MUSC HEALTH WOMEN'S OPEN
CHARLESTON, SC, USA | APRIL 12-18, 2021 | USD $235,238 | WTA 250

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[3] SHELBY ROGERS (USA #46) VS. DANKA KOVINIC (MNE #65)

Head-to-head: DANKA KOVINIC leads 1-0

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ROGERS:

- Appearing in the inaugural edition of the MUSC Health Women’s Open, in her home state of South Carolina
- Has appeared at the WTA 500 event in the same city seven times, with her best result there a QF run in 2017 (l. Lucic-Baroni); defeated the top seed Keys and future Grand Slam champion Osaka en route
- Born in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina and currently lives in Charleston. Was a ball girl at the WTA 500 tournament when she was younger
- Contesting tournament ranked at a career-high No.46 (April 12, 2021)
- Is the last remaining of a tournament-leading 12 Americans in the draw
- Opened campaign this week with 62-minute victory over compatriot McNally in 1r
- Beat another one, Liu, in 2r, requiring just 69 minutes
- Faces Kovinic today in her fifth QF since the Tour’s restart last August
- Overall career record in WTA QF matches stands at 4-7 (2-3 on clay)
- Coming off 3r run at last week’s Volvo Car Open (l. Barty in 3s)
- Produced back-to-back 2r showings at Miami (l. Svitolina) and Dubai (l. Mertens)
- Started 2021 season with strong performance down under: reached two QFs at Yarra Valley Classic (l. eventual champion Barty) and Adelaide (l. Gauff), and also achieved career-best run at Australian Open by reaching the R16 (d. No.22 Kontaveit in 3r, l. Barty)
- Produced career best year-end finish in 2020 at No.58, following a SF appearance at Lexington (d. S.Williams in 2r, l. Teichmann) and QF at US Open (d. Kvitova, l. eventual champion Osaka) – marked second career Slam QF appearance (also 2016 Roland Garros)
- In 2019, made return from injury at Charleston where she reached 2r (l. Ostapenko). Also posted 2r showings at Roland Garros and Mallorca and fell 1r six occasions and reached one ITF Circuit final
- Fell 1r in only two tournaments played in 2018 at Australian Open and Indian Wells - injured left knee in loss to Dolehide at Indian Wells, requiring surgery in the summer
- In 2017, posted third Top 100 season and year-end finish of No.59. Year highlighted by reaching QFs at Charleston, Hobart and Strasbourg. Achieved career-high ranking of No.48 on January 30, 2017

KOVINIC:

Plays
- Right-handed

Career Prize Money
- $1,888,461

Date of Birth (Age)
- Nov. 18, 1994 (26)

Singles Titles
- 0

YTD / Career W-L (MD)
- 9-6 / 63-86

Clay Court (YTD / Career)
- 7-1 / 39-32

Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)
- 0-1 / 2-6

Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)
- 1-1 / 3-16

Coach
- Nemanja Plavsic

Plays
- Right-handed

Career Prize Money
- $3,232,823

Date of Birth (Age)
- Oct. 13, 1992 (28)

Singles Titles
- 0

YTD / Career W-L (MD)
- 14-6 / 79-86

Clay Court (YTD / Career)
- 4-1 / 29-25

Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)
- 0-4 / 3-13

Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)
- 2-5 / 15-27

Coach
- Mark Gellard
• Also, played all three ties to help USA win its first Fed Cup in 17 years, winning decisive doubles rubber (w/Vandwewegh) in final against Belarus
• In 2017 US Open 2r, d. No.25 seed Gavrilova 7-6(6), 4-6, 7-6(5), in a match that took 3 hours, 33 minutes, setting a record for the longest women’s match in US Open history
• Appeared in two WTA singles finals, at 2016 Rio de Janeiro (I. Schiavone) and at 2014 Bad Gastein (d. No.16 Suárez Navarro and No.14 Errani en route, I.Petkovic)
• One-time doubles runner-up, at 2015 Bogotá (w/Falconi)
• Participated in 2014 WTA Finals Rising Stars Invitational in Singapore (along with Diyas, Puig and Zheng)
• Made Top 100 for first time on August 11, 2014
• Won first WTA level match at 2013 Strasbourg (d. Domachowska)
• Winner of five singles titles and two doubles titles on ITF Circuit, where she made professional debut in United States in 2009, at age 16

KOVINIC:
• Overcame Tomova in 1r and then Davis in 2r here at MUSC Health Women’s Open – her sixth and seventh wins on clay this season (the most on Tour)
• Has now posted nine wins this season – more than her combined total for 2019 (two) and 2020 (five)
• Faces Rogers in today’s QF; career record in WTA QF matches stands at 4-10 (2-9 on clay)
• Four QF wins came over Duan at 2015 Tianjin, Sakkari at 2016 Istanbul, Puig at 2016 Tianjin and Putintseva at 2021 Charleston (WTA 500)
• Coming off reaching biggest final of career at Volvo Car Open, also held here in Charleston (WTA 500 level), falling to Kudermetova in title match. Defeated three seeded players en route to the final (No.3 Kvitova, No.11 Putintseva and No.12 Jabeur)
• Is now 0-3 in WTA finals, falling at the final hurdle also at 2016 Istanbul and 2015 Tianjin
• Defeated No.11 Kvitova in 3r for third Top 20 win – previously upset No.8 Vinci at 2016 Madrid and No.10 Bencic at 2020 Rome
• Prior to Charleston run, most recent back-to-back Tour level wins also came during 3r run at 2020 Rome
• Also this season, reached 2r at Guadalajara (l. Davis)
• Fell 1r at both Australian Open (l. Barty 6-0 6-0) and then Phillip Island Trophy (l. Bouzkova)
• Made 2r at Gippsland Trophy (d. Zidansek, l. Ostapenko)
• Opened season with 1r exit at Abu Dhabi (l. Muchova)
• Season highlights in 2020 include reaching QF at Istanbul (l. Bouchard) before advancing to 3r at Rome (as qualifier, l. Mertens)
• Highlights from 2019 were R-Up appearance at 125K event in Bastad, Sweden (l. Doi in F) and QF run at Tashkent Open (l. Cirstea)
• Additionally in 2019, lifted titles at $100K ITF/Szekesfehervar-HUN, $25K ITF/Campinas-BRA and $25K ITF/Ystad-SWE. Now owns 11 singles and four doubles titles on the ITF Circuit
• Spent majority of 2018 competing on the ITF Circuit, though advanced through qualifying at WTA International tournaments Lugano and Istanbul where she reached 2r
• In 2016, advanced to second career singles final at Istanbul (l. Buyukakcay)
• Set career-high ranking of No.46 on February 22, 2016, following QF run at Rio de Janeiro
• Made Top 100 debut on May 4, 2015 at No.95
• First WTA final appearance came in shape of R-Up finish at 2015 Tianjin (I. A.Radwanska)
• At 2015 Roland Garros became first player – man or woman – from Montenegro to advance to 2r of a Grand Slam (already set the national record for first player to appear in 1r at major at 2014 Roland Garros)
• Montenegrin Fed Cup Team, 2011-13, 2016, 2018; Montenegrin Olympic Team, 2016
• Reached QF at 2013 Budapest, which was her WTA main draw debut
• Played first events of her career on the ITF Circuit in 2009
ONS JABEUR (TUN #27) VS. NAO HIBINO (JPN #88)

Head-to-head: ONS JABEUR leads 1-0

2020

ROLAND GARROS

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JABEUR

HIBINO

Career Prize Money

$2,840,618

Career Prize Money

$1,883,860

Plays

Right-handed

Plays

Right-handed

Date of Birth (Age)

Aug. 28, 1994 (26)

Date of Birth (Age)

Nov. 28, 1994 (26)

Singles Titles

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Singles Titles

2

YTD / Career W-L (MD)

16-7 / 76-78

YTD / Career W-L

2-1 / 8-11

Clay Court (YTD / Career)

6-1 / 26-22

Clay Court (YTD / Career)

3-6 / 55-66

Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)

1-3 / 5-12

Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)

0-0 / 1-6

Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)

1-3 / 11-20

Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)

0-1 / 2-9

Coach

Issam Jellali

Coach

Eiji Takeuchi

JABEUR:

- Contesting the 2021 MUSC Health Women's Open as the top seed and at a career-high ranking of No.27 (as of April 12, 2021)
- Hit five aces to beat Voegele in 1r and then another four against Parks in 2r. Has now struck a total of 112 aces so far in 2021 – the third most on Tour (behind Kudermetova on 130 and Barty on 127)
- Finished her match against qualifier Parks in fine form, Dropping just five points as she wrapped up the second set in a mere 22 minutes
- Has now won her last nine matches vs. qualifiers, last loss coming to Brady at 2019 Cincinnati
- Sits joint third on Tour in 2021 for match wins, level with Barty (also 16) and behind Muguruza (21) and Kudermetova (17)
- Faces Hibino in today's QF; career record in WTA QF matches stands at 4-8 (1-1 on clay, losing to Hercog at 2018 Bucharest and beating Gauff at 2021 Charleston)
- Coming off SF run at Volvo Car Open (l. eventual R-Up Kovinic) - her first SF since 2019 Tianjin (l. Peterson)
- Prior to last week, best Tour-level result on clay was QF run at 2018 Bucharest (l. Hercog); owns seven ITF Circuit titles on clay and was girls’ singles champion at 2011 Roland Garros (d. Puig in F)
- Made R16 showing at Miami (l. Sorribes Tormo). Upset No.4 Kenin in 3r – now owns a 3-5 record vs. Top-5 ranked players, with other wins coming over No.1 Halep (2018 Beijing via ret.) and No.3 Ka.Pliskova (2020 Doha)
- Reached 3r at Dubai (l. Teichmann); defeated No.23 Rybakina in 2r to notch her best win by ranking since ousting No.12 Sabalenka at 2020 Roland Garros
- Made 2r exit at Doha (l. Ka.Pliskova)
- Reached 3r at Australian Open (l. eventual champion Osaka)
- Opened 2021 with 3r at Abu Dhabi (l. eventual champion Sabalenka), then fell 2r at Grampians Trophy (l. Kerber)
- Started 2020 by reaching maiden Slam QF at Australian Open – became the first Arab woman to reach that stage at a major (l. eventual champion Kenin); made Top 50 debut at No.45 after performance in Melbourne
- In 2020 also made QFs at Doha (l. Kvitova), Lexington (l. Gauff), Western & Southern Open (l. eventual champion Azarenka) and Ostrava (l. Sakkari)
- During Doha run last year, beat No.3 Ka.Pliskova to record fourth Top 10 win, having previously upset No.7 Cibulkova (2017 Roland Garros), No.1 Halep (2018 Beijing) and No.8 Stephens (2018 Moscow)
• Season highlights in 2019 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 tour-level results were QF runs at 2013 Baku, 2017 Taipei City and 2018 Bucharest

• Member of Tunisian Olympic Team in 2012 and 2016

• Contested first two WTA main draws in 2012, at Doha (as WC) and Olympics

• Played first event of career at 2008 ITF/El Menzah-TUN

• 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)

HIBINO:

• Playing inaugural edition of the MUSC Health Women’s Open

• In 1r on Monday, saved 5MP against Doi before advancing when her compatriot retired w/muscle cramping at the end of the third set – result ended a six-match losing streak, stretching back to Australian Open

• Early breaks in both sets helped her close out victory over Di Lorenzo in 2r

• Faces No.27 Jabeur in QF today; bidding for first Top 50 win since upsetting No.34 Stephens and No.43 Ostapenko en route to SF at 2020 Strasbourg

• Has won her last six WTA QFs, with her overall record standing at 7-3 (1-1 on clay, losing to eventual champion Buyukakcay at 2016 Istanbul and beating Ostapenko at 2020 Strasbourg)

• Followed Australian Open with 1r exits at Phillip Island Trophy (l. Lepchenko), Guadalajara (l. Schmiedlova), Monterrey (l. Paolini), Miami (l. Zarazua) and Charleston (l. Samsonova)

• Opened 2021 by reaching 2r at Australian Open (l. Mladenovic)

• Best results of 2020 were SF runs at Hua Hin (l. Kung) and Strasbourg (l. Rybakina)

• Reached 2r at the Grand Slams for her second and third time in her career in 2020, at Australian Open (as qualifier, l. Sakkari) and Roland Garros (l. Jabeur). First reached 2r at a major at 2017 US Open (l. Safarova)

• Owns two Top 20 wins in her career, having upset No.18 Stosur at 2016 Hong Kong and No.4 Svitolina at 2020 Hua Hin

• Season highlight in 2019 was singles and doubles sweep at 2019 Hiroshima (w/Doi, whom she beat in singles final). Also reached 2r at Monterrey (l. Vickery) and fell 1r four times

• In 2018, won one singles and one doubles title on ITF Circuit

• Posted third Top 100 finish in 2017, having reached finals in Kuala Lumpur (l. Barty in F) and Nanchang (l. Peng)

• Standout results in 2016 included reaching second WTA singles final at Tashkent (as defending champion, l. Kr.Pliskova) and advancing to QF at Auckland (l. Goerges), Istanbul (l. Buyukakcay) and Florianopolis (l. Begu)

• Made Top 100 debut on October 5, 2015, jumping from No.117 to No.76 after winning career first WTA singles title at Tashkent (d. Vekic in F) in what was her second Tour-level main draw

• Nominated for WTA Newcomer of the Year in 2015 (media vote; won by Gavrilova)

• Made WTA main draw debut in September 2015 at Tokyo [Japan Open], reaching 2r (d. Kuwata, l. Brengle)
# CLARA TAUSON (DEN #101) VS. MARIA CAMILA OSORIO SERRANO (COL #135)

**Head-to-head:** First meeting

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## TAUSON:
- MUSC Health Women's Open marks fourth Tour-level clay court main draw – also 2019 Lugano (as qualifier, l. Rodina), 2020 Roland Garros (as qualifier, d. Brady in 1r, l. Collins in 2r) and 2021 Bogotá (l. Seguel in 1r)
- Overcame Samsonova in 1r on Monday for second clay court win at Tour main draw level, after ousting Brady at 2020 Roland Garros
- Beat No.77 Tomljanovic in 1r – her sixth Top 100 win (best was over No.25 Brady at 2020 Roland Garros)
- One of five teenagers in the draw (also Fruhvirtova, McNally, Navarro and today's QF opponent Osorio Serrano)
- Coming off 1r exit at Bogotá (l. Seguel)
- Also fell 1r at St. Petersburg (as qualifier, l. eventual champion Kasatkina)
- Enjoyed a 13-match winning streak across all levels earlier this season, having won an ITF $25k event in Germany, the WTA Lyon 250 event (as a qualifier), then coming through qualifying at St. Petersburg
- Results propelled her to a career-high ranking of No.96 (March 8, 2021)
- Lifted maiden WTA title in Lyon in March; came through two rounds of qualifying before beating top seed Alexandrova in 1r of main draw. Then beat Babos in 2r, Giorgi in her maiden career QF and Badosa in SF before securing title with win over fellow qualifier Golubic – last time two qualifiers met in a WTA final was at 2017 Tokyo [Japan Open], when Diyas beat Kato to lift her maiden title
- Prior to Lyon, only Tour-level main draw appearances were 1r exit at 2019 Lugano (as qualifier, d. Rodina) and 2r showing at 2020 Roland Garros (as qualifier, l. Collins)
- Lifted 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
OSORIO SERRANO:
- Appearing in first edition of MUSC Health Women's Open – only her fifth WTA main draw
- In 1r, recovered from 5-3 down in third set to upset No.51 Linette – in terms of ranking, her best career win
- Beat McHale in 2r, surviving the American twice serving for the match in the second set
- Contesting tournament ranked at a career-high No.135 (April 12, 2021) – eighth highest-ranked teenager on Tour
- Coming off winning maiden career title on home soil, at Bogotá (d. Zidansek in F); upset No.98 Martincova in 2r to score maiden Top 100 win
- Is the fourth teenager to lift a WTA singles trophy this season, joining Swiatek (Adelaide), Tauson (Lyon) and Fernandez (Monterrey); ranked No.180, was also the lowest-ranked WTA title winner since World No.299 Margarita Gasparyan won 2018 Tashkent
- Owns three clay court singles titles on ITF Circuit
- Best results of the season on ITF Circuit were QFs at $25k Orlando and $25k Boca Raton. Also reached final round of qualifying for Australian Open (I. Burel)
- Finished 2020 ranked at No.186 – the same position she ended 2019 campaign, too
- Best results were SF at $25k ITF/Saint-Malo-FRA. Also contested qualifying at Australian Open and Roland Garros
- In 2019 won second and third career ITF Circuit titles, both at $25k Guayaquil-ECU
- Won first ITF Circuit singles title at $15k Cucuta-COL
- Colombian Billie Jean King Cup Team 2016-17, 2019
- Fell 1r on WTA main draw debut at 2017 Bogotá (as WC, I. Blinkova)
- Made professional debut in qualifying at 2016 Bogotá (I. Perrin in 3s)
- On the ITF Junior Circuit rose to No.1 in September 2019, shortly after winning US Open girls’ singles title (d. Yepifanova in F)
MATCH NOTES: MUSC HEALTH WOMEN’S OPEN  
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ASTRA SHARMA (AUS #165) VS. [WC] LINDA FRUHVIRTOVA (CZE #499)

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SHARMA:
- Playing first edition of MUSC Health Women’s Open – her fifth Tour-level event of the season
- Won eight of nine service games to beat Y.Wang in 1r on Tuesday
- Recovered from 4-1 down in the final set to beat No.8 seed Brengle in 2r
- Faces Fruhvirtova today in third WTA QF of her career, having previously made that stage during R-Up finish at 2019 Bogotá and QF at 2021 Guadalajara
- Coming off 1r exit at Bogotá (l. Gatto-Monticone)
- Advanced to QF at Guadalajara (l. eventual champion Sorribes Tormo)
- Suffered 1r exits at Gippsland Trophy (l. eventual R-Up Kanepi) and Australian Open (l. Hibino)
- Posted second successive Top 150 season finish in 2020 (No.128)
- Reached 2r twice in 2020, including at Roland Garros (as qualifier, l. Alexandrova)
- Non-playing member of Australian team that contested final of Billie Jean King Cup against France in 2019
- Made Top 100 debut on April 29, 2019 and rose as high as No.85 the week of June 24 that year
- Reached 2r on Grand Slam singles main draw debut at 2019 Australian Open (as qualifier, d. Hon, l. Sakkari) and that season played all four Slams for the first time
- Achieved her best win-by-ranking of her career over No.50 S.Zhang during 2r showing at 2019 Strasbourg
- Advanced to career first Tour-level final in 2019 at Bogotá (l. Anisimova in F). Lifted first WTA doubles title that same week (w/Hives)
- In mixed doubles finished R-Up at 2019 Australian Open (as WC, w/Smith, l. Krejcikova/Ram in F) and made SF in 2020 (w/Smith, l. Mattek-Sands/J.Murray)
- Won seventh career ITF singles title and fourth doubles title at 2019 $25K ITF/Irapuato-MEX
- Played almost exclusively on ITF Circuit in 2018, posting 37-11 win-loss record and winning three titles
- Made WTA qualifying debut as WC at 2018 Hobart, falling at the first hurdle to Nara
- Won first professional title in 2015 at $10k Sharm El Sheikh-EGY
- Owns seven singles and four doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Stellar collegiate career at Vanderbilt University saw her named an All-American player in multiple seasons; led women’s tennis team to their first-ever Southeast Conference tournament championship and National Championship, plus the NCAA Finals, two NCAA semifinals and two additional SEC Championships
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in Australia in 2011, before wrist and ankle injuries influenced decision to move to US at age of 18 to play college tennis in Australia in 2012
FRUHVIRTOVA:

- Contesting second WTA main draw of her career this week
- In 1r, advanced when No.59 Cornet retired w/right thigh injury with the score tied at 6-2 6-7(7) 4-4; now 1-2 against Top 100 players
- Broke serve six times to beat fellow teenage WC Navarro in 2r
- Faces No.165 Sharma in today’s QF – they are the lowest-ranked players left in the draw (all four in the bottom half are outside Top 100)
- Arrives in South Carolina following a 1r qualifying loss to Stojanovic at Miami Open
- Enjoyed a successful campaign on the ITF Circuit so far this year, capturing back-to-back $15K titles in Tunisia
- Also began the year with a runner-up finish at $25K in Germany (l. Q.Zheng in final)
- This week marks just her second WTA Tour-level main draw appearance, following 1r exit at 2020 Prague (l. Kr.Pliskova)
- Competing on a career-high ranking of No.499
- Reached ITF junior career-high ranking of No.10 in 2020
- In February 2019, as a 13-year-old, she won the prestigious Les Petits As title in France, losing only 15 games the entire tournament - something that had never been done in the history of the event
- In May 2019, she was directly accepted in the main draw for Roland Garros girls’ singles – the youngest player in the draw and first ever 2005 born player to play in a junior Grand Slam
- In the past, she has won the Junior Orange Bowl (2017) and a long list of Tennis Europe and ITF Junior events as well
- Before the tour stopped in March, she competed in her first ever ITF $100K event, beating a former WTA top-100 player in the first round
- Born, lives and trains in Prague, Czech Republic but also spends time in Nice, France at the Mouratoglou Academy under the watchful eye of Patrick Mouratoglou who has overseen her development (as well as that of her young sister Brenda) for the last couple of years
- Her sister Brenda followed in her footsteps by winning the Les Petits As girls singles title in 2020 (she was only 12 years old at the time), becoming the youngest winner in the tournament’s 38-year history, and completing the first ever sister-combination to win the event in back-to-back years (Linda in 2019, Brenda in 2020). On the heels of that win, Roland Garros had already awarded her a WC for the girls’ singles before the event was moved to September
- Favorite surface is clay
- Hobbies include singing, family time, and travel