



PREVIEW NOTES: MUTUA MADRID OPEN

MADRID, SPAIN | APRIL 29 – MAY 8, 2021 | €2,549,105 | WTA 1000

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MUTUA MADRID OPEN – QUICK FACTS

Main Draw Dates: April 29 – May 8, 2021
Singles Final: Saturday, May 8, 6:30pm
Doubles Final: Saturday, May 8, 1:30pm
Venue: Caja Magica
Status: WTA 1000
Staging: Tournament's 12th year
Draw sizes: 64 singles / 30 doubles teams / 48 singles qualifying
Surface: Red Clay / Outdoors
Total Prize Money: €2,549,105
Tennis Ball: Dunlop Fort Clay Court
2019 Singles Final: [7] Kiki Bertens (NED #7) d. [3] Simona Halep (ROU #3) 6-4 6-4
2019 Doubles Final: [5] S. Hsieh/B. Strycova (TPE/CZE) d. [6] G. Dabrowski/Y. Xu (CAN/CHN) 6-3 6-1

PRIZE MONEY & RANKING POINTS

SINGLES	EUR €	RANK POINTS
Winner	315,160	1000
Runner-Up	188,280	650
Semifinalist	106,690	390
Quarterfinalist	58,370	215
Round of 16	34,048	120
Round of 32	20,000	65
Round of 64	12,655	10

DOUBLES	EUR €	RANK POINTS
Winner	62,761	1000
Runner-Up	43,940	650
Semifinalist	30,120	390
Quarterfinalist	20,400	215
Round of 16	13,810	120
Round of 32	9,410	10

MAIN DRAW QUICK-HITS

Top 8 Seeds: Ashleigh Barty (AUS), Naomi Osaka (JPN), Simona Halep (ROU), Elina Svitolina (UKR), Aryna Sabalenka (BLR), Karolina Pliskova (CZE), Kiki Bertens (NED), Belinda Bencic (SUI)

Wildcards: Paula Badosa (ESP), Sorana Cirstea (ROU), Victoria Jimenez Kasinteva (AND), Sara Sorribes Tormo (ESP), Venus Williams (USA)

Most career WTA singles titles: Venus Williams (49)

Prize money leader: Venus Williams (\$42,075,362)

Youngest singles player: Victoria Jimenez Kasinteva, 15 years old (Aug. 9, 2005)

Oldest singles player: Venus Williams, 40 years old (June 17, 1980)

TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS

- The main draw of the Mutua Madrid Open features 17 of the WTA's Top 20 players, with World No.1 and recent Stuttgart champion **Ashleigh Barty** and No.2 **Naomi Osaka** as the respective Top 2 seeds.
- **Kiki Bertens** returns as the defending champion, having won 11 of her last 12 matches in Madrid including a runner-up finish in 2018 and following up in 2019 to lift the biggest title of her career.
- There are three players in the draw who have won the Madrid crown – **Petra Kvitova** (2011, 2015, 2018), **Simona Halep** (2016-17) and **Kiki Bertens** (2019).
- **Sorana Cirstea** is one of five wildcards. The Romanian is coming off winning her second career WTA singles title – and first in over 13 years – at the TEB BNP Paribas Tennis Championship Istanbul.
- Spain's No.2 ranked player **Sara Sorribes Tormo** is another wildcard recipient, who is enjoying her best season to date. She enters this week on her career-best ranking of World No.46 after winning her first WTA singles title at Guadalajara and reaching the quarterfinals at Miami last month.
- The other wildcards include 15-year-old **Victoria Jimenez Kasinteva**, Spain's **Paula Badosa** and former WTA World No.1 **Venus Williams**. The best performances from a wildcard at Madrid were quarterfinal runs by Anabel Medina Garrigues in 2013 (l. eventual champion Serena Williams), and by Sorana Cirstea in both 2016 (l. Dominika Cibulkova) and 2017 (l. Kristina Mladenovic).
- **One to Watch** – **Daria Kasatkina**, a former quarterfinalist here in 2018, when she defeated No.3 Muguruza before falling to the eventual champion Kvitova. The Russian is back on the rise in 2021, having lifted two WTA singles titles already, at the Phillip Island Trophy and on home soil at the St. Petersburg Ladies Trophy. She began the season ranked No.72 and now enters Madrid at No.37.

MADRID HONOR ROLL

This is the 12th year of the WTA tournament at Madrid. Here are some facts and figures since 2009:

Youngest champion	2011, Petra Kvitova (21 years, 2 months)
Oldest champion	2013, Serena Williams (31 years, 7 months)
Lowest ranked champion	2010, Aravane Rezaï (No.22)
Last champion ranked outside Top 10	2011, Petra Kvitova (No.19)
Most singles titles	Kvitova: 3 (2011, 2015, 2018)
Last 3-Set final	2018, Kvitova d. Bertens 7-6(6) 4-6 6-3
Previous champions in field	Simona Halep (2016-17), Petra Kvitova (2011, 2015, 2018), Kiki Bertens (2019)

- Seven different players have won the singles title at Madrid. Simona Halep (2016-17), Petra Kvitova (2011, 2015, 2018) and Serena Williams (2012-13) are the only multiple winners
- The title has been won twice by the current WTA No.1 ranked player (Safina in 2009 and S.Williams in 2013) and three times by a player who has held the No.1 ranking at some point in their career (S.Williams in 2012, Sharapova in 2014 and Halep 2016-17). Of the former champions at Madrid, Aravane Rezaï (2010), Petra Kvitova (2011, 2015, 2018) and Kiki Bertens (2019) have not held the No.1 ranking
- The final has featured the Top 2 seeds only once – in 2013 No.1 seed S.Williams defeated No.2 seed Maria Sharapova. The No.1 seed has won the final twice overall

YEAR	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	SCORE	DOUBLES CHAMPIONS
2009	Dinara Safina (RUS #1)	Caroline Wozniacki (DEN #11)	6-2 6-4	Black/Huber
2010	Aravane Rezai (FRA #22)	Venus Williams (USA #4)	6-2 7-5	S.Williams/V.Williams
2011	Petra Kvitova (CZE #19)	Victoria Azarenka (BLR #5)	7-6 (3) 6-4	Kirilenko/Azarenka
2012	Serena Williams (USA #9)	Victoria Azarenka (BLR #1)	6-1 6-3	Vinci/Errani
2013	Serena Williams (USA #1)	Maria Sharapova (RUS #2)	6-1 6-4	Safarova/Pavlyuchenkova
2014	Maria Sharapova (RUS #9)	Simona Halep (ROU #5)	1-6 6-2 6-3	Vinci/Errani
2015	Petra Kvitova (CZE #4)	Svetlana Kuznetsova (RUS #29)	6-1 6-2	Dellacqua/Shvedova
2016	Simona Halep (ROU #7)	Dominika Cibulkova (SVK #38)	6-2 6-4	Garcia/Mladenovic
2017	Simona Halep (ROU #8)	Kristina Mladenovic (FRA #17)	7-5 6-7(5) 6-2	L.Chan/Hingis
2018	Petra Kvitova (CZE #10)	Kiki Bertens (NED #20)	7-6(6) 4-6 6-3	Makarova/Vesnina
2019	Kiki Bertens (NED #7)	Simona Halep (ROU #3)	6-4 6-4	S.Hsieh/B.Strycova
2020	Tournament not held			

COUNTRY & REGION BREAKDOWN

Not including qualifiers, a total of 23 countries and regions are represented in the main draw, led by the United States with nine players:

Andorra (1)	Victoria Jimenez Kasinteva
Argentina (1)	Nadia Podoroska
Australia (1)	Ashleigh Barty
Belarus (2)	Victoria Azarenka, Aryna Sabalenka
Belgium (1)	Elise Mertens
China (3)	Wang Qiang, Zhang Shuai, Zheng Saisai
Croatia (1)	Petra Martic
Czech Republic (6)	Marie Bouzkova, Barbora Krejckova, Petra Kvitova, Karolina Muchova, Karolina Pliskova, Marketa Vondrousova
Estonia (1)	Anett Kontaveit
Germany (1)	Angelique Kerber
Great Britain (1)	Johanna Konta
Greece (1)	Maria Sakkari
Japan (1)	Naomi Osaka
Kazakhstan (3)	Yulia Putintseva, Elena Rybakina, Yaroslava Shvedova
Netherlands (1)	Kiki Bertens
Poland (2)	Iga Swiatek, Magda Linette
Romania (2)	Sorana Cirstea, Simona Halep
Russia (6)	Ekaterina Alexandrova, Daria Kasatkina, Veronika Kudermetova, Svetlana Kuznetsova, Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Elena Vesnina
Spain (3)	Paula Badosa, Garbine Muguruza, Sara Sorribes Tormo
Switzerland (2)	Belinda Bencic, Jil Teichmann
Tunisia (1)	Ons Jabeur
Ukraine (1)	Elina Svitolina
United States (9):	Amanda Anisimova, Jennifer Brady, Coco Gauff, Madison Keys, Jessica Pegula, Alison Riske, Shelby Rogers, Sloane Stephens, Venus Williams

THIS SEASON'S WTA TOUR FINALS

Week of	Level	Tournament	Singles Final	Doubles Final
January 6	WTA 500	Abu Dhabi, UAE	[4] Sabalenka d. Kudermetova 62 62	Aoyama/Shibahara d. Carter/Stefani
January 31	WTA 500	Yarra Valley Classic, AUS	[1] Barty d. [6] Muguruza 76(3) 64	Aoyama/Shibahara d. Kalinskaya/Kuzmova
	WTA 500	Gippsland Trophy, AUS	[7] Mertens d. Kanepi 64 61	Krejciakova/Siniakova d. Chan/Chan
	WTA 500	Grampians Trophy, AUS	[6] Kontaveit/Li (final not played due to scheduling)	
February 8	GS	Australian Open, AUS	[3] Osaka d. [22] Brady 64 63	Mertens/Sabalenka d. Krejciakova/Siniakova
February 13	WTA 250	Phillip Island Trophy, AUS	Kasatkina d. [13] Bouzkova 46 62 62	Raina/Rakhimova d. Blinkova/Potapova
February 22	WTA 500	Adelaide, AUS	[5] Swiatek d. [2] Bencic 62 62	Guarachi/Krawczyk d. Carter/Stefani
March 1	WTA 500	Doha, QAT	[4] Kvitova d. Muguruza 62 61	Melichar/Schuurs d. Niculescu/Ostapenko
	WTA 250	Lyon, FRA	[Q] Tauson d. [Q] Golubic 64 61	Kuzmova/Rus d. Bouchard/Danilovic
March 8	WTA 1000	Dubai, UAE	[9] Muguruza d. Krejciakova 76(6) 63	Guarachi/Jurak d. Xu/Yang
	WTA 250	Guadalajara, MEX	[4] Sorribes Tormo d. [WC] Bouchard 62 75	Perez/Sharma d. Krawczyk/Olmos
March 15	WTA 500	St. Petersburg, RUS	[8] Kasatkina d. [WC] Gasparyan 63 21 (Ret)	Kichenok/Olaru d. Christian/Santamaria
	WTA 250	Monterrey, MEX	Fernandez d. [Q] Golubic 61 64	Dolehide/Muhammad d. Watson/Zheng
March 23	WTA 1000	Miami, FL, USA	[1] Barty d. [8] Andreescu 63 40 (Ret)	Aoyama/Shibahara d. Carter/Stefani
April 5	WTA 500	Charleston, SC, USA	[15] Kudermetova d. Kovinic 64 62	[1] Melichar/Schuurs d. Bouzkova/Hradecka
	WTA 250	Bogota, COL	[WC] Osorio Serrano d. [5] Zidensek 57 63 64	Lechemia/Neel d. Buzarnescu/Friedsam
April 12	WTA 250	Charleston, SC, USA	Sharma d. [1] Jabeur 26 75 61	Baptise/McNally d. Perez/Sanders
April 19	WTA 500	Stuttgart, GER	[1] Barty d. [5] Sabalenka 36 60 63	Barty/Brady d. Krawczyk/Mattek-Sands
	WTA 250	Istanbul, TUR	Cirstea d. [1] Mertens 61 76(3)	Kudermetova/Mertens d. Hibino/Ninomiya

A SNAPSHOT OF 2021 SO FAR

- **Top 20 debuts (2):** Jennifer Brady (at No.13 on February 22), Karolina Muchova (at No.20 on April 26)
- **Fewest games dropped en route to a title:** Iga Swiatek (22, Adelaide)
- **Lowest-ranked player to triumph:** Clara Tauson (No.139, Lyon)
- **Youngest title winner:** Clara Tauson, Lyon (18y 76d)
- **Oldest title winner:** Petra Kvitova, Doha (30y 363d)
- **Aces leaders:** Ashleigh Barty – 146, Veronika Kudermetova – 142, Ons Jabeur – 119
- **Most aces in a match (21):** Karolina Pliskova (d. Ostapenko 6-7(9) 6-4 6-3 – Stuttgart, 2r)
- **Match win leaders:** Garbiñe Muguruza – 21, Ashleigh Barty – 20, Veronika Kudermetova – 20
- **Most doubles titles (3):** Shuko Aoyama / Ena Shibahara (Abu Dhabi, Yarra Valley Classic, Miami)
- **Most Top 10 wins (6):** Ashleigh Barty (No.8 Sabalenka, No.5 Svitolina and No.9 Andreescu at Miami, No.9 Ka.Pliskova, No.5 Svitolina and No.7 Sabalenka at Stuttgart)

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PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS

TOURNAMENT RND	WINNER OPPONENT		SCORE		RANK	SEED
2019 MADRID 11 MAY 2019	SPAIN	WTA	CLAY OUTDOOR	Draw Sngl 64 Draw Dbl 32	PRIZE (USD) 6,536,160	
Singles	BERTENS, KIKI NED				7	7
F	def HALEP, SIMONA ROU		6-4 6-4		3	3
Doubles	HSIEH S. TPE / STRYCOVA B. CZE				30	5
F	def DABROWSKI G. CAN / XU Y. CHN		6-3 6-1		30	6
2018 MADRID 12 MAY 2018	SPAIN	WTA	CLAY OUTDOOR	Draw Sngl 64 Draw Dbl 32	PRIZE (USD) 6,200,860	
Singles	KVITOVA, PETRA CZE				10	10
F	def BERTENS, KIKI NED		7-6(6) 4-6 6-3		20	
Doubles	MAKAROVA E. RUS / VESNINA E. RUS				4	1
F	def BABOS T. HUN / MLADENOVIC K. FRA		2-6 6-4 10-8		18	3
2017 MADRID 13 MAY 2017	SPAIN	WTA	CLAY OUTDOOR	Draw Sngl 64 Draw Dbl 32	PRIZE (USD) 5,439,350	
Singles	HALEP, SIMONA ROU				8	3
F	def MLADENOVIC, KRISTINA FRA		7-5 6-7(5) 6-2		17	14
Doubles	CHAN Y. TPE / HINGIS M. SUI				19	3
F	def BABOS T. HUN / HLAVACKOVA A. CZE		6-4 6-3		23	5
2016 MADRID 07 MAY 2016	SPAIN	WTA	CLAY OUTDOOR	Draw Sngl 64 Draw Dbl 32	PRIZE (USD) 4,771,360	
Singles	HALEP, SIMONA ROU				7	6
F	def CIBULKOVA, DOMINIKA SVK		6-2 6-4		38	
Doubles	GARCIA C. FRA / MLADENOVIC K. FRA				22	5
F	def HINGIS M. SUI / MIRZA S. IND		6-4 6-4		2	1
2015 MADRID 09 MAY 2015	SPAIN	WTA	CLAY OUTDOOR	Draw Sngl 64 Draw Dbl 32	PRIZE (USD) 4,059,850	
Singles	KVITOVA, PETRA CZE				4	4
F	def KUZNETSOVA, SVETLANA RUS		6-1 6-2		29	
Doubles	DELLACQUA C. AUS / SHVEDOVA Y. KAZ				71	
F	def MUGURUZA G. ESP / SUÁREZ NAVARRO C.		6-3 6-7(4) 10-5		22	3
2014 MADRID 11 MAY 2014	SPAIN	WTA	CLAY OUTDOOR	Draw Sngl 64 Draw Dbl 32	PRIZE (USD) 3,671,405	
Singles	SHARAPOVA, MARIA RUS				9	8
F	def HALEP, SIMONA ROU		1-6 6-2 6-3		5	4
Doubles	ERRANI S. ITA / VINCI R. ITA				6	2
F	def MUGURUZA G. ESP / SUAREZ NAVARRO C.		6-4 6-3		167	
2013 MADRID 12 MAY 2013	SPAIN	WTA	CLAY OUTDOOR	Draw Sngl 64 Draw Dbl 32	PRIZE (USD) 5,137,962	
Singles	WILLIAMS, SERENA USA				1	1
F	def SHARAPOVA, MARIA RUS		6-1 6-4		2	2
Doubles	PAVLYUCHENKOVA A. RUS / SAFAROVA L.				88	
F	def BLACK C. ZIM / ERAKOVIC M. NZL		6-2 6-4		142	
2012 MADRID 13 MAY 2012	SPAIN	WTA	CLAY OUTDOOR	Draw Sngl 64 Draw Dbl 28	PRIZE (USD) 5,189,603	
Singles	WILLIAMS, SERENA USA				9	9
F	def AZARENKA, VICTORIA BLR		6-1 6-3		1	1
Doubles	ERRANI S. ITA / VINCI R. ITA				25	5
F	def MAKAROVA E. RUS / VESNINA E. RUS		6-1 3-6 10-4		51	

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TOURNAMENT RND	WINNER OPPONENT	SCORE		RANK	SEED
2011 MADRID 08 MAY 2011	SPAIN	WTA	CLAY OUTDOOR	Draw Sngl 64 Draw Dbl 32	PRIZE (USD) 4,500,000
Singles	KVITOVA, PETRA CZE			18	16
F	def AZARENKA, VICTORIA BLR		7-6(3) 6-4	5	4
Doubles	AZARENKA V. BLR / KIRILENKO M. RUS			26	5
F	def PESCHKE K. CZE / SREBOTNIK K. SLO		6-4 6-3	8	2
2010 MADRID 16 MAY 2010	SPAIN	WTA	CLAY OUTDOOR	Draw Sngl 64 Draw Dbl 32	PRIZE (USD) 4,500,000
Singles	REZAI, ARAVANE FRA			24	
F	def WILLIAMS, VENUS USA		6-2 7-5	3	4
Doubles	WILLIAMS S. USA / WILLIAMS V. USA			6	1
F	def DULKO G. ARG / PENNETTA F. ITA		6-2 7-5	22	8
2009 MADRID 17 MAY 2009	SPAIN	WTA	CLAY OUTDOOR	Draw Sngl 64 Draw Dbl 32	PRIZE (USD) 4,500,000
Singles	SAFINA, DINARA RUS			1	1
F	def WOZNIACKI, CAROLINE DEN		6-2 6-4	11	9
Doubles	BLACK C. ZIM / HUBER L. USA			2	1
F	def PESCHKE K. CZE / RAYMOND L. USA		4-6 6-3 10-6	11	3

ALPHABETIC PLAYER LIST

MAIN DRAW SINGLES

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PLAYER NAME	RANK SEED			CAREER @ TRN			YEAR-TO-DATE			CAREER		CAREER HGH		TITLES	
	4/26/2021	NAT	AGE	PRIZE	W / L		PRIZE	W / L		PRIZE	W / L	RANK	DATE	YTD	CAR
ALEXANDROVA, EKATERINA	32	RUS	26	8,173	0 / 0		266,420	11 / 8		2,619,023	310 / 184	25	2/17/2020	0	1
ANISIMOVA, AMANDA	38	USA	19	3,641	0 / 0		43,808	4 / 3		2,088,734	90 / 50	21	10/21/2019	0	1
AZARENKA, VICTORIA	15	12 BLR	31	1,320,642	18 / 8		151,472	5 / 2		32,498,760	529 / 206	1	1/30/2012	0	21
W BADOSA, PAULA	62	ESP	23	38,465	0 / 2		149,952	10 / 6		1,021,010	241 / 139	62	4/12/2021	0	0
BARTY, ASHLEIGH	1	1 AUS	25	264,317	4 / 2		829,644	20 / 3		18,424,213	272 / 97	1	6/24/2019	3	11
BENCIC, BELINDA	11	8 SUI	24	376,435	4 / 3		286,130	8 / 8		8,453,942	282 / 160	4	2/17/2020	0	4
BERTENS, KIKI	10	7 NED	29	2,220,530	14 / 3		49,050	1 / 3		11,477,512	442 / 260	4	5/13/2019	0	10
BOUZKOVA, MARIE	56	CZE	22		0 / 0		147,065	11 / 7		1,145,490	256 / 137	46	8/31/2020	0	0
BRADY, JENNIFER	14	11 USA	26	27,467	0 / 0		1,111,044	9 / 6		4,440,460	235 / 161	13	2/22/2021	0	1
W CIRSTEA, SORANA	58	ROU	31	466,026	10 / 9		217,332	11 / 5		6,048,431	464 / 345	21	8/12/2013	1	2
GAUFF, CORI	35	USA	17		0 / 0		275,867	14 / 7		1,337,741	64 / 34	35	3/15/2021	0	1
HALEP, SIMONA	3	3 ROU	29	3,616,772	25 / 7		447,687	9 / 3		37,493,598	525 / 220	1	10/9/2017	0	22
JABEUR, ONS	25	TUN	26		0 / 0		291,220	18 / 8		2,857,016	315 / 187	25	4/19/2021	0	0
W JIMENEZ KASINTSEVA, VICT	901	AND	15		0 / 0		20,023	4 / 7		21,517	7 / 11	901	4/19/2021	0	0
KASATKINA, DARIA	37	RUS	23	248,968	3 / 4		237,921	16 / 5		6,627,372	242 / 133	10	10/22/2018	2	4
KERBER, ANGELIQUE	26	GER	33	311,519	8 / 6		142,222	5 / 6		29,996,200	635 / 342	1	9/12/2016	0	12
KEYS, MADISON	23	USA	26	189,177	3 / 7		41,600	2 / 4		12,645,340	288 / 161	7	10/10/2016	0	5
KONTA, JOHANNA	18	15 GBR	29	155,594	2 / 4		108,252	2 / 4		9,837,337	387 / 239	4	7/17/2017	0	3
KONTAVEIT, ANETT	29	EST	25	137,899	2 / 3		273,025	12 / 6		5,149,738	321 / 169	14	4/1/2019	0	1
KREJCIKOVA, BARBORA	39	CZE	25	47,352	0 / 0		503,176	12 / 7		3,473,425	282 / 162	38	3/15/2021	0	0
KUDERMETOVA, VERONIKA	28	RUS	24	52,637	0 / 0		397,050	20 / 9		2,073,587	258 / 169	28	4/26/2021	1	1
KUZNETSOVA, SVETLANA	36	RUS	35	997,207	13 / 11		175,878	5 / 6		25,659,478	668 / 345	2	9/10/2007	0	18
KVITOVA, PETRA	12	9 CZE	31	3,733,621	29 / 7		252,178	11 / 6		32,824,782	558 / 245	2	10/31/2011	1	28
LINETTE, MAGDA	48	POL	29	11,478	0 / 0		22,100	1 / 3		2,823,108	367 / 276	33	2/17/2020	0	2
MARTIC, PETRA	24	CRO	30	237,260	3 / 3		126,677	4 / 7		5,682,639	358 / 251	14	1/13/2020	0	1
MERTENS, ELISE	16	13 BEL	25	78,777	1 / 2		639,357	17 / 5		7,722,060	341 / 177	12	11/26/2018	1	6
MUCHOVA, KAROLINA	20	CZE	24		0 / 0		604,884	8 / 2		2,513,753	219 / 105	20	4/26/2021	0	1
MUGURUZA, GARBIÑE	13	10 ESP	27	388,089	5 / 7		580,502	21 / 6		21,740,303	416 / 206	1	9/11/2017	1	8
OSAKA, NAOMI	2	2 JPN	23	204,872	3 / 2		1,964,798	12 / 1		19,735,032	245 / 134	1	1/28/2019	1	7
OSTAPENKO, JELENA	50	LAT	23	137,660	1 / 3		196,160	9 / 7		9,270,260	251 / 156	5	3/19/2018	0	3
PAVLYUCHENKOVA, ANASTA	41	RUS	29	597,400	10 / 11		126,260	5 / 8		10,476,793	435 / 301	13	7/4/2011	0	12
PEGULA, JESSICA	33	USA	27	7,019	0 / 0		524,102	17 / 6		1,888,321	272 / 180	32	4/5/2021	0	1
PLISKOVA, KAROLINA	9	6 CZE	29	557,792	8 / 6		239,337	9 / 7		20,640,771	550 / 304	1	7/17/2017	0	16
PUTINTSEVA, YULIA	30	KAZ	26	119,075	2 / 3		206,520	10 / 7		4,962,948	310 / 239	27	2/6/2017	0	1
RISKE, ALISON	27	USA	30	117,232	2 / 5		79,845	0 / 1		5,205,091	373 / 296	18	11/4/2019	0	2
ROGERS, SHELBY	43	USA	28	10,304	0 / 0		308,760	14 / 7		3,238,623	254 / 202	43	4/26/2021	0	0
RYBAKINA, ELENA	22	KAZ	21		0 / 0		193,979	7 / 8		1,660,956	177 / 82	17	2/24/2020	0	2
SABALENKA, ARYNA	7	5 BLR	22	55,756	0 / 2		669,894	18 / 6		7,474,204	253 / 127	7	1/25/2021	1	9
SAKKARI, MARIA	19	16 GRE	25	51,295	0 / 2		249,377	13 / 7		3,789,996	340 / 227	19	4/5/2021	0	1
SHVEDOVA, YAROSLAVA	725	KAZ	33	362,407	2 / 3		125,928	1 / 7		6,577,383	351 / 272	25	10/29/2012	0	1
W SORRIBES TORMO, SARA	46	ESP	24	167,615	2 / 4		204,025	15 / 6		1,984,839	310 / 202	46	4/26/2021	1	1
STEPHENS, SLOANE	51	USA	28	582,679	10 / 6		110,297	4 / 6		15,669,402	301 / 213	3	7/16/2018	0	6
SVITOLINA, ELINA	5	4 UKR	26	155,769	3 / 6		396,762	17 / 7		20,257,021	404 / 207	3	9/11/2017	0	15

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PLAYER NAME	RANK SEED			CAREER @ TRN			YEAR-TO-DATE			CAREER		CAREER HGH		TITLES	
	4/26/2021	NAT	AGE	PRIZE	W	L	PRIZE	W	L	PRIZE	W / L	RANK	DATE	YTD	CAR
SWIATEK, IGA	17	14	POL	19		0 / 0	363,550	11	4	3,299,952	121 / 35	15	3/1/2021	1	2
TEICHMANN, JIL	40		SUI	23		0 / 0	217,820	10	6	1,117,606	219 / 148	40	4/26/2021	0	2
VESNINA, ELENA	9999		RUS	34	583,381	4 / 9	6,650	0	0	12,533,664	416 / 336	13	3/20/2017	0	3
VONDROUSOVA, MARKETA	21		CZE	21		0 / 0	320,072	10	6	3,798,434	175 / 72	14	7/1/2019	0	1
WANG, QIANG	47		CHN	29	116,576	2 / 3	125,162	4	9	4,733,365	401 / 264	12	9/9/2019	0	2
WILLIAMS, VENUS	91		USA	40	642,119	6 / 5	117,078	2	3	42,075,362	814 / 259	1	2/25/2002	0	49
ZHANG, SHUAI	44		CHN	32	174,646	1 / 4	113,325	0	4	6,905,551	485 / 338	23	11/14/2016	0	2
ZHENG, SAISAI	57		CHN	27	137,790	3 / 2	155,435	4	9	3,943,118	320 / 226	34	3/2/2020	0	1

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MUTUA MADRID OPEN – DAY 1

[WC] VICTORIA JIMENEZ KASINTSEVA (AND #901) vs. [7] KIKI BERTENS (NED #10)

First meeting

Kasintseva is making her WTA main draw debut this week as the youngest player in the draw (15)... 2019 Madrid champion **Bertens** is looking for her first Tour-level win of the season today

[9] PETRA KVITOVA (CZE #12) vs. MARIE BOUZKOVA (CZE #56)

Bouzkova leads 1-0

Kvitova has won six of her last eight meetings against her compatriots, including a loss to today's opponent... **Bouzkova** is one of 20 debutantes at this year's Mutua Madrid Open

[1] ASHLEIGH BARTY (AUS #1) vs. SHELBY ROGERS (USA #43)

Barty leads 4-0

Barty sits atop the Porsche Race to Shenzhen Leaderboard after lifting her third title of 2021 at Stuttgart... **Rogers** is contesting this week on a career-high ranking of World No.43

[10] GARBIÑE MUGURUZA (ESP #13) vs. SLOANE STEPHENS (USA #51)

Series tied 2-2

Muguruza leads the Tour in most match wins this season (21), ahead of Barty and Kudrmetova both with 20... **Stephens** is one of a tournament-leading 10 American women in this year's draw

SINGLES	EUR €	RANK POINTS
Winner	315,160	1000
Runner-Up	188,280	650
Semifinalist	106,690	390
Quarterfinalist	58,370	215
Round of 16	34,048	120
Round of 32	20,000	65
Round of 64	12,655	10

DOUBLES	EUR €	RANK POINTS
Winner	62,761	1000
Runner-Up	43,940	650
Semifinalist	30,120	390
Quarterfinalist	20,400	215
Round of 16	13,810	120
Round of 32	9,410	10

[WC] VICTORIA JIMENEZ KASINTSEVA (AND #901) VS. [7] KIKI BERTENS (NED #10)

Head-to-head: First Meeting

KASINTSEVA		BERTENS	
Career Prize Money	\$21,517	Career Prize Money	\$11,477,512
Plays	Left-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Aug. 9, 2005 (15)	Date of Birth (Age)	Dec. 10, 1991 (29)
Singles Titles	0	Singles Titles	10
Madrid W-L (MD)	Tournament debut	Madrid W-L (MD)	14-3
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	0-0 / 0-0	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	0-3 / 224-167
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-0	3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 63-63
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-0	Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 48-51
Clay Court W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-0	Clay Court W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 101-43
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-0	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 23-25
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-0	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 36-46
Coach	Jordi Arrese Castañe	Coach	Elise Tamaña

KASINTSEVA:

Madrid

- Making her WTA main draw debut this week at the Mutua Madrid Open as a wildcard
- At 15-years-old, is the youngest player in this year's field. The youngest player to lift the Madrid title was Kvitová in 2011 (21 years, 2 months)
- Enters Madrid ranked No.901 as the only player representing Andorra in the WTA Rankings
- Trains in Sitges, Spain where her father has an academy just outside of Barcelona
- Faces No.10 Bertens today. The highest ranked opponent she has ever faced was No.119 Zavatska, who she fell to in three-sets, in January at \$60K ITF/Andrezieux-Boutheon-FRA
- Coming off back-to-back 1r exits at \$60K ITF/Oeiras-POR and \$15K ITF/Gonesse-FRA
- Reached 2r at \$15K ITF/Aimens-FRA, where she also reached the doubles final, after falling in qualifying at the Australian Open in what was her maiden Grand Slam appearance
- Opened her 2021 season with 2r showing at \$15K ITF/Manacor-ESP followed by two additional 2r runs at \$60K ITF/Andrezieux-Boutheon-FRA and \$15K ITF/Manacor 3-ESP

Career Milestones

- Entered the WTA Rankings for the first time in 2021, reaching a career high of No.901 (April 19, 2021)
- 2020 highlight was winning the junior Australian Open title (d. Baszak in F), becoming the first player representing Andorra – the 16th smallest country in the world – to win a Grand Slam title
- Was the youngest player in the field at 2020 Australian Open (14-years-old)
- Also reached her first SF on the ITF Circuit in 2020 at \$15K ITF/Melilla-ESP
- Played first professional event of career on ITF Circuit in Spain in 2020
- Gained an ITF junior ranking for the first time in 2019, making her way to six titles from April to November
- In 2018, at just 12-years-old, won the Future Tennis Aces tournament held in conjunction with Roland Garros
- Speaks five languages – and well: English, Spanish, Catalan, Russian and French

BERTENS:

Madrid

- Making her fifth appearance at the Mutua Madrid Open as the defending champion in 2019 (d. Halep in F)
- Defeated four Top 20 players consecutively en route to 2019 title, ousting No.13 Sevastova, No.2 Kvitova, No.8 Stephens and No.3 Halep to lift the biggest title of her career
- Also won the virtual Mutua Madrid Open last year, which was contested via Playstation
- Aiming to defend a title for the third time in her career, having done so at Nürnberg (2016-17) and St. Petersburg (2019-20)
- Faces No.901 Kasintseva today in their career first meeting. Bidding for her first Tour-level win of 2021 and first since her run to the R16 at 2020 Roland Garros (l. No.159 Trevisan) in October – her best run following the Tour's resumption in August
- Coming off a win at the Billie Jean King Cup playoffs vs. China (d. X.Wang, 6-2 6-0)
- Made back-to-back 2r exits at Dubai (after 1r bye, l. Martincova) and Miami (after 1r bye, l. Samsonova)
- Opened her 2021 season at Doha, falling to Ostapenko in 1r

Career Milestones

- 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

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- Also reached SF on WTA Finals debut in 2018 (I. Svitolina)
- Enjoyed her best result at Wimbledon in 2018 by reaching her second career Grand Slam QF (I. 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 (I. 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 (I. 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

[9] PETRA KVITOVA (CZE #12) VS. MARIE BOUZKOVA (CZE #56)

Head-to-head: Bouzkova leads 1-0

2020 CINCINNATI (NYC) HARD O R32 MARIE BOUZKOVA 2-6 7-5 6-2

KVITOVA		BOUZKOVA	
Career Prize Money	\$32,824,782	Career Prize Money	\$1,145,490
Plays	Left-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Mar. 8, 1990 (31)	Date of Birth (Age)	July 21, 1998 (22)
Singles Titles	28	Singles Titles	0
Madrid W-L (MD)	29-7	Madrid W-L (MD)	Tournament debut
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	10-6 / 460-216	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	11-7 / 30-32
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	2-4 / 126-91	3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	4-3 / 10-13
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	2-1 / 93-68	Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-5 / 1-8
Clay Court W-L (YTD / Career)	3-2 / 95-45	Clay Court W-L (YTD / Career)	1-2 / 2-7
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-2 / 109-99	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-2 / 4-6
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	4-2 / 60-60	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-3 / 7-10
Coach	Jiri Vanek	Coach	Christian Reuveni

KVITOVA:

Madrid

- Making her 11th appearance at Mutua Madrid Open as a three-time champion, lifting the trophy in 2011 (d. Azarenka in F), 2015 (d. Kuznetsova in F) and 2018 (d. Bertens in F)
- Became the youngest champion at Madrid in 2011 (21 years, 2 months)
- Also reached the SF here in 2014 (l. Halep) and QF in 2019 (l. Bertens)
- Owns five titles on clay courts – 2019 Stuttgart, Madrid in 2011, 2015 and 2018, and Prague in 2018
- One of six Czech women in the draw – also Bouzkova, Krejčíková, Muchova, Ka.Pliskova and Vondrousova
- Faces Bouzkova today in their second career meeting, falling to her compatriot at 2020 Western & Southern Open in three-sets. Has won six of her last eight matches against fellow Czechs – only falling to Bouzkova (2020 Western & Southern Open) and Ka.Pliskova (2018 WTA Finals)
- Coming off QF run last week at Stuttgart as the defending champion (l. Svitolina after holding two match points in the second set)
- Made back-to-back 3r runs at Charleston (l. Kovinic) and Miami (l. Svitolina)
- Made 2r exit at Dubai (after 1r bye, l. Teichmann via ret.)
- Lifted her 28th career title at Doha (d. Muguruza in F). Is in fourth place for titles won amongst active players (behind S.Williams – 73, V.Williams – 49 and Clijsters – 41)
- Opened season with 3r run at Yarra Valley Classic (after 1r bye, d. V.Williams, l. Podoroska) before falling in 2r at Australian Open (l. Cirstea)

Career Milestones

- Reached final at Doha in 2020 (l. Sabalenka). 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)

- 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

BOUZKOVA:

Madrid

- Making her Mutua Madrid Open debut as one of 20 debutantes in this year's field (including qualifiers)
- One of six Czech women in this year's field - also Krejckova, Kvitova, Muchova, Ka.Pliskova and Vondrousova
- Faces No.12 Kvitova today. Defeated her compatriot last year at the Western & Southern Open in three-sets when Kvitova was also ranked No.12 at the time
- Owns seven Top 20 wins in career, over No.4 Halep (2019 Toronto), No.8 Stephens (2019 Toronto), No.3 Svitolina (2019 Guangzhou), No.16 Konta (2020 Monterrey), No.15 Konta (2020 Lexington), No.12 Kvitova (2020 Western & Southern Open) and No.8 Andreescu (2021 Phillip Island Trophy)
- Coming off 1r exit at Stuttgart (l. Vondrousova) after a 2r showing at Charleston (l. Tomljanovic)
- Fell 1r at Miami (l. Rus) following a SF run at Guadalajara (l. eventual champion Sorribes Tormo)
- Made R-Up finish at Phillip Island Trophy, defeating No.8 Andreescu in SFs before falling to Kasatkina in the final
- Fell 1r at Australian Open (l. Svitolina) after advancing to R16 at Yarra Valley Classic (l. eventual champion Barty)
- Earned first win on Australian soil at the Yarra Valley Classic over Stosur, 6-2 6-0

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Career Milestones

- Before Tour's hiatus in March 2020, advanced to first career WTA final at Monterrey where she finished R-Up to Svitolina – broke into Top 50 at career-high ranking of No.47 following the tournament (March 9, 2020)
- Other highlight of 2020 came at Lexington, where she made the fourth tour-level QF of her career (l. eventual champion Brady) and reached maiden WTA doubles final (w/Teichmann, l. Carter/Stefani); also reached R16 at Western and Southern Open defeating fellow Czech, No.12 Kvitova in 2r (l. Kontaveit)
- Ended season by falling qualifying at Ostrava (l. Kasatkina)
- Standout performance of 2019 season was a SF run in her first Premier 5 appearance at Toronto (as qualifier, l. S.Williams in 3s); upset No.4 Halep and No.8 Stephens en route – her first career wins over players inside Top 20
- Also in 2019, made QF at Guangzhou and was R-Up at WTA 125K Series event at Guadalajara. Lifted 12th and biggest title of career on ITF Circuit, at \$80K Nur-Sultan-KAZ (d. Kostic in F); broke into the Top 100 for the first time at No.92 following the tournament (on July 22)
- Won first Slam main draw match during 2r showing at 2019 Wimbledon (as LL, d. Barthel, l. Sakkari)
- Highlights of 2018 season were winning maiden tour-level match during 2r showing at Québec City (as qualifier, l. Lepchenko) and qualifying for first Grand Slam at US Open, where she fell in 1r (l. Bogdan)
- Fell 1r on WTA main draw debut at 2015 Acapulco (as wildcard, l. Karatantcheva)
- Professional debut was opening round loss in qualifying at 2013 Katowice
- Girls' singles champion at 2014 US Open (d. Kalinina in F)

[1] ASHLEIGH BARTY (AUS #1) VS. SHELBY ROGERS (USA #43)

Head-to-head: Barty leads 4-0

2021	CHARLESTON	CLAY O	R16	ASHLEIGH BARTY	7-6(3) 4-6 6-4
2021	AUSTRALIAN OPEN	HARD O	R16	ASHLEIGH BARTY	6-3 6-4
2021	MELB. (YARRA VALLEY)	HARD O	QF	ASHLEIGH BARTY	7-5 2-6 10-4
2017	AUSTRALIAN OPEN	HARD O	R64	ASHLEIGH BARTY	7-5 6-1

BARTY		ROGERS	
Career Prize Money	\$18,424,213	Career Prize Money	\$3,238,623
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	April 24, 1996 (25)	Date of Birth (Age)	October 13, 1992 (28)
Singles Titles	11	Singles Titles	0
Madrid W-L (MD)	4-2	Madrid W-L (MD)	Tournament debut
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	20-3 / 172-68	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	14-7 / 79-87
3-Set (YTD / Career)	9-1 / 56-20	3-Set (YTD / Career)	2-4 / 25-39
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	5-1 / 28-20	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	3-2 / 28-23
Clay Court (YTD / Career)	6-1 / 28-14	Clay Court (YTD / Career)	4-2 / 29-26
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	6-0 / 24-20	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-4 / 3-13
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	8-0 / 45-38	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	2-5 / 15-27
Coach	Craig Tyzzer	Coach	Mark Gellard

BARTY:

Madrid

- Making third appearance at Madrid – advanced to QF in 2019 (as No.9 seed, l. No.3 seed Halep), having fallen in 2r on debut in 2018 (unseeded, l. No.2 seed Wozniacki)
- Contesting 2021 Madrid as the World No.1 – bidding to become the third top-ranked player to win the title after Dinara Safina (2009) and Serena Williams (2013)
- This week is her 73rd overall at the top of the rankings (ninth on the all-time list) and 65th consecutive week
- Currently sits in pole position on the Porsche Race to Shenzhen, having replaced Osaka by winning the Stuttgart title last week
- Playing her 19th Tour-level event as the top seed; has won six of the previous 18, at 2018 Nottingham, 2019 WTA Finals, 2020 Adelaide, 2021 Yarra Valley Classic, 2021 Miami and 2021 Stuttgart
- Coming off her 11th career singles title, won at Stuttgart (d. Sabalenka in F), now owns two clay court titles, having triumphed at Roland Garros in 2019
- Also won the doubles at Stuttgart (w/Brady), becoming the first player to sweep the tournament since Davenport in 2001
- On her 25th birthday on semi-finals day at Stuttgart, completed a comeback win over No.5 Svitolina to record her seventh career Top-5 win. Previous wins came over No.4 Ka.Pliskova (2017 Wuhan), No.3 Kerber (2018 Wuhan), No.1 Halep (2019 Sydney), No.2 Kvitova (2019 Miami), No.2 Ka.Pliskova (2019 WTA Finals), No.5 Svitolina (2021 Miami)
- Has now won her past 10 matches against Top-10 opposition (6-0 in 2021 – No.8 Sabalenka, No.5 Svitolina and No.9 Andreescu en route to defending Miami title, and No.9 Ka.Pliskova, No.5 Svitolina and No.7 Sabalenka at Stuttgart
- Now owns 11-5 record in Tour-level finals (2-0 on clay court finals)

- Facing Rogers for the fourth time this season; edged their Charleston encounter on green clay in three sets before falling to No.71 Badosa in QF
- Also in US, lifted 10th career title, at Miami (d. Andreescu in F via ret. w/left foot injury) – first time defending a title in her career
- After a 1r bye, saved a match point against qualifier Kucova in 2r. The last woman to win the Miami title after saving a match point was S.Williams in 2007 (saved 2MP vs. Henin in final)
- Ended Australian swing with opening match loss at Adelaide (as defending champion, after 1r bye, I. Collins)
- Posted QF run at the Australian Open (I. Muchova) after winning title at the Yarra Valley Classic (d. Muguruza in F) – her first tournament since 2020 Doha where she reached SF (I. eventual R-Up Kvitova)

Career Milestones

- Finished year-end No.1 for second year in a row in 2020, despite missing all tournaments held after the resumption of play in the summer
- Went 12-3 to start 2020 season, results highlighted by first title on home soil, and eighth overall at Adelaide (d. Yastremska in F). Followed up with SF runs at Australian Open (I. eventual champion Kenin) and Doha (I. Kvitova)
- Stellar season in 2019 brought four singles titles – including maiden major at Roland Garros (d. Vondrousova in F) and WTA Finals in Shenzhen (d. Svitolina in F); registered Tour-leading 57 match wins, with 11-6 record against Top 10 opponents
- Broke into Top 10 after defeating Ka.Pliskova in F at 2019 Miami (week of April 1) and became first Australian woman in 43 years to secure No.1 singles ranking after title run at Birmingham, where she defeated Goerges in F (June 24, 2019)
- Other highlights in 2019 included R-Up finishes at Sydney (scored first win over a reigning No.1, Halep, en route; I. Kvitova) and Beijing (I. Osaka) and reached SF at Cincinnati and Wuhan. In doubles, won Rome titles and was R-Up at US Open (both w/Azarenka)
- In 2019, spearheaded Australia to its first Billie Jean King Cup final since 1993, against France in Perth; went 1-1 in singles (d. Garcia, I. Mladenovic) and dropped decisive doubles (w/Stosur) as the French prevailed 3-2
- In 2018, won two singles titles and four doubles titles, finishing the season No.15 in singles and No.7 in doubles; was one of only two players to finish the year in the Top 20 in both disciplines (along with Mertens)
- Captured first Grand Slam doubles trophy at 2018 US Open (w/Vandeweghe, d. No.1 seeds Krejckova/Siniakova in SF and No.2 seeds Mladenovic/Babos in F)
- Clinched career first WTA singles title at 2017 Kuala Lumpur (as qualifier, d. Hibino in F). Made Top 20 debut and became Australia's No.1 on October 23, 2017
- Qualified for WTA Finals in doubles in 2017 (w/Dellacqua) and 2018 (w/Vandeweghe)
- After 2014 US Open, took a break from tennis that lasted almost two years. Returned to professional tennis in 2016, having enjoyed a successful stint as an allrounder for the Brisbane Heat cricket team in the 2015-16 Women's Big Bash League
- During doubles partnership alongside compatriot Dellacqua, reached three Grand Slam doubles finals in 2013 (Australian Open, Wimbledon, US Open) and was also R-Up at Roland Garros in 2017
- Presented with Tennis Australia's Newcombe Medal prize in 2018 and 2019
- Made WTA main draw debut as WC at 2012 Hobart

- Won 2011 Wimbledon girls' singles title; finished season as world No.2 ranked junior behind Khromacheva
- Played first ITF Circuit event in hometown of Ipswich, Queensland in April 2010

ROGERS:

Madrid

- Making main draw debut at Madrid, having fallen in 2r of qualifying in 2017 (I. Vekic)
- Contesting tournament ranked at a new career-high ranking this week of No.43 (April 26, 2021)
- Currently the No.10-ranked American, of 10 inside the Top 50 on this week's rankings
- Against World No.1 Barty today is looking for her first win over a Top 10 opponent since d. No.9 S.Williams in QF at 2020 Lexington
- Most notable result on red clay to date has been QF run at 2016 Roland Garros (posted wins over seeds Ka.Pliskova, Kvitova and Begu en route; I. eventual champion Muguruza)
- Before heading to Europe this week, on the green clay of her hometown Charleston made 3r run at Volvo Car Open (I. Barty in 3s) before advancing to QF at the WTA 250 event held in same venue the following week (I. Kovinic)
- Charleston 250 run marked her fifth QF since the Tour's restart last August
- On hardcourts earlier in season, produced back-to-back 2r showings at Dubai (I. Mertens) and Miami (I. Svitolina)
- Started 2021 campaign with strong performance Down Under: reached two QFs at Yarra Valley Classic (I. eventual champion Barty) and Adelaide (I. Gauff), and also achieved career-best run at Australian Open by reaching the R16 (d. No.22 Kontaveit in 3r, I. Barty)

Career Milestones

- Produced career best year-end finish in 2020 at No.58, following a SF appearance at Lexington (d. S.Williams in QF, I. Teichmann) and QF at US Open (d. Kvitova, I. eventual champion Osaka) – marked second career Slam QF appearance (also 2016 Roland Garros)
- In 2019, made return from injury at Charleston where she reached 2r (I. Ostapenko). Also posted 2r showings at Roland Garros and Mallorca and fell 1r six occasions and reached one ITF Circuit final
- Fell 1r in only two tournaments played in 2018 at Australian Open and Indian Wells - injured left knee in loss to Dolehide at Indian Wells, requiring surgery in the summer
- In 2017, posted third Top 100 season and year-end finish of No.59. Year highlighted by reaching QFs at Charleston, Hobart and Strasbourg
- Also, played all three ties to help USA win its first Fed Cup in 17 years, winning decisive doubles rubber (w/Vandeweghe) in final against Belarus
- In 2017 US Open 2r, d. No.25 seed Gavrilova 7-6(6), 4-6, 7-6(5), in a match that took 3 hours, 33 minutes, setting a record for the longest women's match in US Open history
- Appeared in two WTA singles finals, at 2016 Rio de Janeiro (I. Schiavone) and at 2014 Bad Gastein (d. No.16 Suárez Navarro and No.14 Errani en route, I.Petkovic)
- One-time doubles runner-up, at 2015 Bogotá (w/Falconi)
- Participated in 2014 WTA Finals Rising Stars Invitational in Singapore (along with Diyas, Puig and Zheng)
- Made Top 100 for first time on August 11, 2014



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- Won first WTA level match at 2013 Strasbourg (d. Domachowska)
- Winner of five singles titles and two doubles titles on ITF Circuit, where she made professional debut in United States in 2009, at age 16

[10] GARBINE MUGURUZA (ESP #13) VS. SLOANE STEPHENS (USA #51)

Head-to-head: Series tied 2-2

2020	ROME	CLAY O	R64	GARBINE MUGURUZA	6-3 6-3
2019	ROLAND GARROS	CLAY O	R16	SLOANE STEPHENS	6-3 6-4
2018	MIAMI	HARD O	R16	SLOANE STEPHENS	6-3 6-4
2015	WUHAN	HARD O	R32	GARBINE MUGURUZA	6-2 6-0

MUGURUZA		STEPHENS	
Career Prize Money	\$21,733,823	Career Prize Money	\$15,656,732
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Oct. 8, 1993 (27)	Date of Birth (Age)	March 20, 1993 (28)
Singles Titles	8	Singles Titles	6
Madrid W-L (MD)	5-7	Madrid W-L (MD)	10-6
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	21-6 / 280-150	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	4-6 / 228-167
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	3-2 / 85-64	3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 72-57
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	3-2 / 45-52	Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 60-31
Clay Court W-L (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 60-32	Clay Court W-L (YTD / Career)	3-1 / 65-43
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	3-4 / 38-39	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 17-36
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	5-4 / 68-65	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 36-60
Coach	Conchita Martínez	Coach	Kamau Murray

MUGURUZA:

Madrid

- Making eighth appearance at the Mutua Madrid Open (ninth overall)
- Her best result in Madrid was reaching 3r in 2018 (I. Kasatkina); has fallen during 2r on three occasions, in 2014 (I. Stosur), 2015 (I. Kuznetsova) and 2016 (I. Begu), and during 1r on three occasions, on her debut in 2012 (I. Li Na), 2017 (I. Bacsinszky) and 2019 (I. Martić)
- In today's opening round, faces Stephens for their fifth career meeting – was successful in defeating the American during their most recent meeting, on clay at 2020 Rome where she went on to reach SF (I. eventual champion Halep)
- Owns 39-26 career record against American opposition; her record standing at 2-0 this season, with defeats over Anisimova en route to the Dubai title and Kenin en route to the Yarra Valley Classic final
- Owns plenty of clay court pedigree, winning 2016 Roland Garros and reaching five further SFs on the surface
- Also joined in starting field by fellow Spaniards Badosa (as WC, faces Krejčíková in 1r) and Sorribes Tormo (as WC, faces Halep)
- Best results by Spaniards at Madrid were QF runs by Suarez Navarro in 2015 and 2018 and Medina Garrigues in 2013
- Owns the most wins on Tour (21-6) in 2021, ahead of Barty and Kudermetova both with 20 wins
- Madrid is her eighth event of the season – in contrast, won 23 matches across 2020 from eight events contested, and in 2019, won 22 matches across 16 events
- Coming off R16 showings at Miami (I. Andreescu) and Charleston (I. Putintseva via ret.)
- Enjoyed a tremendous campaign during the Middle East Swing, lifting the first title in nearly two years, and also the biggest one since 2017 Cincinnati, at Dubai (d. Krejčíková in F) after finishing R-Up at Doha (I. Kvitová) – is the first player to reach back-to-back finals at these two events since Wozniacki in 2017 (fifth in this century)

- Now sits at No.3 on the Porsche Race to Shenzhen Leaderboard, only behind World No.1 Barty and Australian Open Champion Osaka
- Made R16 at Australian Open, falling to the eventual champion Osaka after holding 2MP at 5-3 in the final set
- 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)

Career Milestones

- 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 Martínez 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

STEPHENS:

Madrid

- Making her seventh appearance at Madrid (ninth overall)
- Achieved best result during her most recent appearance in 2019, advancing to SF (l. Bertens)
- Reached R16 twice, in 2014 (l. Li Na) and 2018 (l. Pliskova)
- Among a tournament leading 10 Americans to start the main draw this week, also Rogers, Riske, Pera, Pegula, Gauff, Keys, V.Williams, Brady and Anisimova
- In today's opening round, faces No.13 Muguruza. Has won two of four matches against the Spaniard, both in straight sets, at 2018 Miami en route to the title and 2019 Roland Garros en route to the QF

- Owns one title on clay, at 2016 Charleston, only other clay court final was R-Up finish to Halep at 2018 Roland Garros
- Best result by an American in Madrid was back-to-back title runs by S.Williams in 2012-13
- Coming off QF run at Charleston (l. eventual champion Kudermetova) – her first QF since reaching final eight at 2019 Roland Garros (l. Konta)
- Made 2r showing at Miami (l. Anisimova); recovered from dropping first set to defeat Dodin in 1r – her first win of the season
- Made 1r exit as No.1 seed in Monterrey (l. LL Kucova)
- Started 2021 season going 0-3 in Australian swing falling 1r at Grampians Trophy (l. Fernandez), Australian Open (l. Putintseva) and Phillip Island Trophy (l. Gracheva)

Career Milestones

- Put together a 4-11 record in 2020, including falling 1r at first four tournaments of the season at Brisbane, Adelaide, Australian Open and Acapulco
- Season highlights included 3r run at US open (l. S.Williams) and 2r at Roland Garros (l. Badosa)
- Finished 2019 season ranked No.25; campaign was highlighted by SF at Madrid (l. eventual champion Bertens) and QF at Roland Garros (l. Konta)
- Also made R16 at Australian Open (l. Pavlyuchenkova), Cincinnati (l. Kuznetsova), and Wuhan (l. Kvitova)
- In 2018 posted best year-end finish of career to date, at No.6; reached career-high No.3 ranking on July 16, 2018
- Season highlights in 2018 included capturing first Premier Mandatory title at Miami – subsequently made Top 10 debut at No.9. Also reached her second Grand Slam final, at Roland Garros and posted R-Up finishes at Montréal and WTA Finals
- Won her maiden Grand Slam title at 2017 US Open, d. Keys 6-3 6-0 to become the fifth unseeded player to win a major in the Open Era
- Voted 2017 WTA Comeback Player of the Year. Returned to action at Wimbledon after 11 months on sidelines w/foot injury (had surgery in the January)
- After 1r loss at 2017 Washington DC, went 15-2 through US Open title run, including back-to-back SF at Toronto and Cincinnati
- Won three titles in 2016, at Auckland, Acapulco and Premier-level Charleston. Won maiden singles title in first final contested at 2015 Washington, DC
- At No.97 was youngest player in year-end Top 100 in 2011; and after a phenomenal sophomore season, reached No.38 and was the youngest player, and the only teenager, in the year-end Top 50 in 2012
- Made Top 20 debut on January 29, 2013 and WTA main draw debut at 2010 Bastad (d. Brianti in 1r, l. Pennetta)

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[5] ARYNA SABALENKA (BLR #7) vs. [Q] VERA ZVONAREVA (RUS #114)

Sabalenka leads 1-0

Sabalenka bidding to win her tenth-straight match against Top 100 opposition, last tasting defeat at 2019 Wimbledon... **Zvonareva** owns two titles on clay, lifting silverware at 2008 Prague and 2003 Bol

[Q] MISAKI DOI (JPN #79) vs. [2] NAOMI OSAKA (JPN #2)

Osaka leads 2-0

Doi searching for her first win over a Top 10 player, currently holding a 0-20 record... **Osaka** most recently defeated today's opponent en route to the 2020 US Open crown

[WC] SARA SORRIBES TORMO (ESP #46) vs. [3] SIMONA HALEP (ROU #3)

Halep leads 1-0

Sorribes Tormo is contesting this week on a career-high ranking of World No.46... **Halep** is a two-time champion here, lifting the trophy in back-to-back years in 2016 and 2017

[6] KAROLINA PLISKOVA (CZE #9) vs. COCO GAUFF (USA #35)

First meeting

Pliskova owns three titles on clay, at 2019 Rome, 2018 Stuttgart and 2015 Prague... **Gauff** is making her tournament debut in Madrid, marking just the fourth WTA clay court tournament of her career

[WC] VENUS WILLIAMS (USA #91) vs. [11] JENNIFER BRADY (USA #14)

First meeting

V.Williams is a former singles finalist here in Madrid, having reached the championship match in 2010... **Brady** is one of a tournament-leading 10 American women in this year's draw

[5] ARYNA SABALENKA (BLR #7) VS. [Q] VERA ZVONAREVA (RUS #114)

Head-to-head: Sabalenka leads 1-0

2018 US OPEN HARD O R64 ARYNA SABALENKA 6-3 7-6(7)

SABALENKA		ZVONAREVA	
Career Prize Money	\$7,474,204	Career Prize Money	\$14,783,165
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-Handed
Date of Birth (Age)	May 5, 1998 (22)	Date of Birth (Age)	Sep. 7, 1984 (36)
Singles Titles	9	Singles Titles	12
Madrid W-L (MD)	0-2	Madrid W-L (MD)	3-4
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	18-6 / 144-68	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	7-5 / 457-246
3-Set (YTD / Career)	3-6 / 48-28	3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	2-3 / 120-90
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	6-0 / 33-26	Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	2-4 / 32-31
Clay Court (YTD / Career)	4-1 / 19-14	Clay Court W-L (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 113-51
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 13-14	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 33-80
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	3-4 / 28-23	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 76-119
Coach	Anton Dubrov	Coach	Evseechev Ruslan

SABALENKA:

Madrid

- Making third main draw appearance at Mutua Madrid Open
- Has fallen 1r on both showings, in 2018 (as qualifier, l. Pera) and 2019 (l. Kuznetsova)
- One of two Belarusians to start in this week's main draw, also Azarenka. Best run by one of her compatriots here was Azarenka, finishing R-Up in 2011-12
- Searching for career-first clay court title. All nine of her career titles have come on hard courts
- Has reached two finals on clay, coming off R-Up finish at Stuttgart (l. Barty in F) at 2018 Lugano (l. Mertens in F)
- In today's opening round, faces No.114 Zvonareva for the second time, having defeated the Russian during the 2018 US Open
- Bidding to win tenth-straight match against players outside the Top 100 - last tasting defeat at 2019 Wimbledon (l. No.139 Rybarikova)
- Owns 18-4 career record against qualifiers, with a record 2-0 record this season; defeats coming over Pironkova at Miami and Friedsam at Stuttgart
- Coming off back-to-back losses to eventual champion Barty, falling to the World No.1 during the Stuttgart final and Miami QFs
- Had back-to-back three-set losses to Muguruza in the Middle East swing, falling at QF stage at Dubai and in 2r at Doha (as defending champion)
- Made 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. Krejckova/Siniakova in F)
- As a result of winning second doubles Slam rose to No.1 in WTA doubles rankings
- Won 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)

Career Milestones

- 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. Krejckova/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

ZVONAREVA:

Madrid

- Making fifth main draw appearance here in Madrid, with her best result being a R16 run in 2011 (l. eventual champion Kvitova)
- Made 2r on tournament debut in 2010 (l. V.Williams) and fell 1r in 2012 (l. Cetkovska) and 2019 (as qualifier, l. Collins)
- A two-time champion on clay courts, lifting silverware at 2008 Prague and 2003 Bol
- One of seven Russian players in the main draw, also Kudermetova, Vesnina, Kasatkina, Alexandrova, Pavlyuchenkova and Kuznetsova
- Best appearances by her compatriots here in Madrid were championship runs by Sharapova in 2014 and Safina in 2009

- Best result by qualifiers here were SF runs by Louisa Chirico in 2016 and Lucie Hradecka in 2012
- Today, faces World No.7 Sabalenka – bidding to defeat a Top 10 player for the first time since defeating No.5 Ka.Pliskova at 2018 Moscow
- Coming off 2r run at Istanbul (I. Ferro)
- At St. Petersburg, advanced to first Tour-level SF since 2019 (I. Gasparian)
- Fell in Dubai qualifying, to fellow veteran Kanepi in final round
- Made R16 at Yarra Valley Classic (I. Vondrousova) and fell 1r at Australian Open (I. Rybakina)
- Opened season with 2r appearance at Abu Dhabi (d. Hesse, I. Svitolina)

Career Highlights

- Highlight of 2020 was reaching the R16 at the Western & Southern Open, as a qualifier (I. Konta)
- Returned to tour after eight-month break due to wrist injury in February 2020 with 2r showing at \$25k ITF/Tnava-SVK. Went on to make SF showing at WTA 125K Series event at Indian Wells in early March and then R16 at Western & Southern Open in August (I. Konta)
- Ended 2019 ranked No.141 after a promising start to season was ended prematurely by wrist injury – during time away from court commentated for Russian TV
- Highlights in 2019 were SF runs at Shenzhen (I. Riske via ret. w/left hip injury) and St. Petersburg (d. No.16 Goerges and No.12 Kasatkina, I. Vekic). Also won ninth career WTA doubles title, at Budapest (w/Alexandrova) – now owns 9-6 career record in doubles finals
- Broke back into Top 100 after Shenzhen (January 7, 2019), making it as high as No.76 following St. Petersburg run (February 4, 2019)
- At 2018 Wimbledon, overcame three rounds of qualifying to enter her first Grand Slam main draw in over three years, falling to eventual champion Kerber in 1r. Previous main draw appearance at a major was 2015 Australian Open (I. eventual champion S.Williams in 2r)
- Enjoyed doubles success in 2018, winning seventh and eighth career titles, at St. Petersburg (w/Bacsinszky) and Moscow [River Cup] (w/Potapova)
- Returned to the tour in 2017 following a two-year hiatus, finishing with a year-end ranking of No.204
- Comeback season was highlighted by title at \$15k ITF/Sharm El Sheikh-EGY, runner-up finish at WTA 125K Series event at Dalian (I. Kozlova) and a SF run at Tashkent (I. eventual champion K.Bondarenko)
- Prior to her return to tour, last played in 2015 – highlighted by QF appearances at Shenzhen and Pattaya City
- A 2013 shoulder injury sidelined her for a year and a half prior to returning for another injury-stricken season in 2014 - best result was 3r finish at 2014 Wimbledon (I. Diyas)
- Has won 12 career WTA singles titles (most recent 2011 Baku); biggest title to date is 2009 Indian Wells
- Reached back-to-back Grand Slam finals in 2010 as runner-up at both Wimbledon (I. S.Williams) and US Open (I. Clijsters)
- Finished ranked in Top 10 four consecutive years (2008-2011), including a year-end No.2 ranking in 2010 – became fifth Russian to rank in Top 2 in October 2010 and held No.2 for 14 weeks (Oct. 25, 2010 to Jan. 30, 2011)
- Has four wins vs. World No.1s: Maria Sharapova (2007 Indian Wells), Jelena Jankovic (2008 WTA Championships) and Caroline Wozniacki, twice (2011 Doha and WTA Championships)



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- Participated at WTA Championships six times in career (2004, 2008-11; includes 2009 as alternate); reached final in 2009 (l. V.Williams)
- Has won ten doubles titles, including three Grand Slams (2020 US Open, 2012 Australian Open, and 2006 US Open) and 2009 Indian Wells (w/Azarenka), completing singles-doubles sweep
- Missed second half of 2005 season with left ankle injury; missed four months of 2007 with left wrist injury; also missed two months in 2009 due to a right ankle injury; had surgery to remove scar tissue in November 2009
- Represented Russia in Olympics twice: 2008 Beijing (replaced Sharapova, won singles bronze) and 2012 London

[Q] MISAKI DOI (JPN #79) VS. [2] NAOMI OSAKA (JPN #2)

Head-to-head: Osaka leads 2-0

2020	US OPEN	HARD	O	R128	NAOMI OSAKA	6-2 5-7 6-2
2016	TOKYO	HARD	O	R32	NAOMI OSAKA	6-4 6-4

DOI		OSAKA	
Career Prize Money	\$3,103,684	Career Prize Money	\$19,735,032
Plays	Left-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Apr. 29, 1991 (29)	Date of Birth (Age)	Oct. 16, 1997 (23)
Singles Titles	1	Singles Titles	7
Madrid W-L (MD)	2-2	Madrid W-L (MD)	3-2
YTD / Career W-L	6-8 / 88-142	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	12-1 / 148-74
3-Set (YTD / Career)	2-0 / 32-42	3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	2-0 / 43-19
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 21-29	Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 27-24
Clay Court (YTD / Career)	1-2 / 21-28	Clay Court W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 20-15
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-2 / 0-20	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 12-20
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-4 / 6-42	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	3-0 / 31-32
Coach	Christian Zahalka	Coach	Wim Fissette

DOI:

Madrid

- Making third main draw appearance at Madrid (fifth overall)
- Made R16 in 2017 (d. No.13 Keys in 1r, I. Cirstea)
- Fell 1r in 2016 (I. Halep) and during 2015 and 2019 qualifying
- Sole WTA singles title was won on clay, at 2019 Bastad (d. Kovinic in F)
- Faces World No.2 Osaka today in 1r for their third career meeting – looking to secure first win over her compatriot and notch her career best win-by-ranking
- Highest ranked player she has faced is No.2 Sharapova, losing 6-0 6-0 at 2013 Australian Open
- Overall is 0-20 vs. Top 10 players in career, most recently losing 6-2 6-1 to World No.1 Barty at 2021 Charleston
- Holds a better record vs. Top 20 players, going 6-42 – best wins coming over No.13 Keys at 2017 Madrid (also her most recent Top 20 win) and No.13 Suarez Navarro at 2016 Eastbourne
- One of two Japanese players to begin the singles main draw, along with today's opponent Osaka
- Best result by qualifiers here were SF runs by Louisa Chirico in 2016 and Lucie Hradecka in 2012
- Coming off 1r exit at Charleston 250 after retiring due to muscle cramping (I. Hibino)
- Made 2r at Charleston (I. World No.1 Barty) after posting a qualifying exit at Miami
- During Middle East swing, made 2r at both Doha (as LL, I. Svitolina) and Dubai (as LL, I. Swiatek)
- Reached 2r at Adelaide (as LL, I. eventual R-Up Bencic) after 3r run at Phillip Island Trophy (received w/o into 3r following withdrawal from Sorribes Tormo, I. Collins)
- Recorded 1r exits at Yarra Valley Classic (I. Pavlyuchenkova) and Australian Open (I. Tomljanovic)

Career Milestones

- Best result of 2020 was R-Up finish at WTA 125K Series event at Indian Wells (I. Begu), while at Tour-level, sole main draw win came in 2r showing at Istanbul

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- 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

OSAKA:

Madrid

- Making third appearance at Madrid, where her best result was QF run in 2019 (l. Bencic) – the best run posted by a player from Japan in tournament history
- Fell 1r on main draw debut in 2018 (l. S.Zhang) and during 2016 qualifying
- Searching for career-first clay court title. All seven of her career titles have come on hard courts
- Best result on clay courts was SF run at 2019 Stuttgart (l. Kontaveit via WO)
- Enters Madrid ranked first on Tour for points (64.4%) won on serve and second for games (79.1%) won on serve, only behind Barty (80.6%)
- Today faces Japan's Doi for the third time. Has defeated her compatriot on two occasions, en route to the 2020 US Open title (d. Azarenka in F) and en route to a finalist run at 2016 Tokyo (l. Wozniacki in F)
- Owns 6-1 career record against players from Japan, sole loss coming against Nara at 2017 Tokyo

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- Coming off QF run at Miami where she fell to Sakkari 0-6, 4-6
- Prior to her loss to Sakkari, had won 23-straight matches, with last loss coming at the hands of No.78 Sorribes Tormo on Fed Cup duty for Japan at the start of last February. Since the Tour's resumption in the summer had won four matches at Western & Southern Open (withdrew w/left hamstring injury before final against Azarenka), seven during US Open title run, three at Yarra Valley Classic (withdrew w/right shoulder injury), seven at Australian Open and two in Miami (l. Sakkari)
- Is only the third woman since 2010 to go unbeaten for 20 or more matches, joining S.Williams (27 wins between 2014 WTA Finals and 2015 Madrid) and Azarenka (26 wins between 2012 Sydney and Miami)
- Playing just her second tournament since lifting fourth Grand Slam title at Australian Open (d. Brady in F); saved two match points to defeat No.14 Muguruza in R16 and register her 50th career Grand Slam victory – eighth time in the Open Era a woman has won Australian Open after saving match point, following Monica Seles (1991), Jennifer Capriati (2002), Serena Williams (2003 and 2005), Li Na (2014), Angelique Kerber (2016) and Caroline Wozniacki (2018)
- Is the 16th woman to win four or more Grand Slam titles in the Open Era. Last woman to triumph in her first four major finals was Seles (1990 Roland Garros, 1991 Australian Open, 1991 Roland Garros and 1991 US Open)
- Opened the season with SF showing at the Gippsland Trophy (withdrew prior to match against Mertens w/right shoulder injury)

Career Milestones

- Concluded last year by coming from a set and a break down to beat Azarenka in 2020 US Open final and lift the third Grand Slam title of career – is the 20th woman to win three or more majors in the Open Era
- Began last season with SF showing at Brisbane (l. eventual champion Ka.Pliskova) and 3r exit at Australian Open (l. Gauff)
- Aside from US Open triumph, highlight of 2020 campaign was R-Up finish at Western & Southern Open – withdrew w/left hamstring injury before final against Azarenka
- Won second Grand Slam at Australian Open (d. Kvitova in F); became first Japanese player to reach World No.1 ranking following the tournament
- In addition, won back-to-back titles for first time in her career at Osaka (d. Pavlyuchenkova in F) and Beijing (d. Barty in F); defeated No.1 Barty in Beijing final for second career victory over world No.1 (also beat Halep at 2018 Indian Wells)
- Enjoyed break-out season in 2018, posting a 40-20 record resulting in a No.5 (first Top 10 season), up from No.68 in 2017
- Won the first two titles of her career in 2018, at Indian Wells (d. Kasatkina in F) and debut Grand Slam crown at US Open (d. S.Williams in F)
- En route to the Indian Wells title, defeated five-time major champion Sharapova, and A.Radwanska, Ka.Pliskova and Halep. Only set dropped all fortnight was against Sakkari in R16
- Reached one further final in 2018, at Tokyo [PPO] (l. Ka.Pliskova)
- In reaching R16 at 2018 Australian Open, became youngest Japanese player to reach R16 at a Slam since Sugiyama at 1995 Roland Garros (19y, 342d) and the youngest player from Japan to reach R16 in Melbourne since Date in 1990 (19y, 122d)



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- Book-ended 2017 season with QF showings at Auckland and Hong Kong; other highlights included 3r runs at Wimbledon and US Open
- Scored first Top 5 win of career when she defeated No.5 V.Williams at 2017 Hong Kong. Upset win over defending champion and No.6-ranked Kerber at 2017 US Open marked first career Top 10 win
- Voted 2016 WTA Newcomer of the Year; highlight was career-first WTA final at Tokyo [PPO] (I. Wozniacki). Also reached QF on three occasions and 3r at Australian Open, Roland Garros and US Open
- Ranked No.406, made WTA main draw debut at 2014 Stanford. As an alternate, won through qualifying (achieving first WTA qualifying wins), and came from match point down to shock No.19 Stosur in 1r of main draw, before losing to No.18 Petkovic in 2r
- Made WTA qualifying debut at Québec City in 2013 (I. Dabrowski)

[WC] SARA SORRIBES TORMO (ESP #46) VS. [3] SIMONA HALEP (ROU #3)

Head-to-head: HALEP leads 1-0

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SORRIBES TORMO		HALEP	
Career Prize Money	\$1,984,839	Career Prize Money	\$37,493,598
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Oct. 8, 1996 (24)	Date of Birth (Age)	Sept. 27, 1991 (29)
Singles Titles	1	Singles Titles	22
Madrid W-L (MD)	2-4	Madrid W-L (MD)	25-7
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	15-6 / 65-81	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	11-4 / 455-176
3-Set (YTD / Career)	8-3 / 28-23	3-Set (YTD / Career)	3-0 / 114-56
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	3-2 / 19-11	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 52-56
Clay Court (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 26-32	Clay Court (YTD / Career)	2-1 / 143-47
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 1-7	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 40-50
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 3-17	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	2-2 / 105-78
Coach	Manuela Tormo Traver	Coach	Darren Cahill

SORRIBES TORMO:

Madrid

- Making fifth main draw appearance at Mutua Madrid Open (ninth overall)
- Best results here were 2r showings in 2018 (d. No.14 Keys, I. Kr.Pliskova) and 2019 (I. Osaka)
- Fell 1r to Stosur in both 2016 and 2017 and in qualifying from 2012-15
- One of five wildcards in this year's draw, joining her compatriot Paula Badosa as well as Sorana Cirstea, Victoria Jimenez Kasintseva and Venus Williams
- Enters Madrid on her career-best ranking of World No.46 (achieved April 26, 2021)
- Faces No.3 Halep today in their second career meeting, falling to the Romanian at last year's Roland Garros
- Owns one win over a Top 10 ranked opponent, having defeated No.10 Osaka on Billie Jean King Cup duty in February 2020 (1-7 career record)
- Best result in singles on clay at Tour-level was reaching SFs at 2017 Bogota (I. Arruabarrena) and Gstaad (I. Bertens via ret.)
- Coming off 1r exit at Bogota (I. Errani) after QF run at Miami (I. Andreescu in three-sets)
- In 1r at Miami, recovered from 5-1 down in the final set and saved 2MP to beat Pera – second time she has come from match point down to win in 2021 (also against Samsonova in 1r at the Phillip Island Trophy)
- Scored third Top 20 win of her career over No.14 Brady at Miami (also No.10 Osaka at 2020 Billie Jean King Cup and No.14 Keys at 2018 Madrid)
- Miami marked her sixth QF since the Tour restarted in August (and 15th of career in total)
- Made SF run at Monterrey (I. eventual champion Fernandez) after lifting maiden WTA singles title at Guadalajara (d. Bouchard in F)
- At Phillip Island Trophy withdrew w/back injury prior to 2r match with Doi
- Kicked off 2021 campaign with QF run at Abu Dhabi (I. Kostyuk) before falling 1r at Gippsland Trophy (I. McNally) and Australian Open (I. Gavrilova)

Career Milestones

- Won ITF/\$80k title in Cagnes-Sur-Mer-FRA in September 2020; overall owns 10 singles titles and five doubles titles on the ITF Circuit
- Also in 2020, made QFs at Ostrava and Prague, and 2r at Australian Open and US Open – has now reached this stage at all four majors
- Scored first Top 10 win over No.10 Osaka on Billie Jean King Cup duty in February 2020
- Has lifted two career doubles titles – at 2018 Monterrey (w/Broadly) and 2019 Rabat (w/Martinez Sanchez); also reached final at 2019 Mallorca (w/Martinez Sanchez). Career-high doubles ranking of No.40 (February 3, 2020)
- Made 2r for the first time at a major in 2018, as a qualifier at Wimbledon (l. compatriot Suárez Navarro)
- Reached first career WTA SFs in 2017, at first Bogotá and then Gstaad
- Fell 1r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2016 Roland Garros (as qualifier, l. Pavlyuchenkova)
- In 2016, reached maiden Tour-level QF at Seoul
- Also in 2016 made QF at WTA 125k Series event at Honolulu (l. eventual champion Bellis) and won two titles on the ITF Circuit at \$25K ITF/Sao Paulo-BRA (d. Mitu in F) and \$50K ITF/Essen-GER (d. Muchova in F). Finished as R-Up at \$100K ITF/Sharm El Sheikh-EGY (l. Vekic in F)
- Scored first WTA main draw win over Pavlyuchenkova (via ret.) at 2015 Charleston
- Has represented Spain in Fed Cup in 2015-17 and 2019-20; best win came over No.10 Osaka (straight sets) in qualifying tie vs. Japan in February 2020
- Played first WTA main draw event at 2015 Rio de Janeiro (as qualifier, l. Ormaechea)
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2012 Barcelona (l. 1r)
- Played first professional event at \$10K ITF/Vallduxo-ESP in 2010

HALEP:

Madrid

- Making 10th main draw appearance at Mutua Madrid Open (11th overall)
- Two-time champion here, lifting the trophy in back-to-back years in 2016 (d. Cibulkova in F) and 2017 (d. Mladenovic in F)
- Also reached the final here in 2014 (l. Sharapova) and 2019 (l. Bertens)
- One of three former champions in the draw – also Kvitova (2011, 2015, 2018) and Bertens (2019)
- Enters Madrid ranked No.3 for her 359th consecutive week inside the WTA Top 10 – the longest active streak
- Faces No.46 Sorribes Tormo today in 1r today. Has not fallen in the 1r at Madrid since 2015 (l. Cornet)
- A loss today would mark her worst-by-ranking since falling to No.54 Swiatek at 2020 Roland Garros, where she defeated today's opponent in the opening round
- Best career results on clay are title runs on nine different occasions: 2020 Rome, Prague, 2018 Roland Garros, 2017 Madrid, 2016 Bucharest, Madrid, 2014 Bucharest, 2013 Budapest, Nurnberg
- Coming off SF run at Stuttgart last week (l. eventual R-Up Sabalenka)
- Was forced to withdraw due to injury in 3r match in Miami
- Battled her way to QF finish at Australian Open (l. S.Williams in straight sets), def No.17 Swiatek in R16
- Produced QF visit in Gippsland Trophy event to begin her 2021 campaign (l. Alexandrova)

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Career Milestones

- Posted a 17-match winning streak in 2020, featuring titles at Dubai, Prague and Rome - the longest streak (at any level) of her career
- Victory at 2020 Dubai saw her become the sixth active player to reach 20 career titles
- Lifted second Grand Slam title of her career at Wimbledon in 2019 (d. S.Williams in F)
- Ended 2018 season as World No.1 for the second time in her career, with season highlighted by maiden major title at Roland Garros (d. Stephens in F) – was the second Romanian woman to win a Grand Slam singles title, following in the footsteps of 1978 Roland Garros champion Virginia Ruzici
- Opened 2018 season by sweeping singles and doubles titles at Shenzhen – doubles title w/Begu was the first of her career
- Finished 2017 as the year-end World No.1, having ascended to the No.1 spot for first time in career on October 9, 2017 – became the 25th woman to reach the top spot, and the 13th to hold year-end No.1
- Has spent 64 weeks as World No.1
- Made Top 10 debut on January 27, 2014 and has remained there ever since
- Breakthrough at Slam level came in 2014, when she made QF at Australian Open (I. Cibulkova), SF at Wimbledon (I. Bouchard) and finished R-Up at Roland Garros (I. Sharapova)
- Owns one win over a reigning World No.1: vs. S.Williams in RR at 2014 WTA Finals Singapore
- She won her first six WTA titles in the same calendar year in 2013, and was the first to do so since Stefanie Graf in 1986. This led to her being named the WTA Most Improved Player at the end of the year
- Between May 2013 and August 2014, improved ranking from No.64 to No.2, winning seven titles
- Scored first Top 10 win over then No.6 Li Na in 1r at 2011 US Open
- Broke into Top 100 on October 4, 2010, Top 50 on September 12, 2011 and Top 20 on August 26, 2013
- Has qualified six times for WTA Finals in Singapore (2014-19, although withdrew injured in 2018), reaching final in 2014 (I. S.Williams)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2010 Marbella as a qualifier, reaching quarterfinals
- Romanian Fed Cup Team, 2010, 2012, 2014-19; Romanian Olympic Team, 2012
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in Romania in 2006

[6] KAROLINA PLISKOVA (CZE #9) VS. COCO GAUFF (USA #35)

First meeting

KA.PLISKOVA		GAUFF	
Career Prize Money	\$20,640,771	Career Prize Money	\$1,337,741
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	March 21, 1992 (29)	Date of Birth (Age)	March 13, 2004 (17)
Singles Titles	16	Singles Titles	1
Madrid W-L (MD)	8-6	Madrid W-L (MD)	0-0
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	9-7 / 332-174	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	12-7 / 33-20
3-Set (YTD / Career)	4-2 / 106-59	3-Set (YTD / Career)	7-3 / 16-9
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	1-4 / 65-75	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	5-3 / 11-5
Clay Court (YTD / Career)	2-1 / 65-38	Clay Court (YTD / Career)	3-1 / 5-3
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 32-41	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 2-3
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 64-75	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-2 / 5-7
Coach	Sascha Bajin	Coach	Corey Gauff

KA. PLISKOVA:

Madrid

- Making seventh appearance at Madrid; achieved best result when she advanced to SF in 2018 (l. eventual champion Kvitova); otherwise, has not passed 2r
- Opened clay season with a strong QF run at Stuttgart (l. eventual champion Barty in 3s), where she is a former champion
- Defeat by Barty at Stuttgart took record vs. reigning No.1s to 3-3, having defeated S.Williams at 2016 US Open and Halep at 2018 Madrid (on clay), and fallen to S.Williams at 2014 Stanford, Halep at 2018 Australian Open and Barty at 2019 WTA Finals
- Unleashed 21 aces against Ostapenko in 2r at Stuttgart – the most aces delivered in a match so far in 2021
- Has lifted three titles on clay, at 2019 Rome (d. Konta in F), 2018 Stuttgart (d. Vandeweghe in F) and 2015 Prague (d. Hradecka in F)
- During last year's clay swing, best result was R-Up run at Rome (l. Halep in F via ret.)
- After Australia, in a rare hat-trick suffered three successive losses to American Jessica Pegula, in QF at Doha, 3r at Dubai and 3r at Miami
- Down Under, made 3r runs at Australian Open (l. Muchova) and the Yarra Valley Classic in Melbourne (l. Collins)
- Opened 2021 season by falling in 2r at Abu Dhabi to qualifier No.292 Gasanova

Career Milestones

- 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 w/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

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- 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
- 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)
- Helped to win 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

GAUFF:

Madrid

- Making tournament debut at Madrid – which represents just the fourth WTA clay court tournament of her young career
- Against No.9 Ka.Pliskova today is bidding for her first Top 10 win of season, and third of career – d. No.8 Bertens at 2019 Linz and No.4 Osaka at 2020 Australian Open
- Before heading to Europe, advanced to QF on the green clay of Charleston (l. Jabeur)
- Previous WTA clay court outings came last year and ended in 2r exits at Rome (l. Muguruza) and Roland Garros (l. Trevisan)
- Also playing doubles here w/Melichar – face No.7 seeds Xu/Zhang in 1r
- Earlier in season, made 2r exit at Miami (after 1r bye, l. Sevastova in 3s)
- Advanced to QF at Dubai (l. Teichmann)
- Reached her maiden WTA 500 SF at Adelaide (l. Bencic) – first time she had won back-to-back main draw matches since SF run at 2020 Lexington

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- Suffered back-to-back 2r exits at Gippsland Trophy (l. Boulter) and Australian Open (l. Svitolina)
- Reached doubles QF at Australian Open (w/McNally, l. No.4 seeds Melichar/Schuurs)
- Opened her 2021 season at Abu Dhabi, falling in 2r to Sakkari

Career Milestones

- Ended 2020 at No.48, just one shy of her career high which she reached on October 26, 2020
- First cracked the Top 50 earlier in the season on Feb. 24, 2020 at No.49 following a R16 appearance at Australian Open to tie her career best Grand Slam result – during performance, defeated V.Williams in 1r and her first Top 5 opponent in No.4 Osaka in 3r (l. eventual champion Kenin in 3s)
- Enjoyed breakout season in 2019, highlighted by maiden WTA singles title at Linz (as lucky loser, d. Ostapenko in F) – earned her first Top 10 win en route to title over No.8 Bertens in QF
- At 15y214d, her title run in Linz made her youngest to win a WTA Tour-level title since Vaidisova (15y177d) won Tashkent in 2004
- Also claimed maiden WTA doubles titles at Washington, DC (w/McNally, d. Sanchez/Stollar in F) and Luxembourg (w/McNally, d. Christian/Guarachi in F)
- By winning the doubles title at Washington, DC at 15 yrs, 144 days, became the youngest player to win a doubles title since May 1995 (Martina Hingis won Hamburg at 14 yrs, 219 days)
- Reached R16 at 2019 Wimbledon on Grand Slam main draw debut defeating V.Williams in 1r (l. eventual champion Halep) – followed with 3r showing at US Open (as WC, l. Osaka)
- Made WTA main draw debut as a wildcard at 2019 Miami where she earned her first WTA main draw win over good friend McNally (l. Kasatkina in 2r)
- Made professional debut in May 2018 as a qualifier into the \$25K ITF/Osprey, FL-USA
- Member of US Billie Jean King Cup team in 2020
- Former Junior World No.1 (July 2018). Won 2018 Roland Garros girls' title (d. McNally in F) and 2018 US Open doubles title (w/McNally), while finished R-Up at 2017 US Open girls' event (l. Anisimova), becoming the youngest girls' singles finalist in US Open history at 13-years-old

[WC] VENUS WILLIAMS (USA #91) VS. [11] JENNIFER BRADY (USA #14)

Head-to-head: First meeting

V.WILLIAMS		BRADY	
Career Prize Money	\$42,075,362	Career Prize Money	\$4,440,460
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	June 7, 1980 (40)	Date of Birth (Age)	April 12, 1995 (26)
Singles Titles	49	Singles Titles	1
Madrid W-L (MD)	6-5	Madrid W-L (MD)	0-0
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	2-3 / 797-258	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	9-6 / 60-61
3-Set (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 185-117	3-Set (YTD / Career)	2-3 / 20-20
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	0-2 / 135-100	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	2-2 / 14-20
Clay Court (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 167-64	Clay Court (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 3-13
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 136-107	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-2 / 2-13
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 236-155	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-2 / 10-19
Coach	Eric Hechtman	Coach	Michael Geserer

V.WILLIAMS:

Madrid

- Making sixth appearance at Madrid, as a former singles finalist – l. Rezai in 2010 title bout, but won the doubles title (w/S.Williams) the same year
- Aside from that run, has not advanced past 2r in the Spanish capital: made 2r exits in 2009 (l. Kleybanova after 1r bye) and 2012 (l. Kerber); and fell 1r in 2015 (l. Azarenka) and on most recent appearance in 2018 (l. Kontaveit)
- One of 10 Americans – including today's opponent, Brady – in the Madrid field this year
- Against No.14 Brady, is looking for her first Top 20 win since d. No.5 Bertens at 2019 Cincinnati
- Bidding for 50th career title this fortnight. Lifted last trophy at 2016 Kaohsiung (d. Doi in F)
- Most recent clay court title came at Acapulco in 2010 (d. Hercog in F)
- Coming off 1r exit on hardcourts of Miami (l. Diyas)
- Fell in 2r of Australian Open (l. Errani) after suffering an ankle injury
- Opened 2021 season with 2r appearance at Yarra Valley Classic; defeated Rus in 1r to snap a five-match losing streak, then l. Kvitova

Career Milestones

- 2020 season was the 27th in a row she won at least one match on tour – d. Azarenka in 1r at Lexington
- Reached four QFs across 2019, including Auckland (l. eventual R-Up Andreescu), Indian Wells (l. eventual R-Up Kerber), Birmingham (l. eventual champion Barty) and Cincinnati (l. eventual champion Keys)
- Scored her best win of the 2019 season at Indian Wells, ousting No.3 Kvitova in 3s. Also defeated defending champion and then-ranked No.5 Bertens in Cincinnati
- Season highlights in 2018 were SF run at Indian Wells (d. S.Williams in 3r, l. eventual R-Up Kasatkina) and QF effort at Miami (l. Collins)
- Winnings at Indian Wells took her career total past \$40 million – S.Williams is the only other player to pass this milestone

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- Teamed up in Fed Cup for Serena's first competitive match back since giving birth in September 2017 (played dead doubles rubber, I. Kerkhove/Schuurs)
- Ended 2017 season as runner-up at WTA Finals (I. Wozniacki) – the oldest player to ever reach the title bout at the season finale
- Reached two other finals in 2017, at Australian Open (I. S.Williams) and Wimbledon (I. Muguruza) – only player in 2017 to reach two Grand Slam finals
- The span between her maiden Grand Slam final at the US Open in 1997 and 2017 Wimbledon is the longest in Open Era history, followed by Navratilova 1975-94
- Shortly after her 37th birthday, returned to Top 10 by reaching 2017 Wimbledon final, becoming (at the time) the third oldest player to rank in Top 10 in WTA history behind Billie Jean King (September 26, 1983 – 39 years, 322 days) and Martina Navratilova (December 26, 1994 – 38 years, 75 days); also surpassed by 37-year-old Serena in February 2019
- During 2016 season won 49th career singles title at Kaohsiung (d. Doi). Is sixth-oldest player to win a WTA singles title, after Billie Jean King (39) at 1983 Birmingham, Kimiko Date (38) at 2009 Seoul, Serena Williams (38) at 2020 Auckland, Martina Navratilova (37) at 1994 Paris [Indoor] and Francesca Schiavone (36) at 2017 Bogotá
- With 49 titles, currently 11th on list of Open Era titleholders, chasing Monica Seles (53 titles)
- Among active players, sits in joint-second place for career hard court titles – 31, trailing only Serena (47) and tied with Clijsters (31)
- At Grand Slam level in 2016, advanced to SF at Wimbledon (I. Kerber) which was first time reaching that stage at a major since 2010 US Open
- At 2016 Rio Olympics won silver medal in the mixed doubles (w/Ram, I. Mattek-Sands/Sock)
- Returned to Top 10 for first time since March 2011 following victory in final of the 2015 WTA Elite Trophy
- Was diagnosed with Sjögrens Syndrome in 2011, missing the end of that season and start of 2012
- Won singles gold medal at 2000 Sydney Olympics (d. Dementieva in F); won doubles gold three times with sister Serena, at Sydney, Beijing and London
- Lifted four titles - including first two majors at Wimbledon and US Open, beating Davenport in both finals – in 2000
- Spent 11 weeks at World No.1 in singles (first ascended to top spot week of February 25, 2002) and topped the doubles rankings for eight weeks in 2010
- Lifted maiden WTA title at 1998 Memphis (d. Kruger in F)
- First career final came at 1997 US Open (I. Hingis)
- Made WTA main draw debut at Oakland in 1994; as unranked WC, defeated Stafford in 1r before falling to then-world No.2 Sánchez Vicario in three sets

BRADY:

Madrid

- Making main draw debut at Madrid, as the No.14 seed, having previously fallen in qualifying on three occasions (2017-19)
- Coming off 1r singles exit on indoor red clay at Stuttgart, where she fell to Kvitova in two tight sets – before combining w/Barty to capture first WTA doubles title of career at end of week (d. Krawczyk/Mattek-Sands in F)
- Last season played just one match on clay, falling 1r at Roland Garros (l. Tauson in 3s); overall record on the surface at Tour-level is 3-13
- Currently the US No.3 on the WTA Rankings, behind Kenin and S.Williams (week of April 26, 2021)
- Before heading to Europe, made 2r exit at Miami (after 1r bye, l. Sorribes Tormo in 3s) after falling 1r at Doha (l. Kontaveit)
- Advanced to first Grand Slam final at 2021 Australian Open (l. Osaka); by reaching the final at Melbourne Park, broke into Top 20 for first time, at No.13
- On Melbourne Summer Series, reached SF of Grampians Trophy (l. Ann Li), heading into Australian Open
- Opened 2021 campaign with 1r exit at Abu Dhabi (l. Zidansek)

Career Milestones

- At 2021 Australian Open, became 15th American woman to reach the tournament's 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)
- Posted breakthrough Grand Slam run at the 2020 US Open by reaching SF (l. 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 (l. 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 (l. 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 Smithkova at 2014 Wimbledon. Defeated Zanevska in 1r, Watson in 2r (saved 5mp) and No.14

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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

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MUTUA MADRID OPEN – DAY 3

[1] ASHLEIGH BARTY (AUS #1) vs. [Q] TAMARA ZIDANSEK (SLO #80)

First meeting

Barty is contesting her 25th match of the season today, posting a 21-3 record thus far...
Zidensek is aiming for her career first win over a Top 10 ranked player today

[Q] LAURA SIEGEMUND (GER #59) vs. [14] IGA SWIATEK (POL #17)

First meeting

Siegemund is looking for her first Top 20 win since defeating Martić en route to 2020 Roland Garros QF... **Swiatek** is one of 20 players in this year's draw that is making their Mutua Madrid Open debut

[9] PETRA KVITOVA (CZE #12) vs. ANGELIQUE KERBER (GER #26)

Kvitová leads 7-6

Three-time champion **Kvitová** has surpassed the 2r at Madrid in each of her last five appearances...
While she trails in their overall head-to-head, **Kerber** holds a 3-2 record over the Czech on clay

JIL TEICHMANN (SUI #40) vs. [WC] PAULA BADOSA (ESP #62)

Badosa leads 2-0

Teichmann saved six match points to defeat No.5 Svitolina in the 1r on Thursday...
Badosa is the sole wildcard to reach the 2r this week out of five to start the tournament

[Q] BERNARDA PERA (USA #70) vs. [8] BELINDA BENCIC (SUI #11)

First meeting

Pera is bidding for back-to-back main draw wins for the first time since 2019 Bronx...
Bencic is looking for back-to-back wins for the first time since her R-Up finish at Adelaide in February

[1] ASHLEIGH BARTY (AUS #1) VS. [Q] TAMARA ZIDANSEK (SLO #80)

Head-to-head: First meeting

BARTY		ZIDANSEK	
Career Prize Money	\$18,424,213	Career Prize Money	\$1,149,681
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	April 24, 1996 (25)	Date of Birth (Age)	Dec. 26, 1997 (23)
Singles Titles	11	Singles Titles	0
Madrid W-L (MD)	5-2	Madrid W-L (MD)	1-0
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	21-3 / 173-68	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	10-6 / 38-41
3-Set (YTD / Career)	9-1 / 56-20	3-Set (YTD / Career)	1-2 / 15-18
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	5-1 / 28-20	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	2-0 / 9-5
Clay Court (YTD / Career)	7-1 / 29-14	Clay Court (YTD / Career)	5-1 / 20-15
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	6-0 / 24-20	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-3
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	8-0 / 45-38	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 1-6
Coach	Craig Tyzzer	Coach	Zoran Krajnc

BARTY:

Madrid

- Making third appearance at Madrid – advanced to QF in 2019 (as No.9 seed, l. No.3 seed Halep), having fallen in 2r on debut in 2018 (unseeded, l. No.2 seed Wozniacki)
- Contesting 2021 Madrid as the World No.1 – bidding to become the third top-ranked player to win the title after Dinara Safina (2009) and Serena Williams (2013)
- This week is her 73rd overall at the top of the rankings (ninth on the all-time list) and 65th consecutive week
- Currently sits in pole position on the Porsche Race to Shenzhen, having replaced Osaka by winning the Stuttgart title last week
- Playing her 19th Tour-level event as the top seed; has won six of the previous 18, at 2018 Nottingham, 2019 WTA Finals, 2020 Adelaide, 2021 Yarra Valley Classic, 2021 Miami and 2021 Stuttgart
- In 1r on Thursday, defeated Rogers for the fourth time this season in exactly one hour
- Faces No.80 Zidansek today in their career first meeting. A loss today would mark her worst-by-ranking since falling to No.153 Kuznetsova at 2019 Cincinnati
- Coming off her 11th career singles title, won at Stuttgart (d. Sabalenka in F), now owns two clay court titles, having triumphed at Roland Garros in 2019
- Also won the doubles at Stuttgart (w/Brady), becoming the first player to sweep the tournament since Davenport in 2001
- On her 25th birthday on semi-finals day at Stuttgart, completed a comeback win over No.5 Svitolina to record her seventh career Top-5 win. Previous wins came over No.4 Ka.Pliskova (2017 Wuhan), No.3 Kerber (2018 Wuhan), No.1 Halep (2019 Sydney), No.2 Kvitova (2019 Miami), No.2 Ka.Pliskova (2019 WTA Finals), No.5 Svitolina (2021 Miami)
- Has now won her past 10 matches against Top-10 opposition (6-0 in 2021 – No.8 Sabalenka, No.5 Svitolina and No.9 Andreescu en route to defending Miami title, and No.9 Ka.Pliskova, No.5 Svitolina and No.7 Sabalenka at Stuttgart
- Now owns 11-5 record in Tour-level finals (2-0 on clay court finals)

- Made QF showing at Charleston (I. Badosa) after lifting 10th career title, at Miami (d. Andreescu in F via ret. w/left foot injury) – first time defending a title in her career
- After a 1r bye at Miami, saved a match point against qualifier Kucova in 2r. The last woman to win the Miami title after saving a match point was S. Williams in 2007 (saved 2MP vs. Henin in final)
- Ended Australian swing with opening match loss at Adelaide (as defending champion, after 1r bye, I. Collins)
- Posted QF run at the Australian Open (I. Muchova) after winning title at the Yarra Valley Classic (d. Muguruza in F) – her first tournament since 2020 Doha where she reached SF (I. eventual R-Up Kvitova)

Career Milestones

- Finished year-end No.1 for second year in a row in 2020, despite missing all tournaments held after the resumption of play in the summer
- Went 12-3 to start 2020 season, results highlighted by first title on home soil, and eighth overall at Adelaide (d. Yastremska in F). Followed up with SF runs at Australian Open (I. eventual champion Kenin) and Doha (I. Kvitova)
- Stellar season in 2019 brought four singles titles – including maiden major at Roland Garros (d. Vondrousova in F) and WTA Finals in Shenzhen (d. Svitolina in F); registered Tour-leading 57 match wins, with 11-6 record against Top 10 opponents
- Broke into Top 10 after defeating Ka. Pliskova in F at 2019 Miami (week of April 1) and became first Australian woman in 43 years to secure No.1 singles ranking after title run at Birmingham, where she defeated Goerges in F (June 24, 2019)
- Other highlights in 2019 included R-Up finishes at Sydney (scored first win over a reigning No.1, Halep, en route; I. Kvitova) and Beijing (I. Osaka) and reached SF at Cincinnati and Wuhan. In doubles, won Rome titles and was R-Up at US Open (both w/Azarenka)
- In 2019, spearheaded Australia to its first Billie Jean King Cup final since 1993, against France in Perth; went 1-1 in singles (d. Garcia, I. Mladenovic) and dropped decisive doubles (w/Stosur) as the French prevailed 3-2
- In 2018, won two singles titles and four doubles titles, finishing the season No.15 in singles and No.7 in doubles; was one of only two players to finish the year in the Top 20 in both disciplines (along with Mertens)
- Captured first Grand Slam doubles trophy at 2018 US Open (w/Vandeweghe, d. No.1 seeds Krejckova/Siniakova in SF and No.2 seeds Mladenovic/Babos in F)
- Clinched career first WTA singles title at 2017 Kuala Lumpur (as qualifier, d. Hibino in F). Made Top 20 debut and became Australia's No.1 on October 23, 2017
- Qualified for WTA Finals in doubles in 2017 (w/Dellacqua) and 2018 (w/Vandeweghe)
- After 2014 US Open, took a break from tennis that lasted almost two years. Returned to professional tennis in 2016, having enjoyed a successful stint as an allrounder for the Brisbane Heat cricket team in the 2015-16 Women's Big Bash League
- During doubles partnership alongside compatriot Dellacqua, reached three Grand Slam doubles finals in 2013 (Australian Open, Wimbledon, US Open) and was also R-Up at Roland Garros in 2017
- Presented with Tennis Australia's Newcombe Medal prize in 2018 and 2019
- Made WTA main draw debut as WC at 2012 Hobart
- Won 2011 Wimbledon girls' singles title; finished season as world No.2 ranked junior behind Khromacheva
- Played first ITF Circuit event in hometown of Ipswich, Queensland in April 2010

ZIDANSEK:

Madrid

- Making debut appearance at Mutua Madrid Open as a qualifier
- Defeated Juvan and Hsieh to enter the main draw for the first time
- In 1r on Thursday, defeated LL Hsieh once again for her fifth win on clay this season and the 20th of her career
- Faces No.1 Barty today in her career first meeting against a reigning No.1. Best win of her career came over No.13 Kasatkina at 2018 Moscow [River Cup]
- Coming off R-Up finish at Bogota (l. Osorio Serrano in F) – her second career Tour-level final after 2019 Nürnberg
- Fell 2r at Guadalajara (l. McNally) and Monterrey (l. Li) before contesting qualifying at Miami
- Opened season with 3r showing at Abu Dhabi (l. Kostyuk) before 1r exits at Gippsland Trophy (l. Kovinic) and Australian Open (l. Diyas)

Career Milestones

- Best singles result in 2020 was reaching QF at Acapulco (l. Zarazua)
- Earned a career high doubles ranking of No.57 on November 16, 2020 after winning third career Tour-level doubles title at Ostrava (w/Rus). Also lifted the doubles title at Palermo (w/Rus)
- Highlights of 2019 were reaching first WTA singles final, at Nurnberg (l. Putintseva in F), as well as defending WTA 125 Series title at Bol (d. Sorribes Tormo in F) and reaching SF at Hua Hin (l. Tomljanovic)
- Contested all the Slam main draws in 2019 for the first time – reached 2r twice, at 2019 Australian Open (l. Osaka) and 2019 Wimbledon (l. Wang Qiang)
- Highlights in 2018 included SF run at Moscow [River Cup] and title run at Bol WTA 125K Series event
- Broke into Top 100 (at No.95) following Bol title on June 11, 2018 - became the ninth Slovenian player in history to crack the Top 100
- In 2018, posted seven tour-level main draw wins and 40 on ITF Circuit; reached SF in just third WTA main draw, at Moscow [River Cup] (d. No.13 Kasatkina in 2r, l. Potapova)
- Made 2r on WTA main draw debut at Rabat in 2018 (as qualifier, d. Linette, l. Hsieh)
- WTA qualifying debut came at 2018 Brisbane
- Spent three months off tour with left knee injury in 2018
- Slovene Fed Cup Team, 2017-18, 2020
- Won first ITF Circuit title of career aged 16 at \$10k Velenje in 2014 - has won 16 more singles titles at this level

[Q] LAURA SIEGEMUND (GER #59) VS. [14] IGA SWIA TEK (POL #17)

Head-to-head: First meeting

SIEGEMUND		SWIA TEK	
Career Prize Money	\$3,340,865	Career Prize Money	\$3,299,952
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Mar. 4, 1988 (33)	Date of Birth (Age)	May 31, 2001 (19)
Singles Titles	2	Singles Titles	2
Madrid W-L (MD)	4-2	Madrid W-L (MD)	1-0
YTD / Career W-L	6-7 / 90-88	YTD / Career W-L	12-4 / 40-21
3-Set (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 31-27	3-Set (YTD / Career)	1-2 / 8-7
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	2-0 / 13-24	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 2-6
Clay Court (YTD / Career)	2-1 / 58-36	Clay Court (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 15-4
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-2 / 9-14	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 2-3
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-4 / 14-31	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-2 / 7-6
Coach	Antonio Zucca	Coach	Piotr Sierzputowski

SIEGEMUND:

Madrid

- Making third main draw appearance at Mutua Madrid Open (fourth overall)
- Reached R16 on her debut in 2016 (as qualifier, d. No.12 Kuznetsova in 1r and Lucic-Baroni in 2r, l. Cirstea)
- Made 2r showing in 2017 (d. No.6 Konta in 1r, l. Vandewegue) and a qualifying exit in 2019
- One of two Germans in main draw this week – also Kerber
- Defeated her compatriot Petkovic and Sasnovich in qualifying to enter this year's main draw
- Has now successfully gone through qualifying in her last five attempts – also at 2019 Linz (2r), 2020 Doha (2r), 2020 Western & Southern Open (2r) and 2021 Doha (2r)
- In 1r on Thursday, defeated Kozlova for her 90th career Tour-level win
- Faces No.17 Swiatek today in their career first meeting. Bidding for her first Top 20 win of the season in her fifth attempt, having fallen to No.2 Halep (Gippsland Trophy), No.11 S.Williams (Australian Open), No.14 Azarenka (Doha) and No.1 Barty (Stuttgart)
- Last Top 20 win came over No.17 Martic en route to 2020 Roland Garros QF – her first Grand Slam QF
- Two career WTA singles titles both came on clay, at Stuttgart in 2017 and at Bastad in 2016
- Coming off 2r exit at Stuttgart as a former champion in 2017 (l. eventual champion Barty)
- Withdrew w/right knee injury at Miami, prior to 2r match vs. Azarenka
- Reached 2r at Doha (as qualifier, l. Azarenka) then fell 1r at Dubai (l. Potapova)
- Suffered 1r exits at Australian Open (l. S.Williams) and Adelaide (l. Putintseva)
- Opened 2021 with 1r exit at Abu Dhabi (l. Flipkens) before 3r run at Gippsland Trophy (l. Halep)

Career Milestones

- 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. Krejciakova)
- 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

SWIATEK:

Madrid

- Making main draw debut in Madrid as one of 20 debutantes in this year's field
- One of 10 Grand Slam champions in the the draw – also Azarenka, Barty, Halep, Kvitova, Kerber, Osaka, Ostapenko, Stephens and V.Williams
- One of four teenagers to start the main draw – also Anisimova, Gauff and Kasintseva
- Playing in only her sixth Tour-level clay tournament – 2019 Lugano (R-Up), 2019 Prague (1r), 2019 Roland Garros (R16), 2020 Rome (1r), 2020 Roland Garros (WON)
- In 1r on Thursday, defeated American Riske without dropping serve and saving all four break points
- Faces No.59 Siegemund today in their career first meeting. This marks her first meeting against German opposition at Tour-level. Last meeting vs. a German opponent was at 2019 Prague qualifying (d. Korpatsch)
- Also playing doubles this week with American Mattek-Sands
- Coming off 3r exit to No.359 Konjuh at Miami – her worst loss-by-ranking at Tour-level
- Made R16 showing at Dubai (l. eventual champion Muguruza)
- Won second career WTA title at Adelaide without dropping a set (d. Bencic in F) – also did not drop a set en route to first Tour-level title at 2020 Roland Garros (d. Kenin in F)
- Prior to Adelaide, best result on hard courts were R16 runs at the Australian Open in 2020 and 2021
- Made run to R16 at Australian Open falling to World No.2 Halep in three-sets, ending her 10-match Grand Slam win streak; won final major of the year at 2020 Roland Garros in which she beat Halep in QF

- Opened 2021 season reaching 3r at the Gippsland Trophy as No.6 seed (I. Alexandrova)

Career Milestones

- Posted career-high ranking of No.17 on October 12, 2020 for her first Top 20 season finish
- Won her maiden Tour-level title at 2020 Roland Garros without dropping a set, becoming the first player from Poland – man or woman – to win a Grand Slam singles title and first from her country to reach a major final since Agnieszka Radwanska at 2012 Wimbledon
- Ranked No.54, she became the lowest-ranked woman to win the Roland Garros title in the Open Era and the lowest-ranked finalist since 1977 (No.56 Mihai). At 19y 132d, is the youngest champion in Paris since Monica Seles (18y 187d) in 1992
- Also became the first player to win her debut Tour-level title at a Grand Slam since Jelena Ostapenko at 2017 Roland Garros
- Won WTA Most Improved Player of the Year for 2020, as voted on by members of the media. Her coach, Piotr Sierzputowski, was voted by members of the WTA Coach Program as the WTA Coach of the Year for 2020
- Also won the 2020 WTA Fan Favorite Award, as voted on by fans
- Owns seven career wins over Top 20 ranked players, having defeated No.16 Q.Wang (2019 Roland Garros), No.18 Wozniacki (2019 Toronto), No.20 Vekic (2020 Australian Open), No.19 Vondrousova (2020 Roland Garros), No.2 Halep (2020 Roland Garros), No.6 Kenin (2020 Roland Garros) and No.12 Bencic (2021 Adelaide)
- Ended 2019 season ranked No.61 after a campaign highlighted by R-Up finish at Lugano (I. Hercog) and R16 run at Roland Garros (I. Halep)
- Also in 2019, reached 3r at Toronto (I. Osaka) and made 2r five times (incl. Australian and US Open)
- Broke into Top 100 at No.88 after R-Up finish at 2019 Lugano
- Ended 2018 season ranked No.175 (up from No.690 in 2017), after posting 42-6 record in ITF Circuit
- Highlights of 2018 campaign were four titles on the ITF Circuit, including at the \$60k clay court events in Budapest-HUN and Montreux-SUI
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2019 Auckland
- Member of Poland's Fed Cup team, 2018-20
- On professional debut, came through qualifying to win title at \$10k ITF/Stockholm-SWE in 2016; owns seven singles titles at this level
- Enjoyed a stellar junior career, including winning girls' singles at 2018 Wimbledon (d. Küng in F), 2018 Roland Garros doubles (w/McNally), and leading Poland to the Junior Fed Cup crown in 2016

[9] PETRA KVITOVA (CZE #12) VS. ANGELIQUE KERBER (GER #26)

Head-to-head: KVITOVA leads 7-6

2019	SYDNEY	HARD O	QF	PETRA KVITOVA	6-4 6-1
2018	STUTTGART	CLAY I	R32	ANGELIQUE KERBER	6-3 6-2
2018	BJK CUP WEEK 2	CLAY	-	PETRA KVITOVA	6-2 6-2
2016	WUHAN	HARD O	R16	PETRA KVITOVA	6-7(10) 7-5 6-4
2016	US OPEN	HARD O	R16	ANGELIQUE KERBER	6-4 7-5
2016	STUTTGART	CLAY I	SF	ANGELIQUE KERBER	6-4 4-6 6-2
2015	WTA FINALS	HARD I	QF	ANGELIQUE KERBER	6-3 7-6(3)
2014	BJK CUP FINAL	HARD	-	PETRA KVITOVA	7-6(5) 4-6 6-4
2013	WTA FINALS	HARD I	QF	PETRA KVITOVA	6-7(3) 6-2 6-3
2013	TOKYO	HARD O	F	PETRA KVITOVA	6-2 0-6 6-3
2012	CINCINNATI	HARD O	SF	ANGELIQUE KERBER	6-1 2-6 6-4
2012	ROME	CLAY O	QF	ANGELIQUE KERBER	7-6(2) 1-6 6-1
2012	STUTTGART	CLAY I	QF	PETRA KVITOVA	6-4 6-4

KVITOVA		KERBER	
Career Prize Money	\$32,824,782	Career Prize Money	\$29,996,200
Plays	Left-handed	Plays	Left-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Mar. 8, 1990 (31)	Date of Birth (Age)	Jan. 18, 1988 (33)
Singles Titles	28	Singles Titles	12
Madrid W-L (MD)	31-7	Madrid W-L (MD)	9-6
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	11-6 / 461-216	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	6-6 / 436-255
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	2-4 / 126-91	3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 121-98
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	2-1 / 93-68	Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 89-62
Clay Court W-L (YTD / Career)	4-2 / 96-45	Clay Court W-L (YTD / Career)	2-1 / 86-55
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-2 / 109-99	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 39-63
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	4-2 / 60-60	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-2 / 90-118
Coach	Jiri Vanek	Coach	Torben Beltz

KVITOVA:

Madrid

- Making her 11th appearance at Mutua Madrid Open as a three-time champion, lifting the trophy in 2011 (d. Azarenka in F), 2015 (d. Kuznetsova in F) and 2018 (d. Bertens in F)
- Became the youngest champion at Madrid in 2011 (21 years, 2 months)
- Also reached the SF here in 2014 (l. Halep) and QF in 2019 (l. Bertens)
- Owns five titles on clay courts – 2019 Stuttgart, Madrid in 2011, 2015 and 2018, and Prague in 2018
- One of six Czech women in the draw – also Bouzkova, Krejickova, Muchova, Ka.Pliskova and Vondrousova
- Defeated compatriot Bouzkova in 1r after the fellow Czech had to retire with a right hand injury
- Faces No.26 Kerber today in their 14th career meeting – while owns their career head-to-head record, has 2-3 record against the German on clay
- Coming off QF run last week at Stuttgart as the defending champion (l. Svitolina after holding two match points in the second set)
- Made back-to-back 3r runs at Charleston (l. Kovinic) and Miami (l. Svitolina)
- Made 2r exit at Dubai (after 1r bye, l. Teichmann via ret.)
- Lifted her 28th career title at Doha (d. Muguruza in F). Is in fourth place for titles won amongst active players (behind S.Williams – 73, V.Williams – 49 and Clijsters – 41)

- Opened season with 3r run at Yarra Valley Classic (after 1r bye, d. V. Williams, I. Podoroska) before falling in 2r at Australian Open (I. Cirstea)

Career Milestones

- Reached final at Doha in 2020 (I. Sabalenka). 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)
- 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

KERBER:

Madrid

- Making eighth career appearance in Madrid with best result coming from reaching QF in 2013 (I. Ivanovic)
- Has also reached R16 here twice on debut in 2012 (I. Na) and 2017 (I. Bouchard via ret.)
- Most recently in 2019, reached 2r by defeating Tsurenko but withdrew prior to match against Martić with a right ankle injury
- Defeated No.21 Vondroušová in 1r at 7-6(5) 6-1 for best by-ranking win of the year

- Faces No.12 Kvitova today looking for first Top 20 win since defeating No.16 Keys at 2019 Osaka and best since defeating No.7 Halep at 2019 Eastbourne
- Although trails their career head-to-head, has the better record at WTA Tour-level matches (6-5) and clay court matches (3-2)
- Has suffered two losses to Top 20 opponents so far this year to No.15 Azarenka at Miami and No.5 Svitolina at Stuttgart
- Owns three titles on clay: Stuttgart in 2015 and 2016 and 2015 Charleston
- Coming off 2r showing at Stuttgart (l. Svitolina) and 3r at Miami (l. Azarenka)
- Made 2r at Doha (l. Kontaveit) and then suffered 1r defeat at Dubai (l. Garcia)
- Fell 1r at Australian Open (l. Pera) – her first opening round loss at Melbourne Park since 2015
- Opened season by reaching QF at Grampians Trophy (l. Sakkari)

Career Milestones

- Finished 2020 ranked No.25 - highlights of the season were reaching R16 at Australian Open (l. Pavlyuchenkova) and US Open (l. Brady)
- Advanced to two finals across 2019, including a R-Up finish at Indian Wells (l. Andreescu), in what was the first Premier Mandatory final of her career. As a result, passed the \$28 million prize money mark – currently eighth on the all-time list
- Victory over Kontaveit in 2r at 2019 Doha marked 600th career win across all levels
- Defeated Haddad Maia in 2r at 2019 Australian Open for 100th Grand Slam match-win (one of seven active players to achieve the feat)
- Won two titles in 2018, at Sydney (d. Barty in F) and third Grand Slam crown of career at Wimbledon (d. S.Williams in F), finishing the season ranked No.2
- Also in 2018, advanced to SF at Australian Open (l. Halep in 3s, having held two match points), Dubai (l. eventual champion Svitolina) and Eastbourne (l. eventual champion Wozniacki)
- Best results of 2017 season were R-Up finish at Monterrey and SF runs at Tokyo [PPO] and Dubai
- Enjoyed an outstanding 2016 season, winning first Grand Slam titles of career at Australian Open (d. S.Williams in F) and US Open (d. Ka.Pliskova in F), finishing R-Up at Wimbledon (l. S.Williams in F) and rising to World No.1 in the WTA rankings. At 28, became oldest player to make her debut at World No.1
- At 2016 Australian Open, became first Grand Slam champion to save match point en route to the title since Li Na at 2014 Australian Open (Kerber saved a match point in 1r win over Doi)
- Finished 2016 year-end World No.1 ranking – became 12th WTA player to achieve the feat and second German woman to do so after Graf (eight times)
- Was voted WTA Player of the Year in 2016 by international media; also, ITF World Champion and Olympics silver medalist that year. Ended the season with a tour-leading 63-18 win-loss record
- Part of the Germany team that reached the final of 2014 Billie Jean King Cup. Also played the competition in 2007-08, 2012-13, 2015-18
- Made Grand Slam breakthrough with run to SF at 2011 US Open (ranked No.92, upset No.13 A.Radwanska, l. eventual champion Stosur)



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- Broke into Top 100 on May 14, 2007 and reached first WTA QF one month later at 's-Hertogenbosch (I. Chakvetadze)
- Lost to Dementieva in 1r at 2007 Roland Garros on her Grand Slam main draw debut
- Reached 2r on WTA main draw debut, at 2006 Hasselt (d. Oprandi, I. Ivanovic)
- Professional debut came in qualifying at 2003 Berlin

JIL TEICHMANN (SUI #40) VS. [WC] PAULA BADOSA (ESP #62)

Head-to-head: BADOSA leads 2-0

2021	MIAMI	HARD O	R128	PAULA BADOSA	5-6 RET.
2019	SEOUL	HARD O	R32	PAULA BADOSA	6-4 6-4

TEICHMANN		BADOSA	
Career Prize Money	\$1,117,606	Career Prize Money	\$1,021,010
Plays	Left-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	July 15, 1997 (23)	Date of Birth (Age)	Nov. 15, 1997 (23)
Singles Titles	2	Singles Titles	0
Madrid W-L (MD)	1-0	Madrid W-L (MD)	1-2
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	12-6 / 48-45	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	12-6 / 33-32
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	4-2 / 9-14	3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	5-3 / 11-6
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	3-3 / 11-11	Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	2-4 / 4-9
Clay Court W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 18-12	Clay Court W-L (YTD / Career)	5-1 / 19-11
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	2-0 / 3-2	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 1-3
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	2-1 / 2-4	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	2-0 / 2-5
Left-Hand W-L (YTD / Career)	2-0 / 4-0	Left-Hand W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 3-5
Coach	Alberto Martin	Coach	Javier Marti

TEICHMANN:

Madrid

- Making tournament debut here in Madrid
- Saved six match points in 1r defeat of No.5 Svitolina with a final scoreline of 2-6, 6-4, 7-6(5)
- Win was third Top 10 win of career and second of the year (also defeated No.5 Bertens at 2019 Palermo and No.10 Kvitova at 20201 Dubai)
- Faces No.62 Badosa today with 0-3 record against Spaniards
- Both career titles have come on clay courts at 2019 Palermo and 2019 Prague
- Playing on career high ranking of No.40 which she reached on April 26
- With Bencic, one of two Swiss players to start the tournament and reach the 2r – has also paired up with countrywoman in doubles winning their first match 6-4, 7-6(7) over Jurak/Klepac
- Fell 1r in Miami to today's opponent Badosa after retiring in the first set with a left thigh injury
- Reached first SF at WTA 1000 event at Dubai defeating No.10 Kvitova in 2r, Jabeir in R16 and Gauff in QF (l. Krejčíková)
- Ended Australian swing with QF at Phillip Island Trophy (l. Bouzková) and then first WTA 500 SF at Adelaide (l. eventual champion Swiatek)
- Opened season with back-to-back 1r exits at the Gippsland Trophy and Australian Open (l. Gauff at both tournaments)

Career Milestones

- Achieved career-best year-end ranking of No.57 in 2020, helped by runner-up showing at Lexington (l. Brady) and QF at Strasbourg (l. Svitolina)
- Won first and second titles of her career during 2019 season, coming through qualifying to triumph at Prague (d. Muchova in F) and then at Palermo (d. No.5 Bertens in F)

- Made Top 100 debut after Prague success, jumping from No.146 to No.87 (May 6). Rose to career-high No.54 following Palermo title run (July 29, 2019)
- Also made QF on home soil at Lausanne and fell 1r at nine other tour-level events (including Wimbledon and US Open). Won ITF Circuit title at Santa Margherita Di Pula-ITA
- Qualified for first Grand Slam main draw at 2018 US Open, going on to reach 2r (l. Kanepi). Also, reached 2r at tour level events at Acapulco and Linz and lifted WTA 125K Series title at Newport Beach (w/Doi)
- Spent majority of 2016 on ITF Circuit, winning 44 matches and three titles to rise over 200 places in the rankings. Also reached 2r on WTA main draw debut at Strasbourg and fell in qualifying at US Open
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2015 Luxembourg
- Owns six singles and five doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Played first professional events of career on ITF Circuit in Switzerland and Germany in 2013
- As a junior won 2014 US Open girls' doubles (w/Soylu) and a gold medal in mixed doubles (w/Zielinski) at 2014 Youth Olympics in Nanjing

BADOSA:

Madrid

- Making third main draw appearance (fifth overall) at her home tournament in Madrid
- Only Spanish representative remaining in the tournament
- Fell 1r in 2015 (as qualifier, l. Errani) and 2016 (as WC, l. Cornet); also fell in qualifying in 2017 and 2018
- Defeated No.39 Krejčíková 6-1, 7-5 in 1r to notch first main draw win here in Madrid
- Faces No.40 Teichmann today who she most recently faced in 1r of Miami this year before the Swiss had to retire in the first set
- Sole wildcard to reach the 2r out of five to start the tournament – also Cirstea, Kasinteva, Sorribes Tormo and Williams
- Best performances from a wildcard at Madrid were QF runs by Medina Garrigues in 2013 (l. eventual champion S.Williams), and Cirstea in 2016 (l. Cibulková) and 2017 (l. Mladenovic)
- Playing on career high ranking of No.62 which she reached on April 12 this year
- Also playing doubles this week as a wildcard team with countrywoman Sorribes Tormo, the two face the No.5 seeded team of Guarachi/Krawczyk in 1r
- Coming off run to first WTA 500 SF at Charleston which saw her defeat World No.1 Barty 6-4, 6-3 in QF (l. eventual champion Kudermetova)
- Is the only player to have defeated Barty on clay so far this year
- Made 2r showing at Miami (l. Jabeur, having led 5-3 in the third set)
- Fell 1r at St. Petersburg (l. Ostapenko) and reached SF at Lyon (l. eventual champion Tauson)
- Other events contested this season saw her make 3r at Abu Dhabi (l. eventual R-Up Kudermetova) and fall 1r at Australian Open (l. Samsonova)

Career Milestones

- At 2020 Roland Garros, upset former finalist Stephens and 2017 champion Ostapenko en route to reaching R16 for the first time at a major; posted a then-high singles ranking of No.69 (October 12, 2020) following Paris run

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- Also in 2020, reached SF at Istanbul (I. Bouchard)
- Campaign in 2019 highlighted by SF run at Palermo (I. Bertens) and QF at Seoul (I. Y.Wang); also made Grand Slam main draw debut at Australian Open (I. 1r)
- Finished 2018 inside Top 200 for the first time (at No.143); picked up three ITF titles at \$25k ITF/Glasgow-UK, ITF/\$25k Les Franqueses del Valles – FRA and ITF/\$60k Valencia-ESP
- Fell in qualifying at 2018 Wimbledon, Madrid and US Open
- Claimed third title on ITF Circuit in 2017 at ITF/\$25k El Espinar; Fell 1r at Miami and in qualifying at Madrid
- In 2016, fell 1r at Miami, Madrid and Mallorca and in qualifying at Rio de Janeiro
- As wildcard, made breakthrough on WTA Tour with 3r run at 2015 Miami Open (I. Ka.Pliskova)
- Came through qualifying at 2015 Madrid, fell 1r to Errani via ret. w/left leg injury
- Continued at ITF Circuit level during 2013-2014 before playing second WTA qualifying draw at 2015 Antwerp, where she advanced to 2r (I. Bodarenko)
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2013 Palermo, winning one match via retirement before falling in 2r (I.Gatto-Monticone)
- Won first title on ITF Circuit at \$10k ITF/Sant Jordi-ESP in 2012; now owns seven singles titles at this level
- Played first pro tournament of career at \$10k ITF/Gexto-ESP in 2012 (I. in 1r)
- Won girls' singles title at 2015 Roland Garros (d. Kaliskaya in F) and reached QF at 2014 Roland Garros and Wimbledon; finished 2015 as No.8 in ITF World Junior rankings

[Q] BERNARDA PERA (USA #70) VS. [8] BELINDA BENCIC (SUI #11)

Head-to-head: First meeting

PERA		BENCIC	
Career Prize Money	\$1,180,859	Career Prize Money	\$8,443,992
Plays	Left-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Dec. 3, 1994 (26)	Date of Birth (Age)	Mar. 10, 1997 (24)
Singles Titles	0	Singles Titles	4
Madrid W-L (MD)	3-1	Madrid W-L (MD)	5-3
YTD / Career W-L	4-7 / 37-47	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	9-8 / 165-123
3-Set (YTD / Career)	2-5 / 14-25	3-Set (YTD / Career)	4-3 / 63-42
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	1-2 / 11-16	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	2-1 / 42-27
Clay Court (YTD / Career)	1-2 / 17-13	Clay Court (YTD / Career)	2-2 / 22-23
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 1-4	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 24-22
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 2-11	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-4 / 30-44
Coach	Velimir Zovko	Coach	Ivan Bencic

PERA:

Madrid

- Making second appearance at Madrid after posting an R16 debut run in 2018 (as qualifier, I. Suarez Navarro)
- Opened 2021 Mutua Madrid Open campaign with a commanding 6-3, 6-2 win over No.24 Martic – leveling their head-to-head record to 2-2 and posting her best win-by-ranking since ousting No.25 Kerber earlier this year at the Australian Open
- Snapped six-match losing streak, dating back to 2021 Australian Open 2r loss to Diyas
- Faces No.11 Bencic today - owns one Top 15 victory in career, coming over No.10 Konta at 2018 Australian Open
- Bidding to win back-to-back matches for first time since 2020 Doha, winning two qualifying matches then defeating Garcia in 1r (I. Ka.Pliskova)
- Bidding to win back-to-back main draw matches for first time since 2019 Bronx (d. Kudermetova and Strycova, I. Siniakova)
- Best results on clay were SF runs at 2019 Jurmala (I. Kawa), Lausanne (I. eventual champion Ferro) and Prague (I. Muchova)
- Fell during Adelaide qualifying before falling 1r at Dubai (Sevastova), Miami (I. Sorribes Tormo), Charleston (I. Cornet) and most recently at Istanbul (I. Kudermetova)
- Opened the 2021 season posting three consecutive 2r runs, at Abu Dhabi (d. Vekic, I. Tormo), Gippsland Trophy (d. Gadecki, I. Konta) and Australian Open (d. Kerber, I. Diyas)

Career Milestones

- Achieved career-best year-end ranking of No.61 in 2020, reaching 2r five times, including at US Open and Roland Garros
- Posted new career-high ranking of No.59 on March 2, 2020
- Best by-ranking win of career was over No.10 Konta at 2018 Australian Open

- Scored her second career Top 20 victory in 2019 against No.16 Q.Wang at Prague
- Reached a then-career-high ranking of No.63 on July 29, 2019 after back-to-back SF runs at Lausanne (I. Ferro) and Jurmala (I. Kawa)
- Captured her ninth ITF Circuit singles title in 2019 at \$100K ITF/Trnava 3-SVK (d. Blinkova in F)
- Reached first Tour-level QF of career at 2018 Charleston (I. eventual R-Up and No.14 Keys in 3s)
- Nominated for WTA's Breakthrough Player of the Month in April 2018 following Charleston run, which was eventually won by Bogdan (fan vote)
- As lucky loser, scored career first main draw win at the 2018 Australian Open (d. Blinkova 1r), first Top 100 win and Top 10 win (over No.10 Konta 2r) at the Australian Open (I. Strycova in 3r). Became first lucky loser to reach 3r of Australian Open since 1997 (Kleinova)
- Rose nearly 200 ranking places in 2017, ending season at No.127 after posting 54-20 record (all levels)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2017 Guangzhou (I. Cornet) and contested qualifying at US Open, Wuhan, Linz and Moscow. That year, also made 1r exit at WTA 125K Series event at Limoges (I. Alexandrova)
- In 2015 won first titles on ITF Circuit at \$10k ITF/Alkmaar-NED, \$10k ITF/Breda-NED and \$10k ITF/Rotterdam-NED. Also fell in qualifying at Québec City. Improved ranking from No.646 to No.361
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2014 Québec City
- On ITF Circuit has won nine titles in singles and eight in doubles
- Made debut on ITF Circuit in 2011 at \$10k ITF/Landisville, PA-USA

BENCIC:

Madrid

- Making her fourth main draw appearance at the Mutua Madrid Open
- In 2019, enjoyed a semifinalist run, ousting World No.1 Osaka before falling to No.3 Halep
- Fell during 1r in first two appearances, in 2014 (as qualifier, I. S.Williams) and 2015 (I. Tomljanovic)
- Defeated No.55 Mladenovic to contest the 2r for an eighth time this season – however, bidding for a pair of back-to-back wins for the first time since reaching the 2021 Adelaide final (I. Swiatek)
- Today, faces American and No.70 Pera for the first time – including 1r win over Mladenovic, owns 7-3 record vs. players outside the Top 50 this season, with losses coming against No.72 Cirstea (Grampians), No.88 Potapova (Dubai) and No.71 Badosa (Charleston)
- Best career results on clay are SF runs at 2014 Charleston and 2019 Madrid
- Fell 2r at Charleston (after 1r bye, I. Badosa in 3s) and Istanbul (d. Schunk, I. Alexandrova)
- Before that, made 3r showings at Miami (I. Vondrousova in 3s) and Dubai (I. Potapova), as well as suffering a 1r exit at Doha (I. Keys)
- Finished R-Up at Adelaide (I. Swiatek); record in WTA finals is now 4-7
- Made 3r run at the Australian Open (I. 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, I. Cirstea) in what was her first match since last September at Rome (after 1r bye, I. Kovinic)

Career Milestones

- Across a disrupted 2020 reached three QFs, at Adelaide, St. Petersburg and Doha
- 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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MUTUA MADRID OPEN – DAY 4

KAROLINA MUCHOVA (CZE #20) vs. [2] NAOMI OSAKA (JPN #2)

Osaka leads 1-0

Muchova is competing this week on a new career-high ranking, having made her Top 20 debut at No.20... **Osaka** is aiming to extend her season record against Top 20 opponents to 4-0

[5] ARYNA SABALENKA (BLR #7) vs. DARIA KASATKINA (RUS #37)

Sabalenka leads 2-1

Sabalenka enters Madrid following a finalist run last week at Stuttgart... **Kasatkina** is looking for her first win over a Top 10 opponent since defeating No.2 Wozniacki at 2018 Roland Garros

ZHENG SAISAI (CHN #57) vs. [3] SIMONA HALEP (ROU #3)

Halep leads 2-0

Zheng posted her career-best clay court run by lifting silverware at 2019 Anning ... **Halep** is a two-time champion here in Madrid, lifting the trophy back-to-back years in 2016 and 2017

JESSICA PEGULA (USA #33) vs. [12] VICTORIA AZARENKA (BLR #15)

Pegula leads 1-0

Pegula defeated today's opponent during their only previous meeting at 2021 Australian Open... **Azarenka** is a two-time finalist here, reaching back-to-back championship matches at 2011-12

KAROLINA MUCHOVA (CZE #20) VS. [2] NAOMI OSAKA (JPN #2)

Head-to-head: OSAKA leads 1-0

2020 CINCINNATI HARD O R32 NAOMI OSAKA 6-7(5) 6-4 6-2

MUCHOVA		OSAKA	
Career Prize Money	\$2,513,753	Career Prize Money	\$19,735,032
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Aug. 21, 1996 (24)	Date of Birth (Age)	Oct. 16, 1997 (23)
Singles Titles	1	Singles Titles	7
Madrid W-L (MD)	1-0	Madrid W-L (MD)	4-2
YTD / Career W-L	9-2 / 46-25	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	13-1 / 149-74
3-Set (YTD / Career)	2-2 / 14-12	3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	2-0 / 43-19
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 12-4	Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 27-24
Clay Court (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 7-4	Clay Court W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 21-15
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	2-0 / 3-8	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 12-20
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	3-0 / 9-12	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	3-0 / 31-32
Coach	David Kotyza	Coach	Wim Fissette

MUCHOVA:

Madrid

- Making tournament debut at Madrid
- Competing this week on a new career-high ranking, having made her Top 20 debut at No.20 on the WTA Rankings (week of April 26, 2021)
- Advanced to 2r by defeating China's Wang Qiang in straight sets
- One of six Czech players in the starting line-up in the Spanish capital this week, led by three-time champion Kvitová
- Playing second event of clay swing, having fallen to Alexandrova in a close three-set opener at Stuttgart's Porsche Tennis Grand Prix last week
- Stuttgart represented her first event since the Australian swing, due to a left abdominal injury
- During breakthrough SF run at Australian Open, upset No.1 Barty in QF; heading into today's clash against No.2 Osaka owns 2-2 record against Top 5 players, having previously lost to No.4 Kerber (2019 Miami) and No.5 Kerber (2019 Monterrey) and defeated No.3 Ka.Pliskova (2019 Wimbledon)
- Withdrew mid-tournament at opening two events of 2021 season, firstly at Abu Dhabi prior to 2r match (w/illness) and then at the Gippsland Trophy, prior to QF match vs. Kanepi (w/abdominal injury)

Career Milestones

- Matched best year-end ranking in 2020, finishing at No.21 (same as 2019)
- Posted best result at 2020 US Open by reaching R16 (l. Azarenka) – handed V.Williams her first opening round loss in New York in 22 appearances, then saved three MPs vs. Cirstea in 3r
- Finished 2019 season in rich vein of form, winning 18 of last 24 matches, including capturing maiden WTA title at Seoul (d. Linette in F), SFs at Zhuhai (l. eventual champion Sabalenka) and Moscow (l. Pavlyuchenkova) and maiden major QF at Wimbledon (l. Svitolina)

- During run to last eight at 2019 Wimbledon upset No.3 Ka.Pliskova in R16 to record her first Top 10 victory; following the tournament, broke into Top 50 at No.43 on July 15, 2019
- First WTA final appearance came during R-Up finish on home soil at 2019 Prague (I. Teichmann) – made Top 100 debut at No.74 following the tournament (May 6, 2019)
- Advanced to maiden WTA QF at 2019 Doha (as qualifier, I. Svitolina)
- Billie Jean King Cup debut came during 4-0 World Group play-off win over Canada in 2019
- Reached 3r on Slam main draw debut at 2018 US Open (as qualifier, d. No.12 Muguruza in 2r, I. Barty in 3r)
- Fell 1r on WTA main draw debut at 2017 Seoul (as qualifier, I. Hon)
- Won second – and most recent – career ITF Circuit title in 2016 and posted 39-18 win-loss record; at tour-level fell in qualifying at US Open
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in Croatia in 2013

OSAKA:

Madrid

- Making third appearance at Madrid, where her best result was QF run in 2019 (I. Bencic) – the best run posted by a player from Japan in tournament history
- Fell 1r on main draw debut in 2018 (I. S.Zhang) and during 2016 qualifying
- Against No.20 Muchova today is looking to extend her season record against Top 20 opponents to 4-0
- Searching for career-first clay court title. All seven of her career titles have come on hard courts
- Best result on clay courts was SF run at 2019 Stuttgart (I. Kontaveit via W/O)
- Entered Madrid ranked first on Tour for points (64.4%) won on serve and second for games (79.1%) won on serve, only behind Barty (80.6%)
- Advanced to today's 2r match against Muchova by defeating her countrywoman Misaki Doi in straight sets; improves to 7-1 in her career vs. Japanese opponents
- Playing first clay event of season, most recent outing being a QF run at Miami (I. Sakkari)
- Prior to her loss to Sakkari, had won 23-straight matches, with last loss coming at the hands of No.78 Sorribes Tormo on Fed Cup duty for Japan at the start of last February. Since the Tour's resumption in the summer had won four matches at Western & Southern Open (withdrew w/left hamstring injury before final against Azarenka), seven during US Open title run, three at Yarra Valley Classic (withdrew w/right shoulder injury), seven at Australian Open and two in Miami (I. Sakkari)
- Is only the third woman since 2010 to go unbeaten for 20 or more matches, joining S.Williams (27 wins between 2014 WTA Finals and 2015 Madrid) and Azarenka (26 wins between 2012 Sydney and Miami)
- Won fourth Grand Slam title at Australian Open (d. Brady in F); saved two match points to defeat No.14 Muguruza in R16 and register her 50th career Grand Slam victory – eighth time in the Open Era a woman has won Australian Open after saving match point, following Monica Seles (1991), Jennifer Capriati (2002), Serena Williams (2003 and 2005), Li Na (2014), Angelique Kerber (2016) and Caroline Wozniacki (2018)
- Is the 16th woman to win four or more Grand Slam titles in the Open Era. Last woman to triumph in her first four major finals was Seles (1990 Roland Garros, 1991 Australian Open, 1991 Roland Garros and 1991 US Open)
- Opened the season with SF showing at the Gippsland Trophy (withdrew prior to match against Mertens w/right shoulder injury)

Career Milestones

- Concluded last year by coming from a set and a break down to beat Azarenka in 2020 US Open final and lift the third Grand Slam title of career – is the 20th woman to win three or more majors in the Open Era
- Began last season with SF showing at Brisbane (l. eventual champion Ka.Pliskova) and 3r exit at Australian Open (l. Gauff)
- Aside from US Open triumph, highlight of 2020 campaign was R-Up finish at Western & Southern Open – withdrew w/left hamstring injury before final against Azarenka
- Won second Grand Slam at Australian Open (d. Kvitova in F); became first Japanese player to reach World No.1 ranking following the tournament
- In addition, won back-to-back titles for first time in her career at Osaka (d. Pavlyuchenkova in F) and Beijing (d. Barty in F); defeated No.1 Barty in Beijing final for second career victory over world No.1 (also beat Halep at 2018 Indian Wells)
- Enjoyed break-out season in 2018, posting a 40-20 record resulting in a No.5 (first Top 10 season), up from No.68 in 2017
- Won the first two titles of her career in 2018, at Indian Wells (d. Kasatkina in F) and debut Grand Slam crown at US Open (d. S.Williams in F)
- En route to the Indian Wells title, defeated five-time major champion Sharapova, and A.Radwanska, Ka.Pliskova and Halep. Only set dropped all fortnight was against Sakkari in R16
- Reached one further final in 2018, at Tokyo [PPO] (l. Ka.Pliskova)
- In reaching R16 at 2018 Australian Open, became youngest Japanese player to reach R16 at a Slam since Sugiyama at 1995 Roland Garros (19y, 342d) and the youngest player from Japan to reach R16 in Melbourne since Date in 1990 (197, 122d)
- Book-ended 2017 season with QF showings at Auckland and Hong Kong; other highlights included 3r runs at Wimbledon and US Open
- Scored first Top 5 win of career when she defeated No.5 V.Williams at 2017 Hong Kong. Upset win over defending champion and No.6-ranked Kerber at 2017 US Open marked first career Top 10 win
- Voted 2016 WTA Newcomer of the Year; highlight was career-first WTA final at Tokyo [PPO] (l. Wozniacki). Also reached QF on three occasions and 3r at Australian Open, Roland Garros and US Open
- Ranked No.406, made WTA main draw debut at 2014 Stanford. As an alternate, won through qualifying (achieving first WTA qualifying wins), and came from match point down to shock No.19 Stosur in 1r of main draw, before losing to No.18 Petkovic in 2r
- Made WTA qualifying debut at Québec City in 2013 (l. Dabrowski)

[5] ARYNA SABALENKA (BLR #7) VS. DARIA KASATKINA (RUS #37)

Head-to-head: SABALENKA leads 2-1

2021	AUSTRALIAN OPEN	HARD	O	R64	ARYNA SABALENKA	7-6(5) 6-3
2020	ROLAND GARROS	CLAY	O	R64	ARYNA SABALENKA	7-6(6) 6-0
2019	BEIJING	HARD	O	R32	DARIA KASATKINA	6-4 7-6(5)

SABALENKA		KASATKINA	
Career Prize Money	\$7,474,204	Career Prize Money	\$6,627,372
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-Handed
Date of Birth (Age)	May 5, 1998 (22)	Date of Birth (Age)	May 7, 1997 (23)
Singles Titles	9	Singles Titles	4
Madrid W-L (MD)	1-2	Madrid W-L (MD)	4-4
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	19-6 / 145-68	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	17-5 / 151-111
3-Set (YTD / Career)	3-6 / 48-28	3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	8-1 / 58-37
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	6-0 / 33-26	Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	3-1 / 27-23
Clay Court (YTD / Career)	5-1 / 20-14	Clay Court W-L (YTD / Career)	2-1 / 40-27
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 13-14	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 12-23
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	3-4 / 28-23	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-2 / 26-45
Coach	Anton Dubrov	Coach	Carlos Martinez Comet

SABALENKA:

Madrid

- Making third main draw appearance at Mutua Madrid Open
- Through to 2r for first time (d. qualifier Zvonareva) having previously fallen 1r on both showings, in 2018 (as qualifier, I. Pera) and 2019 (I. Kuznetsova)
- Owns a perfect 6-0 record in tie-breaks in 2021; six of the 12 sets previously played against today's opponent Kasatkina have ended in tie-breaks
- One of two Belarusians to start in this week's main draw, also Azarenka. Best run by one of her compatriots here was Azarenka, finishing R-Up in 2011-12
- Searching for career first clay court title. All nine of her career titles have come on hard courts
- Has reached two finals on clay; arrived in the Spanish capital after R-Up finish at Stuttgart (I. Barty in F); earlier in career reached title bout at 2018 Lugano (I. Mertens in F)
- Coming off back-to-back losses to eventual champion Barty, falling to the World No.1 during the Stuttgart final and Miami QF
- Suffered back-to-back three-set losses to Muguruza in the Middle East swing, falling at QF stage at Dubai and in 2r at Doha (as defending champion)
- Made R16 run at Australian Open (I. 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
- Won 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, I. No.94 Kanepi)

Career Milestones

- 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

KASATKINA:

Madrid

- Making fifth appearance at Mutua Madrid Open
- Achieved best result in the Spanish capital with a run to QF in 2018 (l. eventual champion Kvitova, having upset Muguruza in previous round)
- After 1r defeat of qualifier Begu, this week marks first time she has reached 2r here, following 1r losses in 2016 (l. Tig), 2017 (Vinci) and 2019 (l. Azarenka)
- With two titles under her belt so far this season, has almost halved her ranking so far in 2021 – up from No.72 at start of year to back inside Top 40, at No.37
- Currently Russia's No.4, behind Kudermetova, Alexandrova and Kuznetsova

- Against No.7 Sabalenka today is looking for her first win over a Top 10 opponent since d. No.2 Wozniacki in R16 at 2018 Roland Garros
- Opened 2021 clay season with 2r effort at Istanbul (l. Kostyuk)
- Made 1r exit to Cornet on hardcourts of Dubai
- On Russian home soil in February, d. Gasparyan in F (via. ret.) to win fourth career title at St Petersburg
- Before heading to Russia, won first title in over two years at Phillip Island Trophy during Australian swing, defeating Bouzkova in F; St Petersburg marked first final since winning the 2018 Moscow title (d. Jabeur in F), which helped propel her into the WTA Top 10 for the first time in her career on October 22, 2018
- Also during Australian swing, reached 3r at Gippsland Trophy (l. eventual R-Up Kanepi) and made 2r exit at Australian Open (l. Sabalenka)
- Began 2021 season with 3r showing at Abu Dhabi (l. Rybakina)
- Eight of her 17 wins this season have come over higher ranked players including four during title run at the Phillip Island Trophy and two during her title run at St Petersburg (d. Gasparyan in F)

Career Milestones

- Is now 4-3 in Tour-level finals, lifting champion's trophies at 2017 Charleston (d. Ostapenko in F), 2018 Moscow (d. Jabeur in F), 2021 Phillip Island Trophy and 2021 St Petersburg; finished R-Up at 2017 Moscow (l. Goerges in F), 2018 Dubai (l. Svitolina in F) and 2018 Indian Wells (l. Osaka in F)
- Highlight of truncated 2020 season was SF showing at Lyon (l. Friedsam) – her first run to the last four at a WTA event since lifting title at 2018 Moscow [Kremlin Cup]
- Won consecutive matches only twice in difficult 2019 campaign, with best result a QF run at Premier Mandatory China Open (l. Wozniacki)
- Ended 2018 season by lifting her second WTA singles title at Moscow [Kremlin Cup]. Recovered from a set and 6-2 4-1 down to defeat Jabeur in final; broke into Top 10 following the tournament, on October 22, 2018
- Knocked out No.2 seed Wozniacki en route to her first Grand Slam QF, at 2018 Roland Garros
- Reached biggest final of career at 2018 Indian Wells (l. Osaka), having upset No.2 Wozniacki, No.10 Kerber and No.8 V. Williams along the way
- Made Top 20 debut on February 26, 2018, following R-Up finish at Dubai (d. No.3 Muguruza, l. Svitolina)
- Upset No.1 Wozniacki during SF run at 2018 St. Petersburg; having also beaten Kerber at 2017 Sydney, is one of six players in WTA history to have multiple wins over World No.1s before their 21st birthday, also V. Williams (9), S. Williams (8), Sharapova (4) Kenin (2) and Kuznetsova (2)
- Captured maiden WTA singles title in debut final at 2017 Charleston, defeating fellow teenager Ostapenko in F – the first all-teenage final on tour since 2009 Linz (Wickmayer d. Kvitova)
- Ended 2016 as the highest-ranked teenager on tour, at No.27, after reaching a second career WTA SF, at St. Petersburg and made QF stage at Indian Wells, Charleston, Montréal, Rio Olympics and Moscow
- Made Top 50 debut on February 15, 2016, following St. Petersburg run
- Upset No.7 V. Williams in opening match of 2016 season at Auckland to register the first Top 10 win of her career
- Made Billie Jean King Cup debut in World Group quarter-final defeat to Netherlands in 2016. Has also represented Russia in the competition in 2017 and 2019 and at 2016 Olympics

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- Reached first WTA SF at 2015 Moscow (as qualifier, I. Pavlyuchenkova, having recorded first Top 20 win over No.14 Suárez Navarro in QF); following the tournament made Top 100 debut at No.73 (October 26, 2015)
- Reached 3r at 2015 US Open (as LL, I. Mladenovic) on Grand Slam debut (main draw and qualifying). Earlier in summer of 2015, won back-to-back matches for first time at a WTA tournament during QF run at Bad Gastein (as qualifier, I. Errani)
- Also in 2015, won maiden WTA doubles title at 2015 Moscow (w/Vesnina), lifted five singles titles on ITF Circuit and was nominated for WTA Newcomer of the Year in 2015
- Fell 1r on WTA main draw debut at 2014 Moscow (as WC, I. Riske)
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2013 Moscow

ZHENG SAISAI (CHN #57) VS. [3] SIMONA HALEP (ROU #3)

Head-to-head: HALEP leads 2-0

2018	WIMBLEDON	GRASS O	R64	SIMONA HALEP	7-5 6-0
2015	SHENZHEN	HARD O	SF	SIMONA HALEP	6-2 6-3

ZHENG		HALEP	
Career Prize Money	\$3,943,117	Career Prize Money	\$37,493,597
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Feb. 5, 1994 (27)	Date of Birth (Age)	Sept. 27, 1991 (29)
Singles Titles	1	Singles Titles	22
Madrid W-L (MD)	4-2	Madrid W-L (MD)	26-7
YTD / Career W-L	5-9 / 81-119	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	12-4 / 456-176
3-Set (YTD / Career)	2-3 / 41-43	3-Set (YTD / Career)	3-0 / 114-56
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 22-13	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 52-56
Clay Court (YTD / Career)	2-1 / 16-18	Clay Court (YTD / Career)	3-1 / 144-47
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 6-13	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 40-50
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 11-27	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	2-2 / 105-78
Coach	Goran Tomic	Coach	Darren Cahill

ZHENG:

Madrid

- Making third main draw appearance at Mutua Madrid Open (fourth overall), with best result being an R16 run in 2019 (l. Stephens)
- Made 2r on main draw debut in 2017 (as qualifier, d. No.10 Svitolina, l. Q.Wang)
- Defeated Linette in 1r to reach the second round for a fourth-straight tournament, last 1r defeat came at the hands of Rybakina at 2021 Dubai
- Faces No.3 Halep in 2r today, her last victory against a Top 10 player was over No.6 Bertens in R16 of Doha last year. Overall, holds a 6-13 record vs. Top 10
- Of three Chinese players to start the main draw, also Wang Qiang and Zhang Shuai, sole player to reach the second round
- Made best clay court run by lifting silverware at 2019 Anning (d. S.Zhang in F)
- Best results across four WTA 1000 Mandatory events are R16 showings at 2019 Madrid (l. Stephens) and 2020 Beijing (l. Barty)
- Also contesting doubles this fortnight with E.Perez (face either WC Badosa/Sorribes Tormo or No.5 seed Guarachi/Krawczyk in 2r)
- Coming off 2r runs at Miami (l. Ka.Pliskova) and Bogota (l. Voegele)
- Posted first QF showing in over a year at Monterrey (l. Ann Li). Also advanced to the doubles final with Watson (l. Dolehide/Muhammad)
- Fell 1r at the first six tournaments contested this season: Gippsland Trophy (l. Begu), Australian Open (l. Krejickova), Phillip Island Trophy (l. Jones), Adelaide (l. Collins), Doha (l. Doi) and Dubai (l. Rybakina)

Career Milestones

- Posted career high ranking of No.34 on March 24, 2020

- Highlights of 2020 season were two QF appearances at Hua Hin (l. Tig) and Doha (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)
- 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. Martic) to advance to SF (l. Bertens)
- Reached first Grand Slam doubles final of career at 2019 Roland Garros, w/Duan (l. Babos/Mladenovic)
- Won fourth WTA doubles title of career at 2019 Acapulco (w/Azarenka)
- 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
- 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

HALEP:

Madrid

- Making 10th main draw appearance at Mutua Madrid Open (11th overall)
- Two-time champion here, lifting the trophy in back-to-back years in 2016 (d. Cibulkova in F) and 2017 (d. Mladenovic in F)
- Also reached the final here in 2014 (l. Sharapova) and 2019 (l. Bertens)
- One of three former champions in the draw – also Kvitova (2011, 2015, 2018) and Bertens (2019)

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- Enters Madrid ranked No.3 for her 359th consecutive week inside the WTA Top 10 – the longest active streak
- Defeated No.46 Sorribes Tormo today in 1r today. Has not fallen during the opening round of a tournament since 2018 Beijing (l. Jabeur via ret.)
- In today's match, faces S.Zheng for their third career meeting and first on clay – has already defeated her on hard courts at 2015 Shenzhen and grass courts at 2018 Wimbledon, both in straight sets
- A loss today would mark her worst-by-ranking since falling to No.54 Swiatek at 2020 Roland Garros
- Best career results on clay are title runs on nine different occasions: 2020 Rome, Prague, 2018 Roland Garros, 2017 Madrid, 2016 Bucharest, Madrid, 2014 Bucharest, 2013 Budapest, Nurnberg
- Coming off SF run at Stuttgart last week (l. eventual R-Up Sabalenka)
- Was forced to withdraw due to injury in 3r match in Miami
- Battled her way to QF finish at Australian Open (l. S.Williams in straight sets), def No.17 Swiatek in R16
- Produced QF visit in Gippsland Trophy event to begin her 2021 campaign (l. Alexandrova)

Career Milestones

- Posted a 17-match winning streak in 2020, featuring titles at Dubai, Prague and Rome - the longest streak (at any level) of her career
- Victory at 2020 Dubai saw her become the sixth active player to reach 20 career titles
- Lifted second Grand Slam title of her career at Wimbledon in 2019 (d. S.Williams in F)
- Ended 2018 season as World No.1 for the second time in her career, with season highlighted by maiden major title at Roland Garros (d. Stephens in F) – was the second Romanian woman to win a Grand Slam singles title, following in the footsteps of 1978 Roland Garros champion Virginia Ruzici
- Opened 2018 season by sweeping singles and doubles titles at Shenzhen – doubles title w/Begu was the first of her career
- Finished 2017 as the year-end World No.1, having ascended to the No.1 spot for first time in career on October 9, 2017 – became the 25th woman to reach the top spot, and the 13th to hold year-end No.1
- Has spent 64 weeks as World No.1
- Made Top 10 debut on January 27, 2014 and has remained there ever since
- Breakthrough at Slam level came in 2014, when she made QF at Australian Open (l. Cibulkova), SF at Wimbledon (l. Bouchard) and finished R-Up at Roland Garros (l. Sharapova)
- Owns one win over a reigning World No.1: vs. S.Williams in RR at 2014 WTA Finals Singapore
- She won her first six WTA titles in the same calendar year in 2013, and was the first to do so since Stefanie Graf in 1986. This led to her being named the WTA Most Improved Player at the end of the year
- Between May 2013 and August 2014, improved ranking from No.64 to No.2, winning seven titles
- Scored first Top 10 win over then No.6 Li Na in 1r at 2011 US Open
- Broke into Top 100 on October 4, 2010, Top 50 on September 12, 2011 and Top 20 on August 26, 2013
- Has qualified six times for WTA Finals in Singapore (2014-19, although withdrew injured in 2018), reaching final in 2014 (l. S.Williams)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2010 Marbella as a qualifier, reaching quarterfinals
- Romanian Fed Cup Team, 2010, 2012, 2014-19; Romanian Olympic Team, 2012
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in Romania in 2006

[29] JESSICA PEGULA (USA #33) VS. [12] VICTORIA AZARENKA (BLR #15)

Head-to-head: PEGULA leads 1-0

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PEGULA		AZARENKA	
Career Prize Money	\$1,888,321	Career Prize Money	\$32,498,760
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Feb 24, 1994 (26)	Date of Birth (Age)	Jul. 31, 1989 (31)
Singles Titles	1	Singles Titles	21
Madrid W-L (MD)	1-0	Madrid W-L (MD)	19-9
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	15-6 / 47-40	YTD / Career W-L	6-2 / 473-185
3-Set (YTD / Career)	2-4 / 15-13	3-Set (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 89-65
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 12-10	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 70-44
Clay Court (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 6-8	Clay Court (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 105-50
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	4-3 / 4-7	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 70-74
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	5-4 / 8-12	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 126-104
Coach	David Witt	Coach	Dorian Descloix

PEGULA:

Madrid

- Making tournament debut at Madrid this week, having fallen during 2019 qualifying in only previous attempt
- One of four Americans to reach the second round, also Stephens, Pera and Brady
- Just one spot shy of career-high ranking of No.32; posted on April 5, 2021 following R16 showing at Miami (I. Sakkari)
- Today, faces Azarenka for a second time, having already defeated the Belrusian earlier this year during the opening round of the Australian Open, en route to maiden Grand Slam QF run (I. eventual R-Up Brady)
- Owns 8-12 career record against Top 20 opposition, having recorded five of those wins this season - No.5 Svitolina and No.13 Azarenka at the Australian Open and No.6 Ka Pliskova at Doha, Dubai and Miami
- Best results posted on clay courts were R16 runs at 2013 Charleston (I. Jankovic) and 2019 Charleston (I. Martic) and Prague (I. Strycova)
- Enjoyed strong Middle Eastern swing, reaching her first WTA 500 SF, at Doha (as qualifier, I. eventual champion Kvitova) – was the first qualifier to reach last four in the tournament's history – then made QF at Dubai (I. Mertens)
- Advanced to 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, I. Kenin in 3s)
- Opened season at Abu Dhabi, falling 1r (I. Svitolina)

Career Milestones

- Began 2020 campaign with R-Up finish at Auckland (I. S.Williams)
- 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 (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

AZARENKA:

Madrid

- Making 10th appearance here in Madrid as a two-time finalist, reaching back-to-back championship matches in 2011 (l. Kvitova in F) and 2012 (l. S.Williams in F)
- Additional highlights include R16 appearances on debut in 2009 (l. Szavay) and in 2015 (l. S.Williams) and 2016 (l. Chirico)
- Overall owns impressive 19-9 main draw record here
- Lifted the doubles title at the Mutua Madrid Open back in 2011 with Kirilenko (d. Peschke/Srebotnik in F)
- Other representative from Belarus in the singles main draw is Sabalenka, who takes on Kasatkina in today's 2r
- Secured a second career win over Russia's Alexandrova in the opening round, also defeating her to open 2018 Wimbledon
- In today's second round, looks to avenge 1r loss to American Pegula earlier this year at the Australian Open, their only previous clash – a win today would bring her to her fourth R16 showing in Madrid and first since 2016
- Best result on clay was title run at 2011 Marbella (d. Begu in F)
- Coming off R16 run at Miami where she fell to World No.1 and eventual champion Barty – now owns a 3-11 record against reigning World No.1s: all three wins came over S. Williams in a WTA 1000 final, having defeated the American at 2009 Miami, 2013 Cincinnati and 2016 Indian Wells
- Posted SF run at Doha (withdrew prior to match vs. Muguruza w/back injury). Was also forced to pull out of Grampians Trophy QF vs. Kontaveit earlier this year with similar injury
- Beat World No.5 Svitolina in Doha QF and register 32nd Top 5 win of her career
- 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)

Career Milestones

- 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

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MUTUA MADRID OPEN – DAY 5

[9] PETRA KVITOVA (CZE #12) vs. VERONIKA KUDERMETOVA (RUS #28)

First meeting

Kvitova is contesting her 20th match of the season today, posting a 13-6 record thus far...
Kudermetova is aiming to extend her 2021 Tour-leading win count to 23 today (level with Barty)

[1] ASHLEIGH BARTY (AUS #1) vs. [14] IGA SWIA TEK (POL #17)

First meeting

2019 Roland Garros champion **Barty** is currently on a 13-match winning streak on red clay...
2020 Roland Garros champion **Swiatek** has won nine matches and 18 sets in a row on red clay

[WC] PAULA BADOSA (ESP #62) vs. [Q] ANASTASIJA SEVASTOVA (LAT #54)

Badosa leads 1-0

The last Spaniard remaining, **Badosa** is looking to become the first wildcard to reach the QF here since 2017... **Sevastova** is bidding for her third QF of the season following Adelaide and Miami

ONS JABEUR (TUN #25) vs. [8] BELINDA BENCIC (SUI #11)

First meeting

Jabeur won her 10th match on clay in 2021 - the second-most on Tour - by defeating Stephens in 2r...
Bencic is aiming for her best win-by-ranking today since 2019 Shiseido WTA Finals Shenzhen

[9] PETRA KVITOVA (CZE #12) VS. VERONIKA KUDERMETOVA (RUS #28)

Head-to-head: First meeting

KVITOVA		KUDERMETOVA	
Career Prize Money	\$32,824,782	Career Prize Money	\$2,073,587
Plays	Left-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Mar. 8, 1990 (31)	Date of Birth (Age)	Apr. 24, 1997 (24)
Singles Titles	28	Singles Titles	1
Madrid W-L (MD)	31-7	Madrid W-L (MD)	2-0
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	13-6 / 463-216	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	22-9 / 67-49
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	2-4 / 126-91	3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	6-2 / 26-15
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	2-1 / 93-68	Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	6-3 / 24-12
Clay Court W-L (YTD / Career)	5-2 / 97-45	Clay Court W-L (YTD / Career)	11-1 / 24-12
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-2 / 55-60	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	2-3 / 6-6
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	4-2 / 111-99	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	2-5 / 7-13
Left-hand W-L (YTD/Career)	2-1 / 46-15	Left-hand W-L (YTD/Career)	2-0 / 7-3
Coach	Jiri Vanek	Coach	Sergey Demkhine

KVITOVA:

Madrid

- Making her 11th appearance at Mutua Madrid Open as a three-time champion, lifting the trophy in 2011 (d. Azarenka in F), 2015 (d. Kuznetsova in F) and 2018 (d. Bertens in F)
- Became the youngest champion at Madrid in 2011 (21 years, 2 months)
- Also reached the SF here in 2014 (l. Halep) and QF in 2019 (l. eventual champion Bertens)
- Owns five titles on clay courts – 2019 Stuttgart, Madrid in 2011, 2015 and 2018, and Prague in 2018
- One of six Czech women in the draw – also Bouzkova, Krejckova, Muchova, Ka.Pliskova and Vondrousova
- In 1r, her opponent Bouzkova was forced to retire w/right hand injury
- Saw off No.26 Kerber in 2r – their 14th career meeting
- Faces Kudermetova in 3r today; has won sole meeting with Russian opposition this season, beating Pavlyuchenkova en route to Doha title
- Coming off QF run last week at Stuttgart as the defending champion (l. Svitolina after holding two match points in the second set)
- Made back-to-back 3r runs at Charleston (l. Kovinic) and Miami (l. Svitolina)
- Made 2r exit at Dubai (after 1r bye, l. Teichmann via ret.)
- Lifted her 28th career title at Doha (d. Muguruza in F). Is in fourth place for titles won amongst active players (behind S.Williams – 73, V.Williams – 49 and Clijsters – 41)
- Opened season with 3r run at Yarra Valley Classic (after 1r bye, d. V.Williams, l. Podoroska) before falling in 2r at Australian Open (l. Cirstea)

Career Milestones

- Reached final at Doha in 2020 (l. Sabalenka). 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)

- 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

KUDERMETOVA:

Madrid

- Making main draw debut in Madrid
- Fell at first hurdle in qualifying in 2019 (l. Brady)
- Is yet to drop a set this year, beating compatriot Vesnina in 1r and then upsetting No.10 and defending champion Bertens in 2r
- Now owns a Tour-leading 22 main draw wins this season (level with Barty); by contrast, registered a total of 12 match wins last year and 27 in 2019
- Victory over Bertens was the sixth Top-10 win of her career; previous five came against No.10 Bencic (2019 Wuhan), No.4 Svitolina (2019 Moscow), No.3 Ka.Pliskova (2020 Western & Southern Open), No.6 Ka.Pliskova (2020 Ostrava) and No.5 Svitolina (2021 Abu Dhabi)
- Faces another former Madrid champion Kvitova in 3r today; bidding to reach fifth QF of the season
- Has struck five aces this week, taking her season total to 147 – second on Tour, behind Barty (163)
- Also playing doubles in Madrid (w/Potapova)
- Coming off SF run at Istanbul (l. Mertens); bounced back to win doubles title alongside the Belgian

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- In Charleston, lifted her maiden WTA title, without dropping a set (d. Kovinic in F). Results in Charleston took her total career prize money past \$2 million
- Produced 3r showing at Miami (l. Sabalenka)
- Advanced to QF at St. Petersburg (l. eventual champion Kasatkina) where she was one of seven Russians to reach the last eight
- Made 2r exit at Dubai (l. Bencic) and 1r exit at Doha (l. Muguruza)
- Suffered 1r exit at Adelaide (l. Rogers) after a career-best 3r run at Australian Open (l. Halep)
- Also this season, made 2r at Grampians Trophy (l. Li) after opening her campaign by reaching maiden WTA final, at Abu Dhabi (l. Sabalenka)

Career Milestones

- Began last season with qualifying exit at Brisbane and then SF run at Hobart
- Scored first win over a Top-3 ranked opponent by upsetting No.3 Ka.Pliskova at 2020 Western & Southern Open.
- Closed out 2020 season with back-to-back QFs at Ostrava (as qualifier, l. Brady) and Linz (l. Mertens)
- 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 (l. 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 – l. 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, l. 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

[1] ASHLEIGH BARTY (AUS #1) VS. [14] IGA SWIA TEK (POL #17)

Head-to-head: First meeting

BARTY		SWIA TEK	
Career Prize Money	\$18,424,213	Career Prize Money	\$3,299,952
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	April 24, 1996 (25)	Date of Birth (Age)	May 31, 2001 (19)
Singles Titles	11	Singles Titles	2
Madrid W-L (MD)	6-2	Madrid W-L (MD)	2-0
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	22-3 / 174-68	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	13-4 / 41-21
3-Set (YTD / Career)	10-1 / 57-20	3-Set (YTD / Career)	1-2 / 8-7
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	5-1 / 28-20	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 2-6
Clay Court (YTD / Career)	8-1 / 30-14	Clay Court (YTD / Career)	2-0 / 16-4
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	6-0 / 24-20	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 2-3
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	8-0 / 45-38	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-2 / 7-6
Coach	Craig Tyzzer	Coach	Piotr Sierzputowski

BARTY:

Madrid

- Making third appearance at Madrid – advanced to QF in 2019 (as No.9 seed, l. No.3 seed Halep), having fallen in 2r on debut in 2018 (unseeded, l. No.2 seed Wozniacki)
- Contesting 2021 Madrid as the World No.1 – bidding to become the third top-ranked player to win the title after Dinara Safina (2009) and Serena Williams (2013)
- This week is her 73rd overall at the top of the rankings (ninth on the all-time list) and 65th consecutive week
- Currently sits in pole position on the Porsche Race to Shenzhen, having replaced Osaka by winning the Stuttgart title last week
- Playing her 19th Tour-level event as the top seed; has won six of the previous 18, at 2018 Nottingham, 2019 WTA Finals, 2020 Adelaide, 2021 Yarra Valley Classic, 2021 Miami and 2021 Stuttgart
- In 1r on Thursday, defeated Rogers for the fourth time this season in exactly one hour
- Battled past No.80 Zidansek in 2r to improve 3-set record of the season to 10-1; overall is 22-3 so far this year, tied with Kudermetova (22-9) for most wins on Tour in 2021
- Currently on a 13-match winning streak on European red clay: won seven matches at 2019 Roland Garros, four at 2021 Stuttgart and two here in Madrid (skipped 2020 clay-court season due to the pandemic)
- Including two wins this week, has struck a Tour-leading 163 aces this season
- Faces No.17 Swiatek today in a blockbuster 3r clash between the most recent two Roland Garros champions; owns a perfect 8-0 record against Top 20 players this year
- Coming off her 11th career singles title, won at Stuttgart (d. Sabalenka in F), now owns two clay court titles, having triumphed at Roland Garros in 2019
- Also won the doubles at Stuttgart (w/Brady), becoming the first player to sweep the tournament since Davenport in 2001
- On her 25th birthday on semi-finals day at Stuttgart, completed a comeback win over No.5 Svitolina to record her seventh career Top-5 win. Previous wins came over No.4 Ka.Pliskova (2017 Wuhan), No.3 Kerber (2018 Wuhan),

No.1 Halep (2019 Sydney), No.2 Kvitova (2019 Miami), No.2 Ka.Pliskova (2019 WTA Finals), No.5 Svitolina (2021 Miami)

- Has won her past 10 matches against Top-10 opposition (6-0 in 2021 – No.8 Sabalenka, No.5 Svitolina and No.9 Andreescu en route to defending Miami title, and No.9 Ka.Pliskova, No.5 Svitolina and No.7 Sabalenka at Stuttgart)
- Now owns 11-5 record in Tour-level finals (2-0 on clay court finals)
- Made QF showing at Charleston (I. Badosa) after lifting 10th career title, at Miami (d. Andreescu in F via ret. w/left foot injury) – first time defending a title in her career
- After a 1r bye at Miami, saved a match point against qualifier Kucova in 2r. The last woman to win the Miami title after saving a match point was S.Williams in 2007 (saved 2MP vs. Henin in final)
- Ended Australian swing with opening match loss at Adelaide (as defending champion, after 1r bye, I. Collins)
- Posted QF run at the Australian Open (I. Muchova) after winning title at the Yarra Valley Classic (d. Muguruza in F) – her first tournament since 2020 Doha where she reached SF (I. eventual R-Up Kvitova)

Career Milestones

- Finished year-end No.1 for second year in a row in 2020, despite missing all tournaments held after the resumption of play in the summer
- Went 12-3 to start 2020 season, results highlighted by first title on home soil, and eighth overall at Adelaide (d. Yastremska in F). Followed up with SF runs at Australian Open (I. eventual champion Kenin) and Doha (I. Kvitova)
- Stellar season in 2019 brought four singles titles – including maiden major at Roland Garros (d. Vondrousova in F) and WTA Finals in Shenzhen (d. Svitolina in F); registered Tour-leading 57 match wins, with 11-6 record against Top 10 opponents
- Broke into Top 10 after defeating Ka.Pliskova in F at 2019 Miami (week of April 1) and became first Australian woman in 43 years to secure No.1 singles ranking after title run at Birmingham, where she defeated Goerges in F (June 24, 2019)
- Other highlights in 2019 included R-Up finishes at Sydney (scored first win over a reigning No.1, Halep, en route; I. Kvitova) and Beijing (I. Osaka) and reached SF at Cincinnati and Wuhan. In doubles, won Rome titles and was R-Up at US Open (both w/Azarenka)
- In 2019, spearheaded Australia to its first Billie Jean King Cup final since 1993, against France in Perth; went 1-1 in singles (d. Garcia, I. Mladenovic) and dropped decisive doubles (w/Stosur) as the French prevailed 3-2
- In 2018, won two singles titles and four doubles titles, finishing the season No.15 in singles and No.7 in doubles; was one of only two players to finish the year in the Top 20 in both disciplines (along with Mertens)
- Captured first Grand Slam doubles trophy at 2018 US Open (w/Vandeweghe, d. No.1 seeds Krejickova/Siniakova in SF and No.2 seeds Mladenovic/Babos in F)
- Clinched career first WTA singles title at 2017 Kuala Lumpur (as qualifier, d. Hibino in F). Made Top 20 debut and became Australia's No.1 on October 23, 2017
- Qualified for WTA Finals in doubles in 2017 (w/Dellacqua) and 2018 (w/Vandeweghe)
- After 2014 US Open, took a break from tennis that lasted almost two years. Returned to professional tennis in 2016, having enjoyed a successful stint as an allrounder for the Brisbane Heat cricket team in the 2015-16 Women's Big Bash League

- During doubles partnership alongside compatriot Dellacqua, reached three Grand Slam doubles finals in 2013 (Australian Open, Wimbledon, US Open) and was also R-Up at Roland Garros in 2017
- Presented with Tennis Australia's Newcombe Medal prize in 2018 and 2019
- Made WTA main draw debut as WC at 2012 Hobart
- Won 2011 Wimbledon girls' singles title; finished season as world No.2 ranked junior behind Khromacheva
- Played first ITF Circuit event in hometown of Ipswich, Queensland in April 2010

SWIATEK:

Madrid

- Making main draw debut in Madrid as one of 20 debutantes in this year's field
- One of 10 Grand Slam champions in the draw – also Azarenka, Barty, Halep, Kvitova, Kerber, Osaka, Ostapenko, Stephens and V. Williams
- One of four teenagers to start the main draw – also Anisimova, Gauff and Kasintseva
- Playing in only her sixth Tour-level clay tournament – 2019 Lugano (R-Up), 2019 Prague (1r), 2019 Roland Garros (R16), 2020 Rome (1r), 2020 Roland Garros (WON)
- In 1r on Thursday, defeated American Riske without dropping serve and saving all four break points
- In her first meeting against German opposition at Tour-level, saw off No.59 Siegemund in straight sets in 2r, though needing 11 match points to close out the victory
- Now has won nine matches, 18 sets in a row on red clay, including 7-0 at 2020 Roland Garros and 2-0 so far this week; hasn't lost more than four games in any one of those 18 sets
- Faces Barty today in her first ever meeting against a reigning No.1. Owns a 2-3 record against Top 10 players, having previously defeated No.2 Halep and No.6 Kenin during her title run in Paris last year while lost to No.3 Halep at 2019 Roland Garros, No.2 Osaka at 2019 Toronto and No.2 Halep again at 2021 Australian Open
- Bidding to reach second QF of the season after lifting the trophy at Adelaide
- Also playing doubles this week with American Mattek-Sands (d. No.8 seeds Carter/Stefani in 1r, will face Vesnina/Zvonareva in 2r)
- Coming off 3r exit to No.359 Konjuh at Miami – her worst loss-by-ranking at Tour-level
- Made R16 showing at Dubai (l. eventual champion Muguruza)
- Won second career WTA title at Adelaide without dropping a set (d. Bencic in F) – also did not drop a set en route to first Tour-level title at 2020 Roland Garros (d. Kenin in F)
- Prior to Adelaide, best result on hard courts were R16 runs at the Australian Open in 2020 and 2021
- Made run to R16 at Australian Open falling to World No.2 Halep in three-sets, ending her 10-match Grand Slam win streak; won final major of the year at 2020 Roland Garros in which she beat Halep in QF
- Opened 2021 season reaching 3r at the Gippsland Trophy as No.6 seed (l. Alexandrova)

Career Milestones

- Posted career-high ranking of No.17 on October 12, 2020 for her first Top 20 season finish
- Won her maiden Tour-level title at 2020 Roland Garros without dropping a set, becoming the first player from Poland – man or woman – to win a Grand Slam singles title and first from her country to reach a major final since Agnieszka Radwanska at 2012 Wimbledon

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- Ranked No.54, she became the lowest-ranked woman to win the Roland Garros title in the Open Era and the lowest-ranked finalist since 1977 (No.56 Mihai). At 19y 132d, is the youngest champion in Paris since Monica Seles (18y 187d) in 1992
- Also became the first player to win her debut Tour-level title at a Grand Slam since Jelena Ostapenko at 2017 Roland Garros
- Won WTA Most Improved Player of the Year for 2020, as voted on by members of the media. Her coach, Piotr Sierzputowski, was voted by members of the WTA Coach Program as the WTA Coach of the Year for 2020
- Also won the 2020 WTA Fan Favorite Award, as voted on by fans
- Owns seven career wins over Top 20 ranked players, having defeated No.16 Q.Wang (2019 Roland Garros), No.18 Wozniacki (2019 Toronto), No.20 Vekic (2020 Australian Open), No.19 Vondrousova (2020 Roland Garros), No.2 Halep (2020 Roland Garros), No.6 Kenin (2020 Roland Garros) and No.12 Bencic (2021 Adelaide)
- Ended 2019 season ranked No.61 after a campaign highlighted by R-Up finish at Lugano (I. Hercog) and R16 run at Roland Garros (I. Halep)
- Also in 2019, reached 3r at Toronto (I. Osaka) and made 2r five times (incl. Australian and US Open)
- Broke into Top 100 at No.88 after R-Up finish at 2019 Lugano
- Ended 2018 season ranked No.175 (up from No.690 in 2017), after posting 42-6 record in ITF Circuit
- Highlights of 2018 campaign were four titles on the ITF Circuit, including at the \$60k clay court events in Budapest-HUN and Montreux-SUI
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2019 Auckland
- Member of Poland's Fed Cup team, 2018-20
- On professional debut, came through qualifying to win title at \$10k ITF/Stockholm-SWE in 2016; owns seven singles titles at this level
- Enjoyed a stellar junior career, including winning girls' singles at 2018 Wimbledon (d. Küng in F), 2018 Roland Garros doubles (w/McNally), and leading Poland to the Junior Fed Cup crown in 2016

[WC] PAULA BADOSA (ESP #62) VS. [Q] ANASTASIJA SEVASTOVA (LAT #54)

Head-to-head: BADOSA leads 1-0

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BADOSA		SEVASTOVA	
Career Prize Money	\$1,021,010	Career Prize Money	\$7,716,749
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Nov. 15, 1997 (23)	Date of Birth (Age)	Apr. 13, 1990 (31)
Singles Titles	0	Singles Titles	4
Madrid W-L (MD)	2-2	Madrid W-L (MD)	9-3
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	13-6 / 34-32	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	10-8 / 188-154
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	8-3 / 12-6	3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	2-5 / 59-54
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	2-4 / 4-9	Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	3-1 / 43-40
Clay Court W-L (YTD / Career)	6-1 / 20-11	Clay Court W-L (YTD / Career)	3-1 / 68-43
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 1-3	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-2 / 10-26
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	2-0 / 2-5	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-3 / 20-49
Left-Hand W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 3-5	Left-Hand W-L (YTD / Career)	Ronald Schmidt
Coach	Javier Marti	Coach	\$7,651,649

BADOSA:

Madrid

- Making third main draw appearance (fifth overall) at her home tournament in Madrid
- Only Spanish representative remaining in the tournament
- Sole wildcard to reach the R16 out of five to start the tournament – also Cirstea, Kasinteva, Sorribes Tormo and V.Williams, who all fell in 1r
- Best performances from a wildcard at Madrid were QF runs by Medina Garrigues in 2013 (l. eventual champion S.Williams), and Cirstea in 2016 (l. Cibulkova) and 2017 (l. Mladenovic)
- Fell 1r in 2015 (as qualifier, l. Errani) and 2016 (as WC, l. Cornet); also fell in qualifying in 2017 and 2018
- Playing this week on career high ranking of No.62 which she reached on April 12 this year
- Defeated No.39 Krejčíková 6-1, 7-5 in 1r to notch first main draw win here in Madrid
- In 2r, defeated No.40 Teichmann in their second meeting of 2021, having defeated the Swiss at Miami via ret.
- The wins over Krejčíková and Teichmann marked her fourth and fifth Top 50 wins of the season, having previously defeated No.41 Teichmann (Miami via ret.), No.12 Bencic and No.1 Barty (both at Charleston)
- Faces No.54 Sevastova today in their second career meeting, having defeated the Latvian in three-sets in her first match of the 2021 season at Abu Dhabi
- Owns 7-3 record vs. players ranked outside the Top 50 in 2021
- Aiming to become first wildcard to reach the QF stage here since Cirstea in 2017
- Also played doubles this week as a wildcard team with countrywoman Sorribes Tormo (l. Guarachi/Krawczyk in 1r)
- Coming off run to first WTA 500 SF at Charleston which saw her defeat World No.1 Barty 6-4, 6-3 in QF (l. eventual champion Kudermetova)
- Is the only player to have defeated Barty on clay so far this year
- Made 2r showing at Miami (l. Jabeur, having led 5-3 in the third set)
- Fell 1r at St. Petersburg (l. Ostapenko) and reached SF at Lyon (l. eventual champion Tauson)

- Other events contested this season saw her make 3r at Abu Dhabi (l. eventual R-Up Kudermetova) and fall 1r at Australian Open (l. Samsonova)

Career Milestones

- At 2020 Roland Garros, upset former finalist Stephens and 2017 champion Ostapenko en route to reaching R16 for the first time at a major; posted a then-high singles ranking of No.69 (October 12, 2020) following Paris run
- Also in 2020, reached SF at Istanbul (l. Bouchard)
- Campaign in 2019 highlighted by SF run at Palermo (l. Bertens) and QF at Seoul (l. Y.Wang); also made Grand Slam main draw debut at Australian Open (l. 1r)
- Finished 2018 inside Top 200 for the first time (at No.143); picked up three ITF titles at \$25k ITF/Glasgow-UK, ITF/\$25k Les Franqueses del Valles – FRA and ITF/\$60k Valencia-ESP
- Fell in qualifying at 2018 Wimbledon, Madrid and US Open
- Claimed third title on ITF Circuit in 2017 at ITF/\$25k El Espinar; Fell 1r at Miami and in qualifying at Madrid
- In 2016, fell 1r at Miami, Madrid and Mallorca and in qualifying at Rio de Janeiro
- As wildcard, made breakthrough on WTA Tour with 3r run at 2015 Miami Open (l. Ka.Pliskova)
- Came through qualifying at 2015 Madrid, fell 1r to Errani via ret. w/left leg injury
- Continued at ITF Circuit level during 2013-2014 before playing second WTA qualifying draw at 2015 Antwerp, where she advanced to 2r (l. Bodarenko)
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2013 Palermo, winning one match via retirement before falling in 2r (l.Gatto-Monticone)
- Won first title on ITF Circuit at \$10k ITF/Sant Jordi-ESP in 2012; now owns seven singles titles at this level
- Played first pro tournament of career at \$10k ITF/Gexto-ESP in 2012 (l. in 1r)
- Won girls' singles title at 2015 Roland Garros (d. Kaliskaya in F) and reached QF at 2014 Roland Garros and Wimbledon; finished 2015 as No.8 in ITF World Junior rankings

SEVASTOVA:

Madrid

- Making fourth appearance at the Mutua Madrid Open
- Made her best run here on her debut in 2017, reaching the SF (l. eventual champion Halep). Defeated the No.2 seed Ka.Pliskova and future champion Bertens (2019) to reach the final four
- Reached R16 in 2019 (l. eventual champion Bertens) and 2r in 2018 (l. Bertens)
- One of two Latvian women in this week's starting field, alongside Ostapenko (l. Brady in 2r)
- In 1r on Thursday, dropped three games to defeat Bogdan before claiming her 20th career win over a Top 20 player – and first of 2021 – against No.18 Konta in 2r
- Faces No.62 Badosa today for a spot in her third QF of 2021 – also at Adelaide (QF) and Miami (QF)
- Aiming to win three consecutive matches for the second time this season, having won three en route to Miami QF (l. Svitolina) – received w/o into R16 following withdrawal of Halep in 3r
- Coming off 2-0 singles record at Billie Jean King Cup playoffs vs. India (d. Raina and Thandi)
- Fell 2r at Charleston (l. McNally) after a QF run at Miami (l. Svitolina)

- At Miami, registered a milestone 100th WTA main draw win on hard courts after overcoming a 3-1 deficit in the decider to upset No.31 seed Gauff in 2r
- Made 2r showing at Dubai (l. No.2 Pliskova in three-sets)
- Advanced to QF at Adelaide (l. Teichmann) following back-to-back 1r exits at Australian Open (l. Kanepi) and Phillip Island Trophy (l. Bogdan)
- Adelaide run marked first time winning back-to-back matches since 2019 US Open (d. Bouchard and Swiatek, l. Martic)
- Reached 2r at Yarra Valley Classic (l. Pavlyuchenkova) and opened season with 1r exit at Abu Dhabi (l. Badosa)

Career Milestones

- Suffered a difficult year in 2020, finishing at No.54 after four consecutive Top 50 seasons; however, the only two wins of the season were over S.Williams at Fed Cup qualifiers (handing the American her first ever singles loss in the competition) and Gauff at US Open
- The 2019 season was highlighted by lifting fourth WTA singles title at Jurmala (d. Kawa in F) and posting two R16 showings on the Grand Slam stage—at Australian Open (l. eventual champion Osaka) and for the first time at Roland Garros (l. Vondrousova)
- Season highlights in 2018 include claiming her third title in Bucharest (d. Martic in F) and finishing R-Up at Mallorca (l. Maria). Also made first Premier Mandatory final at Beijing (l. Wozniacki in F), defeating No. 6 Osaka in SF for her fourth Top 10 win of the season
- Had 6-9 record against Top 20 players in 2018. Two of those victories (No.18 Keys and No.6 Osaka) came on the way to R-Up finish at 2018 Beijing Open
- Became the first Latvian woman to reach SF at 2018 US Open, upsetting No.7 Svitolina and No.3 Stephens en route. Defeat of No.3 Stephens was joint-best win rankings-wise (also d. No.3 Muguruza at 2016 US Open and No.3 Ka. Pliskova at 2017 Madrid). Across all majors, the only other Latvian woman to reach this stage is Ostapenko (2017 Roland Garros – WON; 2018 Wimbledon – SF)
- Posted 43 tour-level wins in 2018, her highest previous number of wins in a single season was 37 in 2017 Was the second of two singles alternates for 2018 WTA Finals in Singapore
- Captured second career singles title and first in seven years at 2017 Mallorca (d. Goerges in F)
- In 2016, played first full season since 2012, reaching two singles finals at Mallorca (l. Garcia) and Bucharest (l. Halep), as well as first Grand Slam QF of career at US Open
- Made Top 100 debut on July 13, 2009, Top 50 debut on October 11, 2010 and Top 20 debut on May 15, 2017
- Retired from professional tennis in May 2013 due to various injuries – mostly muscular and back-related – but returned to competition at ITF level in January 2015 after body had fully healed
- Prior to break from tennis, won first singles title at 2010 Oeiras – becoming first Latvian to win a WTA title in 17 years (since Savchenko at Schenectady in 1993)
- On ITF Circuit, has won 13 singles and four doubles titles
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2007 Istanbul, reaching 2r (as qualifier)
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in 2006
- Latvian Billie Jean King Cup Team, 2005-06, 2008-10, 2018-20

ONS JABEUR (TUN #25) VS. [8] BELINDA BENCIC (SUI #11)

Head-to-head: First meeting

JABEUR		BENCIC	
Career Prize Money	\$2,857,016	Career Prize Money	\$8,443,992
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Aug. 28, 1994 (26)	Date of Birth (Age)	Mar. 10, 1997 (24)
Singles Titles	0	Singles Titles	4
Madrid W-L (MD)	2-0	Madrid W-L (MD)	6-3
YTD / Career W-L	20-8 / 80-79	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	10-8 / 166-123
3-Set (YTD / Career)	7-3 / 26-33	3-Set (YTD / Career)	5-3 / 64-42
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	3-0 / 20-23	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	3-1 / 43-27
Clay Court (YTD / Career)	10-2 / 30-23	Clay Court (YTD / Career)	3-2 / 23-23
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-3 / 5-12	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 24-22
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-3 / 11-20	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-4 / 30-44
Coach	Issam Jellali	Coach	Ivan Bencic

JABEUR:

Madrid

- Making her Mutua Madrid Open debut as one of 20 debutantes in this year's starting field
- Competing this week on a career-high ranking of World No.25 (achieved April 19, 2021)
- Defeated Shvedova in 1r for her first win at Madrid, saving nine of 12 break points she faces
- Completed comeback victory vs. Stephens in 2r for her 20th win of the season (20-8 record) and 10th on clay
- Has now won back-to-back matches for the fifth successive tournament she has contested
- Faces No.11 Bencic today in their career first meeting. Owns 1-3 record vs. Top 20 ranked players this season, having defeated No.4 Kenin (Miami). Fell to No.10 Sabalenka (Abu Dhabi), No.3 Osaka (Australian Open) and No.6 Ka.Pliskova (Doha)
- Sits second on Tour in 2021 for most clay court wins with 10, only behind Kudermetova on 11
- Entering this week, has hit the joint-fourth most aces on Tour in 2021 (123, alongside Alexandrova), behind Barty (163), Kudermetova (147) and Ka.Pliskova (130)
- Coming off second career Tour-level final at Charleston [250] (I. Sharma). In only previous WTA final, fell to Kasatkina at 2018 Moscow [Kremlin Cup], in a match she led 6-2 4-1
- Made SF run at Volvo Car Open (I. eventual R-Up Kovinic) – her first SF since 2019 Tianjin (I. Peterson)
- Prior to this season, best Tour-level result on clay was QF run at 2018 Bucharest (I. Hercog); owns seven ITF Circuit titles on clay and was girls' singles champion at 2011 Roland Garros (d. Puig in F)
- Made R16 showing at Miami (I. Sorribes Tormo). Upset No.4 Kenin in 3r – now owns a 3-5 record vs. Top-5 ranked players, with other wins coming over No.1 Halep (2018 Beijing via ret.) and No.3 Ka.Pliskova (2020 Doha)
- Reached 3r at Dubai (I. Teichmann); defeated No.23 Rybakina in 2r to notch her best win by ranking since ousting No.12 Sabalenka at 2020 Roland Garros
- Made 2r exit at Doha (I. Ka.Pliskova)
- Reached 3r at Australian Open (I. eventual champion Osaka)
- Opened 2021 with 3r at Abu Dhabi (I. eventual champion Sabalenka), then fell 2r at Grampians Trophy (I. Kerber)

Career Milestones

- Started 2020 by reaching maiden Slam QF at Australian Open – became the first Arab woman to reach that stage at a major (l. eventual champion Kenin); made Top 50 debut at No.45 after performance in Melbourne
- In 2020 also made QFs at Doha (l. Kvitova), Lexington (l. Gauff), Western & Southern Open (l. eventual champion Azarenka) and Ostrava (l. Sakkari)
- During Doha run last year, beat No.3 Ka.Pliskova to record fourth Top 10 win, having previously upset No.7 Cibulkova (2017 Roland Garros), No.1 Halep (2018 Beijing) and No.8 Stephens (2018 Moscow)
- Season highlights in 2019 were matching best result at the Slams with 3r run at US Open (matching 2017 Roland Garros and now 2020 Australian Open) and SF appearances at Eastbourne (l. eventual R-Up Kerber) and Tianjin (l. eventual champion Peterson)
- In 2018, defeated No.3 seed Stephens, No.8 seed Kontaveit and No.5 seed Sevastova en route to her first WTA final at 2018 Moscow, where she fell in three sets to No.6 seed Kasatkina. Was first Tunisian woman to advance beyond QF at a WTA tournament (Sfar was the only other Tunisian to reach a QF at this level)
- Prior to 2018 Moscow, best tour-level results were QF runs at 2013 Baku, 2017 Taipei City and 2018 Bucharest
- Member of Tunisian Olympic Team in 2012 and 2016
- Contested first two WTA main draws in 2012, at Doha (as WC) and Olympics
- Played first event of career at 2008 ITF/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)

BENCIC:

Madrid

- Making her fourth main draw appearance at the Mutua Madrid Open
- In 2019, enjoyed a semifinalist run, ousting World No.1 Osaka before falling to No.3 Halep
- Fell during 1r in first two appearances, in 2014 (as qualifier, l. S.Williams) and 2015 (l. Tomljanovic)
- Defeated No.55 Mladenovic on Thursday to contest the 2r for an eighth time this season
- In 2r, defeated American and No.70 Pera to score her first back-to-back wins since reaching the 2021 Adelaide final (l. Swiatek)
- Faces No.25 Jabeur today in a battle of former junior Roland Garros champions (Jabeur in 2011, Bencic in 2013)
- A win today would mark her best-by-ranking of the season and her best since defeating No.10 Bertens and No.6 Kvitova at 2019 Shiseido WTA Finals Shenzhen. Best win of 2021 so far was over No.34 Kudermetova (Dubai)
- Best career results on clay at Tour-level are SF runs at 2014 Charleston and 2019 Madrid
- Fell 2r at Charleston (after 1r bye, l. Badosa in 3s) and Stuttgart (d. Schunk, l. Alexandrova)
- Before that, made 3r showings at Miami (l. Vondrousova in 3s) and Dubai (l. Potapova), as well as suffering a 1r exit at Doha (l. Keys)
- Finished R-Up at Adelaide (l. Swiatek); record in WTA finals is now 4-7
- 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)

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Career Milestones

- Across a disrupted 2020 reached three QFs, at Adelaide, St. Petersburg and Doha
- 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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[13] ELISE MERTENS (BEL #16) vs. [3] SIMONA HALEP (ROU #3)

Halep leads 4-1

2020 match wins leader **Mertens** is eyeing her 20th win of the season (19-5)...
Halep is facing a Top 20 ranked opponent for the fifth time this season (2-2 record)

[16] MARIA SAKKARI (GRE #19) vs. KAROLINA MUCHOVA (CZE #20)

Sakkari leads 1-0

Sakkari defeated Kontaveit in the 2r in what was her 200th career Tour-level match (107-93)...
Muchova is aiming to improve her perfect record vs. Top 20 players this season to 5-0

[5] ARYNA SABALENKA (BLR #7) vs. JESSICA PEGULA (USA #33)

Series tied 1-1

Sabalenka has fallen to a player ranked outside the Top 20 once in 2021 (l. No.94 Kanepi, Gippsland Trophy)... **Pegula** is looking to reach her career first Tour-level QF on clay with a win today

ANASTASIA PAVLYUCHENKOVA (RUS #41) vs. [11] JENNIFER BRADY (USA #14)

First meeting

Pavlyuchenkova earned her best wins of the season this week by defeating No.23 Keys and No.9 Ka.Pliskova... **Brady** is bidding for her ninth career Tour-level QF with a victory today

[13] ELISE MERTENS (BEL #16) VS. [3] SIMONA HALEP (ROU #3)

Head-to-head: HALEP leads 4-1

2020	PRAGUE	CLAY O	F	SIMONA HALEP	6-2 7-5
2020	AUSTRALIAN OPEN	HARD O	R16	SIMONA HALEP	6-4 6-4
2019	DOHA	HARD O	F	ELISE MERTENS	3-6 6-4 6-3
2018	ROLAND GARROS	CLAY O	R16	SIMONA HALEP	6-2 6-1
2018	MADRID	CLAY O	R32	SIMONA HALEP	6-0 6-3

MERTENS		HALEP	
Career Prize Money	\$7,650,412	Career Prize Money	\$37,493,597
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Nov. 17, 1995 (25)	Date of Birth (Age)	Sept. 27, 1991 (29)
Singles Titles	6	Singles Titles	22
Madrid W-L (MD)	3-2	Madrid W-L (MD)	27-7
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	19-5 / 167-90	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	13-4 / 457-176
3-Set (YTD / Career)	6-0 / 44-31	3-Set (YTD / Career)	3-0 / 114-56
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	4-3 / 30-34	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 52-56
Clay Court (YTD / Career)	6-2 / 46-20	Clay Court (YTD / Career)	4-1 / 145-47
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 8-20	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 40-50
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	2-2 / 16-43	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	2-2 / 105-78
Coach	Robbie Ceyssens	Coach	Darren Cahill

MERTENS:

Madrid

- Making third main draw appearance at Mutua Madrid Open (fourth overall), with best result coming from 2r showing in 2018 on debut (l. Halep); also fell 1r in 2019 (l. Schmiedlova)
- Defeated S.Zhang in 1r 6-3, 6-3
- Earned first back-to-back wins here with second round victory over No.22 Rybakina at 7-6(4), 7-5 that lasted over two hours
- Faces No.3 Halep today who she fell to here in 2018 – has never beaten the Romanian on clay
- Win today would mark 20th match win of the year
- Owns 1-1 record this year against Top 10 opponents defeating No.5 Svitolina in QF of Gippsland Trophy and falling to No.2 Osaka in R16 of Miami
- Looking to reach fourth quarterfinal of the year having advanced to final eight at the Gippsland Trophy (WON), Dubai (l. Muguruza in SF) and Istanbul (l. Cirstea in F)
- Two of six career titles have come on clay: 2018 Lugano and 2018 Rabat – has reached a further three finals on clay at 2017 Istanbul, 2020 Prague and 2021 Istanbul
- Sole representative of Belgium in singles this week
- Coming off runner-up finish at Istanbul (l. Cirstea); before that had fallen in first hurdle at Charleston in first clay court tournament of the season (l. Cornet, after 1r bye)
- Reached R16 at Miami (l. Osaka) and made SF at Dubai (l. eventual champion Muguruza)
- Posted R16 showing at Australian Open (l. Muchova). Captured second career Grand Slam doubles trophy at Melbourne Park (w/Sabalenka, d. Krejčíková/Siniakova in F)
- Enjoyed championship run to open season at Gippsland Trophy winning her sixth career title (d. Kanepi in F)

Career Milestones

- Led the Tour in match wins in 2020, going 34-13 across the season
- Reached two finals last year, finishing as R-Up at both Prague (l. Halep) and Linz (l. Sabalenka)
- Earned her milestone 200th career main draw win with victory over Kalinina in 1r at Linz
- Won 10th career doubles title at Ostrava (w/Sabalenka)
- Loss to Watson at 2020 Hobart, at 3h 33m, was the longest match of the year
- Singles highlights in 2019 were winning biggest title of career at Doha (d. No.3 Halep in final) and advancing to QF at US Open for the first time (l. eventual champion Andreescu in 3s)
- Enjoyed standout season in doubles in 2019 – won maiden major doubles title at US Open w/Sabalenka (d. Azarenka/Barty in F). Also Completed ‘Sunshine Double’ in doubles (w/Sabalenka), lifting the back-to-back titles at Indian Wells (d. Krejčíková/Siniakova) and Miami (d. Stosur/Zhang), and qualified for Shiseido WTA Finals Shenzhen (went 1-2 in RR)
- Won three singles titles in 2018 (Hobart, Rabat and Lugano), one of six players on tour with three or more titles to their name that year - also Kvitová (5), Svitolina (4), Bertens (3), Halep (3) and Wozniacki (3)
- Also in 2018, advanced to first Grand Slam SF of career at 2018 Australian Open (l. eventual champion Wozniacki)
- Finished 2018 with 46 main draw match wins across the campaign – only Ka.Pliskova (49) and Kvitová (47) registered more. By contrast, prior to 2018 season owned only 36 wins at this level across entire career
- In doubles in 2018, won four titles and reached QF at WTA Finals (w/Schuurs)
- Finished 2017 season at No.35, up from No.120 in 2016 – first Top 50 and Top 100 year-end finish. Season highlighted by first career singles title at Hobart (as a qualifier, d. Niculescu in F)
- Registered first Top 10 win of career over No.10 Cibulková in 1r at 2017 Beijing
- Made WTA singles main draw debut at 2016 ‘s-Hertogenbosch – made QF (as qualifier, l. Mladenovic)
- Won first WTA title of any kind in doubles at 2016 Auckland (w/Mestach)
- Played first tour-level event of career at 2015 Antwerp (fell in qualifying)
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in Belgium in 2010; owns 11 singles and 14 doubles titles on ITF Circuit

HALEP:

Madrid

- Making 10th main draw appearance at Mutua Madrid Open (11th overall)
- Two-time champion here, lifting the trophy in back-to-back years in 2016 (d. Cibulková in F) and 2017 (d. Mladenovic in F)
- Also reached the final here in 2014 (l. Sharapova) and 2019 (l. Bertens)
- One of three former champions in the draw – also Kvitová (2011, 2015, 2018) and Bertens (2019)
- Enters Madrid ranked No.3 for her 359th consecutive week inside the WTA Top 10 – the longest active streak
- Defeated home favorite No.46 Sorribes Tormo in first round at 6-0, 7-5 before taking out S.Zheng 6-0, 6-4 in second round
- Faces No.16 Mertens today having defeated her already once in Madrid in 2018
- Looking to reach fourth quarterfinal of the year having already advanced to final eight at Gippsland Trophy (l. Alexandrova in QF), Australian Open (l. S.Williams in QF) and Stuttgart (l. Sabalenka in SF)

- Owns 2-2 record this year against fellow players in the Top 20, defeating No.17 Swiatek at Australian Open before falling to No.11 S.Williams and taking out No.20 Vondrousova at Stuttgart before falling to No.7 Sabalenka
- Best career results on clay are title runs on nine different occasions: 2020 Rome, Prague, 2018 Roland Garros, 2017 Madrid, 2016 Bucharest, Madrid, 2014 Bucharest, 2013 Budapest, Nurnberg
- Coming off SF run at Stuttgart last week (l. eventual R-Up Sabalenka)
- Was forced to withdraw due to injury in 3r match in Miami
- Battled her way to QF finish at Australian Open (l. S.Williams in straight sets), def No.17 Swiatek in R16
- Produced QF visit in Gippsland Trophy event to begin her 2021 campaign (l. Alexandrova)

Career Milestones

- Posted a 17-match winning streak in 2020, featuring titles at Dubai, Prague and Rome - the longest streak (at any level) of her career
- Victory at 2020 Dubai saw her become the sixth active player to reach 20 career titles
- Lifted second Grand Slam title of her career at Wimbledon in 2019 (d. S.Williams in F)
- Ended 2018 season as World No.1 for the second time in her career, with season highlighted by maiden major title at Roland Garros (d. Stephens in F) – was the second Romanian woman to win a Grand Slam singles title, following in the footsteps of 1978 Roland Garros champion Virginia Ruzici
- Opened 2018 season by sweeping singles and doubles titles at Shenzhen – doubles title w/Begu was the first of her career
- Finished 2017 as the year-end World No.1, having ascended to the No.1 spot for first time in career on October 9, 2017 – became the 25th woman to reach the top spot, and the 13th to hold year-end No.1
- Has spent 64 weeks as World No.1
- Made Top 10 debut on January 27, 2014 and has remained there ever since
- Breakthrough at Slam level came in 2014, when she made QF at Australian Open (l. Cibulkova), SF at Wimbledon (l. Bouchard) and finished R-Up at Roland Garros (l. Sharapova)
- Owns one win over a reigning World No.1: vs. S.Williams in RR at 2014 WTA Finals Singapore
- She won her first six WTA titles in the same calendar year in 2013, and was the first to do so since Stefanie Graf in 1986. This led to her being named the WTA Most Improved Player at the end of the year
- Between May 2013 and August 2014, improved ranking from No.64 to No.2, winning seven titles
- Scored first Top 10 win over then No.6 Li Na in 1r at 2011 US Open
- Broke into Top 100 on October 4, 2010, Top 50 on September 12, 2011 and Top 20 on August 26, 2013
- Has qualified six times for WTA Finals in Singapore (2014-19, although withdrew injured in 2018), reaching final in 2014 (l. S.Williams)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2010 Marbella as a qualifier, reaching quarterfinals
- Romanian Fed Cup Team, 2010, 2012, 2014-19; Romanian Olympic Team, 2012
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in Romania in 2006

[16] MARIA SAKKARI (GRE #19) VS. KAROLINA MUCHOVA (CZE #20)

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

2016 ITF-Sharm El Sheikh HARD O QF MARIA SAKKARI 6-4 6-1

SAKKARI		MUCHOVA	
Career Prize Money	\$3,789,996	Career Prize Money	\$2,513,753
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	July 25, 1995 (25)	Date of Birth (Age)	Aug. 21, 1996 (24)
Singles Titles	1	Singles Titles	1
Madrid W-L (MD)	2-2	Madrid W-L (MD)	2-0
YTD / Career W-L	15-7 / 107-93	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	10-2 / 47-25
3-Set (YTD / Career)	3-4 / 33-40	3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	3-2 / 15-12
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	1-4 / 31-21	Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 12-4
Clay Court (YTD / Career)	3-1 / 30-21	Clay Court W-L (YTD / Career)	2-1 / 8-4
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	2-3 / 12-16	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	3-0 / 4-8
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	4-4 / 21-37	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	4-0 / 10-12
Coach	Tom Hill	Coach	David Kotyza

SAKKARI:

Madrid

- Making third main draw appearance at Mutua Madrid Open (fifth overall)
- Has achieved best result here this year by reaching the R16, having previously fallen in 1r in 2018 (l. Bertens) and 2019 (l. Suarez Navarro). Also fell in qualifying in 2016 and 2017
- Competing this week on a career-high of No.19 (achieved on April 5, 2021)
- In 1r on Friday, recovered from 0-6 in the first set to defeat Anisimova and claim her first win in Madrid
- Needed one hour and one minute to defeat No.29 Kontaveit in 2r, marking her 15th win of the season (15-7 overall)
- Faces No.20 Muchova today in their first meeting at Tour-level. Defeated the Czech on the ITF Circuit in 2016 at Sharm El Sheikh
- Is 4-4 vs. Top 20 ranked players this season, with wins coming over No.15 Muguruza and No.4 Kenin (both at Abu Dhabi), No.19 Keys (Doha) and No.2 Osaka (Miami)
- Coming off R16 showing at Stuttgart (d. Petkovic, l. Kvitova in three-sets)
- Reached SF at Miami (l. Andreescu), becoming the first Greek woman to reach this stage at Miami since former World No.14 Daniilidou in 2004
- Defeated No.2 Osaka in Miami for her sixth Top-5 win of her career – also No.5 Ka.Pliskova (2018 Rome), No.5 Kvitova (2019 Rome), No.5 Bencic (2020 St. Petersburg), No.5 Svitolina (2020 Ostrava) and No.4 Kenin (2021 Abu Dhabi)
- Made 1r exit at Dubai (l. eventual R-Up Krejckova)
- 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 (l. Mladenovic), 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)

Career Milestones

- Reached the semifinals 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
- 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
- Highlights of 2018 were reaching her first tour-level final at San Jose (l. Buzarnescu) and scoring maiden Top 5 win over No.5 Ka.Pliskova in 2r at Rome
- Notched first Top 10 victory of career over No.6 Wozniacki en route to first WTA SF of career at 2017 Wuhan Open
- Broke into Top 50 for first time at No.49 on October 9, 2017
- At 2016 Australian Open, by reaching 2r (d. Y.Wang, l. Suárez Navarro) became the first woman from Greece to win a main draw match at a Slam since Daniilidou d. Ka.Pliskova at 2013 Australian Open
- Reached first career WTA QF at 2016 Istanbul (as qualifier, l. Kovinic)
- Fell 1r on WTA main draw debut at 2015 US Open (as qualifier, l. Q.Wang)
- WTA qualifying debut came at 2012 Palermo
- Made debut on ITF Circuit in 2010; owns seven ITF Circuit singles titles and five in doubles

MUCHOVA:

Madrid

- Making tournament debut at Madrid
- Competing this week on a new career-high ranking, having made her Top 20 debut at No.20 on the WTA Rankings (week of April 26, 2021)
- One of six Czech players in the starting line-up in the Spanish capital this week, led by three-time champion Kvitova
- Advanced to 2r by defeating China's Wang Qiang in straight sets
- Upset No.2 Osaka in 2r for her second Top 5 win of the season, having previously defeated No.1 Barty en route to SF at Australian Open
- Faces No.19 Sakkari today for a spot in her third QF of 2021 – Gippsland Trophy (QF) and Australian Open (SF)
- Owns perfect 4-0 record vs. Top 20 ranked players this season, with wins coming over No.6 Ka.Pliskova, No.16 Mertens and No.1 Barty (all at Australian Open) and No.2 Osaka this week in Madrid
- Playing second event of clay swing, having fallen to Alexandrova in a close three-set opener at Stuttgart's Porsche Tennis Grand Prix last week
- Stuttgart represented her first event since the Australian swing, due to a left abdominal injury
- During breakthrough SF run at Australian Open (l. Brady in three-sets), upset No.1 Barty in QF
- Withdrew mid-tournament at opening two events of 2021 season, firstly at Abu Dhabi prior to 2r match (w/illness) and then at the Gippsland Trophy, prior to QF match vs. Kanepi (w/abdominal injury)

MATCH NOTES: MUTUA MADRID OPEN

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Career Milestones

- Matched best year-end ranking in 2020, finishing at No.21 (same as 2019)
- Posted best result at 2020 US Open by reaching R16 (l. Azarenka) – handed V.Williams her first opening round loss in New York in 22 appearances, then saved three MPs vs. Cirstea in 3r
- Finished 2019 season in rich vein of form, winning 18 of last 24 matches, including capturing maiden WTA title at Seoul (d. Linette in F), SFs at Zhuhai (l. eventual champion Sabalenka) and Moscow (l. Pavlyuchenkova) and maiden major QF at Wimbledon (l. Svitolina)
- During run to last eight at 2019 Wimbledon upset No.3 Ka.Pliskova in R16 to record her first Top 10 victory; following the tournament, broke into Top 50 at No.43 on July 15, 2019
- First WTA final appearance came during R-Up finish on home soil at 2019 Prague (l. Teichmann) – made Top 100 debut at No.74 following the tournament (May 6, 2019)
- Advanced to maiden WTA QF at 2019 Doha (as qualifier, l. Svitolina)
- Billie Jean King Cup debut came during 4-0 World Group play-off win over Canada in 2019
- Reached 3r on Slam main draw debut at 2018 US Open (as qualifier, d. No.12 Muguruza in 2r, l. Barty in 3r)
- Fell 1r on WTA main draw debut at 2017 Seoul (as qualifier, l. Hon)
- Won second – and most recent – career ITF Circuit title in 2016 and posted 39-18 win-loss record; at tour-level fell in qualifying at US Open
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in Croatia in 2013

[5] ARYNA SABALENKA (BLR #7) VS. JESSICA PEGULA (USA #33)

Head-to-head: Series tied 1-1

2020	ROLAND GARROS	CLAY O	R128	ARYNA SABALENKA	6-3 6-1
2020	CINCINNATI (NYC)	HARD O	R16	JESSICA PEGULA	6-2 2-6 6-3

SABALENKA		PEGULA	
Career Prize Money	\$7,474,204	Career Prize Money	\$1,888,321
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	May 5, 1998 (22)	Date of Birth (Age)	Feb 24, 1994 (26)
Singles Titles	9	Singles Titles	1
Madrid W-L (MD)	2-2	Madrid W-L (MD)	1-0
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	20-6 / 146-68	YTD / Career W-L	15-6 / 47-40
3-Set (YTD / Career)	3-6 / 48-28	3-Set (YTD / Career)	2-4 / 15-13
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	6-0 / 33-26	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 12-10
Clay Court (YTD / Career)	6-1 / 21-14	Clay Court (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 6-8
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 13-14	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	4-3 / 4-7
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	3-4 / 28-23	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	5-4 / 8-12
Coach	Anton Dubrov	Coach	David Witt

SABALENKA:

Madrid

- Making third main draw appearance at Mutua Madrid Open
- Through to 3r for first time having previously fallen 1r on both showings, in 2018 (as qualifier, I. Pera) and 2019 (I. Kuznetsova)
- Defeated qualifier Zvonareva in first round 6-1, 6-2 before taking out Kasatkina in second round 6-3, 6-3
- Win over Kasatkina was 20th match victory of the season
- Faces No.33 Pegula today – defeated the American in their only clay court meeting last year at Roland Garros
- Only owns one loss this year to players outside the Top 20 when she fell to No.94 Kanepi in the Gippsland Trophy
- Looking to reach fifth QF of the season having advanced to final eight at Abu Dhabi (WON), Dubai (I. Muguruza in QF), Miami (I. Barty in QF) and Stuttgart (I. Barty in F)
- One of two Belarusians to start in this week's main draw, also Azarenka who was supposed to play today's opponent Pegula in second round before withdrawing due to injury
- Best run by one of her compatriots here was Azarenka, finishing R-Up in 2011-12
- Searching for career first clay court title. All nine of her career titles have come on hard courts
- Has reached two finals on clay; arrived in the Spanish capital after R-Up finish at Stuttgart (I. Barty in F); earlier in career reached title bout at 2018 Lugano (I. Mertens in F)
- Coming off back-to-back losses to eventual champion Barty, falling to the World No.1 during the Stuttgart final and Miami QF
- Suffered back-to-back three-set losses to Muguruza in the Middle East swing, falling at QF stage at Dubai and in 2r at Doha (as defending champion)
- Made R16 run at Australian Open (I. S.Williams in 3s) – matching her best result at the majors (also 2018 US Open); bounced back to lift doubles title w/Mertens (d. Krejickova/Siniakova in F)
- As a result of winning second doubles Slam rose to No.1 in WTA doubles rankings

- Won 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)

Career Milestones

- 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

PEGULA:

Madrid

- Making tournament debut at Madrid this week, having fallen during 2019 qualifying in only previous attempt
- One of two Americans to reach the third round, also Brady
- Just one spot shy of career-high ranking of No.32; posted on April 5, 2021 following R16 showing at Miami (l. Sakkari)

- Advanced to R16 via walkover after opponent Azarenka withdrew (low back injury) prior to their second round match
- Today, faces No.7 Sabalenka for a third time looking to reach fourth quarterfinal of the year having advanced to final eight at Australian Open (l. Brady in QF), Doha (l. Kvitova in SF) and Dubai (l. Mertens in QF)
- Owns four career wins over Top 10 opposition, having recorded all of them this year – d. No.5 Svitolina at the Australian Open and No.6 Ka Pliskova at Doha, Dubai and Miami
- Prior to this season, win over No.11 Sabalenka at the Western & Southern Open last year was best by-ranking win of career
- Best results posted on clay courts were R16 runs at 2013 Charleston (l. Jankovic) and 2019 Charleston (l. Martic) and Prague (l. Strycova)
- Enjoyed strong Middle Eastern swing, reaching her first WTA 500 SF, at Doha (as qualifier, l. eventual champion Kvitova) – was the first qualifier to reach last four in the tournament's history – then made QF at Dubai (l. Mertens)
- Advanced to 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)

Career Milestones

- 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

ANASTASIA PAVLYUCHENKOVA (RUS #41) VS. [11] JENNIFER BRADY (USA #14)

Head-to-head: First meeting

PAVLYUCHENKOVA		BRADY	
Career Prize Money	\$10,476,793	Career Prize Money	\$4,440,460
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	May 14, 1993 (27)	Date of Birth (Age)	April 12, 1995 (26)
Singles Titles	12	Singles Titles	1
Madrid W-L (MD)	12-11	Madrid W-L (MD)	2-0
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	7-7 / 356-270	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	11-6 / 62-61
3-Set (YTD / Career)	1-2 / 117-95	3-Set (YTD / Career)	2-3 / 20-20
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	2-4 / 88-78	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	2-2 / 14-20
Clay Court (YTD / Career)	2-1 / 72-63	Clay Court (YTD / Career)	2-1 / 5-13
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-3 / 35-68	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-2 / 2-13
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-4 / 66-118	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-2 / 10-19
Coach	Marina Pavlyuchenkova	Coach	Michael Geserer

PAVLYUCHENKOVA:

Madrid

- Making 12th appearance at Mutua Madrid Open as a former quarterfinalist in 2011, when she defeated No.12 Bartoli and No.8 Stosur before falling to Goerges
- Reached R16 in 2014 (d. No.7 Jankovic, I. Ivanovic), 2015 (d. No.15 Errani, I. Kvitova) and 2016 (I. Cibulkova)
- Opened 2021 Madrid campaign with tight straight sets win over No.23 Keys before ousting No.9 Ka.Pliskova in 2r for her first Top 10 win since defeating No.4 Bencic at 2020 Dubai (35-68 overall)
- The wins over Keys and Ka.Pliskova mark her best wins-by-ranking of the season
- Has now won back-to-back matches for the first time since January, at the Yarra Valley Classic (d. Doi and Sevastova, I. Muguruza)
- Faces No.14 Brady today in their career first meeting. Is 1-4 vs. Top 20 ranked players in 2021, claiming her sole win this week over No.9 Ka.Pliskova and falling to No.15 Muguruza (Yarra Valley Classic), No.3 Osaka (Australian Open) and No.10 Kvitova (Doha)
- Bidding to reach first QF since 2020 Australian Open (I. eventual R-Up Muguruza)
- Coming off 1r exit Istanbul (I. Potapova) after a 2r showing at St. Petersburg (I. her compatriot and No.241 Gasanova in a three-hour battle)
- Fell 1r at Dubai (I. compatriot Kudermetova) and made 2r at Doha (I. Kvitova)
- 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

Career Milestones

- 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

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- 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)

BRADY:

Madrid

- Making main draw debut at Madrid, as the No.14 seed, having previously fallen in qualifying on three occasions (2017-19)
- Opened her 2021 Madrid campaign with a straight sets victory over former No.1 V.Williams to score her first win since reaching the Australian Open final (l. Osaka)
- Defeated Ostapenko in 2r for her fifth career win on clay at Tour-level. Other wins on clay came at 2018 Roland Garros (d. Hesse, l. Putintseva), 2019 Prague (d. Collins, l. Muchova) and 2019 Roland Garros (d. Jorovic in 1r, l. Hercog in 2r)
- Faces No.41 Pavlyuchenkova today for a spot in her ninth career Tour-level QF following 2019 Nottingham (SF), 2020 Brisbane (QF), 2020 Dubai (SF), 2020 Lexington (WON), 2020 US Open (SF), 2020 Ostrava (SF), 2021 Grampians Trophy (SF) and 2021 Australian Open (R-Up)
- Currently the US No.3 on the WTA Rankings, behind Kenin and S.Williams (week of April 26, 2021)
- Coming off 1r singles exit on indoor red clay at Stuttgart, where she fell to Kvitova in two tight sets – before combining w/Barty to capture first WTA doubles title of career at end of week (d. Krawczyk/Mattek-Sands in F)
- Last season played just one match on clay, falling 1r at Roland Garros (l. Tauson in 3s); overall record on the surface at Tour-level is 5-13

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- Before heading to Europe, made 2r exit at Miami (after 1r bye, I. Sorribes Tormo in 3s) after falling 1r at Doha (I. Kontaveit)
- Advanced to first Grand Slam final at 2021 Australian Open (I. Osaka); by reaching the final at Melbourne Park, broke into Top 20 for first time, at No.13
- On Melbourne Summer Series, reached SF of Grampians Trophy (I. Ann Li), heading into Australian Open
- Opened 2021 campaign with 1r exit at Abu Dhabi (I. Zidansek)

Career Milestones

- At 2021 Australian Open, became 15th American woman to reach the tournament's 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)
- Posted breakthrough 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 (I. eventual champion Garcia), 3r showings at Dubai (I. eventual R-Up Kvitova), Indian Wells (I. Barty) and Beijing (I. 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 (I. 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 Smithkova 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. Pivovarov 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 (I. Falconi in 1r)



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- 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

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MUTUA MADRID OPEN – QUARTERFINALS

[1] ASHLEIGH BARTY (AUS #1) vs. [9] PETRA KVITOVA (CZE #12)

Kvitova leads 5-4

2019 Roland Garros champion **Barty** is currently on a 14-match winning streak on red clay... From nine career meetings, **Kvitova** has won their only match-up on clay at 2012 Roland Garros

[5] ARYNA SABALENKA (BLR #7) vs. [13] ELISE MERTENS (BEL #16)

Sabalenka leads 4-2

Sabalenka has fallen to just one player ranked outside the Top 20 this season... **Mertens** defeated today's opponent during their only previous meeting on clay, en route to the 2018 Lugano title

[WC] PAULA BADOSA (ESP #62) vs. [8] BELINDA BENCIC (SUI #11)

Badosa leads 1-0

Badosa aiming to become the first Spanish woman to reach the final four in Madrid... Win over No.25 Jabeur marked **Bencic's** best-by-ranking since the 2019 Shiseido WTA Finals Shenzhen

ANASTASIA PAVLYUCHENKOVA (RUS #41) vs. KAROLINA MUCHOVA (CZE #20)

Pavlyuchenkova leads 1-0

Pavlyuchenkova earned her best wins of the season this week by defeating No.14 Brady and No.9 Ka.Pliskova... **Muchova** currently owns a perfect record vs. Top 20 players this season at 6-0

A LOOK AT THE QUARTERFINALISTS

PLAYER	RANK	AGE	NAT	MADRID (MD) W/L*	SEASON (MD) W/L*	CAREER (MD) W/L*	CAREER PRIZE \$^	CAREER TITLES
[1] Ashleigh Barty	1	24	AUS	7-2	23-3	175-68	18,424,213	11
[5] Aryna Sabalenka	7	22	BLR	3-2	21-6	147-68	7,474,204	9
[8] Belinda Bencic	11	24	SUI	7-3	11-8	167-123	8,443,992	4
[9] Petra Kvitova	10	31	CZE	32-7	14-6	464-216	32,824,782	28
[13] Elise Mertens	16	25	BEL	4-2	20-5	168-90	7,650,412	6
Karolina Muchova	20	24	CZE	3-0	11-2	48-25	2,513,753	1
Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova	41	29	RUS	13-11	8-7	357-270	10,476,793	12
[WC] Paula Badosa	62	23	ESP	3-2	14-6	35-32	1,021,010	0

*Includes current tournament / ^ Does not include current tournament

[1] ASHLEIGH BARTY (AUS #1) VS. [9] PETRA KVITOVA (CZE #12)

Head-to-head: KVITOVA leads 5-4

2020	DOHA	HARD O	SF	PETRA KVITOVA	6-2 2-6 6-4
2020	AUSTRALIAN OPEN	HARD O	QF	ASHLEIGH BARTY	7-6(6) 6-2
2019	WTA FINALS	HARD I	RR	ASHLEIGH BARTY	6-4 6-2
2019	BEIJING	HARD O	QF	ASHLEIGH BARTY	4-6 6-4 6-3
2019	MIAMI	HARD O	QF	ASHLEIGH BARTY	7-6(6) 3-6 6-2
2019	AUSTRALIAN OPEN	HARD O	QF	PETRA KVITOVA	6-1 6-4
2019	SYDNEY	HARD O	F	PETRA KVITOVA	1-6 7-5 7-6(3)
2017	BIRMINGHAM	GRASS O	F	PETRA KVITOVA	4-6 6-3 6-2
2012	ROLAND GARROS	CLAY O	R128	PETRA KVITOVA	6-1 6-2

BARTY		KVITOVA	
Career Prize Money	\$18,424,213	Career Prize Money	\$32,824,782
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Left-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	April 24, 1996 (25)	Date of Birth (Age)	Mar. 8, 1990 (31)
Singles Titles	11	Singles Titles	28
Madrid W-L (MD)	7-2	Madrid W-L (MD)	32-7
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	23-3 / 175-68	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	14-6 / 464-216
3-Set (YTD / Career)	10-1 / 57-20	3-Set (YTD / Career)	3-4 / 127-91
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	5-1 / 28-20	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	2-1 / 93-68
Clay Court (YTD / Career)	9-1 / 31-14	Clay Court (YTD / Career)	6-2 / 98-45
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	6-0 / 24-20	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-2 / 55-60
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	9-0 / 46-38	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	4-2 / 111-99
Left-hand W-L (YTD/Career)	1-0 / 15-7	Left-hand W-L (YTD/Career)	2-1 / 46-15
Coach	Craig Tyzzer	Coach	Jiri Vanek

BARTY:

Madrid

- Making third appearance at Madrid – has tied best result here by reaching QF, also advanced to final eight in 2019 (as No.9 seed, l. No.3 seed Halep), having fallen in 2r on debut in 2018 (unseeded, l. No.2 seed Wozniacki)
- Contesting 2021 Madrid as the World No.1 – bidding to become the third top-ranked player to win the title after Dinara Safina (2009) and Serena Williams (2013)
- This week is her 73rd overall at the top of the rankings (ninth on the all-time list) and 65th consecutive week
- Currently sits in pole position on the Porsche Race to Shenzhen, having replaced Osaka by winning the Stuttgart title last week
- Playing her 19th Tour-level event as the top seed; has won six of the previous 18, at 2018 Nottingham, 2019 WTA Finals, 2020 Adelaide, 2021 Yarra Valley Classic, 2021 Miami and 2021 Stuttgart
- In 1r on Thursday, defeated Rogers for the fourth time this season in exactly one hour
- Battled past No.80 Zidansek in 2r to improve 3-set record of the season to 10-1; overall is 22-3 so far this year, tied with Kudermetova (22-9) for most wins on Tour in 2021
- Defeated No.17 Swiatek in a blockbuster 3r clash between the most recent two Roland Garros champions; now owns a perfect 9-0 record against Top 20 players this year
- Currently on a 14-match winning streak on European red clay: won seven matches at 2019 Roland Garros, four at 2021 Stuttgart and three here in Madrid (skipped 2020 clay-court season due to the pandemic)
- Faces No.12 Kvitova today for a spot in her fourth semifinal of the year

- Has gone on to win the title in each tournament where she has advanced to final four: Yarra Valley Classic, Miami and Stuttgart
- While trails in the career head-to-head with the Czech leftie, has one four of their last five meetings
- Owns 21-9 record in WTA QF matches including 3-2 record this year – falling at this stage at Australian Open (I. Muchova) and Charleston (I. Badosa)
- Looking to be first Australian to reach SF here since Stosur in 2016; no player from Australian has won the title here
- Including three wins this week, has struck a Tour-leading 169 aces this season
- Coming off her 11th career singles title, won at Stuttgart (d. Sabalenka in F), now owns two clay court titles, having triumphed at Roland Garros in 2019
- Also won the doubles at Stuttgart (w/Brady), becoming the first player to sweep the tournament since Davenport in 2001
- On her 25th birthday on semi-finals day at Stuttgart, completed a comeback win over No.5 Svitolina to record her seventh career Top-5 win. Previous wins came over No.4 Ka.Pliskova (2017 Wuhan), No.3 Kerber (2018 Wuhan), No.1 Halep (2019 Sydney), No.2 Kvitova (2019 Miami), No.2 Ka.Pliskova (2019 WTA Finals), No.5 Svitolina (2021 Miami)
- Has won her past 10 matches against Top-10 opposition (6-0 in 2021 – No.8 Sabalenka, No.5 Svitolina and No.9 Andreescu en route to defending Miami title, and No.9 Ka.Pliskova, No.5 Svitolina and No.7 Sabalenka at Stuttgart)
- Now owns 11-5 record in Tour-level finals (2-0 on clay court finals)
- Made QF showing at Charleston (I. Badosa) after lifting 10th career title, at Miami (d. Andreescu in F via ret. w/left foot injury) – first time defending a title in her career
- After a 1r bye at Miami, saved a match point against qualifier Kucova in 2r. The last woman to win the Miami title after saving a match point was S.Williams in 2007 (saved 2MP vs. Henin in final)
- Ended Australian swing with opening match loss at Adelaide (as defending champion, after 1r bye, I. Collins)
- Posted QF run at the Australian Open (I. Muchova) after winning title at the Yarra Valley Classic (d. Muguruza in F) – her first tournament since 2020 Doha where she reached SF (I. eventual R-Up Kvitova)

Career Milestones

- Finished year-end No.1 for second year in a row in 2020, despite missing all tournaments held after the resumption of play in the summer
- Went 12-3 to start 2020 season, results highlighted by first title on home soil, and eighth overall at Adelaide (d. Yastremska in F). Followed up with SF runs at Australian Open (I. eventual champion Kenin) and Doha (I. Kvitova)
- Stellar season in 2019 brought four singles titles – including maiden major at Roland Garros (d. Vondrousova in F) and WTA Finals in Shenzhen (d. Svitolina in F); registered Tour-leading 57 match wins, with 11-6 record against Top 10 opponents
- Broke into Top 10 after defeating Ka.Pliskova in F at 2019 Miami (week of April 1) and became first Australian woman in 43 years to secure No.1 singles ranking after title run at Birmingham, where she defeated Goerges in F (June 24, 2019)
- Other highlights in 2019 included R-Up finishes at Sydney (scored first win over a reigning No.1, Halep, en route; I. Kvitova) and Beijing (I. Osaka) and reached SF at Cincinnati and Wuhan. In doubles, won Rome titles and was R-Up at US Open (both w/Azarenka)

- In 2019, spearheaded Australia to its first Billie Jean King Cup final since 1993, against France in Perth; went 1-1 in singles (d. Garcia, l. Mladenovic) and dropped decisive doubles (w/Stosur) as the French prevailed 3-2
- In 2018, won two singles titles and four doubles titles, finishing the season No.15 in singles and No.7 in doubles; was one of only two players to finish the year in the Top 20 in both disciplines (along with Mertens)
- Captured first Grand Slam doubles trophy at 2018 US Open (w/Vandeweghe, d. No.1 seeds Krejckova/Siniakova in SF and No.2 seeds Mladenovic/Babos in F)
- Clinched career first WTA singles title at 2017 Kuala Lumpur (as qualifier, d. Hibino in F). Made Top 20 debut and became Australia's No.1 on October 23, 2017
- Qualified for WTA Finals in doubles in 2017 (w/Dellacqua) and 2018 (w/Vandeweghe)
- After 2014 US Open, took a break from tennis that lasted almost two years. Returned to professional tennis in 2016, having enjoyed a successful stint as an allrounder for the Brisbane Heat cricket team in the 2015-16 Women's Big Bash League
- During doubles partnership alongside compatriot Dellacqua, reached three Grand Slam doubles finals in 2013 (Australian Open, Wimbledon, US Open) and was also R-Up at Roland Garros in 2017
- Presented with Tennis Australia's Newcombe Medal prize in 2018 and 2019
- Made WTA main draw debut as WC at 2012 Hobart
- Won 2011 Wimbledon girls' singles title; finished season as world No.2 ranked junior behind Khromacheva
- Played first ITF Circuit event in hometown of Ipswich, Queensland in April 2010

KVITOVA:

Madrid

- Making her 11th appearance at Mutua Madrid Open as a three-time champion, lifting the trophy in 2011 (d. Azarenka in F), 2015 (d. Kuznetsova in F) and 2018 (d. Bertens in F)
- Became the youngest champion at Madrid in 2011 (21 years, 2 months)
- Also reached the SF here in 2014 (l. Halep) and QF in 2019 (l. eventual champion Bertens)
- Owns five titles on clay courts – 2019 Stuttgart, Madrid in 2011, 2015 and 2018, and Prague in 2018
- Sole remaining Czech woman in the draw out of six in the starting field – also Bouzkova, Krejckova, Muchova, Ka.Pliskova and Vondrousova
- In 1r, her opponent Bouzkova was forced to retire w/right hand injury
- Saw off No.26 Kerber in 2r – their 14th career meeting
- Ousted Kudermetova in 3r who already won a clay court title this year at Charleston
- Faces World No.1 Barty today in their tenth career meeting – has won their only match-up on clay at 2012 Roland Garros
- Owns 7-7 record against a reigning World No.1 with wins over Safina (R32, 2009 US Open), Wozniacki (QF, 2011 WTA Finals), S.Williams (QF, 2014 Madrid and SF, 2015 Madrid), Kerber (R16, 2016 Wuhan), Wozniacki (SF, 2018 Doha) and today's opponent Barty (SF, 2020 Doha)
- With career 56-34 record in WTA QF matches, hold 1-1 record this year: advanced to SF at Doha (won title) and fell at this stage in Stuttgart
- Coming off QF run last week at Stuttgart as the defending champion (l. Svitolina after holding two match points in the second set)

- Made back-to-back 3r runs at Charleston (I. Kovinic) and Miami (I. Svitolina)
- Made 2r exit at Dubai (after 1r bye, I. Teichmann via ret.)
- Lifted her 28th career title at Doha (d. Muguruza in F). Is in fourth place for titles won amongst active players (behind S.Williams – 73, V.Williams – 49 and Clijsters – 41)
- Opened season with 3r run at Yarra Valley Classic (after 1r bye, d. V.Williams, I. Podoroska) before falling in 2r at Australian Open (I. Cirstea)

Career Milestones

- Reached final at Doha in 2020 (I. Sabalenka). 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)
- 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

[5] ARYNA SABALENKA (BLR #7) VS. [13] ELISE MERTENS (BEL #16)

Head-to-head: SABALENKA leads 4-2

2020	LINZ	HARD	I	F	ARYNA SABALENKA	7-5 6-2
2020	DUBAI	HARD	O	R16	ARYNA SABALENKA	6-5 6-3
2019	ZHUHAI	HARD	O	R1	ARYNA SABALENKA	6-4 3-6 7-5
2018	MONTREAL	HARD	O	R16	ELISE MERTENS	3-6 6-4 6-3
2018	EASTBOURNE	GRASS	O	R16	ARYNA SABALENKA	7-5 2-6 7-6(4)
2018	LUGANO	CLAY	O	F	ELISE MERTENS	7-5 6-2

SABALENKA		MERTENS	
Career Prize Money	\$7,474,204	Career Prize Money	\$7,650,412
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	May 5, 1998 (22)	Date of Birth (Age)	Nov. 17, 1995 (25)
Singles Titles	9	Singles Titles	6
Madrid W-L (MD)	3-2	Madrid W-L (MD)	4-2
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	21-6 / 147-68	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	20-5 / 168-90
3-Set (YTD / Career)	3-6 / 48-28	3-Set (YTD / Career)	7-0 / 45-31
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	6-0 / 33-26	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	4-3 / 30-34
Clay Court (YTD / Career)	7-1 / 22-14	Clay Court (YTD / Career)	7-2 / 47-20
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 13-14	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	2-1 / 9-20
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	3-4 / 28-23	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	3-2 / 17-43
Coach	Anton Dubrov	Coach	Robbie Ceysens

SABALENKA:

Madrid

- Making third main draw appearance at Mutua Madrid Open
- Through to QF for first time having previously fallen 1r on both showings, in 2018 (as qualifier, I. Pera) and 2019 (I. Kuznetsova)
- Defeated qualifier Zvonareva in first round 6-1, 6-2 before taking out Kasatkina in second round 6-3, 6-3
- Win over Kasatkina was 20th match victory of the season
- Needed just 52 minutes to defeat No.33 Pegula in 3 to win her second clay court match against the American, also during 2020 Roland Garros
- Only owns one loss this year to players outside the Top 20 when she fell to No.94 Kanepi in the Gippsland Trophy
- Today, faces No.16 Mertens who she has defeated four times in her career, though has yet to defeat her on clay, falling in their only previous match on the surface during the 2018 Lugano final
- Has spent just 3h17m on court so far in Madrid, compared to today's opponent who has spent 6h10m
- Owns perfect 6-0 record in tiebreaks this season
- Looking to reach third SF of the season having advanced to final four at Abu Dhabi (WON) and Stuttgart (I. Barty in F)
- One of two Belarusians to start in this week's main draw, also Azarenka who withdrew in the second round due to injury
- Best run by one of her compatriots here was Azarenka, finishing R-Up in 2011-12
- Searching for career first clay court title. All nine of her career titles have come on hard courts
- Has reached two finals on clay; arrived in the Spanish capital after R-Up finish at Stuttgart (I. Barty in F); earlier in career reached title bout at 2018 Lugano (I. Mertens in F)

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- Coming off back-to-back losses to eventual champion Barty, falling to the World No.1 during the Stuttgart final and Miami QF
- Suffered back-to-back three-set losses to Muguruza in the Middle East swing, falling at QF stage at Dubai and in 2r at Doha (as defending champion)
- Made 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
- Won 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)

Career Milestones

- 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. Kvitová 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

MERTENS:

Madrid

- Making third main draw appearance at Mutua Madrid Open (fourth overall), with best result coming from 2r showing in 2018 on debut (l. Halep); also fell 1r in 2019 (l. Schmiedlova)
- Defeated S.Zhang in 1r 6-3, 6-3
- Earned first back-to-back wins here with second round victory over No.22 Rybakina at 7-6(4), 7-5 that lasted over two hours
- During R16, came from a break down in both the second and third sets to upset No.3 seed Halep 4-6, 7-5, 7-5 in two hours and 34 minutes – defeating the Romanian on clay for the first time
- Win over Halep also marked her 20th match win of the year and sixth career win over a Top 5 opponent, also No.4 Svitolina at 2018 Australian Open, No.3 Stephens at 2018 Cincinnati, No.3 Halep at 2019 Doha, No.4 Kenin at 2020 US Open, No.5 Svitolina at 2021 Gippsland Trophy and No.3 Halep at 2021 Madrid
- In today's QF faces World No.7 Sabalenka for their seventh career meeting, both through to their maiden QF here in Madrid. Last defeated the Belrusian at 2018 Montreal and en route to the title at 2018 Lugano
- First Belgian player to advance to the final eight at the Mutua Madrid Open
- Two of six career titles have come on clay: 2018 Lugano and 2018 Rabat – has reached a further three finals on clay at 2017 Istanbul, 2020 Prague and 2021 Istanbul
- Now owns 2-1 record this year against Top 10 opponents, in addition to win over No.3 Halep this week, defeated No.5 Svitolina in QF of Gippsland Trophy and fell to No.2 Osaka in R16 of Miami
- Looking to reach fourth semifinal of the year having advanced to final four at the Gippsland Trophy (WON), Dubai (l. Muguruza in SF) and Istanbul (l. Cirstea in F)
- Sole representative of Belgium in singles this week
- Coming off runner-up finish at Istanbul (l. Cirstea); before that had fallen in first hurdle at Charleston in first clay court tournament of the season (l. Cornet, after 1r bye)
- Reached R16 at Miami (l. Osaka) and made SF at Dubai (l. eventual champion Muguruza)
- Posted R16 showing at Australian Open (l. Muchova). Captured second career Grand Slam doubles trophy at Melbourne Park (w/Sabalenka, d. Krejčíková/Siniakova in F)
- Enjoyed championship run to open season at Gippsland Trophy winning her sixth career title (d. Kanepi in F)

Career Milestones

- Led the Tour in match wins in 2020, going 34-13 across the season
- Reached two finals last year, finishing as R-Up at both Prague (l. Halep) and Linz (l. Sabalenka)
- Earned her milestone 200th career main draw win with victory over Kalinina in 1r at Linz
- Won 10th career doubles title at Ostrava (w/Sabalenka)
- Loss to Watson at 2020 Hobart, at 3h 33m, was the longest match of the year
- Singles highlights in 2019 were winning biggest title of career at Doha (d. No.3 Halep in final) and advancing to QF at US Open for the first time (l. eventual champion Andreescu in 3s)
- Enjoyed standout season in doubles in 2019 – won maiden major doubles title at US Open w/Sabalenka (d. Azarenka/Barty in F). Also Completed 'Sunshine Double' in doubles (w/Sabalenka), lifting the back-to-back titles at

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Indian Wells (d. Krejčíková/Siniaková) and Miami (d. Stosur/Zhang), and qualified for Shiseido WTA Finals Shenzhen (went 1-2 in RR)

- Won three singles titles in 2018 (Hobart, Rabat and Lugano), one of six players on tour with three or more titles to their name that year - also Kvitová (5), Svitolina (4), Bertens (3), Halep (3) and Wozniacki (3)
- Also in 2018, advanced to first Grand Slam SF of career at 2018 Australian Open (l. eventual champion Wozniacki)
- Finished 2018 with 46 main draw match wins across the campaign – only Ka.Plisková (49) and Kvitová (47) registered more. By contrast, prior to 2018 season owned only 36 wins at this level across entire career
- In doubles in 2018, won four titles and reached QF at WTA Finals (w/Schuurs)
- Finished 2017 season at No.35, up from No.120 in 2016 – first Top 50 and Top 100 year-end finish. Season highlighted by first career singles title at Hobart (as a qualifier, d. Niculescu in F)
- Registered first Top 10 win of career over No.10 Cibulková in 1r at 2017 Beijing
- Made WTA singles main draw debut at 2016 's-Hertogenbosch – made QF (as qualifier, l. Mladenovic)
- Won first WTA title of any kind in doubles at 2016 Auckland (w/Mestach)
- Played first tour-level event of career at 2015 Antwerp (fell in qualifying)
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in Belgium in 2010; owns 11 singles and 14 doubles titles on ITF Circuit

[WC] PAULA BADOSA (ESP #62) VS. [8] BELINDA BENCIC (SUI #11)

Head-to-head: BADOSA leads 1-0

2021 CHARLESTON 500 CLAY O R32 PAULA BADOSA 6-2 6-7(2) 6-1

BADOSA		BENCIC	
Career Prize Money	\$1,021,010	Career Prize Money	\$8,443,992
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Nov. 15, 1997 (23)	Date of Birth (Age)	Mar. 10, 1997 (24)
Singles Titles	0	Singles Titles	4
Madrid W-L (MD)	3-2	Madrid W-L (MD)	7-3
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	14-6 / 35-32	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	11-8 / 167-123
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	9-3 / 13-6	3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	5-3 / 64-42
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	3-4 / 5-9	Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	4-1 / 44-27
Clay Court W-L (YTD / Career)	7-1 / 21-11	Clay Court W-L (YTD / Career)	4-2 / 24-23
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 1-3	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 24-22
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	2-0 / 2-5	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-4 / 30-44
Coach	Javier Marti	Coach	Ivan Bencic

BADOSA:

Madrid

- Making third main draw appearance (fifth overall) at her home tournament in Madrid
- Only Spanish representative remaining in the tournament
- Sole wildcard to reach as far as R16 out of five to start the tournament – also Cirstea, Kasinteva, Sorribes Tormo and V.Williams
- Best performances from a wildcard at Madrid were QF runs by Medina Garrigues in 2013 (l. eventual champion S.Williams), and Cirstea in 2016 (l. Cibulkova) and 2017 (l. Mladenovic)
- Fell 1r in 2015 (as qualifier, l. Errani) and 2016 (as WC, l. Cornet); also fell in qualifying in 2017 and 2018
- Playing this week on career high ranking of No.62 which she reached on April 12 this year
- Defeated No.39 Krejickova 6-1, 7-5 in 1r to notch first main draw win here in Madrid
- In 2r, took out No.40 Teichmann in their second meeting of 2021 for fifth Top 50 win of the season
- Earned comeback win over No.54 Sevastova in which she was as close as two points from defeat but eventually coming out victorious at 6-7(0), 7-6(3), 6-0
- First wildcard to reach the QF stage here since Cirstea in 2017
- Faces No.11 Bencic today hoping to reach third SF of the season: also advanced to final four at Lyon (l. Tauson in SF) and Charleston (l. Kudermetova in SF)
- Owns 5-2 record in WTA QF matches including her most recent QF win at Charleston with impressive victory over World No.1 Barty
- Wins over Bencic and Barty at Charleston were first career wins over Top 20 players, was previously 0-5; matches were also her first match against such opponents this year
- Aiming to become first Spanish woman to reach SF in Madrid; Suarez Navarro (2015, 2018) and Medina Garrigues (2013) made the best previous run by a Spanish players by reaching the quarterfinals
- Also played doubles this week as a wildcard team with countrywoman Sorribes Tormo (l. Guarachi/Krawczyk in 1r)
- Coming off run to first WTA 500 SF at Charleston which saw her defeat World No.1 Barty 6-4, 6-3 in QF (l. eventual champion Kudermetova)

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- Is the only player to have defeated Barty on clay so far this year
- Made 2r showing at Miami (l. Jabeur, having led 5-3 in the third set)
- Fell 1r at St. Petersburg (l. Ostapenko) and reached SF at Lyon (l. eventual champion Tauson)
- Other events contested this season saw her make 3r at Abu Dhabi (l. eventual R-Up Kudermetova) and fall 1r at Australian Open (l. Samsonova)

Career Milestones

- At 2020 Roland Garros, upset former finalist Stephens and 2017 champion Ostapenko en route to reaching R16 for the first time at a major; posted a then-high singles ranking of No.69 (October 12, 2020) following Paris run
- Also in 2020, reached SF at Istanbul (l. Bouchard)
- Campaign in 2019 highlighted by SF run at Palermo (l. Bertens) and QF at Seoul (l. Y.Wang); also made Grand Slam main draw debut at Australian Open (l. 1r)
- Finished 2018 inside Top 200 for the first time (at No.143); picked up three ITF titles at \$25k ITF/Glasgow-UK, ITF/\$25k Les Franqueses del Valles – FRA and ITF/\$60k Valencia-ESP
- Fell in qualifying at 2018 Wimbledon, Madrid and US Open
- Claimed third title on ITF Circuit in 2017 at ITF/\$25k El Espinar; Fell 1r at Miami and in qualifying at Madrid
- In 2016, fell 1r at Miami, Madrid and Mallorca and in qualifying at Rio de Janeiro
- As wildcard, made breakthrough on WTA Tour with 3r run at 2015 Miami Open (l. Ka.Pliskova)
- Came through qualifying at 2015 Madrid, fell 1r to Errani via ret. w/left leg injury
- Continued at ITF Circuit level during 2013-2014 before playing second WTA qualifying draw at 2015 Antwerp, where she advanced to 2r (l. Bodarenko)
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2013 Palermo, winning one match via retirement before falling in 2r (l.Gatto-Monticone)
- Won first title on ITF Circuit at \$10k ITF/Sant Jordi-ESP in 2012; now owns seven singles titles at this level
- Played first pro tournament of career at \$10k ITF/Gexto-ESP in 2012 (l. in 1r)
- Won girls' singles title at 2015 Roland Garros (d. Kaliskaya in F) and reached QF at 2014 Roland Garros and Wimbledon; finished 2015 as No.8 in ITF World Junior rankings

BENCIC:

Madrid

- Making her fourth main draw appearance at the Mutua Madrid Open
- In 2019, enjoyed a semifinalist run, ousting World No.1 Osaka before falling to No.3 Halep
- Fell during 1r in first two appearances, in 2014 (as qualifier, l. S.Williams) and 2015 (l. Tomljanovic)
- Defeated No.55 Mladenovic on Thursday to contest the 2r for an eighth time this season
- In 2r, defeated American and No.70 Pera to score her first back-to-back wins since reaching the 2021 Adelaide final (l. Swiatek)
- Earned spot in QF after No.25 Jabeur was forced to retire with a right thigh injury; Bencic was leading 7-6(2), 4-3 at the time

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- The win over Jabeur marked her best-by-ranking of the season and her best since defeating No.10 Bertens and No.6 Kvitova at 2019 Shiseido WTA Finals Shenzhen. Best previous win of 2021 so far was over No.34 Kudermetova (Dubai)
- Faces No.62 Badosa today who she fell to in Charleston just a few weeks ago
- Looking to reach second SF of the season after advancing to final four at Adelaide (l. Swiatek in F); run to QF here has marked first back-to-back wins since that run to the final in Australia
- Owns three losses to players outside the Top 50 already this year including loss to No.71 Badosa at Charleston: also No.72 Cirstea (R16, Grampians Trophy) and No.88 Potapova (R16, Dubai)
- Best career results on clay at Tour-level are SF runs at 2014 Charleston and 2019 Madrid
- Fell 2r at Charleston (after 1r bye, l. Badosa in 3s) and Stuttgart (d. Schunk, l. Alexandrova)
- Before that, made 3r showings at Miami (l. Vondrousova in 3s) and Dubai (l. Potapova), as well as suffering a 1r exit at Doha (l. Keys)
- Finished R-Up at Adelaide (l. Swiatek); record in WTA finals is now 4-7
- 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)

Career Milestones

- Across a disrupted 2020 reached three QFs, at Adelaide, St. Petersburg and Doha
- 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)

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- 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 (I. 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 (I. 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

ANASTASIA PAVLYUCHENKOVA (RUS #41) VS. KAROLINA MUCHOVA (CZE #20)

Head-to-head: PAVLYUCHENKOVA leads 1-0

2019 MOSCOW HARD O SF ANASTASIA PAVLYUCHENKOVA 6-4 6-7(6) 6-1

PAVLYUCHENKOVA		MUCHOVA	
Career Prize Money	\$10,476,793	Career Prize Money	\$2,513,753
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	July 3, 1991 (29)	Date of Birth (Age)	Aug. 21, 1996 (24)
Singles Titles	12	Singles Titles	1
Madrid W-L (MD)	13-11	Madrid W-L (MD)	3-0
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	8-7 / 357-270	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	11-2 / 48-25
3-Set (YTD / Career)	2-2 / 118-95	3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	4-2 / 16-12
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	2-5 / 88-79	Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 12-5
Clay Court (YTD / Career)	3-1 / 73-63	Clay Court W-L (YTD / Career)	3-1 / 9-4
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-3 / 35-68	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	3-0 / 4-8
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	2-4 / 67-118	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	5-0 / 11-12
Coach	Marina Pavlyuchenkova	Coach	David Kotyza

PAVLYUCHENKOVA:

Madrid

- Making 12th appearance at Mutua Madrid Open as a former quarterfinalist in 2011, when she defeated No.12 Bartoli and No.8 Stosur before falling to Goerges
- Reached R16 in 2014 (d. No.7 Jankovic, I. Ivanovic), 2015 (d. No.15 Errani, I. Kvitova) and 2016 (I. Cibulkova)
- Opened 2021 Madrid campaign with tight straight sets win over No.23 Keys before ousting No.9 Ka.Pliskova in 2r for her first Top 10 win since defeating No.4 Bencic at 2020 Dubai (35-68 overall)
- Has now won back-to-back matches for the first time since January, at the Yarra Valley Classic (d. Doi and Sevastova, I. Muguruza)
- Defeated No.14 Brady to improve record vs. Top 20 ranked players to 2-4 in 2021, having claimed her first win this week over No.9 Ka.Pliskova and falling to No.15 Muguruza (Yarra Valley Classic), No.3 Osaka (Australian Open) and No.10 Kvitova (Doha)
- The wins over Keys, Ka.Pliskova and Brady mark her best wins-by-ranking of the season
- Faces No.20 Muchova for a second time in her career – first defeated the Czech on home soil at 2019 Moscow, where she advanced to her most recent WTA final (I. Bencic in F)
- Coming off 1r exit Istanbul (I. Potapova) after a 2r showing at St. Petersburg (I. her compatriot and No.241 Gasanova in a three-hour battle)
- Fell 1r at Dubai (I. compatriot Kudermetova) and made 2r at Doha (I. Kvitova)
- 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

Career Milestones

- Finished 2020 ranked No.38 for 13th straight year inside the Top 50

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- 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)

MUCHOVA:

Madrid

- Making tournament debut at Madrid
- Competing this week on a new career-high ranking, having made her Top 20 debut at No.20 on the WTA Rankings (week of April 26, 2021)
- One of two remaining Czech players in the final eight this week, also three-time champion Kvitova
- Advanced to 2r by defeating China's Wang Qiang in straight sets
- Upset No.2 Osaka in 2r for her second Top 5 win of the season, having previously defeated No.1 Barty en route to SF at Australian Open
- In a grueling battle, ousted No.19 Sakkari for a spot in her third QF of 2021 – Gippsland Trophy (QF) and Australian Open (SF)
- Now owns a perfect 5-0 record vs. Top 20 ranked players this season, with wins coming over No.6 Ka.Pliskova, No.16 Mertens and No.1 Barty (all at Australian Open) and No.2 Osaka and No.19 Sakkari this week in Madrid

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- Looking to avenge 2019 Moscow loss to today's opponent No.41 Pavlyuchenkova, where they meet on clay for the first time in their careers during today's QF
- Playing second event of clay swing, having fallen to Alexandrova in a close three-set opener at Stuttgart's Porsche Tennis Grand Prix last week
- Stuttgart represented her first event since the Australian swing, due to a left abdominal injury
- During breakthrough SF run at Australian Open (l. Brady in three-sets), upset No.1 Barty in QF
- Withdrew mid-tournament at opening two events of 2021 season, firstly at Abu Dhabi prior to 2r match (w/illness) and then at the Gippsland Trophy, prior to QF match vs. Kanepi (w/abdominal injury)

Career Milestones

- Matched best year-end ranking in 2020, finishing at No.21 (same as 2019)
- Posted best result at 2020 US Open by reaching R16 (l. Azarenka) – handed V.Williams her first opening round loss in New York in 22 appearances, then saved three MPs vs. Cirstea in 3r
- Finished 2019 season in rich vein of form, winning 18 of last 24 matches, including capturing maiden WTA title at Seoul (d. Linette in F), SFs at Zhuhai (l. eventual champion Sabalenka) and Moscow (l. Pavlyuchenkova) and maiden major QF at Wimbledon (l. Svitolina)
- During run to last eight at 2019 Wimbledon upset No.3 Ka.Pliskova in R16 to record her first Top 10 victory; following the tournament, broke into Top 50 at No.43 on July 15, 2019
- First WTA final appearance came during R-Up finish on home soil at 2019 Prague (l. Teichmann) – made Top 100 debut at No.74 following the tournament (May 6, 2019)
- Advanced to maiden WTA QF at 2019 Doha (as qualifier, l. Svitolina)
- Billie Jean King Cup debut came during 4-0 World Group play-off win over Canada in 2019
- Reached 3r on Slam main draw debut at 2018 US Open (as qualifier, d. No.12 Muguruza in 2r, l. Barty in 3r)
- Fell 1r on WTA main draw debut at 2017 Seoul (as qualifier, l. Hon)
- Won second – and most recent – career ITF Circuit title in 2016 and posted 39-18 win-loss record; at tour-level fell in qualifying at US Open
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in Croatia in 2013

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MUTUA MADRID OPEN – SEMIFINALS

[1] ASHLEIGH BARTY (AUS #1) vs. [WC] PAULA BADOSA (ESP #62)

Badosa leads 1-0

Badosa beat No.1 Barty at the Volvo Car Open earlier this year for her first career Top 10 win... 2019 Roland Garros champion **Barty** is currently on a 15-match winning streak on red clay... **Badosa** is bidding to become the first Spanish woman in history to reach the final in Madrid

[5] ARYNA SABALENKA (BLR #7) vs. ANASTASIA PAVLYUCHENKOVA (RUS #41)

Pavlyuchenkova leads 1-0

Sabalenka has given up just 13 games in four matches en route to semifinals... **Pavlyuchenkova** is into her first semifinal since 2019... **Sabalenka** is the only semifinalist yet to drop a set this tournament

A LOOK AT THE SEMIFINALISTS

PLAYER	RANK	AGE	NAT	MADRID (MD) W/L*	SEASON (MD) W/L*	CAREER (MD) W/L*	CAREER PRIZE \$^	CAREER TITLES
[1] Ashleigh Barty	1	24	AUS	8-2	24-3	176-68	18,424,213	11
[5] Aryna Sabalenka	7	22	BLR	4-2	22-6	148-68	7,474,204	9
Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova	41	29	RUS	14-11	9-7	358-270	10,476,793	12
[WC] Paula Badosa	62	23	ESP	4-2	15-6	36-32	1,021,010	0

*Includes current tournament / ^ Does not include current tournament

SEMIFINAL RECORDS

PLAYER	LAST FINAL REACHED (final result)	CAREER SF W/L	CAREER F W/L
[1] Ashleigh Barty	2021 Stuttgart (WON)	15-8**	11-5
[5] Aryna Sabalenka	2021 Stuttgart (R-UP)	14-6	9-5
Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova	2019 Moscow (R-UP)	20-7	12-8
[WC] Paula Badosa	--	0-4	0-0

**not including walkovers

POTENTIAL FINAL HEAD-TO-HEADS

	BARTY	BADOSA
SABALENKA	Barty leads 4-3	First career meeting
PAVLYUCHENKOVA	Series tied 3-3	First career meeting

[1] ASHLEIGH BARTY (AUS #1) VS. [WC] PAULA BADOSA (ESP #62)

Head-to-head: BADOSA leads 1-0

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BARTY		BADOSA	
Career Prize Money	\$18,424,213	Career Prize Money	\$1,021,010
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	April 24, 1996 (25)	Date of Birth (Age)	Nov. 15, 1997 (23)
Singles Titles	11	Singles Titles	0
Madrid W-L (MD)	8-2	Madrid W-L (MD)	4-2
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	24-3 / 176-68	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	15-6 / 36-32
3-Set (YTD / Career)	11-1 / 58-20	3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	9-3 / 13-6
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	5-1 / 28-20	Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	3-4 / 5-9
Clay Court (YTD / Career)	10-1 / 32-14	Clay Court W-L (YTD / Career)	8-1 / 22-11
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	6-0 / 24-20	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 1-3
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	10-0 / 47-38	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	3-0 / 3-5
Coach	Craig Tyzzer	Coach	Javier Marti

BARTY:

Madrid

- Making third appearance at Madrid – has achieved best result here by reaching the SF, have previously reached the QF in 2019 (as No.9 seed, I. No.3 seed Halep)
- Fell in 2r on debut in 2018 (unseeded, I. No.2 seed Wozniacki)
- Contesting 2021 Madrid as the World No.1 – bidding to become the third top-ranked player to win the title after Dinara Safina (2009) and Serena Williams (2013)
- This week is her 73rd overall at the top of the rankings (ninth on the all-time list) and 65th consecutive week
- Currently sits in pole position on the Porsche Race to Shenzhen, having replaced Osaka by winning the Stuttgart title last week
- Playing her 19th Tour-level event as the top seed; has won six of the previous 18, at 2018 Nottingham, 2019 WTA Finals, 2020 Adelaide, 2021 Yarra Valley Classic, 2021 Miami and 2021 Stuttgart
- In 1r last Thursday, defeated Rogers for the fourth time this season in exactly one hour
- Battled past No.80 Zidansek in 2r in three-sets. Holds 11-1 record in three-set matches this year, having only fallen to Muchova at the Australian Open QF
- Defeated No.17 Swiatek in a blockbuster 3r clash between the most recent two Roland Garros champions
- Ousted No.12 Kvitova in QF in three-sets for a spot in her fourth semifinal of the year. Has gone on to win the title in each tournament where she has advanced to final four: Yarra Valley Classic, Miami and Stuttgart
- Now owns a perfect 10-0 record against Top 20 players this year
- Is the first Australian to reach SF here since Stosur in 2016; no player from Australian has won the title here
- Faces No.62 Badosa today in their second career meeting, having fallen to the Spaniard – the only player that has defeated her on clay this year – last month at Charleston
- Prior to falling to Badosa at Charleston, her last loss to a player ranked outside the Top 50 was against No.53 Brady at 2020 Brisbane
- Record in Tour-level SFs currently stands at 15-8 (excluding walkovers)

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- Overall win-loss record this year is 24-3 – the most wins on Tour in 2021
- Currently on a 15-match winning streak on European red clay: won seven matches at 2019 Roland Garros, four at 2021 Stuttgart and four here in Madrid (skipped 2020 clay-court season due to the pandemic)
- Including four wins this week, has struck a Tour-leading 175 aces this season
- Coming off her 11th career singles title, won at Stuttgart (d. Sabalenka in F), now owns two clay court titles, having triumphed at Roland Garros in 2019
- Also won the doubles at Stuttgart (w/Brady), becoming the first player to sweep the tournament since Davenport in 2001
- On her 25th birthday on semi-finals day at Stuttgart, completed a comeback win over No.5 Svitolina to record her seventh career Top-5 win. Previous wins came over No.4 Ka.Pliskova (2017 Wuhan), No.3 Kerber (2018 Wuhan), No.1 Halep (2019 Sydney), No.2 Kvitova (2019 Miami), No.2 Ka.Pliskova (2019 WTA Finals), No.5 Svitolina (2021 Miami)
- Has won her past 10 matches against Top-10 opposition (6-0 in 2021 – No.8 Sabalenka, No.5 Svitolina and No.9 Andreescu en route to defending Miami title, and No.9 Ka.Pliskova, No.5 Svitolina and No.7 Sabalenka at Stuttgart)
- Now owns 11-5 record in Tour-level finals (2-0 on clay court finals)
- Made QF showing at Charleston (l. Badosa) after lifting 10th career title, at Miami (d. Andreescu in F via ret. w/left foot injury) – first time defending a title in her career
- After a 1r bye at Miami, saved a match point against qualifier Kucova in 2r. The last woman to win the Miami title after saving a match point was S.Williams in 2007 (saved 2MP vs. Henin in final)
- Ended Australian swing with opening match loss at Adelaide (as defending champion, after 1r bye, l. Collins)
- Posted QF run at the Australian Open (l. Muchova) after winning title at the Yarra Valley Classic (d. Muguruza in F) – her first tournament since 2020 Doha where she reached SF (l. eventual R-Up Kvitova)

Career Milestones

- Finished year-end No.1 for second year in a row in 2020, despite missing all tournaments held after the resumption of play in the summer
- Went 12-3 to start 2020 season, results highlighted by first title on home soil, and eighth overall at Adelaide (d. Yastremska in F). Followed up with SF runs at Australian Open (l. eventual champion Kenin) and Doha (l. Kvitova)
- Stellar season in 2019 brought four singles titles – including maiden major at Roland Garros (d. Vondrousova in F) and WTA Finals in Shenzhen (d. Svitolina in F); registered Tour-leading 57 match wins, with 11-6 record against Top 10 opponents
- Broke into Top 10 after defeating Ka.Pliskova in F at 2019 Miami (week of April 1) and became first Australian woman in 43 years to secure No.1 singles ranking after title run at Birmingham, where she defeated Goerges in F (June 24, 2019)
- Other highlights in 2019 included R-Up finishes at Sydney (scored first win over a reigning No.1, Halep, en route; l. Kvitova) and Beijing (l. Osaka) and reached SF at Cincinnati and Wuhan. In doubles, won Rome titles and was R-Up at US Open (both w/Azarenka)
- In 2019, spearheaded Australia to its first Billie Jean King Cup final since 1993, against France in Perth; went 1-1 in singles (d. Garcia, l. Mladenovic) and dropped decisive doubles (w/Stosur) as the French prevailed 3-2

- In 2018, won two singles titles and four doubles titles, finishing the season No.15 in singles and No.7 in doubles; was one of only two players to finish the year in the Top 20 in both disciplines (along with Mertens)
- Captured first Grand Slam doubles trophy at 2018 US Open (w/Vandeweghe, d. No.1 seeds Krejčíková/Siniakova in SF and No.2 seeds Mladenovic/Babos in F)
- Clinched career first WTA singles title at 2017 Kuala Lumpur (as qualifier, d. Hibino in F). Made Top 20 debut and became Australia's No.1 on October 23, 2017
- Qualified for WTA Finals in doubles in 2017 (w/Dellacqua) and 2018 (w/Vandeweghe)
- After 2014 US Open, took a break from tennis that lasted almost two years. Returned to professional tennis in 2016, having enjoyed a successful stint as an allrounder for the Brisbane Heat cricket team in the 2015-16 Women's Big Bash League
- During doubles partnership alongside compatriot Dellacqua, reached three Grand Slam doubles finals in 2013 (Australian Open, Wimbledon, US Open) and was also R-Up at Roland Garros in 2017
- Presented with Tennis Australia's Newcombe Medal prize in 2018 and 2019
- Made WTA main draw debut as WC at 2012 Hobart
- Won 2011 Wimbledon girls' singles title; finished season as world No.2 ranked junior behind Khromacheva
- Played first ITF Circuit event in hometown of Ipswich, Queensland in April 2010

BADOSA:

Madrid

- Making third main draw appearance (fifth overall) at her home tournament in Madrid
- Only Spanish representative remaining in the tournament. Is the first Spanish woman in history of the tournament to reach the final four; Suarez Navarro (2015, 2018) and Medina Garrigues (2013) made the best previous runs by Spanish players by reaching the QFs
- Sole wildcard to win a match this week out of five to start the tournament – also Cirstea, Kasinteva, Sorribes Tormo and V.Williams. Also the first wildcard ever to reach the SF stage here; previous best performances from a wildcard at Madrid were QF runs by Medina Garrigues in 2013 (l. eventual champion S.Williams), and Cirstea in 2016 (l. Cibulková) and 2017 (l. Mladenovic)
- Fell 1r in 2015 (as qualifier, l. Errani) and 2016 (as WC, l. Cornet); also fell in qualifying in 2017 and 2018
- Playing this week on career high ranking of No.62 which she reached on April 12 this year
- Defeated No.39 Krejčíková 6-1, 7-5 in 1r to notch first main draw win here in Madrid
- In 2r, took out No.40 Teichmann in their second meeting of 2021 for fifth Top 50 win of the season
- Earned comeback win over No.54 Sevastova in which she was as close as two points from defeat but eventually coming out victorious at 6-7(0), 7-6(3), 6-0
- Defeated No.11 Bencic in QF for the second time this season (also at Charleston) to reach her third SF of 2021: also advanced to final four at Lyon (l. Tauson in SF) and Charleston (l. Kudrmetova in SF)
- Faces No.1 Barty today in their second career meeting, having defeated the Australian last month at Charleston, becoming the only player this season to defeat her on clay
- Owns three career wins over Top 20 players – all achieved this season – having defeated No.12 Bencic and No.1 Barty at Charleston (3-5 record overall) and No.11 Bencic here at Madrid

- Bidding for career first final with a win today. Owns 0-4 record in SF matches, having fallen at this stage at 2019 Palermo (I. Bertens), 2020 Istanbul (I. Bouchard), 2021 Lyon (I. Tauson) and 2021 Charleston (I. Kudermetova)
- Also played doubles this week as a wildcard team with countrywoman Sorribes Tormo (I. Guarachi/Krawczyk in 1r)
- Coming off run to first WTA 500 SF at Charleston which saw her defeat World No.1 Barty 6-4, 6-3 in QF (I. eventual champion Kudermetova)
- Is the only player to have defeated Barty on clay so far this year
- Made 2r showing at Miami (I. Jabeur, having led 5-3 in the third set)
- Fell 1r at St. Petersburg (I. Ostapenko) and reached SF at Lyon (I. eventual champion Tauson)
- Other events contested this season saw her make 3r at Abu Dhabi (I. eventual R-Up Kudermetova) and fall 1r at Australian Open (I. Samsonova)

Career Milestones

- At 2020 Roland Garros, upset former finalist Stephens and 2017 champion Ostapenko en route to reaching R16 for the first time at a major; posted a then-high singles ranking of No.69 (October 12, 2020) following Paris run
- Also in 2020, reached SF at Istanbul (I. Bouchard)
- Campaign in 2019 highlighted by SF run at Palermo (I. Bertens) and QF at Seoul (I. Y.Wang); also made Grand Slam main draw debut at Australian Open (I. 1r)
- Finished 2018 inside Top 200 for the first time (at No.143); picked up three ITF titles at \$25k ITF/Glasgow-UK, ITF/\$25k Les Franqueses del Valles – FRA and ITF/\$60k Valencia-ESP
- Fell in qualifying at 2018 Wimbledon, Madrid and US Open
- Claimed third title on ITF Circuit in 2017 at ITF/\$25k El Espinar; Fell 1r at Miami and in qualifying at Madrid
- In 2016, fell 1r at Miami, Madrid and Mallorca and in qualifying at Rio de Janeiro
- As wildcard, made breakthrough on WTA Tour with 3r run at 2015 Miami Open (I. Ka.Pliskova)
- Came through qualifying at 2015 Madrid, fell 1r to Errani via ret. w/left leg injury
- Continued at ITF Circuit level during 2013-2014 before playing second WTA qualifying draw at 2015 Antwerp, where she advanced to 2r (I. Bodarenko)
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2013 Palermo, winning one match via retirement before falling in 2r (I.Gatto-Monticone)
- Won first title on ITF Circuit at \$10k ITF/Sant Jordi-ESP in 2012; now owns seven singles titles at this level
- Played first pro tournament of career at \$10k ITF/Gexto-ESP in 2012 (I. in 1r)
- Won girls' singles title at 2015 Roland Garros (d. Kaliskaya in F) and reached QF at 2014 Roland Garros and Wimbledon; finished 2015 as No.8 in ITF World Junior rankings

[5] ARYNA SABALENKA (BLR #7) VS. ANASTASIA PAVLYUCHENKOVA (RUS #41)

Head-to-head: PAVLYUCHENKOVA leads 1-0

2019 TORONTO HARD O R64 ANASTASIA PAVLYUCHENKOVA 3-6 6-3 7-5

SABALENKA		PAVLYUCHENKOVA	
Career Prize Money	\$7,474,204	Career Prize Money	\$10,476,793
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	May 5, 1998 (22)	Date of Birth (Age)	July 3, 1991 (29)
Singles Titles	9	Singles Titles	12
Madrid W-L (MD)	4-2	Madrid W-L (MD)	14-11
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	22-6 / 148-68	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	9-7 / 358-270
3-Set (YTD / Career)	3-6 / 48-28	3-Set (YTD / Career)	2-2 / 118-95
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	6-0 / 33-26	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	4-5 / 90-79
Clay Court (YTD / Career)	9-1 / 23-14	Clay Court (YTD / Career)	4-1 / 74-63
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 13-14	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-3 / 35-68
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	4-4 / 29-23	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	3-4 / 68-118
Coach	Anton Dubrov	Coach	Marina Pavlyuchenkova

SABALENKA:

Madrid

- Making third main draw appearance at Mutua Madrid Open
- Through to SF for first time having previously fallen 1r on both showings, in 2018 (as qualifier, I. Pera) and 2019 (I. Kuznetsova)
- Defeated qualifier Zvonareva in first round 6-1, 6-2 before taking out Kasatkina in second round 6-3, 6-3
- Win over Kasatkina was 20th match victory of the season
- Needed just 52 minutes to defeat No.33 Pegula in 3 to win her second clay court match against the American, also during 2020 Roland Garros
- In QF, outlasted longtime doubles partner, No.16 Mertens who retired in the second set with a left thigh injury; Sabalenka was leading 6-1, 4-0 at the time
- Faces No.41 Pavlyuchenkova today, would be worst by-ranking loss since falling to No.94 Kanepi in the Gippsland Trophy which was her only loss to a player outside the Top 50 this year
- Owns 14-6 record in WTA SF matches and is 2-0 this year: Abu Dhabi (WON) and Stuttgart (I. Barty in F)
- Is 2-2 in clay SF matches reaching the final at 2018 Lugano (I. Mertens in F) and last week at Stuttgart, and has fallen at this stage at Strasbourg in 2019 (I. Yastremska) and 2020 (I. Svitolina)
- One of two Belarusians to start in this week's main draw, also Azarenka who withdrew in the second round due to injury
- Best run by one of her compatriots here was Azarenka, finishing R-Up in 2011-12
- Searching for career first clay court title. All nine of her career titles have come on hard courts
- Has reached two finals on clay; arrived in the Spanish capital after R-Up finish at Stuttgart (I. Barty in F); earlier in career reached title bout at 2018 Lugano (I. Mertens in F)
- Coming off back-to-back losses to eventual champion Barty, falling to the World No.1 during the Stuttgart final and Miami QF

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- Suffered back-to-back three-set losses to Muguruza in the Middle East swing, falling at QF stage at Dubai and in 2r at Doha (as defending champion)
- Made 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. Krejckova/Siniakova in F)
- As a result of winning second doubles Slam rose to No.1 in WTA doubles rankings
- Won 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)

Career Milestones

- 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. Krejckova/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

PAVLYUCHENKOVA:

Madrid

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- Making 12th appearance at Mutua Madrid Open as a former quarterfinalist in 2011, when she defeated No.12 Bartoli and No.8 Stosur before falling to Goerges
- Reached R16 in 2014 (d. No.7 Jankovic, I. Ivanovic), 2015 (d. No.15 Errani, I. Kvitova) and 2016 (I. Cibulkova)
- Opened 2021 Madrid campaign with tight straight sets win over No.23 Keys before ousting No.9 Ka.Pliskova in 2r for her first Top 10 win since defeating No.4 Bencic at 2020 Dubai (35-68 overall)
- Has now won back-to-back matches for the first time since January, at the Yarra Valley Classic (d. Doi and Sevastova, I. Muguruza)
- Defeated No.14 Brady to improve record vs. Top 20 ranked players to 2-4 in 2021, having claimed her first win this week over No.9 Ka.Pliskova and falling to No.15 Muguruza (Yarra Valley Classic), No.3 Osaka (Australian Open) and No.10 Kvitova (Doha)
- The wins over Keys, Ka.Pliskova and Brady mark her best wins-by-ranking of the season
- Ousted another Top 20 opponent in No.20 Muchova to reach first SF since 2019 Moscow
- Faces No.7 Sabalenka today hoping to reach 21st career WTA final
- Owns 20-7 record in WTA SF matches with 3-0 record on clay going on to win the title in each of those showings at 2013 Oeiras (Estoril), 2017 Morocco and 2018 Strasbourg; however this is her first SF at a WTA 1000 event
- Also has reached SF in doubles with partner Ostapenko; face the winners of Dabrowski/Schuurs vs. Perez/Sanders
- Coming off 1r exit Istanbul (I. Potapova) after a 2r showing at St. Petersburg (I. her compatriot and No.241 Gasanova in a three-hour battle)
- Fell 1r at Dubai (I. compatriot Kudermetova) and made 2r at Doha (I. Kvitova)
- 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

Career Milestones

- 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 (I. Osaka in F) and Moscow (I. Bencic in F). Also made QF in Melbourne in 2019 to match best Grand Slam result (I. 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



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- 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)



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MUTUA MADRID OPEN – FINAL

[1] ASHLEIGH BARTY (AUS #1) vs. [5] ARYNA SABALENKA (BLR #7)

Barty leads 4-3

Barty and Sabalenka face off for the third time in the last five weeks... Sabalenka has surrendered just 18 games en route to the final... Barty is currently on a 16-match winning streak on red clay... Sabalenka will break into the Top 5 in next week's rankings

A LOOK AT THE FINALISTS

PLAYER	RANK	AGE	NAT	MADRID (MD) W/L*	SEASON (MD) W/L*	CAREER (MD) W/L*	CAREER PRIZE \$^	CAREER TITLES
[1] Ashleigh Barty	1	25	AUS	9-2	25-3	177-68	18,424,213	11
[5] Aryna Sabalenka	7	23	BLR	5-2	23-6	149-68	7,474,204	9

*Includes current tournament / ^ Does not include current tournament

FINAL RECORDS

PLAYER	LAST FINAL REACHED (final result)	CAREER F W/L
[1] Ashleigh Barty	2021 Stuttgart (WON)	11-5
[5] Aryna Sabalenka	2021 Stuttgart (R-UP)	9-5

MADRID HONOR ROLL

YEAR	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	SCORE
2020	Tournament not played		
2019	[7] Kiki Bertens (NED #7)	[3] Simona Halep (ROU #3)	6-4 6-4
2018	[10] Petra Kvitová (CZE #10)	Kiki Bertens (NED #20)	7-6(6) 4-6 6-3
2017	[3] Simona Halep (ROU #8)	[14] Kiki Mladenovic (FRA #17)	7-5 6-7(5) 6-2
2016	[6] Simona Halep (ROU #7)	Dominika Cibulková (SVK #38)	6-2 6-4
2015	[4] Petra Kvitová (CZE #4)	Svetlana Kuznetsova (RUS #29)	6-1 6-2
2014	[8] Maria Sharapova (RUS #9)	[4] Simona Halep (ROU #5)	1-6 6-2 6-3
2013	[1] Serena Williams (USA #1)	[2] Maria Sharapova (RUS #2)	6-1 6-4
2012	[9] Serena Williams (USA #9)	[1] Victoria Azarenka (BLR #1)	6-1 6-3
2011	[16] Petra Kvitová (CZE #18)	[4] Victoria Azarenka (BLR #5)	7-6(3) 6-4
2010	Aravane Rezaï (FRA #24)	[4] Venus Williams (USA #3)	6-2 7-5
2009	[1] Dinara Safina (RUS #1)	[9] Caroline Wozniacki (DEN #11)	6-2 6-4

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FINAL QUICK-HITS

- **Ashleigh Barty** and **Aryna Sabalenka** are both appearing in the championship match in Madrid for the first time. For Barty, it is her fourth final of the season, while Sabalenka is contesting her third
- **Sabalenka** is the youngest Madrid finalist since a 22-year-old Simona Halep finished runner-up in 2014. Should the Belarusian triumph, she will be the second-youngest Madrid champion ever, after Petra Kvitová, who emerged victorious at 21 in 2011
- **Barty** and **Sabalenka** are facing off for the third time in the past five weeks, with the former triumphing in the last eight at Miami and then in the final at Stuttgart
- **Barty** is attempting to become only the second player to win Stuttgart and Madrid in the same season. Maria Sharapova is the sole woman to have accomplished the feat, doing so in 2014
- This is **Barty's** 17th career final, with 11 of these coming since the start of 2019. In the same time frame, **Sabalenka** has reached 10 finals, with her overall total standing at 15
- In addition to her victory last month in Stuttgart, **Barty** owns one other clay court title, at 2019 Roland Garros. **Sabalenka**, meanwhile, is waiting to pick up her first silverware on the surface, having previously finished runner-up at 2018 Lugano and 2021 Stuttgart
- **Barty** has dropped a couple of sets en route to the final, against Tamara Zidansek in the second round and Petra Kvitová in the quarterfinals
- **Sabalenka**, meanwhile, has conceded only 18 games in her five matches – the fewest of any Madrid finalist in the tournament's history. Should she enjoy another straight-sets win on Saturday, she will become the second woman to lift the Madrid title without surrendering a set, following in the footsteps of 2019 winner Kiki Bertens
- **Barty** is attempting to become the first top seed to win in Madrid since Serena Williams triumphed in 2013. Barty is the only No.1 seed to walk away with the title so far in 2021, having done so at the Yarra Valley Classic, Miami and Stuttgart
- **Barty** will remain as WTA World No.1 following the conclusion of the tournament, taking her total number of weeks at the summit to 75 – No.9 on the all-time list, behind No.8 Lindsay Davenport on 98 weeks. By reaching the final, **Sabalenka** is projected to move to a career-high No.5 and could overtake No.4 Sofia Kenin by lifting the title

ROAD TO THE FINAL

BARTY			SABALENKA	
Shelby Rogers (USA #43)	6-2 6-1	First round	[Q] Vera Zvonareva (RUS #114)	6-1 6-2
[Q] Tamara Zidansek (SLO #80)	6-4 1-6 6-3	Second round	Daria Kasatkina (RUS #37)	6-3 6-3
[14] Iga Swiatek (POL #17)	7-5 6-4	Third round	Jessica Pegula (USA #33)	6-1 6-2
[9] Petra Kvitova (CZE #12)	6-1 3-6 6-3	Quarterfinals	[13] Elise Mertens (BEL #16)	6-1 4-0 ret.
[WC] Paula Badosa (ESP #62)	6-4 6-3	Semifinals	Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (RUS #41)	6-2 6-3

Total time on court: 7h 42m

Total time on court: 5h 18m

MATCH STATS

PLAYER	ACES	DOUBLE FAULTS	SERVICE GAMES WON	SERVICE POINTS WON	RETURN GAMES WON	RETURN POINTS WON
Ashleigh Barty	35	11	90.5%	66.8%	35.9%	41.7%
Aryna Sabalenka	18	16	91.3%	67.9%	61.9%	53.9%

A SNAPSHOT OF 2021 SO FAR

- **Top 20 Debut (1):** Jennifer Brady (at No.13 on February 22), Karolina Muchova (at No.20 on April 26)
- **Fewest games dropped en route to a title:** Iga Swiatek (22, Adelaide)
- **Lowest-ranked player to triumph:** María Camila Osorio Serrano (No.180, Bogotá)
- **Youngest title winner:** Clara Tauson, Lyon (18y 76d)
- **Oldest title winner:** Petra Kvitova, Doha (30y 363d)
- **Aces leaders:** Ashleigh Barty – 181, Veronika Kudermetova – 151, Ons Jabeur – 130, Karolina Pliskova – 130, Aryna Sabalenka – 130
- **Most aces in a match (21):** Karolina Pliskova (d. Ostapenko 6-7(9) 6-4 6-3 – Stuttgart, 2r)
- **Match win leaders:** Ashleigh Barty – 25, Aryna Sabalenka – 23, Veronika Kudermetova – 22, Garbiñe Muguruza – 21
- **Most singles titles (3):** Ashleigh Barty (Yarra Valley Classic, Miami, Stuttgart)
- **Most doubles titles (3):** Shuko Aoyama / Ena Shibahara (Abu Dhabi, Yarra Valley Classic, Miami)
- **Most Top 10 wins (6):** Ashleigh Barty (No.8 Sabalenka, No.5 Svitolina and No.9 Andreescu at Miami, No.9 Ka.Pliskova, No.5 Svitolina and No.7 Sabalenka at Stuttgart)
- **Longest Match:** 3h 33m – Irina-Camelia Begu d. Johanna Konta 4-6, 7-6(10), 7-6(4) (Gippsland Trophy 3r)

[1] ASHLEIGH BARTY (AUS #1) VS. [5] ARYNA SABALENKA (BLR #7)

Head-to-head: ASHLEIGH BARTY leads 4-3

2021	STUTTGART	CLAY	I	F	ASHLEIGH BARTY	3-6 6-0 6-3
2021	MIAMI	HARD	O	QF	ASHLEIGH BARTY	6-4 6-7(5) 6-3
2019	WUHAN	HARD	O	SF	ARYNA SABALENKA	7-5 6-4
2019	FED CUP WEEK II	HARD	O	R2	ASHLEIGH BARTY	6-2 6-2
2018	ZHUHAI	HARD	O	R1	ARYNA SABALENKA	6-4 6-4
2018	WUHAN	HARD	O	SF	ARYNA SABALENKA	7-6(2) 6-4
2018	AUSTRALIAN OPEN	HARD	O	R1	ASHLEIGH BARTY	6-7(2) 6-4 6-4

BARTY		SABALENKA	
Career Prize Money	\$18,424,213	Career Prize Money	\$7,474,204
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Apr. 24, 1996 (25)	Date of Birth (Age)	May 5, 1998 (23)
Singles Titles	11	Singles Titles	9
Madrid W-L (MD)	9-2	Madrid W-L (MD)	5-2
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	25-3 / 177-68	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	23-6 / 149-68
3-Set (YTD / Career)	11-1 / 58-20	3-Set (YTD / Career)	3-6 / 48-28
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	5-1 / 28-20	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	6-0 / 33-26
Clay Court (YTD / Career)	11-1 / 33-14	Clay Court (YTD / Career)	9-1 / 24-14
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	6-0 / 24-20	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-2 / 13-15
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	10-0 / 47-38	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	4-5 / 29-23
Coach	Craig Tyzzer	Coach	Anton Dubrov

BARTY:

Madrid

- Making third appearance at Madrid – prior to this year, her best result was reaching the QF in 2019 (as No.9 seed, l. No.3 seed Halep)
- Fell in 2r on debut in 2018 (unseeded, l. No.2 seed Wozniacki)
- Contesting 2021 Madrid as the World No.1 – bidding to become the third top-ranked player to win the title after Dinara Safina (2009) and Serena Williams (2013)
- Madrid marks her 73rd and 74th weeks at the top of the rankings (ninth on the all-time list) and 65th and 66th consecutive weeks
- Currently sits in pole position on the Porsche Race to Shenzhen, having replaced Osaka by winning the Stuttgart title last month
- Playing her 19th Tour-level event as the top seed; has won six of the previous 18, at 2018 Nottingham, 2019 WTA Finals, 2020 Adelaide, 2021 Yarra Valley Classic, 2021 Miami and 2021 Stuttgart
- In 1r last Thursday, defeated Rogers for the fourth time this season in exactly one hour
- Battled past No.80 Zidansek in 2r in three-sets. Holds 11-1 record in three-set matches this year, having only fallen to Muchova at the Australian Open QF
- Defeated No.17 Swiatek in a blockbuster 3r clash between the most recent two Roland Garros champions
- Ousted No.12 Kvitova in QF in three-sets for a spot in her fourth semifinal of the year. Has gone on to win the title in each tournament where she has advanced to final four: Yarra Valley Classic, Miami and Stuttgart
- Now owns a perfect 10-0 record against Top 20 players this year (47-38 career record)
- Avenged her loss to Badosa at Charleston – the only player to have beaten her on clay this year – in SF with a straight sets victory to reach her fourth final of the season and 17th in her career

- Including a tournament-leading 35 this week, has struck a Tour-leading 181 aces in 2021
- Is the first Australian to reach the final at Madrid. Was also the first to reach the SF since Stosur in 2016
- Faces No.7 Sabalenka today in their eighth career meeting. Bidding for her fourth title of 2021 and 12th of her career (overall record in finals stands at 11-5)
- Currently on a five-match winning streak in finals; has won the title in eight of her past nine final appearances (a run which started at 2019 Miami), with her sole defeat during this period coming to Osaka at 2019 Beijing
- Is 6-0 vs. Top 10 players in 2021, most recently defeating today's opponent Sabalenka in the Stuttgart final (also d. No.9 Ka.Pliskova and No.5 Svitolina en route to final)
- Overall win-loss record this year is 25-3 – the most wins on Tour in 2021
- By reaching the final, her total ranking points will pass 10,000 on Monday
- Currently on a 16-match winning streak on European red clay: won seven matches at 2019 Roland Garros, four at 2021 Stuttgart and five here in Madrid (skipped 2020 clay-court season due to the pandemic)
- Attempting to become only the second player to win Stuttgart and Madrid in the same season. Maria Sharapova is the sole woman to have accomplished the feat, doing so in 2014
- Coming off her 11th career singles title, won at Stuttgart (d. Sabalenka in F), now owns two clay court titles, having triumphed at Roland Garros in 2019
- Also won the doubles at Stuttgart (w/Brady), becoming the first to sweep the tournament since Davenport in 2001
- On her 25th birthday on semi-finals day at Stuttgart, completed a comeback win over No.5 Svitolina to record her seventh career Top-5 win. Previous wins came over No.4 Ka.Pliskova (2017 Wuhan), No.3 Kerber (2018 Wuhan), No.1 Halep (2019 Sydney), No.2 Kvitova (2019 Miami), No.2 Ka.Pliskova (2019 WTA Finals), No.5 Svitolina (2021 Miami)
- Has won her past 10 matches against Top-10 opposition (6-0 in 2021 – No.8 Sabalenka, No.5 Svitolina and No.9 Andreescu en route to defending Miami title, and No.9 Ka.Pliskova, No.5 Svitolina and No.7 Sabalenka at Stuttgart)
- Made QF showing at Charleston (l. Badosa) after lifting 10th career title, at Miami (d. Andreescu in F via ret. w/left foot injury) – first time defending a title in her career
- After a 1r bye at Miami, saved a match point against qualifier Kucova in 2r. The last woman to win the Miami title after saving a match point was S.Williams in 2007 (saved 2MP vs. Henin in final)
- Ended Australian swing with opening match loss at Adelaide (as defending champion, after 1r bye, l. Collins)
- Posted QF run at the Australian Open (l. Muchova) after winning title at the Yarra Valley Classic (d. Muguruza in F) – her first tournament since 2020 Doha where she reached SF (l. eventual R-Up Kvitova)

Career Milestones

- Finished year-end No.1 for second year in a row in 2020, despite missing all tournaments held after the resumption of play in the summer
- Went 12-3 to start 2020 season, results highlighted by first title on home soil, and eighth overall at Adelaide (d. Yastremska in F). Followed up with SF runs at Australian Open (l. eventual champion Kenin) and Doha (l. Kvitova)
- Stellar season in 2019 brought four singles titles – including maiden major at Roland Garros (d. Vondrousova in F) and WTA Finals in Shenzhen (d. Svitolina in F); registered Tour-leading 57 match wins, with 11-6 record against Top 10 opponents

- Broke into Top 10 after defeating Ka.Pliskova in F at 2019 Miami (week of April 1) and became first Australian woman in 43 years to secure No.1 singles ranking after title run at Birmingham, where she defeated Goerges in F (June 24, 2019)
- Other highlights in 2019 included R-Up finishes at Sydney (scored first win over a reigning No.1, Halep, en route; I. Kvitova) and Beijing (I. Osaka) and reached SF at Cincinnati and Wuhan. In doubles, won Rome titles and was R-Up at US Open (both w/Azarenka)
- In 2019, spearheaded Australia to its first Billie Jean King Cup final since 1993, against France in Perth; went 1-1 in singles (d. Garcia, I. Mladenovic) and dropped decisive doubles (w/Stosur) as the French prevailed 3-2
- In 2018, won two singles titles and four doubles titles, finishing the season No.15 in singles and No.7 in doubles; was one of only two players to finish the year in the Top 20 in both disciplines (along with Mertens)
- Captured first Grand Slam doubles trophy at 2018 US Open (w/Vandeweghe, d. No.1 seeds Krejickova/Siniakova in SF and No.2 seeds Mladenovic/Babos in F)
- Clinched career first WTA singles title at 2017 Kuala Lumpur (as qualifier, d. Hibino in F). Made Top 20 debut and became Australia's No.1 on October 23, 2017
- Qualified for WTA Finals in doubles in 2017 (w/Dellacqua) and 2018 (w/Vandeweghe)
- After 2014 US Open, took a break from tennis that lasted almost two years. Returned to professional tennis in 2016, having enjoyed a successful stint as an allrounder for the Brisbane Heat cricket team in the 2015-16 Women's Big Bash League
- During doubles partnership alongside compatriot Dellacqua, reached three Grand Slam doubles finals in 2013 (Australian Open, Wimbledon, US Open) and was also R-Up at Roland Garros in 2017
- Presented with Tennis Australia's Newcombe Medal prize in 2018 and 2019
- Made WTA main draw debut as WC at 2012 Hobart
- Won 2011 Wimbledon girls' singles title; finished season as world No.2 ranked junior behind Khromacheva
- Played first ITF Circuit event in hometown of Ipswich, Queensland in April 2010

SABALENKA:

Madrid

- Making third main draw appearance at Mutua Madrid Open
- Through to the final for first time having previously fallen 1r on both showings, in 2018 (as qualifier, I. Pera) and 2019 (I. Kuznetsova)
- One of two Belarusians to start in this week's main draw, also Azarenka who withdrew in 2r w/low back injury
- Is the first Belarusian woman to reach the final at Madrid since Azarenka in 2011 (I. Kvitova in F) and 2012 (I. S.Williams in F)
- Defeated qualifier Zvonareva in 1r before registering 20th win of the season by easing past another Russian, Kasatkina, in 2r
- Won all eight service games during 52-minute 3r win over No.33 Pegula
- In QF, longtime doubles partner Mertens retired in the second set w/left thigh injury
- Defeated No.41 Pavlyuchenkova in SF to improve her record in WTA SFs to 15-8 (3-0 in 2021). Is now 3-2 in clay court SF matches, reaching the finals at 2018 Lugano (I. Mertens in F) and last month at Stuttgart (I. Barty in F)

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- In her five matches this fortnight, has hit 142 winners (28.4/match) and surrendered just 18 games – the fewest of any finalist in the tournament’s history; Bertens in 2019 is the only Madrid champion not to drop a set
- Should she beat Barty in straight sets, it will mark the first occasion she has won a WTA title without conceding at least one set. Five women have won titles so far in 2021 without losing a set: Swiatek (Adelaide – fewest games dropped, 22), Tauson (Lyon), Fernandez (Monterrey), Kudermetova (Charleston) and Cirstea (Istanbul)
- Faces No.1 Barty today in a rematch of last week’s Stuttgart final. Bidding for her 10th career WTA singles title and first on clay (previous nine came on hard)
- Has reached two finals on clay; arrived in the Spanish capital after R-Up finish at Stuttgart (l. Barty) and was also a finalist at 2018 Lugano (l. Mertens)
- A win today would also mark her 150th career Tour-level victory (record currently stands at 149-68)
- Guaranteed a new career high ranking following Madrid (No.4 with the title or No.5 with R-Up finish)
- Coming off back-to-back losses to eventual champion Barty, falling to the World No.1 during the Stuttgart final and Miami QF
- Suffered back-to-back three-set losses to Muguruza in the Middle East swing, falling at QF stage at Dubai and in 2r at Doha (as defending champion)
- Made 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. Krejckova/Siniakova in F)
- As a result of winning second doubles Slam rose to No.1 in WTA doubles rankings
- Won 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)

Career Milestones

- 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. Krejckova/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)

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- 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

[3] DEMI SCHUURS (NED #11) / GABRIELA DABROWSKI (CAN #12)

SCHUURS		DABROWSKI	
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Aug. 1, 1993 (27)	Date of Birth (Age)	April 1, 1992 (29)
Doubles Titles	14	Doubles Titles	9
Career Prize Money	\$1,571,664	Career Prize Money	\$2,900,139
Career-High Rank	No.7 (Oct. 22, 2018)	Career-High Rank	No.7 (March 19, 2018)
Madrid W-L	6-1	Madrid W-L	9-6
Career W-L	291-148	Career W-L	321/243
Best GS Result	SF (2021 Australian Open)	Best GS Result	R-Up (2019 Wimbledon)

TEAM HISTORY:

First time competing as a team

- Making their debut as a team at 2021 Mutua Madrid Open as the No.3 seeds
- Dabrowski is a former finalist here in Madrid, reaching the championship match in 2019 (w/ Y.Xu, I. Hsieh/Strycova); Schuurs advanced to the QFs on her debut run in 2019 (w/Groenefeld, I. Kudermetova/Voskoboeva)
- Dabrowski made her Madrid debut in doubles in 2014 (w/Rosolska), falling 1r (I. Black/Mirza)
- This season, Schuurs has lifted silverware at Doha (w/Melichar, d. Niculescu/Ostapenko in F) and Charleston (w/ Melichar, d. Bouzkova/Hradecka in F); Dabrowski's deepest run prior to this week was reaching SFs at Miami (w/Olmos, I. Carter/Stefani)
- In Grand Slam action, Dabrowski has reached one Grand Slam doubles final, at 2019 Wimbledon (w/Y.Xu, I. Hsieh/Strycova) and is a two-time mixed doubles champion, at 2017 Roland Garros (w/Bopanna) and 2018 Australian Open (w/Pavic)
- Schuurs posted her career best Grand Slam result by reaching SFs at this year's Australian Open (w/Melichar, I. eventual champions Mertens/Sabalenka)
- Dabrowski owns a 9-10 career record in Tour-level doubles finals, reaching two finals in 2020 at Adelaide (w/Y.Xu) and Doha (w/Ostapenko). Her most recent title was captured at 2019 Nürnberg (w/Y.Xu)
- Schuurs holds a 14-11 record in doubles finals, with her most recent title captured at 2021 Doha and Charleston (both w/Melichar)

[2] BARBORA KREJCIKOVA (CZE #7) / KATERINA SINIAKOVA (CZE #8)

KREJCIKOVA		SINIAKOVA	
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Dec. 18, 1995 (25)	Date of Birth (Age)	May 10, 1996 (24)
Doubles Titles	7	Doubles Titles	9
Career Prize Money	\$3,473,425	Career Prize Money	\$6,482,868
Career-High Rank	No.1 (Oct. 22, 2018)	Career-High Rank	No.1 (Oct. 22, 2018)
Madrid W-L	6-3	Madrid W-L	9-4
Career W-L	262-113	Career W-L	216-115
Best GS Result	WON (2018 Roland Garros, Wimbledon)	Best GS Result	WON (2018 Roland Garros, Wimbledon)
Coach	David Pultr	Coach	

TEAM HISTORY:

Titles (6): 2021 – Gippsland Trophy; 2020 – Shenzhen; 2019 – Toronto, Linz; 2018 – Roland Garros, Wimbledon

R-Up (6): 2021 – Australian Open; 2020 – Dubai; 2019 – Indian Wells; 2018 – Shenzhen, Miami, WTA Finals

W-L record: 100-40*

*Including 2021 Madrid results

- Their previous best result at the Mutua Madrid Open was reaching the QFs in 2019 (I. Dabrowski/Xu)
- Registered their 100th career win as a team en route to today's final against No.3 seeds Dabrowski/Schuurs
- Best results this season have been securing the crown at Gippsland Trophy (d. H.Chan/L.Chan in F) before recording a R-Up finish at the Australian Open (I. Mertens/Sabalenka in F)
- Made their Tour-level debut together at 2014 Bad Gastein (I. Ormaechea/Pfizenmaier in 1r)
- Advanced to their first SF as a pair at 2016 Roland Garros (I. d. Hingis/Mirza and Sestini Hlavackova/Hradecka before falling to the eventual runners-up Makarova/Vesnina)
- Captured their first titles as a team at the Grand Slam level, winning back-to-back majors at 2018 Roland Garros and Wimbledon. Became the first pairing to complete the Roland Garros-Wimbledon double since Kim Clijsters and Ai Sugiyama won both titles in 2003
- Also reached the SFs at US Open in 2018 (I. Barty/Vandeweghe). In 2017, Siniakova reached the doubles final at Flushing Meadows (w/Hradecka, I. L.Chan/Hingis)
- Advanced to one final in 2020, lifting the trophy at Shenzhen (d. Y.Duan/S.Zheng in F), where they reached their first doubles final as a team in 2018 (I. Begu/Halep)
- Qualified for the WTA Finals in 2018 (I. Babos/Mladenovic in F) and 2019 (went 1-2 in round robin stage)
- Voted as the WTA Doubles Team of the Year for 2018
- Krejcikova's career record in doubles finals sits at 7-9, while Siniakova's holds an 8-13 record
- In singles, Krejcikova enjoyed her best season to date in 2020 after reaching the R16 at Roland Garros and earning a career high ranking of No.65 on November 16, 2020. Siniakova is the owner of two WTA singles titles (2017 Shenzhen and 2017 Bastad) and has climbed as high as No.31 (October 22, 2018)