



# MATCH NOTES



AKRON WTA FINALS GUADALAJARA  
GUADALAJARA, MEXICO  
NOVEMBER 10-17, 2021 | \$5,000,000

## DAY 6 MATCH-UPS

**5** IGA SWIATEK

**0-1**  
HEAD-TO-HEAD RECORD

PAULA BADOSA **7**

*Badosa* beat the Pole in straight sets at the Olympics this summer... *Swiatek* is bidding for the first win of her career over a Top-10 player on a hard court... *Badosa* is already guaranteed to finish top in the group, while *Swiatek* has been eliminated

**1** BARBORA KREJCIKOVA  
KATERINA SINIAKOVA

**0-0**  
HEAD-TO-HEAD RECORD

ALEXA GUARACHI  
DESIRAE KRAWCZYK **6**

*Krejcikova* and *Siniakova* have already qualified for the SF... *Guarachi* and *Krawczyk* must win if they are to have any chance of progressing... *Krejcikova* and *Siniakova* finished as runners-up at the WTA Finals three years ago

**1** ARYNA SABALENKA

**4-1**  
HEAD-TO-HEAD RECORD

MARIA SAKKARI **4**

*Sabalenka* has dropped only one set across their past four meetings... The winner of this match will face Kontaveit in SF on Tuesday... *Sakkari* owns a tour-leading eight Top-10 wins this season... *Sabalenka* has struck 350 aces this season, while *Sakkari* has hit 237

**3** HSIEH SU-WEI  
ELISE MERTENS

**0-1**  
HEAD-TO-HEAD RECORD

SHARON FICHMAN  
GIULIANA OLMOS **8**

*Fichman* and *Olmos* upset *Hsieh* and *Mertens* en route to Rome title in the spring... *Hsieh* reclaimed doubles No.1 ranking from partner *Mertens* on Monday... *Fichman* and *Olmos* are both sitting at career-high rankings

## ROUND ROBIN STANDINGS

PLAYER	MATCH W-L	PCT	SETS W-L	PCT	GAMES W-L	PCT
SABALENKA	1-1	.500	2-3	.400	19-25	.432
SAKKARI	1-1	.500	2-2	.500	22-19	.537
SWIATEK	0-2	.000	1-4	.200	19-27	.413
BADOSA	2-0	1.00	4-0	1.00	25-14	.641

PLAYER	MATCH W-L	PCT	SETS W-L	PCT	GAMES W-L	PCT
KREJCIKOVA	0-3	.000	2-6	.250	34-38	.472
PLISKOVA	2-1	.667	4-4	.500	33-28	.541
MUGURUZA	1-1	.500	3-3	.500	28-30	.483
KONTAVEIT	2-0	1.00	4-0	1.00	24-11	.686

## QUALIFICATION SCENARIOS

- **Badosa** has advanced to the semifinals as the group winner
- **Sabalenka** and **Sakkari** are playing for second place in the group and the right to face Kontaveit in the last four
- **Swiatek** cannot advance

## A LOOK AT THE CHICHÉN ITZÁ GROUP

PLAYER	RANK	AGE	WTAF W/L	YTD W/L	CAREER W/L	YTD PRIZE \$	CAREER PRIZE \$	YTD TITLES	TITLES
[1] Aryna Sabalenka (BLR)	2	23	1-1	45-17	171-79	\$2,680,203	\$9,493,590	2	10
[4] Maria Sakkari (GRE)	6	26	1-1	37-19	129-105	\$1,669,990	\$5,210,609	0	1
[5] Iga Swiatek (POL)	9	20	0-2	35-15	63-32	\$1,703,151	\$4,639,553	2	3
[8] Paula Badosa (ESP)	10	24	2-0	43-15	61-37	\$2,294,462	\$3,165,520	2	2

- **Aryna Sabalenka** is the No.1 seed at this year's WTA Finals. The top seed has failed to progress beyond the round-robin stage at three of the past five stagings of the tournament
- **Paula Badosa** has won her opening two matches in straight sets. Entering this year's tournament, there had been 22 instances of a player posting a 3-0 record in round robin play, most recently 2019 finalist Elina Svitolina
- **Badosa's** two victories in the round robin extends her current winning streak to eight matches
- **Sabalenka** has a 45-17 record in 2021. Of these defeats, 13 have come in three-set matches (10-13 record)
- **Badosa** is the only other player in the field to be involved in more than 20 matches going the distance, with her overall record this campaign standing at 16-6. Contrastingly, Swiatek has contested only 10 three-set matches in 2021 (5-5 record)
- **Sabalenka** has hit the second highest number of aces this season (350), behind only Karolina Pliskova (387). **Maria Sakkari** is eighth in this category (237)
- **Badosa** struck a career-best 10 aces during victory over Sakkari, taking her own season total to 207
- **Sakkari** and **Badosa** have both won in excess of 80% of their service games here, being broken only three times each
- **Badosa** is celebrating her 24th birthday today
- **Iga Swiatek** is the youngest player in this year's singles competition at 20 years, 170 days old (as of the end of the tournament)
- **Swiatek, Sakkari** and **Badosa** are among the six players to have made their Top-10 debut this season. The other three are fellow qualifiers Anett Kontaveit and Barbora Krejčíková, as well as Ons Jabeur who narrowly missed out on a place in Guadalajara
- Including her results here, **Sakkari** now owns a tour-leading 8-5 record vs. Top-10 ranked opponents this year. Before the 2021 season, the Greek was 10-13 against the Top 10

## HEAD-TO-HEADS

PLAYER	SABALENKA	SAKKARI	SWIATEK	BADOSA
SABALENKA		4-1	1-0	0-2
SAKKARI	1-4		3-0	0-1
SWIATEK	0-0	0-3		0-1
BADOSA	2-0	1-0	1-0	



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## EL TAJÍN GROUP QUALIFICATION SCENARIOS

- **Krejčíková & Siniaková** have advanced to the semifinals. They will finish first in the group with a win or in defeat if Hsieh & Mertens prevail in the other match
- **Hsieh & Mertens** will advance with a win or if they lose in three sets and Krejčíková & Siniaková also triumph
- **Guarachi & Krawczyk** will advance with a win coupled with a Fichman & Olmos victory
- **Fichman & Olmos** will advance with a straight sets victory and a win for Krejčíková & Siniaková in the earlier match

## A SNAPSHOT OF THE SEASON

- Most singles titles (5): Ashleigh Barty (Yarra Valley Classic, Miami, Stuttgart, Wimbledon, Cincinnati)
- Most doubles titles (5): Shuko Aoyama and Ena Shibahara (Abu Dhabi, Yarra Valley Classic, Miami, Eastbourne, Cleveland), Katerina Siniaková (Gippsland Trophy, Madrid, Roland-Garros, Olympics, Moscow)
- Singles-doubles sweep (3): Ashleigh Barty at Stuttgart (w/Jennifer Brady), Coco Gauff at Parma (w/Catherine McNally) and Barbora Krejčíková at Roland-Garros (w/Katerina Siniaková)
- Fewest games dropped en route to a title (20): Paula Badosa (Belgrade)
- Lowest-ranked title winner (No.198): Elena-Gabriela Ruse (Hamburg)
- Youngest title winner (17): Coco Gauff, Parma
- Oldest title winner (33): Andrea Petkovic, Cluj-Napoca
- Maiden title winners (17): Clara Tauson (Lyon), Sara Sorribes Tormo (Guadalajara), Leylah Fernandez (Monterrey), Veronika Kudermetova (Charleston 500), Camila Osorio (Bogotá), Astra Sharma (Charleston 250), Paula Badosa (Belgrade), Barbora Krejčíková (Strasbourg), Liudmila Samsonova (Berlin), Ons Jabeur (Birmingham), Elena-Gabriela Ruse (Hamburg), Tamara Zidansek (Lausanne), Danielle Collins (Palermo), Maryna Zanevska (Gdynia), Emma Raducanu (US Open), Jasmine Paolini (Portoroz), Ann Li (Tenerife)
- Most wins (48): Ons Jabeur
- Most Top-10 wins (8): Maria Sakkari
- Longest winning streak (15): Barbora Krejčíková (Strasbourg - 5, Roland-Garros - 7, Wimbledon - 3)
- Aces leader (387): Karolina Pliskova
- Most aces in a match (24): Karolina Pliskova (d. Anisimova 7-5 6-7(5) 7-6(7) – US Open, 2r)
- Top 10 debuts (6): Iga Swiatek (at No.9 on May 17), Barbora Krejčíková (at No.10 on August 9), Maria Sakkari (at No.10 on September 27), Ons Jabeur (at No.9 on October 18), Anett Kontaveit (at No.8 on November 1), Paula Badosa (at No.10 on November 8)
- Longest Match: 3h 55m - Kristina Kucova d. Ekaterine Gorgodze 6-7(4) 7-6(7) 7-6(3) (Gdynia QF)

## MOST MAIN-DRAW WINS

Player	W-L*	Best Result
Ons Jabeur	48-19	Champion: Birmingham
<b>Anett Kontaveit</b>	<b>47-15</b>	<b>Champion: Cleveland, Ostrava, Moscow, Cluj-Napoca</b>
<b>Aryna Sabalenka</b>	<b>45-17</b>	<b>Champion: Abu Dhabi, Madrid</b>
<b>Barbora Krejčíková</b>	<b>44-16</b>	<b>Champion: Strasbourg, Roland-Garros, Prague</b>
<b>Paula Badosa</b>	<b>43-15</b>	<b>Champion: Belgrade, Indian Wells</b>
Ashleigh Barty	42-8	Champion: Yarra Valley Classic, Miami, Stuttgart, Wimbledon, Cincinnati
Elina Svitolina	41-20	Champion: Chicago 250
<b>Garbiñe Muguruza</b>	<b>39-17</b>	<b>Champion: Dubai, Chicago 500</b>
Danielle Collins	38-14	Champion: Palermo, San Jose

\* Not including Billie Jean King Cup matches

## ACES LEADERS

Player	Aces <sup>^</sup>	Matches	Aces/match
<b>Karolina Pliskova</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>7.3</b>
<b>Aryna Sabalenka</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>5.8</b>
Ashleigh Barty	325	49	6.6
Elena Rybakina	301	48	6.3
Veronika Kudermetova	286	54	5.3
Ons Jabeur	280	66	4.2
Coco Gauff	248	50	5
<b>Maria Sakkari</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>4.5</b>
Liudmila Samsonova	234	39	6
Ekaterina Alexandrova	233	44	5.3

<sup>^</sup> Not including aces during Olympic Games tennis tournament



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**9** **IGA SWIATEK (5)**  
POLAND

**PAULA (7) BADOSA 10**  
SPAIN

2001-05-31	<b>Date of Birth</b>	1997-11-15
Raszyn, Poland	<b>Residence</b>	Barcelona, Spain
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 9" (1.76 m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 11" (1.80 m)
4	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	10
\$4,639,552	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$3,165,520
\$1,699,038	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$2,294,462
2 / 3	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	2 / 2
30-10 (Champion: 2020 ROLAND GARROS)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	12-10 (Quarter-Finalist: 2021 ROLAND-GARROS)
0-2 / 0-2	<b>YTD / Career WTA FINALS W-L (best)</b>	2-0 / 2-0
35-15 / 63-32	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	43-15 / 61-37
5-5 / 12-10	<b>YTD / Career 3-Set W-L</b>	16-6 / 22-9
5-3 / 7-8	<b>YTD / Career TB W-L</b>	12-7 / 14-12
2-4 / 4-6	<b>YTD / Career TOP 10 W-L</b>	6-3 / 6-6
Champion: ROME, ADELAIDE 500	<b>YTD Best Result</b>	Champion: INDIAN WELLS, BELGRADE



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## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2021	OLYMPICS	HARD	2r	Paula Badosa	6-3 7-6(4)	1h 50m

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
17	17	<b>2020</b>	69	70
49	61	<b>2019</b>	86	97
174	175	<b>2018</b>	143	143
587	690	<b>2017</b>	242	247
903	903	<b>2016</b>	222	314
-	-	<b>2015</b>	193	220
-	-	<b>2014</b>	366	366
-	-	<b>2013</b>	666	678



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

RR: d. A. SABALENKA (#2) 6-2 2-6 5-7 (2h 18m)  
RR: d. M. SAKKARI (#6) 2-6 4-6 (1h 26m)

*Total time on court: 3h 44m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making debut appearance at WTA Finals
- Is the second Polish player to participate in the Finals, following in the footsteps of 2015 champion A.Radwanska. In total, Radwanska contested the season-ending showpiece eight times, also reaching SF in 2012, 2014 and on her last appearance in 2016
- Collected 3226 points in the Porsche Race to the WTA Finals, accumulating over a third of this total at the Grand Slams - she was the only player to make R16 or better at all four majors in 2021
- Lost to No.6 Sakkari in opening round-robin match - her first match against a Top-10 player since Rome title run in May
- Led 5-4 in final set against Sabalenka, coming within two points of victory. Defeat consigned her to a group stage exit
- Match against Sabalenka was only her 10th to go to three sets this season (the fewest number of any player in Guadalajara field)
- Faces No.10 Badosa today; overall, owns four Top-10 wins in her career, beating No.2 Halep (2020 Roland-Garros), No.6 Kenin (2020 Roland-Garros), No.6 Svitolina (2021 Rome) and No.9 Ka.Pliskova (2021 Rome)
- Has lost both matches against Spanish opposition this year in straight sets: Badosa (Olympics) and Muguruza (Dubai)
- Her best result on hard courts was this February's title run at Adelaide. In terms of ranking, her best win on the surface also came that week, over No.12 Bencic in the final
- Is currently ranked No.9, having first broken into Top 10 following Rome title run in spring (May 17); this time last year was No.17
- Entering the tournament, ranked first among the players in the draw for percentage of points won on both her serve overall (62.4%) and second serve (53.1%), while was second for service games won on 75.9% (behind Sabalenka on 76.8%)
- At 20 years, 170d (at the end of the tournament) is the youngest player in the draw

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

RR: d. M. SAKKARI (#6) 7-6 6-4 (2h 4m)  
RR: d. A. SABALENKA (#2) 6-4 6-0 (1h 16m)

*Total time on court: 3h 20m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making first appearance at the WTA Finals, and one of six singles debutantes this year
- Has won the first two titles of her career in 2021, firstly at Belgrade and then Indian Wells, helping her amass 3112 points on the Porsche Race to the WTA Finals
- With Muguruza also in the field, is first WTA Finals to feature multiple Spaniards since 2000 (Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario and Conchita Martinez)
- A Spaniard has reached the WTA Finals championship match once in the event's history - 1993, Sanchez-Vicario (l. Sabatini)
- Won 10 straight games to upset No.2 Sabalenka in opening round-robin match; now owns four Top-5 wins in her career, having also beaten No.3 Sabalenka (2021 Cincinnati), No.1 Barty (2021 Charleston) and No.5 Krejckova (2021 Indian Wells)
- Edged past No.6 Sakkari on Saturday to win eighth straight match (longest tour-level unbeaten streak was nine in a row at Belgrade and Roland-Garros this spring)
- Faces No.9 Swiatek in final match today; win-loss record against higher-ranked opponents this season is 20-8
- Is already guaranteed a place in SF and bidding to post a perfect 3-0 record. Since the introduction of round robin in 2003, 22 players have won all three matches (prior to result of Kontaveit vs. Muguruza on Sunday)
- Broke into Top 10 for the first time on Monday. This time last year was ranked No.69
- Dropped just 20 games en route to maiden WTA title at Belgrade in May - the most efficient of the season by any player
- Other key results this year include title run at Indian Wells, SFs at Madrid, Charleston and Lyon, and making QFs at Cincinnati, Roland-Garros and the Olympics
- Has second-most 3-sets wins on Tour in 2021, going 16-6 (level with Jabeur, trails Kasatkina's 17-7). Also has second-most tie-break wins (10-7), behind Andreescu on 11-5



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## SEASON 2021 HISTORY

- Made R16 at Indian Wells (l. Ostapenko)
- Advanced to SF at Ostrava (l. Sakkari)
- Produced R16 at US Open (l. Bencic) in what was her best career result at Flushing Meadows; reached second week at all four Slams in 2021 – the only player to achieve this feat this season
- Fell 2r at Olympics (l. Badosa) and Cincinnati (after 1r bye, l. Jabeur)
- Made 2r at Eastbourne (l. Kasatkina) and R16 at Wimbledon (l. Jabeur)
- Roland Garros title defense was ended in QF (l. Sakkari)
- At Rome, won third career title (d. Ka.Pliskova in F); saved 2MP in 3r win over Krejckikova
- Began clay court season with 3r showing at Madrid (l. Barty)
- Reached 3r at both Dubai (l. eventual champion Muguruza) and Miami (l. Konjuh)
- Won Adelaide title without dropping a set (d. Bencic in F). Prior to Adelaide, best result on hard courts were R16 runs at the Australian Open in 2020 and 2021
- Made run to R16 at Australian Open falling to World No.2 Halep in three-sets, ending her 10-match Grand Slam win streak
- Opened 2021 season reaching 3r at the Gippsland Trophy as No.6 seed (l. Alexandrova)

- Won biggest title of career in October at Indian Wells (d. Azarenka in F)
- Fell 2r at Ostrava (l. eventual champion Kontaveit)
- Defeated in 2r at US Open (l. Gracheva)
- Made 2r at Montreal (l. Marino) and QF at Cincinnati (l. Ka.Pliskova via ret. w/right shoulder injury)
- Reached QF at the Olympics (l. Vondrousova via ret. w/heat illness)
- Suffered 1r defeat at Eastbourne (l. Svitolina) before reaching R16 at Wimbledon (l. Muchova)
- Lifted first WTA title at Belgrade (d. Konjuh in F), then advanced to maiden Grand Slam QF at Roland Garros (l. Zidansek)
- At Madrid, advanced to biggest WTA SF of her career (as WC, l. Barty)
- Produced SF run at Charleston (l. eventual champion Kudermetova); upset No.12 Bencic in 2r and World No.1 Barty en route to score her first ever Top 20 wins
- Made at Miami (l. Jabeur)
- Fell 1r at St. Petersburg (l. Ostapenko)
- Reached third WTA SF of her career at Lyon (l. eventual champion Tauson)
- Reached 3r in opening tournament of the season, at Abu Dhabi (l. Kudermetova) and then fell 1r at Australian Open (l. Samsonova)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
124	30	<b>Aces</b>	207	12
57%	291	<b>First serve %</b>	65%	123
69%	29	<b>First Serve points won %</b>	68%	34
53%	9	<b>Second serve points won %</b>	43%	193
62%	4	<b>Overall service points won %</b>	59%	27
75%	13	<b>Service games won %</b>	68%	58
54%	138	<b>Break points saved %</b>	52%	179
36%	189	<b>First serve return points won %</b>	37%	139
58%	59	<b>Second serve return points won %</b>	57%	81
41%	250	<b>Break points converted %</b>	45%	169
38%	96	<b>Return games won %</b>	38%	84
44%	93	<b>Return points won %</b>	45%	76



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## TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (3)  
2021 - ROME, ADELAIDE 500  
2020 - ROLAND GARROS  
Runner-Up (1)  
2019 - LUGANO

### DOUBLES FINALS

Runner-Up (1)  
2021 - ROLAND-GARROS (w/Mattek-sands)

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (2)  
2021 - INDIAN WELLS, BELGRADE

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
4r	QF	4r	4r	<b>2021</b>	1r	QF	4r	2r
4r	<b>WON</b>		3r	<b>2020</b>	2r	4r		1r
2r	4r	1r	2r	<b>2019</b>	1r		1r	1r





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## CAREER MILESTONES

- Posted career-high ranking of No.17 on October 12, 2020 for her first Top 20 season finish
- Won her maiden Tour-level title at 2020 Roland Garros without dropping a set, becoming the first player from Poland – man or woman – to win a Grand Slam singles title and first from her country to reach a major final since Agnieszka Radwanska at 2012 Wimbledon
- Ranked No.54, she became the lowest-ranked woman to win the Roland Garros title in the Open Era and the lowest-ranked finalist since 1977 (No.56 Mihai). At 19y 132d, is the youngest champion in Paris since Monica Seles (18y 187d) in 1992
- Also became the first player to win her debut Tour-level title at a Grand Slam since Jelena Ostapenko at 2017 Roland Garros
- Won WTA Most Improved Player of the Year for 2020, as voted on by members of the media. Her coach, Piotr Sierzputowski, was voted by members of the WTA Coach Program as the WTA Coach of the Year for 2020
- Also won the 2020 WTA Fan Favorite Award, as voted on by fans
- Owns six career wins over Top 10 ranked players, having defeated No.16 Q.Wang (2019 Roland Garros), No.18 Wozniacki (2019 Toronto), No.20 Vekic (2020 Australian Open), No.19 Vondrousova (2020 Roland Garros), No.2 Halep (2020 Roland Garros) and No.6 Kenin (2020 Roland Garros)
- Ended 2019 season ranked No.61 after a campaign highlighted by R-Up finish at Lugano (l. Hercog) and R16 run at Roland Garros (l. Halep)
- Also in 2019, reached 3r at Toronto (l. Osaka) and made 2r five times (incl. Australian and US Open)
- Broke into Top 100 at No.88 after R-Up finish at 2019 Lugano
- Ended 2018 season ranked No.175 (up from No.690 in 2017), after posting 42-6 record in ITF Circuit
- Highlights of 2018 campaign were four titles on the ITF Circuit, including at the \$60k clay court events in Budapest-HUN and Montreux-SUI
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2019 Auckland
- Member of Poland's Fed Cup team, 2018-20
- On professional debut, came through qualifying to win title at \$10k ITF/Stockholm-SWE in 2016
- As a junior, won girls' singles at 2018 Wimbledon (d. Küng in F) and Junior Fed Cup in 2016
- At 2020 Roland Garros, upset former finalist Stephens and 2017 champion Ostapenko en route to reaching R16 for the first time at a major; posted career-high singles ranking of No.69 (October 12, 2020) following Paris run
- Also in 2020, reached SF at Istanbul (l. Bouchard)
- Campaign in 2019 highlighted by SF run at Palermo (l. Bertens) and QF run in Seoul (l. Y.Wang); also made Grand Slam main draw debut at Australian Open (l. 1r)
- Finished 2018 inside Top 200 for the first time (at No.143); picked up three ITF titles at \$25k ITF/Glasgow-UK, ITF/\$25k Les Franqueses del Valles – FRA and ITF/\$60k Valencia-ESP
- Fell in qualifying at 2018 Wimbledon, Madrid and US Open
- Claimed third title on ITF Circuit in 2017 at ITF/\$25k El Espinar; Fell 1r at Miami and in qualifying at Madrid
- In 2016, fell 1r at Miami, Madrid and Mallorca and in qualifying at Rio de Janeiro
- As wildcard, made breakthrough on WTA Tour with 3r run at 2015 Miami Open (l. Ka.Pliskova)
- Came through qualifying at 2015 Madrid, fell 1r to Errani via ret. w/left leg injury
- Continued at ITF Circuit level during 2013-2014 before playing second WTA qualifying draw at 2015 Antwerp, where she advanced to 2r (l. Bodarenko)
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2013 Palermo, winning one match via retirement before falling in 2r (l.Gatto-Monticone) Won first title on ITF Circuit at \$10k ITF/Sant Jordi-ESP in 2012; now owns seven singles titles at this level
- Played first pro tournament of career at \$10k ITF/Gexto-ESP in 2012 (l. in 1r)
- Won girls' Singles title at 2015 Roland Garros (d. Kaliskaya in F) and reached QF at 2014 Roland Garros and Wimbledon; finished 2015 as No.8 in ITF World Junior rankings

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Piotr Sierzputowski
  - Father is former Olympic rower Tomasz Swiatek, who competed in the men's quadruple sculls event at the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul
  - Started playing tennis because her older sister was playing and wanted to beat her
  - Enjoys rock music, including AC/DC and Pink Floyd
  - Includes Asics, Red Bull and Lexus in her endorsement portfolio
- Coached by Jorge García. Other members of coaching team are David Antona Bravo and Daniel de la Serna Vilar
  - Born in New York City but lives and trains in Barcelona, near her hometown Begur in the Costa Brava
  - Aggressive baseliner whose favorite shot is serve. Favorite tournament is US Open
  - Childhood idol was Maria Sharapova, whose dedication, work ethic and values inspired her to become a pro
  - Enjoys reading, always travels with books and her favorite is Tuesdays with Morrie (Mitch Albom)
  - Professional goals are to reach her full potential
  - Speaks English, Spanish and Catalan, and would like to learn more languages



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**5**  
MATCHES  
PLAYED

**1**  
WIN



**2** **ARYNA  
SABALENKA (1)**  
BELARUS

**MARIA (4) SAKKARI 6**  
GREECE

1998-05-05	<b>Date of Birth</b>	1995-07-25
Belarus	<b>Residence</b>	Monte Carlo, Monaco
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 11" (1.82 m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 8" (1.72 m)
2	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	6
\$9,493,590	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$5,210,609
\$2,680,203	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$1,669,990
2 / 10	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	0 / 1
26-16 (Semi-Finalist: 2021 US OPEN, WIMBLEDON)	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	37-23 (Semi-Finalist: 2021 US OPEN, ROLAND-GARROS)
1-1 / 1-1	<b>YTD / Career WTA FINALS W-L (best)</b>	1-1 / 1-1
45-17 / 171-79	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	37-19 / 129-105
10-13 / 54-36	<b>YTD / Career 3-Set W-L</b>	7-10 / 41-48
8-5 / 34-28	<b>YTD / Career TB W-L</b>	4-7 / 32-22
2-2 / 7-8	<b>YTD / Career TOP 5 W-L</b>	4-0 / 8-6
4-4 / 16-17	<b>YTD / Career TOP 10 W-L</b>	8-5 / 18-19
Champion: MADRID, ABU DHABI	<b>YTD Best Result</b>	Runner-Up: OSTRAVA



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## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2021	ABU DHABI	HARD	SF	Aryna Sabalenka	6-3 6-2	1h 1m
2020	DOHA	HARD	3r	Aryna Sabalenka	6-3 6-0	54m
2020	DUBAI	HARD	1r	Aryna Sabalenka	6-2 4-6 6-1	2h 3m
2019	ZHUHAI	HARD	1r	Aryna Sabalenka	6-3 6-4	1h 20m
2019	CINCINNATI	HARD	3r	Maria Sakkari	6-7(4) 6-4 6-4	2h 43m

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
10	10	2020	20	22
9	11	2019	22	23
11	11	2018	29	41
76	78	2017	48	52
154	159	2016	89	89
539	548	2015	184	188
-	-	2014	284	301
-	-	2013	587	610
-	-	2012	568	627
-	-	2011	702	702



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

GRP: d. I. SWIATEK (#9) 2-6 6-2 7-5 (2h 18m)  
GRP: d. P. BADOSA (#10) 6-4 6-0 (1h 16m)

*Total time on court: 3h 34m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making her debut in singles at the AKRON WTA Finals Guadalajara. Qualified for the event in doubles in 2019 w/Mertens, going 1-2 in the group stage
- Secured qualification by amassing 4768 points on the Porsche Race to the WTA Finals, and was second player to qualify after Barty (who withdrew from the event)
- Is No.1 seed at the WTA Finals in 2021 - this is the eighth time she has been the top seed at a tournament
- The top seed has won the title here 23 times, including Barty in 2019. However, the No.1 seed has also failed to reach SF on three of the past five stagings of the tournament
- Is the first Belarusian to compete at the WTA Finals since Azarenka's round-robin exit in 2013. Azarenka was a R-Up at the event in 2011 and made SF in 2012
- Contesting WTA Finals at a career-high No.2 in the world, first posted on August 23, 2021
- Has struck 12 aces in her two matches here against Badosa and Swiatek, taking season total to 350 (second on tour behind Ka.Pliskova on 387)
- Came within two points of defeat when trailing 5-4 in third set against Swiatek
- Faces Sakkari in final group match today;
- Faces Sakkari in final group match today: leads their head-to-head 4-1, going on to lift the title after three of these wins, at 2019 Zhuhai, 2020 Doha and 2021 Abu Dhabi
- Has four Top-10 wins in 2021: No.3 Halep (Stuttgart), No.1 Barty (Madrid), No.9 Krejckikova (US Open) and No.9 Swiatek (WTA Finals)
- Owns 45 wins this season, the third most on tour, behind Kontaveit (47) and Jabeur (48)
- Overall record in 2021 stands at 45-17, with 13 of these defeats coming in three-sets. Is 10-13 in matches going the distance this year - Badosa is the only other player in the draw to contest more than 20 three-set matches (16-6)

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

GRP: d. P. BADOSA (#10) 7-6 6-4 (2h 4m)  
GRP: d. I. SWIATEK (#9) 6-2 6-4 (1h 26m)

*Total time on court: 3h 30m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making debut appearance at WTA Finals - is the first Greek woman to appear at the tournament
- Finished the Porsche Race to the WTA Finals with 3341 points, securing her place with a SF run last month at Moscow
- Won 26 of her 27 points (96.3%) on her first serve during victory over Swiatek in her opening round-robin match
- Hit two aces against Swiatek and one in her defeat to Badosa, taking her season total to 237 (eighth most on tour)
- Faces No.2 Sabalenka today; winner will face Kontaveit in SF
- Career win-loss record against Belarusian women stands at 1-8 (including ITF Circuit); solitary victory was over Sabalenka at 2019 Cincinnati, in a match she trailed 7-6 4-1
- Owns a tour-leading eight Top-10 wins this season, having overcome No.4 Kenin (Abu Dhabi), No.2 Osaka (Miami), No.5 Kenin (Roland-Garros), No.9 Swiatek (Roland-Garros), No.7 Andreescu (US Open), No.4 Ka.Pliskova (US Open), No.6 Swiatek (Ostrava) and No.9 Swiatek (WTA Finals)
- Record against higher-ranked opponents this season is 11-6
- Best career results on hard are R-Up finishes at 2018 San Jose (outdoors) and 2021 Ostrava (indoors)
- Is currently ranked No.6, having broken into Top 10 after run to final in Ostrava (September 27, 2021); this time last year was No.22
- One of six players to break into the Top 10 this season - also Badosa, Krejckikova, Swiatek, Jabeur and Kontaveit



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## SEASON 2021 HISTORY

- Reached QF at Moscow (l. Alexandrova)
- Missed Indian Wells with COVID-19
- Advanced to SF at US Open (l. Fernandez in 3s) and Montreal (l. Ka.Pliskova). Upset in 2r at Cincinnati (after 1r bye, l. Badosa)
- Made 2r at Olympics (l. Vekic)
- Suffered 2r exit at Berlin (after 1r bye, l. Keys) before runs to QF run at Eastbourne (l. Giorgi) and first major SF at Wimbledon (l. Ka.Pliskova). Also won doubles title w/Azarenka at Berlin
- Reached 3r at Rome (l. Gauff) and Roland Garros (l. Pavlyuchenkova)
- Finished R-Up at Stuttgart (l. Barty), then won first clay court title at Madrid (d. Barty in F)
- Suffered back-to-back losses to Muguruza in the Middle East swing, falling in QF at Dubai and 2r at Doha (as defending champion). Followed this with QF at Miami (l. eventual champion Barty in 3s)
- Made R16 at Australian Open (l. S.Williams in 3s); bounced back to lift doubles title w/Mertens (d. Krejckikova/Siniakova in F), subsequently rising to No.1 in WTA doubles rankings
- Opened 2021 season by winning Abu Dhabi (d. Kudermetova in F) – her third consecutive title – and extending her career-best winning streak to 15 matches. Run was ended in 2r at Gippstand Trophy (after 1r bye, l. No.94 Kanepi)

- Upset in 2r at Indian Wells (after 1r bye, l. Golubic) before SF showing at Moscow (l. Alexandrova via ret. w/dizziness)
- Broke into Top 10 following R-Up finish at Ostrava (l. Kontaveit)
- Enjoyed SF run at US Open (l. eventual champion Raducanu); defeated three Top-20 players en route to the final four, No.11 Kvitova, No.7 Andreescu and No.4 Ka.Pliskova
- Made 3r at Olympics (l. Svitolina) and Montréal (l. Azarenka). Fell 1r at Cincinnati (l. Kerber)
- Reached 2r at Wimbledon (l. Rogers)
- At Roland Garros, became first Greek woman to reach a Grand Slam SF run at Roland-Garros (l. to eventual champion Krejckikova, having held 1MP in third set)
- Started clay court campaign by reaching 2r at Stuttgart (l. Kvitova), 3r at Madrid (l. Muchova) and 2r at Rome (l. Gauff)
- Advanced to SF at Miami (l. Andreescu) – first Greek woman to reach this stage since No.14 Daniilidou in 2004
- Reached QF at Doha (l. Muguruza) and then made 1r exit at Dubai (l. eventual R-Up Krejckikova)
- Upset in 1r at Australian Open (l. Mladenovic)
- Opened season with back-to-back SF runs at Abu Dhabi (d. No.4 Kenin in QF, l. eventual champion Sabalenka) and Grampians Trophy (l. Kontaveit)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
342	2	<b>Aces</b>	236	9
59%	264	<b>First serve %</b>	57%	286
71%	13	<b>First Serve points won %</b>	69%	23
47%	61	<b>Second serve points won %</b>	47%	87
61%	7	<b>Overall service points won %</b>	60%	25
76%	10	<b>Service games won %</b>	68%	62
61%	27	<b>Break points saved %</b>	54%	135
38%	117	<b>First serve return points won %</b>	40%	50
55%	134	<b>Second serve return points won %</b>	52%	223
48%	98	<b>Break points converted %</b>	42%	228
38%	93	<b>Return games won %</b>	38%	86


44%
101
Return points won %
45%
87



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## TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (10)  
 2021 - MADRID, ABU DHABI  
 2020 - LINZ, OSTRAVA, DOHA  
 2019 - ZHUHAI, WUHAN, SHENZHEN  
 2018 - WUHAN, NEW HAVEN  
 Runner-Up (5)  
 2021 - STUTTGART  
 2019 - SAN JOSE  
 2018 - EASTBOURNE, LUGANO  
 2017 - TIANJIN

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (6)  
 2021 - BERLIN (w/Azarenka), AUSTRALIAN OPEN (w/Mertens)  
 2020 - OSTRAVA (w/Mertens)  
 2019 - US OPEN (w/Mertens), MIAMI (w/Mertens), INDIAN WELLS (w/Mertens)  
 Runner-Up (2)  
 2019 - WUHAN (w/Mertens)  
 2018 - LUGANO (w/Lapko)

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (1)  
 2019 - RABAT  
 Runner-Up (2)  
 2021 - OSTRAVA  
 2018 - SAN JOSE

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
4r	3r	SF	SF	<b>2021</b>	1r	SF	2r	SF
1r	3r		2r	<b>2020</b>	4r	3r		4r
3r	2r	1r	2r	<b>2019</b>	3r	2r	3r	3r
1r	1r	1r	4r	<b>2018</b>	1r	3r	1r	2r
		2r		<b>2017</b>	3r	1r	3r	3r
				<b>2016</b>	2r		2r	1r
				<b>2015</b>				1r





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## CAREER MILESTONES

- Won final nine matches of 2020 to end the year with back-to-back titles – at Ostrava (d. Azarenka in F) and Linz (d. Mertens in F) – and ranked at No.10
- Having also taken home the silverware at Doha (d. Kvitova in F), was one of two players (also Halep) to lift three singles titles during disrupted 2020 season
- At Ostrava completed the sweep of titles by teaming up with Mertens to win the doubles
- Ended as World No.11 for the second straight year in 2019 after capturing three WTA singles titles at Shenzhen (d. Riske in F), Wuhan (d. Riske in F) and Zhuhai (d. Bertens in F)
- Having also won Wuhan in 2018 (d. Kontaveit in F), became first player to successfully defend Wuhan title
- Made Top 10 debut on January 28, 2019 following 3r run at 2019 Australian Open
- Ended 2019 at No.2 in WTA doubles rankings after capturing first Grand Slam doubles trophy at US Open (w/Mertens, d. Azarenka/Barty in F). Earlier in the season, the pair claimed the 'Sunshine Double' by winning back-to-back titles at Indian Wells (d. Krejčíková/Siniakova in F) and Miami (d. Stosur/ Zhang in F)
- Qualified for WTA Finals Shenzhen in doubles (w/Mertens), going 1-2 in the round robin stage
- Enjoyed breakthrough season in 2018, lifting two titles, at New Haven (d. Suárez Navarro in F) and Wuhan (d. Kontaveit in F), winning 46 matches and finishing at No.11 in the rankings
- Also in 2018, was R-Up at Lugano (l. Mertens) and Eastbourne (l. Wozniacki), made SF at Cincinnati, reached five QFs and produced a career-best Grand Slam run to R16 at US Open
- Entered Top 50 on April 16, 2018, after Lugano run, and Top 20 on August 27 of the same year, following New Haven title
- Broke into Top 100 at No.76 on October 16, 2017 after reaching first tour-level final at Tianjin (l. Sharapova). Also in 2017 made SF run at Tashkent (l. Babos) and lifting WTA 125k Series title at Mumbai (d. Jakupovic)
- Made Grand Slam main draw debut 2017 Wimbledon, falling in 2r (as qualifier, d. Khromacheva, l. Witthoef)
- Fell 1r on main draw debut at 2017 Dubai (as qualifier, l. Ka.Bondarenko)
- Member of Belarus Fed Cup team that lost to USA in 2017 final – scored first Top 20 win of career with defeat of No.13 Stephens during 2017 Fed Cup final in Minsk
- Secured best year-end ranking of No.22 in 2020; broke into Top 20 on February 24 for first time, at No.20
- Scored third and fourth Top 5 wins of her career last season, over No.5 Svitolina at Ostrava and No.5 Bencic (2020 St. Petersburg). Previous wins came over No.5 Ka.Pliskova (2018 Rome) and No.5 Kvitova (2019 Rome, via ret.)
- Upset No.10 seed Keys to reach the R16 for the first time at one of the four Slams, at 2020 Australian Open (l. Kvitova)
- Qualified for WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai in 2019 for first time in career (fell in RR stage). That season won maiden WTA title at Rabat, recovering from a set and break down to defeat Konta in final
- Highlights of 2018 were reaching her first tour-level final at San Jose (l. Buzarnescu) and scoring maiden Top 5 win over No.5 Ka.Pliskova in 2r at Rome
- Notched first Top 10 victory of career over No.6 Wozniacki en route to first WTA SF of career at 2017 Wuhan Open
- Broke into Top 50 for first time at No.49 on October 9, 2017
- 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
- Reached first career WTA QF at 2016 Istanbul (as qualifier, l. Kovinic)
- Fell 1r on WTA main draw debut at 2015 US Open (as qualifier, l. Q.Wang)
- WTA qualifying debut came at 2012 Palermo
- Made debut on ITF Circuit in 2010; owns seven ITF Circuit singles titles and five in doubles



- WTA qualifying debut came at 2016 Rabat
- Lifted first three ITF Circuit titles in 2015, including a 13-match win streak towards the year's end, bringing back-to-back trophies in Antalya, Turkey
- Made debut on ITF Circuit in Minsk in 2012

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Currently working with former hitting partner Anton Dubrov; previously coached by Dmitry Tursunov and Didi Kindlmann
- Started playing tennis when she was 6 by an accident when her father Sergey drove by the tennis courts and decided to give it a try
- Loves her family and her young sister. Loves to laugh, has a sweet tooth and considers something sweet as a perfect present. Dreams of having a dog. Loves her grandmother's cooking, and looks forward to her pancakes when she is away from home
- She spends her time off with family, catching up with friends, or reading. Her favorite book is "The Count of Monte Cristo"
- Favorite movies are Titanic, Home Alone, Never Back Down
- Her role model is Roger Federer
- Coached by Tom Hill
- Parents are Konstantinos and Angeliki; brother is Yannis (studies at Boston University) and sister is Amanda. Introduced to tennis by parents at age 6; mother played on WTA; achieved a Top 50 singles ranking
- Born and raised in Athens; moved to Barcelona at age 18 to train
- Favorite surfaces are hard and clay; favorite shot is serve
- Tennis idols are Serena Williams, Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer
- During free time enjoys going back to Greece and seeing friends.

[1] BARBORA KREJCIKOVA (CZE #1) / KATERINA SINIAKOVA (CZE #2)

KREJCIKOVA		SINIAKOVA	
<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed
<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	Dec. 18, 1995 (25)	<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	May 10, 1996 (25)
<b>Height</b>	5' 10" (1.78m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 9" (1.74m)
<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	No.1 (Oct. 22, 2018)	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	No.1 (Oct. 22, 2018)
<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$6,327,132	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$7,291,246
<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$3,356,883	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$1,064,914
<b>YTD / Career Doubles Titles</b>	4 / 10	<b>YTD / Career Doubles Titles</b>	5 / 13
<b>WTA Finals W-L (best)</b>	5-3 (R-Up 2018)	<b>WTA Finals W-L (best)</b>	5-3 (R-Up 2018)
<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	37-10 / 285-118	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	41-10 / 244-121
<b>Coach</b>	Ales Kartus	<b>Coach</b>	Dmitri Siniakov

**2021 TEAM HISTORY:**

**Titles (4):** *Gippsland Trophy, Madrid, Roland Garros, Olympics*

**R-Up (1):** *2021 – Australian Open*

**W-L record:** *36-9*

- Seeded No.1 this week, having also been seeded as the No.1 team at the WTA Finals in 2018 at Singapore
- Qualified for the WTA Finals in 2018 (l. Babos/Mladenovic in F) and 2019 (went 1-2 in round robin stage)
- Three-time Grand Slam champions, lifting the trophies at Roland Garros in 2018 (d. Hozumi/Ninomiya in F) and 2021 (d. Mattek-Sands/Swiiatek in F), and Wimbledon in 2018 (d. Melichar/Peschke in F)
- Also won the girls' doubles title at Roland-Garros, Wimbledon and US Open all in 2013
- Made their Tour-level debut together at 2014 Bad Gastein (l. Ormaechea/Pfizenmaier in 1r)
- Advanced to their first SF as a pair at 2016 Roland-Garros (l. d. Hingis/Mirza and Sestini Hlavackova/Hradecka before falling to the eventual runners-up Makarova/Vesnina)
- Captured their first titles as a team at the Grand Slam level, winning back-to-back majors at 2018 Roland Garros and Wimbledon. Became the first pairing to complete the Roland Garros-Wimbledon double since Kim Clijsters and Ai Sugiyama won both titles in 2003
- Also reached the SFs at US Open in 2018 (l. Barty/Vandeweghe). In 2017, Siniakova reached the doubles final at Flushing Meadows (w/Hradecka, l. L.Chan/Hingis)
- Advanced to one final in 2020, lifting the trophy at Shenzhen (d. Y.Duan/S.Zheng in F), where they reached their first doubles final as a team in 2018 (l. Begu/Halep)
- Voted as the WTA Doubles Team of the Year for 2018
- Krejcikova's career record in doubles finals sits at 10-9, while Siniakova holds a 13-13 record
- In singles, Krejcikova is enjoying her best season to date in 2021, finishing R-Up at Dubai, lifting her maiden title at Strasbourg, capturing the Roland-Garros singles title and a third title of the season at Prague – currently sits at career-high No.3. Siniakova is the owner of two WTA singles titles (2017 Shenzhen and 2017 Bastad), and most recently reached the final at Bad Homburg (l. Kerber in F), and has climbed as high as No.31 (October 22, 2018)



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### [6] ALEXA GUARACHI (CHI #15) / DESIRAE KRAWCZYK (USA #23)

GUARACHI		KRAWCZYK	
<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed	<b>Plays</b>	Left-handed
<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	Nov. 17, 1990 (30)	<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	Jan. 11, 1994 (27)
<b>Height</b>	5' 9" (1.76m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 6" (1.68m)
<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	No.11 (Sep. 20, 2021)	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	No.17 (Mar. 17, 2021)
<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$613,937	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$836,636
<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$256,964	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$444,889
<b>YTD / Career Doubles Titles</b>	3 / 11	<b>YTD / Career Doubles Titles</b>	2 / 6
<b>WTA Finals W-L</b>	1-1	<b>WTA Finals W-L</b>	1-1
<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	29-21 / 225-141	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	31-23 / 147-111
<b>Coach</b>	Craig Veal/Fernando Guarachi	<b>Coach</b>	Robert Kozeck

#### 2021 TEAM HISTORY:

**Titles (2):** Adelaide, Strasbourg

**SF (3):** US Open, Charleston, Parma

**W-L record:** 24-20

- First teamed up in the summer of 2018, winning the title (d. Arruabarrena/Bacsinszky in F)
- Played together sporadically over the next few years before joining forces again after the Tour's resumption last August, reaching the SF of their first event back, at Lexington
- The duo established themselves as one of the teams to watch on Tour during the clay court season, lifting their second title, at Istanbul, before going all the way to the final at Roland-Garros where they accounted for No.1 seeds Hsieh/Strycova in 3r, eventually coming up just short in the final against Babos/Mladenovic
- Also reached semifinal at US Open (l. eventual champion Stosur/Zhang)
- In 2021 have picked up two more titles, at Adelaide (d. Carter/Stefani in F) and Strasbourg (d. Ninomiya/Yang in F), and made SF at US Open (l. Stosur/Zhang)
- Krawczyk has previously enjoyed success alongside her friend Olmos, winning titles at 2019 Nottingham and 2020 Acapulco, and reaching two further finals
- Guarachi has also been a fixture at the business end of tournaments in recent years, reaching finals alongside four different partners – including with Christian at the St. Petersburg WTA 500 event in February 2020
- Both players came through US collegiate system, Guarachi graduating from the University of Alabama with a degree in Public Relations in 2013 and Krawczyk representing Arizona State University



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### [3] HSIEH SU-WEI (TPE #1) / ELISE MERTENS (BEL #4)

HSIEH		MERTENS	
<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed
<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	Jan. 4, 1986 (35)	<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	Nov. 17, 1995 (25)
<b>Height</b>	5' 7" (1.69m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 10" (1.79)
<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	No.1 (May 12, 2014)	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	No.1 (May 10, 2021)
<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$10,001,652	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$9,093,336
<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$1,325,910	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$2,013,133
<b>YTD / Career Doubles Titles</b>	2 / 30	<b>YTD / Career Doubles Titles</b>	4 / 14
<b>WTA Finals W-L (best)</b>	8-4 (WON 2013)	<b>WTA Finals W-L (best)</b>	2-4 (QF 2018, RR 2019)
<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	25-12 / 522-267	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	31-13 / 267-119
<b>Coach</b>	Frederic Aniere/Cheng-Yin Hsieh	<b>Coach</b>	Robbe Ceyskens

#### 2021 TEAM HISTORY:

**Champions (2):** Wimbledon, Indian Wells

**SF (1):** Birmingham

**QF (2):** US Open, Chicago 500

**R16 (1):** Rome, Madrid, Roland-Garros, Cincinnati

**W-L record:** 20-7

- Hsieh/Mertens teamed up for the first time earlier this year, contesting Madrid (after 1r bye, I. Ostapenko/Pavlyuchenkova)
- 2021 WTA Finals will be their 10th event together – they have won two titles this season to secure qualification, at Wimbledon (d. Kudermetova/Vesnina in F – saved 2MP) and Indian Wells (d. Kudermetova/Rybakina)
- Other key results this year have been making SF at Birmingham (I. Jabeur/Perez – held 5MP) and reaching the QFs at US Open (I. Gauff/McNally) and Chicago (I. Melichar-Martinez/Schuurs)
- This is their debut at the WTA Finals as a team however both have qualified with different partners
- Hsieh has reached the title match every time she has qualified for the WTA Finals, winning the event in 2013 (w/Peng Shuai) and finishing as R-Up in 2014 (w/Peng Shuai, I. Black/Mirza) and 2019 (w/Strycova, I. Babos/Mladenovic)
- Mertens qualified in 2018 (w/Schurrs) and 2019 (w/Sabalenka) and fell in group stage on both occasions
- Hsieh Su-Wei is the current World No.1 in doubles – this is week is her 47th week in the top spot. She first achieved the doubles No.1 on May 12, 2014
- Mertens has also been ranked No.1 in doubles – she has spent 13 weeks in the elite position, first achieving this on May 16, 2021
- Hsieh, after winning Wimbledon title two years ago, reclaimed the doubles World No.1 position for the first time in over five years, overtaking the position from then-partner Strycova
- Mertens rose to prominence on the doubles court alongside Sabalenka in 2019, winning 10 straight matches to capture the Indian Wells-Miami ‘Sunshine Double’ – the fifth team in history to achieve the feat
- Hsieh owns 30 doubles titles in total – this is the fifth most among active players, trailing Latisha Chan in fourth on 33
- Both are accomplished singles players; Hsieh owns three WTA titles and has a career-high ranking of No.23, while Mertens has five titles to her name and rose to No.12 at the end of 2018

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**[8] SHARON FICHMAN (CAN #26) / GIULIANA OLMOS (MEX #23)**

FICHMAN		OLMOS	
<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed
<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	Dec. 3, 1999 (30)	<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	March 4, 1993 (28)
<b>Height</b>	5' 4" (1.63m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 7" (1.70m)
<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	No.26 (Nov. 8, 2021)	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	No.23 (Nov. 8, 2021)
<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$911,706	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$437,061
<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$148,773	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$237,474
<b>YTD / Career Doubles Titles</b>	1 / 4	<b>YTD / Career Doubles Titles</b>	1 / 3
<b>WTA Finals W-L</b>	0-2	<b>WTA Finals W-L</b>	0-2
<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	18-14 / 289-196	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	29-18 / 163-102
<b>Coach</b>	Laura Borza	<b>Coach</b>	Agustin Moreno

**2021 TEAM HISTORY:**
**Titles (1):** 2021 – Rome

**W-L record:** 18-12

- Making their team and individual debuts at the WTA Finals this year, Fichman/Olmos secured the final qualification spot in Guadalajara following the withdrawals from Gauff/McNally and Dabrowski/Stefani
- Began their partnership in 2021 at Abu Dhabi and shortly after enjoyed their Grand Slam breakthrough for both at the Australian Open, where they made the quarterfinals
- Captured their maiden team title this year at Rome, having entered the tournament as an alternate team and going on to defeat two teams competing here at Guadalajara (Hsieh/Mertens and Aoyama/Shibahara) before ousting Mladenovic/Vondrousova in the final
- Other notable team results this season include R16 showings at Roland-Garros and Wimbledon, a SF run at Berlin and the QFs at Stuttgart and Eastbourne
- Fichman's aggravation of her shoulder injury forced their withdrawal from Wimbledon and US Open
- Aside from 2021 Rome, Fichman is the owner of three additional WTA doubles titles – 2014 Auckland (w/Sanchez), 2019 Jurmala (w/Stojanovic) and 2020 Monterrey (w/Ka.Bondarebko) from eight career finals
- Fichman played the first professional events of her career in 2005 on the ITF Circuit in Canada and made her main draw debut at 2006 Montreal as a wildcard team (w/Tetreault, I. Navratilova/Petrova in 1r)
- The Canadian made her Grand Slam mixed doubles debut this year at Wimbledon, reaching the 2r (w/Daniell)
- Olmos owns a 3-4 career record in WTA doubles finals, picking up her maiden title on grass at 2019 Nottingham and 2020 Acapulco (both w/Krawczyk)
- Olmos graduated from the University of Southern California in 2016 and has made steady progress since joining the professional ranks. A serial winner on the ITF Circuit, in 2018 she became the first Mexican player in the Open Era to reach a WTA final, finishing R-Up w/Krawczyk at Monterrey (I. Broady/Sorribes Tormo)
- Olmos' best mixed doubles performance was SF at 2021 Roland-Garros (w/Cabal – withdrew prior to match against Krawczyk/Salisbury)