

[1/WC] ELINA SVITOLINA (UKR #6) VS. [9] ALIZÉ CORNET (FRA #68)

Head-to-head: ELINA SVITOLINA leads 4-3

2019	EASTBOURNE	GRASS (O)	R2	ALIZÉ CORNET	6-3 7-6(3)
2018	BIRMINGHAM	GRASS (O)	R2	ELINA SVITOLINA	6-4 6-2
2018	MADRID	CLAY (O)	R1	ELINA SVITOLINA	6-2 6-2
2017	ROME	CLAY (O)	R2	ELINA SVITOLINA	6-4 7-6(11)
2015	ROLAND GARROS	CLAY (O)	R16	ELINA SVITOLINA	6-4 7-6(9)
2013	MOSCOW	HARD (I)	R1	ALIZÉ CORNET	7-5 6-3
2019	BOGOTÁ	CLAY (O)	R1	ALIZÉ CORNET	6-2 7-6(6)

SVITOLINA		CORNET	
Career Prize Money	\$20,595,308	Career Prize Money	\$8,085,510
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Sep. 12, 1994 (26)	Date of Birth (Age)	Jan. 22, 1990 (31)
Singles Titles	15	Singles Titles	6
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	32-16 / 325-175	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	17-18 / 334-320
3-Set (YTD / Career)	14-8 / 98-58	3-Set (YTD / Career)	9-6 / 113-103
Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	7-8 / 67-54	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	5-4 / 70-67
Hard Court (YTD / Career)	22-9 / 224-113	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	9-8 / 193-185
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	2-2 / 35-41	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	2-4 / 22-52
Coach	Andrew Bettles	Coach	-

SVITOLINA:

Chicago

- Appearing in inaugural edition of the tournament after receiving a late wildcard
- One of three Ukrainians in the main draw (also Kostyuk and Kalinina)
- Came from a set down to beat Burel in 1r before seeing off French duo Ferro in 2r and Mladenovic in QF
- Hit 29 winners – including seven aces – to see off unseeded Peterson in SF
- Faces Cornet in today's final; has beaten the Frenchwoman four times in her career, including en route to 2017 Rome title
- Owns impressive 15-3 record in WTA finals, most recently winning Strasbourg title last September; three defeats came at the hands of A.Radwanska (2016 New Haven), Kvitova (2016 Zhuhai) and Barty (2019 WTA Finals Shenzhen)
- Did not travel to US for last year's summer hard-court swing
- Owns 15 WTA singles titles, 10 of which have come on hard courts
- Is seeded No.5 at the upcoming US Open and will face qualifier Marino in 1r

Season

- Suffered opening round defeats at Montréal (after 1r bye, I. Konta) and Cincinnati (after 1r bye, I. Kerber)
- Reached SF at Olympics (I. Vondrousova); beat Rybakina in bronze medal match
- On grass, suffered 2r exits at Berlin (after 1r bye, I. Alexandrova), Eastbourne (I. Rybakina) and Wimbledon (I. Linette)
- Upset in 1r at Madrid (I. Teichmann after holding 6MP), then reached QF at Rome (I. eventual champion Swiatek) and 3r at Roland Garros (I. eventual champion Krejčíková)
- Began clay court season with SF run at Stuttgart (I. eventual champion Barty)

- Helped Ukraine reach the Billie Jean King Cup qualifiers after 4-0 victory over Japan (d. Naito and Muramatsu in singles)
- Enjoyed SF run at Miami (l. No.1 and eventual champion Barty)
- Suffered 2r exit at Dubai as No.1 seed (after 1r bye, l. Kuznetsova in 3s)
- Reached third QF of the season at Doha (as No.1 seed, l. Azarenka); also advanced to the last eight at Abu Dhabi (l. Kudermetova) and Gippsland Trophy (l. eventual champion Mertens)
- Made R16 at Australian Open (l. Pegula)

Career Milestones

- Won her 14th and 15th titles in 2020, firstly at Monterrey (d. Bouzkova in F) and then Strasbourg (d. Rybakina in F); was one of just four players in 2020 to win more than one title – also Halep (3), Sabalenka (3) and Kenin (2)
- Contested her 30th consecutive major at 2020 Australian Open (streak broke by skipping 2020 US Open). Is a two-time semifinalist at Grand Slam level, at 2019 Wimbledon (l. eventual champion Halep) and 2019 US Open (l. S.Williams). Became the first woman from Ukraine to reach a major SF; on the men's, Medvedev made that stage at Roland Garros in 1993 (SF) and 1999 (R-Up)
- Highlight of 2019 was reaching the title match as defending champion at the Shiseido WTA Finals (l. Barty)
- In 2018, won 13th – and most prestigious – career title at 2018 WTA Finals (d. Stephens in F), after going 3-0 during round robin stage. Ended year ranked No.4. Also won titles at Rome (as defending champion, d. No.1 Halep in F), Dubai (as defending champion, d. Kasatkina in F) and Brisbane (d. Sasnovich in F)
- Enjoyed standout 2017, finishing year at No.6, winning a tour-leading five titles and posting second-most wins (53, behind Wozniacki with 60). Season culminated by qualifying for WTA Finals in Singapore, becoming first Ukrainian woman to qualify for the season-ending tournament in singles (fell at round robin stage with 1-2 record)
- In 2017, became first player to win three Premier 5 titles in a single season (Dubai, Rome, Toronto), since such tournaments were introduced in 2009
- One of five players to make Top 10 debut in 2017, after winning Dubai in February (also Ostapenko, Garcia, Mladenovic and Vandeweghe). Peaked in rankings at No.3 on September 11, 2017
- On four occasions could have reached World No.1 – at 2017 US Open, then needed to win 2017 Beijing (fell QF), then needed to triumph at 2017 WTA Finals (fell in group stage), or reach final at 2018 Australian Open (fell in QF)
- End to 2016 season also saw her reach first SF at Premier Mandatory level at Beijing (l. A.Radwanska) Qualified for 2016 WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai for the second time (l. Kvitova in F)
- Reached three finals in 2016, winning Kuala Lumpur (d. Bouchard in F) and R-Up at New Haven (l. A.Radwanska) and Zhuhai (l. Kvitova)
- Other 2016 season highlight was QF at Rio Olympics
- Owns two career doubles titles: 2014 Istanbul (w/Doi) and 2015 Istanbul (w/Gavriloa)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2012 Baku (lost in 1r but went on to win title there in both 2013 and 2014)
- Ukrainian Fed Cup Team, 2012-15, 2017, 2020
- Played first ITF Circuit events of career in 2008
- Junior highlights include winning 2010 Roland Garros girls' title at age 15 (d. Jabeur in F)

CORNET:

Chicago

- Appearing in first edition of the tournament
- In 1r, won 10 games in a row to turn around match against Li, then edged past Paolini in two tight sets in 2r. Recovered from 6-2 4-2 down to beat recent Olympic silver medal winner Vondrousova in QF
- Produced another comeback in SF, reeling off 14 of the last 16 games to overcome unseeded Gracheva
- Faces No.6 Svitolina in today's final; owns two Top-10 wins this season, upsetting Andreescu at both Berlin and Wimbledon
- Appearing in first WTA final since finishing R-Up at 2019 Lausanne, while last hard court final was R-Up finish at 2017 Brisbane. Bidding for first title since winning 2018 Gstaad
- Overall record in finals stands at 6-7 (2-3 on hard). Two hard court titles were at 2014 Katowice and 2016 Hobart
- Last remaining of four French players in the draw this week (also Burel, Ferro and Mladenovic)
- During last year's summer hard-court swing, reached 3r at Western & Southern Open and then R16 at US Open
- Has been drawn to face No.20 seed Jabeur in 1r of upcoming US Open

Season

- Fell 1r at Olympics (l. Ka.Pliskova) and Cluj-Napoca (l. Sherif)
- At Berlin, advanced to first SF in nearly two years (l. Bencic). Followed this with 2r exits at Bad Homburg (l. Azarenka) and Wimbledon (l. Tomljanovic)
- Reached 2r at Strasbourg (ret. vs. Linette w/right hip injury), then fell 1r at Roland Garros (l. Tan)
- Fell in qualifying at Madrid, then 1r at WTA 125K Series event at Saint-Malo and Rome (as qualifier, l. Kerber)
- Opened clay court season in Charleston, reaching 3r at Volvo Car Open (l. Jabeur) and then falling 1r MUSC Health Women's Open (l. Fruhvirtova)
- Coming off 2r runs at Miami (d. Kuznetsova, l. Kvitova) and Dubai (d. Kasatkina, l. Sabalenka)
- Made 1r exits at Phillip Island Trophy (l. Burrell) and then Lyon (l. Burel)
- Opened 2021 season with three 2r runs, at Abu Dhabi (l. Badosa), Gippsland Trophy (l. Osaka) and Australian Open (l. Li)

Career Milestones

- Other than QF run in Auckland, highlight of 2020 was R16 showing at US Open (d. No.14 Keys, l. Pironkova)
- Also in 2020, made 3r at Western & Southern Open (l. eventual champion Azarenka). Defeated No.4 Kenin in 2r – first Top 5 win since No.4 Kerber at 2018 Montréal
- Highlight of 2019 was reaching Lausanne final (l. Ferro as the defending champion) – has reached at least one WTA final in six of last seven seasons
- Part of victorious Fed Cup squad for France who defeated Australia in Perth 3-2 to be crowned 2019 champions (did not play)
- In 2018, won sixth career title at Gstaad (d. Minella in F), and reached two further QFs at Brisbane and Charleston

- Former World No.11 (achieved in February 16, 2009) who broke back into Top 20 at end of 2014 for first time since May 2009; dropped out of Top 20 again after 2015 Dubai
- Owns five wins over Top 3 ranked opponents: No.1 S. Williams (2014 Dubai, 2014 Wimbledon and 2014 Wuhan via ret.), No.3 A.Radwanska (2014 Katowice) and No.2 Halep (2015 Madrid); wins over S.Williams made her the first player to defeat the American in three straight meetings since Henin in 2007
- Qualified for 2013 and 2014 Tournament of Champions in Sofia, Bulgaria
- Grand Slam breakthrough came with with R16 run at Australian Open in 2009 (l. Safina)
- Excelled on clay in 2008, winning her maiden WTA title at Budapest (d. Klepac in F), reaching maiden final at Acapulco (l. Pennetta) and finishing R-Up at Rome (d. No.5 Kuznetsova and No.8 Chakvetadze, l. Jankovic)
- In 2007, rose over 120 places in the rankings, reaching first two WTA QFs, at first Acapulco and then Fes, as well as reaching 3r at US Open (d. Stosur and Wozniacki, l. No.3 Jankovic)
- Made Grand Slam debut at Roland Garros as 15-year-old wildcard in 2005, reaching 2r (d. Jidkova, l. Mauresmo)
- Member of French Fed Cup Team, 2008-17, 2019; French Olympic Team, 2008, 2012, 2016
- Won 2007 Roland Garros junior title (d. Duque-Mariño in F)