 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



**ALIZE
CORNET**

VS

**TSVETANA
PIRONKOVA**

CAREER CONT.

- 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

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

PERSONAL

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

