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YARRA VALLEY CLASSIC – QUICK FACTS

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

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

MAIN DRAW QUICK-HITS

Seeds: Ashleigh Barty, Sofia Kenin, Karolina Pliskova, Petra Kvitova, Serena Williams, Garbiñe Muguruza, Petra Martić, Marketa Vondroušová, Donna Vekić, Zhang Shuai

Wildcards: Kimberly Birrell, Lizette Cabrera, Daria Gavrilova, Maddison Inglis

Most career WTA singles titles: Serena Williams (73)

Prize money leader: Serena Williams (\$93,634,967)

Youngest singles player: Kamilla Rakhimova, 19 years old (August 28, 2001)

Oldest singles player: Venus Williams, 40 years old (June 17, 1980)

TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS

- One of three WTA 500 tournaments taking place at the Melbourne Park Tennis Centre before the 2021 Australian Open.
- Four of the Top 10 players in the world are in the draw, including World No.1, **Ashleigh Barty**, and the reigning Australian Open champion, **Sofia Kenin**.
- Joining them will be seven-time Australian Open champion, **Serena Williams**, and the 2020 Australian Open runner-up, **Garbiñe Muguruza**.

- Of the top eight seeds, only four have seen action so far this year taking part in the first tournament of the season in Abu Dhabi: **Sofia Kenin** (QF), **Karolina Pliskova** (2r), **Garbiñe Muguruza** (R16) and **Marketa Vondrousova** (1r)
- Two teenagers gained entrance into the draw after coming through Australian Open qualifying rounds: **Clara Burel** (19) and **Kamilla Rakhimova** (19, as lucky loser)
- Other notable qualifiers include No.123 **Tsvetana Pironkova**, the 33-year-old mother who made QF at US Open last year; No.128 **Mayar Sherif**, the first Egyptian to qualify for Australian Open main draw and No.241 **Francesca Jones**, the remarkable British player who was born with four fingers on each hand and a total of seven toes.
- *One to Watch* – **Danielle Collins**. The American has seen success in Melbourne before by reaching the SF at the 2019 Australian Open where she notched her first ever Grand Slam match wins. Collins is also known to have strong starts to the season: in 2020, she reached QF at Brisbane and SF at Adelaide in her first two events of the year and earned victories over Top 20 players like No.5 Svitolina, No.15 Kenin and No.7 Bencic. She is also coming off her second best career Grand Slam showing after making the final eight at Roland Garros to end her 2020 season.

COUNTRY AND REGION BREAKDOWN

Excluding qualifiers, a total of 25 countries and regions are represented in the main draw, led by the United States with seven players:

Argentina (1)	Nadia Podoroska
Australia (6)	Ashleigh Barty, Kimberly Birrell, Lizette Cabrera, Daria Gavrilova, Maddison Inglis, Sam Stosur
Belgium (4)	Ysalina Bonaventure, Kirsten Flipkens, Greet Minnen, Alison Van Uytvanck
Bulgaria (1)	Tsvetana Pironkova
China (2)	Zhang Shuai, Zhu Lin
Chinese Taipei (1)	Hsieh Su-Wei
Croatia (2)	Petra Martić, Donna Vekić
Czech Republic (5)	Marie Bouzková, Petra Kvitová, Karolina Plisková, Kristýna Plisková, Marketa Vondrousova
Egypt (1)	Mayar Sherif
France (3)	Clara Burel, Fiona Ferro, Kristina Mladenovic
Germany (1)	Mona Barthel
Great Britain (1)	Francesca Jones
Japan (1)	Misaki Doi
Kazakhstan (1)	Yaroslava Shvedova
India (1)	Ankita Raina
Italy (2)	Elisabetta Cocciaretto, Camila Giorgi
Latvia (1)	Anastasija Sevastova
Netherlands (1)	Arantxa Rus
Romania (1)	Ana Bogdan
Russia (5)	Varvara Gracheva, Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Kamilla Rakhimova, Liudmila Samsonova, Vera Zvonareva
Serbia (2)	Olga Danilović, Nina Stojanović
Slovakia (1)	Viktoria Kuzmova
Spain (2)	Aliona Bolsova, Garbiñe Muguruza
Sweden (1)	Rebecca Peterson
United States (7)	Madison Brengle, Danielle Collins, Sofia Kenin, Jessica Pegula, Shelby Rogers, Serena Williams, Venus Williams

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

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)

ALPHABETIC PLAYER LIST

MAIN DRAW SINGLES

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PLAYER NAME	RANK SEED			CAREER @ TRN		YEAR-TO-DATE		CAREER		CAREER HGH		TITLES	
	1/25/2021	NAT	AGE	PRIZE	W / L	PRIZE	W / L	PRIZE	W / L	RANK	DATE	YTD	CAR
BARTHEL, MONA	230	GER	30		0 / 0		0 / 0	3,732,609	370 / 275	23	3/18/2013		4
BARTY, ASHLEIGH	1	1 AUS	24		0 / 0		0 / 0	17,594,569	252 / 94	1	6/24/2019		8
W BIRRELL, KIMBERLY	745	AUS	22		0 / 0		0 / 0	296,605	94 / 94	154	5/6/2019		0
BOGDAN, ANA	93	ROU	28		0 / 0		0 / 0	1,463,078	328 / 201	59	6/11/2018		0
BOLSOVA, ALIONA	103	ESP	23		0 / 0		0 / 0	774,808	177 / 93	88	7/15/2019		0
BONAVENTURE, YSALINE	123	BEL	26		0 / 0		0 / 0	794,197	287 / 201	109	7/22/2019		0
BOUZKOVA, MARIE	52	16 CZE	22		0 / 0		0 / 0	998,425	245 / 130	46	8/31/2020		0
BREngle, MADISON	83	USA	30		0 / 0		0 / 0	3,176,988	486 / 365	35	5/4/2015		0
BUREL, CLARA	237	FRA	19		0 / 0		0 / 0	244,132	46 / 33	232	11/2/2020		0
W CABRERA, LIZETTE	140	AUS	23		0 / 0		0 / 0	610,608	162 / 150	119	2/3/2020		0
COCCIARETTO, ELISABETTA	132	ITA	20		0 / 0		0 / 0	217,957	71 / 37	128	9/14/2020		0
COLLINS, DANIELLE	46	13 USA	27		0 / 0		0 / 0	2,953,097	146 / 95	23	1/28/2019		0
DANILOVIC, OLGA	183	SRB	20		0 / 0		0 / 0	426,620	96 / 55	96	10/8/2018		1
DOI, MISAKI	84	JPN	29		0 / 0		0 / 0	2,980,580	351 / 312	30	10/10/2016		1
FERRO, FIONA	43	12 FRA	23		0 / 0		0 / 0	1,239,176	211 / 170	42	10/12/2020		2
FLIPKENS, KIRSTEN	87	BEL	35		0 / 0		0 / 0	5,487,193	522 / 383	13	8/5/2013		1
W GAVRILOVA, DARIA	451	AUS	26		0 / 0		0 / 0	4,036,866	261 / 206	20	8/28/2017		1
GIORGI, CAMILA	76	ITA	29		0 / 0		0 / 0	4,089,957	363 / 262	26	10/22/2018		2
GRACHEVA, VARVARA	95	RUS	20		0 / 0		0 / 0	414,464	143 / 70	89	9/21/2020		0
HSIEH, SU-WEI	68	TPE	35		0 / 0		0 / 0	8,675,742	505 / 321	23	2/25/2013		3
W INGLIS, MADDISON	130	AUS	23		0 / 0		0 / 0	332,613	153 / 93	112	3/2/2020		0
JONES, FRANCESCA	244	GBR	20		0 / 0		0 / 0	94,318	118 / 64	241	11/9/2020		0
KENIN, SOFIA	4	2 USA	22		0 / 0		0 / 0	7,221,702	214 / 120	4	3/9/2020		5
KUZMOVA, VIKTORIA	98	SVK	22		0 / 0		0 / 0	1,669,432	251 / 130	43	3/4/2019		0
KVITOVA, PETRA	9	4 CZE	30		0 / 0		0 / 0	32,572,604	547 / 239	2	10/31/2011		27
MARTIC, PETRA	18	7 CRO	30		0 / 0		0 / 0	5,555,962	354 / 244	14	1/13/2020		1
MINNEN, GREET	110	BEL	23		0 / 0		0 / 0	474,636	213 / 107	103	3/2/2020		0
MLADENOVIC, KRISTINA	50	15 FRA	27		0 / 0		0 / 0	11,790,915	339 / 295	10	10/23/2017		1
MUGURUZA, GARBIÑE	15	6 ESP	27		0 / 0		0 / 0	21,159,801	395 / 200	1	9/11/2017		7
PAVLYUCHENKOVA, ANASTASIA	39	11 RUS	29		0 / 0		0 / 0	10,350,533	430 / 293	13	7/4/2011		12
PEGULA, JESSICA	64	USA	26		0 / 0		0 / 0	1,364,219	255 / 174	55	8/5/2019		1
PETERSON, REBECCA	55	SWE	25		0 / 0		0 / 0	1,700,809	260 / 149	43	10/21/2019		2
PIRONKOVA, TSVETANA	136	BUL	33		0 / 0		0 / 0	5,061,362	399 / 311	31	9/13/2010		1
PLISKOVA, KAROLINA	6	3 CZE	28		0 / 0		0 / 0	20,401,433	541 / 297	1	7/17/2017		16
PLISKOVA, KRISTYNA	70	CZE	28		0 / 0		0 / 0	3,045,219	396 / 329	35	7/31/2017		1
PODOROSKA, NADIA	47	14 ARG	23		0 / 0		0 / 0	777,563	277 / 146	47	11/16/2020		0
RAINA, ANKITA	180	IND	28		0 / 0		0 / 0	380,429	286 / 231	160	3/2/2020		0
RAKHIMOVA, KAMILA	156	RUS	19		0 / 0		0 / 0	164,884	90 / 41	152	10/12/2020		0
ROGERS, SHELBY	60	USA	28		0 / 0		0 / 0	2,929,862	240 / 195	48	1/30/2017		0
RUS, ARANTXA	74	NED	30		0 / 0		0 / 0	1,760,511	522 / 320	61	8/13/2012		0
SAMSONOVA, LIUDMILA	127	RUS	22		0 / 0		0 / 0	461,559	181 / 109	114	2/3/2020		0
SEVASTOVA, ANASTASIJA	54	LAT	30		0 / 0		0 / 0	7,535,114	418 / 242	11	10/15/2018		4
SHERIF, MAYAR	128	EGY	24		0 / 0		0 / 0	208,992	139 / 58	128	11/30/2020		0

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	1/25/2021	NAT	AGE	PRIZE	W / L	PRIZE	W / L	PRIZE	W / L	RANK	DATE	YTD	CAR
SHVEDOVA, YAROSLAVA	9999	KAZ	33		0 / 0		0 / 0	6,451,455	350 / 265	25	10/29/2012		1
STOJANOVIC, NINA	100	SRB	24		0 / 0		0 / 0	667,948	210 / 136	81	3/2/2020		0
STOSUR, SAMANTHA	112	AUS	36		0 / 0		0 / 0	19,037,221	605 / 444	4	2/21/2011		9
VAN UYTVANCK, ALISON	65	BEL	26		0 / 0		0 / 0	3,002,980	312 / 217	37	8/13/2018		4
VEKIC, DONNA	32	9 CRO	24		0 / 0		0 / 0	4,498,280	268 / 202	19	11/4/2019		2
VONDROUSOVA, MARKETA	21	8 CZE	21		0 / 0	1,335	0 / 0	3,059,415	165 / 66	14	7/1/2019	0	1
WILLIAMS, SERENA	11	5 USA	39		0 / 0		0 / 0	93,634,967	843 / 147	1	7/8/2002		73
WILLIAMS, VENUS	80	USA	40		0 / 0		0 / 0	41,958,284	812 / 256	1	2/25/2002		49
ZHANG, SHUAI	35	10 CHN	32		0 / 0		0 / 0	6,790,726	485 / 334	23	11/14/2016		2
ZHU, LIN	92	CHN	27		0 / 0		0 / 0	1,192,424	322 / 208	69	2/17/2020		0
ZVONAREVA, VERA	154	RUS	36		0 / 0		0 / 0	14,621,665	551 / 281	2	10/25/2010		12

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Head-to-Heads

Round of 64

BOGDAN, ANA vs RAKHIMOVA, KAMILLA

There are no head to heads

PETERSON, REBECCA vs INGLIS, MADDISON

There are no head to heads

COCCIARETTO, ELISABETTA vs ZHU, LIN

There are no head to heads

SHERIF, MAYAR vs STOJANOVIC, NINA

There are no head to heads

BONAVENTURE, YSALINE vs COLLINS, DANIELLE

There are no head to heads

GRACHEVA, VARVARA vs CABRERA, LIZETTE

There are no head to heads

ZVONAREVA, VERA vs PLISKOVA, KRISTYNA

There are no head to heads

DANILOVIC, OLGA vs MINNEN, GREET

There are no head to heads

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Head-to-Heads

MLADENOVIC, KRISTINA vs PEGULA, JESSICA

There are no head to heads

BIRRELL, KIMBERLY vs BARTHEL, MONA

There are no head to heads

STOSUR, SAMANTHA vs BOUZKOVA, MARIE

BOUZKOVA, MARIE 1 - 0

Year	Tournament Name	Surface	I-O	Round	Winner	rank _ seed	rank _ seed	Scores
2019	BRISBANE	HARD	O	R32	BOUZKOVA, MARIE	139 *	74 *	4-6 6-2 6-2

RUS, ARANTXA vs WILLIAMS, VENUS

WILLIAMS, VENUS 1 - 0

Year	Tournament Name	Surface	I-O	Round	Winner	rank _ seed	rank _ seed	Scores
2018	FED CUP WEEK 1	HARD	I	R1	WILLIAMS, VENUS	8 *	124 *	6-1 6-4

HSIEH, SU-WEI vs VAN UYTVANCK, ALISON

VAN UYTVANCK, ALISON 2 - 1

Year	Tournament Name	Surface	I-O	Round	Winner	rank _ seed	rank _ seed	Scores
2011	BRUSSELS	CLAY	O	Q Q	VAN UYTVANCK, ALISON	427 *	343 *	6-4 2-6 6-4
2014	FLORIANOPOLIS	HARD	O	R32	VAN UYTVANCK, ALISON	104 *	100 *	6-3 6-2
2014	GUANGZHOU	HARD	O	R32	HSIEH, SU-WEI	171 *	79 *	7-6(2) 2-6 6-4

SHVEDOVA, YAROSLAVA vs FLIPKENS, KIRSTEN

Both Have Equal Wins 2 - 2

Year	Tournament Name	Surface	I-O	Round	Winner	rank _ seed	rank _ seed	Scores
2009	POITIERS	HARD		R32	SHVEDOVA, YAROSLAVA	51 2	80 *	6-2 6-2
2010	SEOUL	HARD	O	R16	FLIPKENS, KIRSTEN	77 *	36 6	6-4 6-1
2013	MADRID	CLAY	O	R32	SHVEDOVA, YAROSLAVA	36 *	22 *	6-2 4-6 6-4
2015	TAIPEI	CARPET	I	Q	FLIPKENS, KIRSTEN	92 5	66 2	4-6 2-1 RET

PIRONKOVA, TSVETANA vs SAMSONOVA, LIUDMILA

PIRONKOVA, TSVETANA 1 - 0

Year	Tournament Name	Surface	I-O	Round	Winner	rank _ seed	rank _ seed	Scores
2020	US OPEN	HARD	O	R128	PIRONKOVA, TSVETANA	* *	120 *	6-2 6-3

SEVASTOVA, ANASTASIJA vs BRENGLE, MADISON

SEVASTOVA, ANASTASIJA 2 - 0

Year	Tournament Name	Surface	I-O	Round	Winner	rank _ seed	rank _ seed	Scores
2008	GRADO	CLAY	O	R32	SEVASTOVA, ANASTASIJA	300 *	249 *	6-4 7-6(3)

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SEVASTOVA, ANASTASIJA vs BRENGLE, MADISON

SEVASTOVA, ANASTASIJA 2 - 0

Year	Tournament Name	Surface	I-O	Round	Winner	rank _ seed	rank _ seed	Scores
2019	INDIAN WELLS	HARD	O	R64	SEVASTOVA, ANASTASIJA	11	11	96 * 6-3 6-4

DOI, MISAKI vs PAVLYUCHENKOVA, ANASTASIA

Both Have Equal Wins 1 - 1

Year	Tournament Name	Surface	I-O	Round	Winner	rank _ seed	rank _ seed	Scores
2016	WUHAN	HARD	O	R64	DOI, MISAKI	33	*	17 15 6-7(3) 6-4 3-1 RET
2019	OSAKA	HARD	O	Q	PAVLYUCHENKOVA, ANASTASIA	41	*	83 * 6-2 6-2

KUZMOVA, VIKTORIA vs GAVRILOVA, DARIA

KUZMOVA, VIKTORIA 1 - 0

Year	Tournament Name	Surface	I-O	Round	Winner	rank _ seed	rank _ seed	Scores
2019	MIAMI	HARD	O	R128	KUZMOVA, VIKTORIA	48	*	54 * 6-4 6-2

RAINA, ANKITA vs BOLSOVA, ALIONA

BOLSOVA, ALIONA 1 - 0

Year	Tournament Name	Surface	I-O	Round	Winner	rank _ seed	rank _ seed	Scores
2020	TYLER	HARD	O	R32	BOLSOVA, ALIONA	101	4	178 * 5-7 2-6

FERRO, FIONA vs ROGERS, SHELBY

ROGERS, SHELBY 1 - 0

Year	Tournament Name	Surface	I-O	Round	Winner	rank _ seed	rank _ seed	Scores
2019	MALLORCA	GRASS	O	Q R16	ROGERS, SHELBY	356	*	95 6 1-6 7-6(1) 6-3

PODOROSKA, NADIA vs JONES, FRANCESCA

PODOROSKA, NADIA 2 - 0

Year	Tournament Name	Surface	I-O	Round	Winner	rank _ seed	rank _ seed	Scores
2020	MALIBU 2	HARD	O	R16	PODOROSKA, NADIA	258	2	350 * 7-5 2-6 6-2
2020	PETIT-BOURG (GUADELOUPE)	HARD	O	Q	PODOROSKA, NADIA	258	2	352 8 6-3 7-5

BUREL, CLARA vs GIORGI, CAMILA

There are no head to heads

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YARRA VALLEY CLASSIC – DAY ONE

VIKTORIA KUZMOVA (SVK #98) vs. [WC] DARIA GAVRILOVA (AUS #451)

Kuzmova leads 1-0

Kuzmova looking for first main draw win since 2020 Lyon... **Gavrilova** missed 2020 Australian swing due to injury... **Kuzmova** won their only meeting at 2019 Miami

SAMANTHA STOSUR (AUS #112) vs. [16] MARIE BOUZKOVA (CZE #52)

Bouzkova leads 1-0

Stosur last played at 2020 Australian Open marking her 65th career Grand Slam, fourth among active players... **Bouzkova** looking for her first career win in Australia after going 0-3 last year

ARANTXA RUS (NED #74) vs. VENUS WILLIAMS (USA #80)

Williams leads 1-0

Rus is looking for her best win since defeating No.52 Swiatek at 2020 Rome... **V.Williams** defeated today's opponent in what was her 1,000th professional match at 2018 Fed Cup playoffs

REBECCA PETERSON (SWE #55) vs. [WC] MADDISON INGLIS (AUS #130)

First meeting

Peterson is eyeing her first win on Australian soil since 2019 Australian Open... **Inglis** is bidding for her career first Tour-level win and her career best win-by-ranking today

[WC] KIMBERLY BIRRELL (AUS #745) vs. MONA BARTHEL (GER #230)

First meeting

Birrell playing in her first WTA main draw since 2019 Australian Open where she reached 3r... **Barthel** has seen success before in Australia reaching the final at 2013 Hobart

[15] KRISTINA MLADENOVIC (FRA #50) vs. JESSICA PEGULA (USA #64)

First meeting

Mladenovic looking for first win on Australian soil since 2016... **Pegula** finished R-Up at 2020 Auckland for her sole lead-in tournament to Australian Open last year... Both players fell 1r at Abu Dhabi to start their 2021 seasons

VIKTORIA KUZMOVA (SVK #98) VS. [WC] DARIA GAVRILOVA (AUS #451)

Head-to-head: KUZMOVA leads 1-0

2019 MIAMI HARD O R1 VIKTORIA KUZMOVA 6-4 6-2

KUZMOVA		GAVRILOVA	
Career Prize Money	\$1,669,432	Career Prize Money	\$4,036,886
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	May 11, 1998 (22)	Date of Birth (Age)	March 5, 1994 (26)
Singles Titles	0	Singles Titles	1
Tournament W-L (MD)	0-0	Tournament W-L (MD)	0-0
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	0-0 / 44-51	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	0-0 / 118-117
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 15-11	3-Set (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 48-38
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 16-16	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 38-30
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 28-31	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 74-76
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 2-9	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 11-26
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 3-12	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 24-41
Coach	Tomas Hruncak	Coach	Nicole Pratt

KUZMOVA:

- Opening 2021 season today at the Yarra Valley Classic, contesting her first WTA event since 1r exit at 2020 Linz (I. Voegelé)
- Went 1-3 during Australian swing in 2020, falling 1r at Auckland (I. Gauff) and Australian Open (I. Goerges) and making 2r at Hobart (I. Mertens)
- Contesting doubles this week w/Kalinskaya – team face Guarachi/Krawczyk in 1r
- During off-season, played ITF \$100k event in Dubai, falling 1r (I. Hercog)
- Faces Gavrilova today, and bidding to snap six-match losing streak, which began in 2r qualifying at 2020 Cincinnati (I. Ann Li) and continued at US Open (I. McNally), Istanbul (I. Van Uytvanck), Roland Garros (I. Kr. Pliskova), Linz (I. Voegelé) and ITF Dubai \$110k (I. Hercog)
- Last WTA main draw win came during QF run at Lyon in March 2020 (I. Friedsam), defeating Kerkhove and Martincova en route
- Ended 2020 ranked No.97, down from No.60 in 2019. Highlight of last season was QF run at Lyon
- Opened 2019 by advancing to SF at Auckland (I. eventual champion Goerges) and reached an additional three QFs, including at Dubai (d. No.8 Bertens and Kenin, I. Kvitova). Produced best Grand Slam result at Roland Garros, where she made 3r (I. Konta)
- Reached three doubles finals in 2019, winning titles at Prague (w/Kalinskaya) and Bucharest (w/Kr.Pliskova), and finishing R-Up at St. Petersburg (w/Kalinskaya). Also advanced to SF at US Open (w/Sabalenka) and rose to career-high doubles ranking of No.29 on October 14, 2019
- At 2018 Budapest, simultaneously made tour-level QF and SF debut. As qualifier, defeated No.36 Cirstea, Grand Slam R-Up Lisicki and Martic to reach SF without dropping a set (I. eventual champion Van Uytvanck)
- Other 2018 highlights included reaching SF at 's-Hertogenbosch (I. Flipkens), while on ITF Circuit won titles at \$100K ITF/Budapest-HUN, \$60k ITF/Shenzhen-CHN (d. Kalinskaya in F) and ITF \$100k/Trnava 2-SVK (d. Cepede Royg in F) to break into Top 100 for first time on May 21, 2018
- Was instrumental for Slovakia on Fed Cup debut vs. Russia in February 2018, going 2-0 in singles (d. Potapova, Vikhlyantseva) as they ran out 3-1 winners

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- Highlight of 2017 season was earning first tour-level win in 2r showing at Linz (d. Friedsam, I. Maria)
- Fell 1r on tour-level main draw debut at 2017 US Open (as qualifier, I. V. Williams)
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2016 Prague
- In juniors won 2015 US Open doubles (w/Pospelova) and was runner-up in 2016 singles

GAVRILOVA:

- Opening 2021 season here at the Yarra Valley Classic, and playing first Tour level event since 2020 Roland Garros
- Ranked No.451, enters singles main draw on a wild card. Has also been granted a wild card for the Australian Open next month
- Missed entire 2020 Australian swing due to injury
- Although ranked No.446 by end of 2020, won first singles title of any kind in more than three years when she defeated Storm Sanders in final of UTR Pro Tennis Series event in Melbourne in November
- Posted fourth straight Top 40 season in 2018 (including two No.25 season finishes), but slumped to No.237 by end of 2019 as she struggled with achilles tendonitis and plantar fasciitis – while injuries were treated, did not play on Tour for 12 months, between 2019 US Open and an ITF Circuit event in France ahead of the postponed 2020 Roland Garros, where she defeated Yastremska in 1r before falling to Bouchard in 3s
- Won second WTA doubles title at 2019 Strasbourg (w/Perez), having won the first at 2015 Istanbul (w/Svitolina); currently 2-2 in doubles finals
- Captured maiden Tour-level singles title at 2017 New Haven, in her second career Premier-level final (d. No.1 seed A.Radwanska in SF and No.2 seed Cibulkova in F)
- Also in 2017, finished R-Up at Strasbourg (I. Stosur) and Hong Kong (I. Pavlyuchenkova), having reached first final at Moscow in 2016 (I. Kuznetsova). Owns a 1-3 career record in singles finals
- Achieved career-high singles ranking of No.20 on August 28, 2017 and first became Australia's No.1 on June 12, 2017
- Nominated for 2017 Newcombe Medal – Tennis Australia's top award
- Semifinal run at 2016 Hong Kong included first win over a reigning World No.1, Kerber, in QF
- Made Billie Jean King Cup debut for Australia in 2016, and represented her adopted country at the Rio Olympics that year (I. S. Williams in 1r)
- Reached first tour-level semifinal of career at 2015 Rome, as a qualifier (d. No.7 Ivanovic in 2r, I. eventual champion Sharapova)
- Made Top 100 singles debut at No.96 on March 23, 2015 and later that week defeated No.2 Sharapova in 2r at Miami
- Catapulted from No.233 at end of 2014 season to No.36 at end of 2015 – named WTA's Most Impressive Newcomer for 2015 (media vote)
- Secured permanent resident status in Australia in 2013 and has represented the country in Grand Slam play since 2014 US Open; Australian passport came through in December 2015
- Watched 2014 Australian Open on crutches; she tore ACL in right knee at WTA 125k Series event in Taipei in November 2013; following surgery, did not play a tournament until July 2014, at ITF level

MATCH NOTES: YARRA VALLEY CLASSIC

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- Made WTA main draw debut at 2012 's-Hertogenbosch, scoring first career Top 40 win over No.35 Wickmayer in 1r before losing to Flipkens in 2r
- On ITF Circuit, winner of four singles titles, including two \$50k events in Tasmania after the 2015 Australian Open (Burnie and Launceston); also owns two ITF doubles titles
- 2010 US Open junior singles champion (d. Putintseva in F) and Youth Olympics champion in Singapore
- Played first professional event of career on ITF Circuit in Russia in 2008 and first WTA qualifying event at 2009 Moscow

SAMANTHA STOSUR (AUS #112) VS. [16] MARIE BOUZKOVA (CZE #52)

Head-to-head: BOUZKOVA leads 1-0

2019 BRISBANE HARD O R1 MARIE BOUZKOVA 4-6 6-2 6-2

STOSUR		BOUZKOVA	
Career Prize Money	\$19,037,221	Career Prize Money	\$998,425
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	March 30, 1984 (36)	Date of Birth (Age)	July 21, 1998 (22)
Singles Titles	9	Singles Titles	0
Tournament W-L (MD)	0-0	Tournament W-L (MD)	0-0
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	0-0 / 466-348	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	0-0 / 19-26
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 127-117	3-Set (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 6-10
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 100-107	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 4-7
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 274-223	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 17-20
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 31-83	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 3-4
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 74-150	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 6-8
Coach	Rennae Stubbs	Coach	Cristian Requeni

STOSUR:

- Opening 2021 season at Yarra Valley Classic – marks first event Tour-level event for over a year, since contesting 2020 Australian Open. Did contest WTA 125 tournament at Indian Wells in March last season
- During last year;s Australian swing, made 2r at Brisbane (l. Keys) and fell 1r at Hobart (l. Kudermetova) and Australian Open (l. McNally). Defeated No.18 Kerber in 1r at Brisbane – was first Top 20 win since 2019 Miami (d. No.16 Keys)
- Has received a wild card for next month's Australian Open
- 2020 Australian Open marked 65th career Grand Slam main draw appearance – among active players, only V.Williams (87), S.Williams (76) and Kuznetsova (68) have played more majors
- Won third Grand Slam doubles title at 2019 Australian Open (w/Zhang), having previously triumphed at 2005 US Open and 2006 Roland Garros (both w/Raymond)
- Member of Australian Fed Cup team that advanced to final of Billie Jean King Cup in 2019 –country's first final in the team competition since 1993; l. decisive doubles rubber to France (w/Barty)
- Won ninth and most recent WTA singles title at 2017 Strasbourg (d. Gavrilova in F)
- Advanced to fifth Grand Slam SF of career at 2016 Roland Garros (l. eventual champion Muguruza). Following Roland Garros result, rose to No.14 – marked first time ranked inside Top 15 since week of August 26, 2013
- Represented Australia at Rio Olympics in 2016, progressing to 3r in singles (l. Kerber)
- Achieved 500th career match win (all levels) at 2015 Washington, DC
- Owns one Grand Slam singles title, winning 2011 US Open (d. S. Williams in F). One of seven women who have defeated S.Williams in a Grand Slam final (also V.Williams, Sharapova, Kerber, Muguruza, Osaka, Halep, and Andreescu)
- Reached first Grand Slam singles final at 2010 Roland Garros (l. Schiavone) and achieved career-high singles ranking the following February, when she peaked at No.4
- Posted four consecutive Top 10 seasons from 2010-13 and 16 Top 100 seasons in a row, 2004-19
- Qualified for WTA Finals in singles on two occasions, reaching SF in both 2010 and 2011

- Owns two wins over a reigning World No.1: S.Williams (2010 Roland Garros) and Wozniacki (2010 WTA Finals)
- Diagnosed with Lyme disease in 2007, and did not play any events after US Open
- Two-time WTA Finals doubles champion, in 2006-06 (both w/Raymond). Ascended to doubles World No.1 ranking on February 6, 2006
- Owns three Grand Slam mixed doubles titles: 2005 Australian Open (w/ Draper), 2008 Wimbledon (w/B.Bryan) and 2014 Wimbledon (w/Zimonjic)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2002 Gold Coast, as WC (l. Myskina in 1r)
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in Australia in 1998
- Became a mother on June 16, 2020 when partner Liz gave birth to a baby daughter, Genevieve ('Evie')

BOUZKOVA:

- Opening 2021 season today at Yarra Valley Classic – marks first event since falling in Ostrava qualifying in October 2020
- During last year's Australian swing, came through three qualifying rounds at Brisbane but fell 1r (l. Keys), and also lost openers at Hobart (l. Bellis) and Australian Open (l. Osaka)
- A win today vs. Stosur would mark her first Tour-level win on Australian soil. Would face Raina or Bolsova in 2r
- Before tour's hiatus in March 2020, advanced to first career WTA final at Monterrey where she finished R-Up to Svitolina – broke into Top 50 at career-high ranking of No.47 following the tournament (March 9, 2020)
- Other highlight of 2020 came at Lexington, where she made the fourth tour-level QF of her career (l. eventual champion Brady) and reached maiden WTA doubles final (w/Teichmann, l. Carter/Stefani)
- Standout performance of 2019 season was a SF run in her first Premier 5 appearance at Toronto (as qualifier, l. S.Williams in 3s); upset No.4 Halep and No.8 Stephens en route – her first career wins over players inside Top 20
- Also in 2019, made QF at Guangzhou and was R-Up at WTA 125K Series event at Guadalajara. Lifted 12th and biggest title of career on ITF Circuit, at \$80K Nur-Sultan-KAZ (d. Kostic in F); broke into the Top 100 for the first time at No.92 following the tournament (on July 22)
- Won first Slam main draw match during 2r showing at 2019 Wimbledon (as LL, d. Barthel, l. Sakkari)
- Highlights of 2018 season were winning maiden tour-level match during 2r showing at Québec City (as qualifier, l. Lepchenko) and qualifying for first Grand Slam at US Open, where she fell in 1r (l. Bogdan)
- Fell 1r on WTA main draw debut at 2015 Acapulco (as wildcard, l. Karatantcheva)
- Professional debut was opening round loss in qualifying at 2013 Katowice
- Girls' singles champion at 2014 US Open (d. Kalinina in F)

ARANTXA RUS (NED #74) VS. VENUS WILLIAMS (USA #80)

Head-to-head: WILLIAMS leads 1-0

2018 FED CUP WEEK 1 HARD I R1 VENUS WILLIAMS 6-1 6-4

RUS		V.WILLIAMS	
Career Prize Money	\$1,444,654	Career Prize Money	\$41,958,284
Plays	Left-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Dec. 13, 1990 (30)	Date of Birth (Age)	June 17, 1980 (40)
Singles Titles	0	Singles Titles	49
Tournament W-L (MD)	0-0	Tournament W-L (MD)	0-0
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	0-1 / 51-90	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	0-0 / 795-255
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 19-29	3-Set (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 184-115
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 10-19	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 135-96
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 16-43	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 481-152
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 2-9	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 138-106
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 2-18	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 240-153
Left-Hand W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 2-2	Left-Hand W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 15-11
Coach	Julian Alonso	Coach	Eric Hechtman

RUS

- Faces V.Williams today at the Yarra Valley Classic in their second career meeting. Fell to the American three years ago at Fed Cup playoffs (Netherlands I. USA 1-3)
- Aiming for her best win-by-ranking since defeating then-No.52 Swiatek at 2020 Rome 1r
- Coming off an opening round loss at Abu Dhabi in January (l. X.Wang in 3s)
- Contesting her 60th career hardcourt match at Tour-level today (16-43 record)
- Competing in doubles this week w/Zidensek. The pair face Mitu/Olaru in 1r
- Advanced to career first Tour-level semifinal in 2020 at Monterrey, falling to the eventual champion Svitolina
- Took No.9 S.Williams to three sets at 2020 Western & Southern Open, falling to the American in just under three hours
- Across entire career, best wins, in terms of ranking, were over No.2 Clijsters at 2011 Roland Garros and No.5 Stosur at 2012 Wimbledon
- Made 2r showing at 2020 Australian Open (d. Linette – her first Grand Slam main draw win since 3r run at 2012 US Open – l. Keys)
- After Australian Open (February 3), returned to Top 80 for the first time since March 2013; career-high ranking is No.61 (August 13, 2012)
- Broke into Top 100 in doubles in 2020, reaching a career high of No.81 (November 16)
- In 2019, won 10 singles titles on ITF circuit and ended the year ranked No.103. In total, played 98 matches in 2019 (including qualifying and ITF level tournaments)
- Made first Grand Slam main draw appearances since 2013 with 1r exits at 2018 Roland Garros (l. Stephens), Wimbledon (l. S.Williams) and US Open (l. Cibulkova)
- Returned to Top 100 on June 11, 2018 after Roland Garros
- Best result to date at the majors has come at Roland Garros where she reached R16 in 2012 and 3r in 2011 (d. No.2 Clijsters in 2r, for career-best win). Also reached 3r at 2012 Wimbledon

- Ended 2017 ranked No.160 (up from No.174 in 2016). Season highlights in 2017 included reaching QF on home soil at 's-Hertogenbosch (l. Vikhlyantseva) and finishing R-Up at WTA 125K Series event at Taipei (l. Bencic). On ITF Circuit, won 13th and 14th career titles at \$25K ITF/Middelburg-NED and \$25K ITF/Hua Hin-THA
- In doubles, won first career WTA title at 2017 Bastad (w/Lemoine, d. Irigoyen/Krejciikova in F)
- Five-time WTA singles quarterfinalist, at 2008 Guangzhou, 2010 Estoril, 2013 Bad Gastein, 2017 's-Hertogenbosch and 2018 Istanbul
- Played first two WTA main draws at 2007 and 2008 's-Hertogenbosch (fell 1r both times)
- Cracked Top 100 on April 4, 2011 and finished season at No.84; duly reached career-high ranking of No.61 on August 13, 2012 and finished that year at No.68 – her second Top 100 finish
- Struggled with results from 2013, at one point losing 17 matches in a row at WTA level before reaching QF at Bad Gastein. Dropped to No.160 by end of 2013 and was ranked outside Top 200 at end of 2014 and 2015
- Played full seasons in 2015 and 2016 (clawed way back into Top 200 by season's end, at No.174) but was absent from Grand Slam action altogether during these two years
- Member of Dutch Fed Cup Team, 2010-11, 2013-18, 2020; nominated for a Fed Cup Heart Award in 2015 when she helped Netherlands progress to World Group for first time since 1998
- Former world No.1-ranked junior and 2008 Australian Open girls' singles champion and R-Up in doubles (w/Kerkhove)

V.WILLIAMS

- Today marks her first match since last September at Roland Garros (l. Schmiedlova in 1r)
- Faces left-handed Rus today, having defeated the Dutchwoman in what was her 1,000th professional match at 2018 Fed Cup at Ashville (USA d. Netherlands 3-1)
- Owns 15-11 career record vs. left-handed players. Her most recent encounters with such opponents came at 2019 Indian Wells (d. Kvitova in 2r, l. Kerber in QF)
- Bidding for her first win since defeating Azarenka at 2020 Lexington in August – her sole win in 2020 (went 1-9 across the season)
- Winner of today's match faces Kvitova in 2r
- Reached four QFs across 2019, including Auckland (l. eventual R-Up Andreescu), Indian Wells (l. eventual R-Up Kerber), Birmingham (l. eventual champion Barty) and Cincinnati (l. eventual champion Keys)
- Scored her best win of the 2019 season at Indian Wells, ousting No.3 Kvitova in 3s. Also defeated defending champion and then-ranked No.5 Bertens in Cincinnati
- Season highlights in 2018 were SF run at Indian Wells (d. S.Williams in 3r, l. eventual R-Up Kasatkina) and QF effort at Miami (l. Collins)
- Winnings at Indian Wells took her career total past \$40 million – S.Williams (\$92 million) is the only other player to pass this milestone
- Teamed up in Fed Cup for Serena's first competitive match back since giving birth in September 2017 (played dead doubles rubber, l. Kerkhove/Schuurs)
- Ended 2017 season as runner-up at WTA Finals (l. Wozniacki) – the oldest player to ever reach the title bout at the season finale

- Reached two other finals in 2017, at Australian Open (l. S.Williams) and Wimbledon (l. Muguruza) – only player in 2017 to reach two Grand Slam finals
- Shortly after her 37th birthday, returned to Top 10 by reaching 2017 Wimbledon final, becoming (at the time) the third oldest player to rank in Top 10 in WTA history behind Billie Jean King (September 26, 1983 – 39 years, 322 days) and Martina Navratilova (December 26, 1994 – 38 years, 75 days); also surpassed by 37-year-old Serena in February 2019
- During 2016 season won 49th career singles title at Kaohsiung (d. Doi). Is sixth-oldest player to win a WTA singles title, after Billie Jean King (39) at 1983 Birmingham, Kimiko Date (38) at 2009 Seoul, Serena Williams (38) at 2020 Auckland, Martina Navratilova (37) at 1994 Paris [Indoor] and Francesca Schiavone (36) at 2017 Bogotá
- With 49 titles, currently 11th on list of Open Era titleholders, chasing Monica Seles (53 titles)
- At Grand Slam level in 2016, advanced to SF at Wimbledon (l. Kerber) which was first time reaching that stage at a major since 2010 US Open
- At 2016 Rio Olympics won silver medal in the mixed doubles (w/Ram, l. Mattek-Sands/Sock)
- Returned to Top 10 for first time since March 2011 following victory in final of the 2015 WTA Elite Trophy
- Was diagnosed with Sjögrens Syndrome in 2011, missing the end of that season and start of 2012
- Won singles gold medal at 2000 Sydney Olympics (d. Dementieva in F); won doubles gold three times with sister Serena, at Sydney, Beijing and London
- Lifted four titles - including first two majors at Wimbledon and US Open, beating Davenport in both finals - in 2000
- Spent 11 weeks at World No.1 in singles (first ascended to top spot week of February 25, 2002) and topped the doubles rankings for eight weeks in 2010
- Lifted maiden WTA title at 1998 Memphis (d. Kruger in F)
- First career final came at 1997 US Open (l. Hingis)
- Made WTA main draw debut at Oakland in 1994; as unranked WC, defeated Stafford in 1r before falling to then-world No.2 Sánchez Vicario in three set

REBECCA PETERSON (SWE #55) VS. [WC] MADDISON INGLIS (AUS #130)

Head-to-head: First career meeting

PETERSON		INGLIS	
Career Prize Money	\$1,700,809	Career Prize Money	\$332,613
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Aug. 6, 1995 (25)	Date of Birth (Age)	Jan. 14, 1998 (23)
Singles Titles	2	Singles Titles	0
Tournament W-L (MD)	0-0	Tournament W-L (MD)	0-0
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	0-0 / 47-58	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	0-0 / 0-4
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 18-13	3-Set (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-1
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 11-18	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-0
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 32-29	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-3
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 1-5	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-0
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 2-9	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-0
Coach		Coach	

PETERSON:

- Opening her 2021 season today at the Yarra Valley Classic, having played her last match at 2020 Roland Garros in September (l. Van Uytvanck in 1r)
- Faces Australian wildcard and No.130 Inglis today in their career first meeting. A loss today would mark her worst-by-ranking since falling to No.148 Wickmayer at 2019 Wimbledon 1r
- Posted 0-3 record in Australia in 2020, falling in 1r at Auckland (l. Zidansek), Hobart (l. Ferro) and Australian Open (l. Hercog). Her last win on Australian soil was over Cirstea in 1r at 2019 Australian Open (l. Sharapova in 2r)
- Looking for her first completed match win since 2020 Monterrey (l. Rus in QF). Following the Tour's return from the five-month hiatus, scored one win across six tournaments over Gasparyan at Istanbul via retirement (3-2 in first set)
- Competing in doubles this week w/Pera. The team will face Hibino/Doi in 1r
- Reached two QFs in 2020, at Monterrey and Istanbul
- Won first two career WTA titles in 2019 at first Nanchang (d. Rybakina in F) and then Tianjin (d. V.Williams in 1r, Watson in F)
- Broke into Top 50 for first time, at No.44, following Tianjin title run (October 14, 2019) to end year at No. 43 – posted 25-19 main draw record in 2019, entered the year with only 19 main draw wins in her career
- Began 2019 season by reaching 2r on first main draw appearance at Australian Open (l. Sharapova)
- Defeated No.8 Stephens in 1r of 2019 Washington DC for first career Top 10 win
- Other 2019 highlights include QF at Rabat (l. Tomljanovic) and R16 at Eastbourne (l. Kerber) and Cincinnati (as a qualifier, l. Ka.Pliskova)
- Finished 2018 at No.55 for debut Top 100 season, cracking the Top 100 for the first time on May 14, 2018 (at No.95)
- Advanced to 3r at 2018 US Open, first time at that stage of a Grand Slam (l. Kanepi)
- Missed first half of 2017 season with shoulder injury
- Won one WTA doubles title at 2015 Rio de Janeiro (w/Bonaventure)
- Played first WTA main draw at Bastad in 2012, falling 1r (as WC)

- Contested WTA qualifying for the first time at Bastad in 2010
- Winner of 11 singles titles and six doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Swedish Fed Cup Team, 2014-16, 2018-19
- Played first senior tournament in 2009, in doubles at ITF/Stockholm 2-SWE

INGLIS

- One of four wildcards competing at the Yarra Valley Classic, joining her compatriots Birrell, Cabrera and Gavrilova
- Contesting her fifth Tour-level main draw match today (0-4 career record); fell 1r at 2016 Hobart (I. Gasparyan), 2016 Australian Open (I. Makarova), 2020 US Open (I. Linette), 2020 Roland Garros (I. Alexandrova)
- Bidding for her career best win today with a victory over No.55-ranked Peterson. Current best win-by-ranking is over No.63 Van Uytvanck at 2019 \$100K ITF/Vancouver-CAN via ret.
- Set career high ranking of No.112 the week of March 2, 2020 after winning back-to-back titles on ITF Circuit in Australia in February – d. Vickery in final at Burnie and Aiava in final at Perth
- Posted second Top 100 win en route to title at Burnie – d. No.97 Badosa in SF; previously, d. No.63 Van Uytvanck at \$100K ITF/Vancouver-CAN in 2019 (via ret.)
- Won first three singles titles on ITF Circuit in 2019
- Winner of two ITF Circuit doubles titles, at \$25K ITF/Brisbane-AUS in 2018 and \$60K ITF/Bendigo-AUS in 2019
- At 2018 Hopman Cup, aged 19 and ranked No.771, subbed in at last minute for Team Japan's Naomi Osaka to play a singles rubber against CoCo Vandeweghe – pushed the No.10-ranked American to 75 62
- Made WTA singles main draw debut as WC at 2016 Hobart (I. Gasparyan in 1r) and the following week made Grand Slam main draw debut at Australian Open, having won Tennis Australia's WC play-off (I. Makarova in 1r)
- Made doubles Grand Slam debut at 2015 Australian Open as WC (w/Nancarrow)
- Contested qualifying at Australian Open for first time in 2014
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in 2013

[WC] KIMBERLY BIRRELL (AUS #745) VS. MONA BARTHEL (GER #230)

Head-to-head: First career meeting

BIRRELL		BARTHEL	
Career Prize Money	\$296,605	Career Prize Money	\$3,715,894
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	April 29, 1998 (22)	Date of Birth (Age)	July 11, 1990 (30)
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 / 4-6	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	0-1 / 149-167
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 2-0	3-Set (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 46-61
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 1-0	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 46-47
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 4-6	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 97-94
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 1-1	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 5-21
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 1-3	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 16-44
Coach		Coach	

BIRRELL:

- Opening 2021 season today at the Yarra Valley Classic, contesting her first WTA main draw since 3r showing at 2019 Australian Open
- Playing this week as one of four WC's; also received a main draw WC in 2021 Australian Open
- Faces No.230 Barthel today, owns 0-1 record against German opposition (l. Kerber at 2019 AO)
- In only her second career Grand Slam main draw appearance, reached 3r at 2019 Australian Open upsetting No.29 Vekic in 2r (as WC, l. Kerber)
- Result helped her reach a career high ranking of No.154 on May 6, 2019
- Opened 2019 season with 2r showing at Brisbane (as WC, d. No.10 Kasatkina, l. eventual R-Up Tsurenko)
- Win over Kasatkina remains her best by-ranking win of her career and only victory over a Top 20 player
- Posted career-best year-end finish of No.285 in 2018 (up from No.356 in 2017)
- During 2018 season, fell in qualifying at Brisbane, Hobart, Australian Open, Istanbul and Eastbourne
- Also won biggest ITF Circuit title of career at \$60k/Darwin-AUS
- Posted a then career-high ranking of No.259 in week of October 1, 2018
- Reached 2r on WTA main draw debut as wildcard at 2016 Hobart (l. Cibulkova)
- Also at 2016 Hobart, finished R-Up in doubles w/Wolfe (l. Han/Mchale)
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2014 Hobart
- On ITF Circuit, winner of two singles titles and one doubles title
- Played first professional events of career on ITF Circuit in Australia in 2012

BARTHEL:

- Playing this week as the lone German representative at the Yarra Valley Classic
- Faces WC Birrell today in their first meeting
- Owns 21-12 record on Australian soil with best result finishing R-Up at 2013 Hobart (l. Vesnina) and best result in Melbourne reaching R16 at 2017 Australian Open (l. V.Williams)
- Fell 1r in qualifying here in Melbourne last year (l. Rogers)

- Opened 2021 season at Abu Dhabi falling in 1r (I. Gasanova); Abu Dhabi was first WTA main draw event since 2019 Lausanne
- Best result of 2020 campaign was QF showing at \$100k ITF/Nicholasville, KY-USA
- Missed second half of 2019 season w/right foot injury, making return with qualifying exit at 2020 Australian Open
- Made R16 at 2019 Indian Wells (I. V.Williams); defeated No.17 Keys and No.15 Goerges en route to register multiple Top 20 wins at the same tournament for the first time since title run at Paris [Indoors] in 2013 (No.16 Vinci, No.10 Bartoli and No.7 Errani)
- Lifted third WTA doubles title in 2019, at Stuttgart (w/Friedsam); earlier won titles at 2015 Luxembourg (w/Siegemund) and 2013 Stuttgart (w/Lisicki)
- Won fourth - and most recent - WTA singles title at 2017 Prague (as qualifier, d. Kr.Pliskova in F)
- Earlier singles titles came at 2012 Hobart, 2013 Paris [Indoors] and 2014 Bastad. Finished R-Up at 2013 Hobart, 2015 Bastad and 2015 Luxembourg
- Produced best Grand Slam run at 2017 Australian Open (as qualifier, I. V.Williams)
- Posted fifth Top 50 finish of career in 2017 (also 2012-15), at No.48 one of the biggest rankings movers on tour, finishing 135 spots higher than 2016's year-end rank of No.183 – which was her first year-end finish outside Top 100 since 2010 (No.208)
- Suffered from undiagnosed chronic fatigue illness in 2016, causing her to miss four months of season, from Australian Open to Roland Garros. Only won back-to-back main draw matches once that year, at Hobart
- Owns five career wins over Top 10 opponents, most recent win coming over No.7 Bouchard at 2015 Antwerp
- Advanced to maiden WTA SF at 2011 Copenhagen (I. eventual champion Wozniacki)
- Made 2r on Grand Slam main draw debut, at 2011 Roland Garros (d. Bammer, I. Pavlyuchenkova)
- On the ITF Circuit, winner of five singles titles and one doubles title
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in 2007 and made WTA main draw debut at 2010 Luxembourg, falling 1r (as qualifier)

[15] KRISTINA MLADENOVIC (FRA #50) VS. JESSICA PEGULA (USA #64)

Head-to-head: First career meeting

MLADENOVIC		PEGULA	
Career Prize Money	\$10,991,003	Career Prize Money	\$912,198
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	May 14, 1993 (27)	Date of Birth (Age)	February 24, 1990 (26)
Singles Titles	1	Singles Titles	1
Tournament W-L (MD)	0-0	Tournament W-L (MD)	0-0
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	0-1 / 201-208	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	0-1 / 32-35
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 64-61	3-Set (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 13-9
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 48-53	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 12-9
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 115-135	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 24-20
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 17-28	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 0-5
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 34-58	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 3-9
Coach		Coach	David Witt

MLADENOVIC:

- One of three French players competing this week at the Yarra Valley Classic
- Faces No.64 Pegula today for the first meeting between the two
- Last year, fell in qualifying at Brisbane (I. Samsonova) at only lead-up tournament in Australian Open where she lost in 1r to No.2 Ka.Pliskova
- Owns 5-15 record on Australian soil – looking her for her first main draw win here since 2016 Australian Open where she reached 3r
- Fell to No.15 Muguruza in 1r of Abu Dhabi a few weeks ago to begin 2021 season
- Won fourth and fifth Grand Slam doubles titles in 2020, w/Babos at Australian Open (d. Hsieh/Strycova in F) and Roland Garros (d. Guarachi/Krawczyk in F)
- Ended 2019 season strongly with SF appearances in Moscow (I. eventual champion Bencic) and Zhengzhou (I. Martic) and QF in Linz (I. Alexandrova)
- Notched five Top 10 wins in 2019 with two wins vs. reigning World No.1 (d. Osaka in Dubai; Barty in Fed Cup Final); win over World No.1 Barty helped France take home their first Fed Cup title since 2003
- Enjoyed another strong doubles year in 2019, with titles at Istanbul and Roland Garros (both w/Babos) boosting her to World No.1 for the first time in career
- Also w/Babos, defended title at year-end WTA Finals and finished R-Up at Australian Open to end the year at No.2
- Won second Grand Slam doubles title at 2018 Australian Open (w/Babos, d. Makarova/Vesnina in F), third at 2019 Roland Garros (w/Babos, d. Duan/S.Zheng in F) and fourth at 2020 Australian Open (w/ Babos, d. Hsieh/Strycova in F)
- Won only career singles title to date at 2017 St. Petersburg (d. Putintseva) in eight final appearances – made final in 2018 as defending champion (I. Kvitova)
- Reached biggest final of career at Premier Mandatory level Madrid in 2017 (I. Halep)
- Finished 2017 season at No.11 for highest year-end ranking and first inside Top 20. Broke into Top 10 on October 23, 2017

- In doubles, won first Grand Slam title at 2016 Roland Garros (w/compatriot Garcia, d. Makarova/Vesnina in F) – were first French pair to win the doubles title at Roland Garros since Gail Chanfreau and Francoise Durr in 1971
- Career best singles result at Grand Slam is QF at 2015 US Open (l. Vinci) and 2017 Roland Garros (l. Bacsinszky)
- Won mixed doubles at 2013 Wimbledon and 2014 Australian Open, and finished R-Up at 2013 Roland Garros and 2015 Australian Open (all w/Nestor)
- Broke into Top 100 on September 17, 2012 and Top 50 on March 18, 2013
- Played first WTA main draw matches in 2009 and first WTA qualifying event as wildcard at 2008 Paris [Indoors]

PEGULA:

- One of a tournament leading seven Americans at the Yarra Valley Classic
- Faces No.50 Mladenovic today looking for first main draw win of career in Australia, however reached final last year at 2020 Auckland defeating Wozniacki in SF (l. S.Williams in F)
- Appearance at 2020 Australian Open marked first tournament in the country (l. Townsend in 1r; fell in qualifying 2013 and 2016)
- Fell to No.5 Svitolina in 1r of Abu Dhabi to begin 2021 season – has now lost all five career meetings with Top 10 opponents in straight sets: No.4 A.Radwanska (2016 US Open), No.8 Barty (2019 Roland Garros), No.4 Osaka (2019 Beijing) and No.10 S.Williams (2020 Auckland)
- In terms of ranking, best career win came over No.11 Sabalenka at 2020 Western & Southern Open
- Began 2020 season with runner-up finish at Auckland (l. S.Williams)
- Other standout results last season were QF at Western & Southern Open (as qualifier, l. Mertens) and a 3r showing at US Open (l. Kvitova)
- On the doubles court in 2020, reached QFs of Roland Garros (w/Muhammad) and Cincinnati (w/Rogers)
- Won her first WTA title at 2019 Washington DC (d. Giorgi in F) to reach a career high ranking of No.55 (August 5, 2019)
- Also in 2019, fell 1r on main draw debut at Roland Garros (l. eventual champion Barty) and Wimbledon (l. Buzarnescu) and Miami (as a qualifier, l. Konta)
- Broke into Top 100 for the first time on February 4, 2019 following back-to-back R-Up finishes at WTA 125K Series event at Newport Beach and \$100K ITF/Midland-MI, USA
- Highlights of 2018 included finishing runner-up as a qualifier at Quebec City (l. Parmentier in F), recording SF finish at Houston WTA 125K (l. S.Peng) and reaching QF or better at 10 ITF events
- Won doubles title w/Manasse at 2018 Houston 125K (d. Krawczyk/Olmos in F)
- Did not play between January and August 2017 after undergoing hip surgery. Primarily played at ITF events for the rest of the year, winning two doubles titles with Townsend
- Played a mixture of WTA and ITF Circuit events in 2016 with highlight coming at Washington DC, where she defeated No.14 Stosur for first Top 20 win of career on her way to a SF finish (l. Davis)
- Reached 2r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2015 US Open (as qualifier, d. Van Uytvanck, l. Cibulkova)
- Sidelined from tennis for a year and a half between 2013 and 2015 due to a right knee injury
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2009 Ponte Vedra Beach and WTA main draw debut at 2012 Indian Wells

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YARRA VALLEY CLASSIC – DAY TWO

[WC] DARIA GAVRILOVA (AUS #451) vs. [5] SERENA WILLIAMS (USA #11)

Williams leads 3-0

Gavrilova dropped just two games in first round victory over Kuzmova... **Williams** won her 73rd career title in last year's season opener at Auckland... **Gavrilova** has yet to take a set against the American in three career meetings

MISAKI DOI (JPN #84) vs. [11] ANASTASIA PAVLYUCHENKOVA (RUS #39)

Series tied 1-1

Pavlyuchenkova defeated the Japanese player most recently en route to final at 2019 Osaka... **Doi** looking for just her third career win on Australian soil and first since 2017 Brisbane... A win today would mark **Pavlyuchenkova's** 350th career victory

[3] KAROLINA PLISKOVA (CZE #6) vs. ELISABETTA COCCIARETTO (ITA #132)

First career meeting

Pliskova has won a total of four titles in Australia including last year at Brisbane... **Cocciaretto** playing in just her tenth career WTA main draw match and first against a Top 10 opponent

[WC] DARIA GAVRILOVA (AUS #451) VS. [5] SERENA WILLIAMS (USA #11)

Head-to-head: S.WILLIAMS leads 3-0

2018	CINCINNATI	HARD O	R1	SERENA WILLIAMS	6-1 6-2
2016	OLYMPICS	HARD O	R1	SERENA WILLIAMS	6-4 6-2
2013	DOHA	HARD O	R2	SERENA WILLIAMS	6-2 6-1

GAVRILOVA		S.WILLIAMS	
Career Prize Money	\$4,036,886	Career Prize Money	\$93,634,967
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	March 5, 1994 (26)	Date of Birth (Age)	Sept. 26, 1981 (39)
Singles Titles	1	Singles Titles	73
Tournament W-L (MD)	1-0	Tournament W-L (MD)	0-0
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	1-0 / 119-117	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	0-0 / 843-143
3-Set (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 48-38	3-Set (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 166-64
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 38-30	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 112-57
Hard Court (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 75-76	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 522-89
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 11-26	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 175-72
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 24-41	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 306-98
Coach	Nicole Pratt	Coach	Patrick Mouratoglou

GAVRILOVA:

- Opening 2021 season here at the Yarra Valley Classic, and playing first Tour level event since 2020 Roland Garros
- Ranked No.451, enters singles main draw on a wild card. Has also been granted a wild card for the Australian Open next month
- Dropped just two games in 1r to defeat Kuzmova and set up 2r clash against No.11 S.Williams
- Bidding to improve 0-3 record against the American and post first pair of back-to-back wins since advancing to Strasbourg QFs in 2019 (l. Paquet)
- A win today would mark the 25th Top 20 scalp of her career – has yet to defeat an opponent within the Top 20 since upsetting No.4 Kvitova at the 2018 China Open
- Missed entire 2020 Australian swing due to injury
- Although ranked No.446 by end of 2020, won first singles title of any kind in more than three years when she defeated Storm Sanders in final of UTR Pro Tennis Series event in Melbourne in November
- Posted fourth straight Top 40 season in 2018 (including two No.25 season finishes), but slumped to No.237 by end of 2019 as she struggled with achilles tendonitis and plantar fasciitis – while injuries were treated, did not play on Tour for 12 months, between 2019 US Open and an ITF Circuit event in France ahead of the postponed 2020 Roland Garros, where she defeated Yastremska in 1r before falling to Bouchard in 3s
- Won second WTA doubles title at 2019 Strasbourg (w/Perez), having won the first at 2015 Istanbul (w/Svitolina); currently 2-2 in doubles finals
- Captured maiden Tour-level singles title at 2017 New Haven, in her second career Premier-level final (d. No.1 seed A.Radwanska in SF and No.2 seed Cibulkova in F)
- Also in 2017, finished R-Up at Strasbourg (l. Stosur) and Hong Kong (l. Pavlyuchenkova), having reached first final at Moscow in 2016 (l. Kuznetsova). Owns a 1-3 career record in singles finals

- Achieved career-high singles ranking of No.20 on August 28, 2017 and first became Australia's No.1 on June 12, 2017
- Nominated for 2017 Newcombe Medal – Tennis Australia's top award
- Semifinal run at 2016 Hong Kong included first win over a reigning World No.1, Kerber, in QF
- Made Billie Jean King Cup debut for Australia in 2016, and represented her adopted country at the Rio Olympics that year (l. S.Williams in 1r)
- Reached first tour-level semifinal of career at 2015 Rome, as a qualifier (d. No.7 Ivanovic in 2r, l. eventual champion Sharapova)
- Made Top 100 singles debut at No.96 on March 23, 2015 and later that week defeated No.2 Sharapova in 2r at Miami
- Catapulted from No.233 at end of 2014 season to No.36 at end of 2015 – named WTA's Most Impressive Newcomer for 2015 (media vote)
- Secured permanent resident status in Australia in 2013 and has represented the country in Grand Slam play since 2014 US Open; Australian passport came through in December 2015
- Watched 2014 Australian Open on crutches; she tore ACL in right knee at WTA 125k Series event in Taipei in November 2013; following surgery, did not play a tournament until July 2014, at ITF level
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2012 's-Hertogenbosch, scoring first career Top 40 win over No.35 Wickmayer in 1r before losing to Flipkens in 2r
- On ITF Circuit, winner of four singles titles, including two \$50k events in Tasmania after the 2015 Australian Open (Burnie and Launceston); also owns two ITF doubles titles
- 2010 US Open junior singles champion (d. Putintseva in F) and Youth Olympics champion in Singapore
- Played first professional event of career on ITF Circuit in Russia in 2008 and first WTA qualifying event at 2009 Moscow

S.WILLIAMS:

- Opened Australian swing by defeating World No.3 Osaka during an Adelaide exhibition tournament on Friday, closing out the match in a third-set tie break at 6-2, 2-6, 10-7
- Today at the Yarra Valley Classic, plays first Tour level event since withdrawing ahead of her 2020 Roland Garros 2r match against Pironkova due to an Achilles injury
- Following a 1r bye, squares up against Australian wildcard No.451 Gavrilova. Looking to improve 3-0 record, last defeating her at 2018 Cincinnati
- Captured 73rd career title to begin 2020 campaign at Auckland before advancing to 3r at the Australian Open (l. Q.Wang)
- Winner of 13 major titles on hard courts – most of any player in Open Era; across all WTA events, has won 47 hard court titles, more than any other active player
- With 73 career singles titles, ranks fifth on the Open Era list of most titles, after Martina Navratilova (167), Chris Evert (154), Steffi Graf (107) and Margaret Court (92)
- Highlights of 2019 season were her 32nd and 33rd Grand Slam finals, at Wimbledon (l. Halep) and US Open (l. Andreescu)

- Reached one further final in 2019 at Toronto (ret. vs. Andreescu w/back injury). Ended 2019 ranked No.10, her first year-end finish inside the elite ranking bracket since 2016 (at No.2)
- Other highlights of 2019 were reaching QF at Australian Open and partnering with Andy Murray to contest Mixed Doubles at Wimbledon (reaching 3r)
- Defeated World No.1 Halep in R16 at 2019 Australian Open – at 37 years, is oldest player to defeat the reigning World No.1. Has registered 17 career wins over (eight different) No.1 ranked players, second-most behind Navratilova (18)
- Reached two Grand Slam finals in 2018, at Wimbledon (l. Kerber) and US Open (l. Osaka). Made return to Tour following birth of daughter Olympia at 2018 Indian Wells
- Ended 2017 ranked No.22, despite playing only two events all season, and both in January. Broke streak of 10 consecutive Top 20 finishes. Overall, has 16 Top 10 finishes to her name (most recently in 2019) – third-most behind Navratilova (20) and Evert (19) – including five as the year-end No.1
- Holds distinction of being the oldest No.1 in WTA history – set record when most recent streak began on February 18, 2013. Spent her 319th week at No.1 in May 2017. Third on all-time list after Graf's 377 and Navratilova's 332
- Held the top ranking for 186 consecutive weeks (through 2016 US Open) which equaled the record held by Graf (186 weeks, August 17, 1986 through March 10, 1991)
- Holds single-season prize money record of \$12,385,572, achieved in 2013, when she compiled a 78-4 win-loss record and won 11 tournaments (including two Slams and WTA Finals)
- Singles gold medalist at London 2012 Olympics
- Along w/sister Venus held all four Grand Slam titles at same time, from 2009 Wimbledon through 2010 Roland Garros – third pair to do so (also Navratilova/Shriver and Fernandez/Zvereva). Also teamed with Venus to win three Olympic gold medals: 2000 Sydney, 2008 Beijing and 2012 London
- Spent eight weeks as co-No.1 in doubles (w/V. Williams); one of six players to hold No.1 in singles and doubles simultaneously (also Navratilova, Hingis, Sánchez Vicario, Davenport and Clijsters)
- On Grand Slam debut, at 1998 Australian Open, upset No.6 seed Sprilea in 1r before falling to sister Venus in 2r.
- Ended 1997 season by winning first WTA main draw matches during SF run at Chicago (l. Davenport).
- WTA main draw debut ended in 1r defeat at 1997 Moscow (as qualifier, l. Po)
- First match of career was defeat to Annie Miller in qualifying at 1995 Québec City

MISAKI DOI (JPN #84) VS. [11] ANASTASIA PAVLYUCHENKOVA (RUS #39)

Head-to-head: Series tied 1-1

2016	WUHAN	HARD O	R64	DOI, MISAKI	6-7(3) 6-4 3-1 ret.
2019	OSAKA	HARD O	Q	PAVLYUCHENKOVA, ANASTASIA	6-2 6-2

DOI		PAVLYUCHENKOVA	
Career Prize Money	\$2,980,580	Career Prize Money	\$9,795,319
Plays	Left-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	April 29, 1991 (29)	Date of Birth (Age)	July 3, 1991 (29)
Singles Titles	1	Singles Titles	12
Tournament W-L (MD)	0-0	Tournament W-L (MD)	0-0
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	0-0 / 83-135	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	0-1 / 349-294
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 30-42	3-Set (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 116-93
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 20-29	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 87-74
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 55-93	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 259-176
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-18	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 34-67
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 6-38	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 65-116
Left-Hand W-L (YTD/Career)	0-0 / 3-10	Left-Hand W-L (YTD/Career)	0-0 / 15-21
Coach	Christian Zahalka	Coach	Giovani Samaha

DOI:

- Opening her 2021 season today at the Yarra Valley Classic, having played her last WTA match at 2020 Roland Garros in September (I. Martić in 1r)
- Faces No.39 Pavlyuchenkova today in 1r with 2-9 record on Australian soil; winner will take on Latvian player Sevastova in 2r
- Last year during Australian swing, fell 1r to qualifier Dart in 1r of Australian Open; also fell 1r at Shenzhen in first tournament of the season (I. Bondarenko)
- Best result of 2020 was R-Up finish at WTA 125K Series event at Indian Wells (I. Begu), while at Tour-level, sole main draw win came in 2r showing at Istanbul
- Appeared in her third WTA final at 2019 Hiroshima, falling to compatriot Hibino in the first all-Japanese final since 1997 when Sawamatsu defeated Yoshida in Jakarta
- She later teamed with Hibino and won the Hiroshima doubles title - her first appearance in a WTA doubles final in four years
- Also in 2019, swept singles and doubles titles at WTA 125K Series event at Bastad
- Highlights of 2018 campaign came on the ITF Circuit, winning her sixth and seventh career titles at \$25k Kofu-JPN and \$100k Vancouver-CAN
- Best results in 2017 were SF at Nurnberg, QF at Taipei City and 3r run at Madrid
- Posted career-best finish in 2016 at No.38 (up from No.60 in 2015) while also posting new career-high ranking of No.30 (week of October 10, 2016)
- Notched up career-best 24 main draw match wins in 2016. Highlights were reaching second WTA singles final at Kaohsiung (I. V.Williams) and best Slam showing with R16 run at Wimbledon (d. No.17 Pliskova in 2r, I. eventual R-Up Kerber)
- Represented Japan at 2016 Rio Olympics, reaching 2r in singles (I. Stosur) and 2r in doubles (w/Hozumi, I. Kasatkina/Kuznetsova)

- Best result of 2016 clay season was Premier-level QF at 2016 Rome (d. No.15 Safarova in 2r, I. Begu). At the time was the first Japanese player to reach QF at Premier-level tournament or above since 2014, when Date made Birmingham QF
- In March 2016, won the WTA 125k Series event at San Antonio (d. Friedsam in F)
- Won maiden WTA singles title at 2015 Luxembourg (d. Barthel in F); scored first Top 20 win of her career en route to title, over No.20 Petkovic in 1r
- Lifted first WTA doubles title at 2014 Istanbul (w/Svitolina)
- In 2012, advanced to first WTA QF, at Birmingham, and SF, at Osaka
- Member of Japanese Fed Cup Team, 2011, 2013-15, 2017, 2019-20
- Scored first WTA main draw win at 2011 Kuala Lumpur (fourth tour-level main draw) and first back-to-back wins during 3r run at 2011 Wimbledon (eighth main draw)
- Played first WTA qualifying at 2009 Osaka; made main draw debut at 2010 Roland Garros

PAVL YUCHENKOVA:

- One of five Russians in the main draw this week at the Yarra Valley Classic
- Faces No.84 Doi today having defeated the Japanese player most recently in QF of 2019 Osaka, Pavlyuchenkova would go on to finish R-Up at the tournament (I. Osaka)
- A win today would mark the Russian's 350th career main draw victory
- Last year during Australian swing, fell 1r at Brisbane (I. Kvitova) and 2r at Adelaide (I. eventual champion Barty) before tying her career best Grand Slam result by reaching QF at Australian Open defeating World No.2 Ka.Pliskova and No.18 Kerber en route (I. eventual R-Up Muguruza)
- Fell to No.31 Jabeur in 1r of Abu Dhabi a few weeks ago to begin 2021 season
- At 2020 Roland Garros, made 50th main draw appearance at a major – one of 10 active players to reach this milestone
- Upset No.2 Ka.Pliskova and former champion Kerber en route to QF at 2020 Australian Open
- Advanced to two finals in 2019 – both at Premier-level – at Osaka (I. Osaka in F) and Moscow (I. Bencic in F). Also made QF in Melbourne in 2019 to match best Grand Slam result (I. Collins), upsetting No.9 Bertens and No.5 Stephens en route
- Notched only win over a reigning World No.1 against Kerber during run to fourth Monterrey title in 2017
- Represented Russia at 2016 Rio Olympics, losing to eventual gold medalist Puig in 2r
- In doubles, owns 12 titles and has reached QF of all four majors – most recently at 2018 US Open w/Sevastova. Career-high doubles ranking is No.21 (September 16, 2013)
- In 2011, won 39 main draw matches, one title and reached first two Grand Slam QFs to end the year inside Top 20 for the first time
- Made Top 20 debut at No.20 on September 13, 2010, after R16 showing at US Open
- Won the first title of her career at Monterrey in 2010 (d. Hantuchova in F); has gone on to lift this title three more times (2011, 2013 and 2017)
- Advanced to maiden WTA SF at 2009 Indian Wells, scoring first Top 10 wins of her career en route, over No.3 Jankovic and No.10 A.Radwanska

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- Broke into Top 100 in singles on July 7, 2008 – following run through qualifying to 3r at Wimbledon – and entered Top 50 on November 3 of the same year
- Reached first two WTA QFs in 2008, first on clay at Palermo and then on hard at Tokyo [Japan Open]
- Made Grand Slam debut at 2007 Wimbledon as a WC, losing 6-0 6-1 to No.10 seed Hantuchova
- Played first WTA main draw as a wildcard at 2006 Moscow
- Named 2006 ITF Junior World Champion, having won girls' singles titles at Australian Open (2006-07) and US Open (2006)

[3] KAROLINA PLISKOVA (CZE #6) VS ELISABETTA COCCIARETTO (ITA #132)

Head-to-head: First career meeting

PLISKOVA		COCCIARETTO	
Career Prize Money	\$20,401,433	Career Prize Money	\$217,957
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	March 21, 1992 (28)	Date of Birth (Age)	Jan. 25, 2001 (20)
Singles Titles	16	Singles Titles	0
Tournament W-L (MD)	0-0	Tournament W-L (MD)	1-0
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	1-1 / 324-168	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	1-0 / 4-5
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 102-57	3-Set (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 1-2
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 65-71	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 1-0
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 229-113	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 2-1
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 32-40	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-0
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	2-0 / 64-73	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-1
Left-Hand W-L (YTD/Career)	0-0 / 22-13	Left-Hand W-L (YTD/Career)	0-0 / 0-1
Coach	Sascha Bajin	Coach	Fausto Scolari

PLISKOVA:

- One of five Czech players this week at the Yarra Valley Classic
- Faces No.132 Cocciaretto in 2r today after 1r bye
- Last year went 6-1 during Australian swing highlighted by title run at Brisbane (d. Keys in F) followed by 3r showing at Australian Open (l. Pavlyuchenkova)
- Opened 2021 season at Abu Dhabi defeating lucky loser Papamichail in 1r before falling to qualifier Gasanova in 2r for her first defeat from a player outside the Top 50 since 2019 Beijing (l. No.73 Ostapenko)
- A victory today would mark career win No.325 and No.230 on hardcourts
- Last year's championship at Brisbane marked fourth career title won on Australian soil having lifted the trophy three straight years in Brisbane in addition to winning the title at 2015 Sydney
- Reached an additional final in 2020 at Rome (l. Halep via ret.). Has won at least one title every year from 2013 to 2020
- Lifted a WTA-leading four titles across the 2019 season (tied with Barty) – triumphed at Brisbane, Rome, Eastbourne and Zhengzhou. Dropped 19 games across five matches during Eastbourne title win (d. Kerber in F) – most economic title run in 2019
- Also reached first Premier Mandatory final at Miami, losing to Barty in straight sets, and produced best Australian Open performance of career, reaching SF (l. eventual champion Osaka in 3s); saved four match points to beat S.Williams in QF
- Lost to twin sister Kr.Pliskova in 2r at Birmingham, in what was their first career main draw encounter
- Made fourth straight appearance at the WTA Finals in 2019, reaching SF for the third year in a row
- Won two titles in 2018 from three finals contested, triumphing at Stuttgart (d. Vandeweghe in F) and Tokyo [PPO] (d. Osaka in F). Posted R-Up finish in Tianjin (l. Garcia in F)
- Won Billie Jean King Cup for Czech Republic in 2015-16 and 2018
- Claimed No.1 ranking on July 17, 2017 despite making 2r exit at Wimbledon (l. Rybarikova). Was the first Czech woman to achieve the No.1 ranking since the computer rankings were introduced in 1975 (Martina Navratilova became No.1 on July 10, 1978 while representing USA)

MATCH NOTES: YARRA VALLEY CLASSIC

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- Won three titles in 2017, at Brisbane (d. Cornet in F), Doha (d. Wozniacki in F) and Eastbourne (d. Wozniacki in F)
- Is a Grand Slam finalist, reaching the title match at 2016 US Open (l. Kerber)
- Captured fifth WTA doubles title of career at 2016 Birmingham (w/Strycova). At 2013 Linz, with sister Kristyna, became first set of twins to ever win a tour-level doubles title
- Made Top 10 debut after 2015 Stanford R-Up finish; was first time in WTA history that three Czech women ranked inside Top 10 at the same time (also Kvitova and Safarova)
- Scored first Top 20 win of her career over No.16 Petrova in 1r at 2013 Wimbledon
- Won first career WTA title at 2013 Kuala Lumpur (d. Mattek-Sands) and followed it up with two more in 2014 Seoul (d. Lepchenko) and 2014 Linz (d. Giorgi)
- Reached first WTA QF as WC at 2008 Prague (l. Azarenka)
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in 2006

COCCIARETTO:

- Along with Giorgi, one of two Italian representatives in the Yarra Valley Classic; playing just her tenth career WTA main draw match today
- Earned a spot in Australian Open main draw by coming through qualifying rounds in Dubai (d. Cé, Benoît and Tan)
- Marked her first career three-set victory in 1r on Sunday over Zhu Lin after dropping the first set: 0-6,6-4,7-5
- Faces No.6 Ka.Pliskova today for first career match against a Top 10 player; previous highest ranking match was defeat by No.18 Kerber last year at Australian Open for her Grand Slam debut: best career by-ranking win was over No.24 Vekic at 2020 Palermo
- Finished R-Up at WTA 125K Series event at Prague in September 2020; posted career-high ranking of No.128 one week later (September 14, 2020)
- Reached maiden WTA QF at 2020 Palermo (d. No.24 Vekic in 2r, l. Kontaveit); along with Errani and Giorgi, was one of three Italians through to QF – the last time three Italians made the last eight at a tour-level event was 2015 Hobart: Giorgi, Knapp and Vinci
- Also finished R-Up in doubles at Palermo (w/Trevisan)
- Fell 1r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2020 Australian Open (as qualifier, l. Kerber)
- Rose over 500 ranking spots in 2019, to finished campaign at No.215 having compiled a 38-16 win-loss record
- At tour level in 2019, fell 1r on WTA debut at Rome (as WC, l. Anisimova) and Palermo (as qualifier, l. Kuzmova), while won three titles on ITF Circuit
- In 2018, won maiden title on ITF Circuit at \$15K Nules-ESP
- Made Fed Cup debut for Italy in 2018, losing dead fifth doubles rubber w/Paolini during 3-2 World Group II win over Spain
- Owns four singles and one doubles title on ITF Circuit
- Professional debut came on ITF Circuit in Italy in 2017
- Former junior World No.12 and reached the singles semifinals at the Australian Open in 2018

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YARRA VALLEY CLASSIC – DAY THREE

CAMILA GIORGI (ITA #76) vs. [2] SOFIA KENIN (USA #4)

First career meeting

Giorgi looking for her 10th career win over a Top 10 ranked opponent and fifth over a Top 5 ranked player today... **Kenin** aiming for her 75th career victory on hardcourts with a win today

[1] ASHLEIGH BARTY (AUS #1) vs. ANA BOGDAN (ROU #93)

First career meeting

Barty playing her first tournament since 2020 Doha and is the sole Australian left in the field... **Bogdan** faces a reigning WTA World No.1 for the first time in her career today

VENUS WILLIAMS (USA #80) vs. [4] PETRA KVITOVA (CZE #9)

Kvitova leads 4-3

All seven meetings have gone the distance... **Williams** aiming for back-to-back wins for the first time since 2019 Cincinnati... **Kvitova** looking for first win over the American since her run to her second Wimbledon crown in 2014

[6] GARBIÑE MUGURUZA (ESP #15) vs. ALISON VAN UYTVANCK (BEL #65)

Muguruza leads 2-1

Muguruza has won back-to-back matches in eight of her last nine tournaments contested... **Van Uytvanck** bidding for her 100th career Tour-level victory with a win today

CAMILA GIORGI (ITA #76) VS. [2] SOFIA KENIN (USA #4)

Head-to-head: First career meeting

GIORGI		KENIN	
Career Prize Money	\$4,089,957	Career Prize Money	\$7,221,702
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Dec. 30, 1991 (29)	Date of Birth (Age)	Nov. 14, 1998 (22)
Singles Titles	2	Singles Titles	5
Tournament W-L (MD)	1-0	Tournament W-L (MD)	0-0
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	1-0 / 153-139	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	3-1 / 96-54
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 51-47	3-Set (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 37-20
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 43-29	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	2-0 / 27-16
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 96-88	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	3-1 / 74-38
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 9-20	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 8-14
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 27-46	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 16-25
Left-Hand W-L (YTD/Career)	0-0 / 9-10	Left-Hand W-L (YTD/Career)	0-0 / 5-2
Coach	Pietro Cortecchi	Coach	Alexander Kenin

GIORGI:

- Sole remaining Italian in the main draw at the Yarra Valley Classic
- Cruised into 2r by earning first victory of the year over French teenager, Burel, in 1r action (6-4,6-3)
- Faces No.4 Kenin today looking for 10th career win over a player ranked in the Top 10
- Owns four career victories over Top 5 opponents: No.2 Wozniacki (2018 Tokyo), No.3 Ka.Pliskova (2017 Prague), No.5 Svitolina (2017 Birmingham) and No.5 Sharapova (2014 Indian Wells)
- Win today however would be first Top 20 victory since defeating No.18 Q.Wang at 2019 Bronx and first Top 10 victory since win over No.2 Wozniacki at 2018 Tokyo
- While it is the first match-up with Kenin, has amassed a career 15-22 record against American opposition
- During a disrupted 2020, reached SF at Palermo and QF at Lyon, finishing the year at No.76
- In 2019, reached seventh and eighth singles finals of her career, posting R-Up finishes at Washington DC (l. Pegula) and the Bronx (l. Linette)
- Missed entire 2019 clay court season w/wrist and ankle injuries
- Played Fed Cup in 2019 for first time since 2016 - lost both her matches (l. Golubic, Bencic) as Italy fell to a 3-1 defeat to Switzerland
- Ended 2018 season perched at a career-best ranking of No.26, winning second career title in final event at Linz (d. Alexandrova in F). Won 29 tour-level matches in 2018 – the most wins she had previously posted in a single season was 28, in 2014

- Advanced to first Grand Slam QF at 2018 Wimbledon (l. eventual R-Up S.Williams) on her 26th appearance at this level; became the first Italian woman to reach the QF of Wimbledon since 2009 (Schiavone, l. Dementieva)
- Other highlights in 2018 included SF runs at Sydney (l. eventual champion Kerber), Prague (l. Buzarnescu after serving for match in third set) and Tokyo (l. Osaka)
- In 2016 reached final at Katowice for the third year in a row (l. Cibulkova). Appeared in four additional quarterfinals in 2016, at Hobart (l. Bouchard), Prague (l. Ka.Pliskova), Washington, DC (l. Davis) and Seoul (l. Zhang)
- Won first career title at 2015 's-Hertogenbosch (d. Bencic in F)
- Had never reached WTA QF prior to 2014; reached QF or better at seven events during that season
- Made Top 100 debut on July 9, 2012 and broke into Top 50 on May 26, 2014
- Tour-level main draw debut came as a qualifier at 2011 Wimbledon
- On ITF Circuit, winner of five singles titles
- Played first career professional tournament at 2006 ITF/Baku-AZE

KENIN:

- Competing in the Yarra Valley Classic at career high ranking of No.4 and as one of a tournament leading seven Americans to begin the main draw (six have advanced to 2r or beyond)
- After 1r bye, faces No.76 Giorgi today for first time – a loss to the Italian would be worst by-ranking since falling to No.132 Stosur at 2019 Eastbourne
- Suffered only two losses to players outside the Top 50 last year: No.54 Swiatek in the championship match at Roland Garros and No.60 Cornet in 2r of Western & Southern Open
- A win today would mark 75th career win on hardcourts and is only four match wins away from earning milestone 100th career WTA main draw victory
- Has seen success in Australia before, winning her first WTA title at 2019 Hobart (d. Schmiedlova in F) and going on to lift maiden major title at 2020 Australian Open (d. Muguruza in F)
- Twelve months ago, opened season with 2r exits at Brisbane and Adelaide before championship run here in Melbourne
- Coming off QF showing to begin season at Abu Dhabi – defeating Z.Yang, Flipkens and Putintseva before falling to No.22 Sakkari
- Ended 2020 campaign at career high of No.4 which she first hit on March 9, 2020 and came away with the 2020 WTA Player of the Year Award; was also the season's top prize money earner coming away with \$4,302,970
- In last tournament of season, finished R-Up at Roland Garros (l. Swiatek) for her first final appearance on clay

- Reached R16 at US Open and was one of only two players (also Kvitova) to reach second week of all three Slams in 2020
- Lifted fifth WTA singles title at Lyon (d. Friedsam in F) becoming the first player in 2020 to win a second title
- Won maiden major at 2020 Australian Open (d. Muguruza in F) to become the youngest champion (21y, 80d) in Melbourne since Sharapova (20y, 283d) in 2008. Defeated No.1 Barty and home favorite in SF for third career win over a reigning World No.1
- Australian Open run helped her break into the Top 10 for the first time at No.7 on February 3, 2020
- Won 2019 WTA Most Improved Player of the Year award after winning three WTA titles at Hobart (d. Schmiedlova in F), Mallorca (d. Bencic in F) and Guangzhou (d. Stosur in F)
- Finished 2019 at No.14 as US No.2 (behind No.9 S.Williams) and leader in hard court wins (38-tied w/Barty)
- Registered back-to-back SF runs at Toronto (l. eventual champion Andreescu) and Cincinnati (l. eventual champion Keys), subsequently leading to Top 20 debut at No.20 on August 19, 2019
- During this run, defeated No.1 Barty (Toronto) and No.1 Osaka (Cincinnati) to become first player since October 2001 to defeat World No.1s in consecutive weeks (Davenport); also became youngest American to defeat reigning No.1 in eight years (after McHale)
- Advanced to R16 at 2019 Roland Garros (d. S.Williams, l. eventual champion Barty) – became first American to defeat Serena at the majors since Stephens at 2013 Australian Open QF
- Also won maiden doubles titles in 2019 at Auckland (w/Bouchard) and Beijing (w/Mattek-Sands)
- Broke into the Top 100 on March 19, 2018 and Top 50 on October 8, 2018
- Member of US Billie Jean King Cup team from 2018-20
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2015 US Open as a wildcard (l. Duque-Mariño in 1r)
- Owns four ITF singles titles and two doubles titles
- Played first matches of career on ITF Circuit in 2013, climbing to No.2 in ITF World Junior Rankings
- Represented the USA at the 2014 Youth Olympic Games and competed at the 2016 ITF Junior Masters, both held in China

[1] ASHLEIGH BARTY (AUS #1) VS. ANA BOGDAN (ROU #93)

Head-to-head: First career meeting

BARTY		BOGDAN	
Career Prize Money	\$17,594,569	Career Prize Money	\$1,463,078
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	April 24, 1996 (24)	Date of Birth (Age)	Nov. 25, 1992 (28)
Singles Titles	8	Singles Titles	0
Tournament W-L (MD)	0-0	Tournament W-L (MD)	1-0
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	0-0 / 152-65	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	1-0 / 37-55
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 47-19	3-Set (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 10-19
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 23-19	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 6-15
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 102-43	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 21-31
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 18-20	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-3
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 37-38	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 3-9
Left-Hand W-L (YTD/Career)	0-0 / 13-7	Left-Hand W-L (YTD/Career)	0-0 / 3-4
Coach	Craig Tyzzer	Coach	Andreas Szekely

BARTY:

- Playing in her first tournament since 2020 Doha where she reached SF (l. eventual R-Up Kvitova)
- Sole Australian remaining out of six who started the main draw (Gavrilova lost to S.Williams in 2r yesterday while Stosur, Inglis, Cabrera, Birrell all fell in 1r action)
- Faces No.93 Bogdan today for the first time – last fell to a player outside the Top 50 at 2020 Brisbane to No.53 Brady
- A loss today would be worst-by-ranking since seeing defeat at the hands of No.153 Kuznetsova in SF of 2019 Cincinnati
- Contesting her 13th career tournament as the No.1 seed: as the top seed, has only fallen in tournament opener once (2020 Brisbane after 1r bye) and has come away as the champion three times (2018 Nottingham, 2019 WTA Finals, 2020 Adelaide)
- Also this week is seeded eighth in doubles with Brady – saw first competition of any kind in 11 months when the pair won their first round match over Fichman/Olmos (will face winner of Jabeur/Mchale v. Sakkari/Vekic in 2r)
- Finished year-end No.1 for second year in a row in 2020, despite missing all tournaments held after the resumption of play in the summer
- Went 12-3 to start 2020 season, results highlighted by first title on home soil, and eighth overall at Adelaide (d. Yastremska in F). Followed up with SF runs at Australian Open (l. eventual champion Kenin) and Doha (l. Kvitova)

- Stellar season in 2019 brought four singles titles – including maiden major at Roland Garros (d. Vondrousova in F) and WTA Finals in Shenzhen (d. Svitolina in F); registered Tour-leading 57 match wins, with 11-6 record against Top 10 opponents
- Broke into Top 10 after defeating Ka.Pliskova in F at 2019 Miami (week of April 1) and became first Australian woman in 43 years to secure No.1 singles ranking after title run at Birmingham, where she defeated Goerges in F (June 24, 2019)
- Other highlights in 2019 included R-Up finishes at Sydney (scored first win over a reigning No.1, Halep, en route; I. Kvitova) and Beijing (I. Osaka) and reached SF at Cincinnati and Wuhan. In doubles, won Rome titles and was R-Up at US Open (both w/Azarenka)
- In 2019, spearheaded Australia to its first Billie Jean King Cup final since 1993, against France in Perth; went 1-1 in singles (d. Garcia, I. Mladenovic) and dropped decisive doubles (w/Stosur) as the French prevailed 3-2
- In 2018, won two singles titles and four doubles titles, finishing the season ranked No.15 in singles and No.7 in doubles; was one of only two players to finish the year in the Top 20 in both disciplines (along with Mertens)
- Captured first Grand Slam doubles trophy at 2018 US Open (w/Vandeweghe, d. No.1 seeds Krejckova/Siniakova in SF and No.2 seeds Mladenovic/Babos in F)
- Clinched career first WTA singles title at 2017 Kuala Lumpur (as qualifier, d. Hibino in F). Made Top 20 debut and became Australia's No.1 on October 23, 2017
- Qualified for WTA Finals in doubles in 2017 (w/Dellacqua) and 2018 (w/Vandeweghe)
- After 2014 US Open, took a break from tennis that lasted almost two years. Returned to professional tennis in 2016, having enjoyed a successful stint as an allrounder for the Brisbane Heat cricket team in the 2015-16 Women's Big Bash League
- During doubles partnership alongside compatriot Dellacqua, reached three Grand Slam doubles finals in 2013 (Australian Open, Wimbledon, US Open) and was also R-Up at Roland Garros in 2017
- Presented with Tennis Australia's Newcombe Medal prize in 2018 and 2019
- Made WTA main draw debut as WC at 2012 Hobart
- Won 2011 Wimbledon girls' singles title; finished season as world No.2 ranked junior behind Khromacheva
- Played first ITF Circuit event in hometown of Ipswich, Queensland in April 2010

BOGDAN:

- Sole Romanian player this week at Yarra Valley Classic
- Won first match of the year over 19-year-old Rakhimova in 1r on Sunday (6-2,6-2)
- Faces No.1 Barty today in first career meeting with a reigning World No.1

- Owns 0-3 record against Top 10 opponents falling to No.8 Ka.Pliskova (2018 US Open), No.3 Muguruza (2018 Monterrey) and No.6 Kenin (2020 Roland Garros) – best by-ranking win of career was over No.11 Mladenovic at 2018 Australian Open
- Best results in 2020 were QF run at Prague (l. Kr.Pliskova via ret.) and 2r showing at Roland Garros (l. Kenin in 3s)
- Ended 2019 by lifting 13th career singles titles on the ITF Circuit at \$100k ITF/Dubai-UAE
- Finished 2018 ranked No.71 to record first Top 100 finish of career; season highlights included 3r run at Australian Open (l. Keys) and SF runs at Monterrey (l. Muguruza) and Bogota (l. Schmeidlova)
- In 2017, reached SF at Bucharest and made 2r three times, including at Wimbledon, US Open
- Made first WTA SF at 2016 Florianopolis (upset former No.1 Jankovic in 2r, l. Babos)
- Also made Grand Slam debut in 2016 at US Open, reaching 2r (as qualifier, l. Niculescu)
- Owns three Top 20 wins in career, defeating No.17 Sevastova (2017 Bucharest), No.18 Vesnina (2017 New Haven) and No.11 Mladenovic (2018 Australian Open)
- Transition from juniors to pro circuit was initially hampered by a series of injuries, notably quadriceps muscle rupture and a ski accident; more recently, problems with left Achilles tendon began in December 2015
- Winner of 13 singles titles and one doubles title on ITF Circuit
- Played first senior tournament at \$25k/ITF Bucharest in 2007 and first WTA main draw at 2014 Bad Gastein (l. Ka.Pliskova in 2r)

VENUS WILLIAMS (USA #80) VS. [4] PETRA KVITOVA (CZE #9)

Head-to-head: KVITOVA leads 4-3

2019	INDIAN WELLS	HARD O	R64	VENUS WILLIAMS	4-6 7-5 6-4
2017	US OPEN	HARD O	QF	VENUS WILLIAMS	6-3 3-6 7-6(2)
2014	BEIJING	HARD O	R16	PETRA KVITOVA	W/O
2014	WIMBLEDON	GRASS O	R32	PETRA KVITOVA	5-7 7-6(2) 7-5
2014	DOHA	HARD O	R32	PETRA KVITOVA	6-2 2-6 7-6(7)
2013	TOKYO	HARD O	SF	PETRA KVITOVA	3-6 6-3 7-6(2)
2012	MIAMI	HARD O	R64	VENUS WILLIAMS	6-4 4-6 6-0
2008	MEMPHIS	HARD O	R32	PETRA KVITOVA	2-6 6-4 6-3

V.WILLIAMS		KVITOVA	
Career Prize Money	\$41,958,284	Career Prize Money	\$32,572,604
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Left-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	June 17, 1980 (40)	Date of Birth (Age)	March 8, 1990 (30)
Singles Titles	49	Singles Titles	27
Tournament W-L (MD)	1-0	Tournament W-L (MD)	0-0
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	1-0 / 796-255	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	0-0 / 455-211
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 184-115	3-Set (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 124-87
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 135-96	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 91-67
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 482-152	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 304-149
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 138-106	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 109-97
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 0-0 / 240-153	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 56-58
Left-Hand W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 16-11	Left-Hand W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 22-8
Coach		Coach	Jiri Vanek

V.WILLIAMS

- Did not drop her serve in victory over Rus in the opening round on Monday, having also defeated Dutchwoman in what was her 1,000th professional match at 2018 Fed Cup at Ashville (USA d. Netherlands 3-1)
- Win over Rus snapped a five-match losing streak, including 2r at 2020 Lexington (l. S.Williams) and 1r exits at Western & Southern Open (l. Yastremska), US Open (l. Muchova), Rome (l. Azarenka) and Roland Garros (l. Schmiedlova)
- Faces No.9 Kvitova today in their eighth career meeting, having defeated the Czech in their last two meetings at 2017 US Open and 2019 Indian Wells. Each meeting between the two has gone to three sets
- Owns 16-11 career record vs. left-handed players, most recently defeating Rus on Monday. Prior to this week, her most recent victory over such opponents was over today's opponent Kvitova at 2019 Indian Wells
- Aiming for back-to-back wins for the first time since 2019 Cincinnati (d. Davis, Bertens and Vekic, l. eventual champion Keys in QF)

- Reached four QFs across 2019, including Auckland (l. eventual R-Up Andreescu), Indian Wells (l. eventual R-Up Kerber), Birmingham (l. eventual champion Barty) and Cincinnati (l. eventual champion Keys)
- Scored her best win of the 2019 season at Indian Wells, ousting No.3 Kvitova in 3s. Also defeated defending champion and then-ranked No.5 Bertens in Cincinnati
- Season highlights in 2018 were SF run at Indian Wells (d. S.Williams in 3r, l. eventual R-Up Kasatkina) and QF effort at Miami (l. Collins)
- Winnings at Indian Wells took her career total past \$40 million – S.Williams (\$92 million) is the only other player to pass this milestone
- Teamed up in Fed Cup for Serena's first competitive match back since giving birth in September 2017 (played dead doubles rubber, l. Kerkhove/Schuurs)
- Ended 2017 season as runner-up at WTA Finals (l. Wozniacki) – the oldest player to ever reach the title bout at the season finale
- Reached two other finals in 2017, at Australian Open (l. S.Williams) and Wimbledon (l. Muguruza) – only player in 2017 to reach two Grand Slam finals
- Shortly after her 37th birthday, returned to Top 10 by reaching 2017 Wimbledon final, becoming (at the time) the third oldest player to rank in Top 10 in WTA history behind Billie Jean King (September 26, 1983 – 39 years, 322 days) and Martina Navratilova (December 26, 1994 – 38 years, 75 days); also surpassed by 37-year-old Serena in February 2019
- During 2016 season won 49th career singles title at Kaohsiung (d. Doi). Is sixth-oldest player to win a WTA singles title, after Billie Jean King (39) at 1983 Birmingham, Kimiko Date (38) at 2009 Seoul, Serena Williams (38) at 2020 Auckland, Martina Navratilova (37) at 1994 Paris [Indoor] and Francesca Schiavone (36) at 2017 Bogotá
- With 49 titles, currently 11th on list of Open Era titleholders, chasing Monica Seles (53 titles)
- At Grand Slam level in 2016, advanced to SF at Wimbledon (l. Kerber) which was first time reaching that stage at a major since 2010 US Open
- At 2016 Rio Olympics won silver medal in the mixed doubles (w/Ram, l. Mattek-Sands/Sock)
- Returned to Top 10 for first time since March 2011 following victory in final of the 2015 WTA Elite Trophy
- Was diagnosed with Sjögrens Syndrome in 2011, missing the end of that season and start of 2012
- Won singles gold medal at 2000 Sydney Olympics (d. Dementieva in F); won doubles gold three times with sister Serena, at Sydney, Beijing and London
- Lifted four titles - including first two majors at Wimbledon and US Open, beating Davenport in both finals - in 2000
- Spent 11 weeks at World No.1 in singles (first ascended to top spot week of February 25, 2002) and topped the doubles rankings for eight weeks in 2010
- Lifted maiden WTA title at 1998 Memphis (d. Kruger in F)

- First career final came at 1997 US Open (l. Hingis)
- Made WTA main draw debut at Oakland in 1994; as unranked WC, defeated Stafford in 1r before falling to then-world No.2 Sánchez Vicario in three set

KVITOVA:

- Opens her 2021 season today at the Yarra Valley Classic against No.80 V.Williams, having played her last tournament at 2020 Roland Garros in September (l. Kenin in SF)
- Has not lost in her season-opening match since 2016 at Shenzhen (l. S.Zheng via ret.)
- Bidding for her first win over the American since her run to the 2014 Wimbledon crown
- Her last two losses came at the hands of American opposition (l. Rogers at 2020 US Open and Kenin at 2020 Roland Garros)
- Enjoyed a strong run during 2020 Australian swing, reaching SF at Brisbane (l. Keys) and QF at Australian Open (l. Barty)
- Reached final at Doha in 2020 (l. Sabalenka) – her 37th title-match, sits seventh on list for most finals among active players
- Other standout results in 2020 were SFs at Roland Garros (l. Kenin) and Brisbane (l. Keys), and a QF run at Australian Open (l. Barty)
- Captured 26th and 27th career titles in 2019 at Sydney (d. Barty) and Stuttgart (d. Kontaveit). With 27 titles, is currently tied with Mandlikova and Sabatini in 20th place (Open Era)
- Reached title match at 2019 Australian Open for third career Grand Slam final appearance – result moved her to World No.2, matching her career high ranking. Had she beaten Osaka in the final, would have claimed World No.1 ranking
- Also in 2019, qualified for WTA Finals in Shenzhen for seventh time (went 0-3 in group play)
- Won a WTA-leading five titles in 2018, at St Petersburg (d. Mladenovic in F), Doha (d. Muguruza in F), Prague (d. Buzarnescu in F), Madrid (d. Bertens in F) and Birmingham (d. Rybarikova in F)
- Titles in 2018 came on all three surfaces – first player to win a title on three different surfaces in a season since S.Williams in 2015
- Began 2017 season in May at Roland Garros (2r, l. Mattek-Sands) after a knife attack in her home in Czech Republic on December 20, 2016; required extensive surgery to left hand. Won title at 2017 Birmingham only a month later
- Won two singles titles in 2016, at Wuhan and the WTA Elite Trophy in Zhuhai
- Contested Rio Olympics in August 2016, winning the singles bronze medal (l. Puig in SF, d. Keys in bronze medal play-off)
- Runner-up at 2015 WTA Finals in Singapore (l. A.Radwanska in 3s). Former champion at the season finale, which she won on her event debut in 2011 (d. Azarenka in F)

- Was first player born in 1990s to win a Grand Slam title at 2011 Wimbledon (since joined by Muguruza, Ostapenko, Stephens, Wozniacki, Halep, Osaka, Barty and Kenin)
- At 2012 Sydney was two wins from becoming No.1 (had won Wimbledon and WTA Finals in previous six months)
- Owns six wins over current World No.1s: Safina (2009 US Open), Wozniacki (2011 WTA Finals), S.Williams (2015 Madrid), Kerber (2016 Wuhan), Wozniacki (2018 Doha) and Barty (2020 Doha)
- Among active players, owns the most wins in indoor hardcourt events (77)
- Member of Czech Republic's Fed Cup winning team in 2011-12, 2014-16 and 2018
- Made pro debut on ITF Circuit in Czech Republic in 2006

[6] GARBIÑE MUGURUZA (ESP #15) VS. ALISON VAN UYTVANCK (BEL #65)

Head-to-head: MUGURUZA leads 2-1

2018	WUHAN	HARD O	R64	GARBIÑE MUGURUZA	6-4 6-0
2018	WIMBLEDON	GRASS O	R64	ALISON VAN UYTVANCK	5-7 6-2 6-1
2014	FLORIANOPOLIS	HARD O	QF	GARBIÑE MUGURUZA	6-2 6-7(1) 6-3

MUGURUZA		VAN UYTVANCK	
Career Prize Money	\$19,226,364	Career Prize Money	\$3,002,980
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Oct. 8, 1993 (27)	Date of Birth (Age)	March 26, 1994 (26)
Singles Titles	7	Singles Titles	4
Tournament W-L (MD)	0-0	Tournament W-L (MD)	1-0
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	2-1 / 261-145	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	1-0 / 99-117
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 82-62	3-Set (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 34-37
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 42-50	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 25-38
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	2-1 / 176-99	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 59-69
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 35-35	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 1-11
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 63-61	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 2-28
Left-Hand W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 13-10	Left-Hand W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 7-7
Coach	Conchita Martinez	Coach	Sean Van Uytvanck

MUGURUZA:

- Enters the Yarra Valley Classic as the No.6 seed
- Following a 1r bye, faces No.65 Van Uytvanck today in their fourth career meeting. Owns a 2-0 record over the Belgian on hardcourts, most recently defeating her at 2018 Wuhan
- A loss today would mark her worst-by-ranking since falling to No.121 Haddad Maia at 2019 Wimbledon (aside from falling to unranked Pironkova at 2020 US Open)
- Opened her 2021 season with a R16 showing at Abu Dhabi (d. Mladenovic and Sasnovich, I. Sakkari)
- Reached fourth Grand Slam singles final of career at 2020 Australian Open (l. Kenin in 3s). Was first Spaniard to reach the final at Melbourne Park since Conchita Martinez in 1998
- In 2019, successfully defended her title in Monterrey for seventh career WTA trophy (d. Azarenka in F)
- Is a two-time Grand-Slam champion winning titles at 2016 Roland Garros (d. S.Williams in F) and 2017 Wimbledon (d. V.Williams in F). Dropped only one set in Roland Garros title run
- Is only player to ever beat both Williams sisters in a Grand Slam final and one of 29 women in the Open Era to win multiple Grand Slam titles. One of just eight players all-time to defeat Serena in a Grand Slam final

- Also finished R-Up at 2015 Wimbledon (l. S.Williams) to make Top 10 debut. Is one of two players to meet both Williams sisters in the final of the same Grand Slam – also Hingis at US Open (1997, d. V.Williams; 1999, l. S.Williams)
- First Spaniard to reach Wimbledon final since Sánchez Vicario in 1996 and first to reach any Slam final since Conchita Martínez at 2000 Roland Garros
- Rose to World No.1 on September 11, 2017 to become the 24th woman in history to hold the top spot and second from Spain (after Sánchez Vicario in 1995). Also named ITF World Champion for 2017
- Reached R16 at Rio Olympics in 2016
- In 2015, became first Spanish player to compete at the WTA Finals in singles since 2001 (Sánchez Vicario) and reached doubles final (w/Suárez Navarro, l. Hingis/Mirza). Overall, has qualified three times for the season-ending championships (2015-17)
- Owns five WTA doubles titles, most recently at 2015 Tokyo [PPO] (w/Suarez Navarro), and reached SF at 2014 Roland Garros (w/Suarez Navarro); rose to No.10 in WTA doubles rankings on February 23, 2015.
- Advanced to R16 on WTA main draw debut at 2012 Miami (l. eventual champion A.Radwanska), defeating No.9 Zvonareva en route for first Top 10 win

VAN UYTVANCK:

- Opened her 2021 season with a victory over No.68 Hsieh on Monday, dropping just two games in 59mins
- Faces No.15 Muguruza today in their fourth career meeting. Sole victory over the Spaniard came at 2018 Wimbledon, where Muguruza was the defending champion
- Has faced a Top 20 ranked opponent 30 times her career (2-28 career record), with wins coming over No.12 Ivanovic (2015 Luxembourg) and today's opponent, then-No.3 Muguruza (2018 Wimbledon)
- Bidding for her 100th career Tour-level victory with a win today (99-117 overall)
- Climbed as high as No.47 in 2020 – 10 spots shy of her career best of No.37 (achieved on August 13, 2018); season highlight was reaching SF at Lyon (l. eventual champion Kenin)
- In doubles last season, reached SF at Auckland and Hobart (both w/Flipkens), and Palermo (w/Minnen)
- Enjoyed one of best years of career in 2019, capturing two WTA titles, bringing career total to four, after lifting the trophy at Hungary (d. Vondrousova in F) and Tashkent (d. Cirstea in F)
- Standout result of 2018 was claiming her second Tour-level title at Budapest, dropping only one set in the final (d. Cibulkova in F)

- Scored sole Top 10 win of her career over No.3 and defending champion Muguruza during R16 run at 2018 Wimbledon (I. Kasatkina)
- Lifted first WTA singles title at 2017 Québec City (d. Babos in F)
- Reached two ITF singles finals in 2017, at \$100k ITF/Ilkley-GBR (I. Rybarikova in F) and \$100k ITF/Poitiers-FRA (I. Buzarnescu in F)
- Won 10th and 11th ITF singles titles in 2016, at \$50k ITF/Stockton-USA (d. Pivovarova in F) and \$50k ITF/Las Vegas-USA (d. Kenin in F)
- In 2015 made Grand Slam breakthrough with QF run at Roland Garros (I. Bacsinszky); broke into Top 50, at No.46, following the tournament (June 8, 2015)
- Also reached three Tour-level SFs in 2015, at Katowice (I. Schmiedlova), Seoul (I. Begu) and Luxembourg (I. Doi)
- Cracked the WTA Top 100 on November 11, 2013 (No.100)
- Won WTA 125 Series event in Chinese Taipei in 2013
- Belgian Billie Jean King Cup Team, 2012-19
- Owns 11 ITF singles titles and two ITF doubles titles
- Contested first WTA qualifying and main draw at 2011 Brussels, reaching 2r (I. Wickmayer)

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YARRA VALLEY CLASSIC – DAY FOUR

[1] ASHLEIGH BARTY (AUS #1) vs. [16] MARIE BOUZKOVA (CZE #52)

First career meeting

Barty playing her first tournament since 2020 Doha and is the sole Australian left in the field....
Bouzkova faces a reigning WTA World No.1 for the first time in her career today

JESSICA PEGULA (USA #64) vs. [2] SOFIA KENIN (USA #4)

Pegula leads 1-0

Pegula last defeated Kenin at 2018 Quebec City... **Kenin** bidding to extend her 8-match winning streak here at Melbourne Park after lifting the crown at last year's Australian Open

TSVETANA PIRONKOVA (BUL #137) vs. [5] SERENA WILLIAMS (USA #11)

Serena leads 5-0

Pironkova bidding to claim first win over Williams, having taken the first set in three of five of their previous meetings... **Williams** won her 73rd career title in last year's season opener at Auckland

[3] KAROLINA PLISKOVA (CZE #6) vs. [13] DANIELLE COLLINS (USA #46)

First career meeting

Pliskova has won a total of four titles in Australia, including last year at Brisbane...
Collins looking to record her fifth career win over a Top 10 ranked player

[1] ASHLEIGH BARTY (AUS #1) VS. [16] MARIE BOUZKOVA (CZE #52)

Head-to-head: First career meeting

BARTY		BOUZKOVA	
Career Prize Money	\$17,594,569	Career Prize Money	\$998,425
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	April 24, 1996 (24)	Date of Birth (Age)	July 21, 1998 (22)
Singles Titles	8	Singles Titles	0
Tournament W-L (MD)	1-0	Tournament W-L (MD)	2-0
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	1-0 / 153-65	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	2-0 / 21-26
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 47-19	3-Set (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 7-10
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 23-19	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 5-7
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 103-43	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	2-0 / 19-20
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 18-20	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 3-4
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 37-38	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 6-8
Left-Hand W-L (YTD/Career)	0-0 / 13-7	Left-Hand W-L (YTD/Career)	0-0 / 2-1
Coach	Craig Tyzzer	Coach	Cristian Requeni

BARTY:

- Playing in her first tournament since 2020 Doha where she reached SF (l. eventual R-Up Kvitova)
- Sole Australian remaining out of six who started the main draw (Gavrilova lost to S.Williams in 2r yesterday while Stosur, Inglis, Cabrera, Birrell all fell in 1r action)
- Following a 1r bye, fired 22 winners to dispatch No.93 Bogdan and advance to 3r
- Faces No.52 Bouzkova today for the first time – last fell to a player outside the Top 50 at 2020 Brisbane to No.53 Brady
- Contesting her 13th career tournament as the No.1 seed: as the top seed, has only fallen in tournament opener once (2020 Brisbane after 1r bye) and has come away as the champion three times (2018 Nottingham, 2019 WTA Finals, 2020 Adelaide)
- Also this week is seeded eighth in doubles with Brady – saw first competition of any kind in 11 months when the pair won their first round match over Fichman/Olmos (will face Jabeur/Mchale in 2r)
- Finished year-end No.1 for second year in a row in 2020, despite missing all tournaments held after the resumption of play in the summer
- Went 12-3 to start 2020 season, results highlighted by first title on home soil, and eighth overall at Adelaide (d. Yastremska in F). Followed up with SF runs at Australian Open (l. eventual champion Kenin) and Doha (l. Kvitova)
- Stellar season in 2019 brought four singles titles – including maiden major at Roland Garros (d. Vondrousova in F) and WTA Finals in Shenzhen (d. Svitolina in F); registered Tour-leading 57 match wins, with 11-6 record against Top 10 opponents

- Broke into Top 10 after defeating Ka.Pliskova in F at 2019 Miami (week of April 1) and became first Australian woman in 43 years to secure No.1 singles ranking after title run at Birmingham, where she defeated Goerges in F (June 24, 2019)
- Other highlights in 2019 included R-Up finishes at Sydney (scored first win over a reigning No.1, Halep, en route; I. Kvitova) and Beijing (I. Osaka) and reached SF at Cincinnati and Wuhan. In doubles, won Rome titles and was R-Up at US Open (both w/Azarenka)
- In 2019, spearheaded Australia to its first Billie Jean King Cup final since 1993, against France in Perth; went 1-1 in singles (d. Garcia, I. Mladenovic) and dropped decisive doubles (w/Stosur) as the French prevailed 3-2
- In 2018, won two singles titles and four doubles titles, finishing the season ranked No.15 in singles and No.7 in doubles; was one of only two players to finish the year in the Top 20 in both disciplines (along with Mertens)
- Captured first Grand Slam doubles trophy at 2018 US Open (w/Vandeweghe, d. No.1 seeds Krejickova/Siniakova in SF and No.2 seeds Mladenovic/Babos in F)
- Clinched career first WTA singles title at 2017 Kuala Lumpur (as qualifier, d. Hibino in F). Made Top 20 debut and became Australia's No.1 on October 23, 2017
- Qualified for WTA Finals in doubles in 2017 (w/Dellacqua) and 2018 (w/Vandeweghe)
- After 2014 US Open, took a break from tennis that lasted almost two years. Returned to professional tennis in 2016, having enjoyed a successful stint as an allrounder for the Brisbane Heat cricket team in the 2015-16 Women's Big Bash League
- During doubles partnership alongside compatriot Dellacqua, reached three Grand Slam doubles finals in 2013 (Australian Open, Wimbledon, US Open) and was also R-Up at Roland Garros in 2017
- Presented with Tennis Australia's Newcombe Medal prize in 2018 and 2019
- Made WTA main draw debut as WC at 2012 Hobart
- Won 2011 Wimbledon girls' singles title; finished season as world No.2 ranked junior behind Khromacheva
- Played first ITF Circuit event in hometown of Ipswich, Queensland in April 2010

BOUZKOVA:

- Opening 2021 season today at Yarra Valley Classic – marks first event since falling in Ostrava qualifying in October 2020
- During last year's Australian swing, came through three qualifying rounds at Brisbane but fell 1r (I. Keys), and also lost openers at Hobart (I. Bellis) and Australian Open (I. Osaka)
- Dropped just two games en route to a 1r win against Stosur – her first Tour-level win on Australian soil
- Outlasted Bolsova in 2r for a chance to face Barty in 3r, her first career meeting with a reigning World No.1

- Owns 2-1 record against Top 5 opponents, defeating No.4 Halep at 2019 Toronto and No.3 Svitolina at 2019 Guangzhou. Sole lost came against No.4 Osaka at 2020 Australian Open
- Before tour's hiatus in March 2020, advanced to first career WTA final at Monterrey where she finished R-Up to Svitolina – broke into Top 50 at career-high ranking of No.47 following the tournament (March 9, 2020)
- Other highlight of 2020 came at Lexington, where she made the fourth tour-level QF of her career (l. eventual champion Brady) and reached maiden WTA doubles final (w/Teichmann, l. Carter/Stefani)
- Standout performance of 2019 season was a SF run in her first Premier 5 appearance at Toronto (as qualifier, l. S.Williams in 3s); upset No.4 Halep and No.8 Stephens en route – her first career wins over players inside Top 20
- Also in 2019, made QF at Guangzhou and was R-Up at WTA 125K Series event at Guadalajara. Lifted 12th and biggest title of career on ITF Circuit, at \$80K Nur-Sultan-KAZ (d. Kostic in F); broke into the Top 100 for the first time at No.92 following the tournament (on July 22)
- Won first Slam main draw match during 2r showing at 2019 Wimbledon (as LL, d. Barthel, l. Sakkari)
- Highlights of 2018 season were winning maiden tour-level match during 2r showing at Québec City (as qualifier, l. Lepchenko) and qualifying for first Grand Slam at US Open, where she fell in 1r (l. Bogdan)
- Fell 1r on WTA main draw debut at 2015 Acapulco (as wildcard, l. Karatantcheva)

- Professional debut was opening round loss in qualifying at 2013 Katowice

- Girls' singles champion at 2014 US Open (d. Kalinina in F)

JESSICA PEGULA (USA #64) VS. [2] SOFIA KENIN (USA #4)

Head-to-head: PEGULA leads 1-0

2018 QUEBEC CITY CARPET I SF JESSICA PEGULA 4-6 6-2 6-4

PEGULA		KENIN	
Career Prize Money	\$1,364,219	Career Prize Money	\$7,221,702
Plays	Right-Handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Feb. 24, 1994 (26)	Date of Birth (Age)	Nov. 14, 1998 (22)
Singles Titles	1	Singles Titles	5
Tournament W-L (MD)	2-0	Tournament W-L (MD)	1-0
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	2-1 / 34-35	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	4-1 / 97-54
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 14-11	3-Set (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 37-20
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 15-10	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	2-0 / 27-16
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	2-1 / 26-20	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	4-1 / 75-38
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 0-5	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 8-14
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 3-9	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 16-25
Left-Hand W-L (YTD/Career)	0-0 / 2-4	Left-Hand W-L (YTD/Career)	0-0 / 5-2
Coach	David Witt	Coach	Alexander Kenin

PEGULA:

- One of five Americans to reach R16 this week at Yarra Valley Classic (also Kenin, S.Williams, Rogers and Collins)
- Enters Melbourne following a 1r loss to No.5 Svitolina at Abu Dhabi
- Defeated Mladenovic in 1r to record her first win since last September at 2020 US Open
- Rallied past Barthel in 2r to set up an all-American clash against No.4 Kenin – owns one Tour-level win against her compatriot, which occurred en route to the final at 2018 Quebec City (as a qualifier, I. Parmentier in F)
- Has lost all five career meetings with Top 10 opponents in straight sets: No.4 A.Radwanska (2016 US Open), No.8 Barty (2019 Roland Garros), No.4 Osaka (2019 Beijing), No.10 S.Williams (2020 Auckland) and No.5 Svitolina (2021 Abu Dhabi)
- In terms of ranking, best career win came over No.11 Sabalenka at 2020 Western & Southern Open
- Began 2020 season with runner-up finish at Auckland (I. S.Williams)
- Other standout results last season were a QF at Western & Southern Open (as qualifier, I. Mertens) and a 3r showing at US Open (I. Kvitova)
- On the doubles court in 2020, reached QFs of Roland Garros (w/Muhammad) and Cincinnati (w/Rogers)
- Won her first WTA title at 2019 Washington DC (d. Giorgi in F) to reach a career high ranking of No.55 (August 5, 2019)

- Also in 2019, fell 1r on main draw debut at Roland Garros (l. eventual champion Barty) and Wimbledon (l. Buzarnescu) and Miami (as a qualifier, l. Konta)
- Broke into Top 100 for the first time on February 4, 2019 following back-to-back R-Up finishes at WTA 125K Series event at Newport Beach and \$100K ITF/Midland-MI, USA
- Highlights of 2018 included finishing runner-up as a qualifier at Quebec City (l. Parmentier in F), recording SF finish at Houston WTA 125K (l. S.Peng) and reaching QF or better at 10 ITF events
- Won doubles title w/Manasse at 2018 Houston 125K (d. Krawczyk/Olmos in F)
- Did not play between January and August 2017 after undergoing hip surgery. Primarily played at ITF events for the rest of the year, winning two doubles titles with Townsend
- Played a mixture of WTA and ITF Circuit events in 2016 with highlight coming at Washington DC, where she defeated No.14 Stosur for first Top 20 win of career on her way to a SF finish (l. Davis)
- Reached 2r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2015 US Open (as qualifier, d. Van Uytvanck, l. Cibulkova)
- Sideline from tennis for a year and a half between 2013 and 2015 due to a right knee injury
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2009 Ponte Vedra Beach and WTA main draw debut at 2012 Indian Wells

KENIN:

- Competing in the Yarra Valley Classic at career high ranking of No.4 and as one of a tournament leading seven Americans to begin the main draw (five have advanced to 3r)
- After 1r bye, secured a safe passage into 3r after No.76 Giorgi retired due to a left thigh injury – prior to her retirement, Kenin had secured the first set at 7-5
- Today, faces No.64 Pegula for a second time on the WTA Tour. Looks to avenge 2018 Quebec City loss to the fellow American and extend her 8 match winning streak at Melbourne Park
- Suffered only two losses to players outside the Top 50 last year: No.54 Swiatek in the championship match at Roland Garros and No.60 Cornet in 2r of Western & Southern Open
- Win over Giorgi marked her 75th career win on hardcourts and is now only three match wins away from earning milestone 100th career WTA main draw victory
- Has seen success in Australia before, winning her first WTA title at 2019 Hobart (d. Schmiedlova in F) and going on to lift maiden major title at 2020 Australian Open (d. Muguruza in F)
- Twelve months ago, opened season with 2r exits at Brisbane and Adelaide before championship run here in Melbourne
- Coming off QF showing to begin season at Abu Dhabi – defeating Z.Yang, Flipkens and Putintseva before falling to No.22 Sakkari
- Ended 2020 campaign at career high of No.4 which she first hit on March 9, 2020 and came away with the 2020 WTA Player of the Year Award; was also the season's top prize money earner coming away with \$4,302,970

- In last tournament of season, finished R-Up at Roland Garros (l. Swiatek) for her first final appearance on clay
- Reached R16 at US Open and was one of only two players (also Kvitova) to reach second week of all three Slams in 2020
- Lifted fifth WTA singles title at Lyon (d. Friedsam in F) becoming the first player in 2020 to win a second title
- Won maiden major at 2020 Australian Open (d. Muguruza in F) to become the youngest champion (21y, 80d) in Melbourne since Sharapova (20y, 283d) in 2008. Defeated No.1 Barty and home favorite in SF for third career win over a reigning World No.1
- Australian Open run helped her break into the Top 10 for the first time at No.7 on February 3, 2020
- Won 2019 WTA Most Improved Player of the Year award after winning three WTA titles at Hobart (d. Schmiedlova in F), Mallorca (d. Bencic in F) and Guangzhou (d. Stosur in F)
- Finished 2019 at No.14 as US No.2 (behind No.9 S.Williams) and leader in hard court wins (38-tied w/Barty)
- Registered back-to-back SF runs at Toronto (l. eventual champion Andreescu) and Cincinnati (l. eventual champion Keys), subsequently leading to Top 20 debut at No.20 on August 19, 2019
- During this run, defeated No.1 Barty (Toronto) and No.1 Osaka (Cincinnati) to become first player since October 2001 to defeat World No.1s in consecutive weeks (Davenport); also became youngest American to defeat reigning No.1 in eight years (after McHale)
- Advanced to R16 at 2019 Roland Garros (d. S.Williams, l. eventual champion Barty) – became first American to defeat Serena at the majors since Stephens at 2013 Australian Open QF
- Also won maiden doubles titles in 2019 at Auckland (w/Bouchard) and Beijing (w/Mattek-Sands)
- Broke into the Top 100 on March 19, 2018 and Top 50 on October 8, 2018
- Member of US Billie Jean King Cup team from 2018-20
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2015 US Open as a wildcard (l. Duque-Mariño in 1r)
- Owns four ITF singles titles and two doubles titles
- Played first matches of career on ITF Circuit in 2013, climbing to No.2 in ITF World Junior Rankings
- Represented the USA at the 2014 Youth Olympic Games and competed at the 2016 ITF Junior Masters, both held in China

TSVETANA PIRONKOVA (BUL #137) VS. [5] SERENA WILLIAMS (USA #11)

Head-to-head: S.WILLIAMS leads 5-0

2020	ROLAND GARROS	CLAY O	R64	TSVETANA PIRONKOVVA	W/O
2020	US OPEN	HARD O	QF	SERENA WILLIAMS	4-6 6-3 6-2
2015	CINCINNATI	HARD O	R32	SERENA WILLIAMS	7-5 6-3
2014	BEIJING	HARD O	R32	SERENA WILLIAMS	6-2 6-3
2011	EASTBOURNE	GRASS O	R32	SERENA WILLIAMS	1-6 6-3 6-4
2007	ROLAND GARROS	CLAY O	R128	SERENA WILLIAMS	5-7 6-1 6-1

PIRONKOVA		S.WILLIAMS	
Career Prize Money	\$5,061,362	Career Prize Money	\$93,634,967
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Sept. 13, 1987 (33)	Date of Birth (Age)	Sept. 26, 1981 (39)
Singles Titles	1	Singles Titles	73
Tournament W-L (MD)	2-0	Tournament W-L (MD)	1-0
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	2-0 / 169-220	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	1-0 / 844-143
3-Set (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 38-75	3-Set (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 166-64
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 51-39	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 112-57
Hard Court (YTD / Career)	2-0 / 86-127	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 523-89
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 12-37	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 175-72
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 22-82	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 306-98
Coach	Encho Pironkov	Coach	Patrick Mouratoglou

PIRONKOVA:

- Opened her Yarra Valley Classic campaign against Samsonova, dropping three games in just over an hour before ousting No.9 seed Vekic in 2r in three sets
- Faces No.11 S.Williams today in their sixth career meeting. Bidding to claim her first win over the American, having taken the first set in three of their five previous meetings, most recently at the 2020 US Open – her first tournament following a three-year break to give birth to her son
- Owns 22-82 career record vs. Top 20 ranked players, most recently defeating No.16 Muguruza at 2020 US Open. Prior to 2020, her last win over such players came against No.18 Errani and No.2 A.Radwanska en route to 2016 Roland Garros QF
- Kicked off her 2021 season by qualifying for the Australian Open in Dubai, defeating Okamura, Han and Gasparyan to reach the main draw
- Returned to tennis at 2020 US Open where she made QF (l. S. Williams), after a three-year break to give birth and raise son Alexander (born April 2018)
- At Flushing Meadows - her first tournament since 2017 Wimbledon - upset No.16 Muguruza and No.18 en route to QF
- In only other tournament of 2020, made 3r at Roland Garros
- Finished 2017 ranked No.162. Of her 16 year-end rankings, has ended the year outside the Top 100 only on five occasions

- Season highlights of 2017 were reaching QF at Nottingham (I. Safarova) and R16 at Eastbourne (I. Halep)
- Highlight of 2016 was first Grand Slam QF in five years, at Roland Garros (I. Stosur). Was only the sixth major where she has achieved back-to-back wins during her career (after 2010 Wimbledon, 2011 Wimbledon, 2012 US Open, 2013 Wimbledon and 2015 Roland Garros). Now also 2020 US Open (QF)
- Represented Bulgaria at the 2016 Rio Olympics, making 1r exit in singles (I. Siegemund)
- Owns one career singles title at 2014 Sydney (as qualifier, achieved three Top 10 wins: vs. No.7 Errani in QF, No.6 Kvitova in SF and No.9 Kerber in F). Ranked No.107 at time, was the lowest-ranked player to win a title in 2014
- Competed in front of home fans at Tournament of Champions-Sofia in 2012 (SF) and 2014 (RR)
- In 2010 rose as high as No.31 the week of September 13
- Became first player representing Bulgaria (male or female) to reach a Grand Slam SF when she advanced to last four at 2010 Wimbledon. Defeated No.13 Bartoli and No.2 V.Williams en route before falling to Zvonareva)
- Did not miss a major between making her debut at 2006 Australian Open through 2017 Wimbledon
- Bulgarian Fed Cup Team, 2003-13, 2015-16; Bulgarian Olympic Team, 2008, 2012, 2016

S.WILLIAMS:

- Opened Australian swing by defeating World No.3 Osaka during an Adelaide exhibition tournament on Friday, closing out the match in a third-set tie break at 6-2, 2-6, 10-7
- Following a 1r bye, defeated Australian wildcard No.451 Gavrilova on Monday in her first match since withdrawing ahead of her 2020 Roland Garros 2r match against today's opponent No.137 Pironkova due to an Achilles injury
- Owns 5-0 career record vs. the Bulgarian, including 3-0 on hardcourts, most recently defeating her en route to the 2020 US Open SF (I. Azarenka)
- Her last loss to a player ranked outside the Top 100 was against No.116 Rogers (2020 Lexington)
- Captured 73rd career title to begin 2020 campaign at Auckland before advancing to 3r at the Australian Open (I. Q.Wang)
- Winner of 13 major titles on hard courts – most of any player in Open Era; across all WTA events, has won 47 hard court titles, more than any other active player
- With 73 career singles titles, ranks fifth on the Open Era list of most titles, after Martina Navratilova (167), Chris Evert (154), Steffi Graf (107) and Margaret Court (92)
- Highlights of 2019 season were her 32nd and 33rd Grand Slam finals, at Wimbledon (I. Halep) and US Open (I. Andreescu)

- Reached one further final in 2019 at Toronto (ret. vs. Andreescu w/back injury). Ended 2019 ranked No.10, her first year-end finish inside the elite ranking bracket since 2016 (at No.2)
- Other highlights of 2019 were reaching QF at Australian Open and partnering with Andy Murray to contest Mixed Doubles at Wimbledon (reaching 3r)
- Defeated World No.1 Halep in R16 at 2019 Australian Open – at 37 years, is oldest player to defeat the reigning World No.1. Has registered 17 career wins over (eight different) No.1 ranked players, second-most behind Navratilova (18)
- Reached two Grand Slam finals in 2018, at Wimbledon (l. Kerber) and US Open (l. Osaka). Made return to Tour following birth of daughter Olympia at 2018 Indian Wells
- Ended 2017 ranked No.22, despite playing only two events all season, and both in January. Broke streak of 10 consecutive Top 20 finishes. Overall, has 16 Top 10 finishes to her name (most recently in 2019) – third-most behind Navratilova (20) and Evert (19) – including five as the year-end No.1
- Holds distinction of being the oldest No.1 in WTA history – set record when most recent streak began on February 18, 2013. Spent her 319th week at No.1 in May 2017. Third on all-time list after Graf's 377 and Navratilova's 332
- Held the top ranking for 186 consecutive weeks (through 2016 US Open) which equaled the record held by Graf (186 weeks, August 17, 1986 through March 10, 1991)
- Holds single-season prize money record of \$12,385,572, achieved in 2013, when she compiled a 78-4 win-loss record and won 11 tournaments (including two Slams and WTA Finals)
- Singles gold medalist at London 2012 Olympics
- Along w/sister Venus held all four Grand Slam titles at same time, from 2009 Wimbledon through 2010 Roland Garros – third pair to do so (also Navratilova/Shriver and Fernandez/Zvereva). Also teamed with Venus to win three Olympic gold medals: 2000 Sydney, 2008 Beijing and 2012 London
- Spent eight weeks as co-No.1 in doubles (w/V. Williams); one of six players to hold No.1 in singles and doubles simultaneously (also Navratilova, Hingis, Sánchez Vicario, Davenport and Clijsters)
- On Grand Slam debut, at 1998 Australian Open, upset No.6 seed Spileta in 1r before falling to sister Venus in 2r.
- Ended 1997 season by winning first WTA main draw matches during SF run at Chicago (l. Davenport).
- WTA main draw debut ended in 1r defeat at 1997 Moscow (as qualifier, l. Po)
- First match of career was defeat to Annie Miller in qualifying at 1995 Québec City

[3] KAROLINA PLISKOVA (CZE #6) VS. [13] DANIELLE COLLINS (USA #46)

Head-to-head: First career meeting

PLISKOVA		COLLINS	
Career Prize Money	\$20,401,433	Career Prize Money	\$2,953,097
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	March 21, 1992 (28)	Date of Birth (Age)	Dec. 13, 1993 (27)
Singles Titles	16	Singles Titles	0
Tournament W-L (MD)	1-0	Tournament W-L (MD)	2-0
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	2-1 / 325-168	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	2-0 / 48-44
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 102-57	3-Set (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 18-16
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 65-71	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 10-8
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	2-1 / 230-113	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	2-0 / 32-29
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 32-40	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 4-11
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 64-73	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 12-19
Coach	Sascha Bajin	Coach	Tom Couch

PLISKOVA:

- One of four Czech players this week to reach the R16 at the Yarra Valley Classic – also Bouzkova, Kvitova and Vondrousova – from five in the starting field (Kr.Pliskova fell to Zvonareva in 1r)
- Following a 1r bye, defeated No.132 Cocciaretto in straight sets and without dropping serve
- Faces No.46 Collins today in their career first meeting. Has won her last 11 meetings against American opposition, with wins over Brengle and S.Williams (2019 Australian Open), Riske (2019 Dubai), Kenin (2019 Rome), Brengle (2019 Roland Garros), Riske (2019 Toronto), Kenin (2019 Zhengzhou), Anisimova (2019 Wuhan), Riske and Keys (2020 Brisbane) and Pera (2020 Doha). Her last loss to an American was against Stephens at 2018 WTA Finals in Singapore
- Looking for back-to-back wins for the first time since 2020 Rome (l. Halep in F via ret.)
- Last year went 6-1 during Australian swing highlighted by title run at Brisbane (d. Keys in F) followed by 3r showing at Australian Open (l. Pavlyuchenkova). Also lifted the Brisbane titles in 2017 and 2019
- Opened 2021 season at Abu Dhabi defeating lucky loser Papamichail in 1r before falling to qualifier Gasanova in 2r for her first defeat from a player outside the Top 50 since 2019 Beijing (l. No.73 Ostapenko)
- Reached an additional final in 2020 at Rome (l. Halep via ret.). Has won at least one title every year from 2013 to 2020
- Lifted a WTA-leading four titles across the 2019 season (tied with Barty) – triumphed at Brisbane, Rome, Eastbourne and Zhengzhou. Dropped 19 games across five matches during Eastbourne title win (d. Kerber in F) – most economic title run in 2019
- Also reached first Premier Mandatory final at Miami, losing to Barty in straight sets, and produced best Australian Open performance of career, reaching SF (l. eventual champion Osaka in 3s); saved four match points to beat S.Williams in QF

- Lost to twin sister Kr.Pliskova in 2r at Birmingham, in what was their first career main draw encounter
- Made fourth straight appearance at the WTA Finals in 2019, reaching SF for the third year in a row
- Won two titles in 2018 from three finals contested, triumphing at Stuttgart (d. Vandeweghe in F) and Tokyo [PPO] (d. Osaka in F). Posted R-Up finish in Tianjin (l. Garcia in F)
- Won Billie Jean King Cup for Czech Republic in 2015-16 and 2018
- Claimed No.1 ranking on July 17, 2017 despite making 2r exit at Wimbledon (l. Rybarikova). Was the first Czech woman to achieve the No.1 ranking since the computer rankings were introduced in 1975 (Martina Navratilova became No.1 on July 10, 1978 while representing USA)
- Won three titles in 2017, at Brisbane (d. Cornet in F), Doha (d. Wozniacki in F) and Eastbourne (d. Wozniacki in F)
- Is a Grand Slam finalist, reaching the title match at 2016 US Open (l. Kerber)
- Captured fifth WTA doubles title of career at 2016 Birmingham (w/Strycova). At 2013 Linz, with sister Kristyna, became first set of twins to ever win a tour-level doubles title
- Made Top 10 debut after 2015 Stanford R-Up finish; was first time in WTA history that three Czech women ranked inside Top 10 at the same time (also Kvitova and Safarova)
- Scored first Top 20 win of her career over No.16 Petrova in 1r at 2013 Wimbledon
- Won first career WTA title at 2013 Kuala Lumpur (d. Mattek-Sands) and followed it up with two more in 2014 Seoul (d. Lepchenko) and 2014 Linz (d. Giorgi)
- Reached first WTA QF as WC at 2008 Prague (l. Azarenka)
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in 2006

COLLINS:

- One of five Americans to reach the R16 this week – also Kenin, Pegula, Rogers and S.Williams – from a tournament-leading eight in the starting field
- Opened her 2021 campaign this week with back-to-back straight sets wins over Bonaventure on Sunday and Stojanovic on Monday, only dropping serve once in each of the matches
- Faces No.6 Ka.Pliskova today in their career first meeting. Aiming for her fifth career win over a Top 10 ranked player (4-11 overall), most recently falling to No.6 Kenin at 2020 Roland Garros. Her last win vs. such opponents came over No.7 Bencic (2020 Adelaide)
- Enjoyed a strong start in Australia in 2020, reaching the QF at Brisbane (l. Keys) and SF at Adelaide (l. Barty) and earning victories over Top 20 players Svitolina (Brisbane), Kenin and Bencic (both at Adelaide)
- Made her best Grand Slam run on Australian soil, advancing to the final four at Melbourne Park in 2019, defeating former champion Kerber in R16 (l. eventual R-Up Kvitova)
- Made QF at 2020 Roland Garros for first time upsetting No.15 Muguruza and No.35 Jabeur en route (l. eventual R-Up Kenin)

- Began 2020 with SF at Adelaide (l. eventual champion Barty) and QF at Brisbane (l. Keys) – scored third and fourth career Top 10 wins over No.5 Svitolina (Brisbane) and No.7 Bencic (Adelaide)
- Produced Grand Slam breakthrough at 2019 Australian Open, advancing to SF (l. Kvitova); had never won a major match in five previous Grand Slam appearances
- Scored first Top 5 win of her career against No.2 Kerber in R16 at 2019 Australian Open
- Rose to career-high No.23 following Melbourne run (January 28, 2019)
- Posted five Top 20 wins in 2019, over No.13 Goerges, No.19 Garcia and No.2 Kerber (all at Australian Open), No.12 Wozniacki (Rome) and No.12 Sevastova (Wimbledon)
- Season highlight in 2018 was at Miami where she became first qualifier to reach SF (l. Ostapenko), scoring first Top 10 win over No.8 V.Williams en route. Earned USD\$327,965 by reaching the last four in Miami, more than doubling her career earnings at the time
- Posted first tour-level wins during R16 run at 2018 Indian Wells (l. Suárez Navarro), including first Top 50 win over No.15 Keys in 2r
- Won first title at WTA125K event in Newport Beach in 2018 (d. Zhuk in F)
- Fell 1r at WTA main draw debut at 2014 US Open (l. Halep)
- Owns four singles titles on ITF Circuit
- Part of US Billie Jean King Cup team in 2019
- Played collegiate tennis at the University of Virginia (transferred from the University of Florida after her freshman year) winning the NCAA singles title twice in 2014 and 2016

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YARRA VALLEY CLASSIC – QUARTERFINALS

[1] ASHLEIGH BARTY (AUS #1) vs. SHELBY ROGERS (USA #60)

Barty leads 1-0

Rogers is the only unseeded player remaining in the draw and has already taken out two seeded players this week... **Barty** has fallen to a player outside the Top 50 only four times in the last two years... **Rogers** facing a reigning World No.1 for third time in career owning an 0-2 record

[13] DANIELLE COLLINS (USA #46) vs. [5] SERENA WILLIAMS (USA #11)

First career meeting

Collins coming off fifth Top 10 win of career over No.3 seed Ka.Pliskova in 3r... **Williams** notched 8-1 record against fellow Americans last year... A win today would mark **Collins's** milestone 50th WTA career main draw victory

[6] GARBIÑE MUGURUZA (ESP #15) vs. [2] SOFIA KENIN (USA #4)

Kenin leads 2-0

The two face off today in a rematch of 2020 Australian Open final... **Muguruza** defeated three Top 10 opponents en route to that final match here last year... **Kenin** has won a total of two titles in Australian including last year's Australian Open and 2019 Hobart... **Muguruza** has dropped only five games through two matches all week

[8] MARKETA VONDROUSOVA (CZE #21) vs. [14] NADIA PODOROSKA (ARG #47)

Vondrousova leads 1-0

Podoroska coming off win against another Czech leftie when she upset No.9 Kvitova in her first career match-up against a left-handed player... **Vondrousova** defeated the Argentine back in qualifying of 2017 Roland Garros... **Podoroska** owns 3-1 record against opponents in the Top 30

[1] ASHLEIGH BARTY (AUS #1) VS. SHELBY ROGERS (USA #60)

Head-to-head: BARTY leads 1-0

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BARTY		Rogers	
Career Prize Money	\$17,594,569	Career Prize Money	\$2,929,862
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	April 24, 1996 (24)	Date of Birth (Age)	Oct.13, 1992 (28)
Singles Titles	8	Singles Titles	0
Tournament W-L (MD)	2-0	Tournament W-L (MD)	3-0
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	2-0 / 154-65	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	3-0 / 68-80
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 48-19	3-Set (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 24-35
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 23-19	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 26-21
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	2-0 / 104-43	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	3-0 / 36-45
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 18-20	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 3-9
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 38-38	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 13-22
Left-Hand W-L (YTD/Career)	0-0 / 13-7	Left-Hand W-L (YTD/Career)	0-0 / 8-3
Coach	Craig Tytzer	Coach	Mark Gellard

BARTY:

- Playing in her first tournament since 2020 Doha where she reached SF (l. eventual R-Up Kvitova)
- Sole Australian remaining out of six who started the main draw (Gavrilova lost to S.Williams in 2r yesterday while Stosur, Inglis, Cabrera, Birrell all fell in 1r action)
- Following a 1r bye, fired 22 winners to dispatch No.93 Bogdan; went on to defeat No.52 Bouzkova after being pushed to a deciding set in 3r
- Faces No.60 Rogers in today's QF action for their second career meeting – last met the American here in Melbourne Park during the 2017 Australian Open, defeating her in straight sets before falling to Barthel in 3r
- Last fell to a player outside the Top 50 at 2020 Brisbane to No.53 Brady
- Contesting her 13th career tournament as the No.1 seed: as the top seed, has only fallen in tournament opener once (2020 Brisbane after 1r bye) and has come away as the champion three times (2018 Nottingham, 2019 WTA Finals, 2020 Adelaide)
- Also this week is seeded eighth in doubles with Brady – saw first competition of any kind in 11 months when the pair won their first round match over Fichman/Olmos. Went on to defeat Jabeur/Mchale in 2r and are now set to face No.2 seeds Melichar/Schuurs in 3r
- Finished year-end No.1 for second year in a row in 2020, despite missing all tournaments held after the resumption of play in the summer
- Went 12-3 to start 2020 season, results highlighted by first title on home soil, and eighth overall at Adelaide (d. Yastremska in F). Followed up with SF runs at Australian Open (l. eventual champion Kenin) and Doha (l. Kvitova)
- Stellar season in 2019 brought four singles titles – including maiden major at Roland Garros (d. Vondrousova in F) and WTA Finals in Shenzhen (d. Svitolina in F); registered Tour-leading 57 match wins, with 11-6 record against Top 10 opponents
- Broke into Top 10 after defeating Ka.Pliskova in F at 2019 Miami (week of April 1) and became first Australian woman in 43 years to secure No.1 singles ranking after title run at Birmingham, where she defeated Goerges in F (June 24, 2019)

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- Other highlights in 2019 included R-Up finishes at Sydney (scored first win over a reigning No.1, Halep, en route; I. Kvitova) and Beijing (I. Osaka) and reached SF at Cincinnati and Wuhan. In doubles, won Rome titles and was R-Up at US Open (both w/Azarenka)
- In 2019, spearheaded Australia to its first Billie Jean King Cup final since 1993, against France in Perth; went 1-1 in singles (d. Garcia, I. Mladenovic) and dropped decisive doubles (w/Stosur) as the French prevailed 3-2
- In 2018, won two singles titles and four doubles titles, finishing the season ranked No.15 in singles and No.7 in doubles; was one of only two players to finish the year in the Top 20 in both disciplines (along with Mertens)
- Captured first Grand Slam doubles trophy at 2018 US Open (w/Vandeweghe, d. No.1 seeds Krejčíková/Siniakova in SF and No.2 seeds Mladenovic/Babos in F)
- Clinched career first WTA singles title at 2017 Kuala Lumpur (as qualifier, d. Hibino in F). Made Top 20 debut and became Australia's No.1 on October 23, 2017
- Qualified for WTA Finals in doubles in 2017 (w/Dellacqua) and 2018 (w/Vandeweghe)
- After 2014 US Open, took a break from tennis that lasted almost two years. Returned to professional tennis in 2016, having enjoyed a successful stint as an allrounder for the Brisbane Heat cricket team in the 2015-16 Women's Big Bash League
- During doubles partnership alongside compatriot Dellacqua, reached three Grand Slam doubles finals in 2013 (Australian Open, Wimbledon, US Open) and was also R-Up at Roland Garros in 2017
- Presented with Tennis Australia's Newcombe Medal prize in 2018 and 2019
- Made WTA main draw debut as WC at 2012 Hobart
- Won 2011 Wimbledon girls' singles title; finished season as world No.2 ranked junior behind Khromacheva
- Played first ITF Circuit event in hometown of Ipswich, Queensland in April 2010

ROGERS:

- One of four Americans to reach the QFs this week – also Kenin, Collins and S.Williams – from a tournament-leading eight in the starting field
- Opened her 2021 campaign this week with a straight sets wins over No.43 Ferro
- Battled past Peterson in 2r before ousting No.18 Martić, her first Top 20 scalp since QF run at 2020 US Open where she defeated No.17 Rybakina and No.12 Kvitova
- Takes on reigning World No.1 Barty in today's QF – looking to improve 1-6 record against Top 5 opposition, with sole victory coming against No.4 Halep at the 2017 Australian Open. Following her win over Halep, fell to today's opponent, then-No.223 Barty
- Has previously faced a reigning World No.1 on two occasions: both times were against No.1 Kerber in the 3r at 2017 Miami (6-4, 7-5) and 2017 Wimbledon (4-6, 7-6(2), 6-4)
- Produced career best year-end finish in 2020 at No.58, on the heels of SF appearance at Lexington (d. S.Williams in 2r, I. Teichmann) and QF at US Open (d. Kvitova, I. eventual champion Osaka) – marked second career Slam QF appearance (also 2016 Roland Garros)
- In 2019, made return from injury at Charleston where she reached 2r (I. Ostapenko). Also posted 2r showings at Roland Garros and Mallorca and fell 1r six occasions and reached one ITF Circuit final
- Fell 1r in only two tournaments played in 2018 at Australian Open and Indian Wells - injured left knee in loss to Dolehide at Indian Wells, requiring surgery in the summer

MATCH NOTES: YARRA VALLEY CLASSIC

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- In 2017, posted third Top 100 season and year-end finish of No.59. Year highlighted by reaching QFs at Charleston, Hobart and Strasbourg. Achieved career-high ranking of No.48 on January 30, 2017
- Also, played all three ties to help USA win its first Fed Cup in 17 years, winning decisive doubles rubber (w/Vandeweghe) in final against Belarus
- In 2017 US Open 2r, d. No.25 seed Gavrilova 7-6(6), 4-6, 7-6(5), in a match that took 3 hours, 33 minutes, setting a record for the longest women's match in US Open history
- Appeared in two WTA singles finals, at 2016 Rio de Janeiro (l. Schiavone) and at 2014 Bad Gastein (d. No.16 Suárez Navarro and No.14 Errani en route, l. Petkovic)
- One-time doubles runner-up, at 2015 Bogotá (w/Falconi)
- Participated in 2014 WTA Finals Rising Stars Invitational in Singapore (along with Diyas, Puig and Zheng)
- Made Top 100 for first time on August 11, 2014
- Won first WTA level match at 2013 Strasbourg (d. Domachowska)
- Winner of five singles titles and two doubles titles on ITF Circuit, where she made professional debut in United States in 2009, at age 16

[13] DANIELLE COLLINS (USA #46) VS. [5] SERENA WILLIAMS (USA #11)

Head-to-head: *First career meeting*

COLLINS		S.WILLIAMS	
Career Prize Money	\$2,953,097	Career Prize Money	\$93,634,967
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Dec. 13, 1993 (27)	Date of Birth (Age)	Sept. 26, 1981 (39)
Singles Titles	0	Singles Titles	73
Tournament W-L (MD)	3-0	Tournament W-L (MD)	2-0
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	3-0 / 49-44	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	2-0 / 845-143
3-Set (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 18-16	3-Set (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 166-64
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	2-0 / 12-8	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 112-57
Hard Court (YTD / Career)	3-0 / 33-29	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	2-0 / 524-89
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Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 13-19	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 306-98
Left-Hand W-L (YTD/Career)	0-0 / 2-4	Left-Hand W-L (YTD/Career)	0-0 / 25-5
Coach	Tom Couch	Coach	Patrick Mouratoglou

COLLINS:

- One of four Americans to reach the QFs this week – also Kenin, Rogers and S.Williams – from a tournament-leading eight in the starting field
- Opened her 2021 campaign this week with back-to-back straight sets wins over Bonaventure on Sunday and Stojanovic on Monday, only dropping serve once in each of the matches
- Won back-to-back tie-break sets to defeat No.6 Ka.Pliskova for a third straight sets win this week
- Defeat of Ka.Pliskova marks the American's fifth career win over a Top 10 ranked player (now 5-11 overall)
- Today, in an all-American showdown, faces No.11 S.Williams for their first career meeting
- Last year, posted 1-2 record against American opposition – falling to Keys at Brisbane and defeating Kenin at Adelaide before Kenin avenged her loss during the Roland Garros QFs
- Bidding to record her milestone 50th main draw career match win
- Enjoyed a strong start in Australia in 2020, reaching the QF at Brisbane (l. Keys) and SF at Adelaide (l. Barty) and earning victories over Top 20 players Svitolina (Brisbane), Kenin and Bencic (both at Adelaide)
- Made her best Grand Slam run on Australian soil, advancing to the final four at Melbourne Park in 2019, defeating former champion Kerber in R16 (l. eventual R-Up Kvitova)
- Made QF at 2020 Roland Garros for first time upsetting No.15 Muguruza and No.35 Jabeur en route (l. eventual R-Up Kenin)
- Began 2020 with SF at Adelaide (l. eventual champion Barty) and QF at Brisbane (l. Keys) – scored third and fourth career Top 10 wins over No.5 Svitolina (Brisbane) and No.7 Bencic (Adelaide)
- Produced Grand Slam breakthrough at 2019 Australian Open, advancing to SF (l. Kvitova); had never won a major match in five previous Grand Slam appearances
- Scored first Top 5 win of her career against No.2 Kerber in R16 at 2019 Australian Open
- Rose to career-high No.23 following Melbourne run (January 28, 2019)
- Posted five Top 20 wins in 2019, over No.13 Goerges, No.19 Garcia and No.2 Kerber (all at Australian Open), No.12 Wozniacki (Rome) and No.12 Sevastova (Wimbledon)

- Season highlight in 2018 was at Miami where she became first qualifier to reach SF (I. Ostapenko), scoring first Top 10 win over No.8 V.Williams en route. Earned USD\$327,965 by reaching the last four in Miami, more than doubling her career earnings at the time
- Posted first tour-level wins during R16 run at 2018 Indian Wells (I. Suárez Navarro), including first Top 50 win over No.15 Keys in 2r
- Won first title at WTA125K event in Newport Beach in 2018 (d. Zhuk in F)
- Fell 1r at WTA main draw debut at 2014 US Open (I. Halep)
- Owns four singles titles on ITF Circuit
- Part of US Billie Jean King Cup team in 2019
- Played collegiate tennis at the University of Virginia (transferred from the University of Florida after her freshman year) winning the NCAA singles title twice in 2014 and 2016

S.WILLIAMS:

- Opened Australian swing by defeating World No.3 Osaka during an Adelaide exhibition tournament on Friday, closing out the match in a third-set tie break at 6-2, 2-6,10-7
- Following a 1r bye, defeated Australian wildcard No.451 Gavrilova on Monday in her first match since withdrawing ahead of her 2020 Roland Garros 2r match against this week's R16 opponent No.137 Pironkova due to an Achilles injury
- Defeated Pironkova in straight sets to extend her record against the Bulgarian to an impeccable 6-0
- In today's QF match, faces No.46 Collins – accumulated 8-1 record against fellow Americans throughout the 2020 season with sole loss coming against Rogers at Lexington, who she could potentially face in the final four this week
- Captured 73rd career title to begin 2020 campaign at Auckland before advancing to 3r at the Australian Open (I. Q.Wang)
- Winner of 13 major titles on hard courts – most of any player in Open Era; across all WTA events, has won 47 hard court titles, more than any other active player
- With 73 career singles titles, ranks fifth on the Open Era list of most titles, after Martina Navratilova (167), Chris Evert (154), Steffi Graf (107) and Margaret Court (92)
- Highlights of 2019 season were her 32nd and 33rd Grand Slam finals, at Wimbledon (I. Halep) and US Open (I. Andreescu)
- Reached one further final in 2019 at Toronto (ret. vs. Andreescu w/back injury). Ended 2019 ranked No.10, her first year-end finish inside the elite ranking bracket since 2016 (at No.2)
- Other highlights of 2019 were reaching QF at Australian Open and partnering with Andy Murray to contest Mixed Doubles at Wimbledon (reaching 3r)
- Defeated World No.1 Halep in R16 at 2019 Australian Open – at 37 years, is oldest player to defeat the reigning World No.1. Has registered 17 career wins over (eight different) No.1 ranked players, second-most behind Navratilova (18)
- Reached two Grand Slam finals in 2018, at Wimbledon (I. Kerber) and US Open (I. Osaka). Made return to Tour following birth of daughter Olympia at 2018 Indian Wells

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- Ended 2017 ranked No.22, despite playing only two events all season, and both in January. Broke streak of 10 consecutive Top 20 finishes. Overall, has 16 Top 10 finishes to her name (most recently in 2019) – third-most behind Navratilova (20) and Evert (19) – including five as the year-end No.1
- Holds distinction of being the oldest No.1 in WTA history – set record when most recent streak began on February 18, 2013. Spent her 319th week at No.1 in May 2017. Third on all-time list after Graf's 377 and Navratilova's 332
- Held the top ranking for 186 consecutive weeks (through 2016 US Open) which equaled the record held by Graf (186 weeks, August 17, 1986 through March 10, 1991)
- Holds single-season prize money record of \$12,385,572, achieved in 2013, when she compiled a 78-4 win-loss record and won 11 tournaments (including two Slams and WTA Finals)
- Singles gold medalist at London 2012 Olympics
- Along w/sister Venus held all four Grand Slam titles at same time, from 2009 Wimbledon through 2010 Roland Garros – third pair to do so (also Navratilova/Shriver and Fernandez/Zvereva). Also teamed with Venus to win three Olympic gold medals: 2000 Sydney, 2008 Beijing and 2012 London
- Spent eight weeks as co-No.1 in doubles (w/V. Williams); one of six players to hold No.1 in singles and doubles simultaneously (also Navratilova, Hingis, Sánchez Vicario, Davenport and Clijsters)
- On Grand Slam debut, at 1998 Australian Open, upset No.6 seed Spilea in 1r before falling to sister Venus in 2r.
- Ended 1997 season by winning first WTA main draw matches during SF run at Chicago (I. Davenport).
- WTA main draw debut ended in 1r defeat at 1997 Moscow (as qualifier, I. Po)
- First match of career was defeat to Annie Miller in qualifying at 1995 Québec City

[6] GARBINÉ MUGURUZA (ESP #15) VS. [2] SOFIA KENIN (USA #4)

Head-to-head: KENIN leads 2-0

2020 AUSTRALIAN OPEN	HARD O	F	SOFIA KENIN	4-6 6-2 6-2
2019 BEIJING	HARD O	R64	SOFIA KENIN	6-0 2-6 6-2

MUGURUZA		KENIN	
Career Prize Money	\$19,226,364	Career Prize Money	\$7,221,702
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Oct. 8, 1993 (27)	Date of Birth (Age)	Nov. 14, 1998 (22)
Singles Titles	7	Singles Titles	5
Tournament W-L (MD)	2-0	Tournament W-L (MD)	2-0
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	4-1 / 263-145	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	5-1 / 98-54
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 82-62	3-Set (YTD / Career)	2-1 / 38-20
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 42-50	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	2-0 / 27-16
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	4-1 / 178-99	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	5-1 / 76-38
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 35-35	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 8-14
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 63-61	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 16-25
Left-Hand W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 13-10	Left-Hand W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 5-2
Coach	Conchita Martinez	Coach	Alexander Kenin

MUGURUZA:

- Enters the Yarra Valley Classic this week as the No.6 seed
- Following a 1r bye, has lost only a total of five games through two matches
- Defeated No.65 Van Uytvanck in 2r without facing a break point and converting five of her seven break point opportunities in a 6-2,6-0 match that lasted under an hour
- Ousted the No.11 seed Pavlyuchenkova to book QF in another match lasting just under an hour; gave up only eight points in the first set of the 6-1,6-2 encounter and ten points on her serve for the whole match
- Faces No.4 Kenin today in a rematch of the 2020 Australian Open final which saw Muguruza fall to the American; has lost only other encounter with Kenin, however each meeting has gone the distance
- Owns an even 35-35 record against Top 10 players and 11-19 record against players in the Top 5, most recently falling to No.2 Halep at 2020 Rome SF
- Defeated three Top 10 opponents en route to final here last year: No.5 Svitolina (3r), No.10 Bertens (R16) and No.3 Halep (SF)
- Won first career WTA title on Australian soil at 2014 Hobart as a qualifier (d. Koukalova in F)
- Opened 2021 season with a R16 showing at Abu Dhabi (d. Mladenovic and Sasnovich, l. Sakkari)
- Reached fourth Grand Slam singles final of career at 2020 Australian Open (l. Kenin in 3s). Was first Spaniard to reach the final at Melbourne Park since Conchita Martinez in 1998
- In 2019, successfully defended her title in Monterrey for seventh career WTA trophy (d. Azarenka in F)
- Is a two-time Grand-Slam champion winning titles at 2016 Roland Garros (d. S.Williams in F) and 2017 Wimbledon (d. V.Williams in F). Dropped only one set in Roland Garros title run
- Is only player to ever beat both Williams sisters in a Grand Slam final and one of 29 women in the Open Era to win multiple Grand Slam titles. One of just eight players all-time to defeat Serena in a Grand Slam final
- Also finished R-Up at 2015 Wimbledon (l. S.Williams) to make Top 10 debut. Is one of two players to meet both Williams sisters in the final of the same Grand Slam – also Hingis at US Open (1997, d. V.Williams; 1999, l. S.Williams)

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- First Spaniard to reach Wimbledon final since Sánchez Vicario in 1996 and first to reach any Slam final since Conchita Martínez at 2000 Roland Garros
- Rose to World No.1 on September 11, 2017 to become the 24th woman in history to hold the top spot and second from Spain (after Sánchez Vicario in 1995). Also named ITF World Champion for 2017
- Reached R16 at Rio Olympics in 2016
- In 2015, became first Spanish player to compete at the WTA Finals in singles since 2001 (Sánchez Vicario) and reached doubles final (w/Suárez Navarro, I. Hingis/Mirza). Overall, has qualified three times for the season-ending championships (2015-17)
- Owns five WTA doubles titles, most recently at 2015 Tokyo [PPO] (w/Suarez Navarro), and reached SF at 2014 Roland Garros (w/Suarez Navarro); rose to No.10 in WTA doubles rankings on February 23, 2015.
- Advanced to R16 on WTA main draw debut at 2012 Miami (l. eventual champion A.Radwanska), defeating No.9 Zvonareva en route for first Top 10 win

KENIN:

- Competing in the Yarra Valley Classic at career high ranking of No.4 and as one of a tournament leading seven Americans to begin the main draw (five have advanced to 3r)
- After 1r bye, secured a safe passage into 3r after No.76 Giorgi retired due to a left thigh injury – prior to her retirement, Kenin had secured the first set at 7-5
- Completed comeback in 3r against No.64 Pegula to book QF (5-7,7-5,6-2) extending match win streak at Melbourne Park to nine
- Win over Giorgi marked 75th career win on hardcourts and is now only two match wins away from earning milestone 100th career WTA main draw victory
- Faces No.15 Muguruza today in a rematch of 2020 Australian Open final in which Kenin won her maiden Grand Slam title
- Last year's major win wasn't the American's first success on Australian soil as she also won her first career WTA title at 2019 Hobart (d. Schmiedlova in F)
- Twelve months ago, opened season with 2r exits at Brisbane and Adelaide before championship run here in Melbourne
- Owns 16-25 career record against Top 20 opponents and 2-4 record in 2020 with both wins coming in SF matches of Grand Slams: defeated No.1 Barty at Australian Open and No.11 Kvitova at Roland Garros – Top 20 losses last year came to No.4 Osaka (Brisbane), No.19 Rybakina (Dubai), No.18 Mertens (US Open) and No.14 Azarenka (Rome)
- Coming off QF showing to begin season at Abu Dhabi – defeating Z.Yang, Flipkens and Putintseva before falling to No.22 Sakkari
- Ended 2020 campaign at career high of No.4 which she first hit on March 9, 2020 and came away with the 2020 WTA Player of the Year Award; was also the season's top prize money earner coming away with \$4,302,970
- In last tournament of season, finished R-Up at Roland Garros (l. Swiatek) for her first final appearance on clay
- Reached R16 at US Open and was one of only two players (also Kvitova) to reach second week of all three Slams in 2020
- Lifted fifth WTA singles title at Lyon (d. Friedsam in F) becoming the first player in 2020 to win a second title

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- Won maiden major at 2020 Australian Open (d. Muguruza in F) to become the youngest champion (21y, 80d) in Melbourne since Sharapova (20y, 283d) in 2008. Defeated No.1 Barty and home favorite in SF for third career win over a reigning World No.1
- Australian Open run helped her break into the Top 10 for the first time at No.7 on February 3, 2020
- Won 2019 WTA Most Improved Player of the Year award after winning three WTA titles at Hobart (d. Schmiedlova in F), Mallorca (d. Bencic in F) and Guangzhou (d. Stosur in F)
- Finished 2019 at No.14 as US No.2 (behind No.9 S.Williams) and leader in hard court wins (38-tied w/Barty)
- Registered back-to-back SF runs at Toronto (l. eventual champion Andreescu) and Cincinnati (l. eventual champion Keys), subsequently leading to Top 20 debut at No.20 on August 19, 2019
- During this run, defeated No.1 Barty (Toronto) and No.1 Osaka (Cincinnati) to become first player since October 2001 to defeat World No.1s in consecutive weeks (Davenport); also became youngest American to defeat reigning No.1 in eight years (after McHale)
- Advanced to R16 at 2019 Roland Garros (d. S.Williams, l. eventual champion Barty) – became first American to defeat Serena at the majors since Stephens at 2013 Australian Open QF
- Also won maiden doubles titles in 2019 at Auckland (w/Bouchard) and Beijing (w/Mattek-Sands)
- Broke into the Top 100 on March 19, 2018 and Top 50 on October 8, 2018
- Member of US Billie Jean King Cup team from 2018-20
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2015 US Open as a wildcard (l. Duque-Mariño in 1r)
- Owns four ITF singles titles and two doubles titles
- Played first matches of career on ITF Circuit in 2013, climbing to No.2 in ITF World Junior Rankings
- Represented the USA at the 2014 Youth Olympic Games and competed at the 2016 ITF Junior Masters, both held in China

[8] MARKETA VONDROUSOVA (CZE #21) VS. [14] NADIA PODOROSKA (ARG #47)

Head-to-head: VONDROUSOVA leads 1-0

2017 ROLAND GARROS CLAY O Q-R128 MARKETA VONDROUSOVA 6-0,6-1

VONDROUSOVA		PODOROSKA	
Career Prize Money	\$3,059,415	Career Prize Money	\$777,563
Plays	Left-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	June 28, 1999 (21)	Date of Birth (Age)	Feb. 10, 1997 (23)
Singles Titles	1	Singles Titles	0
Tournament W-L (MD)	2-0	Tournament W-L (MD)	3-0
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	2-1 / 62-44	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	3-1 / 14-13
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 13-24	3-Set (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 6-1
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	1-2 / 20-11	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 2-3
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	2-1 / 34-23	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	3-1 / 6-6
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 3-10	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 2-0
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 10-12	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 2-0
Left-Hand W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 4-0	Left-Hand W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 1-0
Coach	Libor Salaba	Coach	Juan Pablo Guzman

VONDROUSOVA:

- Playing No.8 seed this week at the Yarra Valley Classic as the sole remaining Czech player in the draw out of five to start the tournament
- After 1r bye, defeated Gracheva easily in about an hour at 6-4, 6-0 without facing a break point; in the second set, did not give up a single point on her serve and only allowed five points against her the whole set
- Had a trickier time in 3r in an almost 3hr match against another Russian, Zvonareva which saw the first two sets go to a tie break before Vondrousova was able to take the match in a deciding third set for a final line of 7-6(4), 6-7(4), 6-4
- Faces No.47 Podoroska today having beaten the Argentine in their only encounter back in the first round of qualifying at 2017 Roland Garros which saw Vondrousova go on to book her first Grand Slam main draw and reach 2r (I. Kasatkina)
- Since then, both players have made their big breakthroughs in Paris with Vondrousova reaching the final in 2019 (I. Barty) and Podoroska reaching SF in 2020 (I. Swiatek)
- Highlights of 2020 include defeating No.6 Svitolina to reach SFs at Rome (I. Ka.Pliskova) as well as a QF run to kick off the season at Adelaide (I. No.1 Barty)
- Enjoyed break-out season in 2019, reaching three finals across the year and posting career-high ranking of No.14 on July 1, 2019
- Finished R-Up at Budapest (I. Van Uytvanck) and Istanbul (I. Martic) before reaching championship match at Roland Garros (I. Barty); did not drop a set en route to final in Paris
- Ranked No.38, was joint-third lowest-ranked woman to reach Roland Garros final, and aged 19, was first teenager to reach title match there since Ivanovic in 2007
- Posted first win of career over a Top 2 player in 2019, defeating No.2 Halep at Indian Wells and then Rome

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

PODOROSKA:

- Playing at a career high of No.47 this week at the Yarra Valley Classic – seeded No.14 for only the second time competing as a seeded player at a WTA tournament and first at a WTA 500 level (was previously No.6 at 2020 Linz, reached QF)
- In 1r, earned first win of the year over the British Australian Open qualifier, Jones, taking the victory 6-1, 6-3 and notched another impressive straight sets win against Minnen in 2r at 6-3, 6-4
- Booked spot in QF by defeating No.4 seed and World No.9 Kvitova on Wednesday after dropping the first set and coming back to win a decisive third set tie break with a final line of 7-5, 1-6, 7-6(7)
- Podoroska was originally down 2-5 in the final tie break but rallied off four straight points eventually taking it at 9-7 for only her second career tie break set win
- Now owns a 2-0 record against Top 20 players having also defeated No.5 Svitolina in 2020 Roland Garros QF match
- Faces another Czech leftie today, Vondrousova for the first time since falling to her in qualifying at 2017 Roland Garros – match against Kvitova was first career match against a left-handed player
- A win today would mark 15th career WTA main draw win; eight of previous 14 wins came in breakout season last year
- Improved year-end ranking from 2019 by over 200 spots, having finished 2019 at No.255 while ending the 2020 season at No.48, entering the Top 100 and the Top 50 for the first time in her career
- Enjoyed breakout season in 2020 which was highlighted by SF run as a qualifier at Roland Garros where she recorded her maiden Grand Slam main draw match win before going on to scalp No.5 Svitolina to reach the final four and notch the first Top 50 win of her career
- Posted a 13-match winning streak (across all levels) between claiming the ITF title at \$60k ITF/Saint-Malo-FRA and reaching the final four at Roland Garros as a qualifier (I. eventual champion Swiatek)

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- Kicked off 2020 season with back-to-back titles on the ITF Circuit at \$25k ITF/Malibu-USA and \$25k ITF/Petit Bourg-FRA before advancing to SF at WTA 125K event in Newport Beach, California – a 14 match winning streak (across all levels)
- Crowned 2020 WTA Newcomer of the Year
- Won gold medal at 2019 Pan American Games in Lima (d. Dolehide in F) to earn a place at the Tokyo Olympic Games
- Also in 2019, lifted titles at \$25K ITF/Santa Margherita Di Pula-ITA and \$25K ITF/Monzon-ESP
- Only tour-level outing in 2018 was 2r run at Nurnberg (as qualifier, l. Flipkens)
- Won first tour-level match during 2r showing at 2017 Monterrey (d. Brengle, l. No.24 Garcia). Also in 2017 made 2r at Bucharest and fell 1r at Bogota and Rabat
- Posted only Top 200 year-end finish of her career in 2016 after compiling 45-24 record and lifting two titles on ITF Circuit
- Also in 2016 made debut in WTA qualifying at Rabat and then fell 1r on main draw bow at Bucharest (as qualifier, l. Kovinic)
- Owns six Top 100 wins in her career: No.97 Minella (2016 \$50K ITF/Las Vegas, NV-USA), No.100 Brengle (2017 Monterrey), No.86 Giorgi (2017 Moscow qualifying), No.87 Maria (2020 WTA 125K Series Newport Beach), No.27 Putintseva and No.5 Svitolina (both at 2020 Roland Garros)
- Member of Argentina Fed Cup team 2014-17, 2020
- Owns 14 singles and eight doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in 2011

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YARRA VALLEY CLASSIC – SEMIFINALS

[8] MARKETA VONDROUSOVA (CZE #21) vs. [6] GARBIÑE MUGURUZA (ESP #15)

First career meeting

Vondrousova hoping to book rematch against Barty who she fell to in the final at 2019 Roland Garros... **Muguruza** is the only semifinalist yet to drop a set this week... A win today would mark **Vondrousova's** 65th WTA career main draw victory while **Muguruza** is looking for her 265th career win

SEMIFINAL RECORDS

PLAYER	LAST FINAL REACHED (final result)	CAREER SF W/L	CAREER F W/L
[1] Ashleigh Barty	2020 Adelaide (WON)	13-8	8-5
[6] Garbiñe Muguruza	2020 Australian Open (R-Up)	11-19	7-5
[8] Marketa Vondrousova	2019 Roland Garros (R-Up)	4-2	1-3

POTENTIAL FINAL HEAD-TO-HEADS

	BARTY
MUGURUZA	Barty leads 2-1
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- Looking to book first final appearance since 2019 Roland Garros; should she win today would get rematch against home-favorite Barty, who beat her in the final during that 2019 Roland Garros run – however the Czech has been unable to take a set against the Australian in four career meetings
- A win today would mark 65th career WTA main draw victory
- Owns 4-2 career record in SF matches winning at 2017 Biel (d. No.18 Strycova), 2019 Roland Garros (d. Konta), 2019 Istanbul (d. Strycova) and 2019 Budapest (d. Potapova); she has only fallen at this stage at 2018 Gstaad (l. Minella) and 2020 Rome (l. Ka.Pliskova)
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YARRA VALLEY CLASSIC – FINAL

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Barty leads 2-1

Muguruza looking for fifth career win over a reigning World No.1... **Barty** looking to win second title on home-soil... **Muguruza** has dropped only 10 games through four matches this week... **Barty** won their most recent meeting at 2020 Doha... All three meetings between the two have gone to a deciding third set

FINAL RECORDS

PLAYER	LAST FINAL REACHED (final result)	CAREER F W/L
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2017	BIRMINGHAM	GRASS O	SF	ASHLEIGH BARTY	3-6 6-4 6-3
2017	TORONTO	HARD O	R16	GARBINE MUGURUZA	6-0 3-6 6-2
2020	DOHA	HARD O	QF	ASHLEIGH BARTY	6-1 6-7(4) 6-2

BARTY		MUGURUZA	
Career Prize Money	\$17,594,569	Career Prize Money	\$19,226,364
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	April 24, 1996 (24)	Date of Birth (Age)	Oct. 8, 1993 (27)
Singles Titles	8	Singles Titles	7
Tournament W-L (MD)	3-0	Tournament W-L (MD)	4-0
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	3-0 / 155-65	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	6-1 / 265-145
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	2-0 / 49-19	3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 82-62
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 24-19	Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 42-50
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	3-0 / 105-43	Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	6-1 / 180-99
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 18-20	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 36-35
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 37-38	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 64-61
Left-Hand W-L (YTD/Career)	0-0 / 13-7	Left-Hand W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 14-10
Coach	Craig Tytzer	Coach	Conchita Martinez

BARTY:

- Playing in her first tournament since 2020 Doha where she reached SF (l. eventual R-Up Kvitova)
- Sole Australian remaining out of six who started the main draw (Gavrilova lost to S.Williams in 2r yesterday while Stosur, Inglis, Cabrera, Birrell all fell in 1r action)
- Following a 1r bye, fired 22 winners to dispatch No.93 Bogdan 6-3, 6-3 before going on to defeat No.52 Bouzkova after being pushed to a deciding set in 3r 6-0, 4-6, 6-3
- Defeated No.60 Rogers in QF action again going the distance and being forced into a third set match tie break: 7-5, 2-6, 10-4
- Booked spot in final after S.Williams pulled out of their scheduled semifinal match
- Faces No.15 Muguruza today in first Top 20 match of the year
- Has amassed impressive 23-10 record against players in that echelon in the past two years including a 4-2 record in shortened season last year: defeated No.16 Vondrousova at Adelaide, No.16 Muguruza at Doha and No.19 Riske and No. 8 Kvitova at Australian Open
- Owns 8-5 record in career WTA finals most recently winning at 2020 Adelaide (d. Yastremska in F) – has not lost a final match since 2019 Beijing (l. Osaka)
- Contesting 13th career tournament as the No.1 seed: as the top seed has come away as the champion three times (2018 Nottingham, 2019 WTA Finals, 2020 Adelaide)
- Also this week was seeded eighth in doubles with Brady who is playing SF match of Grampians Trophy today – saw first competition of any kind in 11 months when the pair won their first round match over Fichman/Olmos. Fell to No.2 seeds Melichar/Schuurs in 3r
- Finished year-end No.1 for second year in a row in 2020, despite missing all tournaments held after the resumption of play in the summer

- Went 12-3 to start 2020 season, results highlighted by first title on home soil, and eighth overall at Adelaide (d. Yastremska in F). Followed up with SF runs at Australian Open (l. eventual champion Kenin) and Doha (l. Kvitova)
- Stellar season in 2019 brought four singles titles – including maiden major at Roland Garros (d. Vondrousova in F) and WTA Finals in Shenzhen (d. Svitolina in F); registered Tour-leading 57 match wins, with 11-6 record against Top 10 opponents
- Broke into Top 10 after defeating Ka.Pliskova in F at 2019 Miami (week of April 1) and became first Australian woman in 43 years to secure No.1 singles ranking after title run at Birmingham, where she defeated Goerges in F (June 24, 2019)
- Other highlights in 2019 included R-Up finishes at Sydney (scored first win over a reigning No.1, Halep, en route; l. Kvitova) and Beijing (l. Osaka) and reached SF at Cincinnati and Wuhan. In doubles, won Rome titles and was R-Up at US Open (both w/Azarenka)
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- In 2018, won two singles titles and four doubles titles, finishing the season ranked No.15 in singles and No.7 in doubles; was one of only two players to finish the year in the Top 20 in both disciplines (along with Mertens)
- Captured first Grand Slam doubles trophy at 2018 US Open (w/Vandeweghe, d. No.1 seeds Krejckova/Siniakova in SF and No.2 seeds Mladenovic/Babos in F)
- Clinched career first WTA singles title at 2017 Kuala Lumpur (as qualifier, d. Hibino in F). Made Top 20 debut and became Australia's No.1 on October 23, 2017
- Qualified for WTA Finals in doubles in 2017 (w/Dellacqua) and 2018 (w/Vandeweghe)
- After 2014 US Open, took a break from tennis that lasted almost two years. Returned to professional tennis in 2016, having enjoyed a successful stint as an allrounder for the Brisbane Heat cricket team in the 2015-16 Women's Big Bash League
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