



# MATCH NOTES

CHICAGO FALL TENNIS CLASSIC

CHICAGO, IL, USA

SEPTEMBER 27 - OCTOBER 3, 2021 | \$565,530



## FINAL MATCH-UP

6

**ONS  
JABEUR**

**1-1**

HEAD-TO-HEAD RECORD

**GARBIÑE  
MUGURUZA**

2

***Jabeur** came from a set down to triumph when they met at Wimbledon this summer... **Muguruza** has won only one of her past six matches against Top-20 opponents... **Jabeur** has posted a Tour-leading 44 main-draw victories in 2021... **Muguruza** is appearing in her fourth final of the season, while **Jabeur** is contesting her third... **Muguruza** currently occupies a qualifying spot for the year-end WTA Finals in Guadalajara... By lifting the title, **Jabeur** can move into the final qualifying berth*

## A LOOK AT THE FINALISTS

PLAYER	YTD W/L	CAREER W/L	HARD W/L	YTD PRIZE \$	CAREER PRIZE \$	YTD TITLES	TITLES
[2] Garbiñe Muguruza	36-14	297-162	203-111	1,148,064	22,323,557	1	8
[6] Ons Jabeur	44-16	123-92	71-65	1,230,099	3,795,894	1	1

## FINAL RECORDS

PLAYER	PREVIOUS FINAL	FINAL W/L
[2] Garbiñe Muguruza	2021 Dubai (WON)	8-7
[6] Ons Jabeur	2021 Birmingham (WON)	1-2

## A SNAPSHOT OF 2021

- Top 10 Debuts (3): Iga Swiatek (at No.9 on May 17), Barbora Krejickova (at No.10 on August 9), Maria Sakkari (at No.10 on September 27)
- Fewest games dropped en route to a title: Paula Badosa (20, Belgrade)
- Lowest-ranked player to triumph: María Camila Osorio Serrano (No.180, Bogotá)
- Youngest title winner: Coco Gauff, Parma (17)
- Oldest title winner: Andrea Petkovic, Cluj-Napoca (33)
- Aces leaders: Karolina Pliskova - 353, Ashleigh Barty - 325, Sabalenka - 325, Elena Rybakina - 294
- Most aces in a match (24): Karolina Pliskova (d. Anisimova 7-5 6-7(5) 7-6(7) – US Open, 2r)
- Singles titles (5): Ashleigh Barty (Yarra Valley Classic, Miami, Stuttgart, Wimbledon, Cincinnati)
- Doubles titles (5): Aoyama/Shibahara (Abu Dhabi, Yarra Valley, Miami, Eastbourne, Cleveland)
- Longest Match: 3h 55m – Kristina Kucova d. Ekaterine Gorgodze 6-7(4), 7-6(7), 7-6(3) (Gdynia QF)

**[6] ONS JABEUR (TUN #16) VS. [2] GARBINĒ MUGURUZA (ESP #9)**

**Head-to-head:** Series tied 1-1

2021	WIMBLEDON	GRASS (O)	R3	ONS JABEUR	5-7 6-3 6-2
2020	HOBART	HARD (O)	R2	GARBINĒ MUGURUZA	3-6 6-3 7-6(4)

JABEUR		MUGURUZA	
<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$3,795,894	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$22,323,557
<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed
<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	Aug. 28, 1994 (27)	<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	Oct. 8, 1993 (27)
<b>Singles Titles</b>	1	<b>Singles Titles</b>	8
<b>YTD / Career W-L (MD)</b>	44-16 / 123-92	<b>YTD / Career W-L (MD)</b>	36-14 / 297-162
<b>3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	15-5 / 34-35	<b>3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	5-6 / 87-68
<b>Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	5-3 / 22-29	<b>Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	6-4 / 49-54
<b>Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	23-11 / 71-65	<b>Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	29-9 / 203-111
<b>Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	5-4 / 9-12	<b>Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	3-7 / 38-42
<b>Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	7-7 / 17-23	<b>Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)</b>	6-8 / 69-69
<b>Coach</b>	Issam Jellali	<b>Coach</b>	Concepcion Martinez Bernat

**JABEUR:**

**Chicago**

- Appearing in first edition of the tournament
- After 1r bye, raced past Hsieh in 2r, breaking serve six times and winning 71% of return points
- Battled back to beat Pegula in 3r, then won nine straight games to beat No.6 Svitolina in QF; now owns five Top-10 wins this season, having also upset No.4 Kenin (Miami), No.9 Swiatek (Wimbledon), No.8 Andreescu (Montréal) and No.8 Swiatek (Cincinnati)
- In SF, opponent Rybakina retired w/GI illness
- Now owns 44 main-draw wins this season, the most on Tour (followed by Sabalenka on 43); prior to this season, most main-draw wins in a single campaign was the 25 she posted during 2020 season
- Faces Muguruza in today's final; previous three finals ended in defeat to Kasatkina at 2018 Moscow [Kremlin Cup] and Sharma at 2021 Charleston [MUSC Health Women's Open], before beating Kasatkina to lift her maiden title at 2021 Birmingham
- Win-loss record against seeded opposition during 2021 campaign is 11-8
- Rose to career-high ranking of No.16 on Monday; this time last year was No.35
- By reaching SF, will move into No.9 spot in leaderboard for WTA Finals in Guadalajara, going as high as No.8 by lifting the title

**Season**

- Reached QF at Montréal (l. Pegula), and 3r at both Cincinnati (l. Kvitova) and US Open (l. Mertens)
- Fell 1r at Olympics (l. Suárez Navarro)
- At Birmingham, became first Arab woman to win a WTA title (d. Kasatkina in F). Followed this with 2r showing at Eastbourne (l. Ostapenko) and QF at Wimbledon (l. Sabalenka)

- Produced 3r showing at Madrid (l. Bencic via ret. w/leg injury) before reaching R16 at Roland Garros (l. Gauff)
- Opened clay court season in Charleston, advancing to SF at Volvo Car Open (l. Kovinic) and then finishing R-Up at the following week's MUSC Health Women's Open (l. Sharma) Posted R16 showing at Miami (l. Sorribes Tormo). Upset No.4 Kenin in 3r – now owns a 3-5 record vs. Top-5 ranked players, with other wins coming over No.1 Halep (2018 Beijing via ret.) and No.3 Ka.Pliskova (2020 Doha)
- Made 3r at Dubai (l. Teichmann); defeated No.23 Rybakina in 2r to notch her best win by ranking since ousting No.12 Sabalenka at 2020 Roland Garros
- Suffered 2r exit at Doha (l. Ka.Pliskova) Reached 3r at Australian Open (l. eventual champion Osaka)
- Opened 2021 with 3r at Abu Dhabi (l. eventual champion Sabalenka), then fell 2r at Grampians Trophy (l. Kerber)

### **Career Milestones**

- Started 2020 by advancing to maiden Slam QF at Australian Open – became the first Arab woman to reach that stage at a major (l. eventual champion Kenin); made Top 50 debut at No.45 after breakthrough performance in Melbourne
- In 2020 also made QFs at Doha (l. Kvitova), Lexington (l. Gauff), Western & Southern Open (l. eventual champion Azarenka) and Ostrava (l. Sakkari)
- During Doha run last year, beat No.3 Ka.Pliskova to record fourth Top 10 win, having previously upset No.7 Cibulkova (2017 Roland Garros), No.1 Halep (2018 Beijing) and No.8 Stephens (2018 Moscow)
- Season highlights in 2019 were matching best result at the Slams with 3r run at US Open (matching 2017 Roland Garros and now 2020 Australian Open) and SF appearances at Eastbourne (l. eventual R-Up Kerber) and Tianjin (l. eventual champion Peterson)
- In 2018, defeated No.3 seed Stephens, No.8 seed Kontaveit and No.5 seed Sevastova en route to her first WTA final at 2018 Moscow, where she fell in three sets to No.6 seed Kasatkina. Was first Tunisian woman to advance beyond QF at a WTA tournament (Sfar was the only other Tunisian to reach a QF at this level)
- Prior to 2018 Moscow, best tour-level results were QF runs at 2013 Baku, 2017 Taipei City and 2018 Bucharest
- Member of Tunisian Olympic Team in 2012 and 2016
- Contested first two WTA main draws in 2012, at Doha (as WC) and Olympics
- Played first event of career at 2008 ITF/EI Menzah-TUN
- Became first North African woman to win a junior Slam at 2011 Roland Garros (d. Puig in F), having also reached the final in 2010 (l. Svitolina in F)

## **MUGURUZA:**

### **Chicago**

- Is the only Spanish woman contesting the first edition of the tournament
- After 1r bye, broke early in both sets to edge out Li in 2r
- Advanced to sixth QF of the season when 3r opponent Azarenka withdrew
- Broke serve seven times to end the run of qualifier Hontama in QF
- Prior to SF, opponent Vondrousova withdrew w/GI illness
- Faces Jabeur in today's final; lost to the Tunisian at this year's Wimbledon and saved 1MP to beat her in their only other meeting at 2020 Hobart
- Owns six victories in encounters with Top-20 opposition this season, although has gone 1-5 in such matches since Dubai title run in March (only win during this time was over No.19 Azarenka at US Open)
- Career record in WTA finals is 8-7 (6-6 on hard)
- Is the last remaining of five Grand Slam champions in the draw (also Andreescu, Azarenka, Clijsters and Stephens)
- Currently ranked No.9, having returned to Top 10 on July 12, following a near-three-year exile
- Has won 36 matches this season – her most in a single campaign since compiling a 47-21 record in 2017
- In contention for a place at the year-end WTA Finals. By reaching final here has moved to No.7 in the Porsche Race and will go to No.6 by lifting the title

### **Season**

- Reached R16 at US Open (l. Krejčíková)
- Fell 2r at Montréal (after 1r bye, l. Siniakova) and 3r at Cincinnati (l. Krejčíková)
- Reached QF at Olympics (l. Rybakina)
- Knocked out in 3r at Wimbledon (l. Jabeur)
- Advanced to QF at Berlin (l. Cornet - held 1MP) - first back-to-back wins on grass since 2017 Wimbledon title run
- Reached 3r at Rome (l. Svitolina) before suffering 1r defeat at Roland Garros (l. Kostyuk)
- Produced R16 showing at Miami (l. Andreescu) and then made 3r at Charleston (l. Putintseva via ret. w/left thigh injury)
- Enjoyed a tremendous campaign in the Middle East, lifting the first title in nearly two years, and also the biggest one since 2017 Cincinnati, at Dubai (d. Krejčíková in F) after finishing R-Up at Doha (l. Kvitová) – is the first player to reach back-to-back finals at these two events since Wozniacki in 2017
- Made R16 at Australian Open, falling to the eventual champion Osaka after holding 2MP at 5-3 in the final set
- Produced R-Up finish at the Yarra Valley Classic (l. Barty) and opened the season with a 3r showing at Abu Dhabi (d. Mladenovic and Sasnovich, l. Sakkari)

**Career Milestones**

- 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
- Last year also made SFs at Shenzhen and Rome and three further QFs
- 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