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[4] MARIA SAKKARI (GRE #12) VS. ANETT KONTAVEIT (EST #30)

Head-to-head: MARIA SAKKARI leads 5-3 at Tour-level

2021	OLYMPICS	HARD (O)	R64	MARIA SAKKARI	7-5 6-2
2021	MADRID	CLAY (O)	R32	MARIA SAKKARI	6-3 6-1
2021	GRAMPIANS TROPHY	HARD (O)	SF	ANETT KONTAVEIT	2-6 6-3 11-9
2019	ROME	CLAY (O)	R32	MARIA SAKKARI	6-3 6-2
2018	CINCINNATI	HARD (O)	R32	ANETT KONTAVEIT	6-1 6-3
2018	MIAMI	HARD (O)	R64	MARIA SAKKARI	6-4 6-1
2017	AUSTRALIAN OPEN	HARD (O)	R128	MARIA SAKKARI	6-0 6-4
2016	GSTAAD	CLAY (O)	R32	ANETT KONTAVEIT	7-5 6-1

SAKKARI		KONTAVEIT	
Career Prize Money	\$5,098,164	Career Prize Money	\$5,681,595
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	July 25, 1995 (26)	Date of Birth (Age)	Dec. 24, 1995 (25)
Singles Titles (YTD / Career)	0 / 1	Singles Titles (YTD / Career)	1 / 2
Tournament W-L (MD)	6-1	Tournament W-L (MD)	5-1
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	34-15 / 126-101	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	30-14 / 154-113
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	7-9 / 41-47	3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	8-7 / 51-41
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	3-5 / 31-20	Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	3-3 / 35-34
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	24-10 / 79-66	Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	21-9 / 98-73
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	7-4 / 17-18	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	3-5 / 14-26
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	11-7 / 28-41	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	5-9 / 23-42
Coach	Tom Hill	Coach	Ain Suurthal

SAKKARI:

Ostrava

- Making second appearance at J&T Banka Ostrava Open, after a SF run last year (l. Azarenka)
- Is the fourth seed this week and competing on a career high ranking of World No.12 (as of Sept. 20, 2021)
- After a 1r bye, defeated No.29 Ostapenko to take the lead in their overall head-to-head to 2-1
- Is now 3-0 in matches following a 1r bye this season, reaching the SFs at both Grampians Trophy (Melbourne) and Miami
- Won nine of her 10 service games during QF victory over WC Martincova
- Defeated No.6 Swiatek on Saturday to reach her first final of the season and first since lifting the 2019 Rabat trophy. Had previously reached SF five times this season, at Abu Dhabi, Grampians Trophy (Melbourne), Miami, Roland Garros and US Open
- Now owns seven Top-10 wins this season, with her other wins coming over No.4 Kenin (Abu Dhabi), No.2 Osaka (Miami), No.5 Kenin (Roland Garros), No.9 Swiatek (Rolad Garros), No.7 Andreescu (US Open) and No.4 Ka.Pliskova (US Open)
- Faces No.30 Kontaveit today in their ninth career Tour-level meeting and fourth of the season. Owns a 5-3 edge over the Estonian and 3-2 on hardcourts
- Owns 1-1 record in Tour-level finals, winning the 2019 Rabat title (d. Konta in F) and making the 2018 San Jose final (l. Buzarnescu in F)

- Currently No.6 on the Porsche Race to the WTA Finals Leaderboard, with less than 300 points separating the 5th, 6th 7th and 8th spots on the Leaderboard

Season

- Coming off a SF run at the US Open, falling to eventual champion Raducanu. Defeated four Top 20 players en route to the final four, including No.11 Kvitova, No.7 Andreescu and No.4 Ka.Pliskova
- US Open result was joint-best result at the Slams, having also reached this stage at Roland-Garros earlier this season (l. eventual champion Krejckikova)
- Other North American swing results include R16 showing at Montreal (l. Azarenka) and 1r at Cincinnati (l. Kerber)
- Made 3r at Olympics (l. Svitolina) and Montréal (l. Azarenka). Fell 1r at Cincinnati (l. Kerber)
- Reached 2r at Wimbledon (l. Rogers)
- At Roland Garros, became first Greek woman to reach a Grand Slam SF run at Roland-Garros (l. to eventual champion Krejckikova, having held 1MP in third set)
- Started clay court campaign by reaching 2r at Stuttgart (l. Kvitova) and then 3r at Madrid (l. Muchova)
- Advanced to SF at Miami (l. Andreescu) - first Greek woman to reach this stage 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)
- Advanced to QF at Doha (l. Muguruza) and then made 1r exit at Dubai (l. eventual R-Up Krejckikova)
- Upset in 1r at Australian Open (l. Mladenovic)
- Opened season with back-to-back SF runs at Abu Dhabi (d. No.4 Kenin in QF, l. eventual champion Sabalenka) and Grampians Trophy (l. Kontaveit)

Career Milestones

- Secured best year-end ranking of No.22 in 2020; broke into Top 20 on February 24 for first time, at No.20
- Scored third and fourth Top 5 wins of her career last season, over No.5 Svitolina at Ostrava and No.5 Bencic (2020 St. Petersburg). Previous wins came over No.5 Ka.Pliskova (2018 Rome) and No.5 Kvitova (2019 Rome, via ret.)
- Upset No.10 seed Keys to reach the R16 for the first time at one of the four Slams, at 2020 Australian Open (l. Kvitova)
- 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

KONTAVEIT:**Ostrava**

- Making second appearance at Ostrava, having reached 2r last year (l. Sorribes Tormo)
- Broke serve 14 times across wins over Cirstea in 1r, No.9 seed Badosa in 2r and No.3 seed Bencic in QF; now owns 11 wins over Top-50 opponents this season
- Ousted No.10 Kvitova in the SF for her third Top-10 wins this season, having previously defeated No.4 Kenin (Stuttgart) and No.7 Andreescu (Eastbourne)
- The win over Kvitova also marked her 30th victory of the season (30-14 overall). The last time winning 30+ matches in a single season was in 2018 (33)
- Now owns a 9-5 career record in WTA SF matches, winning the last five (including four this season, over Sakkari at Grampians Trophy, Giorgi at Eastbourne, Sorribes Tormo at Cleveland and Kvitova at Ostrava)
- Owns 2-7 career record in finals, including four hardcourt finals. Lifted the trophies on grass at 2017 's-Hertogenbosch (d. Vikhlyantseva in F) and hardcourts at 2021 Cleveland (d. Begu in F)
- Sole Estonian in the draw

Season

- Returned to form at Cleveland, lifting second WTA title of her career (d. Begu in F), followed by 3r run at US Open (l. Swiatek)
- Fell 1r at the Olympics (l. Sakkari), Montréal (l. Pegula) and Cincinnati (l. Jabeur)
- On grass, finished R-Up at Eastbourne (l. Ostapenko) and fell 1r at Wimbledon (l. Vondrousova)
- Made 3r at Roland Garros (l. Swiatek)
- Advanced to QF at Stuttgart (d. No.4 Kenin in 2r, l. Sabalenka) and then fell 2r at Madrid (l. Sakkari)
- 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

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- 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