



# MATCH NOTES

VIKING CLASSIC BIRMINGHAM - BIRMINGHAM,  
GREAT BRITAIN

2021-06-14 - 2021-06-20 | \$ 235,238



**2**  
WIN

**2**  
MATCHES  
PLAYED

**0**  
WIN



**35**

**DARIA  
KASATKINA**  
RUSSIA

**ONS  
JABEUR**  
TUNISIA

**24**

1997-05-07	<b>Date of Birth</b>	1994-08-28
Togliatty, Russia	<b>Residence</b>	Tunis, Tunisia
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 7" (1.70 m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 6" (1.67 m)
10	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	24
\$6,803,191	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$3,099,843
\$413,741	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$534,048
3 / 5	<b>Singles Titles YTD / Career</b>	0 / 0
29-22	<b>Grand Slam W-L (best)</b>	20-17
4-0 / 5-1 (Round of 16: 2018)	<b>YTD / Career BIRMINGHAM W-L (best)</b>	4-0 / 4-0
24-9 / 156-115	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	27-10 / 87-83
4-0 / 14-8	<b>YTD / Career Grass W-L</b>	4-0 / 10-7
11-2 / 59-38	<b>YTD / Career 3-Set W-L</b>	9-3 / 28-33
2-2 / 27-24	<b>YTD / Career TB W-L</b>	5-0 / 22-23
Champion: St. Petersburg, Phillip Island Trophy	<b>YTD Best Result</b>	R-Up: MUSC Health Women's Open



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## HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2018	MOSCOW	HARD	F	Daria Kasatkina	2-6 7-6(3) 6-4	2h 3m
2016	OLYMPICS	HARD	1r	Daria Kasatkina	3-6 7-6(4) 6-1	-

## RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
35	-	<b>2021</b>	24	-
66	71	<b>2020</b>	31	31
10	69	<b>2019</b>	51	77
10	10	<b>2018</b>	62	62
24	24	<b>2017</b>	83	88
24	27	<b>2016</b>	170	193
71	72	<b>2015</b>	118	210
370	370	<b>2014</b>	133	146
-	-	<b>2013</b>	139	139
-	-	<b>2012</b>	263	264



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

SF: d. C. VANDEWEGHE (#203) 6-2 6-4 (1h 16m)  
QF: d. T. MARTINCOVA (#90) 6-4 2-6 6-0 (1h 44m)  
2r: d. M. KOSTYUK (#65) 6-2 7-5 (1h 23m)  
1r: d. P. HERCOG (#73) 4-6 6-3 6-3 (2h 12m)

*Total time on court: 6h 35m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making second appearance at Birmingham, where she fell 2r on her previous visit in 2018
- Has beaten Polona Hercog, Marta Kostyuk, Tereza Martincova and Coco Vandeweghe so far this week to reach her third final of the season
- These are her first grass court wins since QF run at 2018 Wimbledon
- Faces No.24 Ons Jabeur in today's final; owns 75 wins in career over Top 50 players, including eight this season
- Came from behind to beat Jabeur in their two career meetings, having trailed 6-3 3-1 in 1r at 2016 Olympics and 6-2 4-1 in the final at 2018 Moscow [Kremlin Cup]
- Record against seeded players this season stands at 8-3
- Record in WTA finals stands at 4-3
- Having already triumphed at the Phillip Island Trophy and St. Petersburg, is bidding to join Barty (Yarra Valley Classic, Miami, Stuttgart) as the only players on Tour to claim three titles this season
- Prior to this week, best career result on grass were QF appearances in 2018 at first Eastbourne and then Wimbledon
- Last remaining of three Russians in the starting field (also Diatchenko - 1r and Potapova - QF)
- Two Russian women have won Birmingham title: Vera Zvonareva (2006) and Maria Sharapova (2004-05)
- Is the first Russian woman to reach final here since Sharapova in 2010 (L. Li)
- Is currently ranked No.35 - her highest position since July 2019
- Is currently on a 4-match winning streak; longest winning streak of her career was 7 matches in 2021
- Has won 24 matches so far in 2021; this is more than her combined total for wins across 2019 and 2020

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

SF: d. H. WATSON (#70) 6-3 6-3 (1h 12m)  
QF: d. A. POTAPOVA (#82) 6-4 6-0 (56m)  
2r: d. L. FERNANDEZ (#66) 6-4 3-6 7-6 (2h 5m)  
1r: d. C. MCNALLY (#111) 6-4 6-2 (1h 9m)

*Total time on court: 5h 22m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making tournament debut in Birmingham
- Has beaten Catherine McNally, Leylah Fernandez, Anastasia Potapova and Heather Watson so far this week; now owns 27-10 record this season, the second most wins of any player on Tour, level with Sabalenka and behind Barty on 28
- Two of these wins came yesterday, a busy day which culminated in rallying from 6-3 5-0 down and saving five match points alongside Perez to beat top seeds, Mertens and Hsieh in the doubles SF
- Is bidding to become the fourth woman this season to sweep both singles and doubles titles at the same tournament (also Barty at Stuttgart, Gauff at Parma and Krejčíková at Roland Garros)
- Faces No.35 Daria Kasatkina in today's final; bidding for maiden WTA title, having previously finished R-Up at 2018 Moscow (L. Kasatkina, having led 6-2 4-1) and 2021 Charleston 250 (L. Sharma in 3s)
- Owns 33 wins in career over Top 50 players, including six this season
- Owns 9-7 career record against players from Russia in main draw matches, while is 4-0 in 2021 (d. Pavlyuchenkova at Abu Dhabi, Blinkova at Grampians Trophy and Doha, and Potapova at Birmingham)
- Bidding to become the ninth first-time title winner on Tour this season, following on from Tauson (Lyon), Sorribes Tormo (Guadalajara), Fernandez (Monterrey), Kudrmetova (Charleston), Sharma (Charleston 250), Osorio Serrano (Bogotá), Badosa (Belgrade) and Krejčíková (Strasbourg)
- Prior to this week, best career result on grass was SF run at 2019 Eastbourne. Also won her biggest career title on the surface, triumphing at \$100k ITF/Manchester-GBR in 2018
- Is currently ranked at a career-high No.24 (first set on May 10, 2021)



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2018	Result	Rank: 14	Seed: 6
2r	L	L. TSURENKO (#37) 1-6 6-3 6-3	
1r	W	K. PLISKOVA (#74) 3-6 7-5 6-4	

- Making her tournament debut in main draw singles



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## SEASON 2021 HISTORY

- Advanced to 3r at Roland Garros (l. Cirstea)
- Opened clay court season with 2r showings at Istanbul (l. Kostyuk) and then Madrid (l. Sabalenka), before falling 1r at Rome (l. Pegula) and 2r at Parma (l. Stephens)
- Lifted fourth career title at St. Petersburg (d. Gasparyan in F)
- Suffered 1r exit at Dubai (l. Cornet)
- Won title at Phillip Island Trophy (d. Bouzkova in F); was first final since winning the 2018 Moscow title (d. Jabeur in F), which helped propel her into the WTA Top 10 for the first time in her career on October 22, 2018
- Posted 3r at Gippsland Trophy (l. eventual R-Up Kanepi) and 2r exit at Australian Open (l. Sabalenka)
- Began 2021 season with 3r showing at Abu Dhabi (l. Rybakina)
- Produced 3r showing at Madrid (l. Bencic via ret. w/leg injury) before reaching R16 at Roland Garros (l. Gauff)
- Opened clay court season in Charleston, advancing to SF at Volvo Car Open (l. Kovinic) and then finishing R-Up at the following week's MUSC Health Women's Open (l. Sharma)
- Posted R16 showing at Miami (l. Sorribes Tormo). Upset No.4 Kenin in 3r – now owns a 3-5 record vs. Top-5 ranked players, with other wins coming over No.1 Halep (2018 Beijing via ret.) and No.3 Ka.Pliskova (2020 Doha)
- Made 3r at Dubai (l. Teichmann); defeated No.23 Rybakina in 2r to notch her best win by ranking since ousting No.12 Sabalenka at 2020 Roland Garros
- Suffered 2r exit at Doha (l. Ka.Pliskova)
- Reached 3r at Australian Open (l. eventual champion Osaka)
- Opened 2021 with 3r at Abu Dhabi (l. eventual champion Sabalenka), then fell 2r at Grampians Trophy (l. Kerber)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
62	33	<b>Aces</b>	169	4
65%	84	<b>First serve %</b>	54%	227
63%	77	<b>First Serve points won %</b>	69%	15
44%	121	<b>Second serve points won %</b>	50%	21
57%	72	<b>Overall service points won %</b>	60%	13
60%	120	<b>Service games won %</b>	68%	46
50%	152	<b>Break points saved %</b>	51%	128
42%	20	<b>First serve return points won %</b>	39%	54
60%	24	<b>Second serve return points won %</b>	55%	95
53%	36	<b>Break points converted %</b>	46%	93
47%	7	<b>Return games won %</b>	39%	53
49%	9	<b>Return points won %</b>	45%	51

- Best win by ranking: No.11 vs Bencic in ROLAND-GARROS 2r
- Longest match: 3h 1m vs Begu in MADRID 1r
- Best win by ranking: No.4 vs Kenin in MIAMI 3r
- Longest match: 2h 40m vs Cornet in CHARLESTON 3r



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## TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (4)

2021 - ST. PETERSBURG, MELBOURNE 250

2018 - MOSCOW

2017 - CHARLESTON

Runner-Up (3)

2018 - INDIAN WELLS, DUBAI

2017 - MOSCOW

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (1)

2015 - MOSCOW (w/Vesnina)

Runner-Up (2)

2017 - TOKYO (w/Gavrilova)

2016 - MOSCOW (w/Gavrilova)

### SINGLES FINALS

Runner-Up (2)

2021 - CHARLESTON 250

2018 - MOSCOW

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
2r	3r			<b>2021</b>	3r	4r		
1r	2r		1r	<b>2020</b>	QF	4r		3r
1r	2r	1r	1r	<b>2019</b>	1r	1r	1r	3r
2r	QF	QF	2r	<b>2018</b>	1r		2r	1r
1r	3r	2r	4r	<b>2017</b>		3r	1r	2r
3r	3r	3r	1r	<b>2016</b>				
			3r	<b>2015</b>	1r			
				<b>2014</b>				1r



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- Highlight of truncated 2020 season was SF showing at Lyon (l. Friedsam) – her first run to the last four at a WTA event since lifting title at 2018 Moscow [Kremlin Cup]
- Won consecutive matches only twice in difficult 2019 campaign, with best result a QF run at Premier Mandatory China Open (l. Wozniacki)
- Ended 2018 season by lifting her second WTA singles title at Moscow [Kremlin Cup]. Recovered from a set and 6-2 4-1 down to defeat Jabeur in final; broke into Top 10 following the tournament, on October 22, 2018
- Knocked out No.2 seed Wozniacki en route to her first Grand Slam QF, at 2018 Roland Garros
- Reached biggest final of career at 2018 Indian Wells (l. Osaka), having upset No.2 Wozniacki, No.10 Kerber and No.8 V.Williams along the way
- Made Top 20 debut on February 26, 2018, following R-Up finish at Dubai (d. No.3 Muguruza, l. Svitolina)
- Upset No.1 Wozniacki during SF run at 2018 St. Petersburg; having also beaten Kerber at 2017 Sydney, is one of six players in WTA history to have multiple wins over World No.1s before their 21st birthday, also V.Williams (9), S. Williams (8), Sharapova (4) Kenin (2) and Kuznetsova (2)
- Captured maiden WTA singles title in debut final at 2017 Charleston, defeating fellow teenager Ostapenko in F – the first all-teenage final on tour since 2009 Linz (Wickmayer d. Kvitova)
- Ended 2016 as the highest-ranked teenager on tour, at No.27, after a campaign in which she reached a second career WTA SF, at St. Petersburg and made QF stage at Indian Wells, Charleston, Montréal, Rio Olympics and Moscow Made Top 50 debut on February 15, 2016, following St. Petersburg run
- Upset No.7 V.Williams in opening match of 2016 season at Auckland to register the first Top 10 win of her career
- Made Billie Jean King Cup debut in World Group quarter-final defeat to Netherlands in 2016. Has also represented Russia in the competition in 2017 and 2019 and at 2016 Olympics
- Reached first WTA SF at 2015 Moscow (as qualifier, l. Pavlyuchenkova, having recorded first Top 20 win over No.14 Suárez Navarro in QF); following the tournament made Top 100 debut at No.73 (October 26, 2015)
- Reached 3r at 2015 US Open (as LL, l. Mladenovic) on Grand Slam debut (main draw and qualifying). Earlier in summer of 2015, won back-to-back matches for first time at a WTA
- Reached maiden Grand Slam QF at 2020 Australian Open to become the first Arab woman to reach that stage at a major (l. eventual champion Kenin); made Top 50 debut at No.45 after breakthrough performance in Melbourne
- Made further QFs in 2020 at Doha (d. No.3 Ka.Pliskova, l. Kvitova), Lexington (l. Gauff), Western & Southern Open (l. eventual champion Azarenka) and Ostrava (l. Sakkari); posted career-high ranking of No.31 on August 31, 2020
- Season highlights in 2019 were matching best result at the Slams with 3r run at US Open (matching 2017 Roland Garros and now 2020 Australian Open) and SF appearances at Eastbourne (l. eventual R-Up Kerber) and Tianjin (l. eventual champion Peterson)
- In 2018, defeated No.3 seed Stephens, No.8 seed Kontaveit and No.5 seed Sevastova en route to her first WTA final at 2018 Moscow, where she fell in three sets to No.6 seed Kasatkina. Was first Tunisian woman to advance beyond QF at a WTA tournament (Sfar was the only other Tunisian to reach a QF at this level)
- Prior to 2018 Moscow, best tour-level results were QF runs at 2013 Baku, 2017 Taipei City and 2018 Bucharest
- Owns four Top 10 victories, over No.7 Cibulkova (2017 Roland Garros), No.1 Halep (2018 Beijing), No.8 Stephens (2018 Moscow) and No.3 Ka.Pliskova (2020 Doha)
- Member of Tunisian Olympic Team in 2012 and 2016
- Contested first two WTA main draws in 2012, at Doha (as WC) and Olympics
- On ITF Circuit, has 11 singles and one doubles title
- Played first event of career at 2008 ITF/El Menzah-TUN
- Became first North African woman to win a junior Slam at 2011 Roland Garros (d. Puig in F), having also reached the final in 2010 (l. Svitolina in F)

tournament during QF run at Bad Gastein (as qualifier, l. Errani)

- Also in 2015, won maiden WTA doubles title at 2015 Moscow (w/Vesnina), lifted five singles titles on ITF Circuit and was nominated for WTA Newcomer of the Year in 2015
- Fell 1r on WTA main draw debut at 2014 Moscow (as WC, l. Riske)
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2013 Moscow

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Currently coached by Carlos Martinez, formerly with Philippe Dehaes
- Parents are Sergey and Tatiana; brother is Aleksandr, who also serves as her fitness trainer; introduced to tennis by brother at age 6
- Baselineer whose favorite surface is clay; favorite shot is forehand
- Loves soccer (favorite team is FC Barcelona)
- Best tennis memory is winning Roland Garros juniors and 2015 US Open run

- Currently coached by Issam Jellali; fitness trainer is Karim Kammoun
- Mother's name is Samira; father's name is Ridha; has two brothers (Hatem and Marwen) and one sister (Yasmine)
- Started playing tennis at age 3; mother loved playing tennis and would take her with her to tennis club
- Favorite shots are forehand and volleys , likes slice and drop shots; likes all surfaces
- Speaks Arabic, English and French; learning Russian because husband is half-Russian
- Best tennis memory is winning Roland Garros juniors in 2011 (had operation on left wrist in November 2010 and missed five months, and was only her third or fourth event back)
- Favorite tournament is Roland Garros
- Player most admired is Andy Roddick for his serve and humor
- Supports Real Madrid and Juventus