



**PREVIEW NOTES: GRAMPIANS TROPHY**  
MELBOURNE, AUS | FEBRUARY 3-7, 2021 | USD \$235,820 WTA 500

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## GRAMPIANS TROPHY – QUICK FACTS

**Main draw dates:** February 3-7, 2021  
**Singles Final:** Sunday, February 7, time TBC  
**Venue:** Melbourne Park Tennis Centre  
**Status:** WTA 500  
**Staging:** Tournament’s first year  
**Draw sizes:** 28 singles  
**Surface:** Greenset Cushion / Outdoor  
**Total prize money:** USD \$235,820  
**Tennis Ball:** Dunlop AO

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

## MAIN DRAW QUICK-HITS

**Seeds:** Bianca Andreescu, Belinda Bencic, Victoria Azarenka, Elena Rybakina, Maria Sakkari, Anett Kontaveit, Jennifer Brady, Angelique Kerber  
**Most career WTA singles titles:** Victoria Azarenka (21)  
**Youngest singles player:** Leylah Fernandez, 18 years old (September 6, 2002)  
**Oldest singles player:** Bethanie Mattek-Sands, 35 years old (March 23, 1985)

## TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS

- One of three WTA 500 tournaments taking place at the Melbourne Park Tennis Centre before the 2021 Australian Open, along with the Yara Valley Classic and the Gippsland Trophy.
- Four of the Top 20 players in the world are in the draw, including former **Bianca Andreescu** and two-time Australian Open champion **Victoria Azarenka**, who are seeded No.1 and No.3, respectively.
- **Andreescu** and **Azarenka** will both receive first-round byes, along with No.2 seed **Belinda Bencic** and No.4 seed **Elena Rybakina**.
- Arguably the pick of the opening round matches sees former US Open champion **Sloane Stephens** take on the ever-improving **Leylah Fernandez**. The winner of this will face **Andreescu** in the second round
- Of the eight seeds, four were involved in the first tournament of the season at Abu Dhabi: **Rybakina** (QF), **Sakkari** (SF) **Anett Kontaveit** (1r) and **Jennifer Brady** (1r).
- *One to Watch* – **Marta Kostyuk**. After announcing herself to the tennis world at just 15 with a run through qualifying to the third round at the Australian Open in 2018, Kostyuk spent much of the next two years struggling to repeat her breakthrough success. However, at last year’s US Open the Ukrainian provided a timely reminder of her considerable talents by reaching the third round, where she pushed eventual champion Naomi Osaka to three sets. This result helped her finally crack the Top 100 at the year’s end and she has picked up where she left off at the start of 2021 in Abu Dhabi by reaching her maiden WTA semifinal.

## COUNTRY AND REGION BREAKDOWN

A total of 15 countries and regions are represented in the main draw, led by the United States with seven players:

<b>Belarus (1)</b>	Victoria Azarenka
<b>Canada (3)</b>	Bianca Andreescu, Gabriela Dabrowski, Leylah Fernandez
<b>Czech Republic (3)</b>	Barbora Krejčíková, Katerina Siniakova, Barbora Strýcová
<b>Estonia (1)</b>	Anett Kontaveit
<b>Germany (1)</b>	Angelique Kerber
<b>Great Britain (1)</b>	Heather Watson
<b>Greece (1)</b>	Maria Sakkari
<b>Kazakhstan (2)</b>	Yulia Putintseva, Elena Rybakina
<b>Romania (1)</b>	Sorana Cîrstea
<b>Russia (3)</b>	Anna Blinkova, Veronika Kudermetova, Svetlana Kuznetsova
<b>Spain (1)</b>	Georgina García Pérez
<b>Switzerland (1)</b>	Belinda Bencic
<b>Tunisia (1)</b>	Ons Jabeur
<b>Ukraine (1)</b>	Marta Kostyuk
<b>United States (7)</b>	Jennifer Brady, Lauren Davis, Ann Li, Bethanie Mattek-Sands, Christina McHale, Alison Riske, Sloane Stephens

## 2021 WTA TOUR FINALS

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

## 2021 & CAREER PRIZE MONEY LEADERS

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

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

## A SNAPSHOT OF LAST SEASON

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

# ALPHABETIC PLAYER LIST

## MAIN DRAW SINGLES

### 2021 Grampians Trophy - Melbourne, Australia

PLAYER NAME	RANK SEED			CAREER @ TRN PRIZE W / L	YEAR-TO-DATE		CAREER		CAREER HGH		TITLES	
	1/25/2021	NAT	AGE		PRIZE	W / L	PRIZE	W / L	RANK	DATE	YTD	CAR
ANDREESCU, BIANCA	8	CAN	20		0 / 0	0 / 0	6,720,038	137 / 50	4	10/21/2019		3
AZARENKA, VICTORIA	13	3 BLR	31		0 / 0	0 / 0	32,347,288	524 / 204	1	1/30/2012		21
BENCIC, BELINDA	12	2 SUI	23		0 / 0	0 / 0	8,167,812	274 / 152	4	2/17/2020		4
BLINKOVA, ANNA	61	RUS	22		0 / 0	0 / 0	1,497,875	178 / 113	54	2/3/2020		0
BRADY, JENNIFER	24	7 USA	25		0 / 0	0 / 0	3,329,416	226 / 155	24	10/26/2020		1
CIRSTEA, SORANA	72	ROU	30		0 / 0	0 / 0	5,828,599	453 / 340	21	8/12/2013		1
DABROWSKI, GABRIELA	492	CAN	28		0 / 0	0 / 0	2,832,982	197 / 203	164	11/3/2014		0
DAVIS, LAUREN	75	USA	27		0 / 0	0 / 0	3,160,009	293 / 210	26	5/22/2017		1
FERNANDEZ, LEYLAH	89	CAN	18		0 / 0	0 / 0	413,017	81 / 48	88	10/26/2020		0
KERBER, ANGELIQUE	25	8 GER	33		0 / 0	0 / 0	29,853,978	630 / 336	1	9/12/2016		12
KOSTYUK, MARTA	78	UKR	18		0 / 0	1,010 0 / 0	345,909	103 / 49	78	1/18/2021	0	0
KREJCIKOVA, BARBORA	66	CZE	25		0 / 0	0 / 0	2,970,249	270 / 155	65	11/16/2020		0
KUDERMETOVA, VERONIKA	36	RUS	23		0 / 0	0 / 0	1,676,537	238 / 160	38	2/3/2020		0
KUZNETSOVA, SVETLANA	37	RUS	35		0 / 0	0 / 0	25,483,600	663 / 339	2	9/10/2007		18
LI, ANN	99	USA	20		0 / 0	0 / 0	444,104	112 / 65	97	11/9/2020		0
MATTEK-SANDS, BETHANIE	339	USA	35		0 / 0	0 / 0	7,863,390	369 / 309	30	7/11/2011		0
MCHALE, CHRISTINA	82	USA	28		0 / 0	0 / 0	4,398,563	361 / 304	24	8/20/2012		1
PUTINTSEVA, YULIA	28	KAZ	26		0 / 0	0 / 0	4,756,428	300 / 232	27	2/6/2017		1
RISKE, ALISON	26	USA	30		0 / 0	0 / 0	5,115,246	373 / 295	18	11/4/2019		2
RYBAKINA, ELENA	19	4 KAZ	21		0 / 0	0 / 0	1,466,978	170 / 74	17	2/24/2020		2
SAKKARI, MARIA	22	5 GRE	25		0 / 0	0 / 0	3,540,619	327 / 220	20	2/24/2020		1
SINIAKOVA, KATERINA	59	CZE	24		0 / 0	0 / 0	6,226,331	256 / 180	31	10/22/2018		2
STEPHENS, SLOANE	40	USA	27		0 / 0	0 / 0	15,559,105	297 / 207	3	7/16/2018		6
STRYCOVA, BARBORA	38	CZE	34		0 / 0	0 / 0	11,967,405	564 / 410	16	1/16/2017		2
WATSON, HEATHER	58	GBR	28		0 / 0	0 / 0	3,909,405	317 / 251	38	1/19/2015		4

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**[3] VICTORIA AZARENKA (BLR #13) VS. YULIA PUTINTSEVA (KAZ #28)**

Head-to-head: First meeting

AZARENKA		PUTINTSEVA	
<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$32,347,288	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$3,964,966
<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed
<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	Jul 31, 1989 (31)	<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	Jan. 7, 1995 (26)
<b>Singles Titles</b>	21	<b>Singles Titles</b>	1
<b>Tournament W-L (MD)</b>	0-0	<b>Tournament W-L (MD)</b>	1-0
<b>YTD / Career W-L (MD)</b>	0-0 / 468-184	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	3-1 / 135-147
<b>3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 88-64	<b>3-Set (YTD / Career)</b>	0-1 / 44-45
<b>Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 69-44	<b>Tie-Break (YTD / Career)</b>	1-0 / 36-37
<b>Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 323-110	<b>Hard Court (YTD / Career)</b>	3-1 / 83-100
<b>Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 69-73	<b>Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-1 / 8-30
<b>Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 125-103	<b>Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-1 / 20-50
<b>Coach</b>	Dorian Descloix	<b>Coach</b>	Roman Kislianskii

### AZARENKA:

- Opening 2021 season here at Grampians Trophy, with today marking her first match since losing the final at Ostrava in October 2020
- Did not contest Australian swing last year due to personal reasons, with first tournament being Monterrey in March
- Owns five titles on Australian soil – 2012-13 Australian Open, 2009, 2016 Brisbane and 2012 Sydney
- Recent record on hard-court stands at 14-2, winning Western & Southern Open (5 wins) and reaching the finals of the US Open (6) and Ostrava (3) across 2020
- After 1r bye, faces Putintseva today in season opener – has lost her last two opening-season matches, at 2020 Monterrey (I. Zidasek) and 2019 Auckland (I. V. Williams)
- Finished 2020 ranked No.13 – her best season-end ranking since 2013 (No.2)
- One of five players to reach three or more finals in 2020, lifting one trophy at the Western & Southern Open – her first title since 2016
- Advanced to her fifth career Grand Slam final at 2020 US Open, which helped her return to the Top 20 for the first time since March 2017
- Winner of the 2020 WTA Comeback Player of the Year Award, as voted on by members of the international media
- Last tournament of 2019 was the US Open, where she fell to Sabalenka in 1r; also reached the doubles final w/Barty (I. Mertens/Sabalenka)
- Highlight of 2019 was 37th singles final at Monterrey (d. No.5 Kerber in SF, I. Muguruza in F via ret. w/leg injury). Also made QFs at Acapulco (I. Kenin), Stuttgart (I. Kontaveit via ret.) and Rome (I. Ka.Pliskova)
- On February 2, 2019 returned to Top 50 for first time following the birth of her child, Leo
- Highlights of 2018 season included SF at Miami (I. Stephens) and QF at San Jose and Tokyo
- Made return to tennis in June 2017 following birth of first child in December 2016

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- Comeback tournament was Mallorca, reaching 2r (d. Ozaki, I. Konjuh). Prior to 2017 Mallorca, last tournament contested was 2016 Roland Garros (1r) Followed this with R16 at Wimbledon (I. Halep). Did not play after Wimbledon due to personal reasons
- Ended 2016 ranked No.13, despite missing second half of season after going on maternity leave (announced pregnancy mid-July). Lifted three titles, at Brisbane and 'Sunshine Double' of Indian Wells and Miami – third woman to achieve feat after Graf in 1994 and 1996 and Clijsters in 2005
- Posted 26-3 record for first six months of 2016 with losses coming at the Australian Open (QF, I. Kerber), Rome (2r, I. Begu) and Roland Garros (ret. vs. Knapp w/right knee injury)
- Limited to total of 23 events over 2014-15 seasons due to variety of injuries
- Posted five consecutive Top 10 finishes between 2009 and 2013, qualifying for the WTA Finals on each occasion (I. Kvitova in 2011 final in Istanbul)
- Ascended to World No.1 after 2012 Australian Open and held top spot for a total of 51 weeks
- Began 2012 with 26-match win streak – best start since Hingis went 37-0 in 1997. Went on to win Tour-leading 69 matches in 2012, season highlighted by six titles, finishing as WTA's year-end No.1
- Belarusian Fed Cup Team, 2005, 2007, 2009-11, 2015-16, 2019; Belarusian Olympic Team, 2008, 2012
- Won two medals for Belarus at 2012 Olympics - bronze in singles and mixed doubles gold (w/Mirnyi)
- Made her Top 100 debut on July 10, 2006 (No.99) and Top 50 debut on May 14, 2007 (No.49)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2005 Kolkata
- ITF Junior World Champion for 2005 – reached first tour-level semifinal at Guangzhou the same year

***PUTINTSEVA:***

- Grampians Trophy marks second event of 2021 season, after starting the year in Abu Dhabi (made R16, I. Kenin)
- Last year during Australian swing made 2r at Brisbane (as qualifier, I. Collins), fell 1r at Adelaide (as qualifier, I. Tomljanovic) and posted 3r run at Australian Open (I. Halep) – her joint-best result at Melbourne (also 2016)
- Enters the Grampians Trophy at No.28, just one spot shy of her career-high ranking of No.27
- Kicked off this week with straight sets win over Garcia Perez
- Faces No.13 Azarenka today for the first time in her career – owns a 20-50 record vs. Top 20 opponents in career, with most recent wins over such opponents coming back-to-back at 2020 Rome, defeating No.16 Martic and No.18 Rybakina
- Winner will face Mattek-Sands or Kontaveit in QF
- Opened season at Abu Dhabi, reaching R16 - loss to No.4 Kenin takes record against Top 5 players to 4-17, having defeated No.2 Osaka at 2019 Wimbledon, No.1 Osaka at 2019 Birmingham, No.5 Stephens at 2019 Sydney and No.5 Cibulkova at 2017 St.Petersburg
- Recorded 300th career win (at all levels) with 1r triumph over Flipkens at 2020 Roland Garros
- Standout results of 2020 were QF runs at US Open (I. Brady) – first Kazakh woman to reach last eight in New York – and Rome (I. Halep)
- Owns one win over a reigning World No.1, upsetting Osaka on grass at 2019 Birmingham
- Won first career title at 2019 Nürnberg (d. Zidansek in F); afterwards rose to No.28 in rankings – one spot off career best No.27 (achieved February 6, 2017)

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- Best result of 2018 was QF run at Roland Garros (l. Keys)
- Reached maiden WTA final in 2017 at St Petersburg (l. Mladenovic) after notching two Top 10 wins over No.8 Kuznetsova and No.5 Cibulkova – first over a Top 5 player – (l. Mladenovic in F); first woman from Kazakhstan to reach a WTA final since Shvedova at 2015 Bogotá (l. Pereira)
- Rose to new career-high ranking of No.27 on February 6, 2017 following St Petersburg
- In 2016 became first Kazakh to reach the quarterfinals at Roland Garros – or at any major – since Shvedova in 2012, eventually losing to S.Williams in 3s
- Defeated No.14 V.Williams en route to first Premier-level quarterfinal of career at 2016 Charleston
- First Top 10 win came over No.10 Petkovic at 2015 Nürnberg (via ret.)
- Progressed to maiden WTA SF at 2015 Bastad (l. eventual champion Larsson)
- In 2014, reached first two WTA QFs, first on clay at Bastad (as qualifier, l. Cepelova) and then on hard at Osaka (l. eventual champion Stosur). Between these two results, scored first Top 20 win – over No.14 Pennetta – during run through qualifying to 2r at Montréal
- Made it through to 2r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2013 Australian Open (d. McHale, l. Suárez Navarro)
- Advanced to 2r on WTA main draw debut at 2012 Copenhagen (as WC, d. Barbat, l. Jankovic)
- On ITF Circuit, winner of six singles titles and six doubles titles
- Kazakhstan Billie Jean King Cup Team, 2014-20

**BETHANIE MATTEK-SANDS (USA #339) VS. [6] ANETT KONTAVEIT (EST #23)**

Head-to-head: First meeting

MATTEK-SANDS		KONTAVEIT	
<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$7,863,390	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$4,002,596
<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed
<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	March 23, 1985 (35)	<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	Dec. 24, 1995 (25)
<b>Singles Titles</b>	0	<b>Singles Titles</b>	1
<b>Tournament W-L (MD)</b>	1-0	<b>Tournament W-L (MD)</b>	1-0
<b>YTD / Career W-L (MD)</b>	1-0 / 133-175	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	1-1 / 125-100
<b>3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 44-68	<b>3-Set (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 43-34
<b>Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	1-0 / 33-44	<b>Tie-Break (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 32-31
<b>Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	1-0 / 66-105	<b>Hard Court (YTD / Career)</b>	1-1 / 78-65
<b>Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 7-28	<b>Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 11-20
<b>Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 20-56	<b>Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 18-33
<b>Coach</b>	Jared Jacobs	<b>Coach</b>	Nigel Sears

**MATTEK-SANDS:**

- Opening 2021 season here at Melbourne Summer Series, and here at Grampians Trophy is playing in her first singles main draw in Australia since 2019 (fell 1r at Australian Open, I. Hives)
- Contested doubles in Gippsland Trophy event w/Dabrowski – team lost to Halep/Gavrilova in 1r
- Defeated No.38 Strycova in opening match on Wednesday - her first WTA main draw singles win since 2019 San Jose (d. V.Williams)
- Defeat of No.38 Strycova was best win by ranking for three and a half years, since she defeated No.16 Kvitova at 2017 Roland Garros
- 2017 Roland Garros was also the last time she won back-to-back main draw matches – as a qualifier, she defeated Rodina and Kvitova before falling to Stosur
- Faces No.23 Kontaveit today for the first time in her career, and bidding to reach first WTA QF since 2016 Hong Kong (I. Mladenovic), and first WTA QF at WTA 500 level or above since 2015 Beijing (I. Muguruza)
- Finished 2020 ranked No.336 in singles. Owns five Top 100 singles seasons, most recently in 2017 (at No.90) – sustained a serious right knee injury that year at 2017 Wimbledon
- Most recent doubles title came at 2019 Beijing (w/Kenin)
- Began 2017 by securing No.1 doubles ranking after winning Brisbane title (w/Mirza). Duly won fourth and fifth Grand Slam doubles titles at Australian Open and Roland Garros (both w/Safarova). Also won doubles title at Charleston (w/Safarova)
- Still searching for first WTA singles title but is a four-time runner-up: at 2008 Québec City (I. top seed Petrova in 3s); 2010 Québec City (I. Paszek in 3s); 2011 Hobart (I. Gajdosova) and 2013 Kuala Lumpur (as WC, I. Ka.Pliskova in 3s)
- Posted second career Top 50 season in 2013, finishing at No.47 despite missing all events after Québec City (week after US Open) due to right knee injury
- Owns seven Top 10 wins over No.9 Svitolina (2017 Miami), No.10 Bartoli (2008 Wimbledon), No.4 Schiavone (2011 Madrid), No.7 Errani (2013 Stuttgart), No.6 Li (2013 Roland Garros), No.5 A.Radwanska (2014 Sydney) and No.7 Ivanovic at 2015 Wimbledon



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- At 2016 WTA Finals in Singapore, team of Mattek-Sands/Safarova finished runners-up to Makarova/Vesnina; loss brought end to 18-match win streak that included titles at US Open, Wuhan and Beijing. Also won doubles titles at 2016 Indian Wells (w/Vandeweghe) and Miami (w/Safarova)
- In addition, won mixed doubles gold medal at 2016 Rio Olympics (w/Sock)
- Won Grand Slam mixed doubles titles at 2012 Australian Open (w/Tecau), 2015 Roland Garros (w/M.Bryan) and 2018-19 US Open (w/J.Murray); runner-up at 2015 US Open (w/Querrey)
- In 2014, missed six months (mid-March to mid-September) due to left hip injury; returned in autumn, but ranking dipped to No.175 for year-end rankings
- Broke Top 50 in singles on July 28, 2008; underwent hip surgery in 2009 to repair a torn labrum and struggled upon her return, dropping as low as No.154 in January 2010. Broke Top 30 on July 11, 2011 (at career-high No.30) – but due to right shoulder injury played just one match for rest of season (l. Hercog 1r US Open)
- Member of US Fed Cup Team, 2009-11 (played in 2010 Fed Cup final defeat to Italy) and 2016-18
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2001 Amelia Island

### KONTAVEIT:

- Grampians Trophy marks second event of 2021 season, after opening the year in Abu Dhabi (l. eventual R-Up Kudermetova)
- Last year during Australian swing, fell 2r at Brisbane (l. Bertens), lost 1r in Adelaide (l. Pavlyuchenkova) and made QF run at Australian Open (l. Halep) – her best result at a Slam
- Opened Grampians Trophy campaign with straight sets win over McHale to earn first win of 2021
- Faces No.339 Mattek-Sands today – loss would be worst by ranking since falling to No.356 Friedsam at 2019 Eastbourne. Has won her last seven consecutive matches to players ranked outside the Top 100
- Kicked off season in Abu Dhabi in January – fell to No.46 Kudermetova in 1r. Has been beaten by a player outside the Top 30 at last four consecutive tournaments
- Also picked up some extra match play via doubles at Abu Dhabi, making the 2r w/Kasatkina (l. Carter/Stefani)
- During an interrupted 2020, reached sixth final of career at Palermo (l. Ferro) and posted 21 match wins across the season (joint-fifth most, level with Jabeur)
- Made Grand Slam breakthrough by reaching maiden major QF at Australian Open (l. Halep), becoming the first Estonian to make the last eight at Australian Open, also the first Estonian to reach a Grand Slam QF since Kanepi at 2017 US Open
- Finished 2019 ranked No.26 despite missing final two months of the season w/viral illness
- Reached her fifth career final in 2019 at Stuttgart (l. Kvitova). Also in 2019, advanced to her first Premier Mandatory SF at Miami (l. eventual champion Barty), which propelled her to a career high ranking of No.14 (April 1, 2019)
- In 2018, season highlighted by fourth WTA singles final at Wuhan (l. Sabalenka); posted 33 main draw wins – the first time she had registered 30 or more wins in a season
- Breakthrough season came in 2017, winning first career singles title at 2017 's-Hertogenbosch (d. Vikhlyantseva in F). Also reached finals at Biel/Benne (l. Vondrousova) and Gstaad (l. Bertens)
- Broke into Top 30 for first time at No.27 following run at Gstaad (July 24, 2017)

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- Posted her first career win over a reigning No.1 with defeat of Kerber at 2017 Rome
- In 2016, played main draw at all four Grand Slams for first time, but dropped out of Top 100
- Made Top 100 debut on September 14, 2015 at No.96, up from No.152. One of five teenagers in 2015 year-end Top 100
- Scored first Top 20 win of career over No.17 Errani at 2016 Monterrey (2r)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2013 Miami as WC (I. McHale, 1r)
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in 2010; owns 11 singles titles and five doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Junior highlights included winning 2011 Orange Bowl, defeating Bouchard and Putintseva en route

**[5] MARIA SAKKARI (GRE #22) VS. LEYLAH FERNANDEZ (CAN #89)**

Head-to-head: First meeting

SAKKARI		FERNANDEZ	
<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$2,783,839	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$60,448
<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed	<b>Plays</b>	Left-handed
<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	July 25, 1995 (25)	<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	Sep. 6, 2002 (18)
<b>Singles Titles</b>	1	<b>Singles Titles</b>	0
<b>Tournament W-L (MD)</b>	0-0	<b>Tournament W-L (MD)</b>	1-0
<b>YTD / Career W-L (MD)</b>	4-1 / 96-87	<b>YTD / Career W-L (MD)</b>	2-1 / 14-13
<b>3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 30-36	<b>3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 3-3
<b>Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 30-17	<b>Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 4-3
<b>Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	4-1 / 59-57	<b>Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	2-1 / 12-10
<b>Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	1-1 / 11-14	<b>Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 1-2
<b>Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	2-1 / 19-35	<b>Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 1-3
<b>Coach</b>	Tom Hill	<b>Coach</b>	Romain Derrider

**SAKKARI:**

- Grampians Trophy marks third event of 2021, after opening the year at Abu Dhabi (I. eventual champion Sabalenka in SF) and contesting doubles w/Vekic at the Yarra Valley Classic (I. McHale/Jabeur in 1r)
- Sole Greek player to start the main draw of Grampians Trophy
- Competing this week at No.22, just two spots shy of her career high of No.20
- Built momentum across last year's Australian swing – lost 1r at Brisbane (I. Osaka), made 2r at Adelaide (I. Vekic) and made R16 at Australian Open (I. Kvitova)
- Faces No. 89 Fernandez today in first meeting – loss would be worst-by-ranking since falling to No.159 Trevisan at 2020 Roland Garros
- Reached the final four on two occasions in 2020 - at St. Petersburg (I. Rybakina in SF) and Ostrava (I. Azarenka in SF)
- Secured best year-end ranking of No.22 in 2020; broke into Top 20 on February 24 for first time at No.20
- Scored third and fourth Top 5 wins of her career last season, over No.5 Svitolina at Ostrava and No.5 Bencic at St. Petersburg. Previous wins came over No.5 Ka.Pliskova (2018 Rome) and No.5 Kvitova (2019 Rome, via ret.)
- Upset No.10 seed Keys to reach the R16 for the first time at one of the four Slams, at 2020 Australian Open (I. Kvitova) – would later tie result by reaching R16 at US Open (I. S.Williams)
- Qualified for WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai in 2019 for first time in career (fell in RR stage). That season won maiden WTA title at Rabat, recovering from a set and break down to defeat Konta in final
- Highlights of 2018 were reaching her first tour-level final at San Jose (I. Buzarnescu) and scoring maiden Top 5 win over No.5 Ka.Pliskova in 2r at Rome
- Notched first Top 10 victory of career over No.6 Wozniacki en route to first WTA SF of career at 2017 Wuhan Open
- Broke into Top 50 for first time at No.49 on October 9, 2017

- At 2016 Australian Open, by reaching 2r (d. Y.Wang, I. Suárez Navarro) became the first woman from Greece to win a main draw match at a Slam since Daniilidou d. Ka.Pliskova at 2013 Australian Open
- Reached first career WTA QF at 2016 Istanbul (as qualifier, I. Kovinic)
- Fell 1r on WTA main draw debut at 2015 US Open (as qualifier, I. Q.Wang)
- WTA qualifying debut came at 2012 Palermo
- Made debut on ITF Circuit in 2010; owns seven ITF Circuit singles titles and five in doubles

**FERNANDEZ:**

- Grampians Trophy marks third event of season, after opening 2021 at Abu Dhabi (I. Zidansek in 2r) and contesting doubles at Yarra Valley Classic w/Potapova – team face Kalinskaya/Kuzmova in QF
- Opened last season by falling in qualifying at Auckland and then making 1r exit at Australian Open on her Grand Slam debut (as qualifier, I. Davis)
- Ranked No.89 this week – one spot off her career high of No.88
- Opened Grampians Trophy campaign with strong 1r win over No.40 Sloane Stephens – was third time defeating the American (twice last season – two of five Top 50 wins she registered during the campaign)
- A win today against No.22 Sakkari would be the second best win of her career, and best at Tour level, after defeating No.5 Bencic on Fed Cup duty in 2020
- Fell 2r in opening tournament of the season, at Abu Dhabi (I. Zidansek)
- Breakout year in 2020 saw her crack Top 100 for the first time on September 14, 2020
- Finished the year by reaching 3r at Roland Garros for best career Grand Slam performance
- Result helped her reach career high of No.88 – jumped a total of 121 spots from previous year-end ranking of No.209
- Earned first career Grand Slam win at 2020 US Open (d. Zvonareva, I. Kenin in 2r) and made Grand Slam debut at 2020 Australian Open as qualifier (I. Davis in 1r)
- Reached first career WTA final and notched first tour-level back-to-back wins at 2020 Acapulco as qualifier (I. Watson in F); at 17y, 177d, she was the youngest Canadian to reach a WTA singles final in 34 years (since Helen Kelesi at 1986 Tokyo [Japan Open] won at 16y, 338d)
- Also in 2020, earned first Top 100 win and only Top 10 win of career over No.5 Bencic in Fed Cup action
- Owns one singles title and two doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Won 2019 Roland Garros junior's title (d. Navarro) becoming first Canadian to win a junior Grand Slam since Bouchard in 2012
- Played first WTA main draw and earned first main draw win of career at 2018 Quebec City defeating countrywoman Dabrowski in 1r (I. Watson in 2r)
- Member of Canadian Billie Jean King Cup Team 2019-20
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in USA in 2016



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**[5] MARIA SAKKARI (GRE #22) VS. [8] ANGELIQUE KERBER (GER #25)**

Head-to-head: ANGELIQUE KERBER leads 2-0

2018	ROME	CLAY	O	R3	ANGELIQUE KERBER	6-1 6-1
2016	HONG KONG	HARD	O	R1	ANGELIQUE KERBER	6-4 6-4

SAKKARI		KERBER	
<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$2,783,839	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$29,853,978
<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed	<b>Plays</b>	Left-handed
<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	July 25, 1995 (25)	<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	Jan. 18, 1988 (33)
<b>Singles Titles</b>	1	<b>Singles Titles</b>	12
<b>Tournament W-L (MD)</b>	1-0	<b>Tournament W-L (MD)</b>	2-0
<b>YTD / Career W-L (MD)</b>	5-1 / 97-87	<b>YTD / Career W-L (MD)</b>	2-0 / 431-249
<b>3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 30-36	<b>3-Set (YTD / Career)</b>	1-0 / 121-97
<b>Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 30-17	<b>Tie-Break (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 88-61
<b>Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	5-1 / 60-57	<b>Hard Court (YTD / Career)</b>	2-0 / 289-163
<b>Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	1-1 / 11-14	<b>Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 39-62
<b>Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	2-1 / 19-35	<b>Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 90-116
<b>Left-handed W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	1-0 / 10-7	<b>Left-handed (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 21-12
<b>Coach</b>	Tom Hill	<b>Coach</b>	Torben Beltz

**SAKKARI:**

- Grampians Trophy marks second singles event of 2021, after making SF in opening outing of the year at Abu Dhabi (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)
- Sole Greek player in Top 250 and also in starting field at Grampians Trophy
- Competing this week at No.22, just two spots shy of her career-high ranking of No.20
- After 1r bye, beat Fernandez in 2r and faces another left-hander, Kerber, in QF today
- Career record in WTA QF matches stands at 10-6
- Since falling in 1r at Palermo last August – the first tournament following the WTA’s resumption – has won back-to-back matches at every tournament, reaching two SFs (Ostrava and Abu Dhabi) and one QF (Western & Southern Open)
- Built momentum across last year’s Australian swing – lost 1r at Brisbane (l. Osaka), made 2r at Adelaide (l. Vekic) and then advanced to R16 at a major for the first time, at Australian Open (l. Kvitova)
- Reached the final four on two occasions in 2020: St. Petersburg (l. Rybakina in SF) and Ostrava (l. Azarenka in SF)
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- WTA qualifying debut came at 2012 Palermo
- Made debut on ITF Circuit in 2010; owns seven ITF Circuit singles titles and five in doubles

**KERBER:**

- In 1r of the Grampians Trophy beat Siniakova 6-3 4-6 6-3 – her first match since losing to No.103 Juhan in 1r at Roland Garros in September
- Defeated No.30 Jabeur 6-4 6-4 in 2r – first Top 50 win since beating No.28 Q.Wang at 2020 Adelaide
- Faces Sakkari today in first WTA QF since SF run at 2019 Osaka
- Overall career record in WTA QF matches stands at 57-33
- Prior to this week, most recent wins came en route to R16 at US Open
- This result was one of the highlights of an interrupted 2020 season, the other came in reaching the same stage at Australian Open
- Owns fine record down under, in addition to winning 2016 Australian Open, also won 2018 Sydney title, reached two finals and four further SFs
- Advanced to two finals across 2019, including a R-Up finish at Indian Wells (l. Andreescu), in what was the first Premier Mandatory final of her career. As a result, passed the \$28 million prize money mark – currently eighth on the all-time list
- Victory over Kontaveit in 2r at 2019 Doha marked 600th career win across all levels
- Defeated Haddad Maia in 2r at 2019 Australian Open for 100th Grand Slam match-win (one of seven active players to achieve the feat)
- Won two titles in 2018, at Sydney (d. Barty in F) and third Grand Slam crown of career at Wimbledon (d. S.Williams in F), finishing the season ranked No.2
- Also in 2018, advanced to SF at Australian Open (l. Halep in 3s, having held two match points), Dubai (l. eventual champion Svitolina) and Eastbourne (l. eventual champion Wozniacki)
- Best results of 2017 season were R-Up finish at Monterrey and SF runs at Tokyo [PPO] and Dubai
- Enjoyed an outstanding 2016 season, winning first Grand Slam titles of career at Australian Open (d. S.Williams in F) and US Open (d. Ka.Pliskova in F), finishing R-Up at Wimbledon (l. S.Williams in F) and rising to World No.1 in the WTA rankings. At 28, became oldest player to make her debut at World No.1
- At 2016 Australian Open, became first Grand Slam champion to save match point en route to the title since Li Na at 2014 Australian Open (Kerber saved a match point in 1r win over Doi)



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- Finished 2016 year-end World No.1 ranking – became 12th WTA player to achieve the feat and second German woman to do so after Graf (eight times)
- Was voted WTA Player of the Year in 2016 by international media; also, ITF World Champion and Olympics silver medalist that year. Ended the season with a tour-leading 63-18 win-loss record
- Part of the Germany team that reached the final of 2014 Billie Jean King Cup. Also played the competition in 2007-08, 2012-13, 2015-18
- Made Grand Slam breakthrough with run to SF at 2011 US Open (ranked No.92, upset No.13 A.Radwanska, l. eventual champion Stosur)
- Broke into Top 100 on May 14, 2007 and reached first WTA QF one month later at 's-Hertogenbosch (l. Chakvetadze)
- Lost to Dementieva in 1r at 2007 Roland Garros on her Grand Slam main draw debut
- Reached 2r on WTA main draw debut, at 2006 Hasselt (d. Oprandi, l. Ivanovic)
- Professional debut came in qualifying at 2003 Berlin



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**[3] VICTORIA AZARENKA (BLR #13) VS. [6] ANETT KONTAVEIT (EST #23)**

Head-to-head: Series tied 1-1

2019 STUTTGART CLAY I QF ANETT KONTAVEIT 5-7 7-5 3-0  
 2015 WIMBLEDON GRASS O R1 VICTORIA AZARENKA 6-2 6-1

AZARENKA		KONTAVEIT	
<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$32,347,288	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$4,002,596
<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed
<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	Jul 31, 1989 (31)	<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	Dec. 24, 1995 (25)
<b>Singles Titles</b>	21	<b>Singles Titles</b>	1
<b>Tournament W-L (MD)</b>	1-0	<b>Tournament W-L (MD)</b>	2-0
<b>YTD / Career W-L (MD)</b>	1-0 / 469-184	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	2-1 / 126-100
<b>3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	1-0 / 89-64	<b>3-Set (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 43-34
<b>Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	1-0 / 70-44	<b>Tie-Break (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 32-31
<b>Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	1-0 / 324-110	<b>Hard Court (YTD / Career)</b>	2-1 / 79-65
<b>Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 69-73	<b>Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 11-20
<b>Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 125-103	<b>Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 18-33
<b>Coach</b>	Dorian Descloix	<b>Coach</b>	Nigel Sears

**AZARENKA:**

- Opening 2021 season here at Grampians Trophy, her first tournament since losing to Sabalenka in the Ostrava final in October 2020
- Did not contest Australian swing last year due to personal reasons, with first tournament being Monterrey in March
- Owns five titles on Australian soil – 2012-13 Australian Open, 2009, 2016 Brisbane and 2012 Sydney
- After 1r bye, saved 2mp in match tie-break to beat Putintseva in 2r; recent record on hard courts now stands at 15-2, having won Western & Southern Open (5 wins) and reached the finals of the US Open (6) and Ostrava (3) across 2020
- Faces Kontaveit in QF today; overall career win-loss record in QF matches stands at 60-29
- Finished 2020 ranked No.13 – her best season-end ranking since 2013 (No.2)
- One of five players to reach three or more finals in 2020, lifting one trophy at the Western & Southern Open – her first title since 2016
- Advanced to her fifth career Grand Slam final at 2020 US Open, which helped her return to the Top 20 for the first time since March 2017
- Winner of the 2020 WTA Comeback Player of the Year Award, as voted on by members of the international media
- Last tournament of 2019 was the US Open, where she fell to Sabalenka in 1r; also reached the doubles final w/Barty (l. Mertens/Sabalenka)
- Highlight of 2019 was 37th singles final at Monterrey (d. No.5 Kerber in SF, l. Muguruza in F via ret. w/leg injury). Also made QFs at Acapulco (l. Kenin), Stuttgart (l. Kontaveit via ret.) and Rome (l. Ka.Pliskova)



- On February 2, 2019 returned to Top 50 for first time following the birth of her child, Leo
- Highlights of 2018 season included SF at Miami (I. Stephens) and QF at San Jose and Tokyo
- Made return to tennis in June 2017 following birth of first child in December 2016
- Comeback tournament was Mallorca, reaching 2r (d. Ozaki, I. Konjuh). Prior to 2017 Mallorca, last tournament contested was 2016 Roland Garros (1r) Followed this with R16 at Wimbledon (I. Halep). Did not play after Wimbledon due to personal reasons
- Ended 2016 ranked No.13, despite missing second half of season after going on maternity leave (announced pregnancy mid-July). Lifted three titles, at Brisbane and 'Sunshine Double' of Indian Wells and Miami – third woman to achieve feat after Graf in 1994 and 1996 and Clijsters in 2005
- Posted 26-3 record for first six months of 2016 with losses coming at the Australian Open (QF, I. Kerber), Rome (2r, I. Begu) and Roland Garros (ret. vs. Knapp w/right knee injury)
- Limited to total of 23 events over 2014-15 seasons due to variety of injuries
- Posted five consecutive Top 10 finishes between 2009 and 2013, qualifying for the WTA Finals on each occasion (I. Kvitova in 2011 final in Istanbul)
- Ascended to World No.1 after 2012 Australian Open and held top spot for a total of 51 weeks
- Began 2012 with 26-match win streak – best start since Hingis went 37-0 in 1997. Went on to win Tour-leading 69 matches in 2012, season highlighted by six titles, finishing as WTA's year-end No.1
- Belarusian Fed Cup Team, 2005, 2007, 2009-11, 2015-16, 2019; Belarusian Olympic Team, 2008, 2012
- Won two medals for Belarus at 2012 Olympics - bronze in singles and mixed doubles gold (w/Mirnyi)
- Made her Top 100 debut on July 10, 2006 (No.99) and Top 50 debut on May 14, 2007 (No.49)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2005 Kolkata
- ITF Junior World Champion for 2005 – reached first tour-level semifinal at Guangzhou the same year

### **KONTAVEIT:**

- Grampians Trophy marks second event of 2021 season, after falling 1r in opening event, at Abu Dhabi (I. eventual R-Up Kudermetova)
- Last year during Australian swing, fell 2r at Brisbane (I. Bertens), lost 1r in Adelaide (I. Pavlyuchenkova) and made QF run at Australian Open (I. Halep) – her best result at a Slam
- Opened Grampians Trophy campaign with straight sets wins over McHale in 1r and Mattek-Sands in 2r
- Faces No.13 Azarenka in today's QF; bidding for first Top 20 win since beating No.14 Martić in SF at 2020 Palermo
- Overall career record in WTA QF matches stands at 11-9
- Also picked up some extra match play via doubles at Abu Dhabi, making the 2r w/Kasatkina (I. Carter/Stefani)
- During an interrupted 2020, reached sixth final of career at Palermo (I. Ferro) and posted 21 match wins across the season (joint-fifth most, level with Jabeur)
- Made Grand Slam breakthrough by reaching maiden major QF at Australian Open (I. Halep), becoming the first Estonian to make the last eight at Australian Open, also the first Estonian to reach a Grand Slam QF since Kanepi at 2017 US Open
- Finished 2019 ranked No.26 despite missing final two months of the season w/viral illness

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- Reached her fifth career final in 2019 at Stuttgart (l. Kvitova). Also in 2019, advanced to her first Premier Mandatory SF at Miami (l. eventual champion Barty), which propelled her to a career high ranking of No.14 (April 1, 2019)
- In 2018, season highlighted by fourth WTA singles final at Wuhan (l. Sabalenka); posted 33 main draw wins – the first time she had registered 30 or more wins in a season
- Breakthrough season came in 2017, winning first career singles title at 2017 's-Hertogenbosch (d. Vikhlyantseva in F). Also reached finals at Biel/Benne (l. Vondrousova) and Gstaad (l. Bertens)
- Broke into Top 30 for first time at No.27 following run at Gstaad (July 24, 2017)
- Posted her first career win over a reigning No.1 with defeat of Kerber at 2017 Rome
- In 2016, played main draw at all four Grand Slams for first time, but dropped out of Top 100
- Made Top 100 debut on September 14, 2015 at No.96, up from No.152. One of five teenagers in 2015 year-end Top 100
- Scored first Top 20 win of career over No.17 Errani at 2016 Monterrey (2r)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2013 Miami as WC (l. McHale, 1r)
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in 2010; owns 11 singles titles and five doubles titles on ITF Circuit
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**[7] JENNIFER BRADY (USA #24) VS. BARBORA KREJCIKOVA (CZE #66)**

Head-to-head: *first time meeting*

Brady		Krejckikova	
<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$2,014,115	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$2,382,219
<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed
<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	April 12, 1995 (25)	<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	Dec.18, 1995 (25)
<b>Singles Titles</b>	1	<b>Singles Titles</b>	0
<b>Tournament W-L (MD)</b>	2-0	<b>Tournament W-L (MD)</b>	2-0
<b>YTD / Career W-L (MD)</b>	2-1 / 53-56	<b>YTD / Career W-L (MD)</b>	3-1 / 23-21
<b>3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-1 / 18-18	<b>3-Set (YTD / Career)</b>	1-0 / 10-12
<b>Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 12-19	<b>Tie-Break (YTD / Career)</b>	1-0 / 4-1
<b>Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	2-1 / 44-37	<b>Hard Court (YTD / Career)</b>	3-0 / 10-7
<b>Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 2-11	<b>Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 0-4
<b>Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 10-17	<b>Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	1-0 / 1-8
<b>Coach</b>	Michael Geserer	<b>Coach</b>	Petr Kovacka

**BRADY:**

- One of two Americans to reach the QFs this week at the Grampians Trophy – also Li
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- Also became just sixth player to make R16 on Australian Open debut in last 22 years: V.Williams (1998), Suárez Navarro (2009), Bouchard (2014), Gasparyan and Konta (2016) – since then Anisimova (2019), Collins (2019) and Gauff (2020) have joined this list
- Posted first WTA main draw wins during QF run at 2016 Guangzhou (d. Pivovarova and Kovinic)
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- Played collegiate tennis for the University of California, Los Angeles – part of 2014 team that won NCAA Division 1 Women's Tennis National Championship

### **KREJCIKOVA:**

- Lone Czech in this week's final eight at the Grampians Trophy
- Both matches leading up to today's QF were pushed to a decider with Krejckikova triumphing 64 46 64 against American Davis and 46 62 10-6 against No.4 seed Rybakina
- Win against World No.19 Rybakina marked her maiden Top 20 scalp
- In today's match, faces No.7 seed and World No.24 Brady for the first time. Looking to reach first Tour-level SF since reaching the final four at 2020 Linz (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)
- Enjoyed breakout year in singles in 2020, posting career-high ranking of No.65 (November 16) and making R16 at Roland Garros and reaching second WTA SF at Linz
- Also reached two doubles finals last year, finishing R-Up at Dubai (w/Zheng) and winning Shenzhen (w/Siniakova)
- In Mixed Doubles, defended Australian Open title (w/Pavic), having triumphed in Melbourne a year earlier with w/Ram
- In 2019, advanced to QF at Bucharest in addition to winning four ITF Circuit singles titles on clay in North America and Europe, winning 20 of her 21 matches during this stretch
- Also in 2019, posted second Top 20 doubles season highlighted by titles at Toronto and Linz, and R-Up finish at Indian Wells (all w/Siniakova). Won Australian Open mixed doubles title w/Ram
- In 2018, won first two Grand Slam trophies at Roland Garros (d. Hozumi/ Ninomiya in F) and Wimbledon (d. Melichar/Peschke in F) both w/Siniakova, the first pairing to complete the Roland Garros-Wimbledon double since Kim Clijsters and Ai Sugiyama in 2003; also became the first team ever to win the girls' (2013) and ladies' doubles title at SW19
- Rose to WTA doubles World No.1 on October 22, 2018



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- Highlight of 2017 was R-Up finish in first WTA singles final at Nürnberg (I. Bertens in F). Also made QF as qualifier at Bastad (I. Garcia). Only other tour-level appearances were 1r exits at Bucharest and Québec City
- Contested five WTA main draws in 2016, progressing to 2r at two events: Kuala Lumpur and Prague
- Lifted maiden WTA doubles title at 2015 Québec City (w/Mestach)
- Advanced to first WTA doubles final at 2014 Luxembourg (w/Hradecka, I. Bacsinszky/Barrois)
- Reached 2r on WTA debut as qualifier at 2014 Québec City (I. Hradecka)<br>
- On ITF Circuit, owns 14 singles and 19 doubles titles
- Made professional debut at \$10K ITF/Piestany-SVK in 2010



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**ANN LI (USA #99) VS. SORANA CIRSTEAN (ROU #72)**

Head-to-head: *first time meeting*

Li		Cirstea	
<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$444,104	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$5,828,599
<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed
<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	Jun. 26, 2000 (20)	<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	April 7, 1990 (30)
<b>Singles Titles</b>	0	<b>Singles Titles</b>	1
<b>Tournament W-L (MD)</b>	2-0	<b>Tournament W-L (MD)</b>	2-0
<b>YTD / Career W-L (MD)</b>	2-0 / 5-4	<b>YTD / Career W-L (MD)</b>	2-0 / 230-243
<b>3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 1-0	<b>3-Set (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 87-72
<b>Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 2-0	<b>Tie-Break (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 53-46
<b>Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	2-0 / 5-4	<b>Hard Court (YTD / Career)</b>	2-0 / 133-142
<b>Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 0-0	<b>Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 14-39
<b>Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 1-1	<b>Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	1-0 / 33-73
<b>Coach</b>	Henner Nehles	<b>Coach</b>	Carl Maes

**LI:**

- One of two Americans to reach the QFs this week at the Grampians Trophy – also Brady
- Competing in first Tour-level event since 2020 US Open, where the American recorded her first Top 20 win against No.20 Riske in 2r (l. No.17 Kerber in 3r)
- Was up 5-3 against Perez in this weeks' opening round before the Australian retired mid-match
- Went on to defeat No.36 Kudermetova in 2r to notch her second career Top 50 win and a spot in her first Tour-level QF against No.72 Cirstea
- Last year in Australia, advanced through qualifying in Auckland before falling 1r to McHale. Went on to reach 2r at Grand Slam debut at the Australian Open (as qualifier, l. eventual champion Kenin)
- Ended 2020 season with career-high ranking of No.97 (November 9, 2020) and first-ever Top 100 finish
- Best result of campaign was 3r run at US Open (d. No.20 Riske in 2r, l. Kerber)
- Fell 1r on WTA main draw debut at 2020 Auckland (as qualifier, l. McHale)
- Also, captured third career ITF singles title at \$80k ITF/Tyler-TX, USA (d. Kostyuk in F)
- Owns three ITF singles titles
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in US in 2016
- Was R-Up in girls' singles at 2017 Wimbledon (l. Liu)

**CIRSTEA:**

- Soared past Kalashnikova 61 61 in 1r to kick off this week at the Grampians Trophy
- In 2r action, upset No.2 seed and World No.12 Bencic in straight sets to record her 33<sup>rd</sup> career Top 20 scalp and first since advancing to 3r at 2020 US Open (d. No.13 Konta in 2r, l. Muchova)
- Today, faces No.99 Li in her first Tour-level QF since R-Up appearance at 2019 Tashkent (l. Van Uytvanck in F)
- Last year in Australia, fell during qualifying at Hobart before advancing to 2r at Australian Open (l. Gauff)
- Ended 2020 on a high, winning singles title at ITF/\$100k Dubai-UAE in December (d. Siniakova in F)

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- Also in 2020, reached 3r at US Open (I. Muchova) and advanced to 2r at Australian Open in January (I. Gauff)
- Advanced to fourth career singles final in 2019 at Tashkent (I. Van Uytvanck in F) as a former champion in 2008
- Captured fifth career doubles title at 2019 Lugano (w/Mitu, d. Kudermetova/Voskoboeva in F)
- Other season highlights in 2019 were SF run at Nürnberg (I. eventual champion Putintseva); previous appearance in last four at a WTA-level event came at the same tournament two years earlier
- Also reached 3r at 2019 US Open (I. Townsend)
- Ended 2018 season at No.86, after a year highlighted by clay court QF runs at Nürnberg and Bucharest
- Highlights of 2017 season were SF showing at Nürnberg (I. Krejčíková) and QF runs at Istanbul, Madrid, Seoul, Beijing and Linz
- Also reached R16 at 2017 Australian Open – first time advancing to that stage at a Slam since 2009 Roland Garros (QF, I. Stosur), her best Slam singles result
- In 2016 played a mix of WTA and ITF events, improving ranking by 163 ranking places to No.81 in 2016 on comeback from shoulder injury, with highlights being a SF run at Rio de Janeiro (I. Rogers) and making QF at Premier Mandatory Madrid (as wildcard, I. eventual R-Up Cibulková) and Mallorca (as qualifier, I. Janković)
- Reached biggest singles final of career at 2013 Toronto – posted three Top 10 wins en route to final (No.10 Wozniacki, No.7 Kvitová and No.5 Li) before falling to No.1 S. Williams
- Following Tororo run, posted career-high ranking of No.21 on August 21, 2013
- Won only WTA singles title at 2008 Tashkent (d. Lisicki in F) having previously been R-Up at 2007 Budapest (I. Dulko)
- Owns four Top 5 victories: No.5 Janković (2009 Roland Garros), No.5 Stosur (2012 Australian Open), No.5 Li Na (2013 Toronto) and No.4 Ka.Plisková (2017 Beijing)
- Member of Romania's Fed Cup team 2006, 2008-09, 2013-14 and 2017-18; also part of Romanian Olympic Team 2008 and 2012
- Fell 1r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2008 Australian Open (I. No.4 seed Ivanovic)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2006 Stockholm (I. Kanepi in 1r)
- On ITF Circuit owns eight singles and nine doubles titles
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in 2004

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**[5] MARIA SAKKARI (GRE #22) VS. [8] ANETT KONTAVEIT (EST #23)**

Head-to-head: MARIA SAKKARI leads 4-3

2019	ROME	CLAY	O	R2	MARIA SAKKARI	6-3 6-2
2018	CINCINNATI	HARD	O	R2	ANETT KONTAVEIT	6-1 6-3
2018	MIAMI	HARD	O	R2	MARIA SAKKARI	6-4 6-1
2017	AUSTRALIAN OPEN	HARD	O	R1	MARIA SAKKARI	6-0 6-4
2016	GSTAAD	CLAY	O	R1	ANETT KONTAVEIT	7-5 6-1
2016	MIAMI	HARD	O	QUAL	MARIA SAKKARI	6-3 6-1
2016	INDIAN WELLS	HARD	O	QUAL	ANETT KONTAVEIT	6-4 6-3

SAKKARI		KONTAVEIT	
<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$2,783,839	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$4,002,596
<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed
<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	July 25, 1995 (25)	<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	Dec. 24, 1995 (25)
<b>Singles Titles</b>	1	<b>Singles Titles</b>	1
<b>Tournament W-L (MD)</b>	2-0	<b>Tournament W-L (MD)</b>	2-0
<b>YTD / Career W-L (MD)</b>	6-1 / 98-87	<b>YTD / Career W-L (MD)</b>	2-1 / 126-100
<b>3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 30-36	<b>3-Set (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 43-34
<b>Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 30-17	<b>Tie-Break (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 32-31
<b>Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	6-1 / 61-57	<b>Hard Court (YTD / Career)</b>	2-1 / 79-65
<b>Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	1-1 / 11-14	<b>Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 11-20
<b>Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	2-1 / 19-35	<b>Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	0-0 / 18-33
<b>Coach</b>	Tom Hill	<b>Coach</b>	Nigel Sears

**SAKKARI:**

- Grampians Trophy marks second singles event of 2021, after making SF in opening outing of the year at Abu Dhabi (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)
- Sole Greek player in Top 250 and also in starting field at Grampians Trophy
- Competing this week at No.22, just two spots shy of her career-high ranking of No.20
- After 1r bye, beat Fernandez in 2r and then another left-hander, Kerber, in QF – her first win in three attempts against the former World No.1
- Faces Kontaveit in SF today; career record in SF matches
- Career record in WTA SF matches stands at 2-8
- Since falling in 1r at Palermo last August – the first tournament following the WTA’s resumption – has won back-to-back matches at every tournament, reaching three SFs (Ostrava, Abu Dhabi and Grampians Trophy) and one QF (Western & Southern Open)
- Built momentum across last year’s Australian swing – lost 1r at Brisbane (l. Osaka), made 2r at Adelaide (l. Vekic) and then advanced to R16 at a major for the first time, at Australian Open (l. Kvitova)
- Reached the final four on two occasions in 2020: St. Petersburg (l. Rybakina in SF) and Ostrava (l. Azarenka in SF)
- Secured best year-end ranking of No.22 in 2020; broke into Top 20 on February 24 for first time at No.20
- Scored third and fourth Top 5 wins of her career last season, over No.5 Svitolina at Ostrava and No.5 Bencic at St. Petersburg. Previous wins came over No.5 Ka.Pliskova (2018 Rome) and No.5 Kvitova (2019 Rome, via ret.)



- Upset No.10 seed Keys to reach the R16 for the first time at one of the four Slams, at 2020 Australian Open (I. Kvitova) – would later tie result by reaching R16 at US Open (I. S.Williams)
- Qualified for WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai in 2019 for first time in career (fell in RR stage). That season won maiden WTA title at Rabat, recovering from a set and break down to defeat Konta in final
- Highlights of 2018 were reaching her first tour-level final at San Jose (I. Buzarnescu) and scoring maiden Top 5 win over No.5 Ka.Pliskova in 2r at Rome
- Notched first Top 10 victory of career over No.6 Wozniacki en route to first WTA SF of career at 2017 Wuhan Open
- Broke into Top 50 for first time at No.49 on October 9, 2017
- At 2016 Australian Open, by reaching 2r (d. Y.Wang, I. Suárez Navarro) became the first woman from Greece to win a main draw match at a Slam since Daniilidou d. Ka.Pliskova at 2013 Australian Open
- Reached first career WTA QF at 2016 Istanbul (as qualifier, I. Kovinic)
- Fell 1r on WTA main draw debut at 2015 US Open (as qualifier, I. Q.Wang)
- WTA qualifying debut came at 2012 Palermo
- Made debut on ITF Circuit in 2010; owns seven ITF Circuit singles titles and five in doubles

**KONTAVEIT:**

- Grampians Trophy marks second event of 2021 season, after falling 1r in opening event, at Abu Dhabi (I. eventual R-Up Kudermetova)
- Last year during Australian swing, fell 2r at Brisbane (I. Bertens), lost 1r in Adelaide (I. Pavlyuchenkova) and made QF run at Australian Open (I. Halep) – her best result at a Slam
- Opened Grampians Trophy campaign with straight sets wins over McHale in 1r and Mattek-Sands in 2r
- QF opponent withdrew prior to the match w/lower back injury
- Faces Sakkari in today's SF; career record in WTA SF matches stands at 5-5
- Also picked up some extra match play via doubles at Abu Dhabi, making the 2r w/Kasatkina (I. Carter/Stefani)
- During an interrupted 2020, reached sixth final of career at Palermo (I. Ferro) and posted 21 match wins across the season (joint-fifth most, level with Jabeur)
- Made Grand Slam breakthrough by reaching maiden major QF at Australian Open (I. Halep), becoming the first Estonian to make the last eight at Australian Open, also the first Estonian to reach a Grand Slam QF since Kanepi at 2017 US Open
- Finished 2019 ranked No.26 despite missing final two months of the season w/viral illness
- Reached her fifth career final in 2019 at Stuttgart (I. Kvitova). Also in 2019, advanced to her first Premier Mandatory SF at Miami (I. eventual champion Barty), which propelled her to a career high ranking of No.14 (April 1, 2019)
- In 2018, season highlighted by fourth WTA singles final at Wuhan (I. Sabalenka); posted 33 main draw wins – the first time she had registered 30 or more wins in a season
- Breakthrough season came in 2017, winning first career singles title at 2017 's-Hertogenbosch (d. Vikhlyantseva in F). Also reached finals at Biel/Benne (I. Vondrousova) and Gstaad (I. Bertens)
- Broke into Top 30 for first time at No.27 following run at Gstaad (July 24, 2017)



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- Posted her first career win over a reigning No.1 with defeat of Kerber at 2017 Rome
- In 2016, played main draw at all four Grand Slams for first time, but dropped out of Top 100
- Made Top 100 debut on September 14, 2015 at No.96, up from No.152. One of five teenagers in 2015 year-end Top 100
- Scored first Top 20 win of career over No.17 Errani at 2016 Monterrey (2r)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2013 Miami as WC (I. McHale, 1r)
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in 2010; owns 11 singles titles and five doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Junior highlights included winning 2011 Orange Bowl, defeating Bouchard and Putintseva en route

**[7] JENNIFER BRADY (USA #24) VS. ANN LI (USA #99)**

Head-to-head: First meeting

BRADY		LI	
Career Prize Money	\$2,014,115	Career Prize Money	\$444,104
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	April 12, 1995 (25)	Date of Birth (Age)	Jun. 26, 2000 (20)
Singles Titles	1	Singles Titles	0
Tournament W-L (MD)	3-0	Tournament W-L (MD)	3-0
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	3-1 / 54-56	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	3-0 / 6-4
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 18-18	3-Set (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 1-0
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 13-19	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 2-0
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	3-1 / 45-37	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	3-0 / 6-4
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 2-11	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-0
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 10-17	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 1-1
Coach	Michael Geserer	Coach	Henner Nehles

**BRADY:**

- One of six Americans in the starting field this week – faces the only other one left standing, Li, in today’s SF
- Is yet to drop a set, seeing off No.37 Kuznetsova, No.78 Kostyuk and No.66 Krejčíková
- In today’s SF, faces No.99 Li for the first time; last fell to a player outside the Top 50 just a few weeks ago in 1r at Abu Dhabi, No.87 Zidānek
- Career record in WTA SF matches stands at 1-5, with four of these appearances coming last season
- Currently ranked at a career-high No.24; by contrast, began 2020 at No.56
- Last year in Australia, defeated the reigning World No.1 Barty as a qualifier at Brisbane before losing to No.7 Kvitová in QFs. Went on to fall 1r at the Australian Open (l. Halep)
- Posted career-best Grand Slam run at the 2020 US Open by reaching SF (l. eventual champion Osaka in 3s) – had not dropped a set through first five rounds including wins over fellow Top 50 players Garcia, Kerber and Putintseva. Was first former college player to reach US Open SF since Lori McNeil in 1987
- Lifted maiden WTA title at 2020 Lexington in first career final appearance (d. Teichmann in F) - did not drop a set and was broken just three times all week
- Earned second Top 10 win of career in defeat of No.6 Svitolina en route to SF at 2020 Dubai as a qualifier (l. eventual champion Halep); also beat No.17 Vondroušová and No.16 Muguruza that week to reach first SF at a WTA500 event
- Scored first career Top 10 win over World No.1 Barty at 2020 Brisbane as a qualifier (l. Kvitová in QF); broke into Top 50 following result (No.49 on January 13, 2020)
- Ended 2019 season back in Top 60 after dipping as low as No.125 at one point. Season highlights included SF run at Nottingham (l. eventual champion Garcia), 3r showings at Dubai (l. eventual R-Up Kvitová), Indian Wells (l. Barty) and Beijing (l. Andreescu)
- Posted first Top 100 year-end finish in 2017 (at No.64) during a campaign in which she reached first WTA career SF at 2017 Hong Kong (l. eventual R-Up Gavrilova)
- Came through qualifying at 2017 Australian Open and went on to become first major debutante to reach R16 at a Slam since Smítková at 2014 Wimbledon. Defeated Zanevska in 1r, Watson in 2r (saved 5mp) and No.14 seed

Vesnina in 3r, losing to Lucic-Baroni; became first American female qualifier to reach R16 at the Australian Open in Open Era

- Also became just sixth player to make R16 on Australian Open debut in last 22 years: V.Williams (1998), Suárez Navarro (2009), Bouchard (2014), Gasparyan and Konta (2016) – since then Anisimova (2019), Collins (2019) and Gauff (2020) have joined this list
- Posted first WTA main draw wins during QF run at 2016 Guangzhou (d. Pivovarov and Kovinic)
- Fell 1r in first career main draw appearances at tour level in 2016 – at Rio de Janeiro (as qualifier), Stanford and Montréal
- Made WTA qualifying draw at 2015 Cincinnati (l. Falconi in 1r)
- Made ITF Circuit debut at \$10k ITF/Evansville, IN-USA in 2010; owns four singles and four doubles ITF Circuit titles
- Played collegiate tennis for the University of California, Los Angeles – part of 2014 team that won NCAA Division 1 Women's Tennis National Championship

**LI:**

- Competing in first Tour-level event since 2020 US Open, where the American recorded her first Top 20 win en route to 3r; defeated No.20 Riske in 2r, before losing to No.17 Kerber
- In 1r here, led 5-3 against Perez before the Australian retired w/back injury
- Went on to defeat No.36 Kudermetova in 2r to notch her second career Top 50 win and a spot in her first Tour-level QF
- Needed just 62 minutes to ease past Cirstea in QF and set up all-American clash against Brady
- Biggest professional final of her career to date came at \$100k ITF/Bonita Springs-FL, USA in May 2019, when she finished R-Up to Davis
- Last year in Australia, advanced through qualifying in Auckland before falling 1r to McHale. Went on to reach 2r at Grand Slam debut at the Australian Open (as qualifier, l. eventual champion Kenin)
- Ended 2020 season with career-high ranking of No.97 (November 9, 2020) and first-ever Top 100 finish
- Best result of campaign was 3r run at US Open (d. No.20 Riske in 2r, l. Kerber)
- Fell 1r on WTA main draw debut at 2020 Auckland (as qualifier, l. McHale)
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- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in US in 2016
- Was R-Up in girls' singles at 2017 Wimbledon (l. Liu)

## Head-to-Heads

### SAKKARI, MARIA vs LI, ANN

There are no head to heads

### SAKKARI, MARIA vs BRADY, JENNIFER

Year	Tournament Name	Surface	I-O	Round	Winner
2016	RIO DE JANEIRO	CLAY	O	Q R16	BRADY, JENNIFER
2019	NOTTINGHAM	GRASS	O	Q	BRADY, JENNIFER

### BRADY, JENNIFER 2 - 0

rank _ seed	rank _ seed	Scores
219 12	134 2	7-5 6-2
80 *	33 4	7-5 6-3

### KONTAVEIT, ANETT vs BRADY, JENNIFER

Year	Tournament Name	Surface	I-O	Round	Winner
2018	WIMBLEDON	GRASS	O	R64	KONTAVEIT, ANETT

### KONTAVEIT, ANETT 1 - 0

rank _ seed	rank _ seed	Scores
27 28	74 *	6-2 7-6(4)

### KONTAVEIT, ANETT vs LI, ANN

There are no head to heads