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[3] JELENA OSTAPENKO (LAT #30) VS. CLARA TAUSON (DEN #70)

Head-to-head: First career meeting

| OSTAPENKO | | TAUSON | |
|----------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Career Prize Money | \$9,727,821 | Career Prize Money | \$566,473 |
| Plays | Right-handed | Plays | Right-handed |
| Date of Birth (Age) | June 8, 1997 (24) | Date of Birth (Age) | Dec. 21, 2002 (18) |
| Singles Titles | 4 | Singles Titles | 1 |
| YTD / Career W-L | 27-15 / 269-164 | YTD / Career W-L (MD) | 13-8 / 125-35 |
| Coach | Stanislav Khamarskiy | Coach | Oliver Jeunehomme |

OSTAPENKO:

Luxembourg

- Making second appearance at Luxembourg, where she was champion on the previous staging of the event in 2019 (d. top seed Mertens in 2r and No.2 seed Goerges in F)
- Bidding to become fourth woman to defend this title, following on from Novotna (1991-92), Navratilova (1993-94) and Clijsters (2001-03)
- Began title defence with straight sets victory over Niemeier on Tuesday, then battled past qualifier Hartono in 2r
- Fended off a set point in the first set tie-break during QF win over Cornet
- Defeated Samsonova in second SF of the season, having previously beaten Rybakina at this stage during Eastbourne title run
- Faces Tauson today in search of fifth career WTA title; A win today would make her fifth WTA player to win multiple titles this year
- Career record in WTA final matches stands at 4-4, winning the past three, at 2019 Linz, 2019 Luxembourg and 2021 Eastbourne
- Playing first tournament since 3r showing at Cincinnati (l. Kerber); withdrew from US Open due to medical reason
- On hard courts this summer, also fell 1r at Montreal and Olympics, following 3r showing at Wimbledon
- Including 2021 Luxembourg, has won back-to-back matches at seven tournaments this season

Career Milestones

- Highlights of 2020 season included three Top-10 wins: defeating No.4 Ka.Pliskova at Roland Garros, No.7 Kenin at Fed Cup qualifiers and No.8 Bertens at Strasbourg (via ret.). Also recorded 20th Top 20 win of her career at Ostrava (d. Martic in 1r)
- Finished R-Up in doubles w/Dabrowski at 2020 Doha (l. Hsieh/Strycova)
- The 2019 season saw her capture third career title at Luxembourg (d. Goerges in F) right after finishing R-Up at Linz (l. Gauff)

- Also R-Up in mixed doubles at 2019 Wimbledon w/ Lindstedt
- Her 2018 campaign was highlighted by finishing R-Up at Miami (l. Stephens); saw off No.9 Kvitova and No.4 Svitolina en route to register multiple Top 10 wins in the same tournament for the first time in her career
- Reached 2018 Wimbledon SF (l. eventual champion Kerber) to become first Latvian woman to reach final four at All England Club
- Achieved career-high ranking of No.5 on March 19, 2018
- Champion at 2017 Roland Garros (d. Halep in F) becoming first woman to win first tour-level title at a Grand Slam since Barbara Jordan at 1979 Australian Open (d. Walsh in F). Also became the first unseeded player to lift the trophy in the Open Era and the first Latvian player to reach the championship match at a Grand Slam
- Followed up title run with QF appearance at 2017 Wimbledon to become only second player in last 10 year (also S.Williams in 2015) to follow up victory at Roland Garros with a run to the QF or better at Wimbledon
- Qualified for debut WTA Finals in 2017 going 1-2 in group stage (d. Ka.Pliskova, l. V.Williams, l. Muguruza)
- Enjoyed career-best season in 2017, finishing the year in the Top 10 for the first time in her career (at No.7); was No.44 at end of 2016 (first Top 50 finish) and No.79 at end of 2015 (first Top 100 finish)
- Made Top 10 debut at No.10 on September 11, 2017
- In doubles, won first and second career titles in 2017, at St. Petersburg (w/Rosolska) and Stuttgart (w/Atawo)
- Breakthrough result of 2016 season was reaching final at Premier 5 Doha (l. Suárez Navarro)
- Ended 2015 at No.79 for first Top 100 finish (up from No.308 in 2014). Having leapt 229 spots, was second highest year-end rankings jump, after Kasatkina who went from No.370 to No.72 (298 spots)
- Scored first Top 10 win over No.9 Suárez Navarro in 1r at 2015 Wimbledon; upset Muguruza in QF at 2017 Beijing to register first win over a reigning World No.1
- Reached first WTA final of career at 2015 Québec City (l. Beck)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2014 Taskent advancing to 2r (l. Pervak)
- Began playing ITF Circuit events in 2012

TAUSON:

Luxembourg

- Making her first appearance at BGL BNP Paribas Luxembourg Open as the youngest player in this year's draw
- This week has defeated Sharma in 1r, and No.4 seed Alexandrova in 2r on a third-set tie-break
- Won all eight service games during comfortable QF victory over Bouzkova
- Ousted another Czech, Vondrousova, in her second career SF; the other was straight sets win over No.7 seed Badosa at Lyon this March
- Faces Ostapenko today hoping for second career WTA title
- A win today would make her fifth WTA player to win multiple titles this year
- Season highlight was coming through qualifying to win maiden WTA title in Lyon in March; in final, beat fellow qualifier Golubic – last time two qualifiers met in a WTA final was at 2017 Tokyo [Japan Open], when Diyas beat Kato
- Other standout results this season were QF at Charleston [MUSC Health Open] and title run at WTA 125K Series event at Chicago (d. Raducanu in F)

Career Milestones

- Ended 2020 season ranked No.152 (up from No.267 at the end of 2019) after posting 30-7 win-loss record. Best results were 2r showing at Roland Garros (as qualifier, d. No.25 Brady, I. Collins) and lifting two titles on ITF Circuit
- Made Tour-level debut (main draw and qualifying) with 1r exit at 2019 Lugano (as wildcard qualifier, I. Rodina)
- Lifting four ITF Circuit singles titles in 2019
- Won maiden ITF Circuit title in just her second tournament, at \$15k ITF/Stockholm-SWE in 2017
- Reached SF on professional debut at \$15k ITF/Antalya-TUR in 2017
- On ITF Junior Circuit has lifted nine singles titles, including at 2019 Australian Open (d. Fernandez in F). In 2019 she became the first Dane to top the junior world rankings