

# PREVIEW NOTES: HOBART INTERNATIONAL

HOBART, AUSTRALIA | JANUARY 13-18, 2020 | USD \$275,000 INTERNATIONAL

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# **HOBART INTERNATIONAL – QUICK FACTS**

Main draw dates:	Monday - Saturday, January 13-18, 2020
Singles Final:	Saturday, January 18, 1pm
Doubles Final:	Saturday, January 18, following singles final
Venue:	Domain Tennis Centre
Status:	WTA International Event
Staging:	Tournament's 27th year
Draw sizes:	32 singles / 16 doubles teams / 24 singles qualifying
Surface:	Plexicushion, Hardcourt / Outdoors
Total prize money:	USD \$275,000
Tennis Ball:	Dunlop Australian Open
2019 Singles Final:	Sofia Kenin (USA) d. Anna Karolina Schmiedlova (SVK) 6-3 6-0
2019 Doubles Final:	[1] Latisha Chan/Hao-Ching Chan (TPE/TPE) d. [4] Kirsten Flipkens/Johanna Larsson (BEL/SWE) 6-3 3-6 10-6

SINGLES	USD \$	RANK POINTS
Winner	43,000	280
Runner-Up	21,410	180
Semifinalist	11,600	110
Quarterfinalist	6,275	60
Round of 16	3,600	30
Round of 32	2,300	1

DOUBLES	USD \$	RANK POINTS
Winner	13,580	280
Runner-Up	7,200	180
Semifinalist	4,000	110
Quarterfinalist	2,300	60
Round of 16	1,520	1

# MAIN DRAW QUICK-HITS

**Singles wildcards:** Astra Sharma (AUS), Lizette Cabrera (AUS), Samantha Stosur (AUS), Garbiñe Muguruza (ESP)

Youngest singles player: Elena Rybakina, 20 years old (June 17, 1999)

Oldest singles player: Samantha Stosur, 35 years old (March 30, 1984)

**Main draw debutantes:** CiCi Bellis (USA), Marie Bouzkova (CZE), Fiona Ferro (FRA), Veronika Kudermetova (RUS), Rebecca Peterson (SWE), Elena Rybakina (KAZ), Astra Sharma (AUS), Jil Teichmann (SUI), Wang Yafan (CHN), Zhu Lin (CHN), Tamara Zidansek (SLO)

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# TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS

- Two-time champion **Elise Mertens** returns as the top seed. The Belgian is undefeated in Hobart and holds a 10-match winning streak set to face a qualifier in the first round
- No.4 seed Veronika Kudermetova is making her main draw debut against long-time Australian No.1 and former US Open champion Samantha Stosur. The pair have only faced each other on one occasion

   at 2014 Fed Cup with Stosur winning the match in straight sets
- Also in the draw is former champion Alizé Cornet (2016) who will open her tournament against Alison Van Uytvanck. Cornet is one of three Frenchwomen in the main draw (also Fiona Ferro and Caroline Garcia)
- One to Watch Elena Rybakina. The 20-year-old just reached her third career final in Shenzhen and having started 2019 ranked No.186 is now set to break into the Top 30. Rybakina is making her tournament debut in Hobart as the No.2 seed and faces Tamara Zidansek in the first round

# TOP 4 SEEDS' TOURNAMENT HISTORY\*

PLAYER	TOURNAMENT HISTORY*	W/L*	WIN %*
[1] Elise Mertens (BEL)	WON (2): 2018 (d. Buzarnescu in F), 2017 (d. Niculescu in F)	10-0	.100
[2] Elena Rybakina (KAZ)	Tournament debut	-	-
[3] Zhang Shuai (CHN)	R16 (2): 2018 (l. Sabalenka), 2014 (l. Koukalova) 1r (1): 2019 (l. Blinkova)	2-3	.400
[4] Veronika Kudermetova (RUS)	Main draw debut	I	-

\*Main draw matches only

# **RECENT CHAMPIONS & RUNNERS-UP**

YEAR	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	SCORE
2015	Heather Watson (GBR)	Madison Brengle (USA)	6-3 6-4
2016	[7] Alizé Cornet (FRA)	Eugenie Bouchard (CAN)	6-1 6-2
2017	Elise Mertens (BEL)	Monica Niculescu (ROU)	6-3 6-1
2018	[2] Elise Mertens (BEL)	Mihaela Buzarnescu (ROU)	6-1 4-6 6-3
2019	Sofia Kenin (USA)	Anna Karolina Schmiedlova (SVK)	6-3 6-0

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# COUNTRY AND REGION BREAKDOWN

Not including qualifiers, a total of 14 countries and regions are represented in the main draw, led by the Australia, Belgium, China, France and Russia with three players each:

Australia (3)	Lizette Cabrera, Astra Sharma, Samantha Stosur
Belgium (3)	Kirsten Flipkens, Elise Mertens, Alison Van Uytvanck
China (3)	Wang Yafan, Zhang Shuai, Zhu Lin
Czech Republic (2)	Marie Bouzkova, Kristyna Pliskova
France (3)	Alizé Cornet, Caroline Garcia, Fiona Ferro
Kazakhstan (1)	Elena Rybakina
Poland (1)	Magda Linette
Russia (3)	Anna Blinkova, Veronika Kudermetova, Svetlana Kuznetsova
Slovakia (1)	Viktoria Kuzmova
Slovenia (1)	Tamara Zidansek
Spain (1)	Garbiñe Muguruza
Sweden (1)	Rebecca Peterson
Switzerland (1)	Jil Teichmann
United States (2)	CiCi Bellis, Lauren Davis

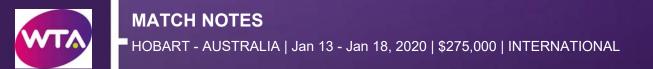
## ALPHABETIC PLAYER LIST

# MAIN DRAW SINGLES

# 2020 Hobart International - Hobart, Australia



	RANK SE	EED		CAREER	@ TR	N	YEAR-T	O-DAT	E	CAR	EER	CARE	ER HGH	TITLES
PLAYER NAME	1/6/2020	NAT	AGE	PRIZE	W /	L	PRIZE	W/	L	PRIZE	W / L	RANK	DATE	YTD CAR
BELLIS, CATHERINE	855	USA	20		0 /	0		0 /	0	1,089,799	121 / 59	35	8/14/2017	0
BLINKOVA, ANNA	58	RUS	21	3,400	1 /	1		0 /	0	1,122,917	169 / 99	59	10/21/201	9 0
BOUZKOVA, MARIE	60	CZE	21		0 /	0		0 /	0	688,008	230 / 118	53	8/12/2019	0
W CABRERA, LIZETTE	132	AUS	22	7,608	1 /	2		0 /	0	461,968	156 / 143	127	11/11/2019	9 0
CORNET, ALIZÉ	57	FRA	29	61,800	8 /	4		0 /	0	7,191,273	440 / 355	11	2/16/2009	6
DAVIS, LAUREN	63	USA	26	7,425	2 /	2		0 /	0	2,886,026	286 / 198	26	5/22/2017	′ 1
FERRO, FIONA	62	FRA	22	1,020	0 /	0		0 /	0	892,027	199 / 164	61	9/9/2019	1
FLIPKENS, KIRSTEN	72	BEL	34	41,495	11 /	6		0 /	0	5,159,355	513 / 373	13	8/5/2013	1
GARCIA, CAROLINE	46	8 FRA	26	2,100	0 /	1		0 /	0	10,200,461	328 / 257	4	9/10/2018	5 7
KUDERMETOVA, VERONIKA	A 42	5 RUS	22	2,318	0 /	0		0 /	0	1,195,306	219 / 145	39	11/11/2019	9 0
KUZMOVA, VIKTORIA	61	SVK	21	3,400	1 /	1		0 /	0	1,374,857	246 / 119	43	3/4/2019	0
KUZNETSOVA, SVETLANA	51	RUS	34	800	0 /	1		0 /	0	25,135,357	656 / 332	2	9/10/2007	18
LINETTE, MAGDA	43	6 POL	27	5,980	1 /	2		0 /	0	2,364,859	354 / 262	41	9/30/2019	) 1
MERTENS, ELISE	17	1 BEL	24	92,150	9 /	0		0 /	0	5,956,646	290 / 159	12	11/26/201	85
W MUGURUZA, GARBIÑE	35	2 ESP	26	49,700	5 /	0		0 /	0	19,217,729	372 / 193	1	9/11/2017	7
PETERSON, REBECCA	44	7 SWE	24		0 /	0		0 /	0	1,462,536	257 / 139	43	10/21/201	92
PLISKOVA, KRISTYNA	66	CZE	27	4,025	0 /	2		0 /	0	2,713,975	387 / 319	35	7/31/2017	' 1
RYBAKINA, ELENA	36	3 KAZ	20		0 /	0		0 /	0	444,744	141 / 64	36	11/11/2019	9 1
W SHARMA, ASTRA	111	AUS	24	600	0 /	0		0 /	0	441,936	120 / 63	85	6/24/2019	0
W STOSUR, SAMANTHA	98	AUS	35	13,575	4 /	2		0 /	0	18,930,476	604 / 440	4	2/21/2011	9
TEICHMANN, JIL	68	SUI	22		0 /	0		0 /	0	603,910	193 / 129	54	7/29/2019	2
VAN UYTVANCK, ALISON	47	BEL	25	12,175	2 /	4		0 /	0	2,667,049	303 / 205	37	8/13/2018	4
WANG, YAFAN	50	CHN	25		0 /	0		0 /	0	1,842,546	237 / 162	47	10/7/2019	) 1
ZHANG, SHUAI	38	4 CHN	30	14,425	2 /	3		0 /	0	6,247,323	471 / 323	23	11/14/201	6 2
ZHU, LIN	71	CHN	25	1,005	0 /	0		0 /	0	1,068,515	313 / 201	71	11/11/2019	9 0
ZIDANSEK, TAMARA	64	SLO	22		0 /	0		0 /	0	796,899	224 / 87	56	7/22/2019	0



# [Q] HEATHER WATSON (GBR #101) vs. [3] ELENA RYBAKINA (KAZ #30)

Head to Head: First meeting

HEATHER WATSON		ELENA RYBAKINA
101	WTA RANKING	30
247	PORSCHE RACE TO SHENZHEN LEADERBOARD	9
19-05-1992 (27)	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	17-06-1999 (20)
\$3,400	YTD PRIZE MONEY	\$88,402
\$3,604,915	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	\$533,146
0/3	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 1
0 / 4	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 0
13-4	HOBART W-L (MD) *	3-0
3-0 / 111-145	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	7-1 / 33-14
2-0 / 40-57	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	3-0 / 11-4
1-1 / 28-41	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	1-1 / 8-5
3-0 / 72-88	YTD / CAREER HARD W-L (MD) *	7-1 / 21-9
0-0 / 10-10	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	1-0 / 3-2
0-0 / 0-13	YTD / CAREER TOP 5 W-L (MD & Q) *	0-0 / 0-1
0-0 / 2-17	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD & Q) *	0-0 / 2-1
1-0 / 9-37	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD & Q) *	1-0 / 3-3

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## **ROAD TO THE SEMIFINALS**

### [Q] HEATHER WATSON (GBR #101)

R2-Q: d. NINA STOJANOVIC (SRB #85) 6-4,6-3 (1h24) R1-Q: d. HAYLEY CARTER (USA #670) 6-0,6-2 (1h00) QF: d. [1] ELISE MERTENS (BEL #17) 6-7(5),6-4,7-5 (3h33) R16: d. FIONA FERRO (FRA #63) 7-6(5),6-3 (1h52) R32: d. JIL BELEN TEICHMANN (SUI #68) 1-6,6-4,6-4 (1h56) Total games: 84 Won/lost: 45-39 Sets won/lost: 6-2 Total time on court: 7h21

# Average time on court: 2h27

## Average rank of opponent: 49

[3] ELENA RYBAKINA (KAZ #30)

QF: d. LIZETTE CABRERA (AUS #129) 6-7(4),7-6(2),7-5 (2h37) R16: d. ALIZÉ CORNET (FRA #60) 7-5,6-3 (1h34) R32: d. TAMARA ZIDANSEK (SLO #69) 6-1,6-4 (1h05)

Total games: 76 Won/lost: 45-31 Sets won/lost: 6-1 Total time on court: 5h16 Average time on court: 1h45 Average rank of opponent: 86

## **HOBART Tournament History**

## **HEATHER WATSON**

2019

L - IRINA-CAMELIA BEGU (ROU #76) R1

6-1 6-4



2018		
SF	L - ELISE MERTENS (BEL #36)	6-4 1-6 6-2
2016		
QF	L - JOHANNA LARSSON (SWE #54)	3-6 6-4 6-4
2015		
F	W - MADISON BRENGLE (USA #84)	6-3 6-4
2012		
R1	L - TSVETANA PIRONKOVA (BUL #48)	7-6(10) 3-6 7-6(2)

# WATSON:

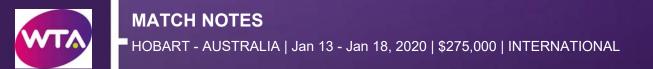
- Making sixth appearance at Hobart International, where she was one of four former champions in the draw (also Muguruza, Cornet and Mertens)
- Has scored four Top 100 wins during her run through qualifying this week; last scored this many at a single tournament since reaching SF at 2017 Eastbourne
- Owns 4-4 record in WTA SF matches
- Ended 2019 back in the Top 100 (No.92); finished R-Up at Tianjin and won two ITF Circuit titles
- Finished 2018 just outside the Top 100 (No.101). Best year-end finish came in 2012 (No.49)
- Highlights of 2018 were SF runs at Hobart (as qualifier, l. eventual champion Mertens) and Quebec City (l. eventual champion Parmentier). Also picked up fourth career WTA doubles title at Acapulco (w/Maria) and reached doubles final at Nottingham (w/Buzarnescu)
- Won third WTA singles title of career at 2016 Monterrey (d. Flipkens in F), adding to wins at 2012 Osaka and 2015 Hobart (3-0 record in finals)
- Hit career-high singles ranking of No.38 on January 19, 2015 after title run at Hobart
- Lifetime record against Top 10 players stands at 2-17, with wins coming against No.8 A.Radwanska (2015 Indian Wells) and No.9 Cibulkova (2017 Eastbourne)
- In doubles owns four WTA titles, most recently at 2018 Acapulco (w/Maria)
- Represented Great Britain at 2016 Rio Olympics, reaching 2r in singles (I. Svitolina), 2r in doubles (w/Konta, I. H.Chan/Y.Chan) and QF in mixed doubles (w/A.Murray, I. Bopanna/Mirza)
- Struggled throughout 2014 season with a right rib injury and missed two months in 2013 due to glandular fever (Miami to Roland Garros)
- Enjoyed a breakthrough 2012 season, winning Osaka to become first British woman to win a WTA singles title since Sara Gomer in 1988. Finished year as British No.1
- With 2012 Osaka singles title, became first British woman to win a WTA singles title since Sara Gomer in 1988
- Broke into Top 100 on June 6, 2011 and made Top 50 debut on October 15, 2012
- On ITF Circuit, winner of six singles and three doubles titles
- Made WTA main draw debut as a wildcard at 2010 Miami and recorded first main draw match win at 2010 Eastbourne
- Played first professional event on ITF Circuit at 2009 ITF/Jersey-GBR
- Member of Great Britain Fed Cup Team, 2011-18 and Great Britain Olympic Team, 2012, 2016
- Born on Channel Island of Guernsey. Mother is Michelle and father is Ian; siblings are Adam, Stephanie and Julie
- Started playing at age 7; moved to Bollettieri Academy in Florida at age 12 (still trains there)
- Endorsement portfolio includes New Balance, Dunlop, Jaguar and Always



## **RYBAKINA:**

- Making debut at Hobart International. This time last year, was ranked No.171, having recently finished R-Up at \$25K ITF Circuit event at Playford-AUS
- Following exciting QF win over Cabrera, has now won 28 of past 37 matches on tour, a sequence which began with her maiden title run at Bucharest last July
- Will be seeded for the first time at next week's Australian Open (No.29); will face Pera in 1r
- Finished 2019 season at No.37 to record first Top 50 finish of her career, up from 2018's final ranking of No.191
- During a breakout 2019 season, lifted maiden WTA singles title at Bucharest (d. Tig in F). Also advanced to second career final at Nanchang (l. Peterson) and made SF appearances at Luxembourg (l. Goerges) and 's-Hertogenbosch (l. Bertens)
- Additionally, made QF runs at Istanbul (I. Strycova), Wuhan (I. Sabalenka) and Linz (I. Osatapenko)
- Made Grand Slam main draw debut at 2019 Roland Garros, falling 1r (as qualifier, l. Siniakova). Also fell 1r at 2019 US Open (as qualifier, l. Muchova)
- On the ITF Circuit in 2019, lifted silverware on three occasions; back-to-back at \$25K Moscow-RUS and \$25K Kazan-RUS and at \$60K ITF/Launceston-AUS. Now holds four singles and four doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Highlights of 2018 included reaching maiden WTA QF at St. Petersburg (I. Goerges) and clinching the title at \$15k ITF/Kazan-RUS
- First Top 10 win came over No.7 Garcia at 2018 St. Petersburg. Has since added the defeat of No.6 Halep (2019 Wuhan) to list of Top 10 triumphs
- Ended 2017 ranked No.425, improving 191 spots from 2016 (finished at No.616)
- Made WTA qualifying and main draw debut at 2017 Moscow (as qualifier, l. Begu in 1r)
- Coached by Stefano Vukov





# [4] SHUAI ZHANG (CHN #40) vs. [5] VERONIKA KUDERMETOVA (RUS #42)

Head to Head: First meeting

SHUAI ZHANG		VERONIKA KUDERMETO
40	WTA RANKING	42
12	PORSCHE RACE TO SHENZHEN LEADERBOARD	182
21-01-1989 (30)	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	24-04-1997 (22)
\$7,685	YTD PRIZE MONEY	\$10,000
\$6,255,008	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	\$1,205,306
0/2	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 0
0/8	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 1
5-3	HOBART W-L (MD) *	2-0
4-1 / 146-180	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	2-0 / 35-26
2-0 / 44-45	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 14-8
0-1 / 36-41	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	1-0 / 10-8
4-1 / 113-123	YTD / CAREER HARD W-L (MD) *	2-0 / 17-14
0-0 / 14-15	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 7-2
0-0 / 4-12	YTD / CAREER TOP 5 W-L (MD & Q) *	0-0 / 1-0
0-0 / 6-21	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD & Q) *	0-0 / 2-1
0-0 / 17-54	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD & Q) *	0-0 / 3-4
	* Updated entering 2020 Hobart SF	

## **ROAD TO THE SEMIFINAL**

### [4] SHUAI ZHANG (CHN #40)

**QF:** d. LAUREN DAVIS (USA #65) 6-1,6-4 (1h28) **R16:** d. KATERYNA KOZLOVA (UKR #91) 4-6,6-1,6-2 (1h49) **R32:** d. KIRSTEN FLIPKENS (BEL #72) 4-6,6-3,6-2 (2h16)

Total games: 69 Won/lost: 44-25 Sets won/lost: 6-2 Total time on court: 5h33 Average time on court: 1h51 Average rank of opponent: 76

### [5] VERONIKA KUDERMETOVA (RUS #42)

**QF:** d. [2] GARBIÑE MUGURUZA (ESP #34) W/O (0h00) **R16:** d. [9] CATHERINE BELLIS (USA #838) 7-6(6),6-1 (1h45) **R32:** d. SAMANTHA STOSUR (AUS #98) 6-2,6-2 (1h04)

Total games: 36 Won/lost: 25-11 Sets won/lost: 4-0 Total time on court: 2h49 Average time on court: 1h25 Average rank of opponent: 485

SHUAI ZHANG	VERO	ONIKA KUDERMETOVA	
2019	2018	}	
R1 L - ANNA BLINKOVA (RUS #96)	6-2 0-6 6-2 R1-Q	L - MADISON BRENGLE (USA #92)	6-3 6-4





2018		
R16	L - ARYNA SABALENKA (BLR #69)	7-6(3) 6-4
2014		
R16	L - KLARA KOUKALOVA (CZE #37)	6-1 6-2
2011		
QF-Q	L - ALBERTA BRIANTI (ITA #91)	7-5 0-6 6-3
2010		
R16- Q	L - PETRA KVITOVA (CZE #61)	6-4 6-3
2008		
R1-Q	L - DARYA KUSTOVA (BLR #189)	6-3 6-2

# ZHANG:

- Owns 2-9 career record in WTA SF matches, most recently falling at this stage at Prague, Hiroshima and Hong Kong in 2018
- Looking to become the first Chinese player to reach the singles final here at Hobart since Zheng Jie went all the way to the title in 2005
- Playing doubles this week with countrywoman Peng Shuai they advanced to SF when Watson withdrew due to injury (Watson was partnered w/Rus)
- Former doubles R-Up in Hobart in 2014 (w/Raymond)
- Has drawn No.24 seed Stephens in 1r at next week's Australian Open, and could potentially face her friend and regular doubles partner Stosur in 2r
- In singles, posted fourth successive Top 50 season finish in 2019, at No.46; also registered first Top 10 doubles
- season (at No.10)
- Singles highlight in 2019 was reaching second Grand Slam singles QF of career at Wimbledon (l. eventual champion Halep); also in singles, reached final at WTA 125K Series event in Anning, China (l. S.Zheng) and
- closed out season by winning \$100k ITF/Tokyo-JPN (d. Paolini in F)
- Won first Grand Slam title in doubles at 2019 Australian Open (w/Stosur; d. Babos/Mladenovic in F); Stosur/
- Zhang also reached final at Miami (I. Mertens/Sabalenka). Team duly qualified for WTA Finals in Shenzhen (Zhang's debut at the season finale) where they advanced to SF (I. eventual champions Babos/
- Mladenovic)
- Enjoyed Grand Slam singles breakthrough at 2016 Australian Open, where she advanced to QF first time she had progressed beyond 1r at a major in what was her 15th main draw appearance. Run also marked first time winning back-to-back main draw matches since SF showing at 2014 Birmingham
- As a qualifier during 2016 Melbourne run, defeated No.2 Halep and No.17 Keys (l. Konta). Ranked No.133, became lowest-ranked player to advance to last eight in Melbourne since unranked Henin reached final in 2010, and first qualifier to do so since Gavaldon in 1990
- Contemplated retirement after ending 2015 ranked No.186, her lowest year-end finish since 2008 (No.212) and down from No.62 in 2014
- Winner of two WTA singles titles, at 2013 Guangzhou (d. King in F) and 2017 Guangzhou (d. Krunic in F); also won WTA 125K Series events at Nanjing in 2013 and Honolulu in 2017
- In mixed doubles, reached SF at 2018 US Open (w/Peers)



- Member of Chinese Fed Cup team in 2007, 2009-10, 2012, 2014-15 and 2019; Chinese Olympic Team, 2012, 2016
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2006 Beijing; the following week, made WTA main draw debut at Guangzhou
- Winner of 21 singles titles and eight doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Hails from a sporting family. Father, Zhang Zhi Qiang, was a professional soccer player, and mother, Wang Feng Quin was a basketball player

## KUDERMETOVA:

- Defeated Australian WC Stosur in 1r this week followed by CiCi Bellis, making her comeback from wrist surgery on a Special Ranking of No.43, in 2r
- Advanced to today's SF when her intended opponent, No.2 seed Muguruza, withdrew on Thursday due to viral illness
- A win today would make her first Russian to reach the final here since Vesnina won title in 2013
- Served 12 aces in her defeat of Bellis, and two against Stosur
- Continues her strong momentum from the end of the 2019 season, which saw her reach SF at Hiroshima (I. Doi) and Tianjing (I. Watson) during the Asian swing as well as QF at Moscow (I. Pavlyuchenkova); was also a semifinalist mid-year on the grass at 's-Hertogenbosch (I. eventual champion Riske)
- Posted first two Top 10 wins of career in final weeks of 2019, defeating No.10 Bencic at Wuhan and No.4 Svitolina at Moscow
- Activities off court in Hobart have included a visit to the Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary, where she interacted with kangaroos and koalas
- Opened 2020 season by reaching final round of qualifying at Brisbane (l. Bouzkova)
- Has drawn Spain's Sara Sorribes Tormo in 1r at next week's Australian Open; could potentially face No.28 seed Kontaveit in 2r
- Ended 2019 ranked at a career-high of No.41, rising from No.115 at the end of 2018. Highlights included 3r at 2019 Roland Garros (l. Kanepi)
- Won career first WTA doubles title at 2019 Wuhan with Duan (d. Mertens/Sabalenka in F); also R-Up at Charleston (w/Khromacheva) and Lugano (w/Voskoboeva) in 2019
- Won biggest singles title of career at WTA 125K Series event at 2019 Guadalajara (d. Bouzkova in F)
- Made Top 100 debut at No.98 following 2019 St Petersburg, where she reached 2r as LL (week of February 4, 2019)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2018 Stuttgart, reaching 2r (d. No.25 Suarez Navarro, l. eventual champion Ka.Pliskova)
- Posted two QF runs in 2018, at 's-Hertogenbosch (I. eventual champion Krunic) and Gstaad (I. Bouchard)
- Won two doubles titles in 2018 at WTA 125k Series events, at Mumbai (w/Dzalamidze) and Limoges (w/Voskoboeva). Also has titles at this level from Taipei in 2016 (w/Dzalamidze) and 2017 (w/Sabalenka)
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2014 Moscow
- Contested first Tour-level match representing Russia in Fed Cup action in 2014 vs. Australia (l. Stosur)
- On ITF Circuit, owns four singles titles and 16 doubles titles
- Coached by husband Sergey Demekhin, former coach of Vera Zvonareva
- Teenage sister, Polina, is on the junior circuit and contested Australian Open girls' singles last January
- Born in Kazan, Russia. Based in Moscow and trains at CSKA club
- Off the court, has a passion for cooking and her specialty is roasted chicken with potatoes and garlic



# **Head-to-Heads**



## WATSON, HEATHER vs ZHANG, SHUAI

#### ZHANG, SHUAI 3 - 1

Year	Tournament Name	Surface	I-0	Round	Winner	ran see		ran see		Scores
2010	HAMMOND	HARD	0	Q	ZHANG, SHUAI	145	3	484	*	7-5 6-2
2012	CLEARWATER	HARD	0	Q	ZHANG, SHUAI	160	*	123	5	6-2 6-1
2012	ESTORIL	CLAY	0	Q R16	WATSON, HEATHER	115	5	162	*	6-4 6-1
2014	CINCINNATI	HARD	0	R64	ZHANG, SHUAI	31	*	46	*	6-3 2-6 7-5

## WATSON, HEATHER vs KUDERMETOVA, VERONIKA

### WATSON, HEATHER 1 - 0

RYBAKINA, ELENA 1 - 0

6-3 6-2

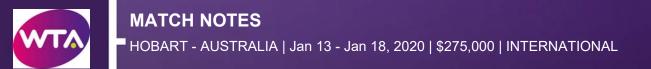
Year	Tournament Name	Surface	I-0	Round	Winner	ran see		rank see		Scores
2019	TIANJIN	HARD	0	S	WATSON, HEATHER	125	*	45	*	6-1 6-4

## **RYBAKINA, ELENA vs ZHANG, SHUAI**

There are no head to heads

## RYBAKINA, ELENA vs KUDERMETOVA, VERONIKA

Year	Tournament Name	Surface	I-0	Round	Winner	rank _ seed	rank _ seed	Scores
2018	ST. PETERSBURG	HARD	Ι	Q R32	RYBAKINA, ELENA	450 *	241 *	3-6 6-3



# [3] ELENA RYBAKINA (KAZ #30) vs. [4] SHUAI ZHANG (CHN #40)

Head to Head: First meeting

ELENA RYBAKINA		SHUAI ZHANG
30	WTA RANKING	40
9	PORSCHE RACE TO SHENZHEN LEADERBOARD	12
17-06-1999 (20)	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	21-01-1989 (30)
\$88,402	YTD PRIZE MONEY	\$7,685
\$533,146	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	\$6,255,008
0 / 1	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 2
0 / 0	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 8
4-0	HOBART W-L (MD) *	6-3
8-1 / 34-14	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	5-1 / 147-180
4-0 / 12-4	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	2-0 / 44-45
1-1 / 8-5	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	0-1 / 36-41
8-1 / 22-9	YTD / CAREER HARD W-L (MD) *	5-1 / 114-123
1-0 / 3-2	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	0-0 / 14-15
0-0 / 0-1	YTD / CAREER TOP 5 W-L (MD & Q) *	0-0 / 4-12
0-0 / 2-1	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD & Q) *	0-0 / 6-21
1-0 / 3-3	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD & Q) *	0-0 / 17-54

\* Updated entering 2020 Hobart final

# ROAD TO THE FINAL

### [3] ELENA RYBAKINA (KAZ #30)

SF: d. HEATHER WATSON (GBR #101) 6-3,4-6,6-4 (2h16)
QF: d. LIZETTE CABRERA (AUS #129) 6-7(4),7-6(2),7-5 (2h37)
R16: d. ALIZÉ CORNET (FRA #60) 7-5,6-3 (1h34)
R32: d. TAMARA ZIDANSEK (SLO #69) 6-1,6-4 (1h05)

Total games: 105 Won/lost: 61-44 Sets won/lost: 8-2 Total time on court: 7h32 Average time on court: 1h53 Average rank of opponent: 90

### [4] SHUAI ZHANG (CHN #40)

SF: d. [5] VERONIKA KUDERMETOVA (RUS #42) 6-3,6-4 (1h04)
QF: d. LAUREN DAVIS (USA #65) 6-1,6-4 (1h28)
R16: d. KATERYNA KOZLOVA (UKR #91) 4-6,6-1,6-2 (1h49)
R32: d. KIRSTEN FLIPKENS (BEL #72) 4-6,6-3,6-2 (2h16)

Total games: 88 Won/lost: 56-32 Sets won/lost: 8-2 Total time on court: 6h37 Average time on court: 1h39 Average rank of opponent: 68





## **HOBART Tournament History**

SHUAL	ZHANG	
2019		
R1	L - ANNA BLINKOVA (RUS #96)	6-2 0-6 6-2
2018		
R16	L - ARYNA SABALENKA (BLR #69)	7-6(3) 6-4
2014		
R16	L - KLARA KOUKALOVA (CZE #37)	6-1 6-2
2011		
QF-Q	L - ALBERTA BRIANTI (ITA #91)	7-5 0-6 6-3
2010		
R16- Q	L - PETRA KVITOVA (CZE #61)	6-4 6-3
2008		
R1-Q	L - DARYA KUSTOVA (BLR #189)	6-3 6-2

## **RYBAKINA:**

- Making debut at Hobart International. This time last year, was ranked No.171, having recently finished R-Up at \$25K ITF Circuit event at Playford-AUS
- Came within three points of defeat during QF win over Cabrera, before hitting 10 aces to see off qualifier Watson in SF; has now won 29 of past 38 matches on tour, a sequence which began with her maiden title run at Bucharest last July
- Owns 1-2 record in WTA singles finals, winning title at 2019 Bucharest and finishing R-Up at 2019 Nanchang and last week at Shenzhen
- Will face Pera in 1r of upcoming Australian Open, where she is seeded for the first time at a major (No.29); will rise to a new career-high ranking of No.26 on Monday
- Finished 2019 season at No.37 to record first Top 50 finish of her career, up from 2018's final ranking of No.191
- During a breakout 2019 season, lifted maiden WTA singles title at Bucharest (d. Tig in F). Also advanced to second career final at Nanchang (l. Peterson) and made SF appearances at Luxembourg (l. Goerges) and 's-Hertogenbosch (l. Bertens)
- Additionally, made QF runs at Istanbul (I. Strycova), Wuhan (I. Sabalenka) and Linz (I. Osatapenko)
- Made Grand Slam main draw debut at 2019 Roland Garros, falling 1r (as qualifier, l. Siniakova). Also fell 1r at 2019 US Open (as qualifier, l. Muchova)
- On the ITF Circuit in 2019, lifted silverware on three occasions; back-to-back at \$25K Moscow-RUS and \$25K Kazan-RUS and at \$60K ITF/Launceston-AUS. Now holds four singles and four doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Highlights of 2018 included reaching maiden WTA QF at St. Petersburg (I. Goerges) and clinching the title at \$15k ITF/Kazan-RUS
- First Top 10 win came over No.7 Garcia at 2018 St. Petersburg. Has since added the defeat of No.6 Halep (2019 Wuhan) to list of Top 10 triumphs
- Ended 2017 ranked No.425, improving 191 spots from 2016 (finished at No.616)
- Made WTA qualifying and main draw debut at 2017 Moscow (as qualifier, l. Begu in 1r)
- Coached by Stefano Vukov



## ZHANG:

- Dropped serve just once across straight set wins over Davis in QF and Kudermetova in SF
- Owns 2-0 career record in WTA singles finals, winning at Guangzhou in 2013 and 2017
- Is the first Chinese player to reach the singles final here at Hobart since Zheng Jie went all the way to the title in 2005
- By reaching the final here, is projected to return to Top 30; career-high ranking is No.23 (November 14, 2016)
- Through to doubles this week with countrywoman Peng Shuai after both their QF and SF opponents withdrew prior to the match face N.Kichenok/Mirza in final later today
- Former doubles R-Up in Hobart in 2014 (w/Raymond)
- Has drawn No.24 seed Stephens in 1r at next week's Australian Open, and could potentially face her friend and regular doubles partner Stosur in 2r
- In singles, posted fourth successive Top 50 season finish in 2019, at No.46; also registered first Top 10 doubles
- season (at No.10)
- Singles highlight in 2019 was reaching second Grand Slam singles QF of career at Wimbledon (I. eventual champion Halep); also in singles, reached final at WTA 125K Series event in Anning, China (I. S.Zheng) and closed out season by winning \$100k ITF/Tokyo-JPN (d. Paolini in F)
- Won first Grand Slam title in doubles at 2019 Australian Open (w/Stosur; d. Babos/Mladenovic in F); Stosur/Zhang also reached final at Miami (l. Mertens/Sabalenka). Team duly qualified for WTA Finals in Shenzhen (Zhang's debut at the season finale) where they advanced to SF (l. eventual champions Babos/Mladenovic)
- Enjoyed Grand Slam singles breakthrough at 2016 Australian Open, where she advanced to QF first time she had progressed beyond 1r at a major in what was her 15th main draw appearance. Run also marked first time winning back-to-back main draw matches since SF showing at 2014 Birmingham
- As a qualifier during 2016 Melbourne run, defeated No.2 Halep and No.17 Keys (l. Konta). Ranked No.133, became lowest-ranked player to advance to last eight in Melbourne since unranked Henin reached final in 2010, and first qualifier to do so since Gavaldon in 1990
- Contemplated retirement after ending 2015 ranked No.186, her lowest year-end finish since 2008 (No.212) and down from No.62 in 2014
- Winner of two WTA singles titles, at 2013 Guangzhou (d. King in F) and 2017 Guangzhou (d. Krunic in F); also won WTA 125K Series events at Nanjing in 2013 and Honolulu in 2017
- In mixed doubles, reached SF at 2018 US Open (w/Peers)
- Member of Chinese Fed Cup team in 2007, 2009-10, 2012, 2014-15 and 2019; Chinese Olympic Team, 2012, 2016
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2006 Beijing; the following week, made WTA main draw debut at Guangzhou
- Winner of 21 singles titles and eight doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Hails from a sporting family. Father, Zhang Zhi Qiang, was a professional soccer player, and mother, Wang Feng Quin was a basketball player





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SANIA MIRZA

## NADIIA KICHENOK



34

Doubles

Ranking

	00 1 1 4000 (07)		45 N 4000 (00)		
	20 Jul 1992 (27)	DOB	15 Nov 1986 (33)		
		Residence	Hyderabad, India		MAN See
	RH (two-handed backhand)	Plays	RH (two-handed backhand)		
		Height	5' 8" (1.73m)		
	\$1,013,304	Prize Career	\$6,930,345		0
	\$0	Prize YTD	\$0		5-111
	100 (Jan 06 2014)	Career High Singles Rank	27 (Aug 27 2007)		
	34 (Jan 13 2020)	Career High Doubles Rank	1 (Apr 13 2015)	MUN	
	0 / 0	WTA Singles Titles - YTD / Career	0 / 1		
	0 / 4	WTA Doubles Titles - YTD / Career	0 / 41		IND
				Daublas	
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## **PERFORMANCE - DOUBLES**

MD YTD (2020) / CAREER	STATS	MD YTD (2020) / CAREER
0-0 / 2-1	Tournament (HOBART) W - L	0-0 / 3-3
- / 17-20	Grand Slam W - L	- / 100-45
- / 109-130	Overall W - L	- / 437-188
- / 43-43	3 Set W - L	- / 116-71
- / 88-24	1 Set W - L	- / 88-24
- / 35-28	Tie Break W - L	- / 66-55
0-0 / 76 - 87	Surface (HARD) W - L	0-0 / 299 - 119
0-0 / 21 - 28	Surface (CLAY) W - L	0-0 / 92 - 38
0-0 / 11 - 14	Surface (GRASS) W - L	0-0 / 38 - 27

## **PREVIOUS APPEARANCES AS TEAM**

**TOURNAMENT - WON (None)** 

**TOURNAMENT - RUNNER UP (None)** 

OTHER RESULTS (BEST ROUND REACHED)

# **TOURNAMENT HISTORY - DOUBLES** 2020 Season Summary 0 tournaments in 2020 0 tournaments in 2020 - in Best Previous Results (HOBART)

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N.KICHENOK	S.MIRZA
2 appearances at HOBART:	3 appearances at HOBART:
_ QF Main Draw in 2017 Partner: L.Kichenok vs. R.Olaru/ O.Savchuk, match not played due to walkover)	<ul> <li>QF Main Draw in 2010 Partner: V.Ruano Pascual (I. S.Errani/ R.Vinci 6-3 7-5)</li> </ul>
QF Main Draw in 2016 Partner: L.Kichenok (I, K.Birrell/J.Wolfe 6-3	- QF Main Draw in 2009 Partner: F.Schiavone (I. E.Gallovits-Hall/

- QF Main Draw in 2016 Partner: L.Kichenok (I. K.Birrell/J.Wolfe 6-3 6-3)
- A.Parra Santonja 7-5 6-1) - QF Main Draw in 2007 Partner: A.Molik (I. M.Camerin/G.Dulko 7-6 (5) 7-6(1))

## **GRAND SLAM**

N.KICHENOK	W / L	'19	'18	'17	'16	'15	'14	'13	'12	'11	'10	'09	'08	'07	'06	'05
AUSTRALIAN OPEN	4-4	2R	3R	3R	F	2R	QF	1R	SF	1R	3R	1R	3R	3R	1R	-
ROLAND GARROS	4-5	3R	2R	1R	3R	QF	QF	3R	1R	F	-	2R	-	1R	3R	2R
WIMBLEDON	5-6	3R	2R	3R	QF	F	2R	3R	3R	SF	2R	2R	QF	3R	2R	1R
US OPEN	4-5	2R	1R	SF	QF	F	SF	SF	3R	3R	1R	2R	-	QF	3R	1R
TOTAL	17-20															
S.MIRZA	W / L	'17	'16	'15	'14	'13	'12	'11	'10	'09	'08	'07	'06	'05		
AUSTRALIAN OPEN	22-11	3R	W	2R	QF	1R	SF	1R	3R	1R	3R	3R	1R	-		
AUSTRALIAN OPEN ROLAND GARROS	22-11 19-11	3R 1R	W 3R	2R QF	QF QF		SF 1R	1R F	3R -	1R 2R	3R -	3R 1R	1R 3R	- 2R		
						1R										
ROLAND GARROS	19-11	1R	3R	QF	QF	1R 3R	1R	F	-	2R	-	1R	3R	2R	I	

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

### **N.KICHENOK**

Coached by Yuriy Chornyy ... Parents are Victor (businessman) and Elena (housewife); twin sister is Lyudmyla (also a tennis player) ... Started playing at age 7 while on holiday in the Crimea ... Favorite shots are groundstrokes; favorite surfaces are hard and grass ... Favorite tournament is US Open ... Favorite book is The Count Of Monte Cristo; favorite movie is The Patriot; favorite singer is Rihanna ... Tennis idols growing up were Kim Clijsters, Justine Henin, Jennifer Capriati, Martina Hingis and Williams sisters ... Goal is to reach Top 20.

### S.MIRZA

Coached by father, Imran ... Father is a builder; mother, Naseema, works in printing business; sister is Anam ... Started playing tennis at age 6 ... Likes movie Ocean's 11 and actors Brad Pitt and Hugh Grant ... Likes hip hop, including Eminem ... Also likes playing cricket and swimming ... Most admires Gandhi; player most admired is Steffi Graf.

## **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

N.KICHENOK

DOUBLES

Winner (4): 2018 - Zhuhai (w/L.Kichenok); 2017 - Istanbul (w/Jakupovic); 2016 - Florianopolis (w/L.Kichenok); 2015 - Shenzhen (w/ L.Kichenok).

Finalist (6): 2018 - Strasbourg (w/An.Rodionova), San Jose (w/L.Kichenok); 2017 - Monterrey (w/Jakupovic); 2015 - Strasbourg (w/S.Zheng); 2014 - Shenzhen (w/L.Kichenok); 2011 - Tashkent (w/L.Kichenok).

#### ADDITIONAL

Ukrainian Fed Cup Team, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2017-18.

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#### S.MIRZA

SINGLES

Winner (1): 2005 - Hyderabad.

Finalist (3): 2009 - Pattaya City; 2007 - Stanford; 2005 - Forest Hills.

#### DOUBLES

Winner (41): 2017 - Brisbane (w/Mattek-Sands); 2016 - Brisbane, Sydney, Australian Open, St. Petersburg, Rome (all w/Hingis), Cincinnati, Tokyo (both w/Strycova), New Haven (w/Niculescu); 2015 - Sydney (w/Mattek-Sands), Indian Wells, Miami, Charleston, Wimbledon, US Open, Guangzhou, Wuhan, Beijing, WTA Finals (all w/Hingis); 2014 - Oeiras, Tokyo [Pan Pacific], WTA Finals (all w/Black); 2013 - Brisbane, Dubai (both w/Mattek-Sands), New Haven (w/J.Zheng), Tokyo [Pan Pacific], Beijing (both w/Black); 2012 - Pattaya City (w/An.Rodionova), Brussels (w/Mattek-Sands); 2011 - Indian Wells, Charleston (both w/Vesnina), College Park (w/Shvedova); 2010 - Guangzhou (w/Gallovits-Hall); 2009 -Ponte Vedra Beach (w/Chuang); 2007 - Fès (w/King), Cincinnati (w/Mattek-Sands), Stanford (w/Peer), New Haven (w/Santangelo); 2006 -Bangalore, Kolkata (both w/Huber); 2004 - Hyderabad (w/Huber).

Finalist (20): 2017 - Sydney, Miami (both w/Strycova); 2016 - Stuttgart, Madrid (both w/Hingis), Wuhan (w/Strycova); 2015 - Doha (w/Hsieh), Rome (w/Hingis); 2014 - Indian Wells, Stuttgart, Montréal, Beijing (all w/Black); 2013 - Stuttgart (w/Mattek-Sands); 2012 - Dubai, Indian Wells (both w/Vesnina), Beijing (w/Llagostera Vives); 2011 - Roland Garros (w/Vesnina); 2007 - Istanbul (w/Y.Chan); 2006 - Amelia Island (w/ Huber), Istanbul (w/Molik), Cincinnati (w/Domachowska).

MIXED DOUBLES

Winner (3): 2014 - US Open (w/Soares); 2012 - Roland Garros (w/Bhupathi); 2009 - Australian Open (w/Bhupathi). Finalist (3): 2017 - Australian Open (w/Dodig); 2014 - Australian Open (w/Tecau); 2008 - Australian Open (w/Bhupathi).

ADDITIONAL

Indian Fed Cup Team, 2003-04, 2006, 2008, 2010-12, 2014-15; Indian Olympic Team, 2008, 2012.



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SHUAI ZHANG

**SHUAI PENG** 

	8 Jan 1986 (34)	DOB	21 Jan 1989 (30)		
	Tian Jin, China	Residence	Tianjin, China		and a second
	RH (two-handed both sides)	Plays	RH (two-handed backhand)	19499	
	5' 10" (1.77 m)	Height	5' 10" (1.77 m)		
1 con	\$9,525,905	Prize Career	\$6,255,008		
	\$7,685	Prize YTD	\$7,685	16	
	14 (Aug 22 2011)	Career High Singles Rank	23 (Nov 14 2016)		
N N	1 (Feb 17 2014)	Career High Doubles Rank	9 (May 20 2019)		T
	0/2	WTA Singles Titles - YTD / Career	0 / 2		
CHN	0 / 22	WTA Doubles Titles - YTD / Career	0 / 8		CHN
70 6 <sup>-</sup>	16			10	616
	e To nzhen			Doubles Ranking	Race To Shenzhen

## **PERFORMANCE - DOUBLES**

MD YTD (2020) / CAREER	STATS	MD YTD (2020) / CAREER
0-0 / 2-1	Tournament (HOBART) W - L	0-0 / 3-3
- / 82-45	Grand Slam W - L	- / 33-29
0-1 / 304-179	Overall W - L	0-1 / 137-123
- / 80-71	3 Set W - L	- / 57-32
- / 258-40	1 Set W - L	- / 258-40
0-0 / 50-60	Tie Break W - L	0-0 / 25-35
0-1 / 215 - 122	Surface (HARD) W - L	0-1 / 92 - 81
0-0 / 62 - 41	Surface (CLAY) W - L	0-0 / 29 - 26
0-0 / 25 - 14	Surface (GRASS) W - L	0-0 / 16 - 16

## PREVIOUS APPEARANCES AS TEAM

## TOURNAMENT - WON (1)

- 2014 Pattaya City (Hard) d. A.Kudryavtseva/A.Rodionova 3-6 7-6(5) 10-6

### **TOURNAMENT - RUNNER UP (1)**

- 2019 Nanchang (Hard) I. X.Wang/L.Zhu 6-2 7-6(5)

### OTHER RESULTS (BEST ROUND REACHED)

- QF at 2010 Estoril (Clay) I. S.Cirstea/A.Medina Garrigues 6-2 7-6(2)
- R16 at 2020 Shenzhen (Hard) I. X.Jiang/Q.Tang 6-2 6-4
- R16 at 2016 Olympics (Hard) I. A.Sestini Hlavackova/L.Hradecka 6-4 6-4
- R32 at 2019 Toronto (Hard) I. H.Chan/L.Chan 3-6 6-1 10-7
- R32 at 2016 Wimbledon (Grass) I. C.Garcia/K.Mladenovic 0-6 6-3 6-4

## **TOURNAMENT HISTORY - DOUBLES**

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1 tournament in 2020:	1 tournament in 2020:
- R16 Main Draw in Shenzhen	- R16 Main Draw in Shenzhen
Partner: S.Zhang (I. X.Jiang/Q.Tang 6-2 6-4)	Partner: S.Peng (I. X.Jiang/Q.Tang 6-2 6-4)

Best Previous Results (HOBART)

### S.PENG

#### 1 appearance at HOBART:

SF Main Draw in 2010 Partner: S.Hsieh (I. L.Chan/M.Niculescu 7-6 (5) 4-6 10-8)

## S.ZHANG

3 appearances at HOBART:

- F Main Draw in 2014 Partner: L.Raymond (I. M.Niculescu/ K.Koukalova 6-2 6-7(5) 10-8)
- R16 Main Draw in 2019 Partner: X.Jiang (I. M.Niculescu/Z.Yang 6-4 6-2)
- R16 Main Draw in 2011 Partner: A.Parra Santonja (I. K.Bondarenko/L.Dekmeijere 6-4 6-2)

## **GRAND SLAM**

S.PENG	W / L	'19	'18	'17	'16	'15	'14	'13	'12	'11	'10	'09	'08	'07	'06	'05	'04
AUSTRALIAN OPEN	24-15	F	SF	F	1R	1R	2R	3R	1R	3R	3R	QF	2R	2R	2R	3R	-
ROLAND GARROS	19-8	QF	1R	3R	1R	-	F	3R	3R	2R	-	SF	3R	-	1R	1R	-
WIMBLEDON	17-9	2R	2R	1R	2R	-	3R	F	1R	QF	2R	1R	1R	QF	1R	-	-
US OPEN	22-13	2R	SF	SF	2R	-	3R	QF	QF	2R	2R	2R	3R	2R	1R	2R	QF
TOTAL	82-45																
S.ZHANG	W / L	'19	'18	'17	'16	'15	'14	'13	'12	'11	'10						
AUSTRALIAN OPEN	8-5	W	-	2R	-	1R	1R	-	1R	2R	-						
ROLAND GARROS	7-8	QF	1R	1R	1R	-	1R	3R	3R	2R	-						
WIMBLEDON	6-9	2R	1R	1R	2R	-	1R	2R	1R	3R	2R						
US OPEN	12-7	1R	SF	QF	2R	-	-	1R	QF	2R	-						
TOTAL	33-29																

## OTHER INFORMATION

### S.PENG

Coached by Bertrand Perret... Father is Peng Ji Jun; mother is Zhang Bing ... Introduced to tennis at age 8 by uncle ... Favorite shot is forehand; favorite surface is hard ... Enjoys Chinese cuisine, reading, shopping, swimming ... Considers herself quiet ... Admires John McEnroe ... Has a lucky cow on her tennis bag (born in year of the cow).

### S.ZHANG

Coached by Liu Shuo ... Father, Zhang Zhi Qiang, was a soccer player; mother, Wang Feng Qin, was a basketball player ... Started playing tennis at age 6 when parents took her to local club ... Favorite surface is hardcourts ... Started working with Chinese Tennis Association at age 12 ... Idolized Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal ... Best tennis memory was playing mixed doubles with Pete Sampras in 2011, winning Guangzhou in 2013, and reaching the 2016 Australian Open QF ... Relaxes by listening to music, taking photos and exploring the places she travels to.

## CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

## S.PENG





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# SINGLES

Winner (2): 2017 - Nanchang; 2016 - Tianjin; 2014 - 125/Nanchang.

Finalist (7): 2017 - Taipei City; 2014 - Shenzhen; 2013 - Brussels; 2011 - Brussels; 2008 - Forest Hills, Guangzhou; 2006 - Strasbourg.

#### DOUBLES

Winner (23): 2019 - Shenzhen (w/Z.Yang), Guangzhou (w/Siegemund); 2017 - Shenzhen (w/Hlavackova); 2016- Nottingham (w/Hlavackova), Guangzhou (w/Muhammad), Tianjin (w/McHale); 2014 - Pattaya City (w/Zhang), Doha, Indian Wells, Roland Garros (all w/Hsieh), Beijing (w/ Hlavackova); 2013 - Rome, Wimbledon, Cincinnati, Guangzhou, WTA Finals (all w/Hsieh); 2011 - Rome (w/Zheng); 2009 - Sydney, Rome, Beijing (all w/Hsieh); 2008 - Bangalore (w/Sun), Bali (w/Hsieh); 2007 - Guangzhou (w/Yan). Finalist (8): 2019 - Nanchang (w/S.Zhang); 2018 - Dubai (w/Hsieh); 2017 - Australian Open, Dubai (both w/Hlavackova); 2014 - WTA Finals (w/Hsieh); 2010 - Ponte Vedra Beach (w/Chuang), Tokyo [Pan Pacific] (w/Peer); 2007 - Charleston (w/Sun).

#### ADDITIONAL

Chinese Fed Cup Team 2001, 2006-10, 2012, 2014; Chinese Olympic Team, 2008, 2012.

#### S.ZHANG

#### SINGLES

Winner (2): 2017 - Guangzhou, 125/Honolulu; 2013 - Guangzhou, 125/Nanjing. Finalist: 2016 - 125/Honolulu.

#### DOUBLES

Winner (8): 2019 - Australian Open (w/Stosur); 2018 - Istanbul (w/Liang), Hiroshima (w/Hozumi), Hong Kong (w/Stosur); 2014 - Pattaya City (w/Peng); 2013 - 125/Ningbo (w/Y.Chan); 2012 - Estoril (w/Chuang), Guangzhou (w/Tanasugarn); 2011 - Osaka (w/Date-Krumm). Finalist (7): 2019 - Nanchang (w/Peng); 2017 - Birmingham (w/H. Chan), Zhuhai (w/Lu); 2014 - Hobart (w/Raymond); 2013 - Kuala Lumpur (w/ Husarova), Osaka (w/Stosur); 2012 - Monterrey (w/Date-Krumm).

#### ADDITIONAL

Chinese Fed Cup Team, 2007, 2009-10, 2012, 2014-15; Chinese Olympic Team, 2012, 2016.

