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QATAR TOTAL OPEN – QUICK FACTS

Main draw dates: March 1-6, 2021
Singles Final: Saturday, March 6, 6:00pm
Doubles Final: Friday, March 5, 4:00pm
Venue: Khalifa International Tennis & Squash Complex
Status: WTA 500
Staging: Tournament's 19th year
Draw sizes: 28 singles / 16 doubles
Surface: Plexicushion Prestige Hardcourt / Outdoor
Total prize money: USD \$564,530
Tennis Ball: Dunlop AO

SINGLES	USD \$	RANK POINTS
Winner	68,570	470
Runner-Up	51,000	305
Semifinalist	32,400	185
Quarterfinalist	15,500	100
Round of 16	8,200	55
Round of 32	6,650	1

DOUBLES	USD \$	RANK POINTS
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Semifinalist	10,000	185
Quarterfinalist	5,500	100
Round of 16	3,500	1

MAIN DRAW QUICK-HITS

Seeds: Elina Svitolina, Karolina Pliskova, Aryna Sabalenka, Petra Kvitova, Kiki Bertens, Belinda Bencic, Jennifer Brady, Victoria Azarenka

Wildcards: Victoria Azarenka (BLR), Cagla Buyukakcay (TUR), Jelena Ostapenko (LAT), Mayar Sherif (EGY)

Most career WTA singles titles: Petra Kvitova (27)

Prize money leader: Petra Kvitova (\$31,174,965)

Youngest singles player: Amanda Anisimova, 19-years-old (August 31, 2001)

Oldest singles player: Svetlana Kuznetsova, 35-years-old (June 27, 1985)

TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS

- Ten of the WTA Top 20 players in the world are in the draw, including the defending champion and World No.8 **Aryna Sabalenka** as well as former champions **Karolina Pliskova** (2017) and **Petra Kvitova** (2018)
- Two-time Doha champion **Victoria Azarenka** (2012-13) and 2016 runner-up **Jelena Ostapenko** are among the four wildcard recipients this week
- World No.11 **Kiki Bertens** returns to the WTA Tour for the first time since 2020 Roland Garros after undergoing achilles surgery in October
- Jennifer Brady**, who recently reached her maiden Grand Slam final at the Australian Open and made her Top 20 debut, will look to keep up the momentum she started after winning her first WTA title last year at Lexington

- **One to Watch – Mayar Sherif.** Earlier this month, Sherif became the first Egyptian woman to win a main draw Grand Slam match at the Australian Open, defeating fellow qualifier Paquet in straight sets before falling to Juvan in the 2r. The 24-year-old enters this week's main draw as a wildcard and ranked at a career-best of World No.114, achieved after her run at Melbourne Park

COUNTRY AND REGION BREAKDOWN

Excluding qualifiers, a total of 17 countries and regions are represented in the main draw, led by Russia and the United States with three players each:

Belarus (2)	Victoria Azarenka, Aryna Sabalenka
China (2)	Wang Qiang, Zheng Saisai
Czech Republic (2)	Petra Kvitová, Karolína Plíšková
Estonia (1)	Anett Kontaveit
Egypt (1)	Mayar Sherif
Germany (1)	Angelique Kerber
Greece (1)	Maria Sakkari
Kazakhstan (1)	Elena Rybakina
Latvia (1)	Jelena Ostapenko
Netherlands (1)	Kiki Bertens
Russia (3)	Veronika Kudermetova, Svetlana Kuznetsova, Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova
Spain (1)	Garbiñe Muguruza
Switzerland (1)	Belinda Bencic
Tunisia (1)	Ons Jabeur
Turkey (1)	Cagla Buyukakcay
Ukraine (1)	Elina Svitolina
United States (3)	Amanda Anisimova, Jennifer Brady, Madison Keys

2021 WTA TOUR FINALS

Week of	Level	Tournament	Singles Final	Doubles Final
Jan 6	WTA 500	Abu Dhabi, UAE	[4] Sabalenka d. Kudermetova 62 62	[5] Aoyama/Shibahara d. [8] Carter/Stefani 76(5) 64
Jan 31	WTA 500	Yarra Valley Classic	[1] Barty d. [6] Muguruza 76(3) 64	[3] Aoyama/Shibahara d. Kalinskaya/Kuzmova 63 64
Jan 31	WTA 500	Gippsland Trophy	[7] Mertens d. Kanepi 64 61	[1] Krejčíková/Siniakova d. [2] Chan/Chan 63 76(4)
Feb 3	WTA 500	Grampians Trophy	Li & [6] Kontaveit (FINAL NOT PLAYED)	
Feb 8	Grand Slam	Australian Open	[3] Osaka d. [22] Brady 64 63	[2] Sabalenka/Mertens d. [3] Krejčíková/Siniakova 62 63
Feb 13	WTA 250	Phillip Island Trophy	Kasatkina d. [13] Bouzkova 46 62 62	Raina/Rakhimova d. Blinkova/Potapova 26 64 10-7
Feb 22	WTA 500	Adelaide International	[5] Świątek d. [2] Bencic 62 62	[3] Guarachi/Krawczyk d. Carter/Stefani 67(4) 64 10-3

A SNAPSHOT OF 2021 SO FAR

- **Top 20 Debut (1):** Jennifer Brady (at No.13 on February 22)
- **Fewest games dropped en route to a title:** Iga Świątek (22, Adelaide)
- **Lowest-ranked player to triumph:** Daria Kasatkina (No.71, Phillip Island Trophy)
- **Youngest title winner:** Iga Świątek, Adelaide (19y 272d)
- **Oldest title winner:** Elise Mertens, Gippsland Trophy (25y 81d)
- **Aces leaders:** Ekaterina Alexandrova – 73, Naomi Osaka – 68, Ashleigh Barty – 63
- **Most aces in a match (17):** Ekaterina Alexandrova (d. Watson 7-5 6-7(7) 6-3 – Abu Dhabi, R32)
- **Match win leaders:** Naomi Osaka – 10 and Daria Kasatkina – 10

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- **Most three-set wins (4):** Irina-Camelia Begu, Coco Gauff, Daria Kasatkina
- **Most doubles titles (2):** Shuko Aoyama / Ena Shibahara (Abu Dhabi, Yarra Valley Classic)
- **Most Top 10 wins (2):** Danielle Collins (No.6 Ka.Pliskova at Yarra Valley Classic, No.1 Barty at Adelaide); Karolina Muchova (No.6 Ka.Pliskova and No.1 Barty, both at Australian Open); Kaia Kanepi (No.7 Sabalenka at Gippsland Trophy and No.4 Kenin at Australian Open); Serena Williams (No.7 Sabalenka and No.2 Halep, both at Australian Open)

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QATAR TOTAL OPEN – DAY ONE

**** All rankings and prize money accurate as of February 22, 2021 ****

[7] JENNIFER BRADY (USA #13) vs. ANETT KONTAVEIT (EST #24)

Kontaveit leads 1-0

Kontaveit won when the two met at 2018 Wimbledon... **Brady** playing first match since Australian Open final defeat to Osaka... **Kontaveit** bidding for first Top 20 win since last summer

VERONIKA KUDERMETOVA (RUS #34) vs. GARBIÑE MUGURUZA (ESP #16)

Muguruza leads 1-0

Muguruza triumphed in three sets when they played at 2020 Dubai... **Kudermetova** is one of three Russians in the draw... **Muguruza** held two match points before losing to Osaka at Australian Open

[5] KIKI BERTENS (NED #11) vs. JELENA OSTAPENKO (LAT #49)

Series tied 2-2

Bertens retired with an ankle injury when she faced **Ostapenko** at Strasbourg last September... **Ostapenko** finished runner-up here in 2016... **Bertens** playing first match in nearly five months

SVETLANA KUZNETSOVA (RUS #39) vs. [8/WC] VICTORIA AZARENKA (BLR #14)

Azarenka leads 5-4

Azarenka prevailed when they last met, in the Miami final nearly five years ago... **Kuznetsova** playing here for the 12th time and is a two-time runner-up... **Azarenka** lifted the title in 2012 and 2013

2021 POINTS & PRIZE MONEY

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Head-to-head: ANETT KONTAVEIT leads 1-0

2018 WIMBLEDON GRASS O R2 ANETT KONTAVEIT 6-2 7-6(4)

BRADY		KONTAVEIT	
Career Prize Money	\$4,398,545	Career Prize Money	\$5,071,738
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Apr. 12, 1995 (25)	Date of Birth (Age)	Dec. 24, 1995 (25)
Singles Titles	1	Singles Titles	1
Doha W-L (MD)	1-1	Doha W-L (MD)	2-3
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	9-3 / 60-58	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	5-2 / 129-101
3-Set (YTD / Career)	2-2 / 20-19	3-Set (YTD / Career)	2-0 / 45-34
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	2-2 / 14-20	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 33-32
Hard Court (YTD / Career)	9-3 / 51-39	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	5-2 / 82-66
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 2-12	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 11-20
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 10-18	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 18-33
Coach	Michael Geserer	Coach	Nigel Sears

BRADY:

- Making second main draw appearance at Qatar Total Open (third overall appearance)
- Reached 2r last year (d. Riske, I. Jabeur) and in qualifying in 2019 (I. Riske)
- Faces No.24 Kontaveit today in their second career meeting. Fell to the Estonian at 2018 Wimbledon
- Has faced only two Top 30 ranked players in 2021, defeating No.27 Muchova en route to Australian Open final where she fell to No.3 Osaka
- Became the 15th American woman to reach the Australian Open final in the Open Era and also the seventh woman to make her debut in a Grand Slam final in the past nine majors, following on from Osaka (2018 US Open - WON), Barty (2019 Roland Garros – WON), Vondrousova (2019 Roland Garros – R-Up), Andreescu (2019 US Open – WON), Kenin (2020 Australian Open – WON) and Swiatek (2020 Roland Garros – WON)
- By reaching the final at Melbourne Park, broke into Top 20 at No.13
- During last year's Middle East swing, reached SF at Dubai (as qualifier, d. No.6 Svitolina, No.17 Vondrousova and No.16 Muguruza before falling to No.2 Halep) and 2r at Doha (I. Jabeur)
- Opened 2021 campaign with 1r exit at Abu Dhabi (I. Zidansek) before bouncing back to reach SF at the Grampians Trophy (I. Ann Li)
- Posted career-best Grand Slam run at the 2020 US Open by reaching SF (I. eventual champion Osaka in 3s) – had not dropped a set through first five rounds including wins over fellow Top 50 players Garcia, Kerber and Putintseva. Was first former college player to reach US Open SF since Lori McNeil in 1987
- Lifted maiden WTA title at 2020 Lexington in first career final appearance (d. Teichmann in F) - did not drop a set and was broken just three times all week
- Earned second Top 10 win of career in defeat of No.6 Svitolina en route to SF at 2020 Dubai as a qualifier (I. eventual champion Halep); also beat No.17 Vondrousova and No.16 Muguruza that week to reach first SF at a WTA500 event
- Scored first career Top 10 win over World No.1 Barty at 2020 Brisbane as a qualifier (I. Kvitova in QF); broke into Top 50 following result (No.49 on January 13, 2020)

- Ended 2019 season back in Top 60 after dipping as low as No.125 at one point. Season highlights included SF run at Nottingham (l. eventual champion Garcia), 3r showings at Dubai (l. eventual R-Up Kvitova), Indian Wells (l. Barty) and Beijing (l. Andreescu)
- Posted first Top 100 year-end finish in 2017 (at No.64) during a campaign in which she reached first WTA career SF at 2017 Hong Kong (l. eventual R-Up Gavrilova)
- Came through qualifying at 2017 Australian Open and went on to become first major debutante to reach R16 at a Slam since Smitkova at 2014 Wimbledon. Defeated Zanevska in 1r, Watson in 2r (saved 5mp) and No.14 seed Vesnina in 3r, losing to Lucic-Baroni; became first American female qualifier to reach R16 at the Australian Open in Open Era
- Also became just sixth player to make R16 on Australian Open debut in last 22 years: V.Williams (1998), Suárez Navarro (2009), Bouchard (2014), Gasparyan and Konta (2016) – since then Anisimova (2019), Collins (2019) and Gauff (2020) have joined this list
- Posted first WTA main draw wins during QF run at 2016 Guangzhou (d. Pivovarova and Kovinic)
- Fell 1r in first career main draw appearances at tour level in 2016 – at Rio de Janeiro (as qualifier), Stanford and Montréal
- Made WTA qualifying draw at 2015 Cincinnati (l. Falconi in 1r)
- Made ITF Circuit debut at \$10k ITF/Evansville, IN-USA in 2010; owns four singles and four doubles ITF Circuit titles
- Played collegiate tennis for the University of California, Los Angeles – part of 2014 team that won NCAA Division 1 Women's Tennis National Championship

KONTAVEIT:

- Making fourth main draw appearance at Doha
- Reached 2r in 2019 (l. Kerber) and 2020 (l. eventual champion Sabalenka). Fell in 1r on debut in 2018 (l. Cornet)
- Faces No.13 Brady today in what is her first match against a Top 20 ranked player of the season. Overall record vs. such players stands at 18-33, with her most recent victory coming against No.14 Martić at 2020 Palermo
- During last year's Middle East swing, made QFs at Dubai (l. Martić) and 2r at Doha (l. Sabalenka)
- Coming off 3r showing at Australian Open (l. Rogers) after reaching the Grampians Trophy final (the final was not played)
- Opened 2021 season with 1r exit at Abu Dhabi (l. Kudermetova)
- During an interrupted 2020, reached sixth final of career at Palermo (l. Ferro) and posted 21 match wins across the season (joint-fifth most, level with Jabeur)
- Made Grand Slam breakthrough by reaching maiden major QF at Australian Open (l. Halep), becoming the first Estonian to make the last eight at Australian Open, also the first Estonian to reach a Grand Slam QF since Kanepi at 2017 US Open
- Finished 2019 ranked No.26 despite missing final two months of the season w/viral illness
- Reached her fifth career final in 2019 at Stuttgart (l. Kvitova). Also in 2019, advanced to her first Premier Mandatory SF at Miami (l. eventual champion Barty), which propelled her to a career high ranking of No.14 (April 1, 2019)

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- In 2018, season highlighted by fourth WTA singles final at Wuhan (I. Sabalenka); posted 33 main draw wins – the first time she had registered 30 or more wins in a season
- Breakthrough season came in 2017, winning first career singles title at 2017 's-Hertogenbosch (d. Vikhlyantseva in F). Also reached finals at Biel/Benne (I. Vondrousova) and Gstaad (I. Bertens)
- Broke into Top 30 for first time at No.27 following run at Gstaad (July 24, 2017)
- Posted her first career win over a reigning No.1 with defeat of Kerber at 2017 Rome
- In 2016, played main draw at all four Grand Slams for first time, but dropped out of Top 100
- Made Top 100 debut on September 14, 2015 at No.96, up from No.152. One of five teenagers in 2015 year-end Top 100
- Scored first Top 20 win of career over No.17 Errani at 2016 Monterrey (2r)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2013 Miami as WC (I. McHale, 1r)
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in 2010; owns 11 singles titles and five doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Junior highlights included winning 2011 Orange Bowl, defeating Bouchard and Putintseva en route

VERONIKA KUDERMETOVA (RUS #34) VS. GARBIÑE MUGURUZA (ESP #16)

Head-to-head: GARBIÑE MUGURUZA leads 1-0

2020 DUBAI HARD O R16 GARBIÑE MUGURUZA 7-5 4-6 6-4
2020 HOBART HARD O QF VERONIKA KUDERMETOVA W/O

KUDERMETOVA		MUGURUZA	
Career Prize Money	\$1,896,461	Career Prize Money	\$21,421,323
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Apr. 24, 1997 (23)	Date of Birth (Age)	Oct. 8, 1993 (27)
Singles Titles	0	Singles Titles	7
Doha W-L (MD)	1-1	Doha W-L (MD)	9-5
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	8-4 / 53-44	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	9-3 / 268-147
3-Set (YTD / Career)	3-0 / 23-13	3-Set (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 82-63
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	3-1 / 21-10	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 42-51
Hard Court (YTD / Career)	8-4 / 34-29	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	9-3 / 183-101
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-2 / 5-5	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-2 / 36-37
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-2 / 6-10	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-2 / 64-63
Coach	Sergey Demkhine	Coach	Conchita Martinez

KUDERMETOVA:

- Making her second main draw appearance at Qatar Total Open (third overall appearance)
- Reached 2r in 2020 (d. Mladenovic, I. Bencic) and fell in qualifying in 2019 (I. Pera)
- Faces No.15 Muguruza today in their second career meeting, having fallen to the Spaniard last year in the Middle East at Dubai; Spaniard withdrew prior to their QF meeting at 2020 Hobart w/illness
- Is 1-2 vs. Top 20 players in 2021, having defeated No.5 Svitolina (Abu Dhabi) and falling to No.10 Sabalenka (Abu Dhabi) and No.2 Halep (Australian Open)
- During last year's Middle East swing, made back-to-back 2r showings at Dubai (as qualifier, I. today's opponent Muguruza) and Doha (I. Bencic)
- Coming off 1r exit at Adelaide (I. Rogers) after a career-best 3r run at Australian Open (I. Halep)
- Also this season, made 2r at Grampians Trophy (I. Li) after opening her campaign by reaching her maiden WTA final, at Abu Dhabi (I. Sabalenka)
- Closed out 2020 season with back-to-back QFs at Ostrava (as qualifier, I. Brady) and Linz (I. Mertens)
- Scored first win over a Top-3 ranked opponent by upsetting No.3 Ka.Pliskova at 2020 Western & Southern Open
- Began last season with qualifying exit at Brisbane and then SF run at Hobart
- Won 27 main-draw matches during 2019 – had previously won six across entire career – to rise over sixty places in the WTA rankings, making Top 100 debut on February 4 and Top 50 debut on September 9
- Singles highlights in 2019 included reaching maiden WTA SF at 's-Hertogenbosch (I. eventual champion Riske), 3r at Roland Garros (d. No.13 Wozniacki in 1r – her maiden Grand Slam main draw win and also first over a Top 20 opponent – I. Kanepi) and winning WTA 125K Series title at Guadalajara (d. Bouzkova in F)
- Posted first two Top 10 wins of career in final weeks of 2019, over No.10 Bencic at Wuhan and No.4 Svitolina at Moscow
- Fell 1r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2019 Australian Open (as qualifier, I. Kenin)

- Won career first WTA doubles title at 2019 Wuhan with Duan (d. Mertens/Sabalenka in F); also in 2019 was R-Up at Charleston (w/Khromacheva) and Lugano (w/Voskoboeva)
- Posted maiden career WTA QF runs in 2018, first at 's-Hertogenbosch (l. eventual champion Krunic) and then Gstaad (l. Bouchard)
- Reached 2r on WTA main draw debut at 2018 Stuttgart (d. No.25 Suárez Navarro, l. eventual champion Ka.Pliskova)
- WTA qualifying debut came at 2014 Moscow
- Made Billie Jean King Cup debut in 2014 vs. Australia (l. Stosur – her first Tour-level match)
- On ITF Circuit, owns four singles – most recently at 2018 \$25K Keito-JPN – and 16 doubles titles
- Made professional debut at \$50K ITF/Kazan-RUS in 2014

MUGURUZA:

- Making sixth successive main draw appearance at Doha as a former R-Up in 2018 (l. Kvitova in F)
- Also a two-time quarterfinalist here in 2016 (l. Petkovic) and 2020 (l. Barty). Fell 2r 2017 (l. S.Zhang) and 1r on her debut in 2015 (l. Suárez Navarro via ret.)
- Opens her 2021 Doha campaign against No.34 Kudermetova. Defeated the Russian during last year's Middle East swing at Dubai in three-sets
- A loss today would mark her worst-by-ranking of 2021, having only fallen to Top 30 ranked players thus far – l. No.22 Sakkari (Abu Dhabi), No.1 Barty (Yarra Valley Classic) and No.3 Osaka (Australian Open)
- During last year's Middle East swing, made back-to-back QFs at Dubai (l. Brady) and Doha (l. Barty)
- Coming off R16 showing at Australian Open, falling to the eventual champion Osaka after holding two match points at 5-3 in the final set
- Made R-Up finish at the Yarra Valley Classic (l. Barty) and opened the season with a 3r showing at Abu Dhabi (d. Mladenovic and Sasnovich, l. Sakkari)
- Reached fourth Grand Slam singles final of career at 2020 Australian Open (l. Kenin in 3s). Was first Spaniard to reach the final at Melbourne Park since Conchita Martinez in 1998
- Last year also made SFs at Shenzhen and Rome and three further QFs
- In 2019, successfully defended her title in Monterrey for seventh career WTA trophy (d. Azarenka in F)
- Is a two-time Grand-Slam champion winning titles at 2016 Roland Garros (d. S.Williams in F) and 2017 Wimbledon (d. V.Williams in F). Dropped only one set in Roland Garros title run
- Is only player to ever beat both Williams sisters in a Grand Slam final and one of 29 women in the Open Era to win multiple Grand Slam titles. One of just eight players all-time to defeat Serena in a Grand Slam final
- Also finished R-Up at 2015 Wimbledon (l. S.Williams) to make Top 10 debut. Is one of two players to meet both Williams sisters in the final of the same Grand Slam – also Hingis at US Open (1997, d. V.Williams; 1999, l. S.Williams)
- First Spaniard to reach Wimbledon final since Sánchez Vicario in 1996 and first to reach any Slam final since Conchita Martínez at 2000 Roland Garros
- Rose to World No.1 on September 11, 2017 to become the 24th woman in history to hold the top spot and second from Spain (after Sánchez Vicario in 1995). Also named ITF World Champion for 2017
- Reached R16 at Rio Olympics in 2016

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- In 2015, became first Spanish player to compete at the WTA Finals in singles since 2001 (Sánchez Vicario) and reached doubles final (w/Suárez Navarro, I. Hingis/Mirza). Overall, has qualified three times for the season-ending championships (2015-17)
- Owns five WTA doubles titles, most recently at 2015 Tokyo [PPO] (w/Suarez Navarro), and reached SF at 2014 Roland Garros (w/Suarez Navarro); rose to No.10 in WTA doubles rankings on February 23, 2015.
- Advanced to R16 on WTA main draw debut at 2012 Miami (l. eventual champion A.Radwanska), defeating No.9 Zvonareva en route for first Top 10 win

[5] KIKI BERTENS (NED #11) VS. [WC] JELENA OSTAPENKO (LAT #49)

Head-to-head: Series tied 2-2

2020	STRASBOURG	CLAY	O	R2	JELENA OSTAPENKO	2-6 6-4 4-2 ret.
2019	MADRID	CLAY	O	R2	KIKI BERTENS	6-4 6-3
2016	WIMBLEDON	GRASS	O	R1	KIKI BERTENS	6-3 3-2
2015	ITF/SOBOTA	CLAY	O	SF	JELENA OSTAPENKO	6-3 2-6 6-3

BERTENS		OSTAPENKO	
Career Prize Money	\$11,425,132	Career Prize Money	\$9,173,585
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Dec. 10, 1991	Date of Birth (Age)	Jun 8, 1997 (23)
Singles Titles	10	Singles Titles	3
Doha W-L (MD)	3-3	Doha W-L (MD)	8-4
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	0-0 / 224-164	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	2-2 / 130-108
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 63-63	3-Set (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 47-34
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 48-51	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 33-21
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 103-105	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	2-2 / 77-73
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 23-25	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 13-16
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 36-46	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 20-30
Coach	Elise Tamaëla	Coach	Thomas Högestedt & Jelena Jakovleva

BERTENS:

- Playing Qatar Total Open for the fourth time
- Reached QF in 2019 (l. eventual champion Mertens) and 3r in 2020 (l. Zheng). Fell 1r in 2017 (l. Wozniacki)
- Faces Ostapenko in 1r today; retired from their most recent encounter at 2020 Strasbourg w/left Achilles injury
- Beat Ostapenko en route to the biggest title of her career, at 2019 Madrid
- Today's match is her first on Tour since 6-4 6-4 defeat to No.159 Trevisan at Roland Garros in early October last year
- Best result after Tour's resumption in August was R16 run at Roland Garros
- Defended her St. Petersburg title in 2020 (d. Rybakina in F) - was second time defending a title, after Nurnberg, 2016-17 - recorded 100th main draw victory on hard courts over Potapova in St. Petersburg QF
- Reached a career high ranking of World No.4 in 2019 following her first Premier Mandatory title at Madrid (defeated four Grand Slam champion en route - Ostapenko, Kvitova, Stephens and Halep in F). Also became first woman to win Madrid title without dropping a set
- Other season highlights in 2019 included lifting the trophy at St. Petersburg (d. Vekic in F) and final runs at Palermo (l. Teichmann), Zhuhai (l. Sabalenka), and on home soil in 's-Hertogenbosch (could not convert five championship points in loss to Riske)
- Became the third alternate to win a match at the 2019 WTA Finals since the round robin format was introduced in 2003 - also Bartoli (2007, 2011) and A.Radwanska (2008-09). Defeated No.1 Barty in Shenzhen to record her first win over the Australian and second win over a reigning World No.1, having also defeated Halep in 2018 Cincinnati final
- Won 55 matches in 2019 – the second most of the season, behind Barty (56)
- Struck 457 aces in 2019 - the second most on Tour behind Ka.Pliskova with 488

- Won the WTA Jerry Diamond ACES Award in 2019, granted to the player who consistently goes above and beyond in promoting the sport of women's tennis to fans, media and local communities by performing off-court promotional and charitable initiatives
- Enjoyed a break-out year in 2018, reaching a career-best four singles finals across the season and breaking into the Top 10 (October 8, 2018) – first Dutch woman to be ranked in the Top 10 since Brenda Schultz-McCarthy in 1996
- Won the WTA's Most Improved Player Award in 2018
- Lifted three titles in 2018, at Charleston (d. Goerges in F), Cincinnati (d. World No.1 Halep in F – saved 1mp) and Seoul (d. Tomljanovic in F). Reached one further final, at Premier Mandatory Madrid (l. Kvitova)
- Scored WTA-leading 12 Top 10 wins in 2018. Prior to 2018, only had three Top 10 wins in her career
- Also reached SF on WTA Finals debut in 2018 (l. Svitolina)
- Enjoyed her best result at Wimbledon in 2018 by reaching her second career Grand Slam QF (l. Goerges). Became first Dutch woman to reach QF at Wimbledon since Krajicek in 2007
- Season highlights in 2017 were titles at Nürnberg and Gstaad, and posted first Premier Mandatory QF at Madrid
- Finished 2016 ranked No.22 in singles – big jump from her season-ending ranking of No.101 in 2015
- Played on Netherlands Olympic team at 2016 Rio Olympics – fell in 1r (l. Errani)
- Won maiden career singles title at 2012 Fès as a qualifier in just her second main draw appearance
- Owner of 10 WTA doubles titles, most recently at 2018 Brisbane (w/Schuurs), and reached Slam QFs at 2015 Australian Open and 2016 Roland Garros (both w/Larsson). Career-high doubles ranking is No.16 (April 16, 2018)
- Made WTA main draw debut as a wildcard at 2011 's-Hertogenbosch (l. 1r)
- Played first event of career on ITF Circuit in the Netherlands in 2006; has won seven singles titles and 11 doubles titles at this level
- Netherlands Fed Cup Team, 2011-2012, 2014-2020

OSTAPENKO:

- Playing Doha for the fifth time
- Finished R-Up on debut in 2016, ranked No.88 (d. No.8 Kvitova in 3r, l. Suárez Navarro)
- Also made 3r in 2020 (l. Kvitova) and 2r in 2018 (l. Buzarnescu) and 2019 (l. Svitolina)
- One of six Grand Slam champions contesting Qatar Total Open, along with Azarenka, Kerber, Kuznetsova, Kvitova and Muguruza; also the only Latvian in the draw
- Faces Bertens today in fifth career meeting; bidding for first Top 20 win since upsetting No.18 Martić at 2020 Ostrava
- Opened 2021 campaign with 3r showing at Gippsland Trophy (l. Svitolina) before 1r exit at Australian Open (l. Muchova)
- Highlights of 2020 season included QF at Strasbourg and 3r showings at Roland Garros and Doha. Also finished R-Up in doubles w/Dabrowski at Doha (l. Hsieh/Strycova)
- The 2019 season saw her capture third career title at Luxembourg (d. Goerges in F) right after finishing R-Up at Linz (l. Gauff)
- Also R-Up in mixed doubles at 2019 Wimbledon w/ Lindstedt

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- Her 2018 campaign was highlighted by finishing R-Up at Miami (l. Stephens); saw off No.9 Kvitova and No.4 Svitolina en route to register multiple Top 10 wins in the same tournament for the first time in her career
- Reached 2018 Wimbledon SF (l. eventual champion Kerber) to become first Latvian woman to reach final four at All England Club
- Achieved career-high ranking of No.5 on March 19, 2018
- Champion at 2017 Roland Garros (d. Halep in F) becoming first woman to win first tour-level title at a Grand Slam since Barbara Jordan at 1979 Australian Open (d. Walsh in F). Also became the first unseeded player to lift the trophy in the Open Era and the first Latvian player to reach the championship match at a Grand Slam
- Followed up title run with QF appearance at 2017 Wimbledon to become only second player in last 10 year (also S.Williams in 2015) to follow up victory at Roland Garros with a run to the QF or better at Wimbledon
- Qualified for debut WTA Finals in 2017 going 1-2 in group stage (d. Ka.Pliskova, l. V.Williams, l. Muguruza)
- Enjoyed career-best season in 2017, finishing the year in the Top 10 for the first time in her career (at No.7); was No.44 at end of 2016 (first Top 50 finish) and No.79 at end of 2015 (first Top 100 finish)
- Made Top 10 debut at No.10 on September 11, 2017
- In doubles, won first and second career titles in 2017, at St. Petersburg (w/Rosolska) and Stuttgart (w/Atawo)
- Breakthrough result of 2016 season was reaching final at Premier 5 Doha (l. Suárez Navarro)
- Ended 2015 at No.79 for first Top 100 finish (up from No.308 in 2014). Having leapt 229 spots, was second highest year-end rankings jump, after Kasatkina who went from No.370 to No.72 (298 spots)
- Scored first Top 10 win over No.9 Suárez Navarro in 1r at 2015 Wimbledon; upset Muguruza in QF at 2017 Beijing to register first win over a reigning World No.1
- Reached first WTA final of career at 2015 Québec City (l. Beck)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2014 Taskent advancing to 2r (l. Pervak)
- Began playing ITF Circuit events in 2012

SVETLANA KUZNETSOVA (RUS #39) VS. [8/WC] VICTORIA AZARENKA (BLR #14)

Head-to-head: VICTORIA AZARENKA leads 5-4

2016	MIAMI	HARD	O	F	VICTORIA AZARENKA	6-3 6-2
2013	AUSTRALIAN OPEN	HARD	O	QF	VICTORIA AZARENKA	7-5 6-1
2012	MADRID	CLAY	O	R1	VICTORIA AZARENKA	7-6(5) 6-4
2012	INDIAN WELLS	HARD	O	R2	VICTORIA AZARENKA	6-1 6-2
2009	ROME	CLAY	O	SF	SVETLANA KUZNETSOVA	6-2 6-4
2009	MIAMI	HARD	O	SF	VICTORIA AZARENKA	6-3 2-6 7-5
2008	ROLAND GARROS	CLAY	O	R16	SVETLANA KUZNETSOVA	6-2 6-3
2008	MIAMI	HARD	O	R2	SVETLANA KUZNETSOVA	1-6 7-5 6-0
2007	US OPEN	HARD	O	R16	SVETLANA KUZNETSOVA	6-2 6-3

KUZNETSOVA		AZARENKA	
Career Prize Money	\$25,241,185	Career Prize Money	\$30,432,827
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Jun. 27, 1985 (35)	Date of Birth (Age)	Jul 31, 1989 (31)
Singles Titles	18	Singles Titles	21
Doha W-L (MD)	19-11	Doha W-L (MD)	14-2
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	1-2 / 603-320	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	1-1 / 469-185
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 192-124	3-Set (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 89-64
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 129-104	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 70-44
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	1-2 / 377-203	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 324-111
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 62-102	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 69-73
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 135-175	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 125-103
Coach	Artem Derespasko	Coach	Dorian Descloix

KUZNETSOVA:

- Making 12th appearance at Qatar Total Open, where she is a two-time R-Up
- Made the final in 2004 (d. World No.1 Henin in SF, I. Myskina) and 2007 (I. Henin). Also made SF last year (d. No.9 Bencic in QF, I. eventual champion Sabalenka)
- One of six Grand Slam champions in the draw (also today's opponent Azarenka, Kerber, Kvitova, Muguruza and Ostapenko)
- Faces Azarenka in 1r today; most recent of her 135 Top 20 wins came over No.9 Bencic in QF here last year
- Has secured 14 hard court titles throughout her career – the sixth most among active players
- Opened season with 1r exit at Grampians Trophy (I. Brady) before 2r showing at Australian Open (d. Strycova, I. Bencic)
- Best result in 2020 was SF showing at Doha (d. No.9 Bencic, I. Sabalenka)
- Season highlight in 2019 was reaching final at Cincinnati (I. Keys) as a WC ranked No.153 –defeated four Top 20 seeds en route to the final (No.11 Sevastova, No.10 Stephens, No.3 Ka.Pliskova and No.1 Barty). Returned to Top 100 after tournament
- Missed first few months of 2019 season due to knee injury – returned at Lugano, where she reached QF
- At 2018 Washington, DC won first title since October 2016 (d. Vekic in F after saving 4mp)
- After falling 2r at 2018 Wimbledon (I. Strycova), dropped out of the Top 100 for the first time since August 12, 2002 (ending a run of 831 consecutive weeks)
- Missed opening two months of 2018 (w/wrist injury)

- Secured 600th match win (all levels) at 2017 Brisbane – is one of five active players to reach the milestone, along with V.Williams, S.Williams, Kerber and Stosur
- In 2016, won 45 matches, two titles (Sydney and Moscow) and qualified for WTA Finals for sixth time in career (reached SF)
- Is a two-time Grand Slam singles champion, winning 2004 US Open (d. Dementieva in F) and 2009 Roland Garros (d. Safina in F). Also a two-time finalist, reaching the championship match at Roland Garros in 2006 (l. Henin) and 2007 US Open (l. Henin)
- One of three Russian women to lift a Grand Slam singles title (also Myskina, Sharapova), and one of five Russians to rank in Top 2; had a chance to become No.1 by winning 2008 Roland Garros (fell two matches short with SF loss to Safina)
- At 2011 Australian Open, played her part in setting the record for the longest women's match at a Slam, eventually succumbing to Schiavone in 4h 44min
- Ranked continuously in Top 20 from March 1, 2004 to July 11, 2010 (including over four years ranked continuously in Top 10 – April 2006 to June 2010)
- Owns seven wins over reigning world No.1s, most recently defeating S.Williams at 2016 Miami. Also Mauresmo, Safina and Henin twice each when they were No.1; one of only two players (also S.Williams) to beat Henin twice when she was No.1
- Haul of 16 tour level doubles titles includes two Australian Open crowns, won in 2005 (w/Molik) and 2012 (w/Zvonareva). Rose as high as No.3 in doubles (week of June 7, 2004)
- Member of victorious Russia Billie Jean King Cup sides in 2004 and 2007-08 and Russian Olympic Team in 2004, 2008, 2016
- Won a career-best 60 main draw matches in 2006 campaign, which saw her lift two titles and finish R-Up a further three times (including Roland Garros)
- Breakthrough 2004 season, saw her make debut in Top 20 (March 1) and Top 10 (June 1) before lifting maiden Slam title at US Open (d. Dementieva in F)
- Made Top 50 debut at No.45 on September 30, 2002, after winning title at Bali (d. Martínez in F)
- In 2002, reached first WTA QF at Warsaw, SF at Casablanca and then lifted maiden title at Helsinki (as qualifier, d Chladkova in F)
- Started 2002 season by reaching 2r on Grand Slam main draw debut at Australian Open (d. Cho, l. Tulyaganova)
- Reached 2r on WTA debut (main draw and qualifying) at Madrid in 2001 (d. Ruano Pascual, l. Raymond)
- Advanced to QF on professional debut at \$10K ITF/Mallorca-ESP in 2000

AZARENKA:

- Contesting Doha for the fifth time and first since 2015's R-Up finish (l. Safarova)
- During 2015 run beat No.11 Kerber in 1r, Svitolina in 2r, No.5 Wozniack in QF and No.17 V.Williams in SF
- Is a two-time champion here, lifting title as top seed in 2012 (d. Stosur in F) and 2013 (d. S.Williams in F)
- Fell 1r on debut in 2011 (as No.6 seed, l. Hantuchova)
- Faces fellow major winner Kuznetsova for the 10th time in today's 1r; has won their past four meetings in straight sets, going on to lift the title on three occasions (2016 Miami, 2013 Australian Open and 2012 Indian Wells) and finish R-Up at the other (2012 Madrid)

- One of two women from Belarus in the draw (also defending champion Sabalenka); with Sabalenka ranked No.7, this is the first time there have been two Belarusians in the Top 20
- Opened season by reaching QF of Grampians Trophy (saved 2 MPs vs. Putintseva in 2r) – withdrew prior to match vs. Kontaveit w/lower back injury – then was upset in 1r at Australian Open (I. Pegula)
- Finished 2020 ranked No.13 – her best season-end ranking since 2013 (No.2)
- One of five players to reach three or more finals in 2020, lifting one trophy at the Western & Southern Open – her first title since 2016
- Advanced to her fifth career Grand Slam final at 2020 US Open, which helped her return to the Top 20 for the first time since March 2017
- Winner of the 2020 WTA Comeback Player of the Year Award, as voted on by members of the international media
- Last tournament of 2019 was the US Open, where she fell to Sabalenka in 1r; also reached the doubles final w/Barty (I. Mertens/Sabalenka)
- Highlight of 2019 was 37th singles final at Monterrey (d. No.5 Kerber in SF, I. Muguruza in F via ret. w/leg injury). Also made QFs at Acapulco (I. Kenin), Stuttgart (I. Kontaveit via ret.) and Rome (I. Ka.Pliskova)
- On February 2, 2019 returned to Top 50 for first time following the birth of her child, Leo
- Highlights of 2018 season included SF at Miami (I. Stephens) and QF at San Jose and Tokyo
- Made return to tennis in June 2017 following birth of first child in December 2016
- Comeback tournament was Mallorca, reaching 2r (d. Ozaki, I. Konjuh). Prior to 2017 Mallorca, last tournament contested was 2016 Roland Garros (1r). Followed this with R16 at Wimbledon (I. Halep). Did not play after Wimbledon due to personal reasons
- Ended 2016 ranked No.13, despite missing second half of season after going on maternity leave (announced pregnancy mid-July). Lifted three titles, at Brisbane and 'Sunshine Double' of Indian Wells and Miami – third woman to achieve feat after Graf in 1994 and 1996 and Clijsters in 2005
- Posted 26-3 record for first six months of 2016 with losses coming at the Australian Open (QF, I. Kerber), Rome (2r, I. Begu) and Roland Garros (ret. vs. Knapp w/right knee injury)
- Limited to total of 23 events over 2014-15 seasons due to variety of injuries
- Posted five consecutive Top 10 finishes between 2009 and 2013, qualifying for the WTA Finals on each occasion (I. Kvitova in 2011 final in Istanbul)
- Ascended to World No.1 after 2012 Australian Open and held top spot for a total of 51 weeks
- Began 2012 with 26-match win streak – best start since Hingis went 37-0 in 1997. Went on to win Tour-leading 69 matches in 2012, season highlighted by six titles, finishing as WTA's year-end No.1
- Belarusian Fed Cup Team, 2005, 2007, 2009-11, 2015-16, 2019; Belarusian Olympic Team, 2008, 2012
- Won two medals for Belarus at 2012 Olympics - bronze in singles and mixed doubles gold (w/Mirnyi)
- Made her Top 100 debut on July 10, 2006 (No.99) and Top 50 debut on May 14, 2007 (No.49)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2005 Kolkata
- ITF Junior World Champion for 2005 – reached first tour-level semifinal at Guangzhou the same year

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QIANG WANG (CHN #35) vs. [Q] JESSICA PEGULA (USA #44)

Pegula leads 1-0

Wang looking for first Top 100 win since defeating S.Williams at 2020 Australian Open... **Pegula** earned her spot in main draw as the top seed in qualifying

ONS JABEUR (TUN #31) vs. [Q] ANNA BLINKOVA (RUS #69)

Jabeur leads 2-0

Jabeur won in straight sets when the two met earlier this year at the Grampians Trophy in Melbourne... **Blinkova** has yet to fall in 1r of Doha in two previous main draw appearances

MADISON KEYS (USA #19) vs. [6] BELINDA BENCIC (SUI #12)

Series tied 1-1

Keys competing in her first match of the 2021 season... **Bencic** coming off run to the final at Adelaide... This will be the first match-up on hard courts for the two and first meeting since 2015

SAISAI ZHENG (CHN #48) vs. [LL] MISAKI DOI (JPN #83)

Zheng leads 3-0

Zheng made QF run here last year in her last tournament of 2020... **Doi** is looking for her first career main draw win at Qatar... **Zheng** has won all their previous meetings including two on ITF circuit

2021 POINTS & PRIZE MONEY

SINGLES	USD \$	RANK POINTS
Winner	68,570	470
Runner-Up	51,000	305
Semifinalist	32,400	185
Quarterfinalist	15,500	100
Round of 16	8,200	55
Round of 32	6,650	1

DOUBLES	USD \$	RANK POINTS
Winner	25,230	470
Runner-Up	17,750	305
Semifinalist	10,000	185
Quarterfinalist	5,500	100
Round of 16	3,500	1

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QIANG WANG (CHN #35) VS. [Q] JESSICA PEGULA (USA #44)

Head-to-head: JESSICA PEGULA leads 1-0 (first meeting at Tour-level)

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WANG		PEGULA	
Career Prize Money	\$4,695,415	Career Prize Money	\$1,744,421
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Jan. 14, 1992 (29)	Date of Birth (Age)	Feb 24, 1994 (26)
Singles Titles	2	Singles Titles	1
Doha W-L (MD)	0-3	Doha W-L (MD)	First appearance
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	2-5 / 105-101	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	6-3 / 38-37
3-Set (YTD / Career)	0-5 / 25-30	3-Set (YTD / Career)	1-2 / 14-11
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 18-12	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 12-9
Hard Court (YTD / Career)	2-5 / 85-75	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	6-3 / 28-22
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 12-22	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-2 / 1-6
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 25-43	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	2-2 / 5-10
Coach	Pat Cash	Coach	David Witt

Q.WANG:

- Making fourth main draw appearance at Qatar Total Open (sixth overall)
- Aiming for first main draw win at Doha today, having fallen in 1r in 2016 (as qualifier, I. Kasatkina), 2018 (I. Keys) and 2020 (I. Mertens). Fell in qualifying in 2015 and 2017
- Faces No.44 Pegula today in their career first Tour-level meeting. Fell to the American in qualifying at 2013 Shenzhen in two tight sets
- Looking for her first Top 100 win today since defeating No.9 S.Williams at 2020 Australian Open
- During last year's Middle East swing, fell to Mertens in 1r at both Dubai and Doha
- Coming off 2r exit at Adelaide last week (I. Teichmann) following a 3r showing at Phillip Island Trophy (after 1r bye, d. Inglis, I. Begu in 3s) – her first wins over the 2021 season
- Made 1r exit at Australian Open (I. Errani in 3s) after falling 2r at Gippsland Trophy (after 1r bye, I. Paolini)
- Opened 2021 season with 1r exit at Abu Dhabi (I. Kasatkina)
- Due to various concerns with the pandemic and waist injury (lumbar disc herniation), did not play again following 1r exit at 2020 Doha
- Last Autumn, split with coach Thomas Drouet; now working with Pat Cash on a trial basis
- Ended 2020 ranked at No.34, the third consecutive season finish as Chinese No.1
- Year highlighted by upsetting 23-time Grand Slam champion S.Williams en route to reach R16 for the first time at Australian Open (I. Jabeur)
- Enjoyed a string of career-best results across 2019 season, which included reaching first career Grand Slam QF at US Open with best win-by-ranking by defeating No.2 Barty in R16
- Her US Open run made her just the fifth Chinese woman to reach a Grand Slam QF (after Li Na, Zheng Jie, Peng Shuai and Zhang Shuai)



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- Her new career-high ranking of No.12 following New York result made her the second highest ranked Chinese singles player in history (after No.2 Li Na)
- Additionally, posted best result at Wimbledon by advancing to 3r and also reached second Premier Mandatory QF at Miami
- Enjoyed breakout 2018 campaign with career-best year-end finish at No.20 and 37 main draw match wins (including four Top 10 victories), her first season of 30 or more wins in career
- Posted an impressive 23-6 win-loss record on home soil in 2018: Nanchang (WON), Guangzhou (WON), Wuhan (SF), Beijing (SF), Hong Kong (R-UP) and Zhuhai (R-UP)
- Dropped just 18 games en route to second career title at Guangzhou – the fewest games lost in winning a WTA singles title in 2018 – becoming the fourth Chinese woman to win the title in the tournament's 15-year history, joining Li (2004), Yan (2005) and Zhang (2013 and 2017)
- Lifted first tour-level title in July at Nanchang (d. Zheng Saisai in F following ret. w/fatigue)
- Achieved first Top 50 year-end finish in 2017, finishing as China's No.3. Ascended 25 spots from No.70 in 2016 to No.45 in 2017, marking third Top 100 season in four years
- Advanced to first WTA SF at 2017 Hong Kong (l. Pavlyuchenkova) and captured WTA 125K Series title in Zhengzhou
- Registered first Top 10 win of career over No.10 Wozniacki in 1r at 2013 Kuala Lumpur
- First broke into Top 100 on November 3, 2014 and Top 50 on May 22, 2017
- On ITF Circuit, owns 13 singles and one doubles title
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2007 Beijing and main draw debut at 2012 Baku
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in China
- Gold medalist at 2018 Asian Games
- Represented China at Rio Olympics and member of Chinese Billie Jean King Cup Team, 2012-2016, 2020

PEGULA:

- Making debut appearance at Qatar Total Open
- Was the top seed in the qualifying draw this week, defeating Dabrowski, Potapova and Doi to reach the main draw
- Opens her 2021 Doha campaign against No.35 Q.Wang. Has not faced a Chinese opponent at Tour-level since 2013 at Shenzhen, where she defeated today's opponent Q.Wang in qualifying before falling to Y.Zhou in 1r. Last meeting vs. Chinese opposition across all levels was in 2018 (l. S.Peng at the WTA 125 Series event in Houston)
- Also competing in doubles this week (w/Mattek-Sands). The pair face Shvedova/Rybakina in 1r today
- Coming off maiden Grand Slam QF at Australian Open, where she notched her fourth career Top 20 win over No.13 Azarenka and career first Top 10 win over No.5 Svitolina before falling to eventual R-Up Brady in three sets
- Made 3r run at Yarra Valley Classic (d. Mladenovic and Barthel, l. Kenin in 3s)
- Opened season at Abu Dhabi, falling 1r (l. Svitolina)
- Began 2020 campaign with R-Up finish at Auckland (l. S.Williams)



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- Other standout results last season were a QF at Western & Southern Open (as qualifier, I. Mertens) and a 3r showing at US Open (I. Kvitova)
- On the doubles court in 2020, reached QFs of Roland Garros (w/Muhammad) and Cincinnati (w/Rogers)
- Won her first WTA title at 2019 Washington DC (d. Giorgi in F) to reach a career high ranking of No.55 (August 5, 2019)
- Also in 2019, fell 1r on main draw debut at Roland Garros (I. eventual champion Barty) and Wimbledon (I. Buzarnescu) and Miami (as a qualifier, I. Konta)
- Broke into Top 100 for the first time on February 4, 2019 following back-to-back R-Up finishes at WTA 125K Series event at Newport Beach and \$100K ITF/Midland-MI, USA
- Highlights of 2018 included finishing runner-up as a qualifier at Quebec City (I. Parmentier in F), recording SF finish at Houston WTA 125K (I. S.Peng) and reaching QF or better at 10 ITF events
- Won doubles title w/Manasse at 2018 Houston 125K (d. Krawczyk/Olmos in F)
- Did not play between January and August 2017 after undergoing hip surgery. Primarily played at ITF events for the rest of the year, winning two doubles titles with Townsend
- Played a mixture of WTA and ITF Circuit events in 2016 with highlight coming at Washington DC, where she defeated No.14 Stosur for first Top 20 win of career on her way to a SF finish (I. Davis)
- Reached 2r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2015 US Open (as qualifier, d. Van Uytvanck, I. Cibulkova)
- Sidelined from tennis for a year and a half between 2013 and 2015 due to a right knee injury
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2009 Ponte Vedra Beach and WTA main draw debut at 2012 Indian Wells

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ONS JABEUR (TUN #31) VS. [Q] ANNA BLINKOVA (RUS #69)

Head-to-head: ONS JABEUR leads 2-0

2020	HOBART	HARD O	R32	JABEUR, ONS	6-4 6-1
2021	GRAMPIANS TROPHY	HARD O	R32	JABEUR, ONS	6-1 6-1

JABEUR		BLINKOVA	
Career Prize Money	\$1,638,292	Career Prize Money	\$1,594,935
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Aug. 28, 1994 (26)	Date of Birth (Age)	March 10, 1997 (23)
Singles Titles	0	Singles Titles	0
Doha W-L (MD)	3-6	Doha W-L (MD)	3-2
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	5-3 / 65-74	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	1-4 / 29-48
3-Set (YTD / Career)	2-0 / 21-30	3-Set (YTD / Career)	1-2 / 17-29
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 18-23	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	1-2 / 10-9
Hard Court (YTD / Career)	5-3 / 49-57	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	1-4 / 22-37
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 4-10	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 1-5
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 10-18	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 3-14
Coach	Issam Jellali	Coach	

JABEUR:

- Making seventh main draw appearance here in Doha (ninth overall) – best result came last year with run to QF defeating No.3 Ka.Pliskova in R16 before falling to eventual R-Up Kvitova
- Before last year, was 0-5 in five appearances in addition to falling in qualifying twice
- Faces qualifier Blinkova for the second time this year after defeating the Russian at the Grampians Trophy in Melbourne ahead of the Australian Open
- Owns career 8-12 record in the Middle East with run to QF here last year as her best result
- Win today would mark 50th career main draw victory on hard courts
- Coming off run to 3r at Australian Open where she fell to eventual champion Osaka
- Opened 2021 by reaching 3r at Abu Dhabi (l. eventual champion Sabalenka), then fell 2r at the Grampians Trophy (l. Kerber)
- Began 2020 season with 1r exit at Shenzhen, a 2r showing at Hobart before going on to reach 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 breakthrough 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)



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- 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/EI 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)

BLINKOVA:

- Making third main draw appearance (fourth overall) at the Qatar Open where she has earned spot in main draw by coming through qualifying for a third time
- Best result came on debut in 2018 when she reached R16 as a qualifier ranked No.164 defeating No.23 Vesnina and No.13 Mladenovic before falling to No.7 Garcia – win over Mladenovic was first career Top 20 victory
- Also came through qualifying in 2019 where she reached 2r by defeating No.12 Sevastova in 1r for her second career Top 20 win (l. Strycova)
- Defeated the likes of Kerkhove, Shibahara and Mattek-Sands in qualifying rounds this week to book 1r match with Jabeur today
- Faces the Tunisian for a third time since beginning of 2020 season and has yet to take a set in any of their previous meetings
- Win today would mark 30th career main draw victory
- One of a tournament-leading four Russians to begin the main draw here along with Kuznetsova, Kudermetova and Pavlyuchenkova
- Coming off Australian swing where she went 1-4 falling 1r at Grampians Trophy (l. Jabeur), Australian Open (l. Gracheva) and Adelaide (l. Doi)
- Earned only main draw win of the season so far at the Phillip Island Trophy defeating Petkovic in 1r (l. Begu in 2r)
- Finished 2020 season ranked No.60 – year highlighted by reaching QF 3r at Rome as a qualifier before falling to eventual R-Up No.4 Ka.Pliskova and 2r showing at Shenzhen where she upset No.8 Bencic in 1r to register first Top 10 win of her career
- Also reached 2r at Australian Open (l. Diyas) and fell 1r at US Open (l. Brady) and Roland Garros (l. Sharma)
- Posted second Top 100 season in 2019 (at No.59, up from No.98 in 2018)
- Reached first WTA SFs of her career at Guangzhou (l. eventual champion Kenin) and Luxembourg (l. eventual champion Ostapenko). Earlier in the season, also made maiden QF at the Bronx (as LL, l. Q.Wang) and reached 3r at Roland Garros (l. Keys)
- Also in 2019, lifted singles title at WTA 125K Series event at New Haven (d. Arconada in F)



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- Contested 13 WTA main draws in 2018, highlighted by run through qualifying to 3r at Doha, where she registered first Top 20 win, over No.13 Mladenovic
- Also in 2018 won maiden WTA doubles title at Rabat (w/Olaru)
- Reached 2r on two occasions in 2017, at Australian Open and Budapest
- Posted significant ranking jump at end of 2016, finishing the year at No.206, up from No.826 in 2015
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2016 Rabat (as wildcard, l. Bacsinszky). Posted first main draw win at 2016 Moscow (as qualifier, d. Sevastova, conceded w/o to Konjuh in 2r)
- Clinched first two ITF Circuit titles in 2016, at \$10K ITF/Stuttgart-GER and \$25K ITF/Westende-BEL. Also owns 10 ITF doubles titles
- Reached as high as No.3 in junior singles rankings, winning the ITF Junior Masters in Chengdu in April 2016 (d. Swann in F)

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MADISON KEYS (USA #19) VS. [6] BELINDA BENCIC (SUI #12)

Head-to-head: Series tied 1-1

2015	FRENCH OPEN	CLAY O	R64	KEYS, MADISON	6-0 6-3
2015	EASTBOURNE	GRASS O	R32	BENCIC, BELINDA	6-2 6-2

KEYS		BENCIC	
Career Prize Money	\$12,603,740	Career Prize Money	\$8,331,992
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Feb. 17, 1995 (26)	Date of Birth (Age)	March 10, 1997 (23)
Singles Titles	5	Singles Titles	4
Doha W-L (MD)	1-1	Doha W-L (MD)	2-2
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	0-0 / 215-126	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	5-3 / 161-119
3-Set (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 52-52	3-Set (YTD / Career)	3-0 / 62-39
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 53-46	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 41-27
Hard Court (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 133-86	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	5-3 / 109-83
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 18-31	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 24-22
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 37-49	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-2 / 30-42
Coach	Alex Kuznetsov	Coach	Ivan Bencic

KEYS:

- Making second career appearance in Doha after reaching 2r here in 2018 (l. qualifier Bellis in 3s) in what is her only previous tournament in the Middle East
- Starts her 2021 season this week with a 1r match-up against No.12 Bencic
- This will be her third career match-up with the Swiss, however the first on hard courts and first since 2015 s
- Went 1-1 against Top 20 opponents last year with both matches coming at Brisbane; defeated No.7 Kvitova before falling in the final to No.2 Ka.Pliskova
- Currently sitting at No.19, is the second highest ranked unseeded player in the draw behind No.16 Muguruza
- One of three Americans in the draw this week: also Brady and qualifier Pegula
- Started 2020 off strong with a run to the final in Brisbane (l. No.2 Ka.Pliskova in F) before reaching 3r at Australian Open in her last tournament before the shut-down (l. Sakkari)
- Returned from the 2020 hiatus at the Western & Southern Open falling in 2r (after 1r bye, l. Jabeur)
- Competed in both Grand Slams for final two tournaments of the 2020 season: retired in 3r match of US Open against Cornet and fell 1r of Roland Garros to Zhang
- Lifted biggest title of career during 2019 season at WTA Premier-5 level Cincinnati (d. Kuznetsova in F); afterwards returned to Top 10 for first time since week of June 25, 2018
- Reached QF at Roland Garros (l. Barty). One of three Americans to make last eight (also Anisimova and Stephens) - the first time since 2004 (Capriati, S.Williams and V.Williams)
- Also in 2019, produced R16 showings at Australian Open and US Open (l. Svitolina on both occasions) as well as picking up first title on clay at Charleston (d. Wozniacki in F)



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- Season highlights in 2018 were SF at US Open (l. eventual champion Osaka), Roland Garros (l. Stephens) and QF at Australian Open (l. Kerber)
- Reached first Grand Slam final in 2017 in New York, losing out to Stephens in 10th all-American US Open final in the Open Era. At 22, became the youngest Flushing Meadows finalist since 19-year-old Wozniacki lost to Clijsters in 2009
- Enjoyed first Top 10 year-end finish in 2016 (at No.8), as youngest player in the year-end Top 25
- Broke into Top 10 on June 20, 2016, becoming 118th player to reach the elite bracket since computer rankings were introduced. Became first American to make Top 10 debut since S. Williams in 1999
- Reached a career-high singles ranking of No.7 on October 10, 2016
- Made WTA Finals debut at Singapore in 2016, going 1-2 in round robin play
- Represented USA at 2016 Rio Olympics, reaching SF (lost Bronze medal match against Kvitova)
- Owns seven career Top 5 victories: No.5 Li (2013 Madrid), No.4 Kvitova (2015 Australian Open), No.4 Muguruza (2016 Rome, 2017 Stanford), No.4 Svitolina (2017 US Open), No.4 Kerber (2018 Cincinnati) and No.4 Halep (2019 Cincinnati)
- Qualified for WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai in 2015 (went 1-1 in round robin stage on all three appearances); advanced to SF stage in 2018 however withdrew before match due to a left knee injury
- Cracked Top 20 on February 2, 2015
- Was second-youngest player to win a WTA title in 2014, at Eastbourne (after Vekic at Kuala Lumpur); also youngest American to win a title since Vania King in October 2006 (17 years, 254 days, Bangkok)
- Made tour-level debut at 2009 Ponte Vedra Beach at 14 years old (as WC, d. Kudryavtseva); was seventh youngest player to win a WTA main draw match at 14 years, 48 days, and youngest since Hingis in 1994

BENCIC:

- Making her third appearance (fourth overall) at the Qatar Open – best result came by reaching QF last year as No.4 seed defeating Kudrmetova and Putintseva after a 1r bye (l. Kuznetsova)
- Fell 2r on debut here as the No.6 seed in 2016 (after 1r bye, l. Vandeweghe); also fell in qualifying in 2015
- Faces No.19 Keys today in their first career hard-court match-up
- Coming off impressive run to the final at Adelaide where she fell to another Top 20 opponent, No.18 Swiatek, in the final on Saturday
- Most recent Top 20 wins came during SF run at 2019 WTA Finals Shenzhen (No.6 Kvitova and No.10 Bertens)
- Lone Swiss representative in the draw this week
- Made 3r run at the Australian Open (l. Mertens) – beat Davis in 1r and Kuznetsova in 2r to register back-to-back wins for the first time since QF run at 2020 Doha
- Opened 2021 season with 2r exit at the Grampians Trophy (after 1r bye, l. Cirstea) in what was her first match since last September at Rome (after 1r bye, l. Kovinic)
- Across a disrupted 2020 reached three QFs, at Adelaide, St. Petersburg and Doha



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- Enjoyed a stellar season in 2019, in which she lifted two titles – at Dubai (d. Kvitova in F) and Moscow (d. Pavlyuchenkova in F) and posted a career-best 49 Tour-level wins in 2019 - only Ka.Pliskova (52), Barty (54) and Bertens (55) scored more. By contrast, posted a combined total of 37 wins at this level across 2016-18
- Victory in Moscow ensured she became first Swiss player to compete in singles at the WTA Finals since Hingis in 2006, going on to reach SF at the season-ending showpiece in Shenzhen
- Equaled her career-high ranking of No.7 following Moscow title run (October 21, 2019)
- Also in 2019, marked 20th Grand Slam main draw by reaching her maiden major SF at US Open (l. eventual champion Andreescu) and finished R-Up at Mallorca (l. Kenin after holding 3mp at 5-4 in second set)
- Was voted WTA Comeback Player of the Year in 2019
- Led the WTA with six victories over Top 5 players in 2019, including upsets over No.1 Osaka at Indian Wells, Madrid and US Open
- Standout result in 2018 was R-Up finish at Luxembourg (as qualifier, l. Goerges)
- In first round at 2018 Australian Open, defeated No.5 V.Williams. Having also upset then-No.1 S.Williams in SF at 2015 Toronto is one of seven women to defeat both Williams sisters before their 21st birthday (also Hingis, Sharapova, Clijsters, Henin, Chakvetadze and Osaka)
- Underwent left wrist surgery in spring 2017, missing five months – ranking fell outside Top 300
- Run to 2016 St. Petersburg final saw her break into Top 10 (at No.9) for the first time in her career; became 116th player to break into the Top 10 since computerized rankings were introduced in 1975. In the last 20 years, 11 players have made their Top 10 debut before their 19th birthday
- At 2015 Eastbourne, at 18y 109d, became second youngest player to win a WTA Premier level final (Wozniacki won 2008 New Haven aged 18y 43d)
- With 2015 Toronto triumph, became first teenager to win an event at Premier 5 level or higher since Azarenka at 2009 Miami
- Qualified for 2015 WTA Elite Trophy in Zhuhai however withdrew due to hand injury
- Won second WTA doubles title of career in 2015 at Washington, DC (w/Mladenovic), the first coming earlier in the year at Prague (w/Siniakova)
- Voted 2014 WTA Newcomer of the Year after a campaign highlighted by R-Up finish at Tianjin (l. Riske) and QF run at 2014 US Open (defeated No.7 Kerber in 3r, No.10 Jankovic in R16); at 17 years of age, was youngest player through to last eight at Flushing Meadows since 1997 when Hingis won the title
- Played first WTA qualifying event at Luxembourg in October 2011, and first WTA main draw 12 months later at same event as WC (l. V.Williams, 1r); only 15 years, 7 months at the time
- Won junior singles titles at Roland Garros and Wimbledon in 2013; was named ITF Junior World Champion for 2013
- Bouchard and Putintseva en route

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SAISAI ZHENG (CHN #48) VS. [LL] MISAKI DOI (JPN #83)

Head-to-head: SAISAI ZHENG leads 1-0 (3-0 across all levels)

2018	SHENZHEN/ITF 100K	HARD O	SF	ZHENG, SAISAI	6-4 6-1
2014	NANCHANG	HARD O	QF	ZHENG, SAISAI	6-3 7-6(5)
2013	SUZHOU/WTB 125K	HARD O	SF	ZHENG, SAISAI	7-5 6-2

ZHENG		DOI	
Career Prize Money	\$3,884,659	Career Prize Money	\$3,073,820
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Left-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Feb. 5, 1994 (27)	Date of Birth (Age)	Apr. 29, 1991 (29)
Singles Titles	1	Singles Titles	1
Doha W-L (MD)	6-3	Doha W-L (MD)	0-2
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	0-4 / 76-114	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	2-4 / 84-138
3-Set (YTD / Career)	0-3 / 39-43	3-Set (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 31-42
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 22-13	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 21-29
Hard Court (YTD / Career)	0-4 / 67-86	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	2-4 / 57-96
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 6-12	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-18
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 11-26	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 6-39
Left-Hand W-L MD (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 6-3	Left-Hand W-L MD (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 3-10
Coach		Coach	Christian Zahalka

S.ZHENG:

- Making fourth main draw appearance at Qatar Total Open (fifth overall)
- Reached the QF stage here twice – in 2016 (l. eventual R-Up Ostapenko) and 2020 (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)
- Defeated No.2 Kerber en route to 2016 QF and No.18 Vondrousova and No.6 Bertens en route to 2020 QF
- Faces No.83 Doi today in their second meeting at Tour-level and fourth overall. Has never dropped a set against the Japanese woman
- Aiming for her first win of 2021 and her first main draw win overall since her QF run here in 2020 (l. Sabalenka)
- Competed in doubles this week (w/L.Zhu). The pair fell to top seeds Krejčíková/Siniaková in 1r
- Coming off 1r exits at Adelaide (l. Collins) and Phillip Island Trophy (l. Jones)
- Fell 1r at Australian Open (l. Krejčíková) after a 1r exit at Gippsland Trophy (l. Begu)
- Opened 2020 season with 1r exit at Shenzhen (l. Rybakina) and 2r at Australian Open (l. Osaka) before posting back-to-back QF runs at Hua Hin (l. Tig) and Doha (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)
- Opted to not return to the Tour after the hiatus for the rest of the 2020 season
- Posted second successive Top 50 finish in 2019, ending the year ranked No.39, having set a new career high of No.36 a few weeks earlier (October 14)
- Lifted maiden career title at 2019 San Jose; upset of Anisimova in SF was her 300th career win (all levels)
- Qualified for WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai in 2019 – went 1-1 in round robin play (d. Keys, l. Martić) to advance to SF (l. Bertens)
- Reached first Grand Slam doubles final of career at 2019 Roland Garros, w/Duan (l. Ba-bos/Mladenovic)
- Won fourth WTA doubles title of career at 2019 Acapulco (w/Azarenka)



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- In 2018 registered first Top 50 finish of career, up from No.94 in 2017
- 2018 season highlights included maiden WTA singles final at Nanchang (ret. vs. Q.Wang w/abdominal pain) followed by SF run at Washington DC (l. Vekic)
- Has won three titles on the WTA 125K Series – 2015 Dalian, 2018 Zhengzhou and 2019 Anning – with each of those events being staged in China. Since the tournament level was introduced in 2012, Zheng has won more matches at WTA 125K Series events than any other WTA Player. She owns a 43-15 record at WTA 125K Series events; the next most wins belong to Luksika Kumkhum (31-16)
- Also won 11th ITF title in 2018 at \$100k ITF/Suzhou-CHN
- Registered five tour-level wins in 2017, as injury ended her season prematurely; right knee injury forced her to miss all tournaments after 2017 US Open
- Highlights of 2016 season included SF run at Nottingham (d. Konta in 2r, l. Riske) and first Premier QF at Stanford (l. eventual champion Konta in 3s) and Doha (d. No.2 Kerber in 2r; l. eventual runner-up Ostapenko)
- In beating Kerber, became fourth Chinese woman to defeat a Top 2-ranked player, after Li Na (six wins), Zheng Jie (three wins) and Zhang Shuai (two wins)
- At Rio Olympics, reached 2r in singles (l. Kasatkina) and 2r in doubles (w/Xu, l. Errani/Vinci)
- In doubles, reached final at 2016 Shenzhen (w/Xu) and SF at 2016 Australian Open (w/Xu; l. Hlavackova/Hradecka). Was second SF at Australian Open – also 2013 (w/Lepchenko)
- Won first WTA Premier doubles title at 2015 Stanford (w/Xu); now owns four tour-level doubles titles, having also won at 2011 Guangzhou (w/Hsieh), 2015 Tianjin (w/Xu) and 2019 Acapulco (w/Azarenka)
- Owns six Top 10 wins, over No.6 Kvitova (via. ret at 2016 Shenzhen), No.2 Kerber (2016 Doha), No.5 A.Radwanska (2016 Olympics), No.10 Svitolina (2017 Madrid), No.10 Sabalenka (2019 San Jose) and No.6 Bertens (2020 Doha)
- Reached first WTA singles QF at Hong Kong in September 2014, and first WTA SF at Tianjin in October 2014
- Selected by fans to participate in the 2014 WTA Rising Stars Invitational as part of the WTA Finals
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in 2008

DOI:

- Making third main draw appearance at Doha as a Lucky Loser after falling to Pegula in 3r of qualifying
- Fell 1r here in 2016 (l. Gavrilova) and 2020 (as LL, l. Martincova). Also fell in 2012 qualifying
- Faces No.48 S.Zheng today in their fourth career meeting. Owns one Top 50 win so far in 2021, having defeated No.44 Garcia in 1r at Phillip Island Trophy - her first Top 50 win since beating No.44 Mladenovic and No.21 Vekic en route to QF at 2019 Osaka
- Coming off 2r showing at Adelaide last week (as LL, l. eventual R-Up Bencic) after 3r run at Phillip Island Trophy (received w/o into 3r following withdrawal from Sorribes Tormo, l. Collins)
- Recorded 1r exits at Yarra Valley Classic (l. Pavlyuchenkova) and Australian Open (l. Tomljanovic)
- Twelve months ago, opened her season with 1r exits at Shenzhen (l. Bondarenko) and Australian Open (l. Dart on final set tie-break)



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- Best result of 2020 was R-Up finish at WTA 125K Series event at Indian Wells (l. Begu), while at Tour-level, sole main draw win came in 2r showing at Istanbul
- Appeared in her third WTA final at 2019 Hiroshima, falling to compatriot Hibino in the first all-Japanese final since 1997 when Sawamatsu defeated Yoshida in Jakarta
- She later teamed with Hibino and won the Hiroshima doubles title - her first appearance in a WTA doubles final in four years
- Also in 2019, swept singles and doubles titles at WTA 125K Series event at Bastad
- Highlights of 2018 campaign came on the ITF Circuit, winning her sixth and seventh career titles at \$25k Kofu-JPN and \$100k Vancouver-CAN
- Best results in 2017 were SF at Nurnberg, QF at Taipei City and 3r run at Madrid
- Posted career-best finish in 2016 at No.38 (up from No.60 in 2015) while also posting new career-high ranking of No.30 (week of October 10, 2016)
- Notched up career-best 24 main draw match wins in 2016. Highlights were reaching second WTA singles final at Kaohsiung (l. V.Williams) and best Slam showing with R16 run at Wimbledon (d. No.17 Pliskova in 2r, l. eventual R-Up Kerber)
- Represented Japan at 2016 Rio Olympics, reaching 2r in singles (l. Stosur) and 2r in doubles (w/Hozumi, l. Kasatkina/Kuznetsova)
- Best result of 2016 clay season was Premier-level QF at 2016 Rome (d. No.15 Safarova in 2r, l. Begu). At the time was the first Japanese player to reach QF at Premier-level tournament or above since 2014, when Date made Birmingham QF
- In March 2016, won the WTA 125k Series event at San Antonio (d. Friedsam in F)
- Won maiden WTA singles title at 2015 Luxembourg (d. Barthel in F); scored first Top 20 win of her career en route to title, over No.20 Petkovic in 1r
- Lifted first WTA doubles title at 2014 Istanbul (w/Svitolina)
- In 2012, advanced to first WTA QF, at Birmingham, and SF, at Osaka
- Member of Japanese Billie Jean King Cup Team, 2011, 2013-15, 2017, 2019-20
- Scored first WTA main draw win at 2011 Kuala Lumpur (fourth tour-level main draw) and first back-to-back wins during 3r run at 2011 Wimbledon (eighth main draw)
- Played first WTA qualifying at 2009 Osaka; made main draw debut at 2010 Roland Garros

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QATAR TOTAL OPEN – DAY THREE

[Q] LAURA SIEGEMUND (GER #56) vs. [WC/8] VICTORIA AZARENKA (BLR #14)

Siegemund leads 1-0

Siegemund is 0-2 against Top 20 opponents this year... **Azarenka** was the only seeded player to win her 1st round match... The two have already faced each other once this week as **Siegemund**, with partner Vesnina, defeated **Azarenka**/Svitolina in doubles yesterday

ANASTASIA PAVLYUCHENKOVA (RUS #41) vs. [4] PETRA KVITOVA (CZE #10)

Kvitova leads 8-4

Pavlyuchenkova earned two Top 10 wins during 2020 season... **Kvitova** won their most recent match-up at 2020 Brisbane... Eight of their 12 previous meetings have gone to a deciding third set

[1] ELINA SVITOLINA (UKR #5) vs. [LL] MISAKI DOI (JPN #83)

Series tied 1-1

Svitolina competing in her 15th WTA tournament as the No.1 seed... **Doi** looking for first Top 10 win of her career... This is the first hard-court match-up between the two

[3] ARYNA SABALENKA (BLR #8) vs. GARBIÑE MUGURUZA (ESP #16)

Sabalenka leads 1-0

Sabalenka starts her title defense against the two-time Grand Slam champion today... **Muguruza** earned her 10th win of the season in 1st... At No.16, **Muguruza** is also the highest-ranked unseeded player in the draw

ONS JABEUR (TUN #31) vs. [2] KAROLINA PLISKOVA (CZE #6)

Series tied 1-1

Jabeur defeated the Czech last here year also in R16 for fourth career Top 10 win... **Pliskova** looking to reach first hard-court QF since 2020 Dubai... Both of their two previous meetings have gone the distance

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[Q] LAURA SIEGEMUND (GER #56) VS. [WC/8] VICTORIA AZARENKA (BLR #14)

Head-to-head: LAURA SIEGEMUND leads 1-0

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SIEGEMUND		AZARENKA	
Career Prize Money	\$3,290,615	Career Prize Money	\$30,432,827
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	March 4, 1988 (32)	Date of Birth (Age)	Jul 31, 1989 (31)
Singles Titles	2	Singles Titles	21
Doha W-L (MD)	2-2	Doha W-L (MD)	15-2
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	3-4 / 87-85	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	2-1 / 470-185
3-Set (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 31-29	3-Set (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 89-64
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	2-0 / 13-24	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 70-44
Hard Court (YTD / Career)	3-4 / 28-45	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	2-1 / 325-111
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 9-13	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 69-73
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-2 / 14-29	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 125-103
Coach	Antonio Zucca	Coach	Dorian Descloix

SIEGEMUND:

- Making third main draw appearance at Doha where she has tied career best by reaching 2r – also reached this stage last year as a qualifier defeating Shvedova in 1r before falling to No.1 Barty
- Made 1r exit on debut here in 2017 (l. Puig)
- Earned spot in main draw this wee as the No.2 seed in the qualifying draw, winning three rounds in straight sets against Klepac, Ruse and Tsurenko
- Upset No.23 Rybakina in 1r action in two tiebreak sets at 7-6(7), 7-6(5) lasting 2 hours, 30 minutes and saving a set point in the first
- Faces No.14 Azarenka today looking for first career QF appearance in the Middle East and first on hard courts since 2020 Auckland where she fell to eventual champion S.Williams
- Has only reached QF on hard courts a previous five times including Auckland: also at 2015 Luxembourg, 2016 Olympics, 2019 Luxembourg and 2019 Hiroshima – has never reached SF on hard courts in her career
- Earned two Top 20 victories last year over No.18 Vondrousova at the Western & Southern Open and No.17 Martić at Roland Garros
- Is 0-2 so far against such opponents falling to No.2 Halep at the Gippsland Trophy and No.11 S.Williams at Australian Open
- The two have already faced each other once this week in doubles with Siegemund/Vesnina earning a come-from-behind victory defeating Azarenka/Svitolina 4-6, 7-5, 10-8
- Siegemund also defeated the Belarusian en route to doubles title at US Open last year w/Zvonareva defeated Azarenka/Kenin



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- One of three qualifiers to reach the 2r here along with Pegula (d. Q.Wang in 1r) and lucky loser Doi (d. Zheng in 1r)
- Along with Kerber, one of two Germans playing this week, both of whom have reached the 2r here
- Coming off 1r exits at Adelaide (l. Putintseva) and Australian Open (l. S.Williams)
- Earned first wins of the year at the Gippsland Trophy in Melbourne defeating Niculescu and Aiava before losing to World No.2 Halep in R16
- Opened 2021 season falling 1r at Abu Dhabi (l. Flipkens)
- Advanced to first Grand Slam singles quarterfinal of career at 2020 Roland Garros (l. Kvitova); previous best results at a Slam were 3r runs at 2016 Australian Open (l. Beck) and 2016 US Open (l. V.Williams)
- Captured first Grand Slam doubles title at 2020 US Open (w/Zvonareva); sixth Tour-level doubles title of career
- Opened 2020 season by reaching QF at Auckland (l. eventual champion S.Williams)
- Standout results of 2019 season included SF run at Bucharest (l. Tig) and QF showings at Hiroshima and Luxembourg
- After 10 months sidelined by knee injury, returned to Tour-level action at 2018 Charleston; went on to reach two QF later that summer, at Bucharest and Moscow [River Cup]; also reached three finals on the ITF Circuit, including a title run at \$25K Bad Saulgau-GER
- Won second (and biggest title) of career to date on home soil at 2017 Stuttgart (d. Mladenovic in F). Scored three wins over Top 10 opponents en route (No.9 Kuznetsova, No.3 Ka.Pliskova and No.5 Halep) but promising season halted by serious right knee injury (tore right anterior cruciate ligament) sustained a few weeks later at Nürnberg (ret. vs. Krejčíková)
- Enjoyed tour-level breakthrough in 2016, registering 30 Tour-level match wins and first WTA singles title on clay at Bastad (d. Siniakova in F)
- Earlier in 2016, reached maiden WTA final as a qualifier at 2016 Stuttgart (as qualifier, l. Kerber); result led to Top 50 debut at No.42 (week of April 25)
- Quarterfinalist at Rio Olympics (l. eventual gold medalist Puig)
- Won 2016 US Open mixed doubles title (w/Pavic)
- Advanced to first two QF at WTA level in 2015, at Florianopolis and Luxembourg
- Won first WTA doubles title at 2015 's-Hertogenbosch (w/Muhammad)
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2003 Leipzig and finally main draw debut seven years later, at 2010 Bastad
- On ITF Circuit, winner of 12 singles titles and 20 doubles titles
- Played first pro events of career on ITF Circuit in 2002

AZARENKA:

- Contesting Doha for the fifth time and first since 2015's R-Up finish (l. Safarova)
- During 2015 run beat No.11 Kerber in 1r, Svitolina in 2r, No.5 Wozniack in QF and No.17 V.Williams in SF
- Is a two-time champion here, lifting title as top seed in 2012 (d. Stosur in F) and 2013 (d. S.Williams in F)
- Fell 1r on debut in 2011 (as No.6 seed, l. Hantuchova)



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- Defeated fellow major winner Kuznetsova in 1r in their 10th career meeting; saved seven of nine break points faced in the 6-2, 6-3 victory that lasted almost two hours which she finally won on her sixth match point
- Was the only seeded player to win her 1r match here with No.5 Bertens, No.6 Bencic and No.7 Brady all dropping their first matches (Top 4 seeds received a 1r bye)
- Faces qualifier Siegemund today having dropped their only previous meeting at 2019 Australian Open
- Last lost to a player outside the Top 50 just a few weeks ago when she made a shocking 1r exit at the Australian Open at the hands of No.61 Pegula
- One of two women from Belarus in the draw (also defending champion Sabalenka); with Sabalenka ranked No.7, this is the first time there have been two Belarusians in the Top 20
- Opened season by reaching QF of Grampians Trophy (saved 2 MPs vs. Putintseva in 2r) – withdrew prior to match vs. Kontaveit w/lower back injury – then was upset in 1r at Australian Open (I. Pegula)
- Finished 2020 ranked No.13 – her best season-end ranking since 2013 (No.2)
- One of five players to reach three or more finals in 2020, lifting one trophy at the Western & Southern Open – her first title since 2016
- Advanced to her fifth career Grand Slam final at 2020 US Open, which helped her return to the Top 20 for the first time since March 2017
- Winner of the 2020 WTA Comeback Player of the Year Award, as voted on by members of the international media
- Last tournament of 2019 was the US Open, where she fell to Sabalenka in 1r; also reached the doubles final w/Barty (I. Mertens/Sabalenka)
- Highlight of 2019 was 37th singles final at Monterrey (d. No.5 Kerber in SF, I. Muguruza in F via ret. w/leg injury). Also made QFs at Acapulco (I. Kenin), Stuttgart (I. Kontaveit via ret.) and Rome (I. Ka.Pliskova)
- On February 2, 2019 returned to Top 50 for first time following the birth of her child, Leo
- Highlights of 2018 season included SF at Miami (I. Stephens) and QF at San Jose and Tokyo
- Made return to tennis in June 2017 following birth of first child in December 2016
- Comeback tournament was Mallorca, reaching 2r (d. Ozaki, I. Konjuh). Prior to 2017 Mallorca, last tournament contested was 2016 Roland Garros (1r). Followed this with R16 at Wimbledon (I. Halep). Did not play after Wimbledon due to personal reasons
- Ended 2016 ranked No.13, despite missing second half of season after going on maternity leave (announced pregnancy mid-July). Lifted three titles, at Brisbane and 'Sunshine Double' of Indian Wells and Miami – third woman to achieve feat after Graf in 1994 and 1996 and Clijsters in 2005
- Posted 26-3 record for first six months of 2016 with losses coming at the Australian Open (QF, I. Kerber), Rome (2r, I. Begu) and Roland Garros (ret. vs. Knapp w/right knee injury)
- Limited to total of 23 events over 2014-15 seasons due to variety of injuries
- Posted five consecutive Top 10 finishes between 2009 and 2013, qualifying for the WTA Finals on each occasion (I. Kvitova in 2011 final in Istanbul)
- Ascended to World No.1 after 2012 Australian Open and held top spot for a total of 51 weeks



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- Began 2012 with 26-match win streak – best start since Hingis went 37-0 in 1997. Went on to win Tour-leading 69 matches in 2012, season highlighted by six titles, finishing as WTA's year-end No.1
- Belarusian Fed Cup Team, 2005, 2007, 2009-11, 2015-16, 2019; Belarusian Olympic Team, 2008, 2012
- Won two medals for Belarus at 2012 Olympics - bronze in singles and mixed doubles gold (w/Mirnyi)
- Made her Top 100 debut on July 10, 2006 (No.99) and Top 50 debut on May 14, 2007 (No.49)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2005 Kolkata
- ITF Junior World Champion for 2005 – reached first tour-level semifinal at Guangzhou the same year

ANASTASIA PAVLYUCHENKOVA (RUS #41) VS. [4] PETRA KVITOVA (CZE #10)

Head-to-head: PETRA KVITOVA leads 8-4

2020	BRISBANE	HARD	O	R32	PETRA KVITOVA	2-6 6-1 6-0
2018	WUHAN	HARD	O	R16	ANASTASIA PAVLYUCHENKOVA	3-6 6-3 6-3
2015	FED CUP	HARD	I	F	PETRA KVITOVA	2-6 6-1 6-1
2015	MADRID	CLAY	O	R16	PETRA KVITOVA	6-1 6-4
2013	NEW HAVEN	HARD	O	QF	PETRA KVITOVA	2-6 6-2 7-5
2013	BRISBANE	HARD	O	R16	ANASTASIA PAVLYUCHENKOVA	6-4 7-5
2012	CINCINNATI	HARD	O	QF	PETRA KVITOVA	6-3 7-6(4)
2012	ROME	CLAY	O	R32	PETRA KVITOVA	7-5 6-4
2011	MIAMI	HARD	O	R32	ANASTASIA PAVLYUCHENKOVA	6-4 6-7(3) 6-0
2011	BRISBANE	HARD	O	SF	PETRA KVITOVA	6-4 4-6 6-2
2009	HOBART	HARD	O	QF	PETRA KVITOVA	1-6 7-5 6-3
2008	BRATISLAVA	HARD	I	QF	ANASTASIA PAVLYUCHEKNOVA	6-4 2-6 7-6(7)

PAVLYUCHENKOVA		KVITOVA	
Career Prize Money	\$10,440,068	Career Prize Money	\$32,680,932
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Left-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Nov. 17, 1995 (25)	Date of Birth (Age)	March 8, 1990 (30)
Singles Titles	5	Singles Titles	27
Doha W-L (MD)	3-4	Doha W-L (MD)	16-5
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	4-3 / 353-266	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	2-2 / 452-212
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 117-93	3-Set (YTD / Career)	0-2 / 124-89
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 87-74	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 92-68
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	4-3 / 263-178	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	2-2 / 306-151
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 34-67	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 109-97
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-2 / 65-117	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 56-58
Left-Hand W-L (YTD/Career)	1-0 / 16-21	Left-Hand W-L (YTD/Career)	0-0 / 22-8
Coach	Giovani Samaha	Coach	Jiri Vanek

PAVLYUCHENKOVA:

- Making fifth appearance at Qatar Total Open, where she is through to 2r for third time
- Also made it this far in 2017 (I. Cibulkova) and 2014 (I. Lucic-Baroni). Made 1r exits in 2012 (I. Pervak) and 2019 (I. Cibulkova)
- In 1r this year, broke Kr.Pliskova five times to win 6-2, 6-3
- Faces No.10 Kvitova in 2r today; since start of 2020 season has posted 2-4 record against Top 10 opponents, beating No.2 Ka.Pliskova (2020 Australian Open) and No.4 Bencic (2020 Dubai), while losing to No.7 Kvitova (2020 Brisbane), No.1 Barty (2020 Adelaide), No.6 Svitolina (2020 Rome) and No.3 Osaka (2021 Australian Open)
- One of four Russians in the draw (Blinkova, Kudermetova and Kuznetsova all fell 1r)
- Down under, posted 3r showings at the Yarra Valley Classic (I. Muguruza) and Phillip Island Trophy (I. eventual champion Kasatkina) and suffered 1r exit at Australian Open (I. eventual champion Osaka)
- Began 2021 season falling to Jabeur in 1r of Abu Dhabi
- Finished 2020 ranked No.38 for 13th straight year inside the Top 50
- At 2020 Roland Garros, made 50th main draw appearance at a major – one of 10 active players to reach this milestone
- Upset No.2 Ka.Pliskova and former champion Kerber en route to QF at 2020 Australian Open

- Advanced to two finals in 2019 – both at Premier-level – at Osaka (l. Osaka in F) and Moscow (l. Bencic in F). Also made QF in Melbourne in 2019 to match best Grand Slam result (l. Collins), upsetting No.9 Bertens and No.5 Stephens en route
- Notched only win over a reigning World No.1 against Kerber during run to fourth Monterrey title in 2017
- Represented Russia at 2016 Rio Olympics, losing to eventual gold medalist Puig in 2r
- In doubles, owns 12 titles and has reached QF of all four majors – most recently at 2018 US Open w/Sevastova. Career-high doubles ranking is No.21 (September 16, 2013)
- In 2011, won 39 main draw matches, one title and reached first two Grand Slam QFs to end the year inside Top 20 for the first time
- Made Top 20 debut at No.20 on September 13, 2010, after R16 showing at US Open
- Won the first title of her career at Monterrey in 2010 (d. Hantuchova in F); has gone on to lift this title three more times (2011, 2013 and 2017)
- Advanced to maiden WTA SF at 2009 Indian Wells, scoring first Top 10 wins of her career en route, over No.3 Jankovic and No.10 A.Radwanska
- Broke into Top 100 in singles on July 7, 2008 – following run through qualifying to 3r at Wimbledon – and entered Top 50 on November 3 of the same year
- Reached first two WTA QFs in 2008, first on clay at Palermo and then on hard at Tokyo [Japan Open]
- Made Grand Slam debut at 2007 Wimbledon as a WC, losing 6-0 6-1 to No.10 seed Hantuchova
- Played first WTA main draw as a wildcard at 2006 Moscow
- Named 2006 ITF Junior World Champion, having won girls' singles titles at Australian Open (2006-07) and US Open (2006)

KVITOVA:

- Making seventh appearance at Qatar Total Open as one of four former champions in the starting field (also Azarenka, Ka.Pliskova and Sabalenka)
- Defeated Muguruza in final here in 2018 and last year fell to Sabalenka in the championship match
- Owns excellent recent record in Middle East: 2018 Doha champion, 2019 Dubai finalist and 2020 Doha finalist
- Also a three-time Doha quarterfinalist, in 2013 (l. S.Williams), 2014 (l. Jankovic) 2015 (l. Suárez Navarro)
- Is one of six Grand Slam champions in the draw (also Azarenka, Kerber, Kuznetsova, Muguruza and Ostapenko)
- After 1r bye, faces No.41 Pavlyuchenkova in 2r; since Tour's restart in August, four of her five defeats have come to players ranked outside Top 40
- Last match against Russian opposition was 3r victory over Alexandrova at 2020 Australian Open
- One of three Czech players to start the main draw – also No.2 seed Ka.Pliskova and qualifier Kr.Pliskova
- Opened season with 3r run at Yarra Valley Classic (after 1r bye, d. V.Williams, l. Podoroska on third-set tie-break) before falling in 2r at Australian Open (l. Cirstea)
- Owns 17 titles on hard courts – the fifth-most among active players (behind S.Williams, V.Williams, Clijsters and Azarenka)
- Reached final at Doha in 2020 (l. Sabalenka) – her 37th title-match, sits seventh on list for most finals among active players

- Other standout results in 2020 were SFs at Roland Garros (l. Kenin) and Brisbane (l. Keys), and a QF run at Australian Open (l. Barty)
- Captured 26th and 27th career titles in 2019 at Sydney (d. Barty) and Stuttgart (d. Kontaveit). With 27 titles, is currently tied with Mandlikova and Sabatini in 20th place (Open Era)
- Reached title match at 2019 Australian Open for third career Grand Slam final appearance – result moved her to World No.2, matching her career high ranking. Had she beaten Osaka in the final, would have claimed World No.1 ranking
- Also in 2019, qualified for WTA Finals in Shenzhen for seventh time (went 0-3 in group play)
- Won a WTA-leading five titles in 2018, at St Petersburg (d. Mladenovic in F), Doha (d. Muguruza in F), Prague (d. Buzarnescu in F), Madrid (d. Bertens in F) and Birmingham (d. Rybarikova in F)
- Titles in 2018 came on all three surfaces – first player to win a title on three different surfaces in a season since S.Williams in 2015
- Began 2017 season in May at Roland Garros (2r, l. Mattek-Sands) after a knife attack in her home in Czech Republic on December 20, 2016; required extensive surgery to left hand. Won title at 2017 Birmingham only a month later
- Won two singles titles in 2016, at Wuhan and the WTA Elite Trophy in Zhuhai
- Contested Rio Olympics in August 2016, winning the singles bronze medal (l. Puig in SF, d. Keys in bronze medal play-off)
- Runner-up at 2015 WTA Finals in Singapore (l. A.Radwanska in 3s). Former champion at the season finale, which she won on her event debut in 2011 (d. Azarenka in F)
- Was first player born in 1990s to win a Grand Slam title at 2011 Wimbledon (since joined by Muguruza, Ostapenko, Stephens, Wozniacki, Halep, Osaka, Barty and Kenin)
- At 2012 Sydney was two wins from becoming No.1 (had won Wimbledon and WTA Finals in previous six months)
- Owns six wins over current World No.1s: Safina (2009 US Open), Wozniacki (2011 WTA Finals), S.Williams (2015 Madrid), Kerber (2016 Wuhan), Wozniacki (2018 Doha) and Barty (2020 Doha)
- Among active players, owns the most wins in indoor hardcourt events (77)
- Member of Czech Republic's Fed Cup winning team in 2011-12, 2014-16 and 2018
- Made pro debut on ITF Circuit in Czech Republic in 2006

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[1] ELINA SVITOLINA (UKR #5) VS. [LL] MISAKI DOI (JPN #83)

Head-to-head: Series tied 1-1

2015 WIMBLEDON GRASS O R128 ELINA SVITOLINA 3-6 6-3 6-2
2014 WIMBLEDON GRASS O R128 MISAKI DOI 6-4 6-1

SVITOLINA		DOI	
Career Prize Money	\$20,112,704	Career Prize Money	\$3,073,820
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Left-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Sep. 12, 1994 (26)	Date of Birth (Age)	Apr. 29, 1991 (29)
Singles Titles	15	Singles Titles	1
Doha W-L (MD)	4-6	Doha W-L (MD)	1-2
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	8-3 / 289-157	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	3-4 / 85-138
3-Set (YTD / Career)	2-3 / 86-52	3-Set (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 31-42
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	2-4 / 62-48	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 21-29
Hard Court (YTD / Career)	8-3 / 210-107	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	3-4 / 58-96
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 33-38	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-18
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 61-70	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 6-39
Left-Hand W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 22-16	Left-Hand W-L MD (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 3-10
Coach	Andrew Bettles	Coach	Christian Zahalka

SVITOLINA:

- Making seventh main draw appearance at the Qatar Total Open as the No.1 seed
- Best result in Doha was SF showing in 2019 (l. Halep)
- Following a 1r bye, faces No.83 Doi. Hasn't lost to a player outside the Top 75 since falling to Podoroska at last year's Roland Garros
- Bidding to reach third QF of the season – advanced to the final eight at Abu Dhabi (l. Kudermetova) and Gippsland Trophy (l. Mertens)
- Coming off R16 run at Australian Open (l. Pegula)
- This is her 15th career tournament seeded No.1 in which she has won the tournament four times: 2017 Taipei City, 2017 Istanbul, 2018 Dubai and 2020 Monterrey
- Has lost her opening match as the No.1 seed on three occasions: 2019 Brisbane (l. Sasnovich), 2019 Moscow (l. Kudermetova) and 2020 Ostrava (l. Sakkari)
- Opened last season with 1r loss at Brisbane to Collins – one of four opening match losses in 2020 – before advancing to 3r at the Australian Open (l. Muguruza)
- Won her 14th and 15th titles in 2020, firstly at Monterrey (d. Bouzkova in F) and then Strasbourg (d. Rybakina in F); was one of just four players in 2020 to win more than one title – also Halep (3), Sabalenka (3) and Kenin (2)
- Contested her 30th consecutive major at 2020 Australian Open (streak broke by skipping 2020 US Open). Is a two-time semifinalist at Grand Slam level, at 2019 Wimbledon (l. eventual champion Halep) and 2019 US Open (l. S.Williams). Became the first woman from Ukraine to reach a major SF; on the men's, Medvedev made that stage at Roland Garros in 1993 (SF) and 1999 (R-Up)
- Highlight of 2019 was reaching the title match as defending champion at the Shiseido WTA Finals (l. Barty)



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- In 2018, won 13th – and most prestigious – career title at 2018 WTA Finals (d. Stephens in F), after going 3-0 during round robin stage. Ended year ranked No.4. Also won titles at Rome (as defending champion, d. No.1 Halep in F), Dubai (as defending champion, d. Kasatkina in F) and Brisbane (d. Sasnovich in F)
- Enjoyed standout 2017, finishing year at No.6, winning a tour-leading five titles and posting second-most wins (53, behind Wozniacki with 60). Season culminated by qualifying for WTA Finals in Singapore, becoming first Ukrainian woman to qualify for the season-ending tournament in singles (fell at round robin stage with 1-2 record)
- In 2017, became first player to win three Premier 5 titles in a single season (Dubai, Rome, Toronto), since such tournaments were introduced in 2009
- One of five players to make Top 10 debut in 2017, after winning Dubai in February (also Ostapenko, Garcia, Mladenovic and Vandeweghe). Peaked in rankings at No.3 on September 11, 2017
- On four occasions could have reached World No.1 – at 2017 US Open, then needed to win 2017 Beijing (fell QF), then needed to triumph at 2017 WTA Finals (fell in group stage), or reach final at 2018 Australian Open (fell in QF)
- End to 2016 season also saw her reach first SF at Premier Mandatory level at Beijing (l. A.Radwanska) Qualified for 2016 WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai for the second time (l. Kvitova in F)
- Reached three finals in 2016, winning Kuala Lumpur (d. Bouchard in F) and R-Up at New Haven (l. A.Radwanska) and Zhuhai (l. Kvitova)
- Other 2016 season highlight was QF at Rio Olympics
- Owns two career doubles titles: 2014 Istanbul (w/Doi) and 2015 Istanbul (w/Gavrilova)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2012 Baku (lost in 1r but went on to win title there in both 2013 and 2014)
- Ukrainian Fed Cup Team, 2012-15, 2017, 2020
- Played first ITF Circuit events of career in 2008
- Junior highlights include winning 2010 Roland Garros girls' title at age 15 (d. Jabeur in F)

DOI:

- Making third main draw appearance at Doha as a Lucky Loser after falling to Pegula in 3r of qualifying
- Fell 1r here in 2016 (l. Gavrilova) and 2020 (as LL, l. Martincova). Also fell in 2012 qualifying
- Defeated No.48 S.Zheng in 1r to record a second Top 50 win so far in 2021, having already defeated No.44 Garcia in 1r at Phillip Island Trophy - her first Top 50 win since beating No.44 Mladenovic and No.21 Vekic en route to QF at 2019 Osaka
- In today's 2r action, squares off against top seed and World No.5 Svitolina in hopes of recording her first career Top 10 win – currently owns 0-18 record
- Upset the Ukrainian in their first meeting at 2014 Wimbledon with Svitolina as the No.17 seed
- Coming off 2r showing at Adelaide last week (as LL, l. eventual R-Up Bencic) after 3r run at Phillip Island Trophy (received w/o into 3r following withdrawal from Sorribes Tormo, l. Collins)
- Recorded 1r exits at Yarra Valley Classic (l. Pavlyuchenkova) and Australian Open (l. Tomljanovic)
- Twelve months ago, opened her season with 1r exits at Shenzhen (l. Bondarenko) and Australian Open (l. Dart on final set tie-break)



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- Best result of 2020 was R-Up finish at WTA 125K Series event at Indian Wells (l. Begu), while at Tour-level, sole main draw win came in 2r showing at Istanbul
- Appeared in her third WTA final at 2019 Hiroshima, falling to compatriot Hibino in the first all-Japanese final since 1997 when Sawamatsu defeated Yoshida in Jakarta
- She later teamed with Hibino and won the Hiroshima doubles title - her first appearance in a WTA doubles final in four years
- Also in 2019, swept singles and doubles titles at WTA 125K Series event at Bastad
- Highlights of 2018 campaign came on the ITF Circuit, winning her sixth and seventh career titles at \$25k Kofu-JPN and \$100k Vancouver-CAN
- Best results in 2017 were SF at Nurnberg, QF at Taipei City and 3r run at Madrid
- Posted career-best finish in 2016 at No.38 (up from No.60 in 2015) while also posting new career-high ranking of No.30 (week of October 10, 2016)
- Notched up career-best 24 main draw match wins in 2016. Highlights were reaching second WTA singles final at Kaohsiung (l. V.Williams) and best Slam showing with R16 run at Wimbledon (d. No.17 Pliskova in 2r, l. eventual R-Up Kerber)
- Represented Japan at 2016 Rio Olympics, reaching 2r in singles (l. Stosur) and 2r in doubles (w/Hozumi, l. Kasatkina/Kuznetsova)
- Best result of 2016 clay season was Premier-level QF at 2016 Rome (d. No.15 Safarova in 2r, l. Begu). At the time was the first Japanese player to reach QF at Premier-level tournament or above since 2014, when Date made Birmingham QF
- In March 2016, won the WTA 125k Series event at San Antonio (d. Friedsam in F)
- Won maiden WTA singles title at 2015 Luxembourg (d. Barthel in F); scored first Top 20 win of her career en route to title, over No.20 Petkovic in 1r
- Lifted first WTA doubles title at 2014 Istanbul (w/Svitolina)
- In 2012, advanced to first WTA QF, at Birmingham, and SF, at Osaka
- Member of Japanese Billie Jean King Cup Team, 2011, 2013-15, 2017, 2019-20
- Scored first WTA main draw win at 2011 Kuala Lumpur (fourth tour-level main draw) and first back-to-back wins during 3r run at 2011 Wimbledon (eighth main draw)
- Played first WTA qualifying at 2009 Osaka; made main draw debut at 2010 Roland Garros

[3] ARYNA SABALENKA (BLR #8) VS. GARBINÉ MUGURUZA (ESP #16)

Head-to-head: ARYNA SABALENKA leads 1-0

2018 BEIJING HARD O R32 ARYNA SABALENKA 7-5 6-4

SABALENKA		MUGURUZA	
Career Prize Money	\$7,306,294	Career Prize Money	\$21,421,323
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	May 5, 1998 (22)	Date of Birth (Age)	Oct. 8, 1993 (27)
Singles Titles	9	Singles Titles	7
Doha W-L (MD)	5-0	Doha W-L (MD)	10-5
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	9-2 / 135-64	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	10-3 / 269-147
3-Set (YTD / Career)	1-2 / 46-24	3-Set (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 82-63
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	2-0 / 29-26	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 43-51
Hard Court (YTD / Career)	9-2 / 110-42	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	10-3 / 184-101
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 12-13	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-2 / 36-37
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 26-19	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-2 / 64-63
Coach	Anton Dubrov	Coach	Conchita Martinez/Adriana Forti (physio)

SABALENKA:

- Making second appearance at Qatar Total Open, where she is defending champion
- Last year, after 1r bye beat Kontaveit, Sakkari, Zheng, Kuznetsova and then Kvitova in F
- Is one of four former champions in the draw (also Azarenka, Kvitova and Ka.Pliskova)
- After 1r bye, faces No.16 Muguruza in 1r today; is 1-1 against Top 20 players this season, beating No.19 Rybakina en route to Abu Dhabi title and losing to No.11 S.Williams at Australian Open
- Coming off R16 run at Australian Open (l. S.Williams in 3s) – matching her best result at the majors (also 2018 US Open); bounced back to lift doubles title w/Mertens (d. Krejčíková/Siniakova in F)
- As a result of winning second doubles Slam rose to No.1 in WTA doubles rankings
- Lifted ninth career singles title at Abu Dhabi in opening week of the season to extend winning streak to 15 matches. Run was ended in 2r at Gippsland Trophy (after 1r bye, l. No.94 Kanepi)
- Ended 2020 inside the Top 10 for the first time, having finished at No.10 courtesy of a nine-match win streak and back-to-back titles – at Ostrava (d. Azarenka in F) and Linz (d. Mertens in F)
- After also taking 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) and Top 20 on August 27 of same year (after New Haven)
- 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. Witthoeft)
- 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
- WTA qualifying debut came at 2016 Rabat
- Made debut on ITF Circuit in Minsk in 2012. 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

MUGURUZA:

- Making sixth successive main draw appearance at Doha as a former R-Up in 2018 (l. Kvitova in F)
- Also a two-time quarterfinalist here in 2016 (l. Petkovic) and 2020 (l. Barty). Fell 2r 2017 (l. S.Zhang) and 1r on her debut in 2015 (l. Suárez Navarro via ret.)
- Opened 2021 Doha campaign by breaking four times in straight sets win over Kudermetova; entering Doha, had won 50.9% of her return games this season - second on Tour behind Errani (59.6%)
- Faces No.8 Sabalenka in 2r today; owns 1-2 record against Top 10 players in 2021, beating No.4 Kenin (Yarra Valley Classic) and losing to No.1 Barty (Yarra Valley Classic) and No.3 Osaka (Australian Open)
- During last year's Middle East swing, made back-to-back QFs at Dubai (l. Brady) and Doha (l. Barty)
- Coming off R16 showing at Australian Open, falling to the eventual champion Osaka after holding two match points at 5-3 in the final set
- Made R-Up finish at the Yarra Valley Classic (l. Barty) and opened the season with a 3r showing at Abu Dhabi (d. Mladenovic and Sasnovich, l. Sakkari)
- Reached fourth Grand Slam singles final of career at 2020 Australian Open (l. Kenin in 3s). Was first Spaniard to reach the final at Melbourne Park since Conchita Martinez in 1998
- Last year also made SFs at Shenzhen and Rome and three further QFs
- In 2019, successfully defended her title in Monterrey for seventh career WTA trophy (d. Azarenka in F)
- Is a two-time Grand-Slam champion winning titles at 2016 Roland Garros (d. S.Williams in F) and 2017 Wimbledon (d. V.Williams in F). Dropped only one set in Roland Garros title run
- Is only player to ever beat both Williams sisters in a Grand Slam final and one of 29 women in the Open Era to win multiple Grand Slam titles. One of just eight players all-time to defeat Serena in a Grand Slam final
- Also finished R-Up at 2015 Wimbledon (l. S.Williams) to make Top 10 debut. Is one of two players to meet both Williams sisters in the final of the same Grand Slam – also Hingis at US Open (1997, d. V.Williams; 1999, l. S.Williams)

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- First Spaniard to reach Wimbledon final since Sánchez Vicario in 1996 and first to reach any Slam final since Conchita Martínez at 2000 Roland Garros
- Rose to World No.1 on September 11, 2017 to become the 24th woman in history to hold the top spot and second from Spain (after Sánchez Vicario in 1995). Also named ITF World Champion for 2017
- Reached R16 at Rio Olympics in 2016
- In 2015, became first Spanish player to compete at the WTA Finals in singles since 2001 (Sánchez Vicario) and reached doubles final (w/Suárez Navarro, I. Hingis/Mirza). Overall, has qualified three times for the season-ending championships (2015-17)
- Owns five WTA doubles titles, most recently at 2015 Tokyo [PPO] (w/Suarez Navarro), and reached SF at 2014 Roland Garros (w/Suarez Navarro); rose to No.10 in WTA doubles rankings on February 23, 2015.
- Advanced to R16 on WTA main draw debut at 2012 Miami (l. eventual champion A.Radwanska), defeating No.9 Zvonareva en route for first Top 10 win

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ONS JABEUR (TUN #31) VS. [2] KAROLINA PLISKOVA (CZE #6)

Head-to-head: Series tied 1-1

2020	DOHA	HARD O	R16	ONS JABEUR	6-4 3-6 6-3
2019	US OPEN	HARD O	R32	KAROLINA PLISKOVA	6-1 4-6 6-4

JABEUR		PLISKOVA	
Career Prize Money	\$1,638,292	Career Prize Money	\$20,558,421
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Aug. 28, 1994 (26)	Date of Birth (Age)	March 21, 1992 (28)
Singles Titles	0	Singles Titles	16
Doha W-L (MD)	4-6	Doha W-L (MD)	8-5
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	6-3 / 66-74	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	4-3 / 327-170
3-Set (YTD / Career)	2-0 / 21-30	3-Set (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 102-57
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 18-23	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	1-2 / 65-73
Hard Court (YTD / Career)	6-3 / 50-57	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	4-3 / 232-115
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 4-10	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 32-40
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 10-18	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 64-73
Coach	Issam Jellali	Coach	Sascha Bajin

JABEUR:

- Making seventh main draw appearance here in Doha (ninth overall) – best result came last year with run to QF defeating No.3 Ka.Pliskova in R16 before falling to eventual R-Up Kvitova
- Before last year, was 0-5 in five appearances in addition to falling in qualifying twice
- Defeated qualifier Blinkova for the second time this year after defeating the Russian at the Grampians Trophy in Melbourne ahead of the Australian Open - win marked 50th career main draw victory on hard courts
- Now owns career 9-12 record in the Middle East with run to QF here last year as her best result
- Faces No.2 seed Ka.Pliskova today having won their most recent meeting last here also in R16
- Including win over then No.3 Ka.Pliskova here last year, owns a total of four career Top 10 wins also over No.7 Cibulkova (2017 Roland Garros), No.1 Halep (2019 Beijing) and No.8 Stephens (2018 Moscow)
- Lost only meeting to a Top 10 opponent this year when she met eventual champion, No.3 Osaka, in 3r of Australian Open
- Coming off run to 3r at Australian Open where she fell to eventual champion Osaka
- Opened 2021 by reaching 3r at Abu Dhabi (l. eventual champion Sabalenka), then fell 2r at the Grampians Trophy (l. Kerber)
- Began 2020 season with 1r exit at Shenzhen, a 2r showing at Hobart before going on to reach 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 breakthrough 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)



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- 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/EI 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)

KA.PLISKOVA:

- Making seventh career main draw appearance as a former champion having won the title here in 2017 (d. Wozniacki in F)
- Along with Azarenka, Kvitova and Sabalenka, one of four champions playing this week, all of whom are contesting 2r today
- After 1r bye, faces Jabeur today who she fell to here last here also in R16 – looking to book first hard court QF since 2020 Dubai
- Owns only one Top 50 win so far this year over No.40 Collins in 2r of Australian Open
- Has fallen in her opening match here in Doha on only one occasion in 2016 (l. Gasparyan)
- Coming off 3r run at Australian Open falling to fellow Czech, Muchova, who would go on to reach maiden Grand Slam SF
- Reached 3r at the Yarra Valley Classic in Melbourne (l. Collins)
- Opened 2021 season falling in 2r at Abu Dhabi to qualifier No.292 Gasanova
- Has won at least one title every year stretching back to 2013, most recently lifting trophy at 2020 Brisbane (d. Keys in F)
- Reached one more final in 2020 at Rome (l. Halep via ret.) and made QF at Dubai
- Lifted a WTA-leading four titles across the 2019 season (tied with Barty) – triumphed at Brisbane, Rome, Eastbourne and Zhengzhou. Dropped 19 games across five matches during Eastbourne title win (d. Kerber in F) – most economic title run in 2019
- Also reached first Premier Mandatory final at Miami, losing to Barty in straight sets, and produced best Australian Open performance of career, reaching SF (l. eventual champion Osaka in 3s); saved four match points to beat S.Williams in QF
- Lost to twin sister Kr.Pliskova in 2r at Birmingham, in what was their first career main draw encounter
- Made fourth straight appearance at the WTA Finals in 2019, reaching SF for the third year in a row



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- Won two titles in 2018 from three finals contested, triumphing at Stuttgart (d. Vandeweghe in F) and Tokyo [PPO] (d. Osaka in F). Posted R-Up finish in Tianjin (l. Garcia in F)
- Won Billie Jean King Cup for Czech Republic in 2015-16 and 2018
- Claimed No.1 ranking on July 17, 2017 despite making 2r exit at Wimbledon (l. Rybarikova). Was the first Czech woman to achieve the No.1 ranking since the computer rankings were introduced in 1975 (Martina Navratilova became No.1 on July 10, 1978 while representing USA)
- Won three titles in 2017, at Brisbane (d. Cornet in F), Doha (d. Wozniacki in F) and Eastbourne (d. Wozniacki in F)
- Is a Grand Slam finalist, reaching the title match at 2016 US Open (l. Kerber)
- Captured fifth WTA doubles title of career at 2016 Birmingham (w/Strycova). At 2013 Linz, with sister Kristyna, became first set of twins to ever win a tour-level doubles title
- Made Top 10 debut after 2015 Stanford R-Up finish; was first time in WTA history that three Czech women ranked inside Top 10 at the same time (also Kvitova and Safarova)
- Scored first Top 20 win of her career over No.16 Petrova in 1r at 2013 Wimbledon
- Won first career WTA title at 2013 Kuala Lumpur (d. Mattek-Sands) and followed it up with two more in 2014 Seoul (d. Lepchenko) and 2014 Linz (d. Giorgi)
- Reached first WTA QF as WC at 2008 Prague (l. Azarenka)
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in 2006



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ANETT KONTAVEIT (EST #24) vs. [4] PETRA KVITOVA (CZE #10)

Kvitova leads 4-2

Kontaveit playing first Top 10 opponent of the year with 11-20 career record... **Kvitova** won their most recent meeting in the final of 2019 Stuttgart... **Kontaveit** defeated another left-handed Grand Slam champion, Kerber, in second round

[Q] JESSICA PEGULA (USA #44) vs. [2] KAROLINA PLISKOVA (CZE #6)

First career meeting

Pegula hoping to reach first semifinal at a WTA 500 or higher event... **Pliskova** won a tight 3 set encounter over Jabeur last night that ended after midnight... **Pegula** already owns one Top 10 win this season over No.5 Svitolina at Australian Open

[1] ELINA SVITOLINA (UKR #5) vs. [WC/8] VICTORIA AZARENKA (BLR #14)

Azarenka leads 3-0

Svitolina competing in her third quarterfinal of the season... A win today would advance **Azarenka** to 60th career WTA semifinal appearance... **Svitolina** is 0-1 against fellow Top 20 players so far this year

GARBIÑE MUGURUZA (ESP #16) vs. MARIA SAKKARI (GRE #25)

Sakkari leads 1-0

Sakkari looking to book third semifinal appearance of the season... **Muguruza** hoping to avenge straight sets loss to the Greek earlier this year in Abu Dhabi... **Sakkari** earned 100th main draw victory over Keys in second round

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ANETT KONTAVEIT (EST #24) VS. [4] PETRA KVITOVA (CZE #10)

Head-to-head: PETRA KVITOVA leads 4-2

2019	STUTTGART	CLAY I	F	PETRA KVITOVA	6-3 7-6(2)
2019	BRISBANE	HARD O	R16	ANETT KONTAVEIT	7-5 7-6(1)
2018	MONTREAL	HARD O	R32	PETRA KVITOVA	6-3 6-4
2018	ROLAND GARROS	CLAY O	R32	ANETT KONTAVEIT	7-6(6) 7-6(4)
2018	MADRID	CLAY O	R16	PETRA KVITOVA	6-7(4) 6-3 6-3
2017	CINCINNATI	HARD O	R64	PETRA KVITOVA	1-6 7-6(2) 6-3

KONTAVEIT		KVITOVA	
Career Prize Money	\$5,071,738	Career Prize Money	\$32,680,932
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Left-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Dec. 24, 1995 (25)	Date of Birth (Age)	March 8, 1990 (30)
Singles Titles	1	Singles Titles	27
Doha W-L (MD)	4-3	Doha W-L (MD)	17-5
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	7-2 / 131-101	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	3-2 / 453-212
3-Set (YTD / Career)	2-0 / 45-34	3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	0-2 / 124-89
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 33-32	Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 92-68
Hard Court (YTD / Career)	7-2 / 85-66	Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	3-2 / 307-151
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 11-20	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 109-97
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 19-33	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 56-58
Left-Hand W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 10-8	Left-Hand W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 22-8
Coach	Nigel Sears	Coach	Jiri Vanek

KONTAVEIT:

- Making fourth main draw appearance at Doha where she has posted her best result this week by advancing to QF
- Reached 2r in 2019 (l. Kerber) and 2020 (l. eventual champion Sabalenka). Fell in 1r on debut in 2018 (l. Cornet)
- Upset Australian Open finalist, No.13 Brady in her first match against a Top 20 ranked player of the season.
Overall record vs. such players now stands at 19-33
- Defeated another leftie, No.26 Kerber, in 2r who she also beat in 2017 Rome for only career victory over a reigning World No.1
- Is into her second QF of the season where she faces No.10 Kvitova for the seventh time in their careers
- Other QF appearance came at the Grampians Trophy in Melbourne this year; advanced to SF after Azarenka withdrew prior to their match, would go on to reach the final (not played due to scheduling)
- Owns 11-9 record in career QF matches (5-6 record on hardcourts); last fell at this stage at last year's Western & Southern Open (l. R-Up Osaka)
- This will be her first match-up with a Top 10 opponent this year; most recent wins came last year defeating No.4 Svitolina in Fed Cup action and No.7 Bencic before that at Australian Open
- During last year's Middle East swing, made QF at Dubai (l. Martic) and 2r at Doha (l. Sabalenka)
- Coming off 3r showing at Australian Open (l. Rogers) after reaching the Grampians Trophy final (the final was not played)
- Opened 2021 season with 1r exit at Abu Dhabi (l. Kudermetova)
- During an interrupted 2020, reached sixth final of career at Palermo (l. Ferro) and posted 21 match wins across the season (joint-fifth most, level with Jabeur)



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- Made Grand Slam breakthrough by reaching maiden major QF at Australian Open (I. Halep), becoming the first Estonian to make the last eight at Australian Open, also the first Estonian to reach a Grand Slam QF since Kanepi at 2017 US Open
- Finished 2019 ranked No.26 despite missing final two months of the season w/viral illness
- Reached her fifth career final in 2019 at Stuttgart (I. Kvitova). Also in 2019, advanced to her first Premier Mandatory SF at Miami (I. eventual champion Barty), which propelled her to a career high ranking of No.14 (April 1, 2019)
- In 2018, season highlighted by fourth WTA singles final at Wuhan (I. Sabalenka); posted 33 main draw wins – the first time she had registered 30 or more wins in a season
- Breakthrough season came in 2017, winning first career singles title at 2017 's-Hertogenbosch (d. Vikhlyantseva in F). Also reached finals at Biel/Benke (I. Vondrousova) and Gstaad (I. Bertens)
- Broke into Top 30 for first time at No.27 following run at Gstaad (July 24, 2017)
- Posted her first career win over a reigning No.1 with defeat of Kerber at 2017 Rome
- In 2016, played main draw at all four Grand Slams for first time, but dropped out of Top 100
- Made Top 100 debut on September 14, 2015 at No.96, up from No.152. One of five teenagers in 2015 year-end Top 100
- Scored first Top 20 win of career over No.17 Errani at 2016 Monterrey (2r)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2013 Miami as WC (I. McHale, 1r)
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in 2010; owns 11 singles titles and five doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Junior highlights included winning 2011 Orange Bowl, defeating Bouchard and Putintseva en route

KVITOVA:

- Making seventh appearance at Qatar Total Open as one of four former champions in the starting field (also Azarenka, Ka.Pliskova and Sabalenka)
- Defeated Muguruza in final here in 2018 and last year fell to Sabalenka in the championship match
- Owns excellent recent record in Middle East: 2018 Doha champion, 2019 Dubai finalist and 2020 Doha finalist
- Also now a four-time Doha quarterfinalist: in addition to this year, has reached final eight in 2013 (I. S.Williams), 2014 (I. Jankovic) and 2015 (I. Suárez Navarro)
- Is one of six Grand Slam champions in the draw (also Azarenka, Kerber, Kuznetsova, Muguruza and Ostapenko)
- After 1r bye, defeated No.41 Pavlyuchenkova in 2r to book first hard-court QF since run to the final here last year
- Including performance in Doha last year, reached five QF in 2020 with 3-2 record: Brisbane (I. Keys in SF), Australian Open (I. Barty in QF), St. Petersburg (I. Alexandrova in QF) and Roland Garros (I. Kenin in SF)
- Faces Kontaveit today winning their last meeting in the 2019 Stuttgart final
- Owns 53-28 career record in WTA QF matches with 37-20 tally on hardcourts
- One of three Czech players to start the main draw – also No.2 seed Ka.Pliskova and qualifier Kr.Pliskova
- Opened season with 3r run at Yarra Valley Classic (after 1r bye, d. V.Williams, I. Podoroska on third-set tie-break) before falling in 2r at Australian Open (I. Cirstea)



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- Owns 17 titles on hard courts – the fifth-most among active players (behind S.Williams, V.Williams, Clijsters and Azarenka)
- Reached final at Doha in 2020 (I. Sabalenka) – her 37th title-match, sits seventh on list for most finals among active players
- Other standout results in 2020 were SFs at Roland Garros (I. Kenin) and Brisbane (I. Keys), and a QF run at Australian Open (I. Barty)
- Captured 26th and 27th career titles in 2019 at Sydney (d. Barty) and Stuttgart (d. Kontaveit). With 27 titles, is currently tied with Mandlikova and Sabatini in 20th place (Open Era)
- Reached title match at 2019 Australian Open for third career Grand Slam final appearance – result moved her to World No.2, matching her career high ranking. Had she beaten Osaka in the final, would have claimed World No.1 ranking
- Also in 2019, qualified for WTA Finals in Shenzhen for seventh time (went 0-3 in group play)
- Won a WTA-leading five titles in 2018, at St Petersburg (d. Mladenovic in F), Doha (d. Muguruza in F), Prague (d. Buzarnescu in F), Madrid (d. Bertens in F) and Birmingham (d. Rybarikova in F)
- Titles in 2018 came on all three surfaces – first player to win a title on three different surfaces in a season since S.Williams in 2015
- Began 2017 season in May at Roland Garros (2r, I. Mattek-Sands) after a knife attack in her home in Czech Republic on December 20, 2016; required extensive surgery to left hand. Won title at 2017 Birmingham only a month later
- Won two singles titles in 2016, at Wuhan and the WTA Elite Trophy in Zhuhai
- Contested Rio Olympics in August 2016, winning the singles bronze medal (I. Puig in SF, d. Keys in bronze medal play-off)
- Runner-up at 2015 WTA Finals in Singapore (I. A.Radwanska in 3s). Former champion at the season finale, which she won on her event debut in 2011 (d. Azarenka in F)
- Was first player born in 1990s to win a Grand Slam title at 2011 Wimbledon (since joined by Muguruza, Ostapenko, Stephens, Wozniacki, Halep, Osaka, Barty and Kenin)
- At 2012 Sydney was two wins from becoming No.1 (had won Wimbledon and WTA Finals in previous six months)
- Owns six wins over current World No.1s: Safina (2009 US Open), Wozniacki (2011 WTA Finals), S.Williams (2015 Madrid), Kerber (2016 Wuhan), Wozniacki (2018 Doha) and Barty (2020 Doha)
- Among active players, owns the most wins in indoor hardcourt events (77)
- Member of Czech Republic's Fed Cup winning team in 2011-12, 2014-16 and 2018
- Made pro debut on ITF Circuit in Czech Republic in 2006

[Q] JESSICA PEGULA (USA #44) VS. [2] KAROLINA PLISKOVA (CZE #6)

Head-to-head: First meeting

PEGULA		PLISKOVA	
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Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Feb 24, 1994 (26)	Date of Birth (Age)	March 21, 1992 (28)
Singles Titles	1	Singles Titles	16
Doha W-L (MD)	2-0	Doha W-L (MD)	9-5
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	8-3 / 40-37	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	5-3 / 328-170
3-Set (YTD / Career)	1-2 / 14-11	3-Set (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 103-57
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 12-9	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	1-2 / 65-73
Hard Court (YTD / Career)	8-3 / 30-22	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	5-3 / 233-115
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-2 / 1-6	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 32-40
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	2-2 / 5-10	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 64-73
Coach	David Witt	Coach	Sascha Bajin

PEGULA:

- Making debut appearance at Qatar Total Open
- Was the top seed in the qualifying draw this week, defeating Dabrowski, Potapova and Doi to reach the main draw
- Opened her 2021 Doha campaign with straight sets wins over Q.Wang and Ostapenko
- In today's QF, takes on No.6 Pliskova. Owns 1-2 record vs. Top 10 opposition so far this season, having defeated No.5 Svitolina at Australian Open and lost to No.4 Kenin at the Yarra Valley Classic and No.5 Svitolina at Abu Dhabi
- Bidding to reach first SF of the season and first career SF at a WTA 500 tournament. Last time the American advanced to the final four was en route to a R-Up showing at 2020 Auckland (l. S.Williams in F)
- Also competed in doubles this week with Mattek-Sands (l. Melichar/Schuurs in 2r)
- Coming off maiden Grand Slam QF at Australian Open, where she notched her fourth career Top 20 win over No.13 Azarenka and career first Top 10 win over No.5 Svitolina before falling to eventual R-Up Brady in three sets
- Made 3r run at Yarra Valley Classic (d. Mladenovic and Barthel, l. Kenin in 3s)
- Opened season at Abu Dhabi, falling 1r (l. Svitolina)
- Began 2020 campaign with R-Up finish at Auckland (l. S.Williams)
- Other standout results last season were a QF at Western & Southern Open (as qualifier, l. Mertens) and a 3r showing at US Open (l. Kvitova)
- On the doubles court in 2020, reached QFs of Roland Garros (w/Muhammad) and Cincinnati (w/Rogers)
- Won her first WTA title at 2019 Washington DC (d. Giorgi in F) to reach a career high ranking of No.55 (August 5, 2019)
- Also in 2019, fell 1r on main draw debut at Roland Garros (l. eventual champion Barty) and Wimbledon (l. Buzarnescu) and Miami (as a qualifier, l. Konta)
- Broke into Top 100 for the first time on February 4, 2019 following back-to-back R-Up finishes at WTA 125K Series event at Newport Beach and \$100K ITF/Midland-MI, USA



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- Highlights of 2018 included finishing runner-up as a qualifier at Quebec City (I. Parmentier in F), recording SF finish at Houston WTA 125K (I. S.Peng) and reaching QF or better at 10 ITF events
- Won doubles title w/Manasse at 2018 Houston 125K (d. Krawczyk/Olmos in F)
- Did not play between January and August 2017 after undergoing hip surgery. Primarily played at ITF events for the rest of the year, winning two doubles titles with Townsend
- Played a mixture of WTA and ITF Circuit events in 2016 with highlight coming at Washington DC, where she defeated No.14 Stosur for first Top 20 win of career on her way to a SF finish (I. Davis)
- Reached 2r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2015 US Open (as qualifier, d. Van Uytvanck, I. Cibulkova)
- Sidelined from tennis for a year and a half between 2013 and 2015 due to a right knee injury
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2009 Ponte Vedra Beach and WTA main draw debut at 2012 Indian Wells

KA.PLISKOVA:

- Making seventh career main draw appearance as a former champion having won the title here in 2017 (d. Wozniacki in F)
- Along with Azarenka, Kvitova and Sabalenka, one of four champions in the starting field. Azarenka and Kvitova are also through to today's QFs, Sabalenka fell during 2r
- After 1r bye, survived Jabeur challenge to avenge R16 loss to the Tunisian at this event last year and take a 2-1 lead in their head-to-head record
- Today, faces No.44 Pegula in their first career meeting. Bidding to reach first SF since R-Up finish at 2020 Rome (I. Halep in F) and first on hardcourts since title run at 2020 Brisbane
- Owns only two Top 50 wins so far this year over No.31 Jabeur during this week's R16 and No.40 Collins in 2r of Australian Open
- Coming off 3r run at Australian Open falling to fellow Czech, Muchova, who would go on to reach maiden Grand Slam SF
- Reached 3r at the Yarra Valley Classic in Melbourne (I. Collins)
- Opened 2021 season falling in 2r at Abu Dhabi to qualifier No.292 Gasanova
- Has won at least one title every year stretching back to 2013, most recently lifting trophy at 2020 Brisbane (d. Keys in F)
- Reached one more final in 2020 at Rome (I. Halep via ret.) and made QF at Dubai
- Lifted a WTA-leading four titles across the 2019 season (tied with Barty) – triumphed at Brisbane, Rome, Eastbourne and Zhengzhou. Dropped 19 games across five matches during Eastbourne title win (d. Kerber in F) – most economic title run in 2019
- Also reached first Premier Mandatory final at Miami, losing to Barty in straight sets, and produced best Australian Open performance of career, reaching SF (I. eventual champion Osaka in 3s); saved four match points to beat S.Williams in QF
- Lost to twin sister Kr.Pliskova in 2r at Birmingham, in what was their first career main draw encounter
- Made fourth straight appearance at the WTA Finals in 2019, reaching SF for the third year in a row



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- Won two titles in 2018 from three finals contested, triumphing at Stuttgart (d. Vandeweghe in F) and Tokyo [PPO] (d. Osaka in F). Posted R-Up finish in Tianjin (l. Garcia in F)
- Won Billie Jean King Cup for Czech Republic in 2015-16 and 2018
- Claimed No.1 ranking on July 17, 2017 despite making 2r exit at Wimbledon (l. Rybarikova). Was the first Czech woman to achieve the No.1 ranking since the computer rankings were introduced in 1975 (Martina Navratilova became No.1 on July 10, 1978 while representing USA)
- Won three titles in 2017, at Brisbane (d. Cornet in F), Doha (d. Wozniacki in F) and Eastbourne (d. Wozniacki in F)
- Is a Grand Slam finalist, reaching the title match at 2016 US Open (l. Kerber)
- Captured fifth WTA doubles title of career at 2016 Birmingham (w/Strycova). At 2013 Linz, with sister Kristyna, became first set of twins to ever win a tour-level doubles title
- Made Top 10 debut after 2015 Stanford R-Up finish; was first time in WTA history that three Czech women ranked inside Top 10 at the same time (also Kvitova and Safarova)
- Scored first Top 20 win of her career over No.16 Petrova in 1r at 2013 Wimbledon
- Won first career WTA title at 2013 Kuala Lumpur (d. Mattek-Sands) and followed it up with two more in 2014 Seoul (d. Lepchenko) and 2014 Linz (d. Giorgi)
- Reached first WTA QF as WC at 2008 Prague (l. Azarenka)
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in 2006

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[1] ELINA SVITOLINA (UKR #5) VS. [WC/8] VICTORIA AZARENKA (BLR #14)

Head-to-head: VICTORIA AZARENKA leads 3-0

2019	ROME	CLAY O	R32	VICTORIA AZARENKA	4-6 6-1 7-5
2015	TORONTO	HARD O	R64	VICTORIA AZARENKA	6-1 6-4
2015	DOHA	HARD O	R16	VICTORIA AZARENKA	6-3 6-7(4) 6-1

SVITOLINA		AZARENKA	
Career Prize Money	\$20,112,704	Career Prize Money	\$30,432,827
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Sep. 12, 1994 (26)	Date of Birth (Age)	Jul 31, 1989 (31)
Singles Titles	15	Singles Titles	21
Doha W-L (MD)	5-6	Doha W-L (MD)	16-2
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	9-3 / 290-157	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	3-1 / 471-185
3-Set (YTD / Career)	2-3 / 86-52	3-Set (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 89-64
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	2-4 / 62-48	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 70-44
Hard Court (YTD / Career)	9-3 / 211-107	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	3-1 / 326-111
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 33-38	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 69-73
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 61-70	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 125-103
Coach	Andrew Bettles	Coach	Dorian Descloix

SVITOLINA:

- Making seventh main draw appearance at the Qatar Total Open as the No.1 seed
- Best result in Doha was SF showing in 2019 (l. Halep)
- Following a 1r bye, defeat No.83 Doi to book third QF of the season; also advanced to the final eight at Abu Dhabi (l. Kudermetova) and Gippsland Trophy (l. Mertens)
- Faces No.14 Azarenka today hoping to get first win over the two-time Grand Slam Champion
- Lost her only meeting with a fellow Top 20 player this year when she fell to No.20 Mertens in the QF of the Gippsland Trophy in Melbourne
- Last defeated a Top 20 opponent when she overcame No.12 Sabalenka and No.18 Rybakina during title run in Strasbourg last year
- Owns 34-25 record in career QF matches with 25-18 record on hardcourts – last reached SF during that 2020 Strasbourg championship
- This is her 15th career tournament seeded No.1 – has won the title when sitting in the top spot of the draw four times: 2017 Taipei City, 2017 Istanbul, 2018 Dubai and 2020 Monterrey
- Coming off R16 run at Australian Open (l. Pegula)
- Opened 2021 season with back-to-back QF appearances at Abu Dhabi (l. eventual R-Up Kudermetova) and Gippsland Trophy (l. eventual champion Mertens)
- Opened last season with 1r loss at Brisbane to Collins – one of four opening match losses in 2020 – before advancing to 3r at the Australian Open (l. Muguruza)
- Won her 14th and 15th titles in 2020, firstly at Monterrey (d. Bouzkova in F) and then Strasbourg (d. Rybakina in F); was one of just four players in 2020 to win more than one title – also Halep (3), Sabalenka (3) and Kenin (2)



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- Contested her 30th consecutive major at 2020 Australian Open (streak broke by skipping 2020 US Open). Is a two-time semifinalist at Grand Slam level, at 2019 Wimbledon (l. eventual champion Halep) and 2019 US Open (l. S.Williams). Became the first woman from Ukraine to reach a major SF; on the men's, Medvedev made that stage at Roland Garros in 1993 (SF) and 1999 (R-Up)
- Highlight of 2019 was reaching the title match as defending champion at the Shiseido WTA Finals (l. Barty)
- In 2018, won 13th – and most prestigious – career title at 2018 WTA Finals (d. Stephens in F), after going 3-0 during round robin stage. Ended year ranked No.4. Also won titles at Rome (as defending champion, d. No.1 Halep in F), Dubai (as defending champion, d. Kasatkina in F) and Brisbane (d. Sasnovich in F)
- Enjoyed standout 2017, finishing year at No.6, winning a tour-leading five titles and posting second-most wins (53, behind Wozniacki with 60). Season culminated by qualifying for WTA Finals in Singapore, becoming first Ukrainian woman to qualify for the season-ending tournament in singles (fell at round robin stage with 1-2 record)
- In 2017, became first player to win three Premier 5 titles in a single season (Dubai, Rome, Toronto), since such tournaments were introduced in 2009
- One of five players to make Top 10 debut in 2017, after winning Dubai in February (also Ostapenko, Garcia, Mladenovic and Vandeweghe). Peaked in rankings at No.3 on September 11, 2017
- On four occasions could have reached World No.1 – at 2017 US Open, then needed to win 2017 Beijing (fell QF), then needed to triumph at 2017 WTA Finals (fell in group stage), or reach final at 2018 Australian Open (fell in QF)
- End to 2016 season also saw her reach first SF at Premier Mandatory level at Beijing (l. A.Radwanska) Qualified for 2016 WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai for the second time (l. Kvitova in F)
- Reached three finals in 2016, winning Kuala Lumpur (d. Bouchard in F) and R-Up at New Haven (l. A.Radwanska) and Zhuhai (l. Kvitova)
- Other 2016 season highlight was QF at Rio Olympics
- Owns two career doubles titles: 2014 Istanbul (w/Doi) and 2015 Istanbul (w/Gavrilova)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2012 Baku (lost in 1r but went on to win title there in both 2013 and 2014)
- Ukrainian Fed Cup Team, 2012-15, 2017, 2020
- Played first ITF Circuit events of career in 2008
- Junior highlights include winning 2010 Roland Garros girls' title at age 15 (d. Jabeur in F)

AZARENKA:

- Contesting Doha for the fifth time and first since 2015's R-Up finish (l. Safarova)
- During 2015 run beat No.11 Kerber in 1r, Svitolina in 2r, No.5 Wozniack in QF and No.17 V.Williams in SF
- Is a two-time champion here, lifting title as top seed in 2012 (d. Stosur in F) and 2013 (d. S.Williams in F)
- Fell 1r on debut in 2011 (as No.6 seed, l. Hantuchova)
- Defeated fellow major winner Kuznetsova in 1r in their 10th career meeting; saved seven of nine break points faced in the 6-2, 6-3 victory that lasted almost two hours which she finally won on her sixth match point
- Was the only seeded player to win her 1r match here with No.5 Bertens, No.6 Bencic and No.7 Brady all dropping their first matches (Top 4 seeds received a 1r bye)



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- Defeated qualifier Siegemund to reach second QF of the season – also advanced to final eight of Grampians Trophy in Melbourne, however pulled out of the tournament ahead of her QF match with Kontaveit
- Faces No.5 Svitolina today in her first match with a Top 20 opponent this year
- Has notched 31-41 record against players in the Top 5 with last win coming at 2020 Rome when she took out No.5 Kenin at 6-0, 6-0
- Owns 59-31 career record in WTA QF matches with 44-19 record on hardcourts
- One of two women from Belarus in the draw (also defending champion Sabalenka); with Sabalenka ranked No.7, this is the first time there have been two Belarusians in the Top 20
- Opened season by reaching QF of Grampians Trophy (saved 2 MPs vs. Putintseva in 2r) – withdrew prior to match vs. Kontaveit w/lower back injury – then was upset in 1r at Australian Open (l. Pegula)
- Finished 2020 ranked No.13 – her best season-end ranking since 2013 (No.2)
- One of five players to reach three or more finals in 2020, lifting one trophy at the Western & Southern Open – her first title since 2016
- Advanced to her fifth career Grand Slam final at 2020 US Open, which helped her return to the Top 20 for the first time since March 2017
- Winner of the 2020 WTA Comeback Player of the Year Award, as voted on by members of the international media
- Last tournament of 2019 was the US Open, where she fell to Sabalenka in 1r; also reached the doubles final w/Barty (l. Mertens/Sabalenka)
- Highlight of 2019 was 37th singles final at Monterrey (d. No.5 Kerber in SF, l. Muguruza in F via ret. w/leg injury). Also made QFs at Acapulco (l. Kenin), Stuttgart (l. Kontaveit via ret.) and Rome (l. Ka.Pliskova)
- On February 2, 2019 returned to Top 50 for first time following the birth of her child, Leo
- Highlights of 2018 season included SF at Miami (l. Stephens) and QF at San Jose and Tokyo
- Made return to tennis in June 2017 following birth of first child in December 2016
- Comeback tournament was Mallorca, reaching 2r (d. Ozaki, l. Konjuh). Prior to 2017 Mallorca, last tournament contested was 2016 Roland Garros (1r). Followed this with R16 at Wimbledon (l. Halep). Did not play after Wimbledon due to personal reasons
- Ended 2016 ranked No.13, despite missing second half of season after going on maternity leave (announced pregnancy mid-July). Lifted three titles, at Brisbane and 'Sunshine Double' of Indian Wells and Miami – third woman to achieve feat after Graf in 1994 and 1996 and Clijsters in 2005
- Posted 26-3 record for first six months of 2016 with losses coming at the Australian Open (QF, l. Kerber), Rome (2r, l. Begu) and Roland Garros (ret. vs. Knapp w/right knee injury)
- Limited to total of 23 events over 2014-15 seasons due to variety of injuries
- Posted five consecutive Top 10 finishes between 2009 and 2013, qualifying for the WTA Finals on each occasion (l. Kvitova in 2011 final in Istanbul)
- Ascended to World No.1 after 2012 Australian Open and held top spot for a total of 51 weeks
- Began 2012 with 26-match win streak – best start since Hingis went 37-0 in 1997. Went on to win Tour-leading 69 matches in 2012, season highlighted by six titles, finishing as WTA's year-end No.1



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- Belarusian Fed Cup Team, 2005, 2007, 2009-11, 2015-16, 2019; Belarusian Olympic Team, 2008, 2012
- Won two medals for Belarus at 2012 Olympics - bronze in singles and mixed doubles gold (w/Mirnyi)
- Made her Top 100 debut on July 10, 2006 (No.99) and Top 50 debut on May 14, 2007 (No.49)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2005 Kolkata
- ITF Junior World Champion for 2005 – reached first tour-level semifinal at Guangzhou the same year

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GARBINÉ MUGURUZA (ESP #16) VS. MARIA SAKKARI (GRE #25)

Head-to-head: MARIA SAKKARI leads 1-0

2021 ABU DHABI HARD O R16 MARIA SAKKARI 7-5 6-4

MUGURUZA		SAKKARI	
Career Prize Money	\$21,421,323	Career Prize Money	\$2,783,839
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Oct. 8, 1993 (27)	Date of Birth (Age)	July 25, 1995 (25)
Singles Titles	7	Singles Titles	1
Doha W-L (MD)	11-5	Doha W-L (MD)	4-3
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	11-3 / 270-147	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	8-3 / 100-89
3-Set (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 83-63	3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 30-37
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	1-2 / 43-52	Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 30-17
Hard Court (YTD / Career)	11-3 / 185-101	Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	8-3 / 63-59
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	2-2 / 37-37	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 11-14
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	2-2 / 65-63	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	2-1 / 19-35
Coach	Conchita Martinez/ Adriana Forti (physio)	Coach	Tom Hill

MUGURUZA:

- Making sixth successive main draw appearance at Doha as a former R-Up in 2018 (l. Kvitova in F)
- Also a two-time quarterfinalist here in 2016 (l. Petkovic) and 2020 (l. Barty). Fell 2r 2017 (l. S.Zhang) and 1r on her debut in 2015 (l. Suárez Navarro via ret.)
- Opened 2021 Doha campaign by breaking four times in straight sets win over Kudermetova; entering Doha, had won 50.9% of her return games this season - second on Tour behind Errani (59.6%)
- Defeated No.8 Sabalenka in 2r after being pushed to 3s; now owns 2-2 record against Top 10 players in 2021, having already defeated No.4 Kenin (Yarra Valley Classic) and losing to No.1 Barty (Yarra Valley Classic) and No.3 Osaka (Australian Open)
- Faces No.25 Sakkari in today's QF where she looks to avenge straight sets loss to the Greek earlier this year at Abu Dhabi
- During last year's Middle East swing, made back-to-back QFs at Dubai (l. Brady) and Doha (l. Barty)
- Coming off R16 showing at Australian Open, falling to the eventual champion Osaka after holding two match points at 5-3 in the final set
- Made R-Up finish at the Yarra Valley Classic (l. Barty) and opened the season with a 3r showing at Abu Dhabi (d. Mladenovic and Sasnovich, l. Sakkari)
- Reached fourth Grand Slam singles final of career at 2020 Australian Open (l. Kenin in 3s). Was first Spaniard to reach the final at Melbourne Park since Conchita Martinez in 1998
- Last year also made SFs at Shenzhen and Rome and three further QFs
- In 2019, successfully defended her title in Monterrey for seventh career WTA trophy (d. Azarenka in F)
- Is a two-time Grand-Slam champion winning titles at 2016 Roland Garros (d. S.Williams in F) and 2017 Wimbledon (d. V.Williams in F). Dropped only one set in Roland Garros title run
- Is only player to ever beat both Williams sisters in a Grand Slam final and one of 29 women in the Open Era to win multiple Grand Slam titles. One of just eight players all-time to defeat Serena in a Grand Slam final

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- Also finished R-Up at 2015 Wimbledon (l. S.Williams) to make Top 10 debut. Is one of two players to meet both Williams sisters in the final of the same Grand Slam – also Hingis at US Open (1997, d. V.Williams; 1999, l. S.Williams)
- First Spaniard to reach Wimbledon final since Sánchez Vicario in 1996 and first to reach any Slam final since Conchita Martínez at 2000 Roland Garros
- Rose to World No.1 on September 11, 2017 to become the 24th woman in history to hold the top spot and second from Spain (after Sánchez Vicario in 1995). Also named ITF World Champion for 2017
- Reached R16 at Rio Olympics in 2016
- In 2015, became first Spanish player to compete at the WTA Finals in singles since 2001 (Sánchez Vicario) and reached doubles final (w/Suárez Navarro, l. Hingis/Mirza). Overall, has qualified three times for the season-ending championships (2015-17)
- Owns five WTA doubles titles, most recently at 2015 Tokyo [PPO] (w/Suarez Navarro), and reached SF at 2014 Roland Garros (w/Suarez Navarro); rose to No.10 in WTA doubles rankings on February 23, 2015.
- Advanced to R16 on WTA main draw debut at 2012 Miami (l. eventual champion A.Radwanska), defeating No.9 Zvonareva en route for first Top 10 win

SAKKARI:

- Making third main draw appearance at Doha (fourth overall) where she has posted best result at the tournament this week by reaching QF
- Fell R16 here last year (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)
- Sole Greek player in Top 250 and also in starting field at Qatar Total Open
- Competing this week at No.25, just five spots shy of her career-high ranking of No.20
- Won 90% of first service points in 1r to defeat Sherif 6-0, 6-3
- Broke Keys four times en route to 6-2, 6-2 victory, marking her milestone 100th main draw win
- Faces No.16 Muguruza in today's QF. Defeated the Spaniard in their first career meeting earlier this year, en route to Abu Dhabi SFs (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)
- Bidding to reach the final four for a third time this season, having reached back-to-back SFs at Abu Dhabi (l. eventual champion Sabalenka) and Grampians Trophy (l. eventual finalist Kontaveit)
- Prior to 1r exit at this year's Australian Open, had won back-to-back matches at every tournament since falling in 1r at Palermo last August, reaching three SFs (Ostrava, Abu Dhabi and Grampians Trophy) and one QF (Western & Southern Open)
- Reached the final four on two occasions in 2020: St. Petersburg (l. Rybakina in SF) and Ostrava (l. Azarenka in SF)
- 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 at 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) – would later tie result by reaching R16 at US Open (l. S.Williams)
- 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



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- Highlights of 2018 were reaching her first tour-level final at San Jose (I. 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, I. 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, I. Kovinic)
- Fell 1r on WTA main draw debut at 2015 US Open (as qualifier, I. 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

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[8/WC] VICTORIA AZARENKA (BLR #14) vs. GARBIÑE MUGURUZA (ESP #16)

Series tied 2-2

Muguruza fought back to win their most recent encounter at 2020 Rome... **Azarenka** bidding to reach fourth Doha final... **Muguruza** has won a Tour-leading 12 matches this season

[4] PETRA KVITOVA (CZE #10) vs. [Q] JESSICA PEGULA (USA #44)

Kvitova leads 1-0

Kvitova triumphed when they met in third round at 2020 US Open... **Pegula** is first qualifier to reach SF here... **Kvitova** broke serve nine times during QF win over Kontaveit

A LOOK AT THE SEMIFINALISTS

PLAYER	RANK	AGE	NAT	DOHA (MD) W/L*	SEASON (MD) W/L*	CAREER (MD) W/L*	CAREER PRIZE \$^	CAREER TITLES
[4] Petra Kvitova	10	30	CZE	18-5	4-2	454-212	32,680,932	27
[8/WC] Victoria Azarenka	14	31	BLR	17-2	4-1	471-184	32,424,610	21
Garbiñe Muguruza	16	27	ESP	12-5	12-3	269-146	21,421,323	7
[Q] Jessica Pegula	44	27	USA	3-0	9-3	41-37	1,744,421	1

*Includes current tournament / ^ Does not include current tournament

SEMIFINAL RECORDS

PLAYER	LAST FINAL REACHED (final result)	CAREER SF W/L	CAREER F W/L
[4] Petra Kvitova	2020 Doha (R-UP)	37-21	27-10
[8/WC] Victoria Azarenka	2020 Ostrava (R-UP)	40-19**	20-19**
Garbiñe Muguruza	2021 Yarra Valley Classic (R-UP)	12-18**	7-6
[Q] Jessica Pegula	2020 Auckland (R-UP)	3-1	1-2

**not including walkovers

POTENTIAL FINAL HEAD-TO-HEADS

	AZARENKA	MUGURUZA
KVITOVA	Kvitova leads 5-3	Kvitova leads 4-1
PEGULA	Pegula leads 1-0	Pegula leads 1-0

SEMIFINALIST STATS

PLAYER	ACES	SERVICE POINTS WON	SERVICE GAMES WON	RETURN POINTS WON	RETURN GAMES WON
[4] Petra Kvitova	8	70/123 (57%)	13/21 (62%)	83/152 (55%)	14/21 (67%)
[8/WC] Victoria Azarenka	3	115/205 (56%)	18/26 (69%)	109/193 (57%)	18/27 (67%)
Garbiñe Muguruza	11	139/219 (64%)	26/33 (79%)	112/232 (48%)	16/32 (50%)
[Q] Jessica Pegula	6	100/156 (64%)	21/26 (81%)	97/176 (55%)	16/26 (62%)

[4] PETRA KVITOVA (CZE #10) VS. [Q] JESSICA PEGULA (USA #44)

Head-to-head: PETRA KVITOVA leads 1-0

2020 US OPEN HARD O R3 PETRA KVITOVA 6-4 6-3

KVITOVA		PEGULA	
Career Prize Money	\$32,680,932	Career Prize Money	\$1,744,421
Plays	Left-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	March 8, 1990 (30)	Date of Birth (Age)	Feb 24, 1994 (26)
Singles Titles	27	Singles Titles	1
Doha W-L (MD)	18-5	Doha W-L (MD)	3-0
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	4-2 / 454-212	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	9-3 / 41-37
3-Set (YTD / Career)	1-2 / 125-89	3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	1-2 / 14-11
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 92-68	Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 12-9
Hard Court (YTD / Career)	4-2 / 308-151	Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	9-3 / 31-22
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 109-97	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	2-2 / 2-6
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 56-58	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	3-2 / 6-10
Left-Hand W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 22-8	Left-Hand W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 2-4
Coach	Jiri Vanek	Coach	David Witt

KVITOVA:

- Making seventh appearance at Qatar Total Open as one of four former champions in the starting field (also Azarenka, Ka.Pliskova and Sabalenka)
- Defeated Muguruza in final here in 2018 and last year fell to Sabalenka in the championship match
- Owns excellent recent record in Middle East: 2018 Doha champion, 2019 Dubai finalist and 2020 Doha finalist
- Also reached QF here in 2013 (l. S.Williams), 2014 (l. Jankovic) and 2015 (l. Suárez Navarro)
- Is one of six Grand Slam champions in the draw (also Azarenka, Kerber, Kuznetsova, Muguruza and Ostapenko)
- After 1r bye, defeated No.41 Pavlyuchenkova – in their 13th career meeting – in 2r to book first hard-court QF since run to the final here last year
- Saw off Kontaveit in QF, in a match featuring 16 service breaks – was previously 0-4 in three-set matches since the Tour's return in August
- Faces qualifier and World No.44 Pegula in today's SF; since the Tour's resumption last August, four of her five defeats have come at the hands of players ranked outside Top 40
- Most recent loss to a qualifier was against Sakkari at 2019 Rome (via ret. w/left calf injury)
- Overall, owns 37-21 career record in WTA SF matches (26-15 on hard courts)
- Two Doha SFs were both against the reigning World No.1, scoring three-set upsets over Wozniacki in 2018 and Barty in 2020
- One of three Czech players to start the main draw – also No.2 seed Ka.Pliskova (l. Pegula in QF) and qualifier Kr.Pliskova (l. Pavlyuchenkova in 1r)
- Opened season with 3r run at Yarra Valley Classic (after 1r bye, d. V.Williams, l. Podoroska on third-set tie-break) before falling in 2r at Australian Open (l. Cirstea)
- Owns 18 titles on hard courts – the fifth-most among active players (behind S.Williams, V.Williams, Clijsters and Azarenka)

- Reached final at Doha in 2020 (I. Sabalenka) – her 37th title-match, sits seventh on list for most finals among active players
- Other standout results in 2020 were SFs at Roland Garros (I. Kenin) and Brisbane (I. Keys), and a QF run at Australian Open (I. Barty)
- Captured 26th and 27th career titles in 2019 at Sydney (d. Barty) and Stuttgart (d. Kontaveit). With 27 titles, is currently tied with Mandlikova and Sabatini in 20th place (Open Era)
- Reached title match at 2019 Australian Open for third career Grand Slam final appearance – result moved her to World No.2, matching her career high ranking. Had she beaten Osaka in the final, would have claimed World No.1 ranking
- Also in 2019, qualified for WTA Finals in Shenzhen for seventh time (went 0-3 in group play)
- Won a WTA-leading five titles in 2018, at St Petersburg (d. Mladenovic in F), Doha (d. Muguruza in F), Prague (d. Buzarnescu in F), Madrid (d. Bertens in F) and Birmingham (d. Rybarikova in F)
- Titles in 2018 came on all three surfaces – first player to win a title on three different surfaces in a season since S.Williams in 2015
- Began 2017 season in May at Roland Garros (2r, I. Mattek-Sands) after a knife attack in her home in Czech Republic on December 20, 2016; required extensive surgery to left hand. Won title at 2017 Birmingham only a month later
- Won two singles titles in 2016, at Wuhan and the WTA Elite Trophy in Zhuhai
- Contested Rio Olympics in August 2016, winning the singles bronze medal (I. Puig in SF, d. Keys in bronze medal play-off)
- Runner-up at 2015 WTA Finals in Singapore (I. A.Radwanska in 3s). Former champion at the season finale, which she won on her event debut in 2011 (d. Azarenka in F)
- Was first player born in 1990s to win a Grand Slam title at 2011 Wimbledon (since joined by Muguruza, Ostapenko, Stephens, Wozniacki, Halep, Osaka, Barty and Kenin)
- At 2012 Sydney was two wins from becoming No.1 (had won Wimbledon and WTA Finals in previous six months)
- Owns six wins over current World No.1s: Safina (2009 US Open), Wozniacki (2011 WTA Finals), S.Williams (2015 Madrid), Kerber (2016 Wuhan), Wozniacki (2018 Doha) and Barty (2020 Doha)
- Among active players, owns the most wins in indoor hardcourt events (77)
- Member of Czech Republic's Fed Cup winning team in 2011-12, 2014-16 and 2018
- Made pro debut on ITF Circuit in Czech Republic in 2006

PEGULA:

- Making debut appearance at Qatar Total Open
- Was the top seed in the qualifying draw this week, defeating Dabrowski, Potapova and Doi to reach the main draw; recovered from 5-3 down in final set to eventually beat Potapova in 2h 47m
- Opened main draw with straight sets wins over Q.Wang and Ostapenko to become 12th qualifier to reach Doha QF (most recent was Muchova in 2019)
- Struck 20 winners and only seven unforced errors to break serve five times in QF upset of No.6 Pliskova – is first qualifier to reach Doha SF in tournament's history

- Including qualifying matches, has spent 8h 15m on court and played for six consecutive days
- Faces No.10 Kvitova in today's SF; record against Top 10 players this season is now 2-2, having defeated No.5 Svitolina at Australian Open and No.6 Ka.Pliskova here, and losing to No.4 Kenin at the Yarra Valley Classic and No.5 Svitolina at Abu Dhabi
- Appearing in first career SF at a WTA 500 tournament. Last time she advanced to the final four on Tour was en route to a R-Up showing at 2020 Auckland (l. S.Williams in F)
- Including results this week, owns 20-7 record since the Tour's restart last August
- Also competed in doubles this week with Mattek-Sands (l. Melichar/Schuurs in 2r)
- Coming off maiden Grand Slam QF at Australian Open, where she notched her fourth career Top 20 win over No.13 Azarenka and career first Top 10 win over No.5 Svitolina before falling to eventual R-Up Brady in three sets
- Made 3r run at Yarra Valley Classic (d. Mladenovic and Barthel, l. Kenin in 3s)
- Opened season at Abu Dhabi, falling 1r (l. Svitolina)
- Began 2020 campaign with R-Up finish at Auckland (l. S.Williams)
- Other standout results last season were a QF at Western & Southern Open (as qualifier, l. Mertens) and a 3r showing at US Open (l. Kvitova)
- On the doubles court in 2020, reached QFs of Roland Garros (w/Muhammad) and Cincinnati (w/Rogers)
- Won her first WTA title at 2019 Washington DC (d. Giorgi in F) to reach a career high ranking of No.55 (August 5, 2019)
- Also in 2019, fell 1r on main draw debut at Roland Garros (l. eventual champion Barty) and Wimbledon (l. Buzarnescu) and Miami (as a qualifier, l. Konta)
- Broke into Top 100 for the first time on February 4, 2019 following back-to-back R-Up finishes at WTA 125K Series event at Newport Beach and \$100K ITF/Midland-MI, USA
- Highlights of 2018 included finishing runner-up as a qualifier at Quebec City (l. Parmentier in F), recording SF finish at Houston WTA 125K (l. S.Peng) and reaching QF or better at 10 ITF events
- Won doubles title w/Manasse at 2018 Houston 125K (d. Krawczyk/Olmos in F)
- Did not play between January and August 2017 after undergoing hip surgery. Primarily played at ITF events for the rest of the year, winning two doubles titles with Townsend
- Played a mixture of WTA and ITF Circuit events in 2016 with highlight coming at Washington DC, where she defeated No.14 Stosur for first Top 20 win of career on her way to a SF finish (l. Davis)
- Reached 2r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2015 US Open (as qualifier, d. Van Uytvanck, l. Cibulkova)
- Sidelined from tennis for a year and a half between 2013 and 2015 due to a right knee injury
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2009 Ponte Vedra Beach and WTA main draw debut at 2012 Indian Wells

[8/WC] VICTORIA AZARENKA (BLR #14) VS. GARBIÑE MUGURUZA (ESP #16)

Head-to-head: Series tied 2-2

2020	ROME	CLAY	O	QF	GARBIÑE MUGURUZA	3-6 6-3 6-4
2019	ROME	CLAY	O	R3	VICTORIA AZARENKA	6-4 3-1 ret.
2019	MONTERREY	HARD	O	F	GARBIÑE MUGURUZA	6-1 3-1 ret.
2016	MIAMI	HARD	O	R16	VICTORIA AZARENKA	7-6(6) 7-6(4)

AZARENKA		MUGURUZA	
Career Prize Money	\$30,432,827	Career Prize Money	\$21,421,323
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Jul. 31, 1989 (31)	Date of Birth (Age)	Oct. 8, 1993 (27)
Singles Titles	21	Singles Titles	7
Doha W-L (MD)	17-2	Doha W-L (MD)	12-5
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	4-1 / 472-185	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	12-3 / 271-147
3-Set (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 89-64	3-Set (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 83-63
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 70-44	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	1-2 / 43-52
Hard Court (YTD / Career)	4-1 / 327-111	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	12-3 / 186-101
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 70-73	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	2-2 / 37-37
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 126-103	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	2-2 / 65-63
Coach	Dorian Descloix	Coach	Conchita Martinez/ Adriana Forti (physio)

AZARENKA:

- Contesting Doha for the fifth time and first since 2015's R-Up finish (I. Safarova)
- During 2015 run beat No.11 Kerber in 1r, Svitolina in 2r, No.5 Wozniack in QF and No.17 V.Williams in SF
- Is a two-time champion here, lifting title as top seed in 2012 (d. Stosur in F) and 2013 (d. S.Williams in F)
- Fell 1r on debut in 2011 (as No.6 seed, I. Hantuchova)
- Defeated fellow major winner Kuznetsova in 1r in their 10th career meeting; saved seven of nine break points faced in the 6-2, 6-3 victory that lasted almost two hours which she finally won on her sixth match point
- Was the only seeded player to win her 1r match here with No.5 Bertens, No.6 Bencic and No.7 Brady all falling at the opening hurdle (Top 4 seeds received a 1r bye)
- Defeated qualifier Siegemund to reach second QF of the season – also advanced to final eight of Grampians Trophy in Melbourne, however pulled out of the tournament ahead of her QF match with Kontaveit w/low back injury
- Overcame same injury to beat World No.5 Svitolina in QF and register 32nd Top 5 win of her career
- Faces Muguruza in today's SF; has triumphed in two of their four career encounters, edging past the Spaniard en route to 2016 Miami title and winning via ret. (w/left thigh injury) at 2019 Rome
- Owns 40-19 career record in WTA SF matches (32-12 on hard); has won all three SFs since Tour's resumption last August, against Konta (Western & Southern Open), S.Williams (US Open) and Sakkari (Ostrava)
- In three SF matches in Doha, beat A.Radwanska in 2012 and 2013, and V.Williams in 2015
- One of two women from Belarus in the draw (also defending champion Sabalenka); with Sabalenka ranked No.8, this is the first time there have been two Belarusians in the Top 20
- Opened season by reaching QF of Grampians Trophy (saved 2 MPs vs. Putintseva in 2r) – withdrew prior to match vs. Kontaveit w/lower back injury – then was upset in 1r at Australian Open (I. Pegula)
- Finished 2020 ranked No.13 – her best season-end ranking since 2013 (No.2)

- One of five players to reach three or more finals in 2020, lifting one trophy at the Western & Southern Open – her first title since 2016
- Advanced to her fifth career Grand Slam final at 2020 US Open, which helped her return to the Top 20 for the first time since March 2017
- Winner of the 2020 WTA Comeback Player of the Year Award, as voted on by members of the international media
- Last tournament of 2019 was the US Open, where she fell to Sabalenka in 1r; also reached the doubles final w/Barty (l. Mertens/Sabalenka)
- Highlight of 2019 was 37th singles final at Monterrey (d. No.5 Kerber in SF, l. Muguruza in F via ret. w/leg injury). Also made QFs at Acapulco (l. Kenin), Stuttgart (l. Kontaveit via ret.) and Rome (l. Ka.Pliskova)
- On February 2, 2019 returned to Top 50 for first time following the birth of her child, Leo
- Highlights of 2018 season included SF at Miami (l. Stephens) and QF at San Jose and Tokyo
- Made return to tennis in June 2017 following birth of first child in December 2016
- Comeback tournament was Mallorca, reaching 2r (d. Ozaki, l. Konjuh). Prior to 2017 Mallorca, last tournament contested was 2016 Roland Garros (1r). Followed this with R16 at Wimbledon (l. Halep). Did not play after Wimbledon due to personal reasons
- Ended 2016 ranked No.13, despite missing second half of season after going on maternity leave (announced pregnancy mid-July). Lifted three titles, at Brisbane and 'Sunshine Double' of Indian Wells and Miami – third woman to achieve feat after Graf in 1994 and 1996 and Clijsters in 2005
- Posted 26-3 record for first six months of 2016 with losses coming at the Australian Open (QF, l. Kerber), Rome (2r, l. Begu) and Roland Garros (ret. vs. Knapp w/right knee injury)
- Limited to total of 23 events over 2014-15 seasons due to variety of injuries
- Posted five consecutive Top 10 finishes between 2009 and 2013, qualifying for the WTA Finals on each occasion (l. Kvitova in 2011 final in Istanbul)
- Ascended to World No.1 after 2012 Australian Open and held top spot for a total of 51 weeks
- Began 2012 with 26-match win streak – best start since Hingis went 37-0 in 1997. Went on to win Tour-leading 69 matches in 2012, season highlighted by six titles, finishing as WTA's year-end No.1
- Belarusian Fed Cup Team, 2005, 2007, 2009-11, 2015-16, 2019; Belarusian Olympic Team, 2008, 2012
- Won two medals for Belarus at 2012 Olympics - bronze in singles and mixed doubles gold (w/Mirnyi)
- Made her Top 100 debut on July 10, 2006 (No.99) and Top 50 debut on May 14, 2007 (No.49)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2005 Kolkata
- ITF Junior World Champion for 2005 – reached first tour-level semifinal at Guangzhou the same year

MUGURUZA:

- Making sixth successive main draw appearance at Doha as a former R-Up in 2018 (l. Kvitova in F)
- Also a two-time quarterfinalist here in 2016 (l. Petkovic) and 2020 (l. Barty). Fell 2r 2017 (l. S.Zhang) and 1r on her debut in 2015 (l. Suárez Navarro via ret.)
- Opened 2021 Doha campaign by breaking four times in straight sets win over Kudermetova; entering Doha, had won 50.9% of her return games this season – second on Tour behind Errani (59.6%)

- Defeated No.8 Sabalenka in 2r after being pushed to 3s; now owns 2-2 record against Top 10 players in 2021, having already defeated No.4 Kenin (Yarra Valley Classic) and losing to No.1 Barty (Yarra Valley Classic) and No.3 Osaka (Australian Open)
- In QF, beat No.25 Sakkari to avenge loss to the Greek player in the opening week of the season at Abu Dhabi
- Has now won 12 matches this year – the most main draw victories of any player on Tour
- Faces Azarenka in SF today; came from a set and a break down to beat the Belarusian at 2020 Rome, with other win via ret. (w/right leg injury) in final at 2019 Monterrey
- Career record in WTA SF matches stands at 12-18 (10-11 on hard); received w/o (w/right foot injury) against Halep in SF during 2018 run here
- During last year's Middle East swing, made back-to-back QFs at Dubai (l. Brady) and Doha (l. Barty)
- Coming off R16 showing at Australian Open, falling to the eventual champion Osaka after holding two match points at 5-3 in the final set
- Made R-Up finish at the Yarra Valley Classic (l. Barty) and opened the season with a 3r showing at Abu Dhabi (d. Mladenovic and Sasnovich, l. Sakkari)
- Reached fourth Grand Slam singles final of career at 2020 Australian Open (l. Kenin in 3s). Was first Spaniard to reach the final at Melbourne Park since Conchita Martinez in 1998
- Last year also made SFs at Shenzhen and Rome and three further QFs
- In 2019, successfully defended her title in Monterrey for seventh career WTA trophy (d. Azarenka in F)
- Is a two-time Grand-Slam champion winning titles at 2016 Roland Garros (d. S.Williams in F) and 2017 Wimbledon (d. V.Williams in F). Dropped only one set in Roland Garros title run
- Is only player to ever beat both Williams sisters in a Grand Slam final and one of 29 women in the Open Era to win multiple Grand Slam titles. One of just eight players all-time to defeat Serena in a Grand Slam final
- Also finished R-Up at 2015 Wimbledon (l. S.Williams) to make Top 10 debut. Is one of two players to meet both Williams sisters in the final of the same Grand Slam – also Hingis at US Open (1997, d. V.Williams; 1999, l. S.Williams)
- First Spaniard to reach Wimbledon final since Sánchez Vicario in 1996 and first to reach any Slam final since Conchita Martínez at 2000 Roland Garros
- Rose to World No.1 on September 11, 2017 to become the 24th woman in history to hold the top spot and second from Spain (after Sánchez Vicario in 1995). Also named ITF World Champion for 2017
- Reached R16 at Rio Olympics in 2016
- In 2015, became first Spanish player to compete at the WTA Finals in singles since 2001 (Sánchez Vicario) and reached doubles final (w/Suárez Navarro, l. Hingis/Mirza). Overall, has qualified three times for the season-ending championships (2015-17)
- Owns five WTA doubles titles, most recently at 2015 Tokyo [PPO] (w/Suarez Navarro), and reached SF at 2014 Roland Garros (w/Suarez Navarro); rose to No.10 in WTA doubles rankings on February 23, 2015.
- Advanced to R16 on WTA main draw debut at 2012 Miami (l. eventual champion A.Radwanska), defeating No.9 Zvonareva en route for first Top 10 win

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QATAR TOTAL OPEN – FINAL

GARBIÑE MUGURUZA (ESP #16) vs. [4] PETRA KVITOVA (CZE #10)

Kvitova leads 4-1

Kvitova fought back to win in three sets when they met in 2018 final here... **Muguruza** owns Tour-leading 12 match wins in 2021... **Kvitova** has now won 19 matches in Doha, Kuznetsova and Wozniacki are the only other women to reach this total... **Muguruza** has five Top 10 wins since start of 2020

A LOOK AT THE FINALISTS

PLAYER	RANK	AGE	NAT	DOHA (MD) W/L*	SEASON (MD) W/L*	CAREER (MD) W/L*	CAREER PRIZE \$^	CAREER TITLES
[4] Petra Kvitova	10	30	CZE	19-5	5-2	455-212	32,680,932	27
Garbiñe Muguruza	16	27	ESP	12-5	12-3	269-146	21,421,323	7

*Includes current tournament / ^ Does not include current tournament

FINAL RECORDS

PLAYER	LAST FINAL REACHED (final result)	CAREER F W/L
[4] Petra Kvitova	2020 Doha (R-UP)	27-10
Garbiñe Muguruza	2021 Yarra Valley Classic (R-UP)	7-6

FINALIST STATS

PLAYER	ACES	SERVICE POINTS WON	SERVICE GAMES WON	RETURN POINTS WON	RETURN GAMES WON
[4] Petra Kvitova	10	100/176 (57%)	19/31 (61%)	120/231 (52%)	20/31 (65%)
Garbiñe Muguruza	11	139/219 (64%)	26/33 (79%)	112/232 (48%)	16/32 (50%)

ROAD TO THE FINAL

MUGURUZA

OPPONENT	RESULT	ROUND	RESULT	OPPONENT
Veronika Kudermetova (RUS #34)	6-2 7-6(4)	First Round	-	Bye
[3] Aryna Sabalenka (BLR #8)	6-2 6-7(5) 6-3	Second Round	6-1 6-3	Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (RUS #41)
Maria Sakkari (GRE #25)	6-3 6-1	Quarterfinals	6-3 3-6 6-2	Anett Kontaveit (EST #24)
[8/WC] Victoria Azarenka (BLR #14)	W/O	Semifinals	6-4 6-4	[Q] Jessica Pegula (USA #44)

Total time on court: 5h 18m

KVITOVA

Total time on court: 4h 28m

GARBIÑE MUGURUZA (ESP #16) VS. [4] PETRA KVITOVA (CZE #10)

Head-to-head: PETRA KVITOVA leads 4-1

2018	DOHA	HARD	O	F	PETRA KVITOVA	3-6 6-3 6-4
2017	US OPEN	HARD	O	R16	PETRA KVITOVA	7-6(3) 6-3
2016	BEIJING	HARD	O	R3	PETRA KVITOVA	6-1 6-4
2016	STUTTGART	CLAY	I	QF	PETRA KVITOVA	6-1 3-6 6-0
2015	WTA FINALS	HARD	I	RR	GARBIÑE MUGURUZA	6-4 4-6 7-5

MUGURUZA		KVITOVA	
Career Prize Money	\$21,421,323	Career Prize Money	\$32,680,932
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Left-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Oct. 8, 1993 (27)	Date of Birth (Age)	March 8, 1990 (30)
Singles Titles	7	Singles Titles	27
Doha W-L (MD)	12-5	Doha W-L (MD)	19-5
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	12-3 / 271-147	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	5-2 / 455-212
3-Set (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 83-63	3-Set (YTD / Career)	1-2 / 125-89
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	1-2 / 43-52	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 92-68
Hard Court (YTD / Career)	12-3 / 186-101	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	5-2 / 309-151
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	2-2 / 37-37	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 109-97
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	2-2 / 65-63	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 56-58
Left-Hand W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 13-10	Left-Hand W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 22-8
Coach	Conchita Martinez/Adriana Forti (physio)	Coach	Jiri Vanek

MUGURUZA:

- Making sixth successive main draw appearance at Doha, where she is through to final for a second time
- Previously made it this far in 2018, finishing R-Up (d. No.7 Garcia in QF, I. Kvitova in F)
- Also a two-time quarterfinalist here in 2016 (I. Petkovic) and 2020 (I. Barty). Fell 2r 2017 (I. S.Zhang) and 1r on her debut in 2015 (I. Suárez Navarro via ret.)
- Opened 2021 Doha campaign by breaking four times in straight sets win over Kudermetova; entering Doha, had won 50.9% of her return games this season – second on Tour behind Errani (59.6%)
- Defeated No.8 Sabalenka in 2r after being pushed to 3s; now owns 2-2 record against Top 10 players in 2021, having already defeated No.4 Kenin (Yarra Valley Classic) and losing to No.1 Barty (Yarra Valley Classic) and No.3 Osaka (Australian Open)
- In QF, beat No.25 Sakkari to avenge loss to the Greek player in the opening week of the season at Abu Dhabi
- Has now won 12 matches this year – the most main draw victories of any player on Tour
- Advanced to final when SF opponent Azarenka withdrew w/back injury; also received walkover in SF during 2018 R-Up finish here, when Halep withdrew w/right foot injury
- Faces No.10 Kvitova in today's final; since start of 2020 has compiled 5-4 record against Top 10 players, with wins coming over No.5 Svitolina, No.10 Bertens and No.3 Halep during 2020 Australian Open run, No.4 Kenin at 2021 Yarra Valley Classic and earlier this week against No.8 Sabalenka
- Career record in WTA finals stands at 7-6 (5-5 on hard); most recent WTA 500 title came at 2017 Cincinnati
- During last year's Middle East swing, made back-to-back QFs at Dubai (I. Brady) and Doha (I. Barty)
- Coming off R16 showing at Australian Open, falling to the eventual champion Osaka after holding two match points at 5-3 in the final set

MATCH NOTES: QATAR TOTAL OPEN

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- Produced R-Up finish at the Yarra Valley Classic (l. Barty) and opened the season with a 3r showing at Abu Dhabi (d. Mladenovic and Sasnovich, l. Sakkari)
- Reached fourth Grand Slam singles final of career at 2020 Australian Open (l. Kenin in 3s). Was first Spaniard to reach the final at Melbourne Park since Conchita Martinez in 1998
- Last year also made SFs at Shenzhen and Rome and three further QFs
- In 2019, successfully defended her title in Monterrey for seventh career WTA trophy (d. Azarenka in F)
- Is a two-time Grand-Slam champion winning titles at 2016 Roland Garros (d. S.Williams in F) and 2017 Wimbledon (d. V.Williams in F). Dropped only one set in Roland Garros title run
- Is only player to ever beat both Williams sisters in a Grand Slam final and one of 29 women in the Open Era to win multiple Grand Slam titles. One of just eight players all-time to defeat Serena in a Grand Slam final
- Also finished R-Up at 2015 Wimbledon (l. S.Williams) to make Top 10 debut. Is one of two players to meet both Williams sisters in the final of the same Grand Slam – also Hingis at US Open (1997, d. V.Williams; 1999, l. S.Williams)
- First Spaniard to reach Wimbledon final since Sánchez Vicario in 1996 and first to reach any Slam final since Conchita Martínez at 2000 Roland Garros
- Rose to World No.1 on September 11, 2017 to become the 24th woman in history to hold the top spot and second from Spain (after Sánchez Vicario in 1995). Also named ITF World Champion for 2017
- Reached R16 at Rio Olympics in 2016
- In 2015, became first Spanish player to compete at the WTA Finals in singles since 2001 (Sánchez Vicario) and reached doubles final (w/Suárez Navarro, l. Hingis/Mirza). Overall, has qualified three times for the season-ending championships (2015-17)
- Owns five WTA doubles titles, most recently at 2015 Tokyo [PPO] (w/Suarez Navarro), and reached SF at 2014 Roland Garros (w/Suarez Navarro); rose to No.10 in WTA doubles rankings on February 23, 2015.
- Advanced to R16 on WTA main draw debut at 2012 Miami (l. eventual champion A.Radwanska), defeating No.9 Zvonareva en route for first Top 10 win

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KVITOVA:

- Making seventh appearance at Qatar Total Open as one of four former champions in the starting field (also Azarenka, Ka.Pliskova and Sabalenka)
- On her past two visits, defeated Muguruza in 2018 final and last year fell to Sabalenka in the championship match
- Owns two wins over reigning World No.1s at Doha, scoring three-set upsets over Wozniacki in 2018 and Barty in 2020
- Owns excellent recent record in Middle East. In addition to this week's run was, also won 2018 Doha and was R-Up at 2019 Dubai and 2020 Doha
- Also reached QF here in 2013 (l. S.Williams), 2014 (l. Jankovic) and 2015 (l. Suárez Navarro)
- Is one of six Grand Slam champions in the draw (also Azarenka, Kerber, Kuznetsova, Muguruza and Ostapenko)
- After 1r bye, defeated No.41 Pavlyuchenkova – in their 13th career meeting – in 2r to book first hard-court QF since run to the final here last year
- Saw off Kontaveit in QF, in a match featuring 16 service breaks – was previously 0-4 in three-set matches since the Tour's return in August
- Broke serve six times to beat qualifier Pegula in SF – now owns 19-5 record here, Wozniacki (19-9) and Kuznetsova (19-11) are the only other women to post this many wins in Doha
- Faces No.16 Muguruza in today's final; in their most recent encounter, recovered from a set down to beat the Spaniard in final here in 2018, fending off all seven break points across the second and third sets
- Most recent Top 20 win came over No.1 Barty in SF here last year
- Overall, owns 27-10 career record in WTA finals (18-8 on hard courts)
- One of three Czech players to start the main draw – also No.2 seed Ka.Pliskova (l. Pegula in QF) and qualifier Kr.Pliskova (l. Pavlyuchenkova in 1r)
- Owns 18 titles on hard courts – the fifth-most among active players (behind S.Williams, V.Williams, Clijsters and Azarenka)
- Opened season with 3r run at Yarra Valley Classic (after 1r bye, d. V.Williams, l. Podoroska on third-set tie-break) before falling in 2r at Australian Open (l. Cirstea)
- Reached final at Doha in 2020 (l. Sabalenka) – her 37th title-match, sits seventh on list for most finals among active players
- Other standout results in 2020 were SFs at Roland Garros (l. Kenin) and Brisbane (l. Keys), and a QF run at Australian Open (l. Barty)
- Captured 26th and 27th career titles in 2019 at Sydney (d. Barty) and Stuttgart (d. Kontaveit). With 27 titles, is currently tied with Mandlikova and Sabatini in 20th place (Open Era)
- Reached title match at 2019 Australian Open for third career Grand Slam final appearance – result moved her to World No.2, matching her career high ranking. Had she beaten Osaka in the final, would have claimed World No.1 ranking
- Also in 2019, qualified for WTA Finals in Shenzhen for seventh time (went 0-3 in group play)
- Won a WTA-leading five titles in 2018, at St Petersburg (d. Mladenovic in F), Doha (d. Muguruza in F), Prague (d. Buzarnescu in F), Madrid (d. Bertens in F) and Birmingham (d. Rybarikova in F)

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- Titles in 2018 came on all three surfaces – first player to win a title on three different surfaces in a season since S. Williams in 2015
- Began 2017 season in May at Roland Garros (2r, I. Mattek-Sands) after a knife attack in her home in Czech Republic on December 20, 2016; required extensive surgery to left hand. Won title at 2017 Birmingham only a month later
- Won two singles titles in 2016, at Wuhan and the WTA Elite Trophy in Zhuhai
- Contested Rio Olympics in August 2016, winning the singles bronze medal (l. Puig in SF, d. Keys in bronze medal play-off)
- Runner-up at 2015 WTA Finals in Singapore (l. A. Radwanska in 3s). Former champion at the season finale, which she won on her event debut in 2011 (d. Azarenka in F)
- Was first player born in 1990s to win a Grand Slam title at 2011 Wimbledon (since joined by Muguruza, Ostapenko, Stephens, Wozniacki, Halep, Osaka, Barty and Kenin)
- At 2012 Sydney was two wins from becoming No.1 (had won Wimbledon and WTA Finals in previous six months)
- Owns six wins over current World No.1s: Safina (2009 US Open), Wozniacki (2011 WTA Finals), S. Williams (2015 Madrid), Kerber (2016 Wuhan), Wozniacki (2018 Doha) and Barty (2020 Doha)
- Among active players, owns the most wins in indoor hardcourt events (77)
- Member of Czech Republic's Fed Cup winning team in 2011-12, 2014-16 and 2018
- Made pro debut on ITF Circuit in Czech Republic in 2006
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2009 Ponte Vedra Beach and WTA main draw debut at 2012 Indian Wells