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## GIPPSLAND TROPHY – QUICK FACTS

<b>Main draw dates:</b>	January 31-February 6, 2021
<b>Singles Final:</b>	Saturday, February 6, time TBC
<b>Doubles Final:</b>	Saturday, February 6, time TBC
<b>Venue:</b>	Melbourne Park Tennis Centre
<b>Status:</b>	WTA 500
<b>Staging:</b>	Tournament's first year
<b>Draw sizes:</b>	54 singles / 28 doubles teams
<b>Surface:</b>	Greenset Cushion / Outdoor
<b>Total prize money:</b>	USD \$442,020
<b>Tennis Ball:</b>	Dunlop AO

SINGLES	USD \$	RANK POINTS
<b>Winner</b>	50,000	470
<b>Runner-Up</b>	33,520	305
<b>Semifinalist</b>	18,610	185
<b>Quarterfinalist</b>	8,770	100
<b>Round of 16</b>	5,500	55
<b>Round of 32</b>	4,250	30
<b>Round of 64</b>	3,000	1

DOUBLES	USD \$	RANK POINTS
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<b>Quarterfinalist</b>	4,310	100
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<b>Round of 32</b>	2,020	1

## MAIN DRAW QUICK-HITS

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## TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS

- One of three WTA 500 tournaments taking place at the Melbourne Park Tennis Centre before the 2021 Australian Open, along with the Yara Valley Classic and the Grampians Trophy.
- Four of the Top 10 players in the world are in the draw, including former World No.1, **Simona Halep**, and the 2019 Australian Open champion, **Naomi Osaka**.
- Joining them will be the Tour's newest major winner, **Iga Swiatek**, and the in-form **Aryna Sabalenka**, the latter of whom is currently riding a career-best 15-match winning streak.
- **Swiatek** stunned reigning champion **Halep** en route to her breakthrough triumph at Roland Garros last October. Should they both clear their early hurdles, the two could renew acquaintances in one of the top half of the draw's quarterfinals.

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- **Osaka** and **Elina Svitolina** lead the way in the bottom half, where they are joined by **Johanna Konta**, **Elise Mertens** and a number of former Top 10 players: **Caroline Garcia**, **Andrea Petkovic**, **Sara Errani** and **Jelena Ostapenko**. The latter two face off in one of the more intriguing first-round encounters.
- Of the top eight seeds, only three were involved in the first tournament of the season at Abu Dhabi: **Svitolina** (QF), **Sabalenka** (champion) and **Karolina Muchova** (2r).
- Five teenagers gained entrance into the draw, **Coco Gauff** (16), **Olivia Gadecki** (18), **Whitney Osuigwe** (18), **Iga Swiatek** (19) and **Anastasia Potapova** (19). Osuigwe and Potapova have been drawn to face one another in the first round, with the winner going on to face top seed **Halep**.
- *One to Watch* – **Sara Sorribes Tormo**. Since falling at the opening hurdle of her first tournament on the Tour's return to play in the summer, Sorribes Tormo has compiled a 16-7 win-loss record, reaching three WTA quarterfinals – including at the 2021 season opener in Abu Dhabi – and claiming the 10th ITF Circuit title of her career. This upturn in form has seen the 24-year-old account for five Top 50 players and climb to a career-high No.62 in the rankings.

## COUNTRY AND REGION BREAKDOWN

A total of 25 countries and regions are represented in the main draw, led by Russia with six players:

<b>Australia (5)</b>	Destanee Aiava, Olivia Gadecki, Arina Rodionova, Astra Sharma, Ajla Tomljanovic
<b>Belarus (2)</b>	Aryna Sabalenka, Aliaksandra Sasnovich
<b>Belgium (1)</b>	Elise Mertens
<b>Canada (1)</b>	Rebecca Marino
<b>China (3)</b>	Wang Qiang, Wang Yafan, Zheng Saisai
<b>Czech Republic (1)</b>	Karolina Muchova
<b>Estonia (1)</b>	Kaia Kanepi
<b>France (3)</b>	Alizé Cornet, Caroline Garcia, Chloé Paquet
<b>Germany (2)</b>	Andrea Petkovic, Laura Siegemund
<b>Great Britain (2)</b>	Katie Boulter, Johanna Konta
<b>Hungary (1)</b>	Timea Babos
<b>Japan (3)</b>	Mayo Hibi, Nao Hibino, Naomi Osaka
<b>Kazakhstan (1)</b>	Zarina Diyas
<b>Italy (3)</b>	Sara Errani, Jasmine Paolini, Martina Trevisan
<b>Latvia (1)</b>	Jelena Ostapenko
<b>Montenegro (1)</b>	Danka Kovinic
<b>Poland (1)</b>	Iga Swiatek
<b>Romania (4)</b>	Irina-Camelia Begu, Mihaela Buzarnescu, Simona Halep, Patricia Maria Tig
<b>Russia (6)</b>	Ekaterina Alexandrova, Margarita Gasparian, Anna Kalinskaya, Daria Kasatkina, Anastasia Potapova, Valeria Savinykh
<b>Slovakia (1)</b>	Anna Karolina Schmiedlova
<b>Slovenia (3)</b>	Polona Hercog, Kaja Juvan, Tamara Zidansek
<b>Spain (1)</b>	Sara Sorribes Tormo
<b>Switzerland (1)</b>	Jill Teichmann
<b>Ukraine (2)</b>	Elina Svitolina, Lesia Tsurenko
<b>United States (4)</b>	Coco Gauff, Varvara Lepchenko, Whitney Osuigwe, Bernarda Pera

## 2021 WTA TOUR FINALS

Week of	Level	Tournament	Singles Final	Doubles Final
January 6	WTA 500	Abu Dhabi, UAE	[4] Sabalenka d. Kudermetova 62 62	[5] Aoyama/Shibahara d. [8] Carter/Stefani 76(5) 64

## 2021 & CAREER PRIZE MONEY LEADERS

PLAYER	2021 TOTAL
Aryna Sabalenka (BLR)	\$68,570
Veronika Kudermetova (RUS)	\$52,285
Marta Kostyuk (UKR)	\$28,525
Maria Sakkari (GRE)	\$27,755
Sofia Kenin (USA)	\$16,850

PLAYER	CAREER TOTAL
<b>Serena Williams (USA)</b>	<b>\$93,634,967</b>
<b>Venus Williams (USA)</b>	<b>\$41,958,284</b>
Maria Sharapova (RUS)	\$38,777,962
<b>Simona Halep (ROU)</b>	<b>\$37,045,910</b>
Caroline Wozniacki (DEN)	\$35,233,415
<b>Petra Kvitova (CZE)</b>	<b>\$32,572,604</b>
<b>Victoria Azarenka (BLR)</b>	<b>\$32,347,288</b>
<b>Angelique Kerber (GER)</b>	<b>\$29,853,978</b>
Agnieszka Radwanska (POL)	\$27,683,807
<b>Svetlana Kuznetsova (RUS)</b>	<b>\$25,483,600</b>

## A SNAPSHOT OF LAST SEASON

- **Top 10 Debut (1):** Sofia Kenin (at No.7 on February 3)
- **Fewest games dropped en route to a title:** Jennifer Brady (24, Lexington)
- **Lowest-ranked player to triumph:** Patricia Maria Tig (No.88, Istanbul)
- **Most titles (3):** Simona Halep: 3 (Dubai - W; Prague - W; Rome - W); Aryna Sabalenka: 3 (Doha - W; Ostrava - W; Linz - W)
- **Maiden titles (4):** Ekaterina Alexandrova (Shenzhen), Jennifer Brady (Lexington), Patricia Maria Tig (Istanbul), Iga Swiatek (Roland Garros)
- **Youngest title winner:** Iga Swiatek, Roland Garros (19y 132d)
- **Oldest title winner:** Serena Williams, Auckland (38y 108d)
- **Aces leaders:** Elena Rybakina - 193, Serena Williams - 178, Aryna Sabalenka - 165
- **Most aces in a match (22):** Alison Van Uytvanck (l. vs. Sofia Kenin 7-6(5) 6-7(2) 7-6(2) - Lyon, SF)
- **Match win leaders:** Elise Mertens - 34, Elena Rybakina - 29, Aryna Sabalenka - 29, Sofia Kenin - 24
- **Most three-set wins (11):** Aryna Sabalenka (11-5 record)
- **Most doubles titles (4):** Barbora Strycova / Hsieh Su-Wei (Brisbane, Dubai, Doha, Rome)
- **Best result by a qualifier (R-Up):** Kung (Hua Hin), Fernandez (Acapulco), Bouchard (Istanbul)
- **Longest match:** 3h 33m - Heather Watson d. Elise Mertens 6-7(5) 6-4 7-5 (Hobart, QF)
- **Shortest (completed) match:** 39m - Ekaterina Alexandrova d. Storm Sanders 6-1 6-0 (Strasbourg, 1r)
- **Most Top 10 wins (3):** Garbiñe Muguruza (No.3 Simona Halep, No.5 Elina Svitolina and No.10 Kiki Bertens - all at Australian Open); Jelena Ostapenko (No.7 Sofia Kenin in Fed Cup, No.8 Kiki Bertens at Strasbourg, No.4 Karolina Pliskova at Roland Garros); Maria Sakkari (No.5 Belinda Bencic at St. Petersburg, No.9 Serena Williams at Western & Southern Open, No.5 Elina Svitolina at Ostrava)

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## GIPPSLAND TROPHY – DAY ONE

### [WC] ARINA RODIONOVA (AUS #169) vs. [12] CAROLINE GARCIA (FRA #44)

*Garcia leads 1-0*

**Garcia** triumphed in straight sets when the two met at 2015 Dubai... **Rodionova** is one of five Australians in the draw... Both playing their first match since Roland Garros

### [WC] ASTRA SHARMA (AUS #129) vs. KAIA KANEPI (EST #94)

*First meeting*

**Kanepi** posted 15-2 record against players outside Top 100 last season... **Sharma** is currently No.4-ranked Australian on Tour... **Kanepi** has won one career title on Australian soil at 2012 Brisbane

### MIHAELA BUZARNESCU (ROU #137) vs. DARIA KASATKINA (RUS #71)

*Kasatkina leads 1-0*

**Kasatkina** beat defending champion **Buzarnescu** at 2019 San Jose... **Buzarnescu** bidding for first main draw win since September 2019... **Kasatkina** opened season with 3r run at Abu Dhabi

### [13] JELENA OSTAPENKO (LAT #45) vs. SARA ERRANI (ITA #131)

*Errani leads 1-0*

**Errani** won in three sets when they met at 2015 US Open... **Ostapenko** is one of four Grand Slam champions in the draw... **Errani** attempting to beat a Top 50 player for the first time since April 2018

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**[WC] ARINA RODIONOVA (AUS #169) VS. CAROLINE GARCIA (FRA #44)**

Head-to-head: CAROLINE GARCIA leads 1-0

2015 DUBAI HARD O R1 CAROLINE GARCIA 6-3 6-2

RODIONOVA		GARCIA	
Career Prize Money	\$1,510,390	Career Prize Money	\$10,732,601
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Dec. 15, 1989 (31)	Date of Birth (Age)	Oct. 16, 1993 (27)
Singles Titles	0	Singles Titles	7
Tournament W-L (MD)	0-0	Tournament W-L (MD)	0-0
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	0-0 / 10-31	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	0-0 / 225-180
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 2-8	3-Set (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 79-62
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 10-8	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 60-56
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 6-24	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 134-117
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-2	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 17-41
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 2-4	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 34-68
Coach	-	Coach	Louis Paul Garcia

**RODIONOVA:**

- Faces No.44 Garcia in her opening match at the Gippsland Trophy – her first match since falling to Zvonareva in second round of qualifying for Roland Garros in last September
- Most recent win over a Top 50-ranked player came against No.25 Stephens in 1r at 2020 Adelaide
- One of five Australian players in the draw, along with Aiava, Gadecki, Sharma and Tomljanovic
- Also playing doubles this week (w/Sanders face No.5 seeds Stosur/Zhang in 1r)
- Last season, opened campaign with qualifying exit at Auckland before 2r showings at Adelaide (as qualifier, d. No.25 Stephens, I. Vondrousova) and Australian Open (as WC, I. Bertens) – only Tour-level wins in 2020
- On the ITF Circuit last year, best result was SF at \$25k Mildura-AUS
- Highlight of 2020 came on the doubles court, where she lifted maiden WTA title, at 2020 Hua Hin (w/Sanders, d. Haas/Perez in F); now 1-5 in doubles finals
- Fell 1r at 2019 Wimbledon (as qualifier, I. Townsend) – her first Grand Slam main draw since making 2r at 2017 US Open (I. Sakkari)
- Also in 2019, fell 1r at Tianjin (as qualifier, I. Q.Wang) and Nanchang (as qualifier, I. Stosur) and made fifth career WTA doubles final at Nottingham (w/Perez)
- Best result in 2018 was winning ninth - and most recent - ITF Circuit singles title at \$25K Obidos
- Achieved career high singles ranking of No.116 on October 23, 2017 and doubles ranking of No.41 on July 27, 2015
- Continues to play mostly on ITF Circuit, where she is the winner of nine singles titles and 37 doubles titles
- Made Fed Cup debut for Australia in 2016 – I. Schmiedlova in World Group II QF vs. Slovak Republic; and w/An.Rodionova, I. Mattek-Sands/Vandeweghe in World Group Playoff vs. USA at Brisbane
- In doubles, has one WTA title, has finished R-Up five times and made QF at 2016 Australian Open (w/An.Rodionova); posted career-high doubles ranking of No.41 on July 27, 2015
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2008 Fès, as a qualifier
- Played first event of career on ITF Circuit in Russia in 2004
- R-Up in girls' doubles at 2007 Australian Open (w/Rodina, I. U.Radwanska/Cohen)

**GARCIA:**

- Faces wildcard Rodionova in 1r today; fell to wildcards in her opening two tournaments of 2020, against No.262 Bouchard in 2r at Auckland and No.129 Cabrera in 1r
- One of three French players in the draw this week, along with Cornet and Paquet
- Playing doubles here (w/Podoroska, play Niculescu/Tig in 1r – winners meet No.4 seeds Klepac and Mertens)
- Best results in 2020 came at Slams, reaching R16 at Roland Garros (l. Svitolina) and 3r at US Open (l. Brady)
- Defeated No.3 Ka.Pliskova in 2r at Flushing Meadows to record her first Top 10 win since 2018 Tianjin title (d. No.6 Ka.Pliskova in F)
- Highlights of 2019 campaign include capturing her seventh career WTA singles title at Nottingham and reaching the finals at Strasbourg
- Member of French Fed Cup team that won the 2019 competition final vs. Australia, teaming up with Mladenovic to win the decisive doubles runner against Barty/Stosur. Also took part in the team that advanced to 2016 Fed Cup final vs. Czech Republic
- Fell out of the Top 20 on March 18, 2019 after holding her position there since August 14, 2017
- In 2018, won sixth career title at Tianjin; also made semifinals at Stuttgart and Madrid
- Broke into the Top 5 on August 13, 2018 and reached a career-high of No.4 on September 10, 2018
- Became first player to win Wuhan and Beijing back-to-back in 2017. As a result, qualified for WTA Finals. Was ranked No.30 on the Race to Singapore leaderboard in May 2017
- Best win of her career came over No.2 Halep in 2017 Beijing final
- In 2017, lifted first Premier-5 level title at Wuhan and first Premier-Mandatory crown at Beijing; subsequently made Top 10 debut
- Won a career-best 48 main draw matches in 2017 (48-22 record, two titles), Advanced to QF at 2017 Roland Garros (l. Ka.Pliskova) for best Grand Slam singles result to date
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- Qualifying for WTA Finals in 2017, became the first Frenchwoman to compete at WTA Finals in singles since Mauresmo in 2006 (l. Henin in F)
- At 2016 Roland Garros w/Mladenovic, won first major doubles title. They were the first French pair to win in Paris since 1971, when Gail Chanfreau and Francoise Durr triumphed
- Represented France at 2016 Rio Olympics in singles (2r) and doubles (1r, w/Mladenovic)
- Member of French Fed Cup team that advanced to 2016 competition final vs. Czech Republic
- Played 2015 WTA Finals Rising Stars Invitational in Singapore (l. Osaka in F)
- Made professional debut at 13 on ITF Circuit in France in 2007
- In juniors, singles runner-up at 2011 US Open (l. Min) and was a semifinalist at the other three Slams



**[WC] ASTRA SHARMA (AUS #129) VS. KAIA KANEPI (EST #4)**

Head-to-head: First meeting

SHARMA		KANEPI	
Career Prize Money	\$713,969	Career Prize Money	\$6,454,604
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Sep. 11, 1995 (25)	Date of Birth (Age)	Jun. 10, 1985 (35)
Singles Titles	0	Singles Titles	4
Tournament W-L (MD)	0-0	Tournament W-L (MD)	0-0
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	0-0 / 9-15	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	0-0 / 224-192
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 3-7	3-Set (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 69-71
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 1-4	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 53-43
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 2-8	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 127-108
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-0	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 11-39
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-0	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 35-69
Coach	David Taylor	Coach	-

**SHARMA:**

- Faces Kanepi in 1r of Gippsland Trophy; posted 3-5 record against Top 100 players last season
- One of five Australian players in the draw, along with Aiava, Gadecki, Rodionova and Tomljanovic
- Also a wildcard entrant into doubles this week (w/Aiava face Bondarenko/N.Kichenok in 1r)
- Last season, opened campaign with 1r exits at Hobart (as WC, I. Davis) and Australian Open (as WC, I. Kontaveit)
- Posted second successive Top 150 season finish in 2020 (No.128)
- Reached 2r twice in 2020, including at Roland Garros (as qualifier, I. Alexandrova)
- Non-playing member of Australian team that contested final of Billie Jean King Cup against France in 2019
- Made Top 100 debut on April 29, 2019 and rose as high as No.85 the week of June 24 that year
- Reached 2r on Grand Slam singles main draw debut at 2019 Australian Open (as qualifier, d. Hon, I. Sakkari) and that season played all four Slams for the first time
- Achieved her best win-by-ranking of her career over No.50 S.Zhang during 2r showing at 2019 Strasbourg
- Advanced to career first Tour-level final in 2019 at Bogota (I. Anisimova in F). Lifted first WTA doubles title that same week (w/Hives)
- In mixed doubles finished R-Up in mixed doubles at 2019 Australian Open (as WC, w/Smith, I. Krejckova/Ram in F) and made SF in 2020 (w/Smith, I. Mattek-Sands/J.Murray)
- Won seventh career ITF singles title and fourth doubles title (w/Hourigan) at 2019 \$25K ITF/Irapuato-MEX (d. Cepede Royg in singles F)
- Played almost exclusively on ITF Circuit in 2018, posting 37-11 win-loss record and winning three titles
- Made WTA qualifying debut as WC at 2018 Hobart, falling at the first hurdle to Nara
- Won first professional title in 2015 at \$10k Sharm El Sheikh-EGY
- Owns seven singles and four doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Stellar collegiate career at Vanderbilt University saw her named an All-American player in multiple seasons; led women's tennis team to their first-ever Southeast Conference tournament championship and National Championship, plus the NCAA Finals, two NCAA semifinals and two additional SEC Championships
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in Australia in 2011, before wrist and ankle injuries influenced decision to move to US at age of 18 to play college tennis

**KANEPI:**

- Faces wildcard Sharma in 1r today; posted 15-2 record against players ranked outside Top 100 last season
- At 35 is the oldest of 12 thirtysomethings in the draw
- Owns good record down under, having won 2012 Brisbane title and reached a further four QFs on Australian soil
- Started last season by contesting qualifying at Brisbane and then falling 1r at Australian Open (l. Krejčíková)
- Ended 2020 in fine form on ITF Circuit, winning 15 of 16 matches and lifting the 11th 12th and 13th titles of her career at this level
- Best results at Tour-level in 2020 were 2r showings at US Open (l. Jabeur) and Roland Garros (l. Mertens)
- Highlights of 2019 were R16 runs at Roland Garros (l. Martić) and Charleston (l. Collins)
- Standout results in 2018 were R16 run at US Open (d. No.1 Halep, l. S. Williams) and equaling best career result at Australian Open by reaching 3r (l. Suárez Navarro). Also lifted 14th ITF Circuit title at \$60k ITF/Brescia-ITA
- Melbourne run took total career prize money past USD \$5million
- Battled through yet another injury-plagued season, finishing 2017 at No.107. Season highlight was advancing to QF stage of 2017 US Open (l. eventual R-Up Keys) – first qualifier to reach this stage at US Open since Barbara Gerken did so in 1981
- Holds many firsts for Estonia – first Estonian to reach a WTA final (2006 Hasselt), a Grand Slam QF (2008 French Open), to crack Top 20 (February 2009), to win a WTA title (2010 Palermo) and to beat a reigning No.1 (Wozniacki at 2011 Tokyo [PPO])
- Owns 11 career wins over Top 10 opponents, most recently over No.1 Halep at 2018 US Open
- Endured a career-low year-end 2016 ranking of No.302 due to being hampered by the Epstein-Barr virus and plantar fasciitis in both feet
- Advanced to QF stage four times in 2014 (Brisbane, Acapulco, Bastad and Seoul) and posted R16 finish at 2014 US Open (l. S. Williams)
- Battled injuries in 2013 missing first three months due to right Achilles injury and sidelined after Wimbledon until US Open due to a low back injury
- Broke into Top 20 at No.16 on June 11, 2012, following QF run at Roland Garros (d. No.9 Wozniacki, l. eventual champion Sharapova); later that year, rose to career-high No.15 (August 20, 2012)
- Made Grand Slam breakthrough with QF showing at 2008 Roland Garros (l. Kuznetsova); upset No.6 Chakvetadze in 2r to register first victory over a Top 10 player of her career
- Made Top 100 debut on December 19, 2005 and broke into Top 50 on April 2, 2007
- Advanced to first WTA final at 2006 Hasselt (l. Clijsters); scored maiden Top 20 win over No.15 Schiavone in QF
- Reached maiden WTA SF at 2005 Kolkata (l. Myskina)
- Won first Tour-level match in 2r showing at 2002 Porto (d. Sassi, l. Montolio)
- In only her fourth senior tournament, fell 1r on WTA main draw debut at 2001 Vienna (as qualifier, l. Huber)
- Finished R-Up at \$10k ITF/Tallin-EST on professional debut in 1999



**MIHAELA BUZARNESCU (ROU #137) VS. DARIA KASATKINA (RUS #71)**

Head-to-head: DARIA KASATKINA leads 1-0

2019 SAN JOSE HARD O R1 DARIA KASATKINA 6-2 6-2

BUZARNESCU		KASATKINA	
Career Prize Money	\$2,148,830	Career Prize Money	\$6,389,451
Plays	Left-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	May 4, 1988 (32)	Date of Birth (Age)	May 7, 1997 (23)
Singles Titles	1	Singles Titles	2
Tournament W-L (MD)	0-0	Tournament W-L (MD)	0-0
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	0-0 / 52-52	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	1-1 / 135-107
3-Set (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 18-17	3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 51-36
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 14-11	Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 24-22
Hard Court (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 21-29	Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 87-73
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 3-11	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 12-22
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 6-16	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 25-44
Coach	Artemon Apostu	Coach	Carlos Martínez

**BUZARNESCU:**

- One of four Romanians contesting Gippsland Trophy this week, along with Halep, Begu and Tig
- Faces No.71 Kasatkina in 1r today, bidding for her first main draw win since 2019 Hiroshima
- Finished R-Up at 2018 Hobart (I. Mertens in F); apart from that run, having never won a main draw match down under, falling 1r at 2018 Australian Open, 2019 Brisbane, Hobart and Australian Open
- Started 2021 season at Dubai, where she fell in the final round of Australian Open qualifying (I. Osuigwe despite leading 6-2 5-2)
- Played just two events in 2020 after 11 months out of competition due to injury, suffered 1r exit at US Open (I. Stephens) and fell qualifying at Roland Garros
- Finished 2019 season ranked No.110; campaign was highlighted by SF run at Hiroshima (I. Hibino)
- Enjoyed stellar year in 2018, reaching her first three WTA singles finals and breaking into the Top 20
- Rose to career-high ranking of No.20 on August 6, 2018 before progress was stalled when she badly injured her right ankle in Montreal
- Lifted first WTA singles title at Premier level San Jose (d. Sakkari in F) in 2018. Also finished R-Up at 2018 Hobart (I. Mertens) and 2018 Prague (I. Kvitova)
- Prior to 2018, had three WTA main draw wins to her name. Ended that season with a 36-21 record at tour, main draw level
- Posted her first five Top 20 wins of career in 2018, over No.6 Ostapenko (2018 Doha), No.4 Svitolina (2018 Roland Garros), No.5 Svitolina (2018 Birmingham), No.20 Bertens (2018 Eastbourne) and No.15 Mertens (San Jose)
- Enjoyed run to R16 at 2018 Roland Garros, her best result at a major (I. Keys). Also made QF stage in doubles in Paris (w/Bara, I. H.Chan/Z.Yang)
- Reached first four career doubles finals in 2018, winning Strasbourg (w/Olaru, d. N.Kichenok/An.Rodionova in F) and finishing R-Up at Prague, Nottingham and Eastbourne
- Made second WTA singles final of career at Prague (I. Kvitova in 3s); rose to then-career-high ranking of No.32 following the tournament (May 7, 2018)

- Reached first career WTA singles final at Hobart (l. Mertens in 3s)
- Enjoyed breakthrough year in 2017, achieving first Top 100 season of career at No.72. Previous best year-end finish was in 2011 (No.155)
- Reached first tour-level SF of career at 2017 Linz (having come through qualifying), defeating No.35 Kontaveit en route (l. eventual champion Strycova)
- Broke into Top 100 after Linz run (October 16, 2017); at 29 was the oldest Top 100 debutante since 33-year-old Obziler on February 19, 2007 at No.96
- Made Slam and WTA main draw debut at 2017 US Open as a qualifier (l. Wozniacki in 1r). Prior to US Open breakthrough had made 16 unsuccessful attempts to qualify for tour-level tournaments, including eight Grand Slams, dating back to 2007 Fès
- Ascent up the rankings helped by strong showings on ITF Circuit in 2017, picking up seven titles, including \$100k ITF/Poitiers-FRA
- In 2015, won 48 matches, four ITF Circuit titles and rose 600 spots in the rankings, ending at No.260
- Has won 22 singles and 34 doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Made professional debut at 2004 \$10k ITF/Bucharest-ROU (l. Savu in 1r)

### **KASATKINA:**

- One of a tournament-leading six Russian players to start the main draw of Gippsland Trophy, along with Alexandrova, Gasparyan, Kalinskaya, Potapova and Savinykh
- Faces No.137 Buzarnescu in 1r today; won their previous meeting at 2019 San Jose, where the Romanian was defending champion
- Lost to a player outside Top 100 on two occasions in 2020: No.137 Kostyuk (US Open, 1r) and No.136 Friedsam (Lyon, SF)
- Owns 10-9 record vs left-handed players; most recent encounter with such opponent came at 2019 Toronto, where she defeated Kerber in 3s
- Last year, suffered early exits at Auckland and Adelaide before falling 1r at Australian Open
- Previous best result during the Australian swing was QF appearance at 2017 Sydney (l. eventual champion Konta)
- Opened 2021 season with 3r showing at Abu Dhabi (l. Rybakina)
- 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, I. Pavlyuchenkova, having recorded first Top 20 win over No.14 Suárez Navarro in QF); following the tournament made Top 100 debut at No.73 (October 26, 2015)
- Reached 3r at 2015 US Open (as LL, I. Mladenovic) on Grand Slam debut (main draw and qualifying). Earlier in summer of 2015, won back-to-back matches for first time at a WTA tournament during QF run at Bad Gastein (as qualifier, I. Errani)
- Also in 2015, won maiden WTA doubles title at 2015 Moscow (w/Vesnina), lifted five singles titles on ITF Circuit and was nominated for WTA Newcomer of the Year in 2015
- Fell 1r on WTA main draw debut at 2014 Moscow (as WC, I. Riske)
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2013 Moscow

**[13] JELENA OSTAPENKO (LAT #45) VS. SARA ERRANI (ITA #131)**

Head-to-head: SARA ERRANI leads 1-0

2015 US OPEN HARD O R2 SARA ERRANI 0-6 6-4 6-3

OSTAPENKO		ERRANI	
Career Prize Money	\$9,074,100	Career Prize Money	\$13,369,588
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Jun 8, 1997 (23)	Date of Birth (Age)	Apr 29, 1987 (33)
Singles Titles	3	Singles Titles	9
Tournament W-L (MD)	0-0	Tournament W-L (MD)	0-0
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	0-0 / 128-106	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	0-0 / 375-275
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 46-33	3-Set (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 100-94
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 33-20	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 86-56
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 75-71	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 180-152
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 13-15	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 13-55
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 20-29	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 37-90
Coach	Thomas Högestedt & Jelena Jakovleva	Coach	Pablo Lozano Beamud

**OSTAPENKO:**

- One of four Grand Slam champions contesting Gippsland Trophy, along with Halep, Osaka and Swiatek; also the only Latvian in the draw
- Faces No.131 Errani in her opening match of 2021 season—the only clash between two former Top 10 players among first-round encounters
- Lost their previous meeting at 2015 US Open (ranked No.114 back then, Errani No.16); it was also the first time she ever faced a Top 20 opponent on hard court (second time across all surfaces)
- Last defeat to a player outside Top 100 came at 2019 Linz, where she was beaten by No.110 Gauff in the final
- Best result down under was a SF run at 2017 Auckland. Opened both 2018 and 2019 season with 1r exits at Shenzhen and Sydney; didn't play any warm-up match before 2020 Australian Open
- Highlights of 2020 season included three Top 10 wins: defeating No.4 Ka.Pliskova at Roland Garros, No.7 Kenin at Fed Cup qualifiers and No.8 Bertens at Strasbourg (via ret.). Also recorded 20th Top 20 win of her career at Ostrava (d. Martic in 1r)
- Finished R-Up in doubles w/Dabrowski at 2020 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, I. V.Williams, I. 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 Taskent advancing to 2r (l. Pervak)
- Began playing ITF Circuit events in 2012

### **ERRANI:**

- One of three Italian players in action at Gippsland Trophy, along with Paolini and Trevisan
- Faces No.45 Ostapenko in 1r today, bidding for her first Top 50 win since 2018 Charleston (d. No.39 Buzarnescu); since 2016 Rio Olympics, has recorded just one win over a Top 50 player on hard, at 2018 Dubai (d. No.42 Tsurenko)
- Best results down under include two SF showings at 2009 Brisbane and 2010 Hobart, and QF run at 2012 Australian Open; last main draw win during Australian swing came at 2017 Australian Open, where she defeated Ozaki in 1r and then lost to Makarova in 2r (via.ret)
- Opened 2021 campaign at Dubai, successfully qualified for Australian Open, beating En-Shuo Liang, Garcia-Perez and Konjuh en route; will play her first Grand Slam main draw outside Roland Garros for the first time since 2017
- Played only three tour level main draw event in 2020; reached QF at Palermo while fell 2r at both Acapulco and Roland Garros
- Finished 2019 season ranked No.110; campaign was highlighted by SF run at Hiroshima (l. Hibino)
- Best result of 2019 was QF at Bogotá (l. Sharma); fell 1r four times and in qualifying on five occasions, and won one singles title on ITF Circuit
- Ended 2018 just outside Top 100 (at No.108) after a campaign in which she reached QF at Rabat (l. Mertens); reached 3r at Charleston and captured won one WTA 125K Series singles title and 27th career doubles title — at Auckland (w/Schoofs)
- Ended 2017 season ranked No.143 (previous year-end finish outside the Top 100 came in 2006 at No.171). Missed around two months of 2017 season (August to October) due to an anti-doping violation; departed tour following 2017 Washington DC, returning with SF run at Tianjin in October (l. Sabalenka)
- Following return to competition at end of 2017, won ITF \$60k-Suzhou-CHN and reached SF at ITF \$100k-Dubai-UAE (l. Bencic).

- Posted ninth successive Top 50 season in 2016. Recorded four straight Top 20 seasons from 2012-15 including back-to-back Top 10 finishes in 2012 (No.6) and 2013 (No.7)
- 2016 season highlighted by winning ninth (and biggest) WTA singles title of career at Premier-level Dubai (d. Strycova in F) – owns 9-10 record overall in finals, and reached at least one final every year between 2011-2016
- Was previously 0-4 in Premier-level singles finals, finishing runner-up at 2014 Rome, 2014 Paris [Indoors], 2013 Dubai and 2013 Paris [Indoors]
- Represented Italy in doubles w/Vinci at 2016 Rio Olympics (l. Safarova/Strycova in QF); the team of Errani/Vinci reunited in Montréal for the first time since playing Fed Cup in February 2015
- Won her eighth WTA singles title – and first in two years – at 2015 Rio de Janeiro (d. Schmiedlova in F) and finished runner-up at 2015 Bucharest (l. Schmiedlova in F)
- Qualified for inaugural 2015 WTA Elite Trophy in Zhuhai, but unable to progress past group stage
- Owns three Top 5 wins in her career: No.4 A.Radwanska at 2013 Roland Garros, No.2 Li at 2014 Rome, No.4 Kvitova at 2015 Beijing
- Dropped out of Top 10 after 2014 Miami for the first time since June 11, 2012 – rose as high as No.5 the week of May 20, 2013
- Qualified for WTA Finals in singles in 2012 and 2013, going 2-4 in round robin matches
- Owns 27 career doubles titles (27-14 in finals), most recently winning at 2018 Auckland (w/Schoofs)
- In total, spent 87 weeks as doubles World No.1
- Member of victorious Italian Fed Cup teams in 2009-10 and 2013



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## GIPPSLAND TROPHY – DAY TWO

### ALIZÉ CORNET (FRA #53) vs. AJLA TOMLIJANOVIC (AUS #69)

*Series tied 1-1*

**Tomljanovic** beat **Cornet** in straight sets when they met at 2019 Indian Wells... Both players fell in second round of season opener at Abu Dhabi... Winner faces No.2 seed Osaka in second round

### [14] COCO GAUFF (USA #48) vs. JIL TEICHMANN (SUI #57)

*First meeting*

**Gauff** is the youngest of five teenagers in the draw... **Teichmann** posted 5-1 record against US opposition in 2020... **Gauff** made second round in opening tournament of this season at Abu Dhabi

### [1] SIMONA HALEP (ROU #2) vs. ANASTASIA POTAPOVA (RUS #101)

*First meeting*

**Halep** spending her 347th consecutive week inside the Top 10... **Potapova** dropped just three games in first-round win... **Halep** beat Barty in Adelaide exhibition on Friday

### [WC] DESTANEE AIAVA (AUS #215) vs. CHLOÉ PAQUET (FRA #187)

*First meeting*

**Aiava** is one of five Australians in the draw this week... **Paquet** impressed during Australian Open qualifying earlier this month... Players own just 10 Tour-level match wins between them

### ANDREA PETKOVIC (GER #102) vs. [3] ELINA SVITOLINA (UKR #5)

*Svitolina leads 3-0*

**Svitolina** came from a set down to win their last meeting, at 2016 Olympics... **Petkovic** edged past Trevisan in a tight final set on Sunday... **Svitolina** reached QF in season opener at Abu Dhabi

## MAIN DRAW QUICK-HITS

**Top 8 Seeds:** Simona Halep, Naomi Osaka, Elina Svitolina, Aryna Sabalenka, Johanna Konta, Iga Swiatek, Elise Mertens, Karolina Muchova

**Wildcards:** Destanee Aiava, Olivia Gadecki, Arina Rodionova, Astra Sharma

**Most career WTA singles titles:** Simona Halep (22)

**Prize money leader:** Simona Halep (\$37,045,910)

**Youngest singles player:** Coco Gauff, 16 years old (March 13, 2004)

**Oldest singles player:** Kaia Kanepi, 35 years old (June 10, 1985)

## ALIZÉ CORNET (FRA #53) VS. AJLA TOMLJANOVIC (AUS #69)

Head-to-head: Series tied 1-1

2019	INDIAN WELLS	HARD	O	R1	AJLA TOMLJANOVIC	7-5 6-3
2013	US OPEN	HARD	O	R1	ALIZÉ CORNET	6-2 6-2

CORNET		TOMLJANOVIC	
Career Prize Money	\$7,195,373	Career Prize Money	\$2,874,866
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Jan. 22, 1990 (31)	Date of Birth (Age)	May 7, 1993 (27)
Singles Titles	6	Singles Titles	0
Tournament W-L (MD)	0-0	Tournament W-L (MD)	0-0
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	1-1 / 314-300	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	1-1 / 104-129
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 103-95	3-Set (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 41-50
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 66-62	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 36-34
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 190-181	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 67-80
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 20-48	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 3-14
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 43-104	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 8-37
Coach	Sandra Zaniewska	Coach	Ratko Tomljanovic

### CORNET:

- Faces Tomljanovic in 1r of Gippsland Trophy – her first match against Australian opposition since falling to the same opponent at 2019 Indian Wells
- One of three French players in the draw, along with Garcia and Paquet
- Also playing doubles this week (w/Buzarnescu face Ninomiya/Voracova in 1r)
- In opening week of the season made 2r at Abu Dhabi (l. Badosa)
- Began last season with QF at Auckland (l. Pegula) before reaching 2r at Hobart (l. eventual champion Rybakina) and Australian Open (l. Vekic)
- Other than aforementioned run in Auckland, highlight of 2020 was R16 showing at US Open (d. No.14 Keys, l. Pironkova)
- Also in 2020, made 3r at Western & Southern Open (l. eventual champion Azarenka). Defeated No.4 Kenin in 2r – first Top 5 win since No.4 Kerber at 2018 Montréal
- Highlight of 2019 was reaching Lausanne final (l. Ferro as the defending champion) – has reached at least one WTA final in six of last seven seasons
- Part of victorious Fed Cup squad for France who defeated Australia in Perth 3-2 to be crowned 2019 champions (did not play)
- In 2018, won sixth career title at Gstaad (d. Minella in F), and reached two further QFs at Brisbane and Charleston
- Former World No.11 (achieved in February 16, 2009) who broke back into Top 20 at end of 2014 for first time since May 2009; dropped out of Top 20 again after 2015 Dubai
- Owns five wins over Top 3 ranked opponents: No.1 S. Williams (2014 Dubai, 2014 Wimbledon and 2014 Wuhan via ret.), No.3 A.Radwanska (2014 Katowice) and No.2 Halep (2015 Madrid); wins over S.Williams made her the first player to defeat the American in three straight meetings since Henin in 2007
- Qualified for 2013 and 2014 Tournament of Champions in Sofia, Bulgaria
- Grand Slam breakthrough came with R16 run at Australian Open in 2009 (l. Safina)

- Excelled on clay in 2008, winning her maiden WTA title at Budapest (d. Klepac in F), reaching maiden final at Acapulco (l. Pennetta) and finishing R-Up at Rome (d. No.5 Kuznetsova and No.8 Chakvetadze, l. Jankovic)
- In 2007, rose over 120 places in the rankings, reaching first two WTA QFs, at first Acapulco and then Fes, as well as reaching 3r at US Open (d. Stosur and Wozniacki, l. No.3 Jankovic)
- Made Grand Slam debut at Roland Garros as 15-year-old wildcard in 2005, reaching 2r (d. Jidkova, l. Mauresmo)
- Member of French Fed Cup Team, 2008-17, 2019; French Olympic Team, 2008, 2012, 2016
- Won 2007 Roland Garros junior title (d. Duque-Mariño in F)

### **TOMLJANOVIC:**

- Faces Cornet in 1r today – winner will meet No.2 seed Osaka in 2r
- One of five Australian players in the draw this week, along with Aiava, Gadecki, Rodionova and Sharma
- Playing doubles here (w/Riske, face No.8 seeds Blinkova/Kudermetova in 1r)
- Made 2r in opening tournament of the season, at Abu Dhabi (l. eventual champion Sabalenka); also reached SF in doubles (w/Kenin, l. eventual champions Aoyama/Shibahara)
- Reached 2r – but never further – on five occasions in 2020, including on first three outings of the season at Brisbane, Adelaide and Australian Open
- Ended 2019 season by representing Australia in Perth final of Billie Jean King Cup vs. France – went 1-1 in singles (d. Parmentier, l. Mladenovic) as visitors prevailed 3-2
- Posted career-high ranking of No.39 on April 1, 2019 (following 3r run at Miami 3r)
- Four-time WTA singles finalist, most recently finishing runner-up at 2019 Hua Hin (l. Yastremska). Earlier finals came at 2015 Pattaya City (l. Hantuchova), 2018 Rabat (l. Mertens) and 2018 Seoul (l. Bertens)
- Posted two Top 10 wins in 2019, her first for almost five years, defeating No.10 Sabalenka (Miami) and No.8 Bertens (Zhengzhou). Other Top 10 defeat, and best win of career, came over No.3 A.Radwanska at 2014 Roland Garros
- Reached first Premier-level SF of career at 2019 Zhengzhou (l. eventual champion Ka.Pliskova)
- Underwent shoulder surgery in February 2016 and was sidelined for rest of season; returned at 2017 Acapulco, more than 12 months later
- Made Top 50 debut in 2015, rising as high as No.47 (week of February 23)
- Best Grand Slam result to date is R16 run at 2014 Roland Garros (d. No.32 seed Vesnina in 2r and No.3 seed A.Radwanska in 3r, l. Suárez Navarro)
- Announced in 2014 she would switch nationalities and start representing Australia (first did so at 2014 US Open)
- On ITF Circuit, winner of four singles titles and three doubles titles
- Made pro debut on ITF Circuit in Croatia in 2007 and WTA main draw debut at 2009 Indian Wells (as WC, l. 1r)
- As a junior, achieved career-high ranking of No.4, won Australian Open junior doubles title in 2009 (w/McHale), and was a member of Croatia's victorious junior Fed Cup team in 2009

**COCO GAUFF (USA #48) VS. JIL TEICHMANN (SUI #57)**

Head-to-head: First meeting

GAUFF		TEICHMANN	
Career Prize Money	\$557,122	Career Prize Money	\$899,786
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Left-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Mar. 13, 2004 (16)	Date of Birth (Age)	Jul. 15, 1997 (23)
Singles Titles	1	Singles Titles	2
Tournament W-L (MD)	0-0	Tournament W-L (MD)	0-0
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	1-1 / 22-14	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	0-0 / 28-31
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 9-6	3-Set (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 5-11
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 6-2	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 6-9
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 17-11	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 13-20
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 2-2	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 1-2
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 4-5	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 1-3
Left-handers W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-1	Left-handers W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 1-0
Coach	Corey Gauff	Coach	Alberto Martin

**GAUFF:**

- Faces Teichmann in 1r of Gippsland Trophy – only previous main draw meeting with a left-hander was a 3s loss to Trevisan in 2r at 2020 Roland Garros
- Youngest of five teenagers in the draw (also Gadecki, Osuigwe, Swiatek and Potapova)
- Made 2r in opening tournament of 2021 season, at Abu Dhabi (I. Sakkari)
- Began last season with 2r exit at Auckland before going on to reach R16 at Australian Open
- Ended 2020 at No.48, just one shy of her career high which she reached on October 26, 2020
- First cracked the Top 50 earlier in the season on Feb. 24, 2020 at No.49 following a R16 appearance at Australian Open to tie her career best Grand Slam result – during performance, defeated V.Williams in 1r and her first Top 5 opponent in No.4 Osaka in 3r (I. eventual champion Kenin in 3s)
- Enjoyed breakout season in 2019, highlighted by maiden WTA singles title at Linz (as lucky loser, d. Ostapenko in F) - earned her first Top 10 win en route to title over No.8 Bertens in QF
- At 15y214d, her title run in Linz made her youngest to win a WTA tour-level title since Vaidisova (15y177d) won Tashkent in 2004
- Also claimed maiden WTA doubles titles at Washington, DC (w/McNally, d. Sanchez/Stollar in F) and Luxembourg (w/McNally, d. Christian/Guarachi in F)
- By winning the doubles title at Washington, DC at 15 yrs, 144 days, became the youngest player to win a doubles title since May 1995 (Martina Hingis won Hamburg at 14 yrs, 219 days)
- Reached R16 at 2019 Wimbledon on Grand Slam main draw debut defeating V.Williams in 1r (I. eventual champion Halep) - followed with 3r showing at US Open (as WC, I. Osaka)
- Made WTA main draw debut as a wildcard at 2019 Miami where she earned her first WTA main draw win over good friend McNally (I. Kasatkina in 2r)
- Made professional debut in May 2018 as a qualifier into the \$25K ITF/Osprey, FL-USA
- Member of US Billie Jean King Cup team in 2020
- Former Junior World No.1 (July 2018). Won 2018 Roland Garros girls' title (d. McNally in F) and 2018 US Open doubles title (w/McNally), while finished R-Up at 2017 US Open girls' event (I. Anisimova) becoming the youngest girls' singles finalist in US Open history at 13-years-old

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**TEICHMANN:**

- Faces US No.9 Gauff in 1r today – posted 5-1 record against American opposition in 2020
- Currently Swiss No.2 (behind World No.12 Bencic) and only representative from her nation in this week's draw
- Playing first tournament of the season – opened last year with 2r showing at Auckland, followed by 1r exits at Hobart and Australian Open
- Achieved career-best year-end ranking of No.57 in 2020, helped by of runner-up showing at Lexington (l. Brady) and QF at Strasbourg (l. Svitolina)
- Won first and second titles of her career during 2019 season, coming through qualifying to triumph at Prague (d. Muchova in F) and then at Palermo (d. No.5 Bertens in F)
- Made Top 100 debut after Prague success, jumping from No.146 to No.87 (May 6). Rose to career-high No.54 following Palermo title run (July 29, 2019)
- Also made QF on home soil at Lausanne and fell 1r at nine other tour-level events (including Wimbledon and US Open). Won ITF Circuit title at Santa Margherita Di Pula-ITA
- Qualified for first Grand Slam main draw at 2018 US Open, going on to reach 2r (l. Kanepi). Also, reached 2r at tour level events at Acapulco and Linz and lifted WTA 125K Series title at Newport Beach (w/Doi)
- Spent majority of 2016 on ITF Circuit, winning 44 matches and three titles to rise over 200 places in the rankings. Also reached 2r on WTA main draw debut at Strasbourg and fell in qualifying at US Open
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2015 Luxembourg
- Owns six singles and five doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Played first professional events of career on ITF Circuit in Switzerland and Germany in 2013
- As a junior won 2014 US Open girls' doubles (w/Soylu) and a gold medal in mixed doubles (w/Zielinski) at 2014 Youth Olympics in Nanjing

# [1] SIMONA HALEP (ROU #2) VS. ANASTASIA POTAPOVA (RUS #101)

Head-to-head: First meeting

HALEP		POTAPOVA	
Career Prize Money	\$37,045,910	Career Prize Money	\$732,546
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Sep. 27, 1991 (29)	Date of Birth (Age)	Mar. 30, 2001 (19)
Singles Titles	22	Singles Titles	0
Tournament W-L (MD)	0-0	Tournament W-L (MD)	1-0
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	0-0 / 393-171	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	1-1 / 30-27
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 111-56	3-Set (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 14-10
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 52-56	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 9-4
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 224-110	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 18-19
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 39-49	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 1-3
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 102-77	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 2-7
Coach	Darren Cahill	Coach	Iain Hughes

## HALEP:

- Opening 2021 season here at Gippsland Trophy, playing first Tour event since R16 exit to Swiatek at Roland Garros in September
- Coming off victory World No.1 Barty at Day at the Drive exhibition event in Adelaide on Friday
- Opened last season with QF at Adelaide (I. Sabalenka) and SF run at Australian Open (I. Muguruza)
- Faces No.101 Potapova today – last loss to a player outside Top 100 was at 2019 US Open (I. No.116 Townsend)
- Tasted defeat last time she faced Russian opposition, falling to Alexandrova at 2019 Beijing. Prior to this, had won her last eight matches against Russian women, a run stretching back to an upset against Kasatkina at 2017 Wuhan
- Last lost opening match of season in 2019, at Brisbane. After 1r bye, fell to a then-rank No.15 Barty. Prior to this, her last season-opening match loss was in 2014, falling to Keys in the 1r at Sydney
- Contesting doubles this week w/Gavrilova – team face Bencic/Strycova in 1r
- 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) 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

### **POTAPOVA:**

- Gippsland Trophy marks second event of 2021 season, falling 1r at Abu Dhabi in early January (l. Sakkari) – her first Tour appearance since QF run at Monterrey in March
- Enters tournament on a special ranking of No.84 – was sidelined last year due to ankle surgery over the summer. Actual ranking is No.101
- Opened last season by contesting qualifying at Brisbane and Adelaide, and 1r exit at Australian Open (l. S.Williams)
- Kicked-off this year's Australian swing by defeating Osuigwe on Sunday, breaking serve seven times and winning 71% of her return points
- Faces No.2 Halep today; sole Top 10 win of her career was over No.5 Kerber at 2019 Roland Garros
- Highest-ranked opponent she has faced is World No.1 Wozniacki at 2018 St Peterburg (losing 1-6 0-6)
- Posted three straight QFs in 2020, at Acapulco, St. Petersburg and Monterrey
- Finished 2019 season ranked No.93 after a season highlighted by SF at Budapest (l. Vondrousova) and Jurmala (l. Sevastova). Posted career-high ranking of No.64 on July 22, 2019
- Scored first Top 10 win over No.5 Kerber in 1r at 2019 Roland Garros
- In doubles, won titles at 2018 Moscow [River Cup] (w/Zvonareva) and 2019 Lausanne (w/Sizikova)
- Highlights of 2018 season were R-Up finishes at Tashkent (as qualifier, l. Gasparyan) and at Moscow [River Cup] (l. Danilovic)
- Made Billie Jean King Cup debut during 2018's defeat to Slovakia in February (l. Kuzmova)
- Reached 2r at St. Petersburg in February 2018 (l. Wozniacki). Win over Maria in 1r was first at tour level
- On ITF Circuit owns one singles and two doubles titles
- Fell 1r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2017 Wimbledon (as qualifier, l. Maria); at 16 years and three months, became youngest player to successfully navigate Slam qualifying since Ana Konjuh, who had just turned 16 when she did it at 2014 Australian Open
- Captured 2016 Wimbledon girls junior title, having to win final point three separate times after two challenge overrules – title lifted her to Junior World No.1. In junior doubles, posted two runner-up finishes at 2015 US Open and 2016 Roland Garros

**[WC] DESTANEE AIAVA (AUS #215) VS. CHLOE PAQUET (FRA #187)**

Head-to-head: First meeting

AIAVA		PAQUET	
Career Prize Money	\$414,030	Career Prize Money	\$560,358
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	May 10, 2000 (20)	Date of Birth (Age)	Jul. 1, 1994 (26)
Singles Titles	0	Singles Titles	0
Tournament W-L (MD)	0-0	Tournament W-L (MD)	0-0
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	0-0 / 3-9	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	0-0 / 7-16
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 3-7	3-Set (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 2-1
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 2-2	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 2-5
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 2-6	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-6
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 1-3	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-1
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 1-4	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-1
Coach	Nicole Kriz	Coach	Stéphane Charet

**AIAVA:**

- Kicking off 2021 season here at Gippsland Trophy, entering singles main draw on a wild card. Also granted a wild card into Australian Open singles main draw
- Gippsland Trophy marks first competitive event since reaching SF at \$25k ITF tournament in Perth in February 2020
- This is her first Tour event since falling in qualifying at Brisbane and Australian Open in 2020, and first singles main draw match since 2019 's-Hertogenbosch
- Faces France's Paquet today in 1r – owns three main draw wins in career, one of which came over Paquet's compatriot Mladenovic (2019 Brisbane). Other two wins came over No.10 Sabalenka (2019 's-Hertogenbosch) and Mattek-Sands (2017 Brisbane)
- Winner will either face Diyas or Siegemund
- Contesting doubles this week w/Sharma – team defeated Bondarenko/N.Kichenok in 1r on Sunday and face No.1 seeds Krejčíková/Siniakova in 2r
- Was in good form prior to tennis' hiatus in March 2020, opening the season by reaching two finals and one SF on ITF Circuit. At Tour level, fell in qualifying at Brisbane and Australian Open
- Registered first Top 10 win of her career over No.10 Sabalenka during 2r showing at 2019 's-Hertogenbosch (I. Kudermetova)
- Made Fed Cup debut in 4-1 World Group play-off win over Netherlands in 2018, winning doubles rubber with Gavrilova. Described debut as 'best moment of career'
- Posted 32 wins in 2017 (mainly on ITF Circuit), and posted a career-high ranking of No.147 on September 11 of that year
- Reached 2r on WTA main draw debut at 2017 Brisbane (as qualifier, I. Kuznetsova); win over Mattek-Sands in 1r at Brisbane saw her become the first player born in the 2000s to win a WTA main draw match
- Upset No.87 Witthoef in qualifying at Brisbane – the first time she had faced a player ranked inside the Top 100

- Fell 1r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2018 Australian Open (as WC, I. Barthel in 1r); awarded wildcard after winning the 2016 U18 Australian Championships, thus becoming the first player, male or female, born 2000 or later to participate in the main draw of a Grand Slam tournament
- Won her first two ITF Circuit titles of career in 2017, at \$25k ITF/Perth-AUS and \$25k ITF/Mornington-AUS
- Contested qualifying at two tour-level events in 2016, at Hobart and Australian Open, falling at first hurdle both times
- On ITF Circuit, reached first two singles finals in 2016, at \$25k ITF/Canberra-AUS (I. Hozumi) and \$25k ITF/Tweed Heads-AUS (I. Cabrera)
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in Tasmania in January 2015

### **PAQUET:**

- Gippsland Trophy marks second event of 2021 season – won through Australian Open qualifying in January in Dubai (defeating Talaba, Naito and Yuan without dropping a set)
- Faces wild card Aiava today - this is her first Tour level main draw match since 2020 Roland Garros, entering as a WC (I. Cornet in 1r), and bidding for first main draw win since 2019 Jurmala (reaching QF – defeated Eraydin and No.22 Garcia before falling to Kawa)
- Wins during Australian Open qualifying snapped a 10-match losing streak across all levels – lost the final of a \$25k ITF event in Thailand in February 2020, then suffered losses at Hua Hin, Dubai, Lyon, Palermo, Prague and Roland Garros, interspersed with four losses on the ITF Circuit
- During last year's Australian swing, fell in Brisbane and Australian Open qualifying
- Best result of 2020 was R-Up finish at \$25K ITF/Nonthaburi-THA. At Tour-level fell 1r three times, including at Roland Garros (as WC, I. Cornet)
- Highlights of 2019 campaign were SF run at Strasbourg (I. Garcia) and QF showing at Jurmala (I. Kawa); rose to career-high No.145 after Jurmala (July 29, 2019)
- Posted Top 50 wins over No.34 Kenin at Strasbourg and No.22 Garcia at Jurmala
- Won most recent of two ITF Circuit titles in 2018 at \$25K ITF/Joue-les-Tours. Reached two other finals at this level that year
- Reached 2r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2017 Roland Garros (I. Garcia); win over Kr.Pliskova in 1r was first tour-level victory
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2016 Bogotá (as qualifier, I. Schaefer in 1r); contested WTA qualifying for first time at 2011 Paris (I. Pochabova)
- Owns two singles and one doubles title on ITF Circuit
- Notched first professional win at 2010 \$10k ITF/Le Havre-FRA (as qualifier, d. Lemmens in 1r)
- Played first professional event at 2010 \$10k ITF/Gonesse-FRA (fell in qualifying)

**ANDREA PETKOVIC (GER #102) VS. [3] ELINA SVITOLINA (UKR #5)**

Head-to-head: SVITOLINA leads 3-0

2016	OLYMPICS	HARD O	R1	ELINA SVITOLINA	2-6 6-1 6-3
2015	ZHUHAI	HARD O	R1	ELINA SVITOLINA	7-6(4) 6-3
2012	125K PUNE	HARD O	SF	ELINA SVITOLINA	6-2 7-5

PETKOVIC		SVITOLINA	
<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$7,840,375	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$19,860,259
<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed
<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	Sept. 9, 1987 (33)	<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	Sep. 12, 1994 (26)
<b>Singles Titles</b>	6	<b>Singles Titles</b>	15
<b>Tournament W-L (MD)</b>	1-0	<b>Tournament W-L (MD)</b>	0-0
<b>YTD / Career W-L (MD)</b>	1-0 / 267-206	<b>YTD / Career W-L (MD)</b>	3-1 / 284-155
<b>3-Set (YTD / Career)</b>	1-0 / 88-71	<b>3-Set (YTD / Career)</b>	1-1 / 85-50
<b>Tie-Break (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 54-51	<b>Tie-Break (YTD / Career)</b>	1-2 / 61-46
<b>Hard Court (YTD / Career)</b>	1-0 / 171-137	<b>Hard Court (YTD / Career)</b>	3-1 / 205-106
<b>Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 14-36	<b>Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 33-38
<b>Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 37-79	<b>Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 61-69
<b>Coach</b>	Dusan Vemic	<b>Coach</b>	Andrew Bettles

**PETKOVIC:**

- Opening her 2021 season at the Gippsland Trophy, having played her last and only WTA match on Tour in 2020 at Roland Garros in September (l. Pironkova in 1r)
- Defeated Trevisan in 1r on Sunday to record her first Tour level match win since beating Giorgi at Luxembourg in October 2019
- Faces No.5 Svitolina in 2r today for the first time since their 2016 meeting at the Rio Olympics; looking to record 15th Top 10 win of her career and first since upsetting No.6 Kvitova at 2019 US Open
- 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

### SVITOLINA:

- Enters the Gippsland Trophy as the No.3 seed joining No.2 Simona Halep and No.3 Naomi Osaka as one of three Top 5 ranked players in the field
- Coming off QF showing at Abu Dhabi where she fell to eventual R-Up Kudermetova
- Following a 1r bye, faces No.102 Petkovic for their fourth career meeting; suffered just three losses to players outside the Top 50 last year: No.84 Hibino (QF, Hua Hin), No.52 Brady (1r, Dubai) and No.131 Podoroska (QF, Roland Garros)
- Opened last season with 1r loss at Brisbane to Collins – one of four opening match losses in 2020 – before advancing to 3r at the Australian Open (l. Muguruza)
- 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 stand-out 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)



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## GIPPSLAND TROPHY – DAY THREE

### [4] ARYNA SABALENKA (BLR #7) vs. KAIA KANEPI (EST #94)

#### First meeting

**Sabalenka** is on a career-best 15-match winning streak... **Kanepi** was two points away from defeat in opening round... **Sabalenka** sitting at her highest ever WTA ranking of No.7

### ALIZÉ CORNET (FRA #53) vs. [2] NAOMI OSAKA (JPN #3)

#### First meeting

**Osaka** playing first WTA match since lifting US Open title in September... **Cornet** fought back to beat Tomljanovic in opening round... **Osaka** is one of four Grand Slam champions in the draw

### [5] JOHANNA KONTA (GBR #14) vs. BERNARDA PERA (USA #63)

#### Pera leads 2-1

Pair faced off three times in first four months of 2018, including at Australian Open... **Konta** playing first tournament since Roland Garros... **Pera** won first-round match in three sets

### KAJA JUVAN (SLO #104) vs. [6] IGA SWIATEK (POL #17)

#### First meeting

**Swiatek** seeded at a WTA tournament for the first time in her career... **Juvan** owns one Top 20 win in her career... Winner faces Alexandrova in third round

## MAIN DRAW QUICK-HITS

**Top 8 Seeds:** Simona Halep, Naomi Osaka, Elina Svitolina, Aryna Sabalenka, Johanna Konta, Iga Swiatek, Elise Mertens, Karolina Muchova

**Wildcards:** Destanee Aiava, Olivia Gadecki, Arina Rodionova, Astra Sharma

**Most career WTA singles titles:** Simona Halep (22)

**Prize money leader:** Simona Halep (\$37,045,910)

**Youngest singles player:** Coco Gauff, 16 years old (March 13, 2004)

**Oldest singles player:** Kaia Kanepi, 35 years old (June 10, 1985)

SINGLES	USD \$	RANK POINTS
Winner	50,000	470
Runner-Up	33,520	305
Semifinalist	18,610	185
Quarterfinalist	8,770	100
Round of 16	5,500	55
Round of 32	4,250	30
Round of 64	3,000	1

DOUBLES	USD \$	RANK POINTS
Winner	20,890	470
Runner-Up	13,370	305
Semifinalist	8,350	185
Quarterfinalist	4,310	100
Round of 16	2,670	55
Round of 32	2,020	1

**[4] ARYNA SABALENKA (BLR #7) VS. KAIA KANEPI (EST #4)**

Head-to-head: First meeting

SABALENKA		KANEPI	
Career Prize Money	\$5,633,196	Career Prize Money	\$6,454,604
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	May 5, 1998 (22)	Date of Birth (Age)	Jun. 10, 1985 (35)
Singles Titles	9	Singles Titles	4
Tournament W-L (MD)	Making debut	Tournament W-L (MD)	1-0
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	6-0 / 132-62	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	1-0 / 225-192
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 45-23	3-Set (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 70-71
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 28-26	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 53-43
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	6-0 / 107-40	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 128-108
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 12-13	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 11-39
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 26-18	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 35-69
Coach	Anton Dubrov	Coach (fitness)	Indrek Tustit

**SABALENKA:**

- After 1r bye, faces Kanepi in 2r today; owns 11-2 career record in matches following byes, with defeats coming to Tomljanovic at 2019 Miami and Kasatkina at 2019 Beijing
- Currently on a career-best 15-match winning streak, having lifted titles at the end of 2020 at Ostrava and Linz and then triumphing at season opener at Abu Dhabi (d. Kudrmetova in F); last loss came to Jabeur in 3r at Roland Garros
- Also beat Rybakina and Sakkari en route to Abu Dhabi trophy; now 9-4 in WTA singles finals – all nine titles have been won on hard (2018 New Haven and Wuhan, 2019 Shenzhen, Wuhan and Zhuhai, 2020 Doha, Ostrava and Linz, and 2021 Abu Dhabi)
- Rose to a new career high ranking of No.7 after Abu Dhabi (January 25, 2021)
- Beginning a season inside the Top 10 for the first time, having finished 2020 at No.10 courtesy of a nine-match win streak and back-to-back titles – at Ostrava (d. Azarenka in F) and Linz (d. Mertens in F)
- After also taking home the silverware at Doha (d. Kvitova in F), was one of two players (also Halep) to lift three singles titles during disrupted 2020 season
- At Ostrava completed the sweep of titles by teaming up with Mertens to win the doubles
- Ended as World No.11 for the second straight year in 2019 after capturing three WTA singles titles at Shenzhen (d. Riske in F), Wuhan (d. Riske in F) and Zhuhai (d. Bertens in F)
- Having also won Wuhan in 2018 (d. Kontaveit in F), became first player to successfully defend Wuhan title
- Made Top 10 debut on January 28, 2019 following 3r run at 2019 Australian Open
- Ended 2019 at No.2 in WTA doubles rankings after capturing first Grand Slam doubles trophy at US Open (w/Mertens, d. Azarenka/Barty in F). Earlier in the season, the pair claimed the 'Sunshine Double' by winning back-to-back titles at Indian Wells (d. Krejckova/Siniakova in F) and Miami (d. Stosur/ Zhang in F)
- Qualified for WTA Finals Shenzhen in doubles (w/Mertens), going 1-2 in the round robin stage
- Enjoyed breakthrough season in 2018, lifting two titles, at New Haven (d. Suárez Navarro in F) and Wuhan (d. Kontaveit in F), winning 46 matches and finishing at No.11 in the rankings
- Also in 2018, was R-Up at Lugano (l. Mertens) and Eastbourne (l. Wozniacki), made SF at Cincinnati, reached five QFs and produced a career-best Grand Slam run to R16 at US Open
- Entered Top 50 on April 16, 2018 (after Lugano) and Top 20 on August 27 of same year (after New Haven)

- Broke into Top 100 at No.76 on October 16, 2017 after reaching first tour-level final at Tianjin (l. Sharapova). Also in 2017 made SF run at Tashkent (l. Babos) and lifting WTA 125k Series title at Mumbai (d. Jakupovic)
- Made Grand Slam main draw debut 2017 Wimbledon, falling in 2r (as qualifier, d. Khromacheva, l. Witthoeft)
- Fell 1r on main draw debut at 2017 Dubai (as qualifier, l. Ka.Bondarenko)
- Member of Belarus Fed Cup team that lost to USA in 2017 final – scored first Top 20 win of career with defeat of No.13 Stephens during 2017 Fed Cup final in Minsk
- WTA qualifying debut came at 2016 Rabat
- Made debut on ITF Circuit in Minsk in 2012. Lifted first three ITF Circuit titles in 2015, including a 13-match win streak towards the year's end, bringing back-to-back trophies in Antalya, Turkey

### **KANEPI:**

- Recovered from 6-1 5-3 down to beat WC Sharma in 1r on Sunday, twice coming within two points of defeat
- Faces No.7 Sabalenka in 2r today; owns 11 career wins over Top 10 opponents, most recently over No.1 Halep at 2018 US Open
- At 35 is the oldest of 12 thirtysomethings in the draw
- Owns good record down under, having won 2012 Brisbane title and reached a further four QFs on Australian soil
- Started last season by contesting qualifying at Brisbane and then falling 1r at Australian Open (l. Krejickova)
- Ended 2020 in fine form on ITF Circuit, winning 15 of 16 matches and lifting the 11th 12th and 13th titles of her career at this level
- Best results at Tour-level in 2020 were 2r showings at US Open (l. Jabeur) and Roland Garros (l. Mertens)
- Highlights of 2019 were R16 runs at Roland Garros (l. Martic) and Charleston (l. Collins)
- Standout results in 2018 were R16 run at US Open (d. No.1 Halep, l. S.Williams) and equaling best career result at Australian Open by reaching 3r (l. Suárez Navarro). Also lifted 14th ITF Circuit title at \$60k ITF/Brescia-ITA
- Melbourne run took total career prize money past USD \$5million
- Battled through yet another injury-plagued season, finishing 2017 at No.107. Season highlight was advancing to QF stage of 2017 US Open (l. eventual R-Up Keys) – first qualifier to reach this stage at US Open since Barbara Gerken did so in 1981
- Holds many firsts for Estonia – first Estonian to reach a WTA final (2006 Hasselt), a Grand Slam QF (2008 French Open), to crack Top 20 (February 2009), to win a WTA title (2010 Palermo) and to beat a reigning No.1 (Wozniacki at 2011 Tokyo [PPO])
- Endured a career-low year-end 2016 ranking of No.302 due to being hampered by the Epstein-Barr virus and plantar fasciitis in both feet
- Advanced to QF stage four times in 2014 (Brisbane, Acapulco, Bastad and Seoul) and posted R16 finish at 2014 US Open (l. S.Williams)
- Battled injuries in 2013 missing first three months due to right Achilles injury and sidelined after Wimbledon until US Open due to a low back injury
- Broke into Top 20 at No.16 on June 11, 2012, following QF run at Roland Garros (d. No.9 Wozniacki, l. eventual champion Sharapova); later that year, rose to career-high No.15 (August 20, 2012)

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- Made Grand Slam breakthrough with QF showing at 2008 Roland Garros (l. Kuznetsova); upset No.6 Chakvetadze in 2r to register first victory over a a Top 10 player of her career
- Made Top 100 debut on December 19, 2005 and broke into Top 50 on April 2, 2007
- Advanced to first WTA final at 2006 Hasselt (l. Clijsters); scored maiden Top 20 win over No.15 Schiavone in QF
- Reached maiden WTA SF at 2005 Kolkata (l. Myskina)
- Won first Tour-level match in 2r showing at 2002 Porto (d. Sassi, l. Montolio)
- In only her fourth senior tournament, fell 1r on WTA main draw debut at 2001 Vienna (as qualifier, l. Huber)
- Finished R-Up at \$10k ITF/Tallin-EST on professional debut in 1999

**ALIZÉ CORNET (FRA #53) VS. [2] NAOMI OSAKA (JPN #3)**

Head-to-head: First meeting

CORNET		OSAKA	
Career Prize Money	\$7,195,373	Career Prize Money	\$17,770,234
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Jan. 22, 1990 (31)	Date of Birth (Age)	Oct. 16, 1997 (23)
Singles Titles	6	Singles Titles	6
Tournament W-L (MD)	1-0	Tournament W-L (MD)	Making debut
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	2-1 / 315-300	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	0-0 / 136-73
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 104-95	3-Set (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 41-19
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 66-62	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 26-24
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	2-1 / 191-181	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 106-50
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 20-48	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 12-20
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 43-104	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 29-32
Coach	Sandra Zaniewska	Coach	Wim Fissette

**CORNET:**

- Won five straight games to help turn around 1r match against Tomljanovic
- Faces No.3 Osaka in 2r today; owns five wins over Top 3 ranked opponents, No.1 S. Williams (2014 Dubai, 2014 Wimbledon and 2014 Wuhan via ret.), No.3 A.Radwanska (2014 Katowice) and No.2 Halep (2015 Madrid)
- One of three French players in the draw, along with Garcia and Paquet
- Also playing doubles this week (w/Buzarnescu face No.6 seeds Carter/Stefani in 2r)
- In opening week of the season made 2r at Abu Dhabi (l. Badosa)
- Began last season with QF at Auckland (l. Pegula) before reaching 2r at Hobart (l. eventual champion Rybakina) and Australian Open (l. Vekic)
- Other than aforementioned run in Auckland, highlight of 2020 was R16 showing at US Open (d. No.14 Keys, l. Pironkova)
- Also in 2020, made 3r at Western & Southern Open (l. eventual champion Azarenka). Defeated No.4 Kenin in 2r – first Top 5 win since No.4 Kerber at 2018 Montréal
- Highlight of 2019 was reaching Lausanne final (l. Ferro as the defending champion) – has reached at least one WTA final in six of last seven seasons
- Part of victorious Fed Cup squad for France who defeated Australia in Perth 3-2 to be crowned 2019 champions (did not play)
- In 2018, won sixth career title at Gstaad (d. Minella in F), and reached two further QFs at Brisbane and Charleston
- Former World No.11 (achieved in February 16, 2009) who broke back into Top 20 at end of 2014 for first time since May 2009; dropped out of Top 20 again after 2015 Dubai
- Owns five wins over Top 3 ranked opponents: No.1 S. Williams (2014 Dubai, 2014 Wimbledon and 2014 Wuhan via ret.), No.3 A.Radwanska (2014 Katowice) and No.2 Halep (2015 Madrid); wins over S.Williams made her the first player to defeat the American in three straight meetings since Henin in 2007
- Qualified for 2013 and 2014 Tournament of Champions in Sofia, Bulgaria
- Grand Slam breakthrough came with R16 run at Australian Open in 2009 (l. Safina)

- Excelled on clay in 2008, winning her maiden WTA title at Budapest (d. Klepac in F), reaching maiden final at Acapulco (l. Pennetta) and finishing R-Up at Rome (d. No.5 Kuznetsova and No.8 Chakvetadze, l. Jankovic)
- In 2007, rose over 120 places in the rankings, reaching first two WTA QFs, at first Acapulco and then Fes, as well as reaching 3r at US Open (d. Stosur and Wozniacki, l. No.3 Jankovic)
- Made Grand Slam debut at Roland Garros as 15-year-old wildcard in 2005, reaching 2r (d. Jidkova, l. Mauresmo)
- Member of French Fed Cup Team, 2008-17, 2019; French Olympic Team, 2008, 2012, 2016
- Won 2007 Roland Garros junior title (d. Duque-Mariño in F)

## OSAKA:

- After 1r bye, faces Cornet in 2r today – owns 10-1 career record in matches immediately following byes, with sole defeat coming at hands of Mladenovic at 2019 Dubai
- Playing first match since coming from a set and a break down to defeat Azarenka in 2020 US Open final and lift the third Grand Slam title of career – is the 20th woman to win three or more majors in the Open Era
- Is one of four major champions in draw (also Halep, Ostapenko and Swiatek)
- At last week's Day at the Drive exhibition event in Adelaide lost to S.Williams on a match tie-break
- Began 2020 season with SF showings at Brisbane (l. eventual champion Ka.Pliskova) and 3r exit at Australian Open (l. Gauff)
- Aside from US Open triumph, highlight of last season was R-Up finish at Western & Southern Open – withdrew w/left hamstring injury before final against Azarenka
- Won second Grand Slam at Australian Open (d. Kvitova in F); became first Japanese player to reach World No.1 ranking following the tournament
- In addition, won back-to-back titles for first time in her career at Osaka (d. Pavlyuchenkova in F) and Beijing (d. Barty in F); defeated No.1 Barty in Beijing final for second career victory over world No.1 (also beat Halep at 2018 Indian Wells)
- Enjoyed break-out season in 2018, posting a 40-20 record resulting in a No.5 (first Top 10 season), up from No.68 in 2017
- Won the first two titles of her career in 2018, at Indian Wells (d. Kasatkina in F) and debut Grand Slam crown at US Open (d. S.Williams in F)
- En route to the Indian Wells title, defeated five-time major champion Sharapova, and A.Radwanska, Ka.Pliskova and Halep. Only set dropped all fortnight was against Sakkari in R16
- Reached one further final in 2018, at Tokyo [PPO] (l. Ka.Pliskova)
- In reaching R16 at 2018 Australian Open, became youngest Japanese player to reach R16 at a Slam since Sugiyama at 1995 Roland Garros (19y, 342d) and the youngest player from Japan to reach R16 in Melbourne since Date in 1990 (19y, 122d)
- Book-ended 2017 season with QF showings at Auckland and Hong Kong; other highlights included 3r runs at Wimbledon and US Open
- Scored first Top 5 win of career when she defeated No.5 V.Williams at 2017 Hong Kong. Upset win over defending champion and No.6-ranked Kerber at 2017 US Open marked first career Top 10 win



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- Voted 2016 WTA Newcomer of the Year; highlight was career-first WTA final at Tokyo [PPO] (I. Wozniacki). Also reached QF on three occasions and 3r at Australian Open, Roland Garros and US Open
- Ranked No.406, made WTA main draw debut at 2014 Stanford. As an alternate, won through qualifying (achieving first WTA qualifying wins), and came from match point down to shock No.19 Stosur in 1r of main draw, before losing to No.18 Petkovic in 2r
- Made WTA qualifying debut at Québec City in 2013 (I. Dabrowski)

## [5] JOHANNA KONTA (GBR #14) VS. BERNARDA PERA (USA #63)

Head-to-head: BERNARDA PERA leads 2-1

2018	MADRID	CLAY	O	R2	BERNARDA PERA	6-4 6-3
2018	DOHA	HARD	O	R1	JOHANNA KONTA	7-6(5) 6-1
2018	AUSTRALIAN OPEN	HARD	O	R2	BERNARDA PERA	6-4 7-5

KONTA		PERA	
Career Prize Money	\$9,727,685	Career Prize Money	\$1,180,859
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Left-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	May 17, 1991 (29)	Date of Birth (Age)	Dec. 3, 1994 (26)
Singles Titles	3	Singles Titles	0
Tournament W-L (MD)	Making debut	Tournament W-L (MD)	1-0
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	0-0 / 172-110	YTD / Career W-L	2-1 / 35-41
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 42-45	3-Set (YTD / Career)	2-1 / 14-21
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 38-31	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 11-15
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 108-63	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	2-1 / 18-27
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 21-22	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 1-4
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 38-36	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 2-11
Left Hander (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 13-12	Left Hander (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 1-3
Coach	Daniel Smethurst	Coach	Velimir Zovko

### KONTA:

- Opening 2021 season here at Gippsland Trophy, and contesting first event since 2020 Roland Garros in September, falling 1r (I. Gauff – hard reached SF in 2019)
- Went winless during 2020 Australian swing, falling 1r at Brisbane (I. Strycova) and Australian Open (I. Jabeur)
- Loss today would mean she's suffered season-opening losses in six of last eight seasons – in 2014 Shenzhen qualifying (I. Shilin Zhu), 2015 Shenzhen qualifying (I. Zhu Lin), 2016 Shenzhen (I. Wang Qiang), 2018 Sydney (I. A.Radwanska) and 2020 Brisbane (I. Strycova) Exceptions are 2017 Shenzhen (d. Buyukakcay) and 2019 Brisbane (d. Stephens)
- Faces No.63 Pera today in opening match – owns positive record vs. lefties, going 13-12 across her career, the most recent of these matches a three-set win over Kvitova in R16 at 2019 Wimbledon
- Fell to opponents ranked outside the Top 50 at six events contested out of nine across 2020, with worst loss coming to No.159 Dodin at St. Petersburg
- Disrupted 2020 season saw her reach two semifinals, at Monterrey and Western & Southern Open
- Highlight of 2019 was historic run at Roland Garros; recording first ever main draw win in Paris before becoming the first British woman to reach SF since Jo Durie's run to the same stage in 1983, eventually falling to Vondrousova
- Other highlights in 2019 included QF run at Wimbledon (d. No.9 Stephens and No.6 Kvitova; I. Strycova) and US Open (I. Svitolina), R-Up finish in Rome (I. Ka.Pliskova) and Rabat (I. Sakkari, after leading by a set and a break)
- Highlights in 2018 included a second successive R-Up finish at Nottingham (I. Barty) and SF at Moscow [Kremlin Cup] (I. eventual champion Kasatkina)

- Began 2017 season by lifting title at Sydney (d. A. Radwanska in F), before landing biggest title of career at Miami (d. Wozniacki in F)
- At 2017 Wimbledon became first British player since Virginia Wade in 1978 to reach Wimbledon SF (l. eventual R-Up V. Williams). Posted career-high ranking of No.4 following the tournament, on July 17, 2017
- Reached third final of 2017 season at Nottingham (l. Vekic). Also in 2017, reached SF for second year in a row at home event of Eastbourne – QF defeat of World No.1 Kerber was first by a British woman over a reigning No.1 since Barker d. Evert at 1979 Boston
- Was the non-playing alternate for WTA Finals in Singapore in 2016, narrowly missing qualification in the Top 8
- By virtue of finishing R-Up at 2016 Beijing (l. A. Radwanska) - her first Premier Mandatory final - made WTA Top 10 debut – becoming the first British woman to feature in the elite group since Durie in 1984, and the fourth British woman overall to do so (also Wade and Barker)
- Won career-first singles title at 2016 Stanford in maiden final (d. V. Williams in F). First British woman to reach final of a Premier event since WTA Roadmap was introduced in 2009
- Broke into Top 20 on June 6, 2016 (at No.18) – first British woman in Top 20 for nearly 30 years (the week of October 13, 1986, with Durie at No.20)
- Made Slam breakthrough with historic run to SF at 2016 Australian Open (l. eventual champion Kerber); became first British woman to reach the last four at Melbourne Park since Sue Barker in December 1977, and at any Slam since Jo Durie at 1983 US Open
- One of nine active players to reach a major SF on hard, grass and clay: also Azarenka, Bouchard, Clijsters, Halep, Kvitova, Muguruza, S. Williams and V. Williams
- Was voted WTA Most Improved Player in 2016 by international media and fans
- Made tour-level main draw debut at 2011 Copenhagen

## **PERA:**

- Playing second event of the season, after making 2r at Abu Dhabi (d. Vekic, l. Sorribes Tormo)
- Played three events during last year's Australian swing, falling in Brisbane qualifying, winning through Adelaide qualifying to make 2r (d. Strycova, l. Sabalenka), then losing 1r at Australian Open (l. Rybakina)
- Opened Gippsland Trophy campaign with hard fought 1r win against Australian wild card Gadecki, rallying from a set and a break down to win 6-7(2) 6-3 6-3
- Faces No.14 Konta today – owns two Top 20 wins, over today's opponent No.10 Konta at 2018 Australian Open and No.16 Q. Wang at 2019 Prague
- Bidding to win back-to-back matches for first time 2020 Doha, when she came through qualifying then defeated Garcia in 1r (l. Ka.Pliskova in 2r)
- Last won back-to-back main draw matches at 2019 Bronx (d. Kudermetova and Strycova, l. Siniakova)
- Last registered a win against a Top 50 opponent at 2020 Doha (d. No.47 Garcia in 1r)
- Achieved career-best year-end ranking of No.61 in 2020, reaching 2r five times, including at US Open and Roland Garros
- Posted new career-high ranking of No.59 on March 2, 2020
- Reached a then-career-high ranking of No.63 on July 29, 2019 after back-to-back SF runs at Lausanne (l. Ferro) and Jurmala (l. Kawa)

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

**KAJA JUVAN (SLO #104) VS. [6] IGA SWIATEK (POL #17)**

Head-to-head: First meeting

JUVAN		SWIATEK	
Career Prize Money	\$521,550	Career Prize Money	\$2,936,402
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Nov. 20, 2000 (20)	Date of Birth (Age)	May 31, 2001 (19)
Singles Titles	0	Singles Titles	1
Tournament W-L (MD)	1-0	Tournament W-L (MD)	Making debut
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	1-0 / 9-11	YTD / Career W-L	0-0 / 28-17
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 4-7	3-Set (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 7-5
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 2-2	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 2-6
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 5-3	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 15-11
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-1	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-2
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 1-1	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 3-4
Coach	Antonio Baldellou-Estava	Coach	Piotr Sierzputowski

**JUVAN:**

- Gippsland Trophy marks second event of season – opened 2021 by coming through Australian Open qualifying in Dubai (d. Sanders, Kalinina and Sramkova without dropping a set)
- Twelve months ago, fell in qualifying at Shenzhen and came through three rounds of Australian Open qualifying but fell 1r (l. Yastremska)
- Currently third highest-ranked Slovenian woman at No.104, behind No.46 Hercog and No.88 Zidansek
- Opened Gippsland Trophy campaign with three-set win over Wang Yafan to set showdown with Swiatek
- French Open champion and No.14 Swiatek is second-highest-ranked opponent faced, after No.10 S.Williams at 2019 Wimbledon
- Claimed maiden Top 20 win over No.18 Vondrousova at 2020 Palermo
- Has defeated two Grand Slam champions in career, V.Williams at 2020 Acapulco and Kerber at 2020 Roland Garros. Also defeated Grand Slam finalist Lisicki at 2019 Mallorca qualifying
- Today's winner faces Alexandrova in 3r
- Broke into the Top 100 and posted career-high singles ranking on October 26, 2020 at No.100
- Also in 2020 advanced to 2r at US Open (l. Kontaveit) and at Roland Garros (d. No.22 Kerber, l. Burel)
- In 2019, made Grand Slam and tour-level debut as a lucky loser at Roland Garros, falling 1r (l. Cirstea) and won first Grand Slam match as qualifier at Wimbledon (d. Kr.Pliskova) before losing to S. Williams on Centre Court in 2r
- Rose nearly 400 places in the rankings to finish 2018 at a career-best No.174
- Ended 2018 campaign with 42-10 record and four titles on ITF Circuit. Also fell at the first hurdle on WTA qualifying debut at Budapest (l. Schnyder)
- Has 4-7 record for Slovenia in Fed Cup, making debut in 2017 and representing her nation in 2018 and 2019 as well
- Owens seven singles and one doubles title on ITF Circuit
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in Slovenia in 2015, losing in the 2r at \$25K Velenje

- On the junior tour, achieved a career-high ranking of No. 5 in January 2017 and won the Wimbledon doubles title in 2017 (with Olga Danilovic). Also won double gold, singles and doubles (with Iga Swiatek), at the Youth Olympics in Buenos Aires in 2018

## SWIATEK:

- Opening 2021 season here at Gippsland Trophy – today will be her first match since defeating Kenin in the final of 2020 Roland Garros on October 10
- Did not play any lead-up events prior to Australian Open last season, and reached R16 in Melbourne (I. Kontaveit)
- Seeded No.6 this week – her first seeding at a WTA event
- After 1r bye, faces No.104 Juhan today in season-opening match – has not lost to a player ranked outside the Top 100 since 2019 Eastbourne (I. No.132 Stosur)
- This is her first match as a Grand Slam champion – the last debut major champion went on to lose her very next Tour match, with Kenin winning the 2020 Australian Open then falling 1r in Dubai (I. Rybakina)
- Bidding for her eighth win in a row, spanning seven wins at Roland Garros so far. Best win streak of career is 14, posting 12 wins on ITF Circuit with title wins at \$60k Budapest and \$60k Montroux-SUI in 2018, then two wins in Auckland qualifying in 2019
- Posted career-high ranking of No.17 on October 12, 2020 for her first Top 20 season finish
- Won her maiden Tour-level title at 2020 Roland Garros without dropping a set, becoming the first player from Poland – man or woman – to win a Grand Slam singles title and first from her country to reach a major final since Agnieszka Radwanska at 2012 Wimbledon
- Ranked No.54, she became the lowest-ranked woman to win the Roland Garros title in the Open Era and the lowest-ranked finalist since 1977 (No.56 Mihai). At 19y 132d, is the youngest champion in Paris since Monica Seles (18y 187d) in 1992
- Also became the first player to win her debut Tour-level title at a Grand Slam since Jelena Ostapenko at 2017 Roland Garros
- Won WTA Most Improved Player of the Year for 2020, as voted on by members of the media. Her coach, Piotr Sierzputowski, was voted by members of the WTA Coach Program as the WTA Coach of the Year for 2020
- Also won the 2020 WTA Fan Favorite Award, as voted on by fans
- Owns six career wins over Top 10 ranked players, having defeated No.16 Q.Wang (2019 Roland Garros), No.18 Wozniacki (2019 Toronto), No.20 Vekic (2020 Australian Open), No.19 Vondrousova (2020 Roland Garros), No.2 Halep (2020 Roland Garros) and No.6 Kenin (2020 Roland Garros)
- Ended 2019 season ranked No.61 after a campaign highlighted by R-Up finish at Lugano (I. Hercog) and R16 run at Roland Garros (I. Halep)
- Also in 2019, reached 3r at Toronto (I. Osaka) and made 2r five times (incl. Australian and US Open)
- Broke into Top 100 at No.88 after R-Up finish at 2019 Lugano
- Ended 2018 season ranked No.175 (up from No.690 in 2017), after posting 42-6 record in ITF Circuit
- Highlights of 2018 campaign were four titles on the ITF Circuit, including at the \$60k clay court events in Budapest-HUN and Montreux-SUI
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2019 Auckland



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- Member of Poland's Fed Cup team, 2018-20
- On professional debut, came through qualifying to win title at \$10k ITF/Stockholm-SWE in 2016; owns seven singles titles at this level
- Enjoyed a stellar junior career, including winning girls' singles at 2018 Wimbledon (d. Küng in F), 2018 Roland Garros doubles (w/McNally), and leading Poland to the Junior Fed Cup crown in 2016

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## GIPPSLAND TROPHY – DAY FOUR

### KATIE BOULTER (GBR #371) vs. [2] NAOMI OSAKA (JPN #3)

Osaka leads 2-0

*Osaka beat **Boulter** twice during 2018 grass court season... **Boulter** fought back to upset Gauff in previous round... **Osaka's** first-round win extends her unbeaten streak to 12 matches*

### [1] SIMONA HALEP (ROU #2) vs. LAURA SIEGEMUND (GER #51)

Siegemund leads 2-1

*Halep won their most recent encounter at 2017 Rome... **Siegemund** owns three Top 5 wins, although all have come on clay... **Halep** is one of four Grand Slam champions in the draw*

### [13] JELENA OSTAPENKO (LAT #45) vs. [3] ELINA SVITOLINA (UKR #5)

Ostapenko leads 2-1

*Svitolina prevailed when the two last met, at 2019 Doha... **Ostapenko** recorded three Top 10 wins last season... **Svitolina** bidding to reach sixth QF in her last seven tournaments*

## MAIN DRAW QUICK-HITS

**Top 8 Seeds:** Simona Halep, Naomi Osaka, Elina Svitolina, Aryna Sabalenka, Johanna Konta, Iga Swiatek, Elise Mertens, Karolina Muchova

**Wildcards:** Destanee Aiava, Olivia Gadecki, Arina Rodionova, Astra Sharma

**Most career WTA singles titles:** Simona Halep (22)

**Prize money leader:** Simona Halep (\$37,045,910)

**Youngest singles player:** Coco Gauff, 16 years old (March 13, 2004)

**Oldest singles player:** Kaia Kanepi, 35 years old (June 10, 1985)

SINGLES	USD \$	RANK POINTS
Winner	50,000	470
Runner-Up	33,520	305
Semifinalist	18,610	185
Quarterfinalist	8,770	100
Round of 16	5,500	55
Round of 32	4,250	30
Round of 64	3,000	1

DOUBLES	USD \$	RANK POINTS
Winner	20,890	470
Runner-Up	13,370	305
Semifinalist	8,350	185
Quarterfinalist	4,310	100
Round of 16	2,670	55
Round of 32	2,020	1

## KATIE BOULTER (GBR #371) VS. [2] NAOMI OSAKA (JPN #3)

Head-to-head: NAOMI OSAKA leads 2-0

2018	WIMBLEDON	GRASS O	R2	NAOMI OSAKA	6-3 6-4
2018	BIRMINGHAM	GRASS O	R1	NAOMI OSAKA	6-1 6-2

BOULTER		OSAKA	
Career Prize Money	\$581,922	Career Prize Money	\$17,770,234
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Aug. 1, 1996 (24)	Date of Birth (Age)	Oct. 16, 1997 (23)
Singles Titles	0	Singles Titles	6
Tournament W-L (MD)	2-0	Tournament W-L (MD)	1-0
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	2-0 / 13-15	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	1-0 / 137-73
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 5-5	3-Set (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 41-19
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 3-3	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 26-24
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	2-0 / 10-11	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 107-50
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-2	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 12-20
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-6	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 29-32
Coach	Jeremy Bates	Coach	Wim Fissette

### BOULTER:

- Opened 2021 season with 6-1 6-3 victory over Kalinskaya on Monday before upsetting No.48 Gauff 3-6 7-5 6-2 in 2r – Gauff served for the match at 5-4 in the second set
- This is the third time she has won back-to-back Tour-level matches in her career, having also done so during QF runs at 2018 Nottingham and 2018 Tianjin
- Playing Gippsland Trophy under a protected ranking of No.85
- Faces No.3 Osaka in 3r today; has lost both previous meetings with Top 10 players, falling 5-7 6-0 6-3 to No.6 Ka.Pliskova (2018 Tianjin) and 6-4 7-5 to No.5 Svitolina (2020 Australian Open)
- In terms of ranking, best career win came over No.42 Sakkari in 1r at 2018 Tianjin
- One of two British players in the draw, along with Konta who (takes on Begu in 3r today on Court 7)
- Began last season by contesting qualifying at \$25k ITF/Bendigo-AUS and Adelaide, before falling 1r at Australian Open
- Ended 2020 by finishing R-Up at \$15k ITF/Sharm El-Sheikh-EGY. Earlier in the year, made 2r at Acapulco (I. Zhu) and fell 1r at Australian Open (I. Svitolina) in only Tour-level outings
- Suffered a stress fracture in her back which forced her out for much of 2019. Best results prior to injury were 2r showing at Australian Open and SF run at \$25K ITF/Solapur-IND (I. Raina)
- Won the WTA's first-ever 10-point match tie-break at a Slam to see off Makarova in 1r at 2019 Australian Open
- Reached career-high No.82 on February 18, 2019
- Broke into the Top 100 the week of October 15, 2018
- Made significant strides in 2018, reaching first WTA QF of career at Nottingham (I. eventual champion Barty) – defeated Stosur en route for her first win over a Grand Slam winner. Also enjoyed QF run at Tianjin (d. No.432 Sakkari, I. Ka.Pliskova) and R-Up finish at \$100K ITF/Southsea-GBR (I. Flipkens)
- Also in 2018, reached 2r for the first time at a major, at Wimbledon (d. Cepede Royg, I. Osaka)
- Part of Great Britain Fed Cup Team, 2018-19
- Fell 1r on tour level main draw singles debut at 2017 Wimbledon (as WC, I. McHale)

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- On ITF Circuit, winner of six singles titles and four doubles titles
- Played first professional events of career on ITF Circuit in Britain in 2011
- Appeared in girls' singles at all four Slams, reaching 3r at Australian Open, Wimbledon and US Open, and was R-Up in doubles at 2014 Australian Open (w/Jorovic, I. Kalinina/Kulichkova). Other junior highlights include winning Lemon Bowl in Rome at age of 11, and reaching final at Junior Orange Bowl in Florida at age 14
- Joined in Melbourne by LTA Senior National women's coach Jeremy Bates and also receives support from the LTA via their Pro Scholarship Programme, offered to the highest potential British male and female players aged 16-24; trains at National Tennis Centre in London

## OSAKA:

- After 1r bye, needed just 73 minutes to beat Cornet 6-2 6-2 in 2r on Tuesday – result extends her current winning streak to 12 matches
- Her last loss came at the hands of Sorribes Tormo on Fed Cup duty for Japan last February. Since the Tour's resumption in the summer has won four matches at Western & Southern Open (withdrew w/left hamstring injury before final against Azarenka), seven during US Open title run and one here in Melbourne
- Faces Boulter in 3r today; beat the Brit twice in 17 days during the 2018 grass court season, at Birmingham and then Wimbledon
- Is one of four major champions in draw (also Halep, Ostapenko and Swiatek)
- At last week's Day at the Drive exhibition event in Adelaide lost to S.Williams on a match tie-break
- Playing first tournament since coming from a set and a break down to defeat Azarenka in 2020 US Open final and lift the third Grand Slam title of career – is the 20th woman to win three or more majors in the Open Era
- Began last season with SF showing at Brisbane (l. eventual champion Ka.Pliskova) and 3r exit at Australian Open (l. Gauff)
- Aside from US Open triumph, highlight of 2020 campaign was R-Up finish at Western & Southern Open – withdrew w/left hamstring injury before final against Azarenka
- Won second Grand Slam at Australian Open (d. Kvitova in F); became first Japanese player to reach World No.1 ranking following the tournament
- In addition, won back-to-back titles for first time in her career at Osaka (d. Pavlyuchenkova in F) and Beijing (d. Barty in F); defeated No.1 Barty in Beijing final for second career victory over world No.1 (also beat Halep at 2018 Indian Wells)
- Enjoyed break-out season in 2018, posting a 40-20 record resulting in a No.5 (first Top 10 season), up from No.68 in 2017
- Won the first two titles of her career in 2018, at Indian Wells (d. Kasatkina in F) and debut Grand Slam crown at US Open (d. S.Williams in F)
- En route to the Indian Wells title, defeated five-time major champion Sharapova, and A.Radwanska, Ka.Pliskova and Halep. Only set dropped all fortnight was against Sakkari in R16
- Reached one further final in 2018, at Tokyo [PPO] (l. Ka.Pliskova)

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- In reaching R16 at 2018 Australian Open, became youngest Japanese player to reach R16 at a Slam since Sugiyama at 1995 Roland Garros (19y, 342d) and the youngest player from Japan to reach R16 in Melbourne since Date in 1990 (197, 122d)
- Book-ended 2017 season with QF showings at Auckland and Hong Kong; other highlights included 3r runs at Wimbledon and US Open
- Scored first Top 5 win of career when she defeated No.5 V.Williams at 2017 Hong Kong. Upset win over defending champion and No.6-ranked Kerber at 2017 US Open marked first career Top 10 win
- Voted 2016 WTA Newcomer of the Year; highlight was career-first WTA final at Tokyo [PPO] (I. Wozniacki). Also reached QF on three occasions and 3r at Australian Open, Roland Garros and US Open
- Ranked No.406, made WTA main draw debut at 2014 Stanford. As an alternate, won through qualifying (achieving first WTA qualifying wins), and came from match point down to shock No.19 Stosur in 1r of main draw, before losing to No.18 Petkovic in 2r
- Made WTA qualifying debut at Québec City in 2013 (I. Dabrowski)

# [1] SIMONA HALEP (ROU #2) VS. LAURA SIEGEMUND (GER #51)

Head-to-head: Siegemund leads 2-1

2016	STUTTGART	CLAY	I	R2	LAURA SIEGEMUND	6-1 6-2
2017	STUTTGART	CLAY	I	SF	LAURA SIEGEMUND	6-4 7-5
2017	ROME	CLAY	O	R2	SIMONA HALEP	6-4 6-4

HALEP		SIEGEMUND	
<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$37,045,910	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$2,429,666
<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed
<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	Sep. 27, 1991 (29)	<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	Mar. 4, 1988 (32)
<b>Singles Titles</b>	22	<b>Singles Titles</b>	2
<b>Tournament W-L (MD)</b>	1-0	<b>Tournament W-L (MD)</b>	2-0
<b>YTD / Career W-L (MD)</b>	1-0 / 394-171	<b>YTD / Career W-L (MD)</b>	2-1 / 86-82
<b>3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 111-56	<b>3-Set (YTD / Career)</b>	0-1 / 30-27
<b>Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 52-56	<b>Tie-Break (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 11-24
<b>Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	1-0 / 225-110	<b>Hard Court (YTD / Career)</b>	2-1 / 28-42
<b>Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 39-49	<b>Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 9-12
<b>Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 102-77	<b>Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 14-27
<b>Coach</b>	Darren Cahill	<b>Coach</b>	Antonio Zucca

## HALEP:

- Opening 2021 season here at Gippsland Trophy, playing first Tour event since 2020 Roland Garros in September
- Coming off defeat of World No.1 Barty at Day at the Drive exhibition event in Adelaide on Friday
- During last year's Australian swing, made QF at Adelaide (l. Sabalenka) and SF of Australian Open (l. Muguruza)
- In her first match of the season (after 1r bye), defeated Potapova in 2r here on Monday – has now won nine of last 10 matches against Russian opponents, only losing to Alexandrova at 2019 Beijing
- Victory also marked her seventh opening season match win from the last eight years, only losing to Barty at 2019 Brisbane in this time
- Faces No.51 Siegemund in 3r today; her last loss on Tour also came against a player ranked outside the Top 50 – No.54 Swiatek at 2020 Roland Garros
- Last player to defeat Halep on hard was Muguruza at 2020 Australian Open (SF)
- Tasted defeat last time she faced German opposition, losing to Kerber at 2019 Eastbourne (QF)
- Contesting doubles this week w/Gavrilova – team defeated Bencic/Strycova in 1r and will face No.3 seeds Dabrowski/Mattek-Sands in 2r
- Spending her 347th consecutive week inside the Top 10 – eighth best streak in WTA history, behind Navratilova, Evert, Graf, Sabatini, Shriver, Sanchez-Vicario, and Mandlikova. Among active players the next longest streaks belongs to Ka.Pliskova (210) and Svitolina (174)
- 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

### **SIEGEMUND:**

- Gippsland Trophy marks second event of 2021, after falling 1r in season opener at Abu Dhabi (l. Flipkens)
- Scored straight-set wins over Niculescu in 1r and Aiava in 2r – first time winning back-to-back main draw matches on hard court on Tour since 2020 Auckland (d. McNally, Gauff, l. S.Williams)
- Last year during down under made QF at Auckland (l. S.Williams) and fell in 2r at Australian Open (d. Vandeweghe, l. Ka.Pliskova)
- Faces World No.2 Halep today, and can match best win of career with a win today. Owns three Top 5 wins in career all coming at Stuttgart – over No.2 A.Radwanska in 2016 and No.3 Ka.Pliskova and No.5 Halep in 2017
- Has won her last three matches vs. Romanian women – Niculescu (2021 Gippsland Trophy), Begu (2020 Palermo) and Tig (2019 Hiroshmina). Last loss came to Buzarnescu at 2019 Bronx
- Outside of the Slams, bidding to reach first QF at WTA 500 level since title run at 2017 Stuttgart (made QF at 2020 Roland Garros)
- Playing doubles this week and through QF w/Zvonareva – team defeated Begu/Wang Qiang and Arruabarrena/Christian and now face No.1 seeds Krejckikova/Siniakova
- 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 last eight 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

## [13] JELENA OSTAPENKO (LAT #45) VS. [3] ELINA SVITOLINA (UKR #5)

Head-to-head: Ostapenko leads 2-1

2019	DOHA	HARD O	R2	ELINA SVITOLINA	6-4 6-4
2018	MIAMI	HARD O	QF	JELENA OSTAPENKO	7-6(3) 7-6(5)
2017	WIMBLEDON	GRASS O	R16	JELENA OSTAPENKO	6-3 7-6(6)

OSTAPENKO		SVITOLINA	
<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$9,074,100	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$19,860,259
<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed
<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	Jun 8, 1997 (23)	<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	Sep. 12, 1994 (26)
<b>Singles Titles</b>	3	<b>Singles Titles</b>	15
<b>Tournament W-L (MD)</b>	2-0	<b>Tournament W-L (MD)</b>	1-0
<b>YTD / Career W-L (MD)</b>	2-0 / 130-106	<b>YTD / Career W-L (MD)</b>	4-1 / 285-155
<b>3-Set (YTD / Career)</b>	1-0 / 47-33	<b>3-Set (YTD / Career)</b>	1-1 / 85-50
<b>Tie-Break (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 33-20	<b>Tie-Break (YTD / Career)</b>	1-2 / 61-46
<b>Hard Court (YTD / Career)</b>	2-0 / 77-71	<b>Hard Court (YTD / Career)</b>	4-1 / 206-106
<b>Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 13-15	<b>Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 33-38
<b>Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 20-29	<b>Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 61-69
<b>Coach</b>	Thomas Högstedt & Jelena Jakovleva	<b>Coach</b>	Andrew Bettles

### OSTAPENKO:

- One of four Grand Slam champions contesting Gippsland Trophy, along with Halep, Osaka and Swiatek; also the only Latvian in the draw
- Faces No.5 Svitolina today in third career meeting; recorded three Top 10 wins last season, over No.7 Kenin (Billie Jean King Cup), No.8 Bertens (Strasbourg) and No.4 Ka.Pliskova (Roland Garros)
- Defeated fellow former Top 10 player Errani in 1r, 4-6 6-3 6-1, then beat Kovinic in 2r 6-4 7-5
- Best result down under was a SF run at 2017 Auckland. Opened both 2018 and 2019 season with 1r exits at Shenzhen and Sydney and did not play any warm-up tournament before 2020 Australian Open
- 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 (I. Hsieh/Strycova)
- The 2019 season saw her capture third career title at Luxembourg (d. Goerges in F) right after finishing R-Up at Linz (I. Gauff)
- Also R-Up in mixed doubles at 2019 Wimbledon w/ Lindstedt
- Her 2018 campaign was highlighted by finishing R-Up at Miami (I. 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 (I. 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, I. V.Williams, I. 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 Taskent advancing to 2r (l. Pervak)
- Began playing ITF Circuit events in 2012

### **SVITOLINA:**

- Enters the Gippsland Trophy as the No.3 seed joining No.2 Simona Halep and No.3 Naomi Osaka as one of three Top 5 ranked players in the field
- Following a 1r bye, defeated Petkovic in 2r in comfortable 6-1 6-4 victory
- Faces No.45 Ostapenko in 3r today – bidding to reach sixth QF in her past seven tournaments
- Coming off QF showing at Abu Dhabi where she fell to eventual R-Up Kudermetova
- Opened last season with 1r loss at Brisbane to Collins – one of four opening match losses in 2020 – before advancing to 3r at the Australian Open (l. Muguruza)
- 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 stand-out 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

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- 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)

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## GIPPSLAND TROPHY – QUARTERFINALS

### IRINA-CAMELIA BEGU (ROU #79) vs. [2] NAOMI OSAKA (JPN #3)

#### First meeting

**Begu** saved two match points to upset Konta in previous round... **Osaka's** wins this week extend her unbeaten streak to 13 matches... **Begu** contesting first QF on hard since 2019

### [1] SIMONA HALEP (ROU #2) vs. [9] EKATERINA ALEXANDROVA (RUS #33)

#### Series tied 1-1

**Alexandrova** won their most recent encounter at 2019 Beijing... **Halep** spending 347th week in the Top 10... **Alexandrova** also made QF in her season opener at Abu Dhabi

### [7] ELISE MERTENS (BEL #20) vs. [3] ELINA SVITOLINA (UKR #5)

#### Svitolina leads 3-1

**Svitolina** prevailed when the two last met, at 2019 Cincinnati... **Mertens** appearing in seventh QF in her last eight tournaments... **Svitolina** came from a set down to beat Ostapenko in previous round

### KAIA KANEPI (EST #94) vs. [8] KAROLINA MUCHOVA (CZE #27)

#### First meeting

**Kanepi** has won 13 matches in a row... **Muchova** appearing in first QF since end of 2019... **Kanepi** upset No.7 Sabalenka in second round

## MAIN DRAW QUICK-HITS

**Top 8 Seeds:** Simona Halep, Naomi Osaka, Elina Svitolina, Aryna Sabalenka, Johanna Konta, Iga Swiatek, Elise Mertens, Karolina Muchova

**Wildcards:** Destanee Aiava, Olivia Gadecki, Arina Rodionova, Astra Sharma

**Most career WTA singles titles:** Simona Halep (22)

**Prize money leader:** Simona Halep (\$37,045,910)

**Youngest singles player:** Coco Gauff, 16 years old (March 13, 2004)

**Oldest singles player:** Kaia Kanepi, 35 years old (June 10, 1985)

SINGLES	USD \$	RANK POINTS
Winner	50,000	470
Runner-Up	33,520	305
Semifinalist	18,610	185
Quarterfinalist	8,770	100
Round of 16	5,500	55
Round of 32	4,250	30
Round of 64	3,000	1

DOUBLES	USD \$	RANK POINTS
Winner	20,890	470
Runner-Up	13,370	305
Semifinalist	8,350	185
Quarterfinalist	4,310	100
Round of 16	2,670	55
Round of 32	2,020	1



**IRINA-CAMELIA BEGU (ROU #79) VS. [2] NAOMI OSAKA (JPN #3)**

Head-to-head: First meeting

BEGU		OSAKA	
Career Prize Money	\$5,471,798	Career Prize Money	\$17,770,234
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Aug. 26, 1990 (30)	Date of Birth (Age)	Oct. 16, 1997 (23)
Singles Titles	4	Singles Titles	6
Tournament W-L (MD)	3-0	Tournament W-L (MD)	2-0
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	3-0 / 177-178	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	2-0 / 138-73
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	3-0 / 68-54	3-Set (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 42-19
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	2-0 / 42-42	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 26-24
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	3-0 / 82-99	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	2-0 / 108-50
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 6-30	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 12-20
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 13-47	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 29-32
Coach	Teodor Bolanu	Coach	Wim Fissette

**BEGU:**

- Has come from a set down in all three matches this week, beating S.Zheng in 1r, Sasnovich in 2r and then upsetting No.14 Konta in 3r
- Trained by a break in the final set against both S.Zheng and Sasnovich, then saved 2MP in second set tie-break with Konta – at 3h35m this was longer than any match on Tour in 2020
- Faces No.3 Osaka in today's QF; in terms of ranking, best career win was over No.4 Muguruza at 2016 Madrid
- Contesting first WTA hard court QF since 2019, when she made this stage at Hobart and Budapest; last SF on hard was at 2018 Shenzhen
- Overall owns a 19-14 win-loss record in WTA QF matches
- One of five Romanian players to start the draw, along with Buzarnescu, Halep, Niculescu and Tig
- Began last season ranked outside Top 100; contested qualifying at Hobart and fell 1r at Shenzhen and Australian Open
- Shortly after Tour's resumption in August 2020, made first WTA SF in over two years at Prague (l. eventual champion Halep); win over No.43 Sevastova in 1r was first over a Top 50 player since 2018 Roland Garros; also reached 2r at Roland Garros in September (l. Halep)
- Prior to tour's hiatus was in good form, winning the title at WTA 125K Series event at Indian Wells and another title at \$100K ITF/Cairo-EGY
- Best results of 2019 were 3r run at Roland Garros (l. Anisimova) and three QF runs at Hobart (l. Schmiedlova), Budapest (l. Vondrousova) and Bucharest (l. Siegemund)
- Reached two singles SFs - Shenzhen and Istanbul - and one QF in 2018. Also defeated No.5 Ostapenko at 2018 Madrid for second Top 5 win of career having also beaten No.4 Muguruza at 2016 Madrid
- Won two doubles titles in 2018 – Shenzhen and Bucharest – finishing the year at a career-best No.23 in the WTA Doubles Rankings. Reached SF stage of 2018 Australian Open doubles event w/Niculescu
- Highlight of 2017 was lifting fourth singles title of her career at Bucharest without dropping a set (d. Goerges in F); also took home the doubles trophy without dropping a set w/Olaru

- Also in 2017 reached two SFs: Istanbul (I. Mertens) and Moscow (I. Kasatkina), and one QF at Charleston (I. eventual champion Kasatkina)
- Represented Romania at 2016 Rio Olympics, making 1r exits in singles (I. Hibino) and doubles (w/Niculescu, I. Chan/Chan)
- Posted career-best singles ranking at No.22 (August 22, 2016)
- Other notable results in 2016 included SF at Rome (I. S.Williams), QF at Charleston (I. Kerber) and QF at Madrid (I. Halep)
- In run to QF at 2016 Madrid was one of four Romanians for reach QF – which was first time this had occurred at a Premier Mandatory event (also Halep, Cirstea and Tig). Secured two milestones during Madrid: career-best win vs. No.4 Muguruza, and 300th match win of career (all levels) with 3r defeat of McHale
- Struggled with right shoulder injury in 2013 – first felt pain at 2013 Australian Open and missed three months of action
- Lifted maiden WTA title at 2012 Tashkent (d. Vekic in F)
- Reached 2r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2011 Roland Garros (d. Rezaï, I. Kuznetsova)
- Appeared in first two WTA finals in 2011, at Mallorca (I. Azarenka) and then Budapest (I. Vinci). Voted WTA Newcomer of the Year in 2011 (media vote)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2009 Budapest (fell in 1r to Peer)
- Holds 12 singles titles and 19 doubles titles on ITF Circuit

## OSAKA:

- After 1r bye, needed just 73 minutes to beat Cornet in 2r on Tuesday and then Boulter in 3r – results extend her current winning streak to 13 matches
- Fought from a set down to beat Boulter; since the start of 2019, her record in three-set matches is 27-4 (87.1%) – the next best winning percentage during this time frame is 78.1% (Barty)
- Faces No.79 Begu in QF today; her last loss came at the hands of No.78 Sorribes Tormo on Fed Cup duty for Japan last February. Since the Tour's resumption in the summer has won four matches at Western & Southern Open (withdrew w/left hamstring injury before final against Azarenka), seven during US Open title run and two here in Melbourne
- Overall owns 14-9 career win-loss record in WTA QF matches
- Is one of four major champions in draw (also Halep, Ostapenko and Swiatek)
- At last week's Day at the Drive exhibition event in Adelaide lost to S.Williams on a match tie-break
- Playing first tournament since coming from a set and a break down to defeat Azarenka in 2020 US Open final and lift the third Grand Slam title of career – is the 20th woman to win three or more majors in the Open Era
- Began last season with SF showing at Brisbane (I. eventual champion Ka.Pliskova) and 3r exit at Australian Open (I. Gauff)
- Aside from US Open triumph, highlight of 2020 campaign was R-Up finish at Western & Southern Open – withdrew w/left hamstring injury before final against Azarenka

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

## [1] SIMONA HALEP (ROU #2) VS. [9] EKATERINA ALEXANDROVA (RUS #33)

Head-to-head: Series tied 1-1

2019 BEIJING	HARD	O	R2	EKATERINA ALEXANDROVA	6-2 6-3
2019 CINCINNATI	HARD	O	R2	SIMONA HALEP	3-6 7-5 6-4

HALEP		ALEXANDROVA	
Career Prize Money	\$37,045,910	Career Prize Money	\$1,681,035
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-Handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Sep. 27, 1991 (29)	Date of Birth (Age)	Nov. 15, 1994 (26)
Singles Titles	22	Singles Titles	1
Tournament W-L (MD)	2-0	Tournament W-L (MD)	2-0
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	2-0 / 395-171	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	4-1 / 72-65
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 111-56	3-Set (YTD / Career)	2-1 / 25-26
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 52-56	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	1-2 / 15-24
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	2-0 / 226-110	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	4-1 / 55-37
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 39-49	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 2-12
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 102-77	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 6-17
Coach	Darren Cahill	Coach	Evgeny Alexandrov

### HALEP:

- Opening 2021 season here at Gippsland Trophy, playing first Tour event since 2020 Roland Garros in September
- Coming off defeat of World No.1 Barty at Day at the Drive exhibition event in Adelaide on Friday
- During last year's Australian swing, made QF at Adelaide (l. Sabalenka) and SF of Australian Open (l. Muguruza)
- In her first matches of the season (after 1r bye), recorded straight-set wins over Potapova in 2r and then Siegemund in 3r
- Victory over Potapova marked her seventh opening season match win from the last eight years, only losing to Barty at 2019 Brisbane in this time
- Faces Alexandrova in QF today – has won nine of last 10 matches again Russian opponents, only losing to Alexandrova at 2019 Beijing
- Last player to defeat Halep on hard was Muguruza at 2020 Australian Open (SF)
- Overall win-loss record in WTA QF matches stands at 56-25
- Contesting doubles this week w/Gavrilova – team defeated Bencic/Strycova in 1r and No.3 seeds Dabrowski/Mattek-Sands in 2r, face Buzarnescu/Cornet in QF
- Spending her 347th consecutive week inside the Top 10 – eighth best streak in WTA history, behind Navratilova, Evert, Graf, Sabatini, Shriver, Sanchez-Vicario, and Mandlikova. Among active players the next longest streaks belongs to Ka.Pliskova (210) and Svitolina (174)
- 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

### **ALEXANDROVA:**

- After 1r bye, came from 6-4 3-1 down in 2r against Schmiedlova, then upset No.17 Swiatek in 3r
- Faces No.2 Halep in QF today – owns two career wins over Top 10 players, No.10 Ostapenko at 2018 Seoul and No.5 Halep at 2019 Beijing
- Career record in WTA QF matches stands at 6-5
- One of a tournament-leading six Russians competing in the main draw (also Gsparyan, Kalinskaya, Kasatkina, Potapova and Savinykh)
- Also made QF in season opener, at Abu Dhabi (l. Svitolina – led 5-3 in the final set and held 2mp)
- 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)

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- Advanced to first WTA QF at 2018 Seoul, scoring maiden Top 10 win of her career en route, over No.10 OstapenkoMade 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



## [7] ELISE MERTENS (BEL #20) VS. [3] ELINA SVITOLINA (UKR #5)

Head-to-head: ELINA SVITOLINA leads 3-1

2019	CINCINNATI	HARD O	R2	ELINA SVITOLINA	6-4 6-1
2018	MONTRÉAL	HARD O	QF	ELINA SVITOLINA	7-5 6-3
2018	AUSTRALIAN OPEN	HARD O	QF	ELISE MERTENS	6-4 6-0
2017	ISTANBUL	CLAY O	F	ELINA SVITOLINA	6-2 6-4

MERTENS		SVITOLINA	
<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$7,080,203	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$19,860,259
<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed
<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	Nov. 17, 1995 (25)	<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	Sep. 12, 1994 (26)
<b>Singles Titles</b>	5	<b>Singles Titles</b>	15
<b>Tournament W-L (MD)</b>	2-0	<b>Tournament W-L (MD)</b>	2-0
<b>YTD / Career W-L (MD)</b>	2-0 / 152-85	<b>YTD / Career W-L (MD)</b>	5-1 / 286-155
<b>3-Set (YTD / Career)</b>	1-0 / 39-31	<b>3-Set (YTD / Career)</b>	2-1 / 86-50
<b>Tie-Break (YTD / Career)</b>	1-0 / 27-31	<b>Tie-Break (YTD / Career)</b>	1-3 / 61-47
<b>Hard Court (YTD / Career)</b>	2-0 / 95-53	<b>Hard Court (YTD / Career)</b>	5-1 / 207-106
<b>Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 7-19	<b>Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 33-38
<b>Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 14-41	<b>Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 61-69
<b>Coach</b>	Robbie Ceysens	<b>Coach</b>	Andrew Bettles

### MERTENS:

- Opening season at Gippsland Trophy – originally planned to play Abu Dhabi earlier in January before late withdrawal w/right shoulder injury
- After 1r bye, beat Hibi in 2r and No.12 seed Garcia in 3r to reach her seventh QF in her past eight tournaments
- Faces No.5 Svitolina today in QF; most recent of her seven career Top 10 wins came over No.4 Kenin at 2020 US Open
- Career QF win-loss record stands at 13-15
- Won maiden WTA title down under, at 2017 Hobart, defending it 12 months later. Best Grand Slam result also came here, a SF run at 2018 Australian Open
- Won the most matches on Tour in 2020, going 34-13 across the season
- Reached two finals last year, finishing as R-Up at both Prague (l. Halep) and Linz (l. Sabalenka)
- Earned her milestone 200th career main draw win with victory over Kalinina in 1r at Linz
- Won 10th career doubles title at Ostrava (w/Sabalenka)
- Loss to Watson at 2020 Hobart, at 3h 33m, was the longest match of the year
- Singles highlights in 2019 were winning biggest title of career at Doha (d. No.3 Halep in final) and advancing to QF at US Open for the first time (l. eventual champion Andreescu in 3s)
- Enjoyed standout season in doubles in 2019 – won maiden major doubles title at US Open w/Sabalenka (d. Azarenka/Barty in F). Also Completed ‘Sunshine Double’ in doubles (w/Sabalenka), lifting the back-to-back titles at Indian Wells (d. Krejčíková/Siniakova) and Miami (d. Stosur/Zhang), and qualified for Shiseido WTA Finals Shenzhen (went 1-2 in RR)
- Won three singles titles in 2018 (Hobart, Rabat and Lugano), one of six players on tour with three or more titles to their name that year - also Kvitová (5), Svitolina (4), Bertens (3), Halep (3) and Wozniacki (3)
- Also in 2018, advanced to first Grand Slam SF of career at 2018 Australian Open (l. eventual champion Wozniacki)

- Finished 2018 with 46 main draw match wins across the campaign – only Ka.Pliskova (49) and Kvitova (47) registered more. By contrast, prior to 2018 season owned only 36 wins at this level across entire career
- In doubles in 2018, won four titles and reached QF at WTA Finals (w/Schuurs)
- Finished 2017 season at No.35, up from No.120 in 2016 – first Top 50 and Top 100 year-end finish. Season highlighted by first career singles title at Hobart (as a qualifier, d. Niculescu in F)
- Registered first Top 10 win of career over No.10 Cibulkova in 1r at 2017 Beijing
- Made WTA singles main draw debut at 2016 's-Hertogenbosch – made QF (as qualifier, l. Mladenovic)
- Won first WTA title of any kind in doubles at 2016 Auckland (w/Mestach)
- Played first tour-level event of career at 2015 Antwerp (fell in qualifying)
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in Belgium in 2010; owns 11 singles and 14 doubles titles on ITF Circuit

### **SVITOLINA:**

- Enters the Gippsland Trophy as the No.3 seed joining No.2 Simona Halep and No.3 Naomi Osaka as one of three Top 5 ranked players in the field
- Following a 1r bye, defeated Petkovic in 2r and then came from a set down to beat Ostapenko in 3r; has now reached QF or better in six of her past seven tournaments
- Career record in WTA QF matches stands at 38-24
- Coming off QF showing at Abu Dhabi where she fell to eventual R-Up Kudermetova
- Opened last season with 1r loss at Brisbane to Collins – one of four opening match losses in 2020 – before advancing to 3r at the Australian Open (l. Muguruza)
- 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)

## KAIA KANEPI (EST #94) VS. [8] KAROLINA MUCHOVA (CZE #27)

Head-to-head: First meeting

KANEPI		MUCHOVA	
Career Prize Money	\$6,454,604	Career Prize Money	\$1,420,826
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Jun. 10, 1985 (35)	Date of Birth (Age)	Aug. 21, 1996 (24)
Singles Titles	4	Singles Titles	1
Tournament W-L (MD)	3-0	Tournament W-L (MD)	2-0
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	3-0 / 227-192	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	3-0 / 40-23
3-Set (YTD / Career)	2-0 / 71-71	3-Set (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 13-10
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 53-43	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 11-4
Hard Court (YTD / Career)	3-0 / 130-108	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	3-0 / 30-18
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 12-39	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 1-8
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 35-69	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 6-12
Coach (fitness)	Indrek Tustit	Coach (fitness)	Tomas Petera

### KANEPI:

- Opened season by coming from 6-1 5-3 down to beat WC Sharma in 1r on Sunday, twice coming within two points of defeat
- Ended No.7 Sabalenka's 15-match winning streak in 2r – her first Top 10 win since upsetting No.1 Halep at 2018 US Open
- Beat Kasatkina in 3r to win 13th match in a row, having lifted back-to-back ITF Circuit titles at the end of 2020
- Faces Muchova in QF today – her first WTA QF since 2018 Brisbane (l. Ka.Pliskova)
- Overall career record in WTA QF matches stands at 17-24; bidding to reach first SF since 2013 Oeiras
- At 35 is the oldest of 12 thirtysomethings in the draw
- Owns good record down under, having won 2012 Brisbane title and reached a further four QFs on Australian soil
- Started last season by contesting qualifying at Brisbane and then falling 1r at Australian Open (l. Krejickova)
- Ended 2020 in fine form on ITF Circuit, winning 15 of 16 matches and lifting the 11th 12th and 13th titles of her career at this level
- Best results at Tour-level in 2020 were 2r showings at US Open (l. Jabeur) and Roland Garros (l. Mertens)
- Highlights of 2019 were R16 runs at Roland Garros (l. Martic) and Charleston (l. Collins)
- Standout results in 2018 were R16 run at US Open (d. No.1 Halep, l. S.Williams) and equaling best career result at Australian Open by reaching 3r (l. Suárez Navarro). Also lifted 14th ITF Circuit title at \$60k ITF/Brescia-ITA
- Melbourne run took total career prize money past USD \$5million
- Battled through yet another injury-plagued season, finishing 2017 at No.107. Season highlight was advancing to QF stage of 2017 US Open (l. eventual R-Up Keys) – first qualifier to reach this stage at US Open since Barbara Gerken did so in 1981
- Holds many firsts for Estonia – first Estonian to reach a WTA final (2006 Hasselt), a Grand Slam QF (2008 French Open), to crack Top 20 (February 2009), to win a WTA title (2010 Palermo) and to beat a reigning No.1 (Wozniacki at 2011 Tokyo [PPO])

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- Endured a career-low year-end 2016 ranking of No.302 due to being hampered by the Epstein-Barr virus and plantar fasciitis in both feet
- Advanced to QF stage four times in 2014 (Brisbane, Acapulco, Bastad and Seoul) and posted R16 finish at 2014 US Open (l. S.Williams)
- Battled injuries in 2013 missing first three months due to right Achilles injury and sidelined after Wimbledon until US Open due to a low back injury
- Broke into Top 20 at No.16 on June 11, 2012, following QF run at Roland Garros (d. No.9 Wozniacki, l. eventual champion Sharapova); later that year, rose to career-high No.15 (August 20, 2012)
- Made Grand Slam breakthrough with QF showing at 2008 Roland Garros (l. Kuznetsova); upset No.6 Chakvetadze in 2r to register first victory over a Top 10 player of her career
- Made Top 100 debut on December 19, 2005 and broke into Top 50 on April 2, 2007
- Advanced to first WTA final at 2006 Hasselt (l. Clijsters); scored maiden Top 20 win over No.15 Schiavone in QF
- Reached maiden WTA SF at 2005 Kolkata (l. Myskina)
- Won first Tour-level match in 2r showing at 2002 Porto (d. Sassi, l. Montolio)
- In only her fourth senior tournament, fell 1r on WTA main draw debut at 2001 Vienna (as qualifier, l. Huber)
- Finished R-Up at \$10k ITF/Tallin-EST on professional debut in 1999

### **MUCHOVA:**

- After 1r bye, began tournament with comfortable win over alternate McNally. Then beat Paolini in 3r to reach first QF since end of 2019, when she made SF in her final two tournaments at Moscow and Zhuhai
- Faces Kanepi in QF today; owns 4-3 record in WTA QF matches
- Withdrew prior to 2r in opening tournament of the season at Abu Dhabi
- Opened 2020 campaign with 1r exit at Brisbane before reaching 2r at Australian Open
- 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 Grand Slam main draw debut at 2018 US Open (as qualifier, d. No.12 Muguruza in 2r, l. Barty in 3r)
- Fell 1r on WTA main draw debut at 2017 Seoul (as qualifier, l. Hon)
- Won second – and most recent – career ITF Circuit title in 2016 and posted 39-18 win-loss record; at tour-level fell in qualifying at US Open
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in Croatia in 2013

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## Head-to-Heads

### BEGU, IRINA-CAMELIA vs OSAKA, NAOMI

There are no head to heads

### HALEP, SIMONA vs ALEXANDROVA, EKATERINA

Both Have Equal Wins 1 - 1

Year	Tournament Name	Surface	I-O	Round	Winner	rank _ seed	rank _ seed	Scores
2019	CINCINNATI	HARD	O	R32	HALEP, SIMONA	4 4	43 *	3-6 7-5 6-4
2019	BEIJING	HARD	O	R32	ALEXANDROVA, EKATERI	38 *	5 6	6-2 6-3

### MERTENS, ELISE vs SVITOLINA, ELINA

SVITOLINA, ELINA 3 - 1

Year	Tournament Name	Surface	I-O	Round	Winner	rank _ seed	rank _ seed	Scores
2017	ISTANBUL	CLAY	O	F	SVITOLINA, ELINA	13 1	65 6	6-2 6-4
2018	AUSTRALIAN OPEN	HARD	O	Q	MERTENS, ELISE	37 *	4 4	6-4 6-0
2018	MONTREAL	HARD	O	Q	SVITOLINA, ELINA	5 5	15 14	7-5 6-3
2019	CINCINNATI	HARD	O	R32	SVITOLINA, ELINA	7 7	23 *	6-4 6-1

### KANEPI, KAIA vs MUCHOVA, KAROLINA

There are no head to heads

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## GIPPSLAND TROPHY – SEMIFINALS

### [7] ELISE MERTENS (BEL #20) vs. [2] NAOMI OSAKA (JPN #3)

*Osaka leads 2-1*

**Osaka** prevailed when the two met last summer in New York... **Mertens** upset Svitolina on a match tie-break on Friday... **Osaka's** wins this week extend her unbeaten streak to 14 matches

### [9] EKATERINA ALEXANDROVA (RUS #33) vs. KAIA KANEPI (EST #94)

*Alexandrova leads 1-0*

**Alexandrova** won when they met on ITF Circuit in 2018... **Kanepi** appearing in first WTA SF since 2013... **Alexandrova** bidding to reach the biggest final of her career

## SEMIFINAL RECORDS

PLAYER	LAST FINAL REACHED (final result)	CAREER SF W/L*	CAREER F W/L*
[2] Naomi Osaka	2020 US Open (WON)	9-4	6-2
[7] Elise Mertens	2020 Linz (R-Up)	8-7	5-3
Ekaterina Alexandrova	2020 Shenzhen (WON)	2-5	1-1
Kaia Kanepi	2013 Brussels (WON)	8-9	4-4

\*Not including walkovers

## POTENTIAL FINAL HEAD-TO-HEADS

	MERTENS	OSAKA
ALEXANDROVA	Series tied 1-1	First meeting
KANEPI	Series tied 1-1	Kanepi leads 1-0

## PRIZE MONEY & RANKINGS POINTS

SINGLES	USD \$	RANK POINTS
Winner	50,000	470
Runner-Up	33,520	305
Semifinalist	18,610	185
Quarterfinalist	8,770	100
Round of 16	5,500	55
Round of 32	4,250	30
Round of 64	3,000	1

DOUBLES	USD \$	RANK POINTS
Winner	20,890	470
Runner-Up	13,370	305
Semifinalist	8,350	185
Quarterfinalist	4,310	100
Round of 16	2,670	55
Round of 32	2,020	1



## [9] EKATERINA ALEXANDROVA (RUS #33) VS. KAIA KANEPI (EST #94)

Head-to-head: Alexandrova leads 1-0

2018 ITF/ILKLEY GRASS O QF EKATERINA ALEXANDROVA 3-6 6-4 7-6(4)

ALEXANDROVA		KANEPI	
Career Prize Money	\$1,681,035	Career Prize Money	\$6,454,604
Plays	Right-Handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Nov. 15, 1994 (26)	Date of Birth (Age)	Jun. 10, 1985 (35)
Singles Titles	1	Singles Titles	4
Tournament W-L (MD)	3-0	Tournament W-L (MD)	3-0
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	5-1 / 73-65	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	3-0 / 227-192
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	2-1 / 25-26	3-Set (YTD / Career)	2-0 / 71-71
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	1-2 / 15-24	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 53-43
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	5-1 / 56-37	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	3-0 / 130-108
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 3-12	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 12-39
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	2-1 / 7-17	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 35-69
Coach	Evgeny Alexandrov	Coach	Indrek Tustit

### ALEXANDROVA:

- After 1r bye, came from 6-4 3-1 down in 2r against Schmiedlova, then upset No.17 Swiatek in 3r
- Upset No.2 Halep in QF – now owns three career wins over Top 10 players, having previously beaten No.10 Ostapenko at 2018 Seoul and No.5 Halep at 2019 Beijing
- Faces Kanepi in today's SF – only previous WTA 500-level SF of her career ended in defeat to Bertens at 2020 St. Petersburg
- Overall career record in WTA SF matches stands at 2-5
- One of a tournament-leading six Russians competing in the main draw (also Gsparyan, Kalinskaya, Kasatkina, Potapova and Savinykh)
- Seeded No.29 at next week's Australian Open where she will face Trevisan in 1r
- Made QF in season opener, at Abu Dhabi (I. Svitolina – led 5-3 in the final set and held 2mp)
- 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 (I. 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

### **KANEPI:**

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- Beat Kasatkina in 3r to win 13th match in a row, having lifted back-to-back ITF Circuit titles at the end of 2020
- Advanced to her first SF since Oeiras in May 2013 when Muchova withdrew prior to their QF w/left abdominal injury
- By reaching SF is projected to return to Top 80
- Faces Alexandrova in today's SF; overall career record in WTA SF matches stands at 8-9
- Bidding to reach first final since 2013 Brussels title run
- Owns good record down under, having won 2012 Brisbane title and reached a further four QFs on Australian soil
- Started last season by contesting qualifying at Brisbane and then falling 1r at Australian Open (l. Krejickova)
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- Won first Tour-level match in 2r showing at 2002 Porto (d. Sassi, l. Montolio)
- In only her fourth senior tournament, fell 1r on WTA main draw debut at 2001 Vienna (as qualifier, l. Huber)
- Finished R-Up at \$10k ITF/Tallin-EST on professional debut in 1999

## [7] ELISE MERTENS (BEL #20) VS. [2] NAOMI OSAKA (JPN #3)

Head-to-head: NAOMI OSAKA leads 2-1

2020	WESTERN & SOUTHERN OPEN	HARD	O	SF	NAOMI OSAKA	6-2 7-6(5)
2019	OSAKA	HARD	O	SF	NAOMI OSAKA	6-4 6-1
2017	WUHAN	HARD	O	R2	ELISE MERTENS	6-4 1-6 6-4

MERTENS		OSAKA	
<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$7,080,203	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$17,770,234
<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed
<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	Nov. 17, 1995 (25)	<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	Oct. 16, 1997 (23)
<b>Singles Titles</b>	5	<b>Singles Titles</b>	6
<b>Tournament W-L (MD)</b>	3-0	<b>Tournament W-L (MD)</b>	3-0
<b>YTD / Career W-L (MD)</b>	3-0 / 153-85	<b>YTD / Career W-L (MD)</b>	3-0 / 139-73
<b>3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	2-0 / 40-31	<b>3-Set (YTD / Career)</b>	1-0 / 42-19
<b>Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	2-0 / 28-31	<b>Tie-Break (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 26-24
<b>Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	3-0 / 96-53	<b>Hard Court (YTD / Career)</b>	3-0 / 109-50
<b>Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	1-0 / 8-19	<b>Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 12-20
<b>Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	1-0 / 15-41	<b>Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 29-32
<b>Coach</b>	Robbie Ceysens	<b>Coach</b>	Wim Fissette

### MERTENS:

- Opening season at Gippsland Trophy – originally planned to play Abu Dhabi earlier in January before late withdrawal w/right shoulder injury
- After 1r bye, beat Hibi in 2r and No.12 seed Garcia in 3r to reach her seventh QF in her past eight tournaments
- Upset No.5 Svitolina on match tie-break in QF – her second Top-10 win since start of last season (also No.4 Kenin at 2020 US Open)
- Has now won 26 matches since the Tour's restart in August – more than any other player in this period
- Faces No.3 Osaka in SF today; has previously beaten two Top-3 players in her career, No.3 Stephens (2018 Cincinnati) and No.3 Halep (2019 Doha)
- Career SF win-loss record stands at 8-7 – bidding to reach second WTA 500 final (also WON 2019 Doha)
- Won maiden WTA title down under, at 2017 Hobart, defending it 12 months later. Best Grand Slam result also came here, a SF run at 2018 Australian Open
- Won the most matches on Tour in 2020, going 34-13 across the season
- Reached two finals last year, finishing as R-Up at both Prague (l. Halep) and Linz (l. Sabalenka)
- Earned her milestone 200th career main draw win with victory over Kalinina in 1r at Linz
- Won 10th career doubles title at Ostrava (w/Sabalenka)
- Loss to Watson at 2020 Hobart, at 3h 33m, was the longest match of the year
- Singles highlights in 2019 were winning biggest title of career at Doha (d. No.3 Halep in final) and advancing to QF at US Open for the first time (l. eventual champion Andreescu in 3s)
- Enjoyed standout season in doubles in 2019 – won maiden major doubles title at US Open w/Sabalenka (d. Azarenka/Barty in F). Also Completed 'Sunshine Double' in doubles (w/Sabalenka), lifting the back-to-back titles at Indian Wells (d. Krejickova/Siniakova) and Miami (d. Stosur/Zhang), and qualified for Shiseido WTA Finals Shenzhen (went 1-2 in RR)

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

## OSAKA:

- After 1r bye, needed just 73 minutes to beat Cornet in 2r on Tuesday, Boulter in 3r and Begu in QF; results extend her current winning streak to 14 matches, matching the run she produced at the end of 2019 and start of 2020 (Osaka – four wins; Beijing – six wins; WTA Finals – one win (withdrew); Brisbane – three wins (l. Ka.Pliskova in SF))
- Fought from a set down to beat Boulter in 3r; since the start of 2019, her record in three-set matches is 27-4 (87.1%) – the next best winning percentage during this time frame is 78.1% (Barty)
- Faces No.20 Mertens in SF today; beat the Belgian during title run at 2019 Osaka and R-Up finish at 2020 Western & Southern Open
- Last loss came at the hands of No.78 Sorribes Tormo on Fed Cup duty for Japan last February. Since the Tour's resumption in the summer has won four matches at Western & Southern Open (withdrew w/left hamstring injury before final against Azarenka), seven during US Open title run and three here in Melbourne
- Overall owns 9-4 career win-loss record in WTA SF matches
- Is the last remaining of four major champions in draw (also Halep, Ostapenko and Swiatek)
- At last week's Day at the Drive exhibition event in Adelaide lost to S.Williams on a match tie-break
- Playing first tournament since coming from a set and a break down to defeat Azarenka in 2020 US Open final and lift the third Grand Slam title of career – is the 20th woman to win three or more majors in the Open Era
- Began last season with SF showing at Brisbane (l. eventual champion Ka.Pliskova) and 3r exit at Australian Open (l. Gauff)
- Aside from US Open triumph, highlight of 2020 campaign was R-Up finish at Western & Southern Open – withdrew w/left hamstring injury before final against Azarenka

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

## Head-to-Heads

### ALEXANDROVA, EKATERINA vs OSAKA, NAOMI

There are no head to heads

### KANEPI, KAIA vs MERTENS, ELISE

Both Have Equal Wins 1 - 1

Year	Tournament Name	Surface	I-O	Round	Winner	rank _ seed	rank _ seed	Scores
2019	CHARLESTON	CLAY	O	R32	KANEPI, KAIA	82	*	0-6 6-0 7-5
2020	ROLAND GARROS	CLAY	O	R64	MERTENS, ELISE	20	16	106 * 6-4 7-5

### KANEPI, KAIA vs OSAKA, NAOMI

KANEPI, KAIA 1 - 0

Year	Tournament Name	Surface	I-O	Round	Winner	rank _ seed	rank _ seed	Scores
2017	US OPEN	HARD	O	R32	KANEPI, KAIA	418	*	45 * 6-3 2-6 7-5

### ALEXANDROVA, EKATERINA vs MERTENS, ELISE

Both Have Equal Wins 1 - 1

Year	Tournament Name	Surface	I-O	Round	Winner	rank _ seed	rank _ seed	Scores
2019	'S-HERTOGENBOSCH	GRASS	O	R32	ALEXANDROVA, EKATERI	52	*	21 3 6-4 6-2
2020	LINZ	HARD	I	S	MERTENS, ELISE	21	2	33 4 2-6 6-1 7-5



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## GIPPSLAND TROPHY – FINAL

### KAIA KANEPI (EST #94) vs. [7] ELISE MERTENS (BEL #20)

*Series tied 1-1*

**Mertens** triumphed when they met at 2020 Roland Garros... **Kanepi** appearing in first WTA final since 2013... **Mertens** bidding to win second WTA 500 title... **Kanepi** is the oldest player in draw

### FINAL RECORDS

PLAYER	LAST FINAL REACHED (final result)	CAREER F W/L
[7] Elise Mertens	2020 Linz (R-Up)	5-3
Kaia Kanepi	2013 Brussels (WON)	4-4

## PRIZE MONEY & RANKINGS POINTS

SINGLES	USD \$	RANK POINTS
Winner	50,000	470
Runner-Up	33,520	305
Semifinalist	18,610	185
Quarterfinalist	8,770	100
Round of 16	5,500	55
Round of 32	4,250	30
Round of 64	3,000	1

DOUBLES	USD \$	RANK POINTS
Winner	20,890	470
Runner-Up	13,370	305
Semifinalist	8,350	185
Quarterfinalist	4,310	100
Round of 16	2,670	55
Round of 32	2,020	1

## ROAD TO FINAL

KANEPI	MERTENS
[WC] Astra Sharma (AUS) 1-6 7-5 6-2	First round Bye
[4] Aryna Sabalenka (BLR) 6-1 2-6 6-1	Second round Mayo Hibi (JPN) 6-2 6-2
Daria Kasatkina (RUS) 7-5 6-1	Third round [12] Caroline Garcia (FRA) 7-6(1) 6-3
[8] Karolina Muchova (CZE) walkover	Quarterfinal [3] Elina Svitolina (UKR) 6-3 5-7 10-6
[9] Ekaterina Alexandrova (RUS) 6-3 7-6(6)	Semifinal [2] Naomi Osaka (JPN) walkover

## KAIA KANEPI (EST #94) VS. [7] ELISE MERTENS (BEL #20)

Head-to-head: Series tied 1-1

2020	ROLAND GARROS	CLAY	O	R2	ELISE MERTENS	3-6 6-4 7-6(4)
2019	CHARLESTON	CLAY	O	R2	KAIA KANEPI	0-6 6-0 7-5

KANEPI		MERTENS	
Career Prize Money	\$6,454,604	Career Prize Money	\$7,080,203
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Jun. 10, 1985 (35)	Date of Birth (Age)	Nov. 17, 1995 (25)
Singles Titles	4	Singles Titles	5
Tournament W-L (MD)	4-0	Tournament W-L (MD)	3-0
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	4-0 / 228-192	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	3-0 / 153-85
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	2-0 / 71-71	3-Set (YTD / Career)	2-0 / 40-31
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 54-43	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	2-0 / 28-31
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	4-0 / 131-108	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	3-0 / 96-53
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 12-39	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 8-19
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 35-69	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 15-41
Coach	Indrek Tustit	Coach	Robbie Ceyskens

### KANEPI:

- Opened season by recovering from 6-1 5-3 down to beat WC Sharma in 1r on Sunday, twice coming within two points of defeat
- Ended No.7 Sabalenka's 15-match winning streak in 2r – her first Top 10 win since upsetting No.1 Halep at 2018 US Open
- Beat Kasatkina in 3r, then advanced to her first SF since Oeiras in May 2013 when Muchova withdrew prior to their QF w/left abdominal injury
- Saw off Alexandrova in SF to win 14th match in a row, having lifted back-to-back ITF Circuit titles at the end of 2020
- By reaching final is projected to return to Top 70 and Top 60 with the title
- Faces Mertens in today's final; saved match point to beat the Belgian at 2018 Charleston
- Three of previous eight career finals have come at WTA 500 level: 2011 Moscow (R-Up), 2012 Brisbane (WON) and 2013 Brussels (WON)
- At 35 years old, is the oldest WTA singles finalist since S.Williams won 2020 Auckland
- On Tuesday will take on Sevastova in 1r of Australian Open
- Owns good record down under, having won 2012 Brisbane title and reached a further four QFs on Australian soil
- Started last season by contesting qualifying at Brisbane and then falling 1r at Australian Open (I. Krejčíková)
- Ended 2020 in fine form on ITF Circuit, winning 15 of 16 matches and lifting the 11th 12th and 13th titles of her career at this level
- Best results at Tour-level in 2020 were 2r showings at US Open (I. Jabeur) and Roland Garros (I. Mertens)
- Highlights of 2019 were R16 runs at Roland Garros (I. Martić) and Charleston (I. Collins)
- Standout results in 2018 were R16 run at US Open (d. No.1 Halep, I. S.Williams) and equalling best career result at Australian Open by reaching 3r (I. Suárez Navarro). Also lifted 14th ITF Circuit title at \$60k ITF/Brescia-ITA

- Melbourne run took total career prize money past USD \$5million
- Battled through yet another injury-plagued season, finishing 2017 at No.107. Season highlight was advancing to QF stage of 2017 US Open (l. eventual R-Up Keys) – first qualifier to reach this stage at US Open since Barbara Gerken did so in 1981
- Holds many firsts for Estonia – first Estonian to reach a WTA final (2006 Hasselt), a Grand Slam QF (2008 French Open), to crack Top 20 (February 2009), to win a WTA title (2010 Palermo) and to beat a reigning No.1 (Wozniacki at 2011 Tokyo [PPO])
- Endured a career-low year-end 2016 ranking of No.302 due to being hampered by the Epstein-Barr virus and plantar fasciitis in both feet
- Advanced to QF stage four times in 2014 (Brisbane, Acapulco, Bastad and Seoul) and posted R16 finish at 2014 US Open (l. S.Williams)
- Battled injuries in 2013 missing first three months due to right Achilles injury and sidelined after Wimbledon until US Open due to a low back injury
- Broke into Top 20 at No.16 on June 11, 2012, following QF run at Roland Garros (d. No.9 Wozniacki, l. eventual champion Sharapova); later that year, rose to career-high No.15 (August 20, 2012)
- Made Grand Slam breakthrough with QF showing at 2008 Roland Garros (l. Kuznetsova); upset No.6 Chakvetadze in 2r to register first victory over a Top 10 player of her career
- Made Top 100 debut on December 19, 2005 and broke into Top 50 on April 2, 2007
- Advanced to first WTA final at 2006 Hasselt (l. Clijsters); scored maiden Top 20 win over No.15 Schiavone in QF
- Reached maiden WTA SF at 2005 Kolkata (l. Myskina)
- Won first Tour-level match in 2r showing at 2002 Porto (d. Sassi, l. Montolio)
- In only her fourth senior tournament, fell 1r on WTA main draw debut at 2001 Vienna (as qualifier, l. Huber)
- Finished R-Up at \$10k ITF/Tallin-EST on professional debut in 1999

### **MERTENS:**

- Opening season at Gippsland Trophy – originally planned to play Abu Dhabi earlier in January before late withdrawal w/right shoulder injury
- After 1r bye, beat Hibi in 2r and No.12 seed Garcia in 3r to reach her seventh QF in her past eight tournaments
- Upset No.5 Svitolina on match tie-break in QF – her second Top-10 win since start of last season (also No.4 Kenin at 2020 US Open)
- Has now won 26 matches since the Tour's restart in August – more than any other player in this period
- Advanced to final when Osaka withdrew from their SF w/right shoulder injury
- Faces No.94 Kanepi in today's final; last loss to a player outside Top 50 was against No.104 Sasnovich in 1r at 2020 Palermo
- Contesting second career final at a WTA 500 tournament (also WON 2019 Doha)
- Won maiden WTA title down under, at 2017 Hobart, defending it 12 months later. Best Grand Slam result also came here, a SF run at 2018 Australian Open
- Seeded No.18 at next week's Australian Open where she faces Fernandez in 1r on Tuesday

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