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## PORSCHE TENNIS GRAND PRIX – QUICK FACTS

<b>Main draw dates:</b>	April 19-25, 2021
<b>Singles Final:</b>	Sunday, April 25, NB 2:00pm
<b>Doubles Final:</b>	Sunday, April 25, 11:30am (TBC)
<b>Venue:</b>	Porsche-Arena
<b>Status:</b>	WTA 500
<b>Staging:</b>	Tournament's 43 <sup>rd</sup> year
<b>Draw sizes:</b>	28 singles / 24 qualifying singles / 16 doubles
<b>Surface:</b>	Red Clay / Indoors
<b>Total prize money:</b>	USD \$546,311
<b>Tennis Ball:</b>	Wilson Roland Garros

SINGLES	USD \$	RANK POINTS
<b>Winner</b>	66,241	470
<b>Runner-Up</b>	49,281	305
<b>Semifinalist</b>	31,300	185
<b>Quarterfinalist</b>	14,973	100
<b>Round of 16</b>	7,920	55
<b>Round of 32</b>	6,422	1

DOUBLES	USD \$	RANK POINTS
<b>Winner</b>	24,371	470
<b>Runner-Up</b>	17,146	305
<b>Semifinalist</b>	9,659	185
<b>Quarterfinalist</b>	5,313	100
<b>Round of 16</b>	3,382	1

## MAIN DRAW QUICK-HITS

**Top 8 Seeds:** Ashleigh Barty (AUS), Simona Halep (ROU), Sofia Kenin (USA), Elina Svitolina (UKR), Aryna Sabalenka (BLR), Karolina Pliskova (CZE), Petra Kvitova (CZE), Belinda Bencic (SUI)

**Wildcard:** Andrea Petkovic (GER), Jelena Ostapenko (LAT), Laura Siegemund (GER)

**Most career WTA singles titles:** Petra Kvitova (28)

**Prize money leader:** Petra Kvitova (\$32,809,282)

**Youngest singles player:** Marketa Vondrousova, 21-years-old (June 28, 1999)

**Oldest singles player:** Andrea Petkovic, 33-years-old (September 9, 1987)

## TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS

- Seven of the WTA Top 10 players in the world are contesting the main draw of this week's Porsche Tennis Grand Prix, including the top seed and World No.1 **Ashleigh Barty**, who recently lifted the Miami Open crown and is now making her tournament debut here in Stuttgart
- There are a total of four returning champions in the draw, including 2019 defending champion **Petra Kvitova**, 2018 champion **Karolina Pliskova**, 2017 champion **Laura Siegemund** and 2015-16 champion **Angelique Kerber**

- Joining the draw this week are German wildcards **Laura Siegemund**, who is looking to record her milestone 500<sup>th</sup> main draw match win by reaching the third round this week, and will be kicking her campaign off against either a qualifier or lucky loser, and **Andrea Petkovic**, whose best result here in Stuttgart was a quarterfinal run in 2011; she will take on World No.19 **Maria Sakkari**, who is coming off a semifinal appearance at the Miami Open.
- American No.3 **Jennifer Brady** is looking for her first win since reaching the Australian Open final, facing No.7 seed **Petra Kvitova** in the opening round, while fellow American and No.3 seed **Sofia Kenin** will face either **Anett Kontaveit** or a qualifier following her first round bye.
- **One to Watch – Marketa Vondrousova**. Czech's Marketa Vondrousova enters the Porsche Tennis Grand Prix after reaching the Round of 16 at the Miami Open. The 21-year-old has enjoyed a consistent season, reaching the second round or better at all tournaments contested following her 1r loss at Abu Dhabi, with her best result being a semifinalist run at Yarra Valley Classic. She will be kicking off her week against fellow Czech **Marie Bouzkova** in the opening round.

## RECENT CHAMPIONS & RUNNERS-UP

YEAR	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	SCORE
2015	Angelique Kerber (GER)	[4] Caroline Wozniacki (DEN)	3-6 6-1 7-5
2016	[2] Angelique Kerber (GER)	Laura Siegemund (GER)	6-4 6-0
2017	Laura Siegemund (GER)	Kristina Mladenovic (FRA)	6-1 2-6 7-6(5)
2018	[5] Karolina Pliskova (CZE)	Coco Vandeweghe (USA)	7-6(2) 6-4
2019	[3] Petra Kvitova (CZE)	[8] Anett Kontaveit (EST)	6-3 7-6(2)
2020	Not held due to COVID-19		

\*If highlighted denotes competing in 2021 Stuttgart main draw

## COUNTRY AND REGION BREAKDOWN

Excluding qualifiers, a total of 14 countries and regions are represented in the main draw, led by the Czech Republic with 5 players:

<b>Australia (1)</b>	Ashleigh Barty
<b>Belarus (1)</b>	Aryna Sabalenka
<b>China (1)</b>	Zhang Shuai
<b>Czech Republic (5)</b>	Karolina Pliskova, Karolina Muchova, Marie Bouzkova, Marketa Vondrousova, Petra Kvitova
<b>Estonia (1)</b>	Anett Kontaveit
<b>Germany (3)</b>	Andrea Petkovic, Angelique Kerber, Laura Siegemund
<b>Greece (1)</b>	Maria Sakkari
<b>Latvia (1)</b>	Jelena Ostapenko
<b>Netherlands (1)</b>	Kiki Bertens
<b>Romania (1)</b>	Simona Halep
<b>Russia (1)</b>	Ekaterina Alexandrova
<b>Switzerland (1)</b>	Belinda Bencic
<b>Ukraine (1)</b>	Elina Svitolina
<b>United States (2)</b>	Jennifer Brady, Sofia Kenin

## THIS SEASON'S WTA TOUR FINALS

Week of	Level	Tournament	Singles Final	Doubles Final
<b>January 6</b>	WTA 500	Abu Dhabi, UAE	[4] Sabalenka d. Kudermetova 62 62	Aoyama/Shibahara d. Carter/Stefani
<b>January 31</b>	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	Krejciikova/Siniakova d. Chan/Chan
	WTA 500	Grampians Trophy, AUS	[6] Kontaveit/Li (final not played due to scheduling)	
<b>February 8</b>	GS	Australian Open, AUS	[3] Osaka d. [22] Brady 64 63	Mertens/Sabalenka d. Krejciikova/Siniakova
<b>February 13</b>	WTA 250	Phillip Island Trophy, AUS	Kasatkina d. [13] Bouzkova 46 62 62	Raina/Rakhimova d. Blinkova/Potapova
<b>February 22</b>	WTA 500	Adelaide, AUS	[5] Swiatek d. [2] Bencic 62 62	Guarachi/Krawczyk d. Carter/Stefani
<b>March 1</b>	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
<b>March 8</b>	WTA 1000	Dubai, UAE	[9] Muguruza d. Krejciikova 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
<b>March 15</b>	WTA 500	St. Petersburg, RUS	[8] Kasatkina d. [WC] Gasparian 6-3 2-1 (RET)	[1] Kichenok/Olaru d. Christian/Santamaria
	WTA 250	Monterrey, MEX	Fernandez d. [Q] Golubic 61 64	Dolehide/Muhammad d. Watson/Zheng
<b>March 22</b>	WTA 1000	Miami, FL, USA	[1] Barty d. [8] Andreescu 63 40 ret.	Aoyama/Shibahara d. Carter/Stefani
<b>April 5</b>	WTA 500	Charleston, SC, USA	[15] Kudermetova d. Kovinic 64 62	Melichar/Schuurs d. Bouzkova/Hradecka
<b>April 12</b>	WTA 250	Charleston, SC, USA	TBC	TBC

## A SNAPSHOT OF 2021 SO FAR

- **Top 20 Debut (1):** Jennifer Brady (at No.13 on February 22)
- **Fewest games dropped en route to a title:** Iga 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:** Veronika Kudermetova – 130, Ashleigh Barty – 127, Ons Jabeur – 112
- **Most aces in a match (17):** Ekaterina Alexandrova (d. Watson 7-5 6-7(7) 6-3 – Abu Dhabi, 2r)
- **Match win leaders:** Garbiñe Muguruza – 21, Veronika Kudermetova – 17, Sara Sorribes Tormo – 15
- **Most singles titles (2):** Daria Kasatkina (Philip Island Trophy, St. Petersburg), Ashleigh Barty (Yarra Valley Classic, Miami)

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- **Most doubles titles (3):** Shuko Aoyama / Ena Shibahara (Abu Dhabi, Yarra Valley Classic, Miami)
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# ALPHABETIC PLAYER LIST

## MAIN DRAW SINGLES

### 2021 Porsche Tennis Grand Prix - Stuttgart, Germany

PLAYER NAME	RANK SEED			CAREER @ TRN			YEAR-TO-DATE			CAREER		CAREER HGH		TITLES	
	4/12/2021	NAT	AGE	PRIZE	W	L	PRIZE	W	L	PRIZE	W / L	RANK	DATE	YTD	CAR
ALEXANDROVA, EKATERINA	34	RUS	26	1,062	0	0	250,920	9	7	2,603,523	308 / 183	25	2/17/2020	0	1
BARTY, ASHLEIGH	1	AUS	24		0	0	748,459	16	3	18,343,028	268 / 97	1	6/24/2019	2	10
BENCIC, BELINDA	12	SUI	24	27,973	2	2	276,180	7	7	8,443,992	281 / 159	4	2/17/2020	0	4
BOUZKOVA, MARIE	56	CZE	22	971	0	0	140,415	11	6	1,138,840	256 / 136	46	8/31/2020	0	0
BRADY, JENNIFER	14	USA	26	6,925	0	1	1,091,779	9	5	4,421,195	235 / 160	13	2/22/2021	0	1
HALEP, SIMONA	3	ROU	29	120,030	5	5	415,287	7	2	37,461,198	523 / 219	1	10/9/2017	0	22
KENIN, SOFIA	4	USA	22		0	0	178,481	7	6	7,400,183	221 / 126	4	3/9/2020	0	5
KERBER, ANGELIQUE	25	GER	33	374,520	15	6	131,272	4	5	29,985,250	634 / 341	1	9/12/2016	0	12
KONTAVEIT, ANETT	26	EST	25	142,186	8	3	257,525	10	5	5,134,238	319 / 168	14	4/1/2019	0	1
KVITOVA, PETRA	10	CZE	31	270,481	11	6	236,678	9	5	32,809,282	556 / 244	2	10/31/2011	1	28
MUCHOVA, KAROLINA	22	CZE	24	971	0	0	598,234	8	1	2,507,103	219 / 104	21	11/4/2019	0	1
W OSTAPENKO, JELENA	52	LAT	23	67,433	1	3	186,210	7	6	9,260,310	249 / 155	5	3/19/2018	0	3
W PETKOVIC, ANDREA	103	GER	33	99,747	5	8	90,202	2	4	7,930,578	484 / 331	9	10/10/2011	0	6
PLISKOVA, KAROLINA	9	CZE	29	193,008	8	3	223,837	7	6	20,625,271	548 / 303	1	7/17/2017	0	16
SABALENKA, ARYNA	7	BLR	22		0	0	618,894	14	5	7,423,204	249 / 126	7	1/25/2021	1	9
SAKKARI, MARIA	19	GRE	25		0	0	241,177	12	6	3,781,796	339 / 226	19	4/5/2021	0	1
W SIEGEMUND, LAURA	58	GER	33	236,214	11	3	156,005	7	6	3,332,665	498 / 328	27	8/29/2016	0	2
SVITOLINA, ELINA	5	UKR	26	21,495	1	1	364,362	13	6	20,224,621	400 / 206	3	9/11/2017	0	15
VONDROUSOVA, MARKETA	20	CZE	21	11,526	1	1	311,872	9	5	3,790,234	174 / 71	14	7/1/2019	0	1
ZHANG, SHUAI	41	CHN	32	10,205	0	1	103,925	0	3	6,896,151	485 / 337	23	11/14/2016	0	2

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## PORSCHE TENNIS GRAND PRIX – DAY 1

### [8] BELINDA BENCIC (SUI #12) vs. [Q] NASTASJA SCHUNK (GER #928)

#### First meeting

**Schunk** is facing a Top 100 player for the first time in her career ... **Bencic** fell in the second round on her two previous appearances here... **Schunk** is one of eight German women in the main draw

### MARIA SAKKARI (GRE #19) vs. [WC] ANDREA PETKOVIC (GER #103)

#### Sakkari leads 2-1

**Sakkari** won both of their most recent meetings, on the clay of Charleston and Rome in 2019... **Petkovic** bidding for first Top 20 win since 2019 US Open... **Sakkari** recently reached SF in Miami

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Head-to-head: First meeting

BENCIC		SCHUNK	
<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$8,443,992	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$4,329
<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed	<b>Plays</b>	Left-handed
<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	Mar. 10, 1997 (24)	<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	Aug. 17, 2003 (17)
<b>Singles Titles</b>	4	<b>Singles Titles</b>	0
<b>Stuttgart W-L (MD)</b>	2-2	<b>Stuttgart W-L (MD)</b>	0-0
<b>YTD / Career W-L (MD)</b>	7-7 / 163-123	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	0-0 / 0-0
<b>3-Set (YTD / Career)</b>	4-3 / 63-42	<b>3-Set (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 0-0
<b>Tie-Break (YTD / Career)</b>	2-1 / 42-27	<b>Tie-Break (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 0-0
<b>Clay Court (YTD / Career)</b>	0-1 / 20-22	<b>Clay Court (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 0-0
<b>Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 24-22	<b>Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 0-0
<b>Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-4 / 30-44	<b>Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 0-0
<b>Coach</b>	Ivan Bencic	<b>Coach</b>	-

### BENCIC:

#### Stuttgart

- Making her third main draw appearance at the Porsche Tennis Grand Prix
- Fell 2r on both previous visits, in 2015 (d. Goerges, I. Suárez Navarro) and 2019 (d. qualifier Minella, I. Bertens)
- Faces No.928 Schunk in today's 1r; in terms of ranking, a defeat today would be her worst since falling to Naomi Osaka – then-ranked No.1024 – when they were both teenagers, at \$25k ITF/Pelham, AL-USA in 2013
- Has suffered three losses to players ranked outside Top 50 this season, against No.72 Cirstea (Grampians Trophy), 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)
- 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

## **SCHUNK:**

### **Stuttgart**

- Making WTA debut at this week's Porsche Tennis Grand Prix
- Over the weekend, progressed through qualifying with straight-sets wins over Seguel and Akugue Noha; No.203 Seguel was the first Top 400 player she has beaten in her fledgling career
- Faces No.12 Bencic in today's 1r; in only previous meeting with a Top 200-ranked player, lost 6-3 6-7(6) 6-1 to No.144 Tauson, at \$25k ITF/Altenkirchen-GER this February
- One of eight Germans in the draw (also Barthel, Friedsam, Kerber, Korpatsch, Middendorf, Petkovic and Siegemund)
- Best results of her career on the ITF Circuit have come on clay, posting SF runs last year at \$15k ITF/Alkmaar-NED and \$15k ITF/Otocec-SLO
- Is one of two teenagers in the draw (also fellow German qualifier Middendorf, who faces Kontaveit in 1r)



- Contesting the tournament at a career-high ranking of No.927 (April 19, 2021)
- In most recent outing on Tour, fell 2r at \$15k ITF/Antalya-TUR (as qualifier, l. No.431 Kolodziejova)
- Fell 1r at \$25k ITF/Altenkirchen-GER (l. eventual champion Tauson)
- Opened season with 1r exit at \$25k ITF/Hamburg-GER, before qualifying exits at \$15k ITF/Mallorca-ESP and \$15k ITF/Manacor-ESP

### **Career Milestones**

- Posted her first year-end ranking in 2020, at No.943
- Posted a 14-8 record on ITF Circuit in 2020. Best result were SF runs on clay at \$15k ITF/Alkmaar-NED (as qualifier, l. Noha Akugue) and \$15k ITF/Otocec-SLO (l. Cvetkovic)
- Fell 1r on professional debut, at \$15k ITF/Stuttgart-Stammheim in January 2019 (l. Kajuru)
- In juniors, won three titles in Europe and posted career-high ITF ranking of No.55 on January 4, 2021

**MARIA SAKKARI (GRE #19) VS. [WC] ANDREA PETKOVIC (GER #103)**

Head-to-head: MARIA SAKKARI leads 2-1

2019	ROME	CLAY	O	QUAL.	MARIA SAKKARI	6-2 7-5
2019	CHARLESTON	CLAY	O	R2	MARIA SAKKARI	6-3 6-0
2017	MADRID	CLAY	O	QUAL.	ANDREA PETKOVIC	6-2 7-6(2)

SAKKARI		PETKOVIC	
Career Prize Money	\$3,781,796	Career Prize Money	\$7,930,578
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	July 25, 1995 (25)	Date of Birth (Age)	Sept. 8, 1987 (33)
Singles Titles	1	Singles Titles	6
Stuttgart W-L (MD)	Tournament debut	Stuttgart W-L (MD)	5-8
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	12-6 / 104-92	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	2-4 / 268-210
3-Set (YTD / Career)	2-3 / 32-39	3-Set (YTD / Career)	1-3 / 88-74
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	1-4 / 31-21	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	2-0 / 56-51
Clay Court (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 27-20	Clay Court (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 75-50
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	2-2 / 12-15	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-2 / 14-38
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	4-3 / 21-36	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-2 / 37-81
Coach	Tom Hill	Coach	Dusan Vemic

**SAKKARI:**
**Stuttgart**

- Making debut appearance at Porsche Tennis Grand Prix
- Faces off against No.103 wildcard Petkovic in today's 1r; last loss to a player outside Top 100 came at hands of No.159 Trevisan in 3r at 2020 Roland Garros
- Competing on a career-high No.19 ranking this week after becoming the first Greek woman to reach SF stage in Miami since former World No.14 Daniilidou in 2004
- Victory over No.2 Osaka in Miami was one of six Top-5 wins in 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)
- Sole Greek player in starting field and also Top 250 in the WTA rankings (followed by No.266 Papamichail and No.278 Grammatikopoulou)
- Made 1r exit at Dubai (l. eventual R-Up Krejickova)
- Reached back-to-back SFs at Abu Dhabi (l. eventual champion Sabalenka) and Grampians Trophy (l. eventual finalist Kontaveit)
- Prior to 1r exit at this year's Australian Open, had won back-to-back matches at every tournament since falling in 1r at Palermo last August, reaching three SFs (Ostrava, Abu Dhabi and Grampians Trophy) and one QF (Western & Southern Open)

**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)

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- 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

## **PETKOVIC:**

### **Stuttgart**

- Making 12th overall appearance in Stuttgart this week, and ninth in the main draw
- Best result here came with QF run in 2011 (d. No.7 Jankovic, l. No.1 Wozniacki)
- Also reached 2r on last two visits in 2019 (l. Kerber) and 2016 (l. Radwanska)
- Currently ranked No.107 – contested this event as a Top 15 player (No.12) in 2012
- One of eight Germans in the draw (also Barthel, Friedsam, Kerber, Korpatsch, Middendorf, Schunk and Siegemund)
- Oldest singles player competing in this week's field at age 33
- Begins her campaign vs. No.19 Sakkari in today's 1r; most recent Top 20 win came over No.6 Kvitova at 2019 US Open
- Was a late withdrawal from Charleston w/low back injury
- Made 2r at Miami (l. Kenin in 3s); notched second win of season over No.43 Zhang in 1r
- Went 1-3 during Australian swing – made 2r at Gippsland Trophy (l. Svitolina) and fell in 1r at Australian Open (l. Jabeur) and Phillip Island Trophy (l. Blinkova)
- Win over Trevisan in 1r at Gippsland Trophy was her first Tour level match win since beating Giorgi at Luxembourg in October 2019; her only match on Tour in 2020 was 1r defeat to Pironkova at Roland Garros in September

### **Career Milestones**

- Played one tournament in 2020 at Roland Garros (l. Pironkova in 1r)
- Best results of 2019 were SF run at Linz (l. eventual champion Gauff) and 3r showings at Roland Garros (l. eventual champion Barty) and US Open (d. No.6 Kvitova in 2r, l. Mertens)
- Highlights of 2018 season were SF finishes at Washington DC (l. eventual champion Kuznetsova), Guangzhou (l. eventual champion Q.Wang) and Linz (l. Alexandrova)
- Also in 2018, achieved best Slam result since 2015 by reaching 3r of 2018 Roland Garros (l. eventual champion Halep)

- Scored best result of 2016 with SF run at Doha (ret. vs. Ostapenko); advanced to SF by defeating No.5 Muguruza; first win over a Top 5 opponent since d. No.2 Azarenka at 2013 Beijing. Also in 2016, posted three QF runs (Luxembourg, Dubai and Brisbane)
- Contested 2016 Rio Olympics, falling 1r of singles (l. Svitolina) and 1r of doubles (w/Kerber, l. Errani/Vinci)
- Owns 14 career wins over Top 10 opponents, most recently over No.6 Kvitova (2019 US Open)
- Advanced to SF at Miami and then Charleston in spring 2015, paving the way for a return to Top 10 on May 4; matched career-high ranking of No.9 on May 11, 2015 (initially set on October 10, 2011)
- Won sixth WTA singles title at 2015 Antwerp (d. Suárez Navarro in F via w/o – neck injury); owns a 6-11 record in finals, with four of six titles coming on clay – the biggest being at Charleston (d. Cepelova in F). Also won the Tournament of Champions-Sofia in 2014 (d. Muguruza in SF and Pennetta in F)
- Best major result came at 2014 Roland Garros, where she advanced to SF (l. eventual R-Up Halep)
- Suffered right knee injury at Hopman Cup at end of December 2012, which forced her to miss 2013 Australian and Middle East swings; returned to tour at Indian Wells. Ranking dropped as low as No.177 in March 2013
- Enjoyed breakthrough year on Tour in 2011, winning Strasbourg title (d. Bartoli in F), finishing R-Up at Brisbane (l. Kvitova) and Beijing (l. A.Radwanska), advancing to QF at Australian Open (l. Li), Roland Garros (l. Sharapova) and US Open (l. Wozniacki); broke into Top 10 on August 8, 2011 and ended season with 54-17 win-loss record
- Lifted maiden WTA singles title at 2009 Bad Gastein (d. Olaru in F) - had never previously been beyond 2r at a Tour-level event
- Is a two-time doubles runner-up, at 2009 Bad Gastein (w/Maria) and 2016 Brisbane (w/Kerber). Also made SF at 2014 Wimbledon (w/Rybarikova, l. Babos/Mladenovic)
- Reached 2r on Grand Slam debut, at 2007 Roland Garros (d. Gajdosova, l. Bartoli)
- Member of German Fed Cup Team, 2007, 2010-12, 2014-19
- Made first WTA appearances as a WC in qualifying at 2002 Hamburg and Leipzig

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## PORSCHE TENNIS GRAND PRIX – DAY 2

### EKATERINA ALEXANDROVA (RUS #34) vs. KAROLINA MUCHOVA (CZE #22)

#### Alexandrova leads 2-1

**Muchova** came out on top in their meeting at the end of 2019 in Moscow... **Alexandrova** is sole Russian in the draw this week... Winner will face Bencic in second round

### [Q] JULIA MIDDENDORF (GER #NR) vs. ANETT KONTAVEIT (EST #27)

#### First meeting

**Kontaveit** was runner-up here in 2019 and reached SF in 2018... **Middendorf** making WTA main draw debut this week... **Kontaveit** has won her past seven matches against teenagers

### LAURA SIEGEMUND (GER #58) vs. [Q] MONA BARTHEL (GER #186)

#### Barthel leads 1-0

**Barthel** came out on top when they met at Roland Garros nearly 10 years ago... **Siegemund** is one of four former champions in the draw... Playing for the right to face World No.1 Barty in second round

### JENNIFER BRADY (USA #14) vs. [6] PETRA KVITOVA (CZE #10)

#### Kvitova leads 2-0

**Kvitova** won their most recent meeting in straight sets, at 2020 Brisbane... **Brady** fell in first round on Stuttgart debut in 2017... **Kvitova** lifted one of her five career clay court titles here in 2019

### [5] ARYNA SABALENKA (BLR #7) vs. ZHANG SHUAI (CHN #40)

#### Series tied 1-1

**Sabalenka** prevailed over two tight sets when they last met, at 2018 Hobart... **Zhang** is facing a Top 10 player for the first time since 2019 Wimbledon... **Sabalenka** is making her tournament debut

**EKATERINA ALEXANDROVA (RUS #34) VS. KAROLINA MUCHOVA (CZE #22)**

Head-to-head: EKATERINA ALEXANDROVA leads 2-1

2019	MOSCOW	HARD	I	QF	KAROLINA MUCHOVA	6-3 6-4
2016	ITF/TRNAVA	HARD	I	F	EKATERINA ALEXANDROVA	6-1 6-3
2015	ITF/PREROV	CLAY	O	R1	EKATERINA ALEXANDROVA	6-2 6-4

ALEXANDROVA		MUCHOVA	
<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$2,603,523	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$2,507,103
<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed
<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	Nov. 15, 1994	<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	Aug. 21, 1996 (24)
<b>Singles Titles</b>	1	<b>Singles Titles</b>	1
<b>Stuttgart W-L (MD)</b>	Tournament MD debut	<b>Stuttgart W-L (MD)</b>	Tournament MD debut
<b>YTD / Career W-L (MD)</b>	9-7 / 77-71	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	8-1 / 45-24
<b>3-Set (YTD / Career)</b>	2-2 / 22-26	<b>3-Set (YTD / Career)</b>	2-1 / 14-11
<b>Tie-Break (YTD / Career)</b>	2-6 / 13-25	<b>Tie-Break (YTD / Career)</b>	1-0 / 12-4
<b>Clay Court (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 10-19	<b>Clay Court (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 6-3
<b>Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	1-2 / 3-14	<b>Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	2-0 / 3-8
<b>Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	2-2 / 7-19	<b>Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	3-0 / 9-12
<b>Coach</b>	Alexandrov Evgeny	<b>Coach</b>	David Kotyza

**ALEXANDROVA:**
**Stuttgart**

- Making main draw debut at Stuttgart
- Fell at opening hurdle of qualifying in 2019 (l. Friedsam)
- Faces Muchova in 1r; owns 3-4 record against Top 50 players in 2021
- Today's winner will face No.8 seed Bencic in 2r
- Only Russian woman in the draw; three Russian women have won the title here, Petrova (2006), Kuznetsova (2009) and Sharapova (2012-14)
- Reached 3r at Miami (l. Svitolina)
- Made QF at St. Petersburg (l. eventual R-Up Gasparian)
- Suffered 1r losses at Lyon (l. eventual champion Tauson) and Dubai (l. Gauff)
- Advanced to 3r at Australian Open (l. World No.1 Barty)
- Made 3r in season opener, at Abu Dhabi (l. Svitolina – led 5-3 in the final set and held 2mp) before advancing to SF at Gippsland Trophy (d. No.2 Halep in QFs, l. Kanepi)

**Career Milestones**

- Opened 2020 season by lifting her maiden WTA singles title, at Shenzhen (d. Rybakina in F). Other highlights of last year included SFs at St. Petersburg and Linz
- Won both singles rubbers on Billie Jean King Cup debut in 3-2 win over Romania in February 2020
- Made Top 50 debut on June 17, 2019 after QF run at 's-Hertogenbosch
- Registered 30 Tour-level match wins during 2019, in which she reached SF at Budapest, Seoul and Linz and made QF at St. Petersburg, 's-Hertogenbosch, Eastbourne and Moscow. Also advanced to 3r at a major for the first time, at Roland Garros
- Won sole WTA doubles title at 2019 Budapest (w/Zvonareva)
- Came through qualifying to make maiden WTA final appearance at 2018 Linz (l. Giorgi)

- Advanced to first WTA QF at 2018 Seoul, scoring maiden Top 10 win of her career en route, over No.10 Ostapenko
- Made Top 100 debut at No.93 on March 20, 2017 after winning title at \$60K ITF/Shenzhen-CHN
- At 2016 Wimbledon, ranked No.223, won her way through qualifying on her maiden Slam appearance, going on to reach 2r (upset No.23 seed Ivanovic in 1r)
- Won WTA 125K Series title at Limoges in 2016, 2018-19
- Reached 2r on WTA main draw debut at 2016 Katowice (as qualifier, l. eventual R-Up Giorgi)
- Contested qualifying for the first time at a WTA-level tournament at 2014 Bad Gastein
- Played first professional events of career on ITF Circuit in Europe in 2011

## **MUCHOVA:**

### **Stuttgart**

- Making main draw debut at Stuttgart
- Fell at opening hurdle of qualifying in 2018 (l. Vondrousova)
- One of five Czech players in draw this week (also Bouzkova, Ka.Pliskova, Kvitova and Vondrousova)
- Faces Alexandrova in today's 1r – her first match since reaching SF at Australian Open
- During run at Australian Open, upset No.1 Barty in QF; now 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 from opening two tournaments in 2021, firstly at Abu Dhabi prior to 2r match (w/illness) and then at the Gippsland Trophy last week 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



## [Q] JULIA MIDDENDORF (GER #NR) VS. ANETT KONTAVEIT (EST #27)

Head-to-head: First meeting

MIDDENDORF		KONTAVEIT	
Career Prize Money	\$2,078	Career Prize Money	\$5,134,238
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Jan. 1, 2003 (18)	Date of Birth (Age)	Dec. 24, 1995 (25)
Singles Titles	0	Singles Titles	1
Stuttgart W-L (MD)	Tournament debut	Stuttgart W-L (MD)	8-3
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	0-0 / 0-0	YTD / Career W-L	10-5 / 134-104
3-Set (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-0	3-Set (YTD / Career)	3-2 / 46-36
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-0	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 33-32
Clay Court (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-0	Clay Court (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 33-23
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-0	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-2 / 11-22
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-0	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	2-3 / 20-36
Coach	-	Coach	Nigel Sears

### MIDDENDORF:

#### Stuttgart

- Making WTA main draw debut at this week's Porsche Tennis Grand Prix
- Fell at first hurdle in qualifying here in 2018 (I. Kostyuk 6-1 6-2) on her professional debut
- Over the weekend, recovered from a set down to beat first Fett and then Korpatsch
- Faces No.27 Kontaveit in today's 1r; highest-ranked player faced in career prior to today was No.136 Korpatsch in qualifying on Sunday
- Winner faces No.3 seed Kenin in 2r
- One of eight Germans in the draw (also Barthel, Friedsam, Kerber, Korpatsch, Petkovic, Schunk and Siegemund)
- Prior to 2021 Stuttgart, only professional win (at any level) was over No.251 Salden in qualifying at \$25k ITF/Altenkirchen-GER this February
- Is one of two teenagers in the draw (also fellow German qualifier Schunk, who lost to Bencic in 1r on Monday)
- In only outings on ITF Circuit this season, fell 1r at \$25k Hamburg-GER and in qualifying at \$25k Altenkirchen-GER
- Has also been competing on ITF junior circuit this season, playing two events, including a title run on clay at Benicarlo, Spain

#### Career Milestones

- Qualified for first WTA main draw at 2021 Stuttgart
- Fell at first hurdle in qualifying on professional debut at 2018 Stuttgart (I. Kostyuk 6-1 6-2)
- On the junior tour, owns two singles and six doubles titles and has a career high combined ITF junior ranking of No.38, achieved in March 2021



## KONTAVEIT:

### Stuttgart

- Making fourth main draw appearance at Stuttgart, where she was R-Up 2019 (I. Kvitova)
- Has also reached SF in 2018 (I. eventual champion to Ka.Pliskova)
- On debut in 2017 defeated No.6 Muguruza for career first Top 10 win en route to QF (I. Sharapova)
- Faces German teenager Middendorf in 1r today; has won her past seven matches with teenagers at WTA tournaments, with most recent defeat coming at the hands of Lapko, three years ago in Lugano
- In addition to run to final here in 2019, best career results on clay include R-Up finishes at 2017 Gstaad (I. Bertens) and 2020 Palermo (I. Ferro) and R16 run at 2018 Roland Garros (I. Stephens)
- Reached 3r at Dubai (I. Sabalenka) and Miami (I. Mertens)
- Produced QF run at Doha (I. eventual champion Kvitova in 3s)
- Posted 3r showing at Australian Open (I. Rogers) after reaching the Grampians Trophy final (the final was not played)
- Opened 2021 season with 1r exit at Abu Dhabi (I. Kudermetova)

### Career Milestones

- During an interrupted 2020, reached sixth final of career at Palermo (I. Ferro) and posted 21 match wins across the season (joint-fifth most, level with Jabeur)
- Made Grand Slam breakthrough by reaching maiden major QF at Australian Open (I. Halep), becoming the first Estonian to make the last eight at Australian Open, also the first Estonian to reach a Grand Slam QF since Kanepi at 2017 US Open
- Finished 2019 ranked No.26 despite missing final two months of the season w/viral illness
- Reached her fifth career final in 2019 at Stuttgart (I. Kvitova). Also in 2019, advanced to her first Premier Mandatory SF at Miami (I. eventual champion Barty), which propelled her to a career high ranking of No.14 (April 1, 2019)
- In 2018, season highlighted by fourth WTA singles final at Wuhan (I. Sabalenka); posted 33 main draw wins – the first time she had registered 30 or more wins in a season
- Breakthrough season came in 2017, winning first career singles title at 2017 's-Hertogenbosch (d. Vikhlyantseva in F). Also reached finals at Biel/Benne (I. Vondrousova) and Gstaad (I. Bertens)
- Broke into Top 30 for first time at No.27 following run at Gstaad (July 24, 2017)
- Posted her first career win over a reigning No.1 with defeat of Kerber at 2017 Rome
- In 2016, played main draw at all four Grand Slams for first time, but dropped out of Top 100
- Made Top 100 debut on September 14, 2015 at No.96, up from No.152. One of five teenagers in 2015 year-end Top 100
- Scored first Top 20 win of career over No.17 Errani at 2016 Monterrey (2r)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2013 Miami as WC (I. McHale, 1r)
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in 2010; owns 11 singles titles and five doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Junior highlights included winning 2011 Orange Bowl, defeating Bouchard and Putintseva en route

**LAURA SIEGEMUND (GER #58) VS. [Q] MONA BARTHEL (GER #186)**

Head-to-head: MONA BARTHEL leads 1-0

2011 ROLAND GARROS CLAY O R2 MONA BARTHEL 6-3 6-1

SIEGEMUND		BARTHEL	
Career Prize Money	\$3,332,665	Career Prize Money	\$3,861,601
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Mar. 4, 1988 (33)	Date of Birth (Age)	Jul. 11, 1990 (30)
Singles Titles	2	Singles Titles	4
Stuttgart W-L (MD)	11-3	Stuttgart W-L (MD)	2-4
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	4-6 / 88-87	YTD / Career W-L	2-4 / 151-170
3-Set (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 30-27	3-Set (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 50-63
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	2-0 / 13-24	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 45-45
Clay Court (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 56-35	Clay Court (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 41-48
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 9-13	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 5-21
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-3 / 14-30	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 16-44
Coach	Antonio Zucca	Coach	-

**SIEGEMUND:**
**Stuttgart**

- Making fifth main draw appearance (ninth overall) at Porsche Tennis Grand Prix
- Champion here in 2017 (as WC, d. Mladenovic in F); one of four former champions in 2019 main draw (also Kerber, Kvitova and Ka.Pliskova)
- Also finished R-Up in 2016 (as qualifier, l. Kerber);
- Fell 2r on last visit in 2019 (as WC, l. Sevastova)
- Six of her nine career Top 10 wins have come here at the Porsche Arena, over No.2 A.Radwanska, No.8 Vinci and No.6 Halep (in 2016) and No.9 Kuznetsova, No.3 Ka.Pliskova and No.5 Halep (in 2017)
- Holds 11-3 record in Stuttgart, the third-most wins here among active players (level with Kvitova) and behind Kuznetsova (15) and Kerber (15)
- One of eight Germans in main draw
- Playing first tournament since withdrawing 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. Krejčíková)
- Enjoyed tour-level breakthrough in 2016, registering 30 Tour-level match wins and first WTA singles title on clay at Bastad (d. Siniakova in F)
- Earlier in 2016, reached maiden WTA final as a qualifier at 2016 Stuttgart (as qualifier, l. Kerber); result led to Top 50 debut at No.42 (week of April 25)
- Quarterfinalist at Rio Olympics (l. eventual gold medalist Puig)
- Won 2016 US Open mixed doubles title (w/Pavic)
- Advanced to first two QF at WTA level in 2015, at Florianopolis and Luxembourg
- Won first WTA doubles title at 2015 's-Hertogenbosch (w/Muhammad)
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2003 Leipzig and finally main draw debut seven years later, at 2010 Bastad
- On ITF Circuit, winner of 12 singles titles and 20 doubles titles
- Played first pro events of career on ITF Circuit in 2002

## **BARTHEL:**

### **Stuttgart**

- Making fifth main draw appearance (eighth overall) at Stuttgart
- Best result was QF run in 2012 (as WC, d. No.15 Ivanovic, No.7 Bartoli, l. No.1 Azarenka in 3s)
- Also fell 1r in 2013 (l. Safarova), 2014 (as LL, l. Jankovic) and 2015 (l. Wittthoeft)
- Came through qualifying this year, beating Caregaro and Gracheva over the weekend
- Faces compatriot Siegemund in 1r today – her first match against a fellow German since losing to Lisicki in 2019 Mallorca qualifying
- Opened clay court season earlier this month with a QF run at \$60k ITF/Bellinzona-SUI (l. Grabher)
- Suffered 1r defeat at Phillip Island Trophy (as qualifier, l. Marino)
- Reached 2r at Yarra Valley Classic (l. Pegula) and Australian Open (l. Muchova)
- Began 2021 campaign in January with 1r exit at Abu Dhabi (l. Gasanova)

### **Career Milestones**

- Best result of 2020 campaign was QF showing at \$100k ITF/Nicholasville, KY-USA. Ended the season at No.228 – outside the Top 200 for the first time since 2010
- Missed second half of 2019 season w/right foot injury, making return with qualifying exit at 2020 Australian Open
- Made R16 at 2019 Indian Wells (l. V.Williams); defeated No.17 Keys and No.15 Goerges en route to register multiple Top 20 wins at the same tournament for the first time since title run at Paris [Indoors] in 2013 (No.16 Vinci, No.10 Bartoli and No.7 Errani)
- Lifted third WTA doubles title in 2019, at Stuttgart (w/Friedsam); earlier won titles at 2015 Luxembourg (w/Siegemund) and 2013 Stuttgart (w/Lisicki)
- Won fourth - and most recent - WTA singles title at 2017 Prague (as qualifier, d. Kr.Pliskova in F)

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- Earlier singles titles came at 2012 Hobart, 2013 Paris [Indoors] and 2014 Bastad. Finished R-Up at 2013 Hobart, 2015 Bastad and 2015 Luxembourg
- Produced best Grand Slam run at 2017 Australian Open when she reached R16 (as qualifier, l. V.Williams)
- Posted fifth Top 50 finish of career in 2017 (also 2012-15), at No.48 one of the biggest rankings movers on tour, finishing 135 spots higher than 2016's year-end rank of No.183 – which was her first year-end finish outside Top 100 since 2010 (No.208)
- Suffered from undiagnosed chronic fatigue illness in 2016, causing her to miss four months of season, from Australian Open to Roland Garros. Only won back-to-back main draw matches once that year, at Hobart
- Owns five career wins over Top 10 opponents, most recent win coming over No.7 Bouchard at 2015 Antwerp
- Advanced to maiden WTA SF at 2011 Copenhagen (l. eventual champion Wozniacki)
- Made 2r on Grand Slam main draw debut, at 2011 Roland Garros (d. Bammer, l. Pavlyuchenkova)
- On the ITF Circuit, winner of five singles titles and one doubles title
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in 2007 and made WTA main draw debut at 2010 Luxembourg, falling 1r (as qualifier)

## JENNIFER BRADY (USA #14) VS. [7] PETRA KVITOVA (CZE #10)

Head-to-head: PETRA KVITOVA leads 2-0

2020	BRIABANE	HARD	O	QF	PETRA KVITOVA	6-4 6-2
2019	DUBAI	HARD	O	R16	PETRA KVITOVA	7-5 1-6 6-3

BRADY		KVITOVA	
Career Prize Money	\$4,421,195	Career Prize Money	\$32,809,282
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Left-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Apr. 12, 1995 (25)	Date of Birth (Age)	Mar. 8, 1990 (31)
Singles Titles	1	Singles Titles	28
Stuttgart W-L (MD)	0-1	Stuttgart W-L (MD)	11-6
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	9-5 / 60-60	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	8-5 / 458-215
3-Set (YTD / Career)	2-3 / 20-20	3-Set (YTD / Career)	1-3 / 125-90
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	2-2 / 14-20	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 92-68
Clay Court (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 3-12	Clay Court (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 93-44
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 2-12	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 109-98
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 10-18	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	2-1 / 58-59
Coach	Michael Geserer	Coach	Jiri Vanek

### BRADY:

#### Stuttgart

- Making second appearance at Porsche Tennis Grand Prix. As LL in 2017, fell to Strycova in 1r
- Last year played one match on clay, falling 1r at Roland Garros (I. Tauson in 3s); overall record on the surface at Tour-level is 3-12
- One of two Americans women in this week's main draw – also Kenin
- Faces No.10 Kvitova today in their third career meeting. Aiming for her first win over the Czech and third career Top 10 victory, having previously defeated No.1 Barty (2020 Brisbane) and No.6 Svitolina (2020 Dubai)
- Winner faces Sakkari in 2r
- Has not faced a left-handed opponent since SF run at 2020 US Open (d. Kerber in R16, I. Osaka)
- Coming off 2r exit at Miami (after 1r bye, I. Sorribes Tormo in 3s) after falling 1r at Doha (I. Kontaveit)
- Finished R-Up at Australian Open (I. Osaka); by reaching the final at Melbourne Park, broke into Top 20 at No.13
- Was the 15th American woman to reach the Australian Open final in the Open Era and also the seventh woman to make her debut in a Grand Slam final in the past nine majors, following on from Osaka (2018 US Open - WON), Barty (2019 Roland Garros – WON), Vondrousova (2019 Roland Garros – R-Up), Andreescu (2019 US Open – WON), Kenin (2020 Australian Open – WON) and Swiatek (2020 Roland Garros – WON)
- Opened 2021 campaign with 1r exit at Abu Dhabi (I. Zidansek) before bouncing back to reach SF at the Grampians Trophy (I. Ann Li)

#### Career Milestones

- Posted career-best Grand Slam run at the 2020 US Open by reaching SF (I. eventual champion Osaka in 3s) – had not dropped a set through first five rounds including wins over fellow Top 50 players Garcia, Kerber and Putintseva. Was first former college player to reach US Open SF since Lori McNeil in 1987
- Lifted maiden WTA title at 2020 Lexington in first career final appearance (d. Teichmann in F) - did not drop a set and was broken just three times all week

- Earned second Top 10 win of career in defeat of No.6 Svitolina en route to SF at 2020 Dubai as a qualifier (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 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 (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

## **KVITOVA:**

### **Stuttgart**

- Making her eighth appearance at Porsche Tennis Grand Prix as the defending champion (d. Kontaveit in F in 2019)
- Also reached the SF here on her debut in 2012 (l. Sharapova) and 2016 (l. Kerber)
- Looking to defend a title for the third time in her career, having done so at New Haven (2014-15) and Birmingham 2017-18)
- Faces No.14 Brady today in their third career meeting, having previously defeated the American at 2019 Dubai and 2020 Brisbane. Is 2-1 vs. Top 20 ranked players in 2021 (d. No.16 Muguruza at Doha and No.18 Konta at Miami, l. No.5 Svitolina at Miami)
- One of five Czech women in the singles main draw – also Bouzkova, Muchova, Ka.Pliskova and Vondrousova
- Owns five titles on clay courts – 2019 Stuttgart, Madrid in 2011, 2015 and 2018, and Prague in 2018
- Coming off 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 (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



## [5] ARYNA SABALENKA (BLR #7) VS. ZHANG SHUAI (CHN #40)

Head-to-head: Series tied 1-1

2018	HOBART	HARD	O	R16	ARYNA SABALENKA	7-6(3) 6-4
2016	TOKYO [JAPAN OPEN]	HARD	O	R16	ZHANG SHUAI	6-4 6-2

SABALENKA		ZHANG	
Career Prize Money	\$7,423,204	Career Prize Money	\$6,896,151
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	May 5, 1998 (22)	Date of Birth (Age)	Jan. 21, 1989 (32)
Singles Titles	9	Singles Titles	2
Stuttgart W-L (MD)	Tournament debut	Stuttgart W-L (MD)	0-1
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	14-5 / 140-67	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	154-192
3-Set (YTD / Career)	2-5 / 47-27	3-Set (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 46-47
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	6-0 / 33-26	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 41-43
Clay Court (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 15-13	Clay Court (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 26-44
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 12-14	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 6-21
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	2-3 / 27-22	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 18-57
Coach	Anton Dubrov	Coach	Shuo Liu

### SABALENKA:

#### Stuttgart

- Making debut appearance at Porsche Tennis Grand Prix
- Sole Belarusian to start in this week's main draw. Best run by one of her compatriots here was Azarenka's R-Up finish in 2012 (I. Sharapova in F)
- Faces No.40 S.Zhang today in their third career meeting, most recently defeating the Chinese woman at 2018 Hobart. A loss today would mark her second-worst by ranking of the season after falling to No.94 Kanepi at Gippsland Trophy. All other losses in 2021 came at the hands of Top 20-ranked opponents
- Bidding for career first clay court title. All nine of her career titles have come on hard courts
- Coming off QF run at Miami (I. Barty in 3s) in what was her fourth career meeting against a reigning No.1 (previously defeated Barty at 2019 Wuhan and fell to Halep at 2018 Shenzhen and 2019 Cincinnati)
- Made 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, 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

## ZHANG

### Stuttgart

- Making second main draw appearance at Stuttgart (and third overall) in her fourth tournament of 2021
- Fell 1r here in 2017 (l. eventual champion Siegemund) and in 2012 qualifying
- Sole Chinese woman represented in this year's main draw
- Faces No.7 Sabalenka today in their third career meeting, having defeated the Belarusian in their first meeting at 2016 Tokyo [Int'l] in straight sets
- Has not faced a Top 10 ranked player since 2019 Wimbledon, falling to No.7 and eventual champion Halep in QF; overall record vs. such players stands at 6-21, with her last win coming over No.3 Kerber at 2018 Beijing
- Enjoyed strong clay court season in 2020, highlighted by QF run at Strasbourg (l. Rybakina) and R16 at Roland Garros (l. Kvitová). Has not won a match since 2020 Roland Garros run
- In only tournaments contested this season, fell 1r at Charleston (l. Fernandez), Miami (l. Petkovic) and Australian Open (l. Li)

### **Career Milestones**

- Highlight of 2020 was R16 run at Roland Garros, becoming the first Chinese player to reach second week in Paris since Li Na in 2012. Also made QF at Strasbourg, snapping a five-match losing streak (as qualifier, I. Rybakina) and finished R-Up at Hobart (I. Rybakina)
- Posted fourth successive Top 50 season finishing 2019, at No.46; also registered first Top 10 doubles season (at No.10)
- Singles highlight in 2019 was reaching second Grand Slam singles QF of career at Wimbledon (I. eventual champion Halep)
- Also in singles, reached final at WTA125K Series event in Anning, China (I. S.Zheng) and closed out season by winning \$100k ITF/Tokyo-JPN (d.Paolini in F)
- Won first Grand Slam title in doubles at 2019 Australian Open (w/Stosur; d. Babos/Mladenovic in F); also reached final at Miami w/Stosur (I. Mertens/Sabalenka). Team qualified for WTA Finals in Shenzhen (Zhang's debut at the season finale) where they advanced to SF (I. eventual champions Babos/Mladenovic)
- Ended 2018 ranked No.35 for third consecutive Top 50 finish
- Season highlights in 2018 included QF run at Premier Mandatory-level Beijing (I. Osaka), and SF efforts at Prague (I. eventual champion Kvitova), Hiroshima (I. Anisimova) and Hong Kong (I. Yastremaska)
- In 2017 won Guangzhou title (d. Krunich in F); now owns 2-0 record in WTA singles finals, having also won 2013 Guangzhou
- Also the winner of two WTA 125/K Series events – 2013 Nanjing and 2017 Honolulu
- Posted career-high ranking of No.23 on November 14, 2016. Strong end to 2016 (went 21-6 post US Open) brought back-to-back semifinals on Asian swing – Tokyo [Japan Open] and Seoul – and saw her win 19th ITF Circuit singles title of career at \$100k ITF/Tokyo 2-JPN
- At last event of 2016 season, runner-up at WTA 125K Series event in Honolulu (I. Bellis in F)
- Enjoyed Grand Slam breakthrough at 2016 Australian Open, where she advanced to QF (d. No.2 Halep and No.17 Key en route, I. Konta). Run also marked first time winning back-to-back main draw matches since semifinal run at 2014 Birmingham
- Represented China at Rio Olympics (d. No.15 Bacsinszky in opening match, I. Siegemund in 2r). In doubles, also made 2r (w/Peng, I. Hradecka/Hlavackova)
- Contemplated retirement after ending 2015 ranked No.186, her lowest year-end finish since 2008 (No.212) and down from No.62 in 2014
- Reached 2r at tour-level on only four occasions in 2015: Pattaya City, Charleston, Prague and Nürnberg
- Has won eight WTA doubles titles, most recently at 2019 Australian Open (w/Stosur) and is a eight-time runner-up
- Winner of 19 singles titles and nine doubles titles on ITF Circuit•
- Member of Chinese Fed Cup team in 2007, 2009-10, 2012, 2014-15, 2019; Chinese Olympic Team, 2012, 2016
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2006 Beijing; made WTA main draw debut at 2006 Guangzhou

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## PORSCHE TENNIS GRAND PRIX – DAY 3

### [LL] TAMARA KORPATSCH (GER #137) vs. [6] KAROLINA PLISKOVA (CZE #9)

First meeting

**Pliskova** claimed one of her three career clay court titles here in 2018... **Korpatsch's** only previous main draw appearance at Stuttgart was in 2017... **Pliskova** is one of five Czech players in the draw

### ANGELIQUE KERBER (GER #26) vs. [LL] EKATERINE GORGODZE (GEO #215)

First meeting

**Kerber** lifted title here in 2015 and 2016... **Gorgodze** is contesting just her third WTA main draw... Winner will take on No.4 seed Svitolina in second round

### ANETT KONTAVEIT (EST #27) vs. [3] SOFIA KENIN (USA #4)

First meeting

**Kontaveit** was runner-up here in 2019 and reached SF in 2018... **Kenin**, meanwhile, is making her tournament debut... **Kontaveit** bidding for first Top 10 win of the season

### [1] ASHLEIGH BARTY (AUS #1) vs. LAURA SIEGEMUND (GER #58)

Barty leads 1-0

**Barty** won their meeting at 2020 Doha in straight sets... **Siegemund's** first-round win over Barthel was her 15th career match at the Porsche Arena... In contrast, **Barty** is playing her very first today

### MARIA SAKKARI (GRE #19) vs. [7] PETRA KVITOVA (CZE #10)

Series tied 2-2

**Kvitova** won their most recent encounter in three sets, at last year's Australian Open... **Sakkari** sitting at career-high ranking... **Kvitova** lifted one of her five career clay court titles here in 2019

## [LL] TAMARA KORPATSCH (GER #137) VS. [6] KAROLINA PLISKOVA (CZE #9)

Head-to-head: First meeting

KORPATSCH		PLISKOVA	
Career Prize Money	\$478,467	Career Prize Money	\$20,625,270
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	May 12, 1995 (25)	Date of Birth (Age)	Mar. 21, 1992 (29)
Singles Titles	0	Singles Titles	16
Stuttgart W-L (MD)	0-1	Stuttgart W-L (MD)	10-3
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	0-0 / 12-16	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	7-6 / 330-173
3-Set (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 5-2	3-Set (YTD / Career)	2-1 / 104-58
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 3-1	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	1-3 / 65-74
Clay Court (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 11-10	Clay Court (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 63-37
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-0	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 32-40
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 1-0	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 64-73
Coach	-	Coach	Sascha Bajin

### KORPATSCH:

#### Stuttgart

- Making second main draw appearance at Porsche Tennis Grand Prix (fourth overall)
- Previous result was advancing through three qualifying rounds to reach 1r in 2017 (l. Suárez Navarro)
- Fell during first rounds of qualifying in 2018 and 2019
- One of eight Germans in the draw this week (also Barthel, Friedsam, Kerber, Middendorf, Petkovic, Schunk and Siegemund)
- Completed comeback against fellow German Vecic during the first round of qualifying to win 2-6 6-4 6-2 before falling to compatriot Middendorf in the second round; received one of two LL spots (along with Gorgodze) following withdrawals of Bertens (left Achilles) and Blinkova (right hand)
- Today, faces No.9 Ka.Pliskova in her first match against a Top 10 player
- Owns one win vs. Top 20 opposition, against No.19 Mladenovic at 2018 Lugano (won via ret.)
- Has found much of her success on the WTA Tour on clay, reaching her maiden WTA SF at 2019 Lausanne (l. Cornet) and advancing to QFs at 2019 Prague (as LL, l. eventual champion Teichmann), 2018 Lugano (as qualifier, l. Voegele) and 2017 Gstaad (l. Sorribes Tormo)
- So far this season, has fallen 1r at three ITF Circuit events, most recently at \$25k Altenkirchen-GER in February

#### Career Milestones

- Posted fourth successive Top 150 season in 2020 with No.126 year-end ranking
- Made Grand Slam main draw debut in 2020 at Roland Garros and US Open, falling 1r on both occasions
- Finished 2019 season with career-best year-end No.113 ranking
- Also in 2019, made maiden WTA SF at Lausanne (l. Cornet) and was a quarterfinalist at WTA 125K Series event at Karlsruhe
- Posted career-high ranking of No.107 on August 5, 2019
- Reached QF at 2018 Lugano (l. Voegele)
- Broke into the Top 150 on February 27, 2017 at No.146
- 2017 highlighted by maiden WTA QF at Gstaad (l. Sorribes Tormo)

- Made 2r on main draw debut at 2017 Hungary (as qualifier, I. Dodin)
- Highlight of 2016 was reaching QF at WTA 125K Series event at Limoges
- WTA qualifying debut came at 2016 Gstaad
- Lifted first ITF Circuit title in 2015 – currently owns nine singles titles on the ITF Circuit
- Made debut on ITF Circuit in Braunschweig, Germany in 2011

## **PLISKOVA**

### **Stuttgart**

- Making fifth main draw appearance at Stuttgart as a returning champion, having lifted the title in 2018 (d. Vandeweghe in F)
- Also reached back-to-back QFs in 2016 (I. Radwanska) and 2017 (I. eventual champion Siegemund)
- Fell 2r in 2019 (I. Azarenka)
- One of five Czech players to start the main draw (also Kvitova, Muchova, Bouzkova and Vondrousova)
- In today's 1r faces Lucky Loser Korpatsch for their first career meeting – owns 17-13 career record in main draw matches against German opposition
- 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 (I. Halep in F via ret.)
- Coming off three consecutive losses to American Pegula, in QF at Doha, 3r at Dubai and 3r at Miami
- Made 3r runs at Australian Open (I. Muchova) and the Yarra Valley Classic in Melbourne (I. Collins)
- Opened 2021 season 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 (I. Halep via ret.) and made QF at Dubai
- Lifted a WTA-leading four titles across the 2019 season (tied with Barty) – triumphed at Brisbane, Rome, Eastbourne and Zhengzhou. Dropped 19 games across five matches during Eastbourne title win (d. Kerber in F) – most economic title run in 2019
- Also reached first Premier Mandatory final at Miami, losing to Barty in straight sets, and produced best Australian Open performance of career, reaching SF (I. eventual champion Osaka in 3s); saved four match points to beat S.Williams in QF
- Lost to twin sister Kr.Pliskova in 2r at Birmingham, in what was their first career main draw encounter
- Made fourth straight appearance at the WTA Finals in 2019, reaching SF for the third year in a row
- 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 (I. Garcia in F)
- Won Billie Jean King Cup for Czech Republic in 2015-16 and 2018
- Claimed No.1 ranking on July 17, 2017 despite making 2r exit at Wimbledon (I. 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

## ANETT KONTAVEIT (EST #27) VS. [3] SOFIA KENIN (USA #4)

Head-to-head: First meeting

KONTAVEIT		KENIN	
Career Prize Money	\$5,134,238	Career Prize Money	\$7,400,182
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Dec. 24, 1995 (25)	Date of Birth (Age)	Nov. 14, 1998 (22)
Singles Titles	1	Singles Titles	5
Stuttgart W-L (MD)	10-3	Stuttgart W-L (MD)	0-0
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	11-5 / 134-104	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	7-6 / 100-59
3-Set (YTD / Career)	3-2 / 46-36	3-Set (YTD / Career)	3-4 / 39-23
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 33-32	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	2-2 / 27-18
Clay Court (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 35-23	Clay Court (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 14-12
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-2 / 11-22	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 8-14
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	2-2 / 20-35	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 16-26
Coach	Nigel Sears	Coach	Alexander Kenin

### KONTAVEIT:

#### Stuttgart

- Making fourth main draw appearance at Stuttgart, where she was R-Up 2019 (I. Kvitova)
- Has also reached SF in 2018 (I. eventual champion to Ka.Pliskova)
- On debut in 2017 defeated No.6 Muguruza for career first Top 10 win en route to QF (I. Sharapova)
- Beat German teenager Middendorf in 1r on Tuesday; has now won her past eight matches with teenagers at WTA tournaments, with most recent defeat coming at the hands of Lapko, three years ago in Lugano
- Faces No.4 Kenin in 2r today for the first time in her career; owns 11 career wins over Top 10 players, most recently defeating No.7 Belinda Bencic at 2020 Australian Open
- Owns 15-9 career record against players from the United States, with record in 2021 standing at 3-1; sole loss came against Rogers at this year's Australian Open
- Reached 3r at Dubai (I. Sabalenka) and Miami (I. Mertens)
- Produced QF run at Doha (I. eventual champion Kvitova in 3s)
- Posted 3r showing at Australian Open (I. Rogers) after reaching the Grampians Trophy final (the final was not played)
- Opened 2021 season with 1r exit at Abu Dhabi (I. Kudermetova)

#### Career Milestones

- During an interrupted 2020, reached sixth final of career at Palermo (I. Ferro) and posted 21 match wins across the season (joint-fifth most, level with Jabeur)
- Made Grand Slam breakthrough by reaching maiden major QF at Australian Open (I. Halep), becoming the first Estonian to make the last eight at Australian Open, also the first Estonian to reach a Grand Slam QF since Kanepi at 2017 US Open
- Finished 2019 ranked No.26 despite missing final two months of the season w/viral illness
- Reached her fifth career final in 2019 at Stuttgart (I. Kvitova). Also in 2019, advanced to her first Premier Mandatory SF at Miami (I. eventual champion Barty), which propelled her to a career high ranking of No.14 (April 1, 2019)



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

## **KENIN:**

### **Stuttgart**

- Making main draw debut at the Porsche Tennis Grand Prix
- Has reached one final on clay in career, at 2020 Roland Garros (l. Swiatek)
- Contested doubles this week with Bencic, fell to Fichman/Olmos in 1r
- After 1r bye, faces No.27 Kontaveit in 2r – owns 0-1 career record against Estonian players, falling to Kanepi during 2r at this year's Australian Open
- Five of six losses this season have come to players outside the Top 20 – No.79 Davis (Charleston), No.30 Jabeur (Miami), unranked Gadecki (Phillip Island Trophy), No.65 Kanepi (Australian Open) and No.22 Sakkari (Abu Dhabi)
- Coming off exits in 3r at Miami (l. Jabeur) and then 2r at Charleston (l. Davis)
- Made 2r at Australian Open (l. Kanepi) and suffered 2r loss at Phillip Island Trophy (l. Gadecki)
- Posted QF runs at Yarra Valley Classic (l. Muguruza) and in season opener at Abu Dhabi (l. Sakkari)

### **Career Milestones**

- Ended 2020 campaign at career high of No.4 which she first hit on March 9, 2020 and came away with the 2020 WTA Player of the Year Award; was also the season's top prize money earner coming away with \$4,302,970
- In last tournament of season, finished R-Up at Roland Garros (l. Swiatek) for her first final appearance on clay
- Reached R16 at US Open and was one of only two players (also Kvitova) to reach second week of all three Slams in 2020
- Lifted fifth WTA singles title at Lyon (d. Friedsam in F) becoming the first player in 2020 to win a second title
- Won maiden major at 2020 Australian Open (d. Muguruza in F) to become the youngest champion (21y, 80d) in Melbourne since Sharapova (20y, 283d) in 2008. Defeated No.1 Barty and home favorite in SF for third career win over a reigning World No.1
- Australian Open run helped her break into the Top 10 for the first time at No.7 on February 3, 2020



- Won 2019 WTA Most Improved Player of the Year award after winning three WTA titles at Hobart (d. Schmiedlova in F), Mallorca (d. Bencic in F) and Guangzhou (d. Stosur in F)
- Finished 2019 at No.14 as US No.2 (behind No.9 S.Williams) and leader in hard court wins (38-tied w/Barty)
- Registered back-to-back SF runs at Toronto (l. eventual champion Andreescu) and Cincinnati (l. eventual champion Keys), subsequently leading to Top 20 debut at No.20 on August 19, 2019
- During this run, defeated No.1 Barty (Toronto) and No.1 Osaka (Cincinnati) to become first player since October 2001 to defeat World No.1s in consecutive weeks (Davenport); also became youngest American to defeat reigning No.1 in eight years (after McHale)
- Advanced to R16 at 2019 Roland Garros (d. S.Williams, l. eventual champion Barty) – became first American to defeat Serena at the majors since Stephens at 2013 Australian Open QF
- Also won maiden doubles titles in 2019 at Auckland (w/Bouchard) and Beijing (w/Mattek-Sands)
- Broke into the Top 100 on March 19, 2018 and Top 50 on October 8, 2018
- Member of US Billie Jean King Cup team from 2018-20
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2015 US Open as a wildcard (l. Duque-Mariño in 1r)
- Owns four ITF singles titles and two doubles titles
- Played first matches of career on ITF Circuit in 2013, climbing to No.2 in ITF World Junior Rankings

## ANGELIQUE KERBER (GER #26) VS. [LL] EKATERINE GORGODZE (GEO #215)

Head-to-head: First meeting

KERBER		GORGODZE	
Career Prize Money	\$29,950,250	Career Prize Money	\$386,897
Plays	Left-handed	Plays	Left-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Jan. 18, 1988 (33)	Date of Birth (Age)	Dec. 3, 1991 (29)
Singles Titles	12	Singles Titles	0
Stuttgart W-L (MD)	15-6	Stuttgart W-L (MD)	0-0
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	4-4 / 433-253	YTD / Career W-L	0-0 / 0-2
3-Set (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 121-98	3-Set (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-0
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 88-61	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-0
Clay Court (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 83-54	Clay Court (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-1
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 39-62	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-0
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 90-116	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-0
Coach	Torben Beltz	Coach	-

### KERBER:

#### Stuttgart

- Former World No.1 making ninth main draw appearance in Stuttgart (12th overall)
- Won back-to-back titles at Porsche Arena in 2015 (d. Wozniacki in F) and 2016 (d. Siegemund in F)
- Reached QF on last visit in 2019 (l. Bertens). Win over compatriot Petkovic in 2r in 2019 saw her tie Kuznetsova for second most main draw wins among active players in Stuttgart. A win today would tie Sharapova in first place
- One of four previous champions in this year's draw – also Kvitova (2019), Ka.Pliskova (2018) and Siegemund (2017)
- Looking to become the sixth woman to claim three Stuttgart titles – along with Sharapova (3), Davenport (3), Hingis (4), Austin (4) and Navratilova (6)
- Faces No.215 Ekaterine Gorgodze – her first Tour-level meeting with an opponent from Georgia
- In addition to titles here (2015-16), lifted one other trophy on clay, at 2015 Charleston
- One of a Tour-leading eight players from Germany in this years draw
- Coming off 3r showing 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)
- Broke into Top 100 on May 14, 2007 and reached first WTA QF one month later at 's-Hertogenbosch (l. 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, l. Ivanovic)
- Professional debut came in qualifying at 2003 Berlin

## GORGODZE

### Stuttgart

- Making tournament main draw debut at Stuttgart this week
- Only previous WTA tournaments, ended in 1r defeats at 2012 Baku (l. Cabeza Candela) and 2019 Palermo (l. No.5 Bertens)
- Fell to Friedsam at the second hurdle of qualifying but received one of two LL spots (along with Korpatsch) following withdrawals of Bertens (left Achilles) and Blinkova (right hand)
- Faces No.26 Kerber in 1r today; has never beaten a Top-50 ranked player
- Best career result on clay was QF at WTA 125K Series event in Karlsruhe in 2019
- Highest-ranked of two Georgian players in Top 200 (also No.216 Bolkvadze)
- Best result by a Georgian at Stuttgart was 2r showing by Leila Meskhi in 1991-94
- On ITF Circuit in 2021, best result came in first event on clay, where she reached SF at \$60k Bellinzona-SUI
- Only other WTA-level tournament this year was a qualifying exit at St. Petersburg
- Opened season with 1r exit at \$25k ITF/Fujairah-UAE, before staying in Middle East to contest Australian Open qualifying

**Career Milestones**

- Reached career-high singles ranking of No.144 on July 15, 2019 and hit a career-high doubles ranking of No.115 on December 14, 2020
- Lone year-end Top 200 finish came in 2018 at No.154
- Finished 2020 campaign ranked No.216, with best result coming from semifinal finish at ITF \$25K in Canberra
- Predominantly spent most of professional career competing at the ITF Circuit
- Last ITF title came at ITF \$25k Frydek Mistek-CZE in 2019
- Owns 15 total ITF Circuit singles titles over the course of her career
- First pro event played was 2006 ITF 10K in hometown of Tbilisi, Georgia where she was a runner-up (L. Timofeeva)
- Born in Tbilisi, Georgia
- Parents are Ia (mother, used to work for Pepsi) and Muradi (father, passed away in 2020), younger brothers name is Micho (student) and older sisters name is Maia (fashion design)
- Parents encouraged her to play tennis at age five, grandmother helped teach her
- At 14 years old she moved to Spain to train in Mallorca – trained at Carlos Moya's tennis academy
- Can speak, English, Spanish and Russian
- Favorite tournament is Stuttgart and favorite surface is clay

# [1] ASHLEIGH BARTY (AUS #1) VS. LAURA SIEGEMUND (GER #58)

Head-to-head: ASHLEIGH BARTY leads 1-0

2020 DOHA HARD O R2 ASHLEIGH BARTY 6-3 6-2

BARTY		SIEGEMUND	
Career Prize Money	\$18,330,358	Career Prize Money	\$3,332,665
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	April 24, 1996 (24)	Date of Birth (Age)	Mar. 4, 1988 (33)
Singles Titles	10	Singles Titles	2
Stuttgart W-L (MD)	Tournament debut	Stuttgart W-L (MD)	12-3
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	16-3 / 168-68	YTD / Career W-L	5-6 / 89-87
3-Set (YTD / Career)	6-1 / 53-20	3-Set (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 31-27
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	4-1 / 27-20	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	2-0 / 13-24
Clay Court (YTD / Career)	2-1 / 24-14	Clay Court (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 57-35
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	3-0 / 21-20	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 9-13
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	5-0 / 42-38	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-3 / 14-30
Coach	Craig Tytzer	Coach	Antonio Zucca

## BARTY:

### Stuttgart

- Making tournament debut at Porsche Tennis Grand Prix
- Contesting 2021 Stuttgart at the World No.1 – the last World No.1 to win the title here was Henin in 2007 (d. Jankovic in F)
- Owns one title on clay: 2019 Roland Garros
- Playing her 18th Tour-level event as the top seed; has won five of the previous 17, at 2018 Nottingham, 2019 WTA Finals, 2020 Adelaide, 2021 Yarra Valley Classic and 2021 Miami
- Only Australian woman in main draw; best result by an Australian here was Stosur's R-Up finish in 2010 (l. Henin)
- After 1r bye, faces No.58 Siegemund in 2r today; owns 10-5 record in Tour-level matches against German opposition, most recently beating Siegemund at 2020 Doha
- Has struck 127 aces this season, the second most on Tour (behind Kudermetova 134)
- Coming off QF run at Charleston (l. No.71 Badosa)
- 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, 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 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

## **SIEGEMUND:**

### **Stuttgart**

- Making fifth main draw appearance (ninth overall) at Porsche Tennis Grand Prix
- Champion here in 2017 (as WC, d. Mladenovic in F); one of four former champions in 2019 main draw (also Kerber, Kvitova and Ka.Pliskova)
- Also finished R-Up in 2016 (as qualifier, I. Kerber);
- Fell 2r on last visit in 2019 (as WC, I. Sevastova)
- Six of her nine career Top 10 wins have come here at the Porsche Arena, over No.2 A.Radwanska, No.8 Vinci and No.6 Halep (in 2016) and No.9 Kuznetsova, No.3 Ka.Pliskova and No.5 Halep (in 2017)
- Opened this year's campaign with win over qualifier Barthel; now owns 12-3 record in Stuttgart, the third-most wins here among active players (level with Kvitova) and behind Kuznetsova (15) and Kerber (15)

- Faces No.1 Barty in 2r; defeat to Barty at 2020 Doha is one of two career meetings with a reigning World No.1 (lost the other to S.Williams 6-2 6-1 at 2016 Indian Wells)
- Most recent Top 10 win came over No.6 Konta at 2017 Madrid
- One of eight Germans in main draw this week
- Two career WTA singles titles both came on clay, here at Stuttgart in 2017 and at Bastad in 2016
- Playing first tournament since withdrawing 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. Krejckova)
- 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



## MARIA SAKKARI (GRE #19) VS. [7] PETRA KVITOVA (CZE #10)

Head-to-head: Series tied 2-2

2020	AUSTRALIAN OPEN	HARD	O	R16	PETRA KVITOVA	6-7(4) 6-3 6-2
2019	CINCINNATI	HARD	O	R2	MARIA SAKKARI	6-4 2-6 6-3
2019	ROME	CLAY	O	R3	MARIA SAKKARI	7-5 5-7 4-0 RET.
2020	MIAMI	HARD	O	R2	PETRA KVITOVA	6-1 6-4

SAKKARI		KVITOVA	
Career Prize Money	\$3,781,796	Career Prize Money	\$32,809,282
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Left-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	July 25, 1995 (25)	Date of Birth (Age)	Mar. 8, 1990 (31)
Singles Titles	1	Singles Titles	28
Stuttgart W-L (MD)	1-0	Stuttgart W-L (MD)	12-6
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	13-6 / 105-92	YTD / Career W-L	9-5 / 459-215
3-Set (YTD / Career)	2-3 / 32-39	3-Set (YTD / Career)	1-3 / 125-90
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	1-4 / 31-21	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 92-68
Clay Court (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 28-20	Clay Court (YTD / Career)	2-1 / 94-44
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	2-2 / 12-15	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 109-98
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	4-3 / 21-36	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	3-1 / 59-59
Coach	Tom Hill	Coach	Jiri Vanek

### SAKKARI:

#### Stuttgart

- Making debut appearance at Porsche Tennis Grand Prix
- Saw off WC wildcard Petkovic in 1r for the loss of just four games
- Faces No.10 Kvitova in 2r today; owns two Top 10 wins in 2021, over No.4 Kenin (Abu Dhabi), No.2 Osaka (Miami)
- Sole Greek player in starting field and also Top 250 in the WTA rankings (followed by No.266 Papamichail and No.278 Grammatikopoulou)
- Competing on a career-high No.19 ranking after becoming the first Greek woman to reach SF stage in Miami since former World No.14 Daniilidou in 2004
- Victory over No.2 Osaka in Miami was one of six Top-5 wins in 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, 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)

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- 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

## **KVITOVA:**

### **Stuttgart**

- Making her eighth appearance at Porsche Tennis Grand Prix as the defending champion (d. Kontaveit in F in 2019)
- Also reached the SF here on her debut in 2012 (l. Sharapova) and 2016 (l. Kerber)
- Looking to defend a title for the third time in her career, having done so at New Haven (2014-15) and Birmingham 2017-18)
- Beat No.14 Brady today in 1r on Tuesday. Is now 3-1 vs. Top 20 ranked players in 2021 (also d. No.16 Muguruza at Doha and No.18 Konta at Miami, l. No.5 Svitolina at Miami)
- Faces another Top 20 player, No.19 Sakkari, in 2r today; retired w/left calf injury in third set of their only career meeting on clay, at 2019 Rome
- One of five Czech women in the singles main draw – also Bouzkova, Muchova, Ka.Pliskova and Vondrousova
- Owns five titles on clay courts – 2019 Stuttgart, Madrid in 2011, 2015 and 2018, and Prague in 2018
- Coming off 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

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## PORSCHE TENNIS GRAND PRIX – DAY 4

### JELENA OSTAPENKO (LAT #52) vs. [6] KAROLINA PLISKOVA (CZE #9)

Series tied 3-3

**Ostapenko** has defeated the Czech in their last two encounters...**Pliskova** owns a 5-1 mark this year vs players ranked outside the Top 50

### [5] ARYNA SABALENKA (BLR #7) vs. [Q] ANNA-LENA FRIEDSAM (GER #125)

First meeting

Having captured all of her career titles (9) on hardcourt, the Belarusian is seeking her first career title on clay this week...**Friedsam** is 1-10 vs Top 10 players in her career

### MARKETA VONDROUSOVA (CZE #20) vs. [2] SIMONA HALEP (ROU #3)

Vondrousova leads 2-0

**Vondrousova** is 5-1 in career vs. Romanian opposition, including 2-0 in 2021...**Halep** owns an impressive 35-12 strike rate against Czech opponents

### [4] ELINA SVITOLINA (UKR #5) vs. ANGELIQUE KERBER (GER #26)

Svitolina leads 8-5

**Svitolina** enters Stuttgart on the heels of BJK Cup victory over Japan...**Kerber** has lost her past six meetings vs the Ukrainian, last victory coming at 2016 Montreal

### [8] BELINDA BENCIC (SUI #12) vs. EKATERINA ALEXANDROVA (RUS #34)

Series tied 1-1

**Bencic** owns 2-4 record vs Top 40 opposition this season...**Alexandrova** is now 4-4 on the year against Top 50 players after recording her 10<sup>th</sup> win of the year over Muchova last round

# JELENA OSTAPENKO (LAT #52) VS. [6] KAROLINA PLISKOVA (CZE #9)

Head-to-head: Series tied 3-3

2016	CINCINNATI	HARD O	R32	KAROLINA PLISKOVA	6-4 6-1
2017	AUSTRALIAN OPEN	HARD O	R32	KAROLINA PLISKOVA	4-6 6-0 10-8
2017	WTA FINALS	HARD I	R1	JELENA OSTAPENKO	6-3 6-1
2018	STUTTGART	CLAY O	QF	KAROLINA PLISKOVA	5-7 7-5 6-4
2019	BEIJING	HARD O	R64	JELENA OSTAPENKO	7-5 6-3 7-5
2020	ROLAND GARROS	CLAY O	R64	JELENA OSTAPENKO	6-4 6-2

OSTAPENKO		PLISKOVA	
Career Prize Money	\$9,260,309	Career Prize Money	\$20,625,270
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Jun 8, 1997 (23)	Date of Birth (Age)	Mar. 21, 1992 (29)
Singles Titles	3	Singles Titles	16
Stuttgart W-L (MD)	2-3	Stuttgart W-L (MD)	9-3
YTD / Career W-L	7-6 / 143-116	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	8-6 / 331-173
3-Set (YTD / Career)	3-1 / 47-34	3-Set (YTD / Career)	3-1 / 105-58
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	0-3 / 33-23	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	1-3 / 65-74
Clay Court (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 31-22	Clay Court (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 64-37
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-2 / 13-17	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 32-40
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-2 / 20-31	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 64-73
Coach	Jelena Jakovleva	Coach	Sascha Bajin

## OSTAPENKO:

### Stuttgart

- Making fourth main draw appearance at the Porsche Tennis Grand Prix
- Best result was QF run in 2018 where she fell to today's opponent and eventual champion, Ka.Pliskova
- Made 1r exit on main draw debut in 2017 (as qualifier, I. Vandeweghe) and fell 1r in 2019 (I. Sevastova)
- Sole Latvian player contesting this week's draw
- In the opening round, defeated No.129 Voegele to set up seventh career clash against No.9 Pliskova
- Defeated Pliskova during their two most recent encounters, on clay at 2020 Roland Garros and at 2019 Beijing. Also defeated the Czech during the first round of the 2017 WTA Finals
- This will be her third match against a Top 10 player this year after falling to eventual champion and World No.1 Barty at the Miami Open and No.5 Svitolina at the Gippsland Trophy – highest ranking win of the year came over No.11 Bertens in Doha
- Earned three Top 10 wins in 2020: No.7 Kenin in Fed Cup action, No.8 Bertens in Strasbourg and No.4 Ka.Pliskova at Roland Garros
- Coming off 3r run at Miami (I. eventual champion Barty), 2r exit at St. Petersburg (I. Cristian) after another 2r exit at Dubai (I. eventual R-Up Krejickova)
- Also made 2r at Doha (I. Pegula). Defeated No.11 Bertens in 1r for first Top 20 win since upsetting No.18 Martic at 2020 Ostrava
- Opened 2021 campaign with 3r showing at Gippsland Trophy (I. Svitolina) before 1r exit at Australian Open (I. Muchova)

### **Career Milestones**

- Highlights of 2020 season included QF at Strasbourg and 3r showings at Roland Garros and Doha. Also finished R-Up in doubles w/Dabrowski at Doha (l. Hsieh/Strycova)
- The 2019 season saw her capture third career title at Luxembourg (d. Goerges in F) right after finishing R-Up at Linz (l. Gauff)
- Also R-Up in mixed doubles at 2019 Wimbledon w/ Lindstedt
- Her 2018 campaign was highlighted by finishing R-Up at Miami (l. Stephens); saw off No.9 Kvitova and No.4 Svitolina en route to register multiple Top 10 wins in the same tournament for the first time in her career
- Reached 2018 Wimbledon SF (l. eventual champion Kerber) to become first Latvian woman to reach final four at All England Club
- Achieved career-high ranking of No.5 on March 19, 2018
- Champion at 2017 Roland Garros (d. Halep in F) becoming first woman to win first tour-level title at a Grand Slam since Barbara Jordan at 1979 Australian Open (d. Walsh in F). Also became the first unseeded player to lift the trophy in the Open Era and the first Latvian player to reach the championship match at a Grand Slam
- Followed up title run with QF appearance at 2017 Wimbledon to become only second player in last 10 year (also S.Williams in 2015) to follow up victory at Roland Garros with a run to the QF or better at Wimbledon
- Qualified for debut WTA Finals in 2017 going 1-2 in group stage (d. Ka.Pliskova, l. V.Williams, l. Muguruza)
- Enjoyed career-best season in 2017, finishing the year in the Top 10 for the first time in her career (at No.7); was No.44 at end of 2016 (first Top 50 finish) and No.79 at end of 2015 (first Top 100 finish)
- Made Top 10 debut at No.10 on September 11, 2017
- In doubles, won first and second career titles in 2017, at St. Petersburg (w/Rosolska) and Stuttgart (w/Atawo)
- Breakthrough result of 2016 season was reaching final at Premier 5 Doha (l. Suárez Navarro)
- Ended 2015 at No.79 for first Top 100 finish (up from No.308 in 2014). Having leapt 229 spots, was second highest year-end rankings jump, after Kasatkina who went from No.370 to No.72 (298 spots)
- Scored first Top 10 win over No.9 Suárez Navarro in 1r at 2015 Wimbledon; upset Muguruza in QF at 2017 Beijing to register first win over a reigning World No.1
- Reached first WTA final of career at 2015 Québec City (l. Beck)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2014 Tashkent advancing to 2r (l. Pervak)
- Began playing ITF Circuit events in 2012

## **PLISKOVA**

### **Stuttgart**

- Making fifth main draw appearance at Stuttgart as a returning champion, having lifted the title in 2018 (d. Vandeweghe in F)
- Also reached back-to-back QFs in 2016 (l. Radwanska) and 2017 (l. eventual champion Siegemund)
- Fell 2r in 2019 (l. Azarenka)
- One of three Czech players to reach 2r (also Kvitova and Vondrousova)
- Was pushed to three sets before defeating Lucky Loser Korpatsch in 1r
- Today, squares up against No.52 Ostapenko where she looks to defeat the Latvian for the first time since they last met here in Stuttgart, during the QFs in 2018 en route to her championship run

- Owns 5-1 record vs. players outside of the Top 50 this season, with sole loss coming against qualifier No.292 Gasanova at Abu Dhabi
- 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.)
- Coming off three consecutive losses to American Pegula, in QF at Doha, 3r at Dubai and 3r at Miami
- Made 3r runs at Australian Open (l. Muchova) and the Yarra Valley Classic in Melbourne (l. Collins)
- Opened 2021 season 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 with Barty) – triumphed at Brisbane, Rome, Eastbourne and Zhengzhou. Dropped 19 games across five matches during Eastbourne title win (d. Kerber in F) – most economic title run in 2019
- Also reached first Premier Mandatory final at Miami, losing to Barty in straight sets, and produced best Australian Open performance of career, reaching SF (l. eventual champion Osaka in 3s); saved four match points to beat S.Williams in QF
- Lost to twin sister Kr.Pliskova in 2r at Birmingham, in what was their first career main draw encounter
- Made fourth straight appearance at the WTA Finals in 2019, reaching SF for the third year in a row
- Won two titles in 2018 from three finals contested, triumphing at Stuttgart (d. Vandeweghe in F) and Tokyo [PPO] (d. Osaka in F). Posted R-Up finish in Tianjin (l. Garcia in F)
- Won Billie Jean King Cup for Czech Republic in 2015-16 and 2018
- Claimed No.1 ranking on July 17, 2017 despite making 2r exit at Wimbledon (l. Rybarikova). Was the first Czech woman to achieve the No.1 ranking since the computer rankings were introduced in 1975 (Martina Navratilova became No.1 on July 10, 1978 while representing USA)
- Won three titles in 2017, at Brisbane (d. Cornet in F), Doha (d. Wozniacki in F) and Eastbourne (d. Wozniacki in F)
- Is a Grand Slam finalist, reaching the title match at 2016 US Open (l. Kerber)
- Captured fifth WTA doubles title of career at 2016 Birmingham (w/Strycova). At 2013 Linz, with sister Kristyna, became first set of twins to ever win a tour-level doubles title
- Made Top 10 debut after 2015 Stanford R-Up finish; was first time in WTA history that three Czech women ranked inside Top 10 at the same time (also Kvitova and Safarova)
- Scored first Top 20 win of her career over No.16 Petrova in 1r at 2013 Wimbledon
- Won first career WTA title at 2013 Kuala Lumpur (d. Mattek-Sands) and followed it up with two more in 2014 Seoul (d. Lepchenko) and 2014 Linz (d. Giorgi)
- Reached first WTA QF as WC at 2008 Prague (l. Azarenka)
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in 2006

## [5] ARYNA SABALENKA (BLR #7) VS. [Q] ANNA-LENA FRIEDSAM (GER #125)

Head-to-head: First meeting

SABALENKA		FRIEDSAM	
<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$7,423,204	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$1,756,872
<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed
<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	May 5, 1998 (22)	<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	Feb. 21, 1994 (27)
<b>Singles Titles</b>	9	<b>Singles Titles</b>	0
<b>Stuttgart W-L (MD)</b>	1-0	<b>Stuttgart W-L (MD)</b>	2-2
<b>YTD / Career W-L (MD)</b>	15-5 / 141-67	<b>YTD / Career W-L (MD)</b>	1-2 / 90-92
<b>3-Set (YTD / Career)</b>	2-5 / 47-27	<b>3-Set (YTD / Career)</b>	2-2 / 32-31
<b>Tie-Break (YTD / Career)</b>	6-0 / 33-26	<b>Tie-Break (YTD / Career)</b>	0-2 / 20-26
<b>Clay Court (YTD / Career)</b>	1-0 / 16-13	<b>Clay Court (YTD / Career)</b>	3-1 / 27-29
<b>Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 12-14	<b>Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 1-10
<b>Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	2-3 / 27-22	<b>Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 4-12
<b>Coach</b>	Anton Dubrov	<b>Coach</b>	Sasha Mueller

### SABALENKA:

#### Stuttgart

- Making debut appearance at Porsche Tennis Grand Prix, and scored first victory in Stuttgart with defeat of Zhang in 1r on Tuesday
- Sole Belarusian to start in this week's main draw. Best run by one of her compatriots here was Azarenka's R-Up finish in 2012 (I. Sharapova in F)
- Bidding for career first clay court title this week. All nine of her career titles have come on hard courts
- Has reached one final on clay, at 2018 Lugano (I. Mertens)
- Opening 2021 clay court swing here in Stuttgart – match vs. Zhang was first on clay since loss to Jabeur at Roland Garros in September 2020
- Faces No.125 Friedsam today in 2r – has won her last eight matches when facing players outside the Top 100, last tasting defeat at 2019 Wimbledon (I. No.139 Rybarikova)
- Aside from loss to No.94 Kanepi at Gippsland Trophy, all other losses in 2021 came at the hands of Top 20-ranked opponents
- Coming off QF run at Miami (I. Barty in 3s) in what was her fourth career meeting against a reigning No.1 (previously defeated Barty at 2019 Wuhan and fell to Halep at 2018 Shenzhen and 2019 Cincinnati)
- 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 (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. 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, 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

## **FRIEDSAM:**

### **Stuttgart**

- Making third main draw appearance at Stuttgart, and seventh appearance overall
- On two previous main draw outings, made 2r in 2016 (d. Konta, l. Suarez Navarro) and fell 1r in 2019 (as qualifier, l. Bertens)
- Fell in qualifying from 2012 to 2015
- One of eight German women to start the singles main draw
- Navigated her way through two rounds of qualifying to make main draw in 2021, defeating compatriot Wagner and Gorgodze
- Went on to defeat Eikeri in 1r on Tuesday, dropping only two games, winning 6-2 6-0
- Was first Tour main draw win since 2020 US Open, where she defeated Dolehide in 1r; first Tour main draw win on clay since 2019 Palermo (d. Voegele)
- Faces No.7 Sabalenka today in 1r – owns a 1-10 record vs. Top 10 players, sole win coming over No.10 Bencic at 2019 Linz

- Bidding to reach first QF since run to final at 2020 Lyon (I. Kenin in F)
- Coming off 1r exit at Bogota (I. Tomova). Also lost opener at Guadalajara (I. Davis)
- Also this year fell in qualifying at Miami, Monterrey and Australian Open (held in Dubai)

### **Career Milestones**

- Prior to Tour's hiatus in 2020, reached first WTA final for almost five years, at Lyon (I. Kenin). Was first final since 2015 Linz (I. Pavlyuchenkova in F)
- Run to Lyon final saw her win three consecutive matches for first time since 2016 Australian Open when she reached the R16 (I. A.Radwanska)
- Other standout moment in 2020 was 1r win over Dolehide at US Open – was first Slam win since 2016 Wimbledon (d. Diyas in 1r, Alexandrova in 2r, I. Doi in 3r)
- 2019 season was first full season on tour in several years after struggling with injuries – highlighted by back-to-back successful ITF weeks in same location, Roehampton, winning title at 25K and runner-up finish at ITF 25K the week prior
- 2018 season was cut short due to a continuing shoulder injury - only competed in tour level events at Hobart (I. 2r) and Australian Open (I. 1r)
- Finished the 2017 season ranked outside the Top 1000 due to her recovery from shoulder surgery
- Competed in two WTA events in 2017 (Luxembourg and Linz) and capped off the year with by winning \$25k ITF/Shrewsbury-GBR title
- Attained year-end career-highs in both singles (No.68) and doubles (No.121) in 2016
- Season highlights in 2016 included runner-up in doubles at Mallorca (w/Siegemund), the first WTA doubles final of her career. Also advanced to QF stage at Nürnberg (I. countrywoman Beck), finished runner-up at new WTA 125K Series event at San Antonio (I. Doi in F) and reached second tour-level SF of career to date at Shenzhen (I. eventual champion A.Radwanska) before a career-best R16 effort at Australian Open
- Finished 2015 at No.99 for second consecutive Top 100 finish (also No.86 in 2014)
- Season highlight in 2015 was runner-up finish at Linz (I. Pavlyuchenkova) – best result of career so far
- Won WTA 125K Series event in Suzhou, China in 2014
- Fell 1r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2014 Roland Garros (I. Voegele)
- Made Top 100 debut on August 11, 2014 (went from No.101 to No.100)
- On ITF Circuit, winner of 12 singles titles and three doubles titles

## MARKETA VONDROUSOVA (CZE #20) VS. [2] SIMONA HALEP (ROU #3)

Head-to-head: Vondrousova leads 2-0

2019	ROME	CLAY	2R	VONDROUSOVA	2-6, 7-5, 6-3	2H 12M
2019	INDIAN WELLS	HARD	4R	VONDROUSOVA	6-2, 3-6, 6-2	1H 40M

VONDROUSOVA		HALEP	
Career Prize Money	\$3,790,234	Career Prize Money	\$37,461,197
Plays	Left-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	June 28, 1999 (21)	Date of Birth (Age)	Sept. 27, 1991 (29)
Singles Titles	1	Singles Titles	22
Stuttgart W-L (MD)	1-0 / 2-1	Stuttgart W-L (MD)	0-0 / 10-5
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	12-5 / 70-47	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	9-3 / 453-175
3-Set (YTD / Career)	5-2 / 17-25	3-Set (YTD / Career)	3-0 / 114-56
Clay Court (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 26-13	Clay Court (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 141-46
Top 5 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 2-4	Top 5 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 13-29
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-2 / 10-13	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 104-77
Coach	Libor Salaba	Coach	Darren Cahill

### VONDROUSOVA:

#### Stuttgart

- Making second appearance in Stuttgart, where her previous result was reaching 2r in 2018
- Began campaign with victory over Bouzkova to setup clash with World No.3 Halep
- Owns a 2-0 edge over the Romanian, with both matches having gone the distance
- Holds 3 career victories over Top 10 players, most recently No.6 Svitolina at 2020 Rome
- Has also found success vs. Romanian opposition, holding a 5-1 career mark, including a 2-0 strike rate in 2021
- Compiled a 13-16 career record against seeded opponents, with her record in 2021 standing at 2-2
- Best career result on clay was runner-up finish at Roland Garros (I. Barty) and Istanbul, both in 2019
- One of three players from Czech Republic to reach the second round here in Stuttgart – first time 3 Czechs have reached the 2r here
- Has won nine matches thus far in 2021, ranking No.15 on tour for match wins
- Coming in off R16 exit in Miami to Sabalenka following a 2r exit in Dubai to Gauff
- Best win by ranking of season came over No.12 Bencic in Miami 3r
- Began year with R16 showing at Australian Open, following a SF appearance at Yarra Valley Classic
- First event of year was 1r loss to Hsieh in Abu Dhabi

#### Career Milestones

- Highlights of 2020 include defeating No.6 Svitolina to reach SFs at Rome (I. Ka.Pliskova) as well as a QF run to kick off the season at Adelaide (I. No.1 Barty)
- Enjoyed break-out season in 2019, reaching three finals across the year and posting career-high ranking of No.14 on July 1, 2019
- Finished R-Up at Budapest (I. Van Uytvanck) and Istanbul (I. Martic) before reaching championship match at Roland Garros (I. Barty); did not drop a set en route to final in Paris

- Ranked No.38, was joint-third lowest-ranked woman to reach Roland Garros final, and aged 19, was first teenager to reach title match there since Ivanovic in 2007
- Posted first win of career over a Top 2 player in 2019, defeating No.2 Halep at Indian Wells and then Rome
- Forced to end 2019 season down early due to left wrist injury – did not play again following 1r exit at Wimbledon
- In doubles, has reached SF at 2019 Australian Open (w/Strycova) and QF at 2017 Wimbledon (w/Bellis)
- At 2018 US Open, became the first teenager to reach the last 16 at Flushing Meadows since 2016 (Konjuh, QF – 18) and the youngest Czech player to advance to this stage in New York since 2005 (Vaidisova, R16 – 16)
- Was the biggest ranking mover on tour in 2017, moving from No.376 to No.67 (309 places)
- Made WTA breakthrough by winning International-level title at 2017 Biel/Bienne (d. Kontaveit in F), in just her second WTA main draw. At No.233, was the lowest-ranked title winner in 2017 and aged 17 years, 293 days was the youngest since Konjuh (17 years, 169 days) at 2015 Nottingham
- Advanced to 2r on tour-level debut at 2016 Prague – as wildcard
- Made professional debut at 2014 \$100k ITF/Prague-CZE (d. Suk, I. Brengle in 2r); on ITF Circuit, winner of seven singles and four doubles titles
- In juniors won doubles at Australian Open and Roland Garros in 2015 (both w/Kolodziejova). In singles, was semifinalist at both Roland Garros and Wimbledon and rose to No.1 on ITF junior rankings in 2015

## **HALEP:**

### **Stuttgart**

- Making sixth appearance in Stuttgart this week, where her previous result was reaching QF stage in 2018
- Faces off against No.20 Vondrousova in today's 2r action, aiming for first victory over Czech (0-2 previously)
- Owns 105 victories in career over Top 20 players, most recently over No.17 Swiatek at Australian Open
- Holds an impressive 35-12 strike rate against Czech opponents
- 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
- Lone player from Romania to advance to 2r in Stuttgart this week
- Her best result here in Stuttgart was SF finish in 2015 and 2017
- Comes in having been 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

## [4] ELINA SVITOLINA (UKR #5) VS. ANGELIQUE KERBER (GER #26)

Head-to-head: Svitolina leads 8-5

2013	AUSTRALIAN OPEN	HARD O	R128	KERBER	6-2 6-4
2014	TOKYO	HARD O	R16	KERBER	6-4 6-4
2014	WUHAN	HARD O	QF	SVITOLINA	6-4 7-6(3)
2015	BRISBANE	HARD O	QF	SVITOLINA	4-6 7-5 6-3
2015	STANFORD	HARDO	SF	KERBER	6-3 6-1
2016	SYDNEY	HARD O	R32	KERBER	4-6 6-0 6-3
2016	MONTREAL	HARD O	R16	KERBER	1-6 7-6(2) 6-4
2016	BEIJING	HARD O	R16	SVITOLINA	6-3 705
2017	BRISBANE	HARD O	QF	SVITOLINA	6-4 3-6 6-3
2017	DUBAI	HARD O	SF	SVITOLINA	6-3 7-6(3)
2017	FED CUP	CLAY I	-	SVITOLINA	6-4 6-2
2018	DUBAI	HARD O	SF	SVITOLINA	6-3 6-3
2018	ROME	CLAY O	QF	SVITOLINA	6-4 6-4

SVITOLINA		KERBER	
<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$20,224,621	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$29,950,250
<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed	<b>Plays</b>	Left-handed
<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	Sep. 12, 1994 (26)	<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	Jan. 18, 1988 (33)
<b>Singles Titles</b>	15	<b>Singles Titles</b>	12
<b>Stuttgart W-L (MD)</b>	1-1	<b>Stuttgart W-L (MD)</b>	16-6
<b>YTD / Career W-L (MD)</b>	13-6 / 294-160	<b>YTD / Career W-L (MD)</b>	5-4 / 434-253
<b>3-Set (YTD / Career)</b>	4-4 / 88-53	<b>3-Set (YTD / Career)</b>	1-1 / 121-98
<b>Tie-Break (YTD / Career)</b>	3-4 / 63-48	<b>Tie-Break (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 88-61
<b>Clay Court (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 65-34	<b>Clay Court (YTD / Career)</b>	1-0 / 84-54
<b>Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	1-1 / 34-39	<b>Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 39-62
<b>Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	1-3 / 62-72	<b>Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 90-116
<b>Coach</b>	Andrew Bettles	<b>Coach</b>	Torben Beltz

### SVITOLINA:

#### Stuttgart

- Making just second appearance at the Porsche Tennis Grand Prix
- Only previous appearance came in 2018 – after 1r bye, defeated Vondrousova (via ret.) before losing to Garcia in QF
- Sole player from Ukraine in the singles main draw
- Owns 15 WTA singles titles, four of which have come on clay - 2015 Marakech, 2017-2018 Rome and 2020 Strasbourg
- After 1r bye, faces Kerber today for the 14th time in their careers, having first met back in 2013. Owns a positive 8-5 record against the German
- Has fallen to players Kerber's rank or lower (No.26) at three events this season - No.46 Kudermetova (Abu Dhabi), No.60 Pegula (Australian Open) and No.41 Kuznetsova (Dubai)
- Coming off helping Ukraine reach the Billie Jean King Cup qualifiers having defeated Japan over the weekend, Svitolina going 2-0 in singles (d. Naito and Muramatsu)
- Enjoyed SF run at Miami (l. No.1 and eventual champion Barty). Now owns 6-5 record against reigning World No.1s, with wins coming over S.Williams (2016 Olympics) and Kerber (2016 Beijing, 2017 Brisbane, 2017 Billie Jean King Cup), Halep (2017 WTA Finals, 2018 Rome)

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- Suffered 2r exit at Dubai as No.1 seed (after 1r bye, I. Kuznetsova in 3s)
- Reached third QF of the season at Doha (as No.1 seed, I. Azarenka); also advanced to the last eight at Abu Dhabi (I. Kudermetova) and Gippsland Trophy (I. eventual champion Mertens)
- Made R16 at Australian Open (I. Pegula)

### **Career Milestones**

- Won her 14th and 15th titles in 2020, firstly at Monterrey (d. Bouzkova in F) and then Strasbourg (d. Rybakina in F); was one of just four players in 2020 to win more than one title – also Halep (3), Sabalenka (3) and Kenin (2)
- Contested her 30th consecutive major at 2020 Australian Open (streak broke by skipping 2020 US Open). Is a two-time semifinalist at Grand Slam level, at 2019 Wimbledon (I. eventual champion Halep) and 2019 US Open (I. S.Williams). Became the first woman from Ukraine to reach a major SF; on the men's, Medvedev made that stage at Roland Garros in 1993 (SF) and 1999 (R-Up)
- Highlight of 2019 was reaching the title match as defending champion at the Shiseido WTA Finals (I. Barty)
- In 2018, won 13th – and most prestigious – career title at 2018 WTA Finals (d. Stephens in F), after going 3-0 during round robin stage. Ended year ranked No.4. Also won titles at Rome (as defending champion, d. No.1 Halep in F), Dubai (as defending champion, d. Kasatkina in F) and Brisbane (d. Sasnovich in F)
- Enjoyed standout 2017, finishing year at No.6, winning a tour-leading five titles and posting second-most wins (53, behind Wozniacki with 60). Season culminated by qualifying for WTA Finals in Singapore, becoming first Ukrainian woman to qualify for the season-ending tournament in singles (fell at round robin stage with 1-2 record)
- In 2017, became first player to win three Premier 5 titles in a single season (Dubai, Rome, Toronto), since such tournaments were introduced in 2009
- One of five players to make Top 10 debut in 2017, after winning Dubai in February (also Ostapenko, Garcia, Mladenovic and Vandeweghe). Peaked in rankings at No.3 on September 11, 2017
- On four occasions could have reached World No.1 – at 2017 US Open, then needed to win 2017 Beijing (fell QF), then needed to triumph at 2017 WTA Finals (fell in group stage), or reach final at 2018 Australian Open (fell in QF)
- End to 2016 season also saw her reach first SF at Premier Mandatory level at Beijing (I. A.Radwanska) Qualified for 2016 WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai for the second time (I. Kvitova in F)
- Reached three finals in 2016, winning Kuala Lumpur (d. Bouchard in F) and R-Up at New Haven (I. A.Radwanska) and Zhuhai (I. Kvitova)
- Other 2016 season highlight was QF at Rio Olympics
- Owns two career doubles titles: 2014 Istanbul (w/Doi) and 2015 Istanbul (w/Gavrilova)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2012 Baku (lost in 1r but went on to win title there in both 2013 and 2014)
- Ukrainian Fed Cup Team, 2012-15, 2017, 2020
- Played first ITF Circuit events of career in 2008
- Junior highlights include winning 2010 Roland Garros girls' title at age 15 (d. Jabeur in F)



## **KERBER:**

### **Stuttgart**

- Former World No.1 making ninth main draw appearance in Stuttgart (12th overall)
- Won back-to-back titles at Porsche Arena in 2015 (d. Wozniacki in F) and 2016 (d. Siegemund in F)
- Reached QF on last visit in 2019 (l. Bertens)
- One of four previous champions to begin the singles main draw this year – also Kvitova (2019), Ka.Pliskova (2018) and Siegemund (2017)
- Looking to become the sixth woman to claim three Stuttgart titles – along with Sharapova (3), Davenport (3), Hingis (4), Austin (4) and Navratilova (6)
- Defeat of Gorgodze in 1r means she now has the most match wins among active players at Stuttgart
- Faces No.5 Svitolina today – owns a 19-33 record vs. Top 5 players. Most recent win came at 2018 WTA Finals in Singapore, defeating No.4 Osaka in the group stages
- Has lost her last six meetings vs. Svitolina, last tasting victory at 2016 Montreal
- In addition to titles here (2015-16), lifted one other trophy on clay, at 2015 Charleston
- One of a Tour-leading eight players from Germany in this years draw
- Coming off 3r showing 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)

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- 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)
- Broke into Top 100 on May 14, 2007 and reached first WTA QF one month later at 's-Hertogenbosch (l. 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, l. Ivanovic)
- Professional debut came in qualifying at 2003 Berlin

# **[8] BELINDA BENCIC (SUI #12) VS. EKATERINA ALEXANDROVA (RUS #34)**

Head-to-head: Series tied 1-1

2019	EASTBOURNE	GRASS	O	R32	EKATERINA ALEXANDROVA	6-7(6) 6-2 6-3
2019	INDIAN WELLS	HARD	O	R32	BELINDA BENCIC	6-4 6-2

BENCIC		ALEXANDROVA	
Career Prize Money	\$8,443,992	Career Prize Money	\$2,603,523
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Mar. 10, 1997 (24)	Date of Birth (Age)	Nov. 15, 1994
Singles Titles	4	Singles Titles	1
Stuttgart W-L (MD)	3-2	Stuttgart W-L (MD)	1-0
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	8-7 / 164-123	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	10-7 / 78-71
3-Set (YTD / Career)	4-3 / 63-42	3-Set (YTD / Career)	3-2 / 23-26
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	2-1 / 42-27	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	2-6 / 13-25
Clay Court (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 21-22	Clay Court (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 11-19
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 24-22	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-2 / 3-14
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-4 / 30-44	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	2-2 / 7-19
Coach	Ivan Bencic	Coach	Alexandrov Evgeny

## **BENCIC:**

### **Stuttgart**

- Making her third main draw appearance at the Porsche Tennis Grand Prix
- Fell 2r on both previous visits, in 2015 (d. Goerges, I. Suárez Navarro) and 2019 (d. qualifier Minella, I. Bertens)
- Defeated No.928 Schunk in 1r to reach the second round for a third time here in Stuttgart – bidding to advance to 3r for the first time
- Today, faces Alexandrova for a third career meeting and first since 2019. The players are competing against one another on clay for the first time; Bencic triumphed on hard courts at 2019 Indian Wells while Alexandrova secured the win on grass at 2019 Eastbourne
- Owns 2-4 record against Top 40 opposition this season, with wins against No.37 Kuznetsova (Australian Open) and No.34 Kudermetova (Dubai)
- 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)
- 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

## ALEXANDROVA:

### Stuttgart

- Making main draw debut at Stuttgart
- Fell at opening hurdle of qualifying in 2019 (l. Friedsam)
- Struck nine aces to defeat Muchova in 1r, improving her record against Top 50 opposition this season to 4-4

- Recorded her tenth main draw match win of the season with victory over Muchova
- Today, faces No.8 seed and World No.12 Bencic in 2r – owns 2-3 record against players in the Top 20 this season, with wins coming against No.17 Swiatek and No.2 Halep at Gippsland Trophy
- Only Russian woman in the draw; three Russian women have won the title here, Petrova (2006), Kuznetsova (2009) and Sharapova (2012-14)
- Reached 3r at Miami (l. Svitolina)
- Made QF at St. Petersburg (l. eventual R-Up Gasparian)
- Suffered 1r losses at Lyon (l. eventual champion Tauson) and Dubai (l. Gauff)
- Advanced to 3r at Australian Open (l. World No.1 Barty)
- Made 3r in season opener, at Abu Dhabi (l. Svitolina – led 5-3 in the final set and held 2mp) before advancing to SF at Gippsland Trophy (d. No.2 Halep in QFs, l. Kanepi)

### **Career Milestones**

- Opened 2020 season by lifting her maiden WTA singles title, at Shenzhen (d. Rybakina in F). Other highlights of last year included SFs at St. Petersburg and Linz
- Won both singles rubbers on Billie Jean King Cup debut in 3-2 win over Romania in February 2020
- Made Top 50 debut on June 17, 2019 after QF run at 's-Hertogenbosch
- Registered 30 Tour-level match wins during 2019, in which she reached SF at Budapest, Seoul and Linz and made QF at St. Petersburg, 's-Hertogenbosch, Eastbourne and Moscow. Also advanced to 3r at a major for the first time, at Roland Garros
- Won sole WTA doubles title at 2019 Budapest (w/Zvonareva)
- Came through qualifying to make maiden WTA final appearance at 2018 Linz (l. Giorgi)
- Advanced to first WTA QF at 2018 Seoul, scoring maiden Top 10 win of her career en route, over No.10 Ostapenko
- Made Top 100 debut at No.93 on March 20, 2017 after winning title at \$60K ITF/Shenzhen-CHN
- At 2016 Wimbledon, ranked No.223, won her way through qualifying on her maiden Slam appearance, going on to reach 2r (upset No.23 seed Ivanovic in 1r)
- Won WTA 125K Series title at Limoges in 2016, 2018-19
- Reached 2r on WTA main draw debut at 2016 Katowice (as qualifier, l. eventual R-Up Giorgi)
- Contested qualifying for the first time at a WTA-level tournament at 2014 Bad Gastein
- Played first professional events of career on ITF Circuit in Europe in 2011

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## PORSCHE TENNIS GRAND PRIX – QUARTERFINALS

### [1] ASHLEIGH BARTY (AUS #1) vs. [6] KAROLINA PLISKOVA (CZE #9)

#### Barty leads 4-2

Making her Stuttgart debut, **Barty** is bidding to become the first reigning No.1 to lift the trophy here since Henin in 2007... **Pliskova** is aiming for her first semifinal of 2021, and first since 2020 Rome

### [4] ELINA SVITOLINA (UKR #5) vs. [7] PETRA KVITOVA (CZE #10)

#### Kvitova leads 7-3

**Svitolina** trails their career head-to-head however, defeated the Czech in their two most recent meetings... **Kvitova** is eyeing her first Top 10 win since defeating No.1 Barty at 2020 Doha

### EKATERINA ALEXANDROVA (RUS #34) vs. [2] SIMONA HALEP (ROU #3)

#### Alexandrova leads 2-1

**Alexandrova** has won back-to-back matches this week for the first time since this year's Australian Open... **Halep** is aiming for her first semifinal since lifting the trophy at 2020 Rome

### [5] ARYNA SABALENKA (BLR #7) vs. ANETT KONTAVEIT (EST #27)

#### Sabalenka leads 3-0

**Sabalenka** is looking for the first clay court title of her career, having reached one final on the surface at 2018 Lugano... **Kontaveit** notched her 12th career Top 10 victory over No.4 Kenin on Wednesday

## A LOOK AT THE QUARTERFINALISTS

PLAYER	RANK	AGE	NAT	STUTTGART (MD) W/L*	SEASON (MD) W/L*	CAREER (MD) W/L*	CAREER PRIZE \$^	CAREER TITLES
[1] Ashleigh Barty	1	24	AUS	1-0	17-3	169-68	18,330,358	10
[2] Simona Halep	3	29	ROU	11-5	10-3	454-175	37,461,197	22
[4] Elina Svitolina	5	26	UKR	2-1	14-6	295-160	20,224,621	15
[5] Aryna Sabalenka	7	22	BLR	2-0	16-5	142-67	7,423,204	9
[6] Karolina Pliskova	9	29	CZE	10-3	9-6	332-173	20,625,270	16
[7] Petra Kvitova	10	31	CZE	13-6	10-5	460-215	32,809,282	28
Anett Kontaveit	27	25	EST	11-3	12-5	135-104	5,134,238	1
Ekaterina Alexandrova	34	26	RUS	2-0	11-7	79-71	2,603,523	1

\*Includes current tournament / ^ Does not include current tournament

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# [1] ASHLEIGH BARTY (AUS #1) VS. [6] KAROLINA PLISKOVA (CZE #9)

Head-to-head: ASHLEIGH BARTY leads 4-2

2012	ITF NOTTINGHAM	GRASS	O	SF	BARTY	2-6 6-3 7-6(6)
2016	NOTTINGHAM	GRASS	O	QF	PLISKOVA	7-6(2) 7-6(7)
2017	WUHAN	HARD	O	QF	BARTY	4-6 7-6(3) 7-6(2)
2018	US OPEN	HARD	O	R16	PLISKOVA	6-4 6-4
2019	MIAMI	HARD	O	F	BARTY	7-6(1) 6-3
2019	WTA FINALS SHENZHEN	HARD	I	SF	BARTY	4-6 6-2 6-3

BARTY		PLISKOVA	
Career Prize Money	\$18,330,358	Career Prize Money	\$20,625,270
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	April 24, 1996 (24)	Date of Birth (Age)	Mar. 21, 1992 (29)
Singles Titles	10	Singles Titles	16
Stuttgart W-L (MD)	1-0	Stuttgart W-L (MD)	10-3
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	17-3 / 169-68	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	9-6 / 332-173
3-Set (YTD / Career)	6-1 / 53-20	3-Set (YTD / Career)	4-1 / 106-58
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	4-1 / 27-20	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	1-4 / 65-75
Clay Court (YTD / Career)	3-1 / 25-14	Clay Court (YTD / Career)	2-0 / 65-37
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	3-0 / 21-20	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 32-40
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	5-0 / 42-38	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 64-73
Coach	Craig Tyzzer	Coach	Sascha Bajin

## BARTY:

### Stuttgart

- Making tournament debut at Porsche Tennis Grand Prix
- Contesting 2021 Stuttgart at the World No.1 – the last World No.1 to win the title here was Henin in 2007 (d. Jankovic in F)
- Owns one title on clay: 2019 Roland Garros
- Playing her 18th Tour-level event as the top seed; has won five of the previous 17, at 2018 Nottingham, 2019 WTA Finals, 2020 Adelaide, 2021 Yarra Valley Classic and 2021 Miami
- Only Australian woman in main draw; best result by an Australian here was Stosur's R-Up finish in 2010 (l. Henin)
- After 1r bye, defeated home favourite Siegemund in 2r, and improves to an 11-5 record in Tour-level matches against German opposition
- Faces No.9 Ka.Pliskova today - is a perfect 3-0 vs. Top 10 players this season, defeating No.8 Sabalenka, No.5 Svitolina and No.9 Andreescu en route to defending Miami title
- Owns a positive 4-2 record vs. Pliskova – this is their first meeting on clay
- This is her fifth QF of the season, in what is her sixth event (fell R16 at Adelaide)
- Including opening match win, has struck 130 aces this season, the second most on Tour (behind Kudermetova 134)
- Coming off QF run at Charleston (l. No.71 Badosa)
- 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, 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

## KA. PLISKOVA

### Stuttgart

- Making fifth main draw appearance at Stuttgart as a returning champion, having lifted the title in 2018 (d. Vandeweghe in F)
- Also reached back-to-back QFs in 2016 (l. Radwanska) and 2017 (l. eventual champion Siegemund)
- Fell 2r in 2019 (l. Azarenka)
- 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.)
- One of two Czech players to reach QF (also Kvitova)
- Was pushed to three sets before defeating Lucky Loser Korpatsch in 1r
- Overcame No.52 Ostapenko in 2r – defeated the Latvian in the QF stages during her 2018 title run here. Improves to 6-1 record vs. players outside of the Top 50 this season, with sole loss coming against qualifier No.292 Gasanova at Abu Dhabi
- Faces World No.1 Barty today in QF – owns a 2-3 record vs. reigning World No.1s, defeating S.Williams at 2016 US Open and Halep at 2018 Madrid (on clay), and falling to S.Williams at 2014 Stanford, Halep at 2018 Australian Open and Barty at 2019 WTA Finals
- Bidding to reach her first SF of 2021 – last made this stage at 2020 Rome (l. Halep in F via ret.)
- Coming off three consecutive losses to American Pegula, in QF at Doha, 3r at Dubai and 3r at Miami
- Made 3r runs at Australian Open (l. Muchova) and the Yarra Valley Classic in Melbourne (l. Collins)
- Opened 2021 season 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 with Barty) – triumphed at Brisbane, Rome, Eastbourne and Zhengzhou. Dropped 19 games across five matches during Eastbourne title win (d. Kerber in F) – most economic title run in 2019
- Also reached first Premier Mandatory final at Miami, losing to Barty in straight sets, and produced best Australian Open performance of career, reaching SF (l. eventual champion Osaka in 3s); saved four match points to beat S.Williams in QF
- Lost to twin sister Kr.Pliskova in 2r at Birmingham, in what was their first career main draw encounter
- Made fourth straight appearance at the WTA Finals in 2019, reaching SF for the third year in a row
- Won two titles in 2018 from three finals contested, triumphing at Stuttgart (d. Vandeweghe in F) and Tokyo [PPO] (d. Osaka in F). Posted R-Up finish in Tianjin (l. Garcia in F)
- Won Billie Jean King Cup for Czech Republic in 2015-16 and 2018
- Claimed No.1 ranking on July 17, 2017 despite making 2r exit at Wimbledon (l. Rybarikova). Was the first Czech woman to achieve the No.1 ranking since the computer rankings were introduced in 1975 (Martina Navratilova became No.1 on July 10, 1978 while representing USA)

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- 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

## [4] ELINA SVITOLINA (UKR #5) VS. [7] PETRA KVITOVA (CZE #10)

Head-to-head: PETRA KVITOVA leads 7-3

2014	CINCINNATI	HARD O	R32	SVITOLINA	6-2 7-6(2)
2014	WUHAN	HARD O	SF	KVITOVA	6-3 7-5
2015	DUBAI	HARD O	R32	KVITOVA	2-6 6-3 6-2
2016	OLYMPICS	HARD O	QF	KVITOVA	6-2 6-0
2016	US OPEN	HARD O	R32	KVITOVA	6-3 6-4
2016	WUHAN	HARD O	R32	KVITOVA	6-3 6-1
2016	ZHUHAI	HARD O	F	KVITOVA	6-4 6-2
2018	DOHA	HARD O	R16	KVITOVA	6-4 7-5
2018	WTA FINALS	HARD I	RR	SVITOLINA	6-3 6-3
2021	MIAMI	HARD O	R16	SVITOLINA	2-6 7-5 7-5

SVITOLINA		KVITOVA	
<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$20,224,621	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$32,809,282
<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed	<b>Plays</b>	Left-handed
<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	Sep. 12, 1994 (26)	<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	Mar. 8, 1990 (31)
<b>Singles Titles</b>	15	<b>Singles Titles</b>	28
<b>Stuttgart W-L (MD)</b>	2-1	<b>Stuttgart W-L (MD)</b>	13-6
<b>YTD / Career W-L (MD)</b>	14-6 / 295-160	<b>YTD / Career W-L (MD)</b>	10-5 / 460-215
<b>3-Set (YTD / Career)</b>	4-4 / 88-53	<b>3-Set (YTD / Career)</b>	2-3 / 126-90
<b>Tie-Break (YTD / Career)</b>	4-4 / 64-48	<b>Tie-Break (YTD / Career)</b>	1-1 / 92-68
<b>Clay Court (YTD / Career)</b>	1-0 / 66-34	<b>Clay Court (YTD / Career)</b>	3-1 / 95-44
<b>Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	1-1 / 34-39	<b>Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-1 / 109-98
<b>Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	1-3 / 62-72	<b>Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	4-1 / 60-59
<b>Coach</b>	Andrew Bettles	<b>Coach</b>	Jiri Vanek

### SVITOLINA:

#### Stuttgart

- Making just second appearance at the Porsche Tennis Grand Prix
- Only previous appearance came in 2018 – after 1r bye, defeated Vondrousova (via ret.) before losing to Garcia in QF
- Sole player from Ukraine in the singles main draw
- Owns 15 WTA singles titles, four of which have come on clay - 2015 Marakech, 2017-2018 Rome and 2020 Strasbourg
- After 1r bye, defeated Kerber in their 14th career meeting, having first met back in 2013, and improving her record to 9-5 against the German
- Is into her fifth QF of 2021, having also reached this stage or better at Abu Dhabi (QF), Gippsland Trophy (QF), Doha (QF) and Miami (SF)
- Faces No.10 Kvitova today in their 11th career meeting. Trails 3-7 in their head-to-head however, defeated the Czech in their two most recent encounters at 2021 Miami and 2018 WTA Finals (WON)
- Owns 1-1 record vs. Top 10 ranked opponents this season, having defeated today's opponent No.10 Kvitova at Miami and falling to No.1 Barty also at Miami
- Coming off helping Ukraine reach the Billie Jean King Cup qualifiers having defeated Japan over the weekend, Svitolina going 2-0 in singles (d. Naito and Muramatsu)

- Enjoyed SF run at Miami (l. No.1 and eventual champion Barty). Now owns 6-5 record against reigning World No.1s, with wins coming over S.Williams (2016 Olympics) and Kerber (2016 Beijing, 2017 Brisbane, 2017 Billie Jean King Cup), Halep (2017 WTA Finals, 2018 Rome)
- Suffered 2r exit at Dubai as No.1 seed (after 1r bye, l. Kuznetsova in 3s)
- Reached third QF of the season at Doha (as No.1 seed, l. Azarenka); also advanced to the last eight at Abu Dhabi (l. Kudermetova) and Gippsland Trophy (l. eventual champion Mertens)
- Made R16 at Australian Open (l. Pegula)

### **Career Milestones**

- Won her 14th and 15th titles in 2020, firstly at Monterrey (d. Bouzkova in F) and then Strasbourg (d. Rybakina in F); was one of just four players in 2020 to win more than one title – also Halep (3), Sabalenka (3) and Kenin (2)
- Contested her 30th consecutive major at 2020 Australian Open (streak broke by skipping 2020 US Open). Is a two-time semifinalist at Grand Slam level, at 2019 Wimbledon (l. eventual champion Halep) and 2019 US Open (l. S.Williams). Became the first woman from Ukraine to reach a major SF; on the men's, Medvedev made that stage at Roland Garros in 1993 (SF) and 1999 (R-Up)
- Highlight of 2019 was reaching the title match as defending champion at the Shiseido WTA Finals (l. Barty)
- In 2018, won 13th – and most prestigious – career title at 2018 WTA Finals (d. Stephens in F), after going 3-0 during round robin stage. Ended year ranked No.4. Also won titles at Rome (as defending champion, d. No.1 Halep in F), Dubai (as defending champion, d. Kasatkina in F) and Brisbane (d. Sasnovich in F)
- Enjoyed standout 2017, finishing year at No.6, winning a tour-leading five titles and posting second-most wins (53, behind Wozniacki with 60). Season culminated by qualifying for WTA Finals in Singapore, becoming first Ukrainian woman to qualify for the season-ending tournament in singles (fell at round robin stage with 1-2 record)
- In 2017, became first player to win three Premier 5 titles in a single season (Dubai, Rome, Toronto), since such tournaments were introduced in 2009
- One of five players to make Top 10 debut in 2017, after winning Dubai in February (also Ostapenko, Garcia, Mladenovic and Vandeweghe). Peaked in rankings at No.3 on September 11, 2017
- On four occasions could have reached World No.1 – at 2017 US Open, then needed to win 2017 Beijing (fell QF), then needed to triumph at 2017 WTA Finals (fell in group stage), or reach final at 2018 Australian Open (fell in QF)
- End to 2016 season also saw her reach first SF at Premier Mandatory level at Beijing (l. A.Radwanska) Qualified for 2016 WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai for the second time (l. Kvitova in F)
- Reached three finals in 2016, winning Kuala Lumpur (d. Bouchard in F) and R-Up at New Haven (l. A.Radwanska) and Zhuhai (l. Kvitova)
- Other 2016 season highlight was QF at Rio Olympics
- Owns two career doubles titles: 2014 Istanbul (w/Doi) and 2015 Istanbul (w/Gavrilova)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2012 Baku (lost in 1r but went on to win title there in both 2013 and 2014)

- Ukrainian Fed Cup Team, 2012-15, 2017, 2020
- Played first ITF Circuit events of career in 2008
- Junior highlights include winning 2010 Roland Garros girls' title at age 15 (d. Jabeur in F)

## **KVITOVA:**

### **Stuttgart**

- Making her eighth appearance at Porsche Tennis Grand Prix as the defending champion (d. Kontaveit in F in 2019)
- Also reached the SF here on her debut in 2012 (l. Sharapova) and 2016 (l. Kerber)
- Looking to defend a title for the third time in her career, having done so at New Haven (2014-15) and Birmingham 2017-18)
- Defeated back-to-back Top 20 ranked opponents this week, beating No.14 Brady in 1r before ousting No.19 Sakkari in 2r. Is now 4-1 vs. Top 20 ranked players in 2021 (also d. No.16 Muguruza at Doha and No.18 Konta at Miami, l. No.5 Svitolina at Miami)
- Faces No.5 Svitolina today in her second Top 10 meeting of 2021, having fallen to today's opponent at Miami. Last victory over such players came against No.1 Barty at 2020 Doha (109-98 overall record)
- Today marks her second QF of the season after lifting the trophy at Doha (d. Muguruza in F)
- One of two Czech women into the QF (also Ka.Pliskova) from five to have started in the singles main draw – also Bouzkova, Muchova and Vondrousova
- Owns five titles on clay courts – 2019 Stuttgart, Madrid in 2011, 2015 and 2018, and Prague in 2018
- Coming off 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, I. Mattek-Sands) after a knife attack in her home in Czech Republic on December 20, 2016; required extensive surgery to left hand. Won title at 2017 Birmingham only a month later
- Won two singles titles in 2016, at Wuhan and the WTA Elite Trophy in Zhuhai
- Contested Rio Olympics in August 2016, winning the singles bronze medal (l. Puig in SF, d. Keys in bronze medal play-off)
- Runner-up at 2015 WTA Finals in Singapore (l. A.Radwanska in 3s). Former champion at the season finale, which she won on her event debut in 2011 (d. Azarenka in F)
- Was first player born in 1990s to win a Grand Slam title at 2011 Wimbledon (since joined by Muguruza, Ostapenko, Stephens, Wozniacki, Halep, Osaka, Barty and Kenin)
- At 2012 Sydney was two wins from becoming No.1 (had won Wimbledon and WTA Finals in previous six months)
- Owns six wins over current World No.1s: Safina (2009 US Open), Wozniacki (2011 WTA Finals), S.Williams (2015 Madrid), Kerber (2016 Wuhan), Wozniacki (2018 Doha) and Barty (2020 Doha)
- Among active players, owns the most wins in indoor hardcourt events (77)
- Member of Czech Republic's Fed Cup winning team in 2011-12, 2014-16 and 2018
- Made pro debut on ITF Circuit in Czech Republic in 2006



## EKATERINA ALEXANDROVA (RUS #34) VS. [2] SIMONA HALEP (ROU #3)

Head-to-head: EKATERINA ALEXANDROVA leads 2-1

2019	CINCINNATI	HARD O	R32	HALEP	3-6 7-5 6-4
2019	BEIJING	HARD O	R32	ALEXANDROVA	6-2 6-3
2021	GIPPSLAND TROPHY	HARD O	QF	ALEXANDROVA	6-2 6-1

ALEXANDROVA		HALEP	
Career Prize Money	\$2,603,523	Career Prize Money	\$37,461,197
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Nov. 15, 1994 (26)	Date of Birth (Age)	Sept. 27, 1991 (29)
Singles Titles	1	Singles Titles	22
Stuttgart W-L (MD)	2-0	Stuttgart W-L (MD)	11-5
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	11-7 / 79-71	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	10-3 / 454-175
3-Set (YTD / Career)	3-2 / 23-26	3-Set (YTD / Career)	3-0 / 114-56
Clay Court (YTD / Career)	2-0 / 12-19	Clay Court (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 142-46
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-2 / 3-14	Top 5 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 13-29
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	3-3 / 7-19	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	2-1 / 105-77
Coach	Alexandrov Evgeny	Coach	Darren Cahill

### ALEXANDROVA:

#### Stuttgart

- Making main draw debut at Stuttgart
- Fell at opening hurdle of qualifying in 2019 (l. Friedsam)
- Struck nine aces to defeat Muchova in 1r to record her 10th main draw match win of the season
- Ousted No.8 seed and World No.12 Bencic in 2r – now owns 3-3 record against players in the Top 20 this season, with other wins coming against No.17 Swiatek and No.2 Halep at Gippsland Trophy
- Has now won back-to-back matches for the first time since 3r showing at this year's Australian Open (l. Barty)
- Faces No.3 Halep today in their fourth career meeting, having defeated the Romanian in their two most recent meetings at 2021 Gippsland Trophy and 2019 Beijing, both in straight sets
- Today marks her third QF of 2021, having also reached this stage or better at Gippsland Trophy (SF) and St. Petersburg (QF)
- Only Russian woman in the draw; three Russian women have won the title here - Petrova (2006), Kuznetsova (2009) and Sharapova (2012-14)
- Reached 3r at Miami (l. Svitolina)
- Made QF at St. Petersburg (l. eventual R-Up Gasparian)
- Suffered 1r losses at Lyon (l. eventual champion Tauson) and Dubai (l. Gauff)
- Advanced to 3r at Australian Open (l. World No.1 Barty)
- Made 3r in season opener, at Abu Dhabi (l. Svitolina – led 5-3 in the final set and held 2mp) before advancing to SF at Gippsland Trophy (d. No.2 Halep in QFs, l. Kanepi)

#### Career Milestones

- Opened 2020 season by lifting her maiden WTA singles title, at Shenzhen (d. Rybakina in F). Other highlights of last year included SFs at St. Petersburg and Linz
- Won both singles rubbers on Billie Jean King Cup debut in 3-2 win over Romania in February 2020

- Made Top 50 debut on June 17, 2019 after QF run at 's-Hertogenbosch
- Registered 30 Tour-level match wins during 2019, in which she reached SF at Budapest, Seoul and Linz and made QF at St. Petersburg, 's-Hertogenbosch, Eastbourne and Moscow. Also advanced to 3r at a major for the first time, at Roland Garros
- Won sole WTA doubles title at 2019 Budapest (w/Zvonareva)
- Came through qualifying to make maiden WTA final appearance at 2018 Linz (l. Giorgi)
- Advanced to first WTA QF at 2018 Seoul, scoring maiden Top 10 win of her career en route, over No.10 Ostapenko
- Made Top 100 debut at No.93 on March 20, 2017 after winning title at \$60K ITF/Shenzhen-CHN
- At 2016 Wimbledon, ranked No.223, won her way through qualifying on her maiden Slam appearance, going on to reach 2r (upset No.23 seed Ivanovic in 1r)
- Won WTA 125K Series title at Limoges in 2016, 2018-19
- Reached 2r on WTA main draw debut at 2016 Katowice (as qualifier, l. eventual R-Up Giorgi)
- Contested qualifying for the first time at a WTA-level tournament at 2014 Bad Gastein
- Played first professional events of career on ITF Circuit in Europe in 2011

## **HALEP:**

### **Stuttgart**

- Making sixth appearance in Stuttgart this week, where her best result was reaching the SF in 2017 (l. eventual champion Siegemund) and 2015 (l. Wozniacki)
- Also reached QF stage in 2018 (l. eventual R-Up Vandeweghe)
- Following a 1r bye, defeated No.20 Vondrousova in 2r for the first time in their third career meeting
- The win over Vondrousova marked her 10th victory of 2021 (10-3 overall)
- Faces No.34 Alexandrova today in their fourth career meeting. Looking to avenge her last two losses against the Russian at 2021 Gippsland Trophy and 2019 Beijing
- A loss today would mark her worst-by-ranking since falling to No.54 Swiatek at 2020 Roland Garros R16
- Aiming for her first SF since lifting the title at 2020 Rome (d. Ka.Pliskova in F via ret.)
- 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
- Comes in having been 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

## [5] ARYNA SABALENKA (BLR #7) VS. ANETT KONTAVEIT (EST #27)

Head-to-head: Sabalenka leads 3-0

2021	DUBAI	HARD	3R	SABALENKA	6-3 6-2	1H 4M
2020	DOHA	HARD	2R	SABALENKA	7-5 2-6 7-5	2H 15M
2018	WUHAN	HARD	F	SABALENKA	6-3 6-3	1H 12M

SABALENKA		KONTAVEIT	
<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$7,423,204	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$5,134,238
<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed
<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	May 5, 1998 (22)	<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	Dec. 24, 1995 (25)
<b>Singles Titles</b>	9	<b>Singles Titles</b>	1
<b>Stuttgart W-L (MD)</b>	2-0	<b>Stuttgart W-L (MD)</b>	11-3
<b>YTD / Career W-L (MD)</b>	16-5 / 142-67	<b>YTD / Career W-L (MD)</b>	12-5 / 135-104
<b>3-Set (YTD / Career)</b>	2-5 / 47-27	<b>3-Set (YTD / Career)</b>	3-2 / 46-36
<b>Tie-Break (YTD / Career)</b>	6-0 / 33-26	<b>Tie-Break (YTD / Career)</b>	1-1 / 33-32
<b>Clay Court (YTD / Career)</b>	2-0 / 17-13	<b>Clay Court (YTD / Career)</b>	2-0 / 36-23
<b>Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 12-14	<b>Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	1-2 / 12-22
<b>Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	2-3 / 27-22	<b>Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	3-2 / 21-35
<b>Coach</b>	Anton Dubrov	<b>Coach</b>	Nigel Sears

### SABALENKA:

#### Stuttgart

- Making debut appearance at Porsche Tennis Grand Prix, and scored first victory in Stuttgart with defeat of Zhang in 1r on Tuesday
- Sole Belarusian to start in this week's main draw. Best run by one of her compatriots here was Azarenka's R-Up finish in 2012 (I. Sharapova in F)
- Bidding for career first clay court title this week. All nine of her career titles have come on hard courts
- Has reached one final on clay, at 2018 Lugano (I. Mertens)
- Opening 2021 clay court swing here in Stuttgart – match vs. Zhang was first on clay since loss to Jabeur at Roland Garros in September 2020
- Has now won her last nine matches when facing players outside the Top 100 with 2r defeat over No.125 Friedsam - last tasting defeat at 2019 Wimbledon (I. No.139 Rybarikova)
- Aside from loss to No.94 Kanepi at Gippsland Trophy, all other losses in 2021 came at the hands of Top 20-ranked opponents
- Faces No.27 ranked Kontaveit for the fourth time in their careers today, having owned the Estonian thus far 3-0 in previous meetings, one of which was the 2018 Wuhan final
- With all three prior meetings taking place on hardcourt, today's matchup poses the first encounter on clay which could be the Belarusians least successful surface vs Kontaveit's strongest having reached the final here in 2019
- Competing in fourth QF of the young season, having advanced to the SF stage only once when she went on to hoist the title in Abu Dhabi to begin her 2021 campaign
- Coming off QF run at Miami (I. Barty in 3s) in what was her fourth career meeting against a reigning No.1 (previously defeated Barty at 2019 Wuhan and fell to Halep at 2018 Shenzhen and 2019 Cincinnati)
- 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. 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

### **KONTAVEIT:**

#### **Stuttgart**

- Making fourth main draw appearance at Stuttgart, where she was R-Up 2019 (l. Kvitová)
- Has also reached SF in 2018 (l. eventual champion to Ka.Pliskova)
- On debut in 2017 defeated No.6 Muguruza for career first Top 10 win en route to QF (l. Sharapova)

- Beat German teenager Middendorf in 1r on Tuesday; has now won her past eight matches with teenagers at WTA tournaments, with most recent defeat coming at the hands of Lapko, three years ago in Lugano
- Notched her 12th career win over a Top 10 player with 2r straight sets defeat of No.4 Kenin
- Takes on another Top 10 player in today's QF showdown with No.7 ranked Sabalenka
- Seeking first career victory over the Belarusian
- Aiming to defeat back-to-back Top 10 players for the first time since 2018 Rome when she reached the SF stage by defeating No.9 V.Williams and No.2 Wozniacki in R16 and QF rounds (l. No.4 Svitolina)
- Fell in 3r of Miami Open to Mertens in 3s
- Reached 3r at Dubai (l. Sabalenka) and Miami (l. Mertens)
- Produced QF run at Doha (l. eventual champion Kvitova in 3s)
- Posted 3r showing at Australian Open (l. Rogers) after reaching the Grampians Trophy final (the final was not played)
- Opened 2021 season with 1r exit at Abu Dhabi (l. Kudermetova)

### **Career Milestones**

- During an interrupted 2020, reached sixth final of career at Palermo (l. Ferro) and posted 21 match wins across the season (joint-fifth most, level with Jabeur)
- Made Grand Slam breakthrough by reaching maiden major QF at Australian Open (l. Halep), becoming the first Estonian to make the last eight at Australian Open, also the first Estonian to reach a Grand Slam QF since Kanepi at 2017 US Open
- Finished 2019 ranked No.26 despite missing final two months of the season w/viral illness
- Reached her fifth career final in 2019 at Stuttgart (l. Kvitova). Also in 2019, advanced to her first Premier Mandatory SF at Miami (l. eventual champion Barty), which propelled her to a career high ranking of No.14 (April 1, 2019)
- In 2018, season highlighted by fourth WTA singles final at Wuhan (l. Sabalenka); posted 33 main draw wins – the first time she had registered 30 or more wins in a season
- Breakthrough season came in 2017, winning first career singles title at 2017 's-Hertogenbosch (d. Vikhlyantseva in F). Also reached finals at Biel/Benne (l. Vondrousova) and Gstaad (l. Bertens)
- Broke into Top 30 for first time at No.27 following run at Gstaad (July 24, 2017)
- Posted her first career win over a reigning No.1 with defeat of Kerber at 2017 Rome
- In 2016, played main draw at all four Grand Slams for first time, but dropped out of Top 100
- Made Top 100 debut on September 14, 2015 at No.96, up from No.152. One of five teenagers in 2015 year-end Top 100
- Scored first Top 20 win of career over No.17 Errani at 2016 Monterrey (2r)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2013 Miami as WC (l. McHale, 1r)
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in 2010; owns 11 singles titles and five doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Junior highlights included winning 2011 Orange Bowl, defeating Bouchard and Putintseva en route

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## PORSCHE TENNIS GRAND PRIX – SEMIFINALS

### [1] ASHLEIGH BARTY (AUS #1) vs. [4] ELINA SVITOLINA (UKR #5)

#### *Svitolina leads 5-2*

Making her Stuttgart debut, **Barty** is bidding to become the first reigning No.1 to lift the trophy here since Henin in 2007... **Svitolina** has now reached QFs or better at five of seven tournaments in 2021

### [5] ARYNA SABALENKA (BLR #7) vs. [2] SIMONA HALEP (ROU #3)

#### *Halep leads 3-1*

**Sabalenka** is looking for the first clay court title of her career, having reached one final on the surface at 2018 Lugano... **Halep** is aiming for her first final since lifting the trophy at 2020 Rome

## A LOOK AT THE SEMIFINALISTS

PLAYER	RANK	AGE	NAT	STUTTGART (MD) W/L*	SEASON (MD) W/L*	CAREER (MD) W/L*	CAREER PRIZE \$^	CAREER TITLES
[1] Ashleigh Barty	1	24	AUS	2-0	18-3	170-68	18,330,358	10
[2] Simona Halep	3	29	ROU	12-5	11-3	455-175	37,461,197	22
[4] Elina Svitolina	5	26	UKR	3-1	17-6	298-160	20,224,621	15
[5] Aryna Sabalenka	7	22	BLR	3-0	17-5	143-67	7,423,204	9

\*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 Miami (WON)	14-8**	10-5
[2] Simona Halep	2020 Rome (WON)	38-16	22-17
[4] Elina Svitolina	2020 Strasbourg (WON)	18-20	15-3
[5] Aryna Sabalenka	2021 Abu Dhabi (WON)	13-6	9-4

\*\*not including walkovers

## POTENTIAL FINAL HEAD-TO-HEADS

	BARTY	SVITOLINA
SABALENKA	Series tied 3-3	Series tied 1-1
HALEP	Halep leads 3-1	Svitolina leads 5-4



# [1] ASHLEIGH BARTY (AUS #1) VS. [4] ELINA SVITOLINA (UKR #5)

Head-to-head: ELINA SVITOLINA leads 5-2

2019	MIAMI	HARD	O	SF	ASHLEIGH BARTY	6-3 6-3
2019	WTA FINALS	HARD	I	F	ASHLEIGH BARTY	6-4 6-4
2019	INDIAN WELLS	HARD	O	R16	ELINA SVITOLINA	7-6(8) 5-7 6-4
2018	MIAMI	HARD	O	R16	ELINA SVITOLINA	7-5 6-4
2017	BEIJING	HARD	O	R2	ELINA SVITOLINA	6-4 6-2
2017	WIMBLEDON	GRASS	O	R1	ELINA SVITOLINA	7-5 7-6(8)
2017	FED CUP	HARD	I	-	ELINA SVITOLINA	4-6 6-1 6-2

BARTY		SVITOLINA	
Career Prize Money	\$18,330,358	Career Prize Money	\$20,224,621
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	April 24, 1996 (24)	Date of Birth (Age)	Sep. 12, 1994 (26)
Singles Titles	10	Singles Titles	15
Stuttgart W-L (MD)	2-0	Stuttgart W-L (MD)	3-1
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	18-3 / 170-68	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	17-6 / 298-160
3-Set (YTD / Career)	7-1 / 54-20	3-Set (YTD / Career)	6-4 / 90-53
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	4-1 / 27-20	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	5-4 / 65-48
Clay Court (YTD / Career)	4-1 / 26-14	Clay Court (YTD / Career)	2-0 / 67-34
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	4-0 / 22-20	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	2-1 / 35-39
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	6-0 / 43-38	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	3-3 / 64-72
Coach	Craig Tyzzer	Coach	Andrew Bettles

## BARTY:

### Stuttgart

- Making tournament debut at Porsche Tennis Grand Prix
- Contesting 2021 Stuttgart at the World No.1 – the last World No.1 to win the title here was Henin in 2007 (d. Jankovic in F)
- Will remain at No.1 following the tournament; next week will be her 73rd overall at the top of the rankings (ninth on the all-time list) and 65th consecutive week
- Currently sits in second place on the Porsche Race to Shenzhen; can replace Osaka at the top of the leaderboard by winning Stuttgart title
- Owns one title on clay: 2019 Roland Garros
- Playing her 18th Tour-level event as the top seed; has won five of the previous 17, at 2018 Nottingham, 2019 WTA Finals, 2020 Adelaide, 2021 Yarra Valley Classic and 2021 Miami
- Only Australian woman in main draw; best result by an Australian here was Stosur's R-Up finish in 2010 (l. Henin)
- After 1r bye, defeated home favourite Siegemund in 2r, and improves to an 11-5 record in Tour-level matches against German opposition
- Recovered from 5-3 down in the final set to beat No.9 Ka.Pliskova in QF – twice came within two points of defeat
- Has now won her past eight matches against Top-10 opposition (4-0 in 2021 – also beaten No.8 Sabalenka, No.5 Svitolina and No.9 Andreescu en route to defending Miami title)
- Has now reached QF or better in five of her six tournaments this season (exception was 2r exit at Adelaide)

- Faces No.5 Svitolina in today's SF; owns six Top-5 wins in her career, 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) and No.5 Svitolina (2021 Miami)
- Record in WTA SF matches stands at 14-8 (1-1 on clay courts)
- Bidding to reach her 10th final since the start of 2019
- Including two wins here, has struck 140 aces this season, the joint-most on Tour (level with Kudermetova)
- Is also through to doubles SF here (face Heisen/Y.Wang later today on Court 1); the last player to sweep singles and doubles titles here was Davenport in 2001
- Coming off QF run at Charleston (l. No.71 Badosa)
- 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, 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 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

## SVITOLINA:

### Stuttgart

- Appearing at the Porsche Arena for only the second time
- Made QF on only previous visit to Stuttgart in 2018 (l. Garcia)
- Sole player from Ukraine in the singles main draw
- Owns 15 WTA singles titles, five of which have come on clay: 2015 Marakech, 2017 Istanbul, 2017-2018 Rome and 2020 Strasbourg
- After 1r bye, defeated two-time Stuttgart champion Kerber in 2r; it was their 14th career meeting, having first met back in 2013 – now leads head-to-head 9-5
- Has now reached QF or better five times in seven tournaments this season; also reached this stage at Abu Dhabi (QF), Gippsland Trophy (QF), Doha (QF) and Miami (SF)
- Recovered from 7-6(4) 5-2 down to beat Kvitova in QF, saving 2MP along the way; has now won her last three meetings with the Czech (although trails the overall head-to-head 7-4)
- Improved record against Top-10 ranked opponents this season to 2-1, having also defeated No.10 Kvitova at Miami and fallen to No.1 Barty at Miami
- Faces No.1 Barty in today's SF; owns 6-5 record against reigning World No.1s, with wins coming over S.Williams (2016 Olympics) and Kerber (2016 Beijing, 2017 Brisbane, 2017 Billie Jean King Cup), Halep (2017 WTA Finals, 2018 Rome)
- Has amassed a 18-20 career record in WTA SF matches (5-3 on clay courts)
- Looking to reach first final outside WTA 250 events since R-Up finish to Barty at 2019 WTA Finals in Shenzhen
- Will rise to No.4 in the rankings by reaching the final (the highest she can go this week)
- By reaching SF will move to eighth place on the Porsche Race to Shenzhen; can leapfrog Kudermetova in fifth position should she win Stuttgart title
- Coming off helping Ukraine reach the Billie Jean King Cup qualifiers after 4-0 victory over Japan last weekend (d. Naito and Muramatsu in singles)
- Enjoyed SF run at Miami (l. No.1 and eventual champion Barty)
- Suffered 2r exit at Dubai as No.1 seed (after 1r bye, l. Kuznetsova in 3s)
- Reached third QF of the season at Doha (as No.1 seed, l. Azarenka); also advanced to the last eight at Abu Dhabi (l. Kudermetova) and Gippsland Trophy (l. eventual champion Mertens)
- Made R16 at Australian Open (l. Pegula)

**Career Milestones**

- Won her 14th and 15th titles in 2020, firstly at Monterrey (d. Bouzkova in F) and then Strasbourg (d. Rybakina in F); was one of just four players in 2020 to win more than one title – also Halep (3), Sabalenka (3) and Kenin (2)
- Contested her 30th consecutive major at 2020 Australian Open (streak broke by skipping 2020 US Open). Is a two-time semifinalist at Grand Slam level, at 2019 Wimbledon (l. eventual champion Halep) and 2019 US Open (l. S.Williams). Became the first woman from Ukraine to reach a major SF; on the men's, Medvedev made that stage at Roland Garros in 1993 (SF) and 1999 (R-Up)
- Highlight of 2019 was reaching the title match as defending champion at the Shiseido WTA Finals (l. Barty)
- In 2018, won 13th – and most prestigious – career title at 2018 WTA Finals (d. Stephens in F), after going 3-0 during round robin stage. Ended year ranked No.4. Also won titles at Rome (as defending champion, d. No.1 Halep in F), Dubai (as defending champion, d. Kasatkina in F) and Brisbane (d. Sasnovich in F)
- Enjoyed standout 2017, finishing year at No.6, winning a tour-leading five titles and posting second-most wins (53, behind Wozniacki with 60). Season culminated by qualifying for WTA Finals in Singapore, becoming first Ukrainian woman to qualify for the season-ending tournament in singles (fell at round robin stage with 1-2 record)
- In 2017, became first player to win three Premier 5 titles in a single season (Dubai, Rome, Toronto), since such tournaments were introduced in 2009
- One of five players to make Top 10 debut in 2017, after winning Dubai in February (also Ostapenko, Garcia, Mladenovic and Vandeweghe). Peaked in rankings at No.3 on September 11, 2017
- On four occasions could have reached World No.1 – at 2017 US Open, then needed to win 2017 Beijing (fell QF), then needed to triumph at 2017 WTA Finals (fell in group stage), or reach final at 2018 Australian Open (fell in QF)
- End to 2016 season also saw her reach first SF at Premier Mandatory level at Beijing (l. A.Radwanska) Qualified for 2016 WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai for the second time (l. Kvitova in F)
- Reached three finals in 2016, winning Kuala Lumpur (d. Bouchard in F) and R-Up at New Haven (l. A.Radwanska) and Zhuhai (l. Kvitova)
- Other 2016 season highlight was QF at Rio Olympics
- Owns two career doubles titles: 2014 Istanbul (w/Doi) and 2015 Istanbul (w/Gavrilova)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2012 Baku (lost in 1r but went on to win title there in both 2013 and 2014)
- Ukrainian Fed Cup Team, 2012-15, 2017, 2020
- Played first ITF Circuit events of career in 2008
- Junior highlights include winning 2010 Roland Garros girls' title at age 15 (d. Jabeur in F)

## [5] ARYNA SABALENKA (BLR #7) VS. [2] SIMONA HALEP (ROU #3)

Head-to-head: SIMONA HALEP leads 2-1

2018	SHENZHEN	HARD O	QF	SIMONA HALEP	6-2 6-2
2018	CINCINNATI	HARD O	SF	SIMONA HALEP	6-3 6-4
2020	ADELAIDE	HARD O	QF	ARYNA SABALENKA	6-4 6-2
2020	DUBAI	HARD O	QF	SIMONA HALEP	3-6 6-2 6-2

SABALENKA		HALEP	
Career Prize Money	\$7,423,204	Career Prize Money	\$37,461,197
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	May 5, 1998 (22)	Date of Birth (Age)	Sept. 27, 1991 (29)
Singles Titles	9	Singles Titles	22
Stuttgart W-L (MD)	3-0	Stuttgart W-L (MD)	12-5
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	17-5 / 143-67	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	11-3 / 455-175
3-Set (YTD / Career)	3-5 / 48-27	3-Set (YTD / Career)	3-0 / 114-56
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	6-0 / 33-26	Clay Court (YTD / Career)	2-0 / 143-46
Clay Court (YTD / Career)	3-0 / 18-13	Top 5 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 13-29
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 12-14	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	2-1 / 105-77
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	2-3 / 27-22	Coach	Darren Cahill

### SABALENKA:

#### Stuttgart

- Making debut appearance at Porsche Tennis Grand Prix, and scored first victory in Stuttgart with defeat of Zhang in 1r on Tuesday
- Sole Belarusian to start in this week's main draw. Best run by one of her compatriots here was Azarenka's R-Up finish in 2012 (I. Sharapova in F)
- Bidding for career first clay court title this week. All nine of her career titles have come on hard courts
- Has reached one final on clay, at 2018 Lugano (I. Mertens)
- Opening 2021 clay court swing here in Stuttgart – match vs. Zhang was first on clay since loss to Jabeur at Roland Garros in September 2020
- Has now won her last nine matches when facing players outside the Top 100 with 2r defeat over No.125 Friedsam - last tasting defeat at 2019 Wimbledon (I. No.139 Rybarikova)
- Aside from loss to No.94 Kanepi at Gippsland Trophy, all other losses in 2021 came at the hands of Top 20-ranked opponents
- Saved 15 break points to defeat No.27 Kontaveit and improve her record against the Estonian to 4-0, one of which was the 2018 Wuhan final
- In her second SF of the season, faces World No.2 Halep. Hopes to improve 1-3 record vs. the Romanian, with sole win coming in straight sets at 2020 Adelaide
- With all four prior meetings taking place on hardcourt, today's matchup poses the first encounter on clay which could be the Belarusians least successful surface vs Halep's strongest having lifted nine titles on clay courts
- Will need to win the title in order to improve on her current ranking of No.7. With the win, she would move to No.6, overtaking Andreescu
- In only other SF of the season, went on to hoist the title in Abu Dhabi
- Coming off QF run at Miami (I. Barty in 3s) in what was her fourth career meeting against a reigning No.1 (previously defeated Barty at 2019 Wuhan and fell to Halep at 2018 Shenzhen and 2019 Cincinnati)

- 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. 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



## **HALEP:**

### **Stuttgart**

- Making sixth appearance in Stuttgart this week, where she matches her best result, having also reached the SF in 2017 (l. eventual champion Siegemund) and 2015 (l. Wozniacki)
- Reached QF stage in 2018 (l. eventual R-Up Vandeweghe)
- Following a 1r bye, defeated No.20 Vondrousova in 2r for the first time in their third career meeting
- The win over Vondrousova marked her 10th victory of 2021
- Defeated No.34 Alexandrova in straight sets during the QFs to avenge her last two losses against the Russian at 2021 Gippsland Trophy and 2019 Beijing
- Today, faces No.7 Sabalenka for the fourth meeting of their careers. Has defeated the Belarusian on three occasions, including their most recent encounter at 2020 Dubai
- Aiming for her first final since lifting the title at 2020 Rome (d. Ka.Pliskova in F via ret.)
- As her ranking will stay the same regardless of the outcome of the tournament, Halep extends her streak in the Top 10 to 359 consecutive weeks
- 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
- Comes in having been 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



**MATCH NOTES: PORSCHE TENNIS GRAND PRIX**

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- 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

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## PORSCHE TENNIS GRAND PRIX – FINAL

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

#### Series tied 3-3

**Ashleigh Barty** celebrated her 25th birthday on Saturday with a comeback victory over No.5 Svitolina to reach her second career final on clay following 2019 Roland Garros. She is bidding to become the first reigning WTA World No.1 to lift the trophy here since Justine Henin in 2007 and the first to sweep both the singles and doubles titles at Stuttgart since Lindsay Davenport in 2001...

**Aryna Sabalenka** is aiming for her 10th career WTA singles title today, and her first on clay. The Belarusian owns a 9-4 record in singles finals and has won her last six, starting from 2019 Wuhan to most recently at the 2021 season opener at Abu Dhabi. Today marks her fifth career meeting vs. a reigning World No.1, with her sole win vs. such players coming over today's opponent at 2019 Wuhan

### A LOOK AT THE FINALISTS

PLAYER	RANK	AGE	NAT	STUTTGART (MD) W/L*	SEASON (MD) W/L*	CAREER (MD) W/L*	CAREER PRIZE \$^	CAREER TITLES
[1] Ashleigh Barty	1	25	AUS	3-0	19-3	171-68	18,330,358	10
[5] Aryna Sabalenka	7	22	BLR	4-0	18-5	144-67	7,423,204	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 Miami (WON)	10-5
[5] Aryna Sabalenka	2021 Abu Dhabi (WON)	9-4

### ROAD TO THE FINAL

BARTY			SABALENKA	
BYE		First Round	Zhang Shuai (CHN #40)	6-2 6-2
Laura Siegemund (GER #58)	6-0 7-5	Second Round	[Q] Anna-Lena Friedsam (GER #125)	6-4 6-2
Karolina Pliskova (CZE #9)	2-6 6-1 7-5	Quarterfinals	Anett Kontaveit (EST #27)	7-5 4-6 6-1
Elina Svitolina (UKR #5)	4-6 7-6(5) 6-2	Semifinals	[2] Simona Halep (ROU #3)	6-3 6-2

Total time on court: 5h 32m

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

Head-to-head: Series tied 3-3

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	R128	ASHLEIGH BARTY	6-7(2) 64 64

BARTY		SABALENKA	
Career Prize Money	\$18,330,358	Career Prize Money	\$7,423,204
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	April 24, 1996 (25)	Date of Birth (Age)	May 5, 1998 (22)
Singles Titles	10	Singles Titles	9
Stuttgart W-L (MD)	3-0	Stuttgart W-L (MD)	4-0
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	19-3 / 171-68	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	18-5 / 144-67
3-Set (YTD / Career)	8-1 / 55-20	3-Set (YTD / Career)	3-5 / 48-27
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	5-1 / 28-20	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	6-0 / 33-26
Clay Court (YTD / Career)	5-1 / 27-14	Clay Court (YTD / Career)	4-0 / 19-13
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	5-0 / 23-20	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 13-14
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	7-0 / 44-38	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	3-4 / 28-22
Coach	Craig Tytzer	Coach	Anton Dubrov

## BARTY:

### Stuttgart

- Making tournament debut at Porsche Tennis Grand Prix
- Contesting 2021 Stuttgart at the World No.1 – the last World No.1 to win the title here was Henin in 2007 (d. Jankovic in F)
- Will remain at No.1 following the tournament; next week will be her 73rd overall at the top of the rankings (ninth on the all-time list) and 65th consecutive week
- Currently sits in second place on the Porsche Race to Shenzhen; can replace Osaka at the top of the leaderboard by winning Stuttgart title
- Owns one title on clay: 2019 Roland Garros
- Playing her 18th Tour-level event as the top seed; has won five of the previous 17, at 2018 Nottingham, 2019 WTA Finals, 2020 Adelaide, 2021 Yarra Valley Classic and 2021 Miami
- Only Australian woman in main draw; best result by an Australian here was Stosur's R-Up finish in 2010 (l. Henin)
- After 1r bye, defeated home favourite Siegemund in 2r, and improves to an 11-5 record in Tour-level matches against German opposition
- Recovered from 5-3 down in the final set to beat No.9 Ka.Pliskova in QF – twice came within two points of defeat
- On her 25th birthday on Saturday, completed comeback win over No.5 Svitolina in SF 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 nine matches against Top-10 opposition (5-0 in 2021 – also beaten No.8 Sabalenka, No.5 Svitolina and No.9 Andreescu en route to defending Miami title)
- Record in WTA SF matches improves to 15-8 (2-1 on clay courts)

- Has now reached her 10th final since the start of 2019
- Including three wins here, has struck 141 aces this season, the second-most on Tour (behind Kudermetova with 142)
- Faces No.7 Sabalenka today in their seventh career meeting, most recently defeating the Belarusian en route to defending her title at Miami last month. Aiming for her 20th win of the season with a victory today (19-3 overall)
- Owns 10-5 record in Tour-level finals (1-0 on clay court finals, having captured the 2019 Roland Garros trophy)
- Is also through to doubles final here (w/Brady, face Mattek-Sands/Krawczyk later today); the last player to sweep singles and doubles titles here was Davenport in 2001
- Coming off QF run at Charleston (l. No.71 Badosa)
- 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, 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 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:**

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- By winning the final, can move to No.6 in the WTA Rankings, overtaking Andreescu
- Faces No.1 Barty today in their seventh career meeting (3-3 record). Owns 1-3 career record against reigning No.1s (previously defeated Barty at 2019 Wuhan and fell to Halep at 2018 Shenzhen and 2018 Cincinnati, and Barty at 2021 Miami)
- Holds 9-4 record in Tour-level finals, winning her last six finals at 2019 Wuhan and Zhuhai, 2020 Doha, Ostrava and Linz, and 2021 Abu Dhabi
- Coming off QF run at Miami (I. Barty in 3s)
- 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 (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. Krejciakova/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 (I. Mertens) and Eastbourne (I. 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 (I. Sharapova). Also in 2017 made SF run at Tashkent (I. 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, I. Witthoeft)
- Fell 1r on main draw debut at 2017 Dubai (as qualifier, I. 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