PREVIEW NOTES: OPEN 6ÈME SENS MÉTROPOLE DE LYON
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[Q] CLARA TAUSON (DEN #139) VS. [Q] VIKTORIJA GOLUBIC (SUI #130)

Head-to-head: CLARA TAUSON leads 1-0

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TAUSON:

- Making debut appearance at Open 6ème Sens Métropole De Lyon after coming through two rounds of qualifying
- Beat Hesse and Fayard in qualifying before upsetting top seed Alexandrova in 1r of main draw
- Reeled off seven games in a row to recover from slow start and beat Babos in 2r, then won all eight service games to beat Giorgi in her maiden career QF
- Beat Badosa in SF, firing seven aces to take her total for the tournament to 25 in six matches – by contrast, Golubic has struck just one
- Wins over No.33 Alexandrova, No.81 Giorgi and No.73 Badosa were the third, fourth and fifth Top 100 wins of her career (also No.58 Rogers $80k ITF/Tyler-USA in 2020 and No.25 Brady at 2020 Roland Garros)
- Faces fellow qualifier Golubic in today’s final – bidding for 11th win in a row (previous longest winning streak of career was eight matches)
- Last time two qualifiers met in a WTA final was at 2017 Tokyo [Japan Open], when Diyas beat Kato to lift her maiden title
- Although this is her first WTA final, she owns an impressive record at this stage in ITF Circuit events, winning her last five in a row (overall record 9-3), including victory over Golubic this January at $25k ITF/Fuajairah-UAE
- Yet to drop a set, and has spent just over eight hours on court (including two qualifying matches); by contrast Golubic has required nine and a half hours to reach this stage
- Including ITF Circuit and qualifying matches, record in 2021 stands at 18-3
- Prior to this week, only Tour-level main draw appearances were 1r exit at 2019 Lugano (as qualifier, l. Rodina) and 2r showing at 2020 Roland Garros (as qualifier, l. Collins)
- Last year at Lyon, no qualifier made it beyond 2r
- Currently sitting at career-high No.139 in the rankings

Follow WTA on Twitter: www.twitter.com/WTA Facebook: www.facebook.com/WTA YouTube: www.youtube.com/WTA
• Coming off lifting ninth ITF Circuit title of her career on indoor hard at Altenkirchen-GER (d. Walert in F)
• Fell at first hurdle at Australian Open qualifying event in Dubai
• Opened 2021 season by lifting title at $25k ITF/Fujairah-UAE (d. Golubic in F)
• Ended 2020 season ranked No.152 (up from No.267 at the end of 2019) after posting 30-7 win-loss record. Best results were 2r at Roland Garros (as qualifier, d. No.25 Brady, l. Collins) and lifting two titles on ITF Circuit
• Made Tour-level debut (main draw and qualifying) with 1r exit at 2019 Lugano (as wildcard qualifier, l. Rodina)
• Lifted four ITF Circuit singles titles in 2019
• Won maiden ITF Circuit title in just her second tournament, at $15k ITF/Stockholm-SWE in 2017
• Reached SF on professional debut at $15k ITF/Antalya-TUR in 2017
• On ITF Junior Circuit has lifted nine singles titles, including at 2019 Australian Open (d. Fernandez in F). In 2019 she became the first Dane to top the junior world rankings

GOLUBIC:
• Playing Lyon for the first time, after coming through two rounds of qualifying
• Dropped a total of five games across qualifying victories over Paar and compatriot Kung
• Recovered from a break down both second and third sets to beat Lapko in 1r, then upset No.47 Garcia in 2r – first Top 50 win since upsetting No.38 Siniakova and No.34 Zhang en route to SF at 2019 Guangzhou
• Recovered from 5-3 down in second set to close out 6-3 7-6(0) win over Minnen in QF
• Beat No.2 seed Ferro in SF – came within two points of defeat on four occasions when serving at 6-5 down in the final set, eventually triumphing 4-6 6-0 7-6(4) in 2h 26m
• Overall record in WTA SF matches improves to 3-3
• Faces Tauson today in third WTA final of her career; owns 1-1 record in the previous two, beating Bertens on clay at 2016 Gstaad and losing to Cibulkova at 2016 Linz on indoor hard court
• Including qualifying and ITF Circuit matches, owns 19-3 record in 2021
• Has reached two finals on ITF Circuit in 2021, finishing R-Up at $25k Fujairah-UAE and winning $25k Grenoble-FRA – her 10th title at this level
• Ended 2020 outside Top 100 (at No.137) for first time since 2017 – after a campaign in which she fell 1r three times (including Australian Open and US Open) and in qualifying on four occasions
• Other than run to SF at Guangzhou, highlights of 2019 season include QF runs at Hua Hin and last week in Nanchang, and 3r showing at Wimbledon – the deepest run of her career at a major
• Finished 2018 ranked No.92 for second-best career-end finish (after No.57 in 2016)
• Made 2r at three events in 2018, at Gstaad, Hiroshima and Wuhan, and fell 1r on seven occasions
• Also won ninth career title on ITF Circuit at $80k Poitiers-FRA
• 2017 saw her play all four Grand Slam main draws for first time in her career and post career-high ranking of No.51 on April 3, 2017
• Ended 2016 at No.57 for best year-end finish of career (up from No.178 in 2015)
• Season highlights were winning maiden WTA singles title at Gstaad (d. Bertens in F) and R-Up finish at Linz (l. Cibulkova in F)
• Made Slam debut at 2016 Australian Open (as qualifier, l. Suárez Navarro in 1r) and qualified for Roland Garros, reaching 2r (l. Safarova). Prior to 2016 Australian Open, had fallen six times in Grand Slam qualifying
• Other 2016 highlights included QFs at ‘s-Hertogenbosch (l. Bencic), Tokyo [Japan Open] (l. eventual champion McHale) and Guangzhou (l. Kontaveit). Reached 2r at Katowice (l. Babos) and Bastad (l. Errani), and fell 1r at Cincinnati (l. Nara) and Luxembourg (l. Lisicki)
• Posted first and second Top 50 wins (vs. No.18 Ka. Pliskova and No.33 Strycova) during 2016 Fed Cup World Group SF against Czech Republic
• Entering 2016, had posted just two tour-level main draw wins in career. By comparison, registered 20 main draw wins in 2016
• Prior to 2016 had contested two tour-level events, having come through qualifying on both occasions: 2013 Bad Gastein (d. Bertens, l. Hlavackova), 2014 Shenzhen (d. Wozniack, l. Beck)
• Made WTA qualifying debut at 2010 Budapest, and main draw debut at 2013 Bad Gastein
• Made debut on ITF Circuit at $10k ITF/Budapest-HUN in 2008