



PREVIEW NOTES: OPEN 6ÈME SENS MÉTROPOLE DE LYON

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OPEN 6ÈME SENS MÉTROPOLE DE LYON – QUICK FACTS

Main Draw Dates: March 1-7, 2021
Singles Final: Sunday, March 7, NB 3:30pm
Doubles Final: Sunday, March 7, 1pm (TBC)
Venue: Halle Tony Garnier
Status: WTA 250
Staging: Tournament's second year
Draw sizes: 32 singles / 16 doubles teams / 24 singles qualifying
Surface: Greenset / Indoors
Total Prize Money: €235,238
Tennis Ball: Head Tour Regular Duty
2020 Singles Final: [1] Sofia Kenin (USA #5) d. Anna-Lena Friedsam (GER #136) 6-2 4-6 6-4
2020 Doubles Final: L. Paar/Wachaczyk (ROU/GER) d. L. Pattinama Kerkhove/B. Schoofs (NED/NED) 7-5 6-4

SINGLES	€	RANK POINTS
Winner	23,548	280
Runner-Up	13,224	180
Semifinalist	8,145	110
Quarterfinalist	4,677	60
Round of 16	2,963	30
Round of 32	2,157	1

DOUBLES	€	RANK POINTS
Winner	8,306	280
Runner-Up	4,838	180
Semifinalist	3,064	110
Quarterfinalist	1,854	60
Round of 16	1,412	1

MAIN DRAW QUICK-HITS

Seeds: Ekaterina Alexandrova, Fiona Ferro, Caroline Garcia, Kristina Mladenovic, Alizé Cornet, Sorana Cirstea, Paula Badosa, Arantxa Rus

Wildcards: Eugenie Bouchard, Clara Burel, Harmony Tan

Qualifiers: Magdalena Frech, Margarita Gasparyan, Giulia Gatto-Monticone, Viktorija Golubic, Tereza Martincova, Clara Tauson

Most career WTA singles titles: Caroline Garcia (seven)

Prize money leader: Kristina Mladenovic (\$11,141,390)

Youngest singles player: Clara Tauson, 18 years old (December 1, 2002)

Oldest singles player: Mihaela Buzarnescu, 32 years old (May 4, 1988)

TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS

- Seven French women line up for the second edition of the Open 6ème Sens Métropole de Lyon, including former Top 10 players **Caroline Garcia** and **Kristina Mladenovic**.
- **Garcia**, the No.3 seed, begins her campaign with an all-French tussle against **Océane Dodin**, while No.4 seed **Mladenovic** takes on **Mihaela Buzarnescu**.
- Headlining the field, though, are No.1 seed **Ekaterina Alexandrova** and No.2 seed and French No.1 **Fiona Ferro**, who take on qualifiers **Clara Tauson** and **Magdalena Frech**, respectively, in the first round.
- **Alexandrova** has started the season in fine form, upsetting Iga Swiatek and Simona Halep en route to the semifinals of the Gippsland Trophy and reaching the third round on her other two outings, at the Australian Open and Abu Dhabi. Helping her cause has been a Tour-leading tally of 73 aces in 10 matches.
- *One to Watch* – **Clara Tauson**. Despite only turning 18 in December, Tauson's steady ascent up the WTA rankings suggests that Danish tennis may well have a worthy successor to Caroline Wozniacki sooner rather than later. Like Wozniacki, Tauson was a decorated junior, lifting the Australian Open girls' singles in 2019. The following year she began to make her mark in the senior ranks, upsetting Jennifer Brady on her Grand Slam debut at Roland Garros and lifting a couple of titles on the ITF Circuit. She has added to this tally already in 2021, arriving in Lyon fresh from her triumph at the W25 event in Altenkirchen, Germany in late February.

COUNTRY BREAKDOWN

A total of 18 countries are represented in the main draw, led by home nation France with seven players:

Belgium (1)	Greet Minnen
Belarus (2)	Vera Lapko, Aliaksandra Sasnovich
Canada (1)	Eugenie Bouchard
China (1)	Wang Xiyu
Czech Republic (1)	Tereza Martincova
Denmark (1)	Clara Tauson
France (7)	Clara Burel, Alizé Cornet, Océane Dodin, Fiona Ferro, Caroline Garcia, Kristina Mladenovic, Harmony Tan
Hungary (1)	Timea Babos
Italy (2)	Giulia Gatto-Monticone, Camila Giorgi
Netherlands (1)	Arantxa Rus
Poland (2)	Magdalena Frech, Katarzyna Kawa
Romania (3)	Irina Bara, Mihaela Buzarnescu, Sorana Cirstea
Russia (3)	Ekaterina Alexandrova, Margarita Gasparyan, Varvara Gracheva
Serbia (1)	Nina Stojanovic
Switzerland (2)	Viktorija Golubic, Stefanie Voegelé
Slovakia (1)	Viktoria Kuzmova
Spain (1)	Paula Badosa
Ukraine (1)	Katarina Zavatska

THIS SEASON'S WTA TOUR FINALS

Week of	Level	Tournament	Singles Final	Doubles Final
January 6	WTA 500	Abu Dhabi, UAE	[4] Sabalenka d. Kudrmetova 62 62	Aoyama/Shibahara d. Carter/Stefani
January 31	WTA 500	Yarra Valley Classic, AUS	[1] Barty d. [6] Muguruza 76(3) 64	Aoyama/Shibahara d. Kalinskaya/Kuzmova
	WTA 500	Gippsland Trophy, AUS	[7] Mertens d. Kanepi 64 61	Krejciakova/Siniakova d. Chan/Chan
	WTA 500	Grampians Trophy, AUS	[6] Kontaveit/Li (final not played due to scheduling)	
February 8	GS	Australian Open, AUS	[3] Osaka d. [22] Brady 64 63	Mertens/Sabalenka d. Krejciakova/Siniakova
February 13	WTA 250	Phillip Island Trophy, AUS	Kasatkina d. [13] Bouzkova 46 62 62	Raina/Rakhimova d. Blinkova/Potapova
February 22	WTA 500	Adelaide, AUS	[5] Swiatek d. [2] Bencic 62 62	Guarachi/Krawczyk d. Carter/Stefani

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:** Daria Kasatkina (No.71, Phillip Island Trophy)
- **Youngest title winner:** Iga Swiatek, Adelaide (19y 272d)
- **Oldest title winner:** Elise Mertens, Gippsland Trophy (25y 81d)
- **Aces leaders:** Ekaterina Alexandrova – 73, Naomi Osaka – 68, Ashleigh Barty – 63
- **Most aces in a match (17):** Ekaterina Alexandrova (d. Watson 7-5 6-7(7) 6-3 – Abu Dhabi, 2r)
- **Match win leaders:** Naomi Osaka – 10 and Daria Kasatkina – 10
- **Most three-set wins (4):** Irina-Camelia Begu, Coco Gauff, Daria Kasatkina
- **Most doubles titles (2):** Shuko Aoyama / Ena Shibahara (Abu Dhabi, Yarra Valley Classic)
- **Most Top 10 wins (2):** Danielle Collins (No.6 Ka.Pliskova at Yarra Valley Classic, No.1 Barty at Adelaide); Karolina Muchova (No.6 Ka.Pliskova and No.1 Barty, both at Australian Open); Kaia Kanepi (No.7 Sabalenka at Gippsland Trophy and No.4 Kenin at Australian Open); Serena Williams (No.7 Sabalenka and No.2 Halep, both at Australian Open)

ALPHABETIC PLAYER LIST

MAIN DRAW SINGLES

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PLAYER NAME	RANK SEED			CAREER @ TRN	YEAR-TO-DATE			CAREER		CAREER HGH		TITLES	
	2/22/2021	NAT	AGE		PRIZE	W / L	PRIZE	W / L	PRIZE	W / L	RANK	DATE	YTD
ALEXANDROVA, EKATERINA	33	1 RUS	26		0 / 0	184,095	7 / 3	1,857,315	306 / 179	25	2/17/2020	0	1
BABOS, TIMEA	105	HUN	27	2,300	0 / 1	108,478	5 / 3	7,352,233	338 / 260	25	9/19/2016	0	3
BADOSA, PAULA	73	7 ESP	23		0 / 0	90,457	2 / 2	570,201	233 / 135	67	1/25/2021	0	0
BARA, IRINA	127	ROU	25	3,600	1 / 1	17,138	0 / 1	495,162	294 / 191	115	10/26/2020	0	0
W BOUCHARD, EUGENIE	142	CAN	27		0 / 0	23,993	1 / 1	6,446,815	276 / 203	5	10/20/2014	0	1
W BUREL, CLARA	217	FRA	19	2,300	0 / 1	71,552	3 / 2	150,881	49 / 35	217	2/22/2021	0	0
BUZARNESCU, MIHAELA	134	ROU	32		0 / 0	87,910	3 / 4	2,164,687	421 / 247	20	8/6/2018	0	1
CIRSTEA, SORANA	67	6 ROU	30		0 / 0	156,157	4 / 2	5,609,124	457 / 342	21	8/12/2013	0	1
CORNET, ALIZÉ	58	5 FRA	31	3,600	1 / 1	116,753	3 / 4	7,308,026	458 / 368	11	2/16/2009	0	6
DODIN, OCEANE	110	FRA	24	6,275	1 / 1	18,481	2 / 3	1,097,943	272 / 164	46	6/12/2017	0	1
FERRO, FIONA	45	2 FRA	23		0 / 0	162,005	2 / 2	1,056,531	213 / 172	42	10/12/2020	0	2
Q FRECH, MAGDALENA	161	POL	23	2,300	0 / 1		0 / 0	479,609	261 / 169	115	7/2/2018		0
GARCIA, CAROLINE	46	3 FRA	27	6,275	2 / 1	110,738	3 / 3	10,311,199	342 / 271	4	9/10/2018	0	7
Q GASPARYAN, MARGARITA	129	RUS	26		0 / 0	71,552	2 / 3	1,559,754	212 / 137	41	2/15/2016	0	2
Q GATTO-MONTICONE, GIULIA	170	ITA	33		0 / 0	25,110	2 / 3	413,534	519 / 382	148	2/3/2020	0	0
GIORGI, CAMILA	80	ITA	29	6,275	2 / 1	107,078	2 / 2	3,862,896	365 / 264	26	10/22/2018	0	2
Q GOLUBIC, VIKTORIJA	130	SUI	28		0 / 0	30,754	10 / 2	1,609,294	333 / 224	51	4/3/2017	0	1
GRACHEVA, VARVARA	94	RUS	20		0 / 0	108,978	3 / 3	219,281	146 / 73	89	9/21/2020	0	0
KAWA, KATARZYNA	119	POL	28	2,300	0 / 1	17,138	0 / 1	235,202	310 / 222	112	11/9/2020	0	0
KUZMOVA, VIKTORIA	102	SVK	22	8,275	2 / 1	100,517	0 / 2	1,475,373	251 / 132	43	3/4/2019	0	0
LAPKO, VERA	278	BLR	22	3,450	0 / 1	18,925	1 / 1	715,070	152 / 87	60	10/1/2018	0	0
Q MARTINCOVA, TEREZA	128	CZE	26	3,600	1 / 1	25,600	4 / 3	584,760	307 / 255	114	7/31/2017	0	0
MINNEN, GREET	113	BEL	23	3,060	0 / 1	75,352	5 / 3	278,326	218 / 110	103	3/2/2020	0	0
MLADENOVIC, KRISTINA	51	4 FRA	27	3,600	1 / 1	152,887	2 / 3	11,141,390	341 / 298	10	10/23/2017	0	1
RUS, ARANTXA	78	8 NED	30		0 / 0	92,967	0 / 3	1,532,966	522 / 323	61	8/13/2012	0	0
SASNOVICH, ALIAKSANDRA	96	BLR	26		0 / 0	93,000	3 / 4	2,967,266	307 / 200	30	9/10/2018	0	0
STOJANOVIC, NINA	95	SRB	24		0 / 0	176,966	2 / 2	600,010	212 / 138	81	3/2/2020	0	0
W TAN, HARMONY	188	FRA	23		0 / 0	45,376	7 / 2	304,966	210 / 176	188	2/22/2021	0	0
Q TAUSON, CLARA	146	DEN	18		0 / 0	22,680	8 / 3	65,748	98 / 25	144	2/1/2021	0	0
VOEGELE, STEFANIE	122	SUI	30		0 / 0	18,073	1 / 2	2,436,179	440 / 371	42	11/11/2013	0	0
WANG, XIYU	126	CHN	19		0 / 0	4,100	1 / 1	269,513	98 / 60	106	3/2/2020	0	0
ZAVATSKA, KATARINA	123	UKR	21		0 / 0	26,372	3 / 2	245,003	171 / 111	103	2/3/2020	0	0

[Q] CLARA TAUSON (DEN #139) VS. CAMILA GIORGI (ITA #81)

Head-to-head: First meeting

TAUSON		GIORGI	
Career Prize Money	\$208,953	Career Prize Money	\$4,197,035
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Dec. 21, 2002 (18)	Date of Birth (Age)	Dec. 30, 1991 (29)
Singles Titles	0	Singles Titles	2
Lyon W-L (MD)	2-0	Lyon W-L (MD)	4-1
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	2-0 / 3-2	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	4-2 / 156-141
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 1-1	3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 52-47
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 1-0	Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 44-29
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	2-0 / 2-0	Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	4-2 / 99-90
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-0	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 9-21
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-0	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-2 / 27-48
Coach	Olivier Jeunehomme	Coach	Pietro Cortecchi/Sergio Giorgi

TAUSON:

- Making debut appearance at Open 6ème Sens Métropole De Lyon after coming through two rounds of qualifying
- Beat Hesse and Fayard in qualifying before upsetting top seed Alexandrova in 1r of main draw
- Win over No.33 Alexandrova was only the third Top 100 win of her career (also No.58 Rogers \$80k ITF/Tyler-USA in 2020 and No.25 Brady at 2020 Roland Garros)
- Reeled off seven games in a row to recover from slow start and beat Babos in 2r
- Prior to this week, only Tour-level main draw appearances were 1r exit at 2019 Lugano (as qualifier, I. Rodina) and 2r showing at 2020 Roland Garros (as qualifier, I. Collins)
- Faces Giorgi in her maiden WTA QF today
- Last year at Lyon, no qualifier made it beyond 2r
- Currently sitting at career-high No.139 in the rankings
- Coming off lifting ninth ITF Circuit title of her career at Altenkirchen-GER (d. Walert in F)
- Fell at first hurdle at Australian Open qualifying event in Dubai
- Opened 2021 season by lifting title at \$25k ITF/Fujairah-UAE (d. Golubic in F)
- Ended 2020 season ranked No.152 (up from No.267 at the end of 2019) after posting 30-7 win-loss record. Best results were 2r showing at Roland Garros (as qualifier, d. No.25 Brady, I. Collins) and lifting two titles on ITF Circuit
- Made Tour-level debut (main draw and qualifying) with 1r exit at 2019 Lugano (as wildcard qualifier, I. Rodina)
- Lifting four ITF Circuit singles titles in 2019
- Won maiden ITF Circuit title in just her second tournament, at \$15k ITF/Stockholm-SWE in 2017
- Reached SF on professional debut at \$15k ITF/Antalya-TUR in 2017
- On ITF Junior Circuit has lifted nine singles titles, including at 2019 Australian Open (d. Fernandez in F). In 2019 she became the first Dane to top the junior world rankings

GIORGI:

- Playing Lyon for the second time, where she is through to the QF once again
- Also made QF in the inaugural staging of the tournament in 2020 (l. Kasatkina in 3s)
- Won six games in a row during straight sets 1r victory over Kuzmova, then saved 2MP before seeing off Stojanovic on a final set tie-break
- Faces qualifier Tauson today; last loss to a player ranked outside Top 100 came at hands of No.159 Trevisan at 2020 Roland Garros
- Career record in WTA QF matches stands at 14-16; most recently beating Yastremska during SF run at 2020 Palermo
- Has won five out of seven encounters with teenage opponents since 2019; defeated Burel (2021 Abu Dhabi), Kostyuk (2020 Prague), Juvan (2020 Palermo), Swiatek (2020 Australian Open) and McNally (2019 Washington), while lost to Swiatek (2021 Australian Open) and Yastremska (2019 Wimbledon)
- Coming off 2r showings at Yarra Valley Classic (l. Kenin via ret. w/left thigh injury) and Australian Open (l. Swiatek)
- During a disrupted 2020, reached SF at Palermo and QF at Lyon, finishing the year at No.76
- In 2019, reached seventh and eighth singles finals of her career, posting R-Up finishes at Washington DC (l. Pegula) and the Bronx (l. Linette)
- Missed entire 2019 clay court season w/wrist and ankle injuries
- Played Fed Cup in 2019 for first time since 2016 - lost both her matches (l. Golubic, Bencic) as Italy fell to a 3-1 defeat to Switzerland
- Ended 2018 season perched at a career-best ranking of No.26, winning second career title in final event at Linz (d. Alexandrova in F). Won 29 tour-level matches in 2018 – the most wins she had previously posted in a single season was 28, in 2014
- Advanced to first Grand Slam QF at 2018 Wimbledon (l. eventual R-Up S.Williams) on her 26th appearance at this level; became the first Italian woman to reach the QF of Wimbledon since 2009 (Schiavone, l. Dementieva)
- Other highlights in 2018 included SF runs at Sydney (l. eventual champion Kerber), Prague (l. Buzarnescu after serving for match in third set) and Tokyo (l. Osaka)
- In 2016 reached final at Katowice for the third year in a row (l. Cibulkova). Appeared in four additional quarterfinals in 2016, at Hobart (l. Bouchard), Prague (l. Ka.Pliskova), Washington, DC (l. Davis) and Seoul (l. Zhang)
- Won first career title at 2015 's-Hertogenbosch (d. Bencic in F)
- Had never reached WTA QF prior to 2014; reached QF or better at seven events during that season
- Made Top 100 debut on July 9, 2012 and broke into Top 50 on May 26, 2014
- Tour-level main draw debut came as a qualifier at 2011 Wimbledon
- On ITF Circuit, winner of five singles titles
- Played first career professional tournament at 2006 ITF/Baku-AZE

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[4] KRISTINA MLADENOVIC (FRA #53) VS. [7] PAULA BADOSA (ESP #73)

Head-to-head: First meeting

MLADENOVIC		BADOSA	
Career Prize Money	\$11,950,746	Career Prize Money	\$961,760
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	May 14, 1993 (27)	Date of Birth (Age)	Nov. 15, 1997 (23)
Singles Titles	1	Singles Titles	0
Lyon W-L (MD)	3-1	Lyon W-L (MD)	2-0
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	4-4 / 205-211	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	4-2 / 22-24
3-Set (YTD / Career)	2-0 / 66-61	3-Set (YTD / Career)	2-2 / 8-5
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 48-54	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	2-0 / 4-5
Hard Court (YTD / Career)	4-4 / 119-138	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	4-2 / 48-56
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 17-28	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-3
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 34-58	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-5
Coach	Luka Mladenovic	Coach	Javier Marti

MLADENOVIC:

- Making second appearance at Lyon, having reached 2r last year (d. Paquet, I. Friedsam)
- One of seven French women to start the main draw: also Burel, Cornet, Dodin, Ferro, Garcia and Tan
- Overcame Buzarnescu in 3s on Tuesday before a straight sets victory over Gasparyan to reach her first Tour-level QF since 2019 Moscow (I. Bencic in SF)
- Faces No.73 Badosa today in their career first meeting. Is 3-3 vs. players ranked outside the Top 50 in 2021, with wins coming over No.76 Hibino (Australian Open) and two wins this week against No.135 Buzarnescu and No.131 Gasparyan
- Coming off 1r exit at Adelaide (I. Teichmann) following a 3r showing at Australian Open (I. Pegula) – marked her first 3r at a Slam since 2018 Wimbledon (I. S.Williams)
- Defeated No.23 Sakkari in 1r at Melbourne Park, marking her first Top 25 win since defeating No.1 Barty at 2019 Fed Cup finals
- 2021 Australian Open marked her first time winning back-to-back Tour-level matches since 2019 Moscow (d. Putintseva, Sevastova and No.8 Bertens, I. No.10 Bencic in SF)
- Made 1r exits at Yarra Valley Classic (I. Pegula) and in the first tournament of 2021 season in Abu Dhabi (I. No.15 Muguruza)
- Won fourth and fifth Grand Slam doubles titles in 2020, w/Babos at Australian Open (d. Hsieh/Strycova in F) and Roland Garros (d. Guarachi/Krawczyk in F)
- Ended 2019 season strongly with SF appearances in Moscow (I. eventual champion Bencic) and Zhengzhou (I. Martic) and QF in Linz (I. Alexandrova)
- Notched five Top 10 wins in 2019 with two wins vs. reigning World No.1 (d. Osaka in Dubai; Barty in Fed Cup Final); win over World No.1 Barty helped France take home their first Fed Cup title since 2003

- Enjoyed another strong doubles year in 2019, with titles at Istanbul and Roland Garros (both w/Babos) boosting her to World No.1 for the first time in career
- Also w/Babos, defended title at year-end WTA Finals and finished R-Up at Australian Open to end the year at No.2
- Won second Grand Slam doubles title at 2018 Australian Open (w/Babos, d. Makarova/Vesnina in F), third at 2019 Roland Garros (w/Babos, d. Duan/S.Zheng in F) and fourth at 2020 Australian Open (w/ Babos, d. Hsieh/Strycova in F)
- Won only career singles title to date at 2017 St. Petersburg (d. Putintseva) in eight final appearances – made final in 2018 as defending champion (l. Kvitova)
- Reached biggest final of career at Premier Mandatory level Madrid in 2017 (l. Halep)
- Finished 2017 season at No.11 for highest year-end ranking and first inside Top 20. Broke into Top 10 on October 23, 2017
- In doubles, won first Grand Slam title at 2016 Roland Garros (w/compatriot Garcia, d. Makarova/Vesnina in F) were first French pair to win the doubles title at Roland Garros since Gail Chanfreau and Francoise Durr in 1971
- Career best singles result at Grand Slam is QF at 2015 US Open (l. Vinci) and 2017 Roland Garros (l. Bacsinszky)
- Won mixed doubles at 2013 Wimbledon and 2014 Australian Open, and finished R-Up at 2013 Roland Garros and 2015 Australian Open (all w/Nestor)
- Broke into Top 100 on September 17, 2012 and Top 50 on March 18, 2013
- Played first WTA main draw matches in 2009 and first WTA qualifying event as wildcard at 2008 Paris [Indoors]

BADOSA:

- Making debut appearance at Lyon as the No.7 seed
- Enters Lyon ranked at No.73, six spots shy of career-high ranking (achieved January 25, 2021)
- Defeated home favorite Tan in topsy-turvy 1r encounter before a straight sets victory vs. Voegele in 2r
- Is into her first Tour-level QF since 2020 Istanbul (l. Bouchard in SF)
- Faces No.53 Mladenovic today in their career first meeting – owns 4-2 record against French opposition, including 2-0 in 2021 (d. Cornet at Abu Dhabi and Tan here at Lyon)
- Coming off 1r exit at Australian Open (l. Samsonova)
- Opened 2021 campaign with R16 showing at Abu Dhabi (d. Sevastova and Cornet, l. Kudermetova)
- At 2020 Roland Garros, upset former finalist Stephens and 2017 champion Ostapenko en route to reaching R16 for the first time at a major; posted then-career-high singles ranking of No.69 following Paris run
- Also in 2020, reached SF at Istanbul (l. Bouchard)
- Campaign in 2019 highlighted by SF run at Palermo (l. Bertens) and QF run in Seoul (l. Y.Wang); also made Grand Slam main draw debut at Australian Open (l. 1r)
- Finished 2018 inside Top 200 for the first time (at No.143); picked up three ITF titles at \$25k ITF/Glasgow-UK, ITF/\$25k Les Franqueses del Valles – FRA and ITF/\$60k Valencia-ESP
- Fell in qualifying at 2018 Wimbledon, Madrid and US Open
- Claimed third title on ITF Circuit in 2017 at ITF/\$25k El Espinar; Fell 1r at Miami and in qualifying at Madrid
- In 2016, fell 1r at Miami, Madrid and Mallorca and in qualifying at Rio de Janeiro
- As wildcard, made breakthrough on WTA Tour with 3r run at 2015 Miami Open (l. Ka.Pliskova)



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- Came through qualifying at 2015 Madrid, fell 1r to Errani via ret. w/left leg injury
- Continued at ITF Circuit level during 2013-2014 before playing second WTA qualifying draw at 2015 Antwerp, where she advanced to 2r (I. Bodarenko)
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2013 Palermo, winning one match via retirement before falling in 2r (I. Gatto-Monticone)
- Won first title on ITF Circuit at \$10k ITF/Sant Jordi-ESP in 2012; now owns seven singles titles at this level
- Played first pro tournament of career at \$10k ITF/Gexto-ESP in 2012 (l. in 1r)
- Won girls' Singles title at 2015 Roland Garros (d. Kaliskaya in F) and reached QF at 2014 Roland Garros and Wimbledon; finished 2015 as No.8 in ITF World Junior rankings



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[WC] CLARA BUREL (FRA #218) VS. [2] FIONA FERRO (FRA #46)

Head-to-head: First meeting

BUREL		FERRO	
Career Prize Money	\$315,684	Career Prize Money	\$1,404,074
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	March 24, 2001 (19)	Date of Birth (Age)	March 12, 1997 (23)
Singles Titles	0	Singles Titles	2
Lyon W-L (MD)	2-1	Lyon W-L (MD)	2-0
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	2-2 / 5-6	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	4-2 / 36-37
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	2-1 / 3-1	3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	2-0 / 13-10
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 2-3	Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 8-7
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	2-2 / 2-4	Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	4-2 / 25-16
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-0	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-3
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-0	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 3-7
Coach	Alexia Dechaume	Coach	Emmanuel Planque

BUREL:

- Making second appearance at Lyon, having fallen in 1r last year (as WC, I. Teichmann)
- 2020 Lyon marked her last tournament before the Tour's hiatus
- One of seven French women to start the main draw: also Cornet, Dodin, Ferro, Garcia, Mladenovic and Tan
- Defeated her compatriot and No.59 Cornet in 1r, marking her first Tour-level win since her 3r run at 2020 Roland Garros
- Ousted No.96 Sasnovich in 2r to reach her career first Tour-level QF
- Now owns three career wins over Top 100 ranked players, with her first victory over such players coming against No.67 Rus at 2020 Roland Garros
- Faces another compatriot today, No.46 Ferro, for a spot in the final four. A win today would mark her career best-by-ranking. The highest ranked player she has faced was No.23 Suarez Navarro at 2019 Australian Open
- Coming off R-Up finish at \$25K ITF/Poiters-FRA (I. Snigur) on clay
- Opened 2021 season with back-to-back 1r exits at Yarra Valley Classic (I. Giorgi) and Australian Open (as qualifier, I. Van Uytvanck)
- Made 3r at 2020 Roland Garros (as WC, d. Rus and Juvan, I. Zhang); at 19 years and six months old, was the youngest Frenchwoman to reach the third round on home soil since an 18-year-old Cornet did so in 2008
- Won first Tour-level match during 2r showing at 2020 Strasbourg (as WC, d. Bondarenko, I. Zhang)
- Made Grand Slam main draw debut during 2019 season, falling 1r at Australian Open (as WC, I. No.23 Suarez Navarro). Also in 2019 finished R-Up at \$15k ITF/Monastir-TUN
- In May 2019 she underwent wrist surgery that ended her season
- In terms of ranking, best career win came over No.67 Rus at 2020 Roland Garros
- Highlight of 2018 season was R-Up finish at \$25k ITF/Clermont-Ferrand-FRA. Also contested qualifying at Roland Garros

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- Owns one ITF Circuit singles title
- Selected as an alternate in the French Fed Cup team for the 2018 first round tie against Belgium
- Made debut on tour with qualifying exit at \$25k ITF/Saint-Malo-FRA
- Enjoyed a stellar junior career reaching two Slam finals (Australian and US Opens in 2018), winning a silver medal at the 2018 Youth Olympics in Buenos Aires and rising to World No.1 on October 29, 2018

FERRO:

- Making debut appearance at Lyon as the No.2 seed
- One of seven French women to start the main draw: also Burel, Cornet, Dodin, Garcia, Mladenovic and Tan
- Made comeback victory over Frech in 1r on Monday before defeating Martincova in 2r via ret. (low back injury)
- Is into her first QF since winning the 2020 Palermo title (d. Kontaveit in F) in what was her first tournament back following the Tour's hiatus
- Faces her compatriot and No.218 Burel today in their career first meeting. A loss today would mark her worst-by-ranking since falling to No.356 Friedsam at 2019 Eastbourne
- Coming off 3r run at Australian Open (l. Swiatek). Upset No.21 Rybakina in 2r – her best by-ranking win since upsetting the same opponent (then-ranked No.18) at 2020 Roland Garros
- Played first event of season at Yarra Valley Classic, falling in 1r as the No.12 seed (l. Rogers)
- Grand Slam breakthrough came with R16 showing at 2020 Roland Garros (l. Kenin)
- Finished 2020 season at No.42 for highest year-end ranking and first inside Top 50. Broke into Top 50 at No.44 after winning second career title at 2020 Palermo (d. Kontaveit in F)
- Enjoyed impressive season in 2019, lifting maiden WTA title in her career first tour-level final at Lausanne (d. Cornet in F); posted first Top 100 year-end finish (No.63)
- Reached one more SF in 2019 at Lugano and the QF on two other occasions at Strasbourg and Palermo
- Contested the main draw at all four Grand Slams for the first time in 2019, achieving her best result at the majors by reaching the 3r at the US Open (l. No.18 seed Q.Wang)
- Member of the French Fed Cup squad that were crowned 2019 Fed Cup champions, beating Australia away from home in November
- Finished 2018 ranked No.102; made maiden WTA QF at Guangzhou (l. eventual champion Q.Wang). Also made 2r at Roland Garros, Tashkent and Luxembourg and won first four titles on ITF Circuit
- Prior to 2018 Roland Garros had lost 1r on eight previous tour-level main draw appearances
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2014 Strasbourg
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in 2012

GREET MINNEN (BEL #113) VS. [Q] VIKTORIJA GOLUBIC (SUI #130)

Head-to-head: First meeting

MINNEN		GOLUBIC	
Career Prize Money	\$474,636	Career Prize Money	\$1,782,727
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Aug. 14, 1997	Date of Birth (Age)	Oct. 16, 1992
Singles Titles	0	Singles Titles	1
Lyon W-L (MD)	2-1	Lyon W-L (MD)	2-0
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	4-3 / 12-17	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	2-0 / 48-62
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 3-4	3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 27-34
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 2-5	Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 13-24
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	4-3 / 8-11	Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	2-0 / 28-35
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 0-2	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 1-7
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 0-4	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 3-12
Coach	Robi Cokan	Coach	Dominik Utzinger

MINNEN:

- Making second appearance at Open 6ème Sens Métropole De Lyon, where she is through to QF for the first time
- Last year, fell 1r (I. Garcia – was two points away from victory in the final set tie-break)
- Opened 2021 campaign by edging past Kawa in two tight sets in 1r before upsetting No.8 seed Rus in 2r
- Faces Golubic in third WTA QF of her career; lost the previous two, against Cornet at 2019 Hobart and Kudermetova at 2019 's-Hertogenbosch
- In Australia, made 2r at Yarra Valley Classic (I. Podoroska) and Phillip Island Trophy (I. Peterson), and made 1r exit at Australian Open (as qualifier, I. Kvitova)
- Came through Australian Open qualifying event in Dubai in opening week of the season, beating Bozovic, Cepede Royg and Lepchenko
- Reached 2r on Grand Slam main draw debut at Australian Open (as qualifier, d. Sasnovich, I. Rybakina)
- Only other main draw win in 2020 was over No.29 Yastremska – in terms of ranking, the best win of her career – during 2r showing at 2020 Linz
- Scored first Top 50 win over No.33 Cibulkova during 2r run at 2019 Stuttgart
- Advanced to QF on WTA main draw debut at 2019 Hobart (d. Kozlova and Linette, I. Cornet)
- Won first WTA title in doubles at 2018 Luxembourg (w/Van Uytvanck, d. Lapko/Minella in F)
- Captured four ITF Circuit singles in 2018 at Solarino, Antalya, Oldenzaal and Santarem
- Jumped 578 ranking spots from start of 2018 to the end - from No.926 to No.348
- Lifted one ITF Circuit singles title in 2016, at \$10K ITF/Sharm El Sheikh-EGY
- Notched first two ITF singles titles in 2015, at \$15K ITF/Petange-LUX and \$10K ITF/Antalya 28-TUR
- Played first professional event at \$10K ITF/Maaseik-BEL, reaching the final (unranked, I. No.3 seed Arcangioli)

GOLUBIC:

- Playing Lyon for the first time, after coming through two rounds of qualifying
- Dropped a total of five games across qualifying victories over Paar and compatriot Kung
- Recovered from a break down both second and third sets to beat Lapko in 1r, then upset No.47 Garcia in 2r – first Top 50 wins since upsetting No.38 Siniakova and No.34 Zhang en route to SF at 2019 Guangzhou
- Faces Minnen today in 11th WTA QF of her career, and first since that SF run at 2019 Guangzhou
- Overall win-loss record in WTA QF matches stands at 5-5
- Has reached two finals on ITF Circuit in 2021, finishing R-Up at \$25k Fujairah-UAE and winning \$25k Grenoble-FRA – her 10th title at this level
- Ended 2020 outside Top 100 (at No.137) for first time since 2017 – after a campaign in which she fell 1r three times (including Australian Open and US Open) and in qualifying on four occasions
- Other than run to SF at Guangzhou, highlights of 2019 season include QF runs at Hua Hin and last week in Nanchang, and 3r showing at Wimbledon – the deepest run of her career at a major
- Finished 2018 ranked No.92 for second-best career-end finish (after No.57 in 2016)
- Made 2r at three events in 2018, at Gstaad, Hiroshima and Wuhan, and fell 1r on seven occasions
- Also won ninth career title on ITF Circuit at \$80k Poitiers-FRA
- 2017 saw her play all four Grand Slam main draws for first time in her career and post career-high ranking of No.51 on April 3, 2017
- Ended 2016 at No.57 for best year-end finish of career (up from No.178 in 2015)
- Season highlights were winning maiden WTA singles title at Gstaad (d. Bertens in F) and R-Up finish at Linz (l. Cibulkova in F)
- Made Slam debut at 2016 Australian Open (as qualifier, l. Suárez Navarro in 1r) and qualified for Roland Garros, reaching 2r (l. Safarova). Prior to 2016 Australian Open, had fallen six times in Grand Slam qualifying
- Other 2016 highlights included QFs at 's-Hertogenbosch (l. Bencic), Tokyo [Japan Open] (l. eventual champion McHale) and Guangzhou (l. Kontaveit). Reached 2r at Katowice (l. Babos) and Bastad (l. Errani), and fell 1r at Cincinnati (l. Nara) and Luxembourg (l. Lisicki)
- Posted first and second Top 50 wins (vs. No.18 Ka. Pliskova and No.33 Strycova) during 2016 Fed Cup World Group SF against Czech Republic
- Entering 2016, had posted just two tour-level main draw wins in career. By comparison, registered 20 main draw wins in 2016
- Prior to 2016 had contested two tour-level events, having come through qualifying on both occasions: 2013 Bad Gastein (d. Bertens, l. Hlavackova), 2014 Shenzhen (d. Wozniack, l. Beck)
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2010 Budapest, and main draw debut at 2013 Bad Gastein
- Made debut on ITF Circuit at \$10k ITF/Budapest-HUN in 2008



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[Q] CLARA TAUSON (DEN #139) VS. [7] PAULA BADOSA (ESP #73)

Head-to-head: First meeting

TAUSON		BADOSA	
Career Prize Money	\$208,953	Career Prize Money	\$961,760
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Dec. 21, 2002 (18)	Date of Birth (Age)	Nov. 15, 1997 (23)
Singles Titles	0	Singles Titles	0
Lyon W-L (MD)	3-0	Lyon W-L (MD)	3-0
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	3-0 / 4-2	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	5-2 / 23-24
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 1-1	3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	3-2 / 9-5
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 1-0	Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	2-1 / 4-6
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	3-0 / 3-0	Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	5-2 / 49-56
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-0	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-3
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-0	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-5
Coach	Olivier Jeunehomme	Coach	Javier Marti

TAUSON:

- Making debut appearance at Open 6ème Sens Métropole De Lyon after coming through two rounds of qualifying
- Beat Hesse and Fayard in qualifying before upsetting top seed Alexandrova in 1r of main draw
- Reeled off seven games in a row to recover from slow start and beat Babos in 2r, then fired another six aces as she won all eight service games to beat Giorgi in her maiden career QF
- Win over No.33 Alexandrova and No.81 Giorgi were only the third and fourth Top 100 wins of her career (also No.58 Rogers \$80k ITF/Tyler-USA in 2020 and No.25 Brady at 2020 Roland Garros)
- Faces Badosa in today's SF – bidding for 10th win in a row (previous longest winning streak of career was eight matches)
- Although this is her first WTA SF, she owns an impressive record at this stage in ITF Circuit events, winning 12 of 15 semifinals (going on to lift the title on nine occasions)
- Is the only semifinalist yet to drop a set, and has spent just over six and a half hours on court (including two qualifying matches); by contrast Badosa has spend 6h 15m on court, despite playing two fewer matches
- Including ITF Circuit and qualifying matches, record in 2021 stands at 17-3
- Prior to this week, only Tour-level main draw appearances were 1r exit at 2019 Lugano (as qualifier, I. Rodina) and 2r showing at 2020 Roland Garros (as qualifier, I. Collins)
- Last year at Lyon, no qualifier made it beyond 2r
- Currently sitting at career-high No.139 in the rankings
- Coming off lifting ninth ITF Circuit title of her career on indoor hard at Altenkirchen-GER (d. Walert in F)
- Fell at first hurdle at Australian Open qualifying event in Dubai
- Opened 2021 season by lifting title at \$25k ITF/Fujairah-UAE (d. Golubic in F)
- Ended 2020 season ranked No.152 (up from No.267 at the end of 2019) after posting 30-7 win-loss record. Best results were 2r at Roland Garros (as qualifier, d. No.25 Brady, I. Collins) and lifting two titles on ITF Circuit

- Made Tour-level debut (main draw and qualifying) with 1r exit at 2019 Lugano (as wildcard qualifier, I. Rodina)
- Lifted four ITF Circuit singles titles in 2019
- Won maiden ITF Circuit title in just her second tournament, at \$15k ITF/Stockholm-SWE in 2017
- Reached SF on professional debut at \$15k ITF/Antalya-TUR in 2017
- On ITF Junior Circuit has lifted nine singles titles, including at 2019 Australian Open (d. Fernandez in F). In 2019 she became the first Dane to top the junior world rankings

BADOSA:

- Making debut appearance at Lyon as the No.7 seed
- Enters Lyon ranked at No.73, six spots shy of career-high ranking (achieved January 25, 2021)
- Came within two points of defeat during topsy-turvy 1r encounter with home favorite Tan, before a straight sets victory over Voegele in 2r
- Recovered from 2-0 down in the final set to beat Mladenovic in QF – her first time in the last eight at a WTA event since SF showing at Istanbul last September (I. Bouchard)
- Faces qualifier Tauson today in third WTA SF of her career; previous two ended in defeat to Bertens at 2019 Palermo and Bouchard at 2020 Istanbul
- Coming off 1r exit at Australian Open (I. Samsonova, having led 5-3 in final set)
- Opened 2021 campaign with 3r showing at Abu Dhabi (d. Sevastova and Cornet, I. Kudermetova)
- At 2020 Roland Garros, upset former finalist Stephens and 2017 champion Ostapenko en route to reaching R16 for the first time at a major; posted then-career-high singles ranking of No.69 following Paris run
- Also in 2020, reached SF at Istanbul (I. Bouchard)
- Campaign in 2019 highlighted by SF run at Palermo (I. Bertens) and QF run in Seoul (I. Y.Wang); also made Grand Slam main draw debut at Australian Open (I. 1r)
- Finished 2018 inside Top 200 for the first time (at No.143); picked up three ITF titles at \$25k ITF/Glasgow-UK, ITF/\$25k Les Franqueses del Valles – FRA and ITF/\$60k Valencia-ESP
- Fell in qualifying at 2018 Wimbledon, Madrid and US Open
- Claimed third title on ITF Circuit in 2017 at ITF/\$25k El Espinar; Fell 1r at Miami and in qualifying at Madrid
- In 2016, fell 1r at Miami, Madrid and Mallorca and in qualifying at Rio de Janeiro
- As wildcard, made breakthrough on WTA Tour with 3r run at 2015 Miami Open (I. Ka.Pliskova)
- Came through qualifying at 2015 Madrid, fell 1r to Errani via ret. w/left leg injury
- Continued at ITF Circuit level during 2013-2014 before playing second WTA qualifying draw at 2015 Antwerp, where she advanced to 2r (I. Bodarenko)
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2013 Palermo, winning one match via retirement before falling in 2r (I.Gatto-Monticone)
- Won first title on ITF Circuit at \$10k ITF/Sant Jordi-ESP in 2012; now owns seven singles titles at this level
- Played first pro tournament of career at \$10k ITF/Gexto-ESP in 2012 (I. in 1r)
- Won girls' Singles title at 2015 Roland Garros (d. Kaliskaya in F) and reached QF at 2014 Roland Garros and Wimbledon; finished 2015 as No.8 in ITF World Junior rankings

[Q] VIKTORIJA GOLUBIC (SUI #130) VS. [2] FIONA FERRO (FRA #46)

Head-to-head: FIONA FERRO leads 2-0

2019	BRONX	HARD	O	R1	FIONA FERRO	6-0 6-1
2018	LINZ	HARD	I	QUAL.	FIONA FERRO	6-4 3-6 6-3

GOLUBIC		FERRO	
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Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 1-7	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-3
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Coach	Phillip Wallbank	Coach	Emmanuel Plangue

GOLUBIC:

- Playing Lyon for the first time, after coming through two rounds of qualifying
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- Recovered from 5-3 down in second set to close out 6-3 7-6(0) win over Minnen in QF
- Faces Ferro today in sixth WTA SF of her career, and first since 2019 Guangzhou (I. Stosur)
- Overall win-loss record in WTA SF matches stands at 2-3; bidding to reach first final since 2016 Linz
- Including qualifying and ITF Circuit matches, owns 18-3 record in 2021
- Has reached two finals on ITF Circuit in 2021, finishing R-Up at \$25k Fujairah-UAE and winning \$25k Grenoble-FRA – her 10th title at this level
- Ended 2020 outside Top 100 (at No.137) for first time since 2017 – after a campaign in which she fell 1r three times (including Australian Open and US Open) and in qualifying on four occasions
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- Recovered from 3-0 down in the final set to beat Frech in 1r on Monday before defeating Martincova in 2r via ret. (low back injury)
- Edged past French wildcard Burel yesterday in her first QF since winning the 2020 Palermo title (d. Kontaveit in F) in what was her first tournament back following the Tour's hiatus
- Faces Golubic today in her first WTA SF on hard; required 62 minutes to beat the Swiss at the Bronx in 2019
- Career record in WTA SF matches stands at 2-1; losing to Hercog at 2019 Lausanne and beating Pera and Giorgi during title runs at 2019 Lausanne and 2020 Palermo, respectively
- Coming off 3r run at Australian Open (l. Swiatek). Upset No.21 Rybakina in 2r – her best by-ranking win since upsetting the same opponent (then-ranked No.18) at 2020 Roland Garros
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Head-to-Heads

Semi Finals

TAUSON, CLARA vs BADOSA, PAULA

There are no head to heads

GOLUBIC, VIKTORIJA vs FERRO, FIONA

FERRO, FIONA 2 - 0

Year	Tournament Name	Surface	I-O	Round	Winner	rank _ seed	rank _ seed	Scores
2018	LINZ	HARD	I	Q R16	FERRO, FIONA	108 9	91 4	6-4 3-6 6-3
2019	BRONX	HARD	O	R32	FERRO, FIONA	72 *	73 *	6-0 6-1

Head-to-Heads

TAUSON, CLARA vs FERRO, FIONA

There are no head to heads

TAUSON, CLARA vs GOLUBIC, VIKTORIJA

Year	Tournament Name	Surface	I-O	Round	Winner
2021	FUJAIRAH	HARD	O	F	TAUSON, CLARA

TAUSON, CLARA 1 - 0

rank _ seed	rank _ seed	Scores
152 2	138 1	6-0 4-6 6-3

BADOSA, PAULA vs FERRO, FIONA

Year	Tournament Name	Surface	I-O	Round	Winner
2018	RABAT	CLAY	O	R32	BADOSA, PAULA

BADOSA, PAULA 1 - 0

rank _ seed	rank _ seed	Scores
212 *	279 *	5-7 6-4 6-0

BADOSA, PAULA vs GOLUBIC, VIKTORIJA

There are no head to heads

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Head-to-head: CLARA TAUSON leads 1-0

2021 ITF/FUJAIKRAH HARD O F CLARA TAUSON 6-0 4-6 6-3

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Career Prize Money	\$208,953	Career Prize Money	\$1,782,727
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Dec. 21, 2002 (18)	Date of Birth (Age)	Oct. 16, 1992
Singles Titles	0	Singles Titles	1
Lyon W-L (MD)	4-0	Lyon W-L (MD)	4-0
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	4-0 / 5-2	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	4-0 / 50-62
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 1-1	3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	2-0 / 28-34
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 1-0	Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	2-0 / 14-24
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	4-0 / 4-0	Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	4-0 / 30-35
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-0	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 1-7
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-0	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 3-12
Coach	Olivier Jeunehomme	Coach	Phillip Wallbank

TAUSON:

- Making debut appearance at Open 6ème Sens Métropole De Lyon after coming through two rounds of qualifying
- Beat Hesse and Fayard in qualifying before upsetting top seed Alexandrova in 1r of main draw
- Reeled off seven games in a row to recover from slow start and beat Babos in 2r, then won all eight service games to beat Giorgi in her maiden career QF
- Beat Badosa in SF, firing seven aces to take her total for the tournament to 25 in six matches – by contrast, Golubic has struck just one
- Wins over No.33 Alexandrova, No.81 Giorgi and No.73 Badosa were the third, fourth and fifth Top 100 wins of her career (also No.58 Rogers \$80k ITF/Tyler-USA in 2020 and No.25 Brady at 2020 Roland Garros)
- Faces fellow qualifier Golubic in today's final – bidding for 11th win in a row (previous longest winning streak of career was eight matches)
- Last time two qualifiers met in a WTA final was at 2017 Tokyo [Japan Open], when Diyas beat Kato to lift her maiden title
- Although this is her first WTA final, she owns an impressive record at this stage in ITF Circuit events, winning her last five in a row (overall record 9-3), including victory over Golubic this January at \$25k ITF/Fujairah-UAE
- Yet to drop a set, and has spent just over eight hours on court (including two qualifying matches); by contrast Golubic has required nine and a half hours to reach this stage
- Including ITF Circuit and qualifying matches, record in 2021 stands at 18-3
- Prior to this week, only Tour-level main draw appearances were 1r exit at 2019 Lugano (as qualifier, I. Rodina) and 2r showing at 2020 Roland Garros (as qualifier, I. Collins)
- Last year at Lyon, no qualifier made it beyond 2r
- Currently sitting at career-high No.139 in the rankings

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- Coming off lifting ninth ITF Circuit title of her career on indoor hard at Altenkirchen-GER (d. Walert in F)
- Fell at first hurdle at Australian Open qualifying event in Dubai
- Opened 2021 season by lifting title at \$25k ITF/Fujairah-UAE (d. Golubic in F)
- Ended 2020 season ranked No.152 (up from No.267 at the end of 2019) after posting 30-7 win-loss record. Best results were 2r at Roland Garros (as qualifier, d. No.25 Brady, I. Collins) and lifting two titles on ITF Circuit
- Made Tour-level debut (main draw and qualifying) with 1r exit at 2019 Lugano (as wildcard qualifier, I. Rodina)
- Lifting four ITF Circuit singles titles in 2019
- Won maiden ITF Circuit title in just her second tournament, at \$15k ITF/Stockholm-SWE in 2017
- Reached SF on professional debut at \$15k ITF/Antalya-TUR in 2017
- On ITF Junior Circuit has lifted nine singles titles, including at 2019 Australian Open (d. Fernandez in F). In 2019 she became the first Dane to top the junior world rankings

GOLUBIC:

- Playing Lyon for the first time, after coming through two rounds of qualifying
- Dropped a total of five games across qualifying victories over Paar and compatriot Kung
- Recovered from a break down both second and third sets to beat Lapko in 1r, then upset No.47 Garcia in 2r – first Top 50 win since upsetting No.38 Siniakova and No.34 Zhang en route to SF at 2019 Guangzhou
- Recovered from 5-3 down in second set to close out 6-3 7-6(0) win over Minnen in QF
- Beat No.2 seed Ferro in SF – came within two points of defeat on four occasions when serving at 6-5 down in the final set, eventually triumphing 4-6 6-0 7-6(4) in 2h 26m
- Overall record in WTA SF matches improves to 3-3
- Faces Tauson today in third WTA final of her career; owns 1-1 record in the previous two, beating Bertens on clay at 2016 Gstaad and losing to Cibulkova at 2016 Linz on indoor hard court
- Including qualifying and ITF Circuit matches, owns 19-3 record in 2021
- Has reached two finals on ITF Circuit in 2021, finishing R-Up at \$25k Fujairah-UAE and winning \$25k Grenoble-FRA – her 10th title at this level
- Ended 2020 outside Top 100 (at No.137) for first time since 2017 – after a campaign in which she fell 1r three times (including Australian Open and US Open) and in qualifying on four occasions
- Other than run to SF at Guangzhou, highlights of 2019 season include QF runs at Hua Hin and last week in Nanchang, and 3r showing at Wimbledon – the deepest run of her career at a major
- Finished 2018 ranked No.92 for second-best career-end finish (after No.57 in 2016)
- Made 2r at three events in 2018, at Gstaad, Hiroshima and Wuhan, and fell 1r on seven occasions
- Also won ninth career title on ITF Circuit at \$80k Poitiers-FRA
- 2017 saw her play all four Grand Slam main draws for first time in her career and post career-high ranking of No.51 on April 3, 2017
- Ended 2016 at No.57 for best year-end finish of career (up from No.178 in 2015)
- Season highlights were winning maiden WTA singles title at Gstaad (d. Bertens in F) and R-Up finish at Linz (I. Cibulkova in F)



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- Made Slam debut at 2016 Australian Open (as qualifier, l. Suárez Navarro in 1r) and qualified for Roland Garros, reaching 2r (l. Safarova). Prior to 2016 Australian Open, had fallen six times in Grand Slam qualifying
- Other 2016 highlights included QFs at 's-Hertogenbosch (l. Bencic), Tokyo [Japan Open] (l. eventual champion McHale) and Guangzhou (l. Kontaveit). Reached 2r at Katowice (l. Babos) and Bastad (l. Errani), and fell 1r at Cincinnati (l. Nara) and Luxembourg (l. Lisicki)
- Posted first and second Top 50 wins (vs. No.18 Ka. Pliskova and No.33 Strycova) during 2016 Fed Cup World Group SF against Czech Republic
- Entering 2016, had posted just two tour-level main draw wins in career. By comparison, registered 20 main draw wins in 2016
- Prior to 2016 had contested two tour-level events, having come through qualifying on both occasions: 2013 Bad Gastein (d. Bertens, l. Hlavackova), 2014 Shenzhen (d. Wozniack, l. Beck)
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2010 Budapest, and main draw debut at 2013 Bad Gastein
- Made debut on ITF Circuit at \$10k ITF/Budapest-HUN in 2008