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FINAL MATCH-UP

4 KAROLINA
PLISKOVA

5-3
HEAD-TO-HEAD RECORD

**CAMILA
GIORGI**

Giorgi has scored upsets over Pliskova twice this summer, at Eastbourne and then a few weeks ago at the Olympics... Pliskova has won 12 of her past 14 matches... All five of Giorgi's opponents this week have been ranked inside Top 50... Pliskova struck 10 aces in her SF victory over top seed Sabalenka to take her season total to 267... Giorgi is first Italian to reach final at this tournament

A LOOK AT THE FINALISTS

PLAYER	TOURNAMENT W/L	YTD W/L	CAREER W/L	YTD PRIZE \$	CAREER PRIZE \$	YTD TITLES	TITLES
[4] Karolina Pliskova	11-6	27-14	348-180	1,793,370	22,194,803	0	16
Camila Giorgi	6-3	20-12	172-161	378,777	4,472,064	0	2

FINAL RECORDS

PLAYER	PREVIOUS FINAL	FINAL W/L
[4] Karolina Pliskova	2021 Wimbledon (R-UP)	16-15
Camila Giorgi	2019 Bronx (R-UP)	2-6

RECENT MONTRÉAL/TORONTO FINALS

YEAR	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	SCORE
2019	Bianca Andreescu (CAN #27)	[8] Serena Williams (USA #10)	3-1 ret.
2018	[1] Simona Halep (ROU #1)	[3] Sloane Stephens (USA #3)	7-6(6) 3-6 6-4
2017	[5] Elina Svitolina (UKR #5)	[6] Caroline Wozniacki (DEN #6)	6-4 6-0
2016	[5] Simona Halep (ROU #5)	[10] Madison Keys (USA #12)	7-6(2) 6-3
2015	Belinda Bencic (SUI #20)	[2] Simona Halep (ROU #3)	7-6(5) 6-7(4) 3-0 ret.
2014	[3] Agnieszka Radwanska (POL #5)	Venus Williams (USA #26)	6-4 6-2
2013	[1] Serena Williams (USA #1)	Sorana Cirstea (ROU #27)	6-2 6-0
2012	[5] Petra Kvitova (CZE #6)	[10] Li Na (CHN #11)	7-5 2-6 6-3
2011	Serena Williams (USA #80)	[10] Samantha Stosur (AUS #11)	6-4 6-2
2010	[2] Caroline Wozniacki (DEN #2)	[8] Vera Zvonareva (RUS #11)	6-3 6-2



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RANKINGS WATCH

By winning her semifinal match, **Karolina Pliskova** guaranteed herself a return to the Top 5, moving from No.6 to No.4.

Camila Giorgi is projected to re-enter the Top 50 and by lifting the title can move back inside Top 35 for the first time since May 2019.

SERVING NOTICE

In her four matches this week, **Karolina Pliskova** has hit 34 aces. Only Aryna Sabalenka has struck more than her in 2021:

Player	Aces in Montréal	Aces in 2021
Aryna Sabalenka	36	277
Karolina Pliskova	34	267
Ashleigh Barty	-	255
Ons Jabeur	20	229
Veronika Kudermetova	11	210

WINNING HABIT

Despite falling in the semifinals, **Aryna Sabalenka** has moved out ahead at the top of this season's match wins leaderboard:

Player	W-L	Best Result
Aryna Sabalenka	38-12	Champion: Abu Dhabi, Madrid
Ons Jabeur	36-14	Champion: Birmingham
Ashleigh Barty	35-7	Champion: Yarra Valley, Miami, Stuttgart, Wimbledon
Barbora Krejčíková	35-10	Champion: Strasbourg, Roland Garros, Prague
Coco Gauff	31-13	Champion: Parma

PATRIOT GAMES

Karolina Pliskova is the fourth Czech woman to reach the final at this event, following in the footsteps of former champions Regina Marsikova (1977-78), Helena Sukova (1986) and Petra Kvitová (2012).

Meanwhile, **Camila Giorgi** is the first Italian in the tournament's history to reach the singles final.

A SNAPSHOT OF 2021

- Top 10 Debut (1): Iga Swiatek (at No.9 on May 17), Barbora Krejčíková (at No.10 on August 9)
- 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: Angelique Kerber, Bad Homburg (33)
- Aces leaders: Aryna Sabalenka – 277, Karolina Pliskova – 267, Ashleigh Barty – 255, Ons Jabeur – 229
- Most aces in a match (21): Karolina Pliskova (d. Ostapenko 6-7(9) 6-4 6-3 – Stuttgart, 2r)
- Singles titles (4): Ashleigh Barty (Yarra Valley Classic, Miami, Stuttgart, Wimbledon)
- Doubles titles (4): Aoyama/Shibahara (Abu Dhabi, Yarra Valley, Miami, Eastbourne), Krejčíková/Siniakova (Gippsland Trophy, Madrid, Roland Garros, Olympics)
- Most Top 10 wins (6): Ashleigh Barty (No.8 Sabalenka, No.5 Svitolina and No.9 Andreescu at Miami, No.9 Ka.Pliskova, No.5 Svitolina and No.7 Sabalenka at Stuttgart); Jessica Pegula (No.5 Svitolina at Australian Open, No.6 Pliskova at Doha, No.6 at Dubai, No.6 Pliskova at Miami, No.2 Osaka at Rome and No.10 Pliskova at Berlin)
- Longest Match: 3h 55m – Kristina Kucova d. Ekaterine Gorgodze 6-7(4), 7-6(7), 7-6(3) (Gdynia QF)

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[4] KAROLINA PLISKOVA (CZE #6) VS. CAMILA GIORGI (ITA #71)

Head-to-head: KAROLINA PLISKOVA leads 5-3

2021	OLYMPICS	HARD (O)	R3	CAMILA GIORGI	6-4 6-2
2021	EASTBOURNE	GRASS (O)	R1	CAMILA GIORGI	2-6 6-2 6-2
2019	AUSTRALIAN OPEN	HARD (O)	R3	KAROLINA PLISKOVA	6-4 3-6 6-2
2017	CINCINNATI	HARD (O)	R3	KAROLINA PLISKOVA	6-3 4-6 6-0
2017	PRAGUE	CLAY (O)	R1	CAMILA GIORGI	7-6(6) 6-2
2016	PRAGUE	CLAY (O)	QF	KAROLINA PLISKOVA	6-2 6-1
2014	LINZ	HARD (I)	F	KAROLINA PLISKOVA	6-7(4) 6-3 7-6(4)
2014	DUBAI	HARD (O)	Qual.	KAROLINA PLISKOVA	7-5 6-2

PLISKOVA		GIORGI	
Career Prize Money	\$22,194,803	Career Prize Money	\$4,472,064
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Mar. 21, 1992 (29)	Date of Birth (Age)	Dec. 30, 1991 (29)
Singles Titles	16	Singles Titles	2
Tournament W-L (MD)	11-6	Tournament W-L (MD)	6-3
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	27-14 / 348-180	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	20-12 / 169/150
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	10-4 / 111-61	3-Set (YTD / Career)	7-4 / 58-52
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	5-5 / 68-73	Tie-Break (YTD / Career)	4-3 / 46-30
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	241-120	Hard Court (YTD / Career)	12-5 / 107-94
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	2-2 / 35-42	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	3-2 / 12-23
Coach	Sascha Bajin	Coach	Sergio Giorgi

PLISKOVA:

Montréal

- Making seventh appearance at National Bank Open, where her previous best results were QF showings in 2017 (l. Wozniacki) and 2019 (l. eventual champion Andreescu)
- After 1r bye, has beaten Donna Vekic, Amanda Anisimova, Sara Sorribes Tormo and No.1 seed Aryna Sabalenka so far this week to reach her third final of the season (also R-Up at Rome and Wimbledon)
- Has struck 34 aces this week, taking her season total to 267 - second on Tour, behind Sabalenka (277)
- Faces Giorgi in today's final; most recent win over the Italian came en route to SF at 2019 Australian Open
- Has lost past three finals, at Rome in 2020-21 and Wimbledon in 2021. Overall owns 16-15 record in WTA finals (10-9 on hard courts)
- Looking to maintain her run of winning at least one title every season since 2013
- Bidding to become the fourth Czech woman to win this title, after Marsikova (1977-78), Sukova (1986) and Kvitova (2012)
- Is currently ranked No.6, having returned to Top 10 following Wimbledon R-Up finish; by reaching the final is projected to return to the Top 5 at No.4 on Monday
- During last year's North American hard-court swing, fell 2r at Western & Southern Open and US Open

Season

- Reached 3r at Olympics (l. Giorgi)
- Returned to form at Wimbledon where she reached second Grand Slam final (l. Barty in 3s)
- Began grass court season with 2r exit at Berlin (after 1r bye, l. Pegula for the fourth time this season), then fell 1r at Eastbourne (l. Giorgi)
- Reached Rome final for third year in a row, finishing R-Up (l. Swiatek), then fell 2r at Roland Garros (l. Stephens)
- Advanced to QF at Stuttgart (l. eventual champion Barty in 3s) then fell 2r at Madrid (l. Pavlyuchenkova)
- Was upset by Pegula at three consecutive tournaments in March, first in QF at Doha, then in 3r at both Dubai and at Miami
- At Melbourne Park, reached 3r at Australian Open (l. Muchova) and the Yarra Valley Classic in Melbourne (l. Collins)
- Made 2r in opening tournament of the season, at Abu Dhabi (l. No.292 Gasanova)

Career Milestones

- Reached two finals across 2020, at Brisbane (d. Keys) and Rome (l. Halep via ret.). Has won at least one title every year since 2013
- Lifted a WTA-leading four titles across the 2019 season (tied with Barty) – triumphed at Brisbane, Rome, Eastbourne and Zhengzhou
- 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), 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

GIORGI:

Montréal

- Making fourth main draw appearance at National Bank Open (fifth overall), where her best previous result was 2r showing in 2016 (as qualifier, l. Vinci)
- Has upset Elise Mertens, Nadia Podoroska, Petra Kvitova, Coco Gauff and Jessica Pegula so far this week to reach her first final since summer of 2019, when she was R-Up at Washington DC and the Bronx
- Wins over No.12 Kvitova and No.16 Mertens here were her fifth and sixth Top-20 wins of the season (also No.10 Ka.Pliskova and No.4 Sabalenka at Eastbourne, and No.15 Brady and No.7 Ka.Pliskova at Olympics)
- Hit 27 winners in SF against No.30 Jessica Pegula; has a 14-8 win-loss record this season against higher-ranked opponents
- Is the lowest-ranked finalist at the tournament since No.80 S.Williams won the title in 2011
- Career record in WTA finals stands at 2-6 (1-6 on hard); all eight previous finals came at WTA 250/International-level tournaments
- Owns one WTA title on hard, at 2018 Linz, while best result outdoors were R-Up finishes at Washington DC and the Bronx in summer of 2019
- Is the first Italian to reach the singles final at this tournament
- Is currently ranked No.71; is projected to return to Top 50 and by lifting the title can move back inside Top 35 for the first time since May 2019
- In only hard-court appearance last summer, fell 2r at US Open

Season

- Fell 2r at Lausanne (l. Diyas) and then advanced to QF at Olympics (d. No.7 Ka.Pliskova, l.Svitolina)
- On grass, reached 2r at Birmingham (l. Vekic), SF at Eastbourne (d. No.4 Sabalenka and No.10 Ka.Pliskova, l. Kontaveit via ret. w/left thigh injury) and 2r at Wimbledon (l. Muchova)
- Reached 2r at Parma (l. eventual champion Gauff) and Roland Garros (l. Gracheva)
- Suffered 1r defeats at Madrid (l. Samsonova) and Rome (l. Sorribes Tormo - at 3h 51m is the second longest match on Tour in 2021)
- Fell 1r at Miami (l. Samsonova)
- Advanced to QF at Lyon (l. eventual champion Tauson)
- Opened the season with 2r showings at Yarra Valley Classic (l. Kenin via ret. w/left thigh injury) and Australian Open (l. Swiatek)

Career Milestones

- 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