



# MATCH NOTES

AKRON WTA FINALS GUADALAJARA  
GUADALAJARA, MEXICO  
NOVEMBER 10-17, 2021 | \$5,000,000



## DAY 3 MATCH-UPS

**3** KAROLINA  
PLISKOVA

**3-0**  
HEAD-TO-HEAD RECORD

ANETT  
KONTAVEIT **8**

***Pliskova** has dropped only one set in their three previous meetings... **Kontaveit's** win in her first match stretched her current unbeaten run to 11 matches... **Pliskova** has advanced to SF on past three WTA Finals appearances..... **Kontaveit** will progress from the group with straight sets victory*

**2** SHUKO AOYAMA  
ENA SHIBAHARA

**2-1** NICOLE MELICHAR-MARTINEZ  
DEMI SCHUURS **4**  
HEAD-TO-HEAD RECORD

***Aoyama** and **Shibahara** beat **Melichar-Martinez** and **Schuurs** en route to two titles this season... The American-Dutch team have reached SF or better on seven occasions this season... **Aoyama** and **Shibahara** are the fifth and sixth Japanese women in history to compete at the WTA Finals*

**2** BARBORA  
KREJCIKOVA

**2-1**  
HEAD-TO-HEAD RECORD

GARBIÑE  
MUGURUZA **6**

***Krejcikova** beat the Spaniard twice during the US hard-court swing... **Muguruza** came within two points of victory in her opening match... **Krejcikova** is the first woman since 2016 to qualify for both singles and doubles at WTA Finals... **Muguruza** is ranked inside Top 5 for first time since July 2018*

**5** SAMANTHA STOSUR  
ZHANG SHUAI

**0-0**  
HEAD-TO-HEAD RECORD

DARIJA JURAK  
ANDREJA KLEPAC **7**

***Stosur** and **Zhang's** opening match setback ended an 11-match winning streak... **Jurak** and **Klepac** have reached two finals on hard courts this season... **Stosur** and **Zhang** advanced to last four when the WTA Finals was held in Shenzhen two years ago*

## ROUND ROBIN STANDINGS

PLAYER	MATCH W-L	PCT	SETS W-L	PCT	GAMES W-L	PCT
SABALENKA	0-1	.000	0-2	.000	4-12	.250
SAKKARI	1-0	1.00	2-0	1.00	12-6	.667
SWIATEK	0-1	.000	0-2	.000	6-12	.333
BADOSA	1-0	1.00	2-0	1.00	12-4	.750

PLAYER	MATCH W-L	PCT	SETS W-L	PCT	GAMES W-L	PCT
KREJCIKOVA	0-1	.000	0-2	.000	7-12	.368
PLISKOVA	1-0	1.00	2-1	.667	17-14	.548
MUGURUZA	0-1	.000	1-2	.333	14-17	.452
KONTAVEIT	1-0	1.00	2-0	1.00	12-7	.632

## QUALIFICATION SCENARIOS

- **Kontaveit** advances to the semifinals if she wins in straight sets (position in group to be decided)
- If **Kontaveit** and **Krejckikova** win, the Estonian advances to the semifinals as group winner and **Muguruza** is eliminated (**Krejckikova** and **Pliskova** would play for second spot on Sunday)
- If **Pliskova** and **Muguruza** win, **Pliskova** advances to semifinals as group winner and **Krejckikova** is eliminated (**Kontaveit** and **Muguruza** would play for second spot Sunday)
- **Krejckikova** is eliminated if she loses in straight sets
- Any other combination of results will mean qualification comes down to the final matches on Sunday

## A LOOK AT THE TEOTIHUACÁN GROUP

PLAYER	RANK	AGE	WTA W/L	YTD W/L	CAREER W/L	YTD PRIZE \$	CAREER PRIZE \$	YTD TITLES	TITLES
[2] Barbora Krejckikova (CZE)	3	25	0-1	44-14	64-34	\$3,356,883	\$6,327,132	3	3
[3] Karolina Pliskova (CZE)	4	29	8-8	36-18	359-185	\$2,538,865	\$22,940,299	0	16
[6] Garbiñe Muguruza (ESP)	5	28	5-6	38-17	295-160	\$1,276,871	\$22,436,672	2	9
[8] Anett Kontaveit (EST)	8	25	1-0	46-15	170-114	\$1,158,757	\$6,035,470	4	5

- **Karolina Pliskova** is contesting a fifth consecutive WTA Finals, advancing to the semifinals in her last three appearances. **Garbiñe Muguruza's** best showing was a run to the final four on her debut in 2015
- **Muguruza's** narrow loss to **Pliskova** on Monday ended a 10-match winning streak in Mexico, having won titles at Monterrey in 2018 and 2019
- At 29 years old, 241 days (as of the end of the tournament), **Pliskova** is the oldest participant in the singles draw
- **Barbora Krejckikova** is also the top seed in the doubles draw alongside long-term partner Katerina Siniakova. It is the first time that a player has qualified for both singles and doubles at the season-ending showpiece since Karolina Pliskova in 2016
- **Krejckikova** and **Pliskova's** presence in the draw means that the Czech Republic has now been represented at every edition of the WTA Finals since 2011. The other qualifiers during this period were Petra Kvitová (2011-15, 2018-19) and Lucie Šafářová (2015)
- Spain also has two representatives in the singles field, with Paula Badosa joining **Muguruza**. It is the first time that Spain has multiple players competing in the event, since Arantxa Sánchez Vicario and Conchita Martínez in 2000
- **Krejckikova** is 13-2 in three-set matches in 2021 with her only losses coming to eventual champions Iga Świątek at Rome and Belinda Bencic at the Olympics
- After her opening match victory, **Anett Kontaveit** is now 27-2 across her final eight tournaments of the season. Prior to that stretch, the Estonian was 19-13 for the year and sat at No.30 on the Porsche Race to the WTA Finals Leaderboard. In her last two tournaments, Kontaveit collected her third and fourth titles of the season at Moscow and then Cluj-Napoca, thus overtaking Ons Jabeur to claim the final qualification spot
- **Kontaveit** owns a Tour-leading 37 match wins on hardcourts this year (37-10)
- **Kontaveit** 40-2 this season in matches when she wins the first set, while **Krejckikova** is 39-2

## HEAD-TO-HEADS

PLAYER	KREJCKIKOVA	PLISKOVA	MUGURUZA	KONTAVEIT
KREJCKIKOVA		0-2	2-1	0-1
PLISKOVA	2-0		9-2	3-0
MUGURUZA	1-2	2-9		2-2
KONTAVEIT	1-0	0-3	2-2	

## TENOCHTITLÁN GROUP QUALIFICATION SCENARIOS

- If **Aoyama & Shibahara** and **Jurak & Klepac** win, **Aoyama & Shibahara** advance to semifinals as group winner, and **Stosur & Zhang** are eliminated (Jurak & Klepac and Melichar-Martinez & Schuurs would play for the No.2 spot on Sunday)
- If **Aoyama & Shibahara** win in straight sets and **Stosur & Zhang** win in three sets, **Aoyama & Shibahara** advance to the semifinals (position to be decided)
- If **Melichar-Martinez & Schuurs** and **Stosur & Zhang** both win, **Melichar-Martinez & Schuurs** advance to the semifinals as group winner, and **Jurak & Klepac** are eliminated (Stosur & Zhang and Aoyama & Shibahara would play for the No.2 spot on Sunday)
- If **Melichar-Martinez & Schuurs** win in straight sets and **Jurak & Klepac** win in three sets, **Melichar-Martinez & Schuurs** advance to the semifinals (position to be decided)

## A SNAPSHOT OF THE SEASON

- Most singles titles (5): Ashleigh Barty (Yarra Valley Classic, Miami, Stuttgart, Wimbledon, Cincinnati)
- Most doubles titles (5): Shuko Aoyama and Ena Shibahara (Abu Dhabi, Yarra Valley Classic, Miami, Eastbourne, Cleveland), Katerina Siniakova (Gippsland Trophy, Madrid, Roland-Garros, Olympics, Moscow)
- Singles-doubles sweep (3): Ashleigh Barty at Stuttgart (w/Jennifer Brady), Coco Gauff at Parma (w/Catherine McNally) and Barbora Krejčíková at Roland-Garros (w/Katerina Siniakova)
- Fewest games dropped en route to a title (20): Paula Badosa (Belgrade)
- Lowest-ranked title winner (No.198): Elena-Gabriela Ruse (Hamburg)
- Youngest title winner (17): Coco Gauff, Parma
- Oldest title winner (33): Andrea Petkovic, Cluj-Napoca
- Most wins (48): Ons Jabeur
- Most Top-10 wins (7): Ashleigh Barty, Jessica Pegula, Maria Sakkari
- Longest winning streak (15): Barbora Krejčíková (Strasbourg - 5, Roland-Garros - 7, Wimbledon - 3)
- Aces leader (372): Karolina Pliskova
- Most aces in a match (24): Karolina Pliskova (d. Anisimova 7-5 6-7(5) 7-6(7) – US Open, 2r)
- Top 10 debuts (6): Iga Swiatek (at No.9 on May 17), Barbora Krejčíková (at No.10 on August 9), Maria Sakkari (at No.10 on September 27), Ons Jabeur (at No.9 on October 18), Anett Kontaveit (at No.8 on November 1), Paula Badosa (at No.10 on November 8)
- Longest Match: 3h 55m - Kristina Kucova d. Ekaterine Gorgodze 6-7(4) 7-6(7) 7-6(3) (Gdynia QF)

## MOST MAIN-DRAW WINS

Player	W-L*	Best Result
Ons Jabeur	48-19	Champion: Birmingham
<b>Anett Kontaveit</b>	<b>46-15</b>	<b>Champion: Cleveland, Ostrava, Moscow, Cluj-Napoca</b>
<b>Barbora Krejčíková</b>	<b>44-14</b>	<b>Champion: Strasbourg, Roland-Garros, Prague</b>
<b>Aryna Sabalenka</b>	<b>44-17</b>	<b>Champion: Abu Dhabi, Madrid</b>
Ashleigh Barty	42-8	Champion: Yarra Valley Classic, Miami, Stuttgart, Wimbledon, Cincinnati
<b>Paula Badosa</b>	<b>42-15</b>	<b>Champion: Belgrade, Indian Wells</b>
Elina Svitolina	41-20	Champion: Chicago 250
Danielle Collins	38-14	Champion: Palermo, San Jose
<b>Garbiñe Muguruza</b>	<b>38-17</b>	<b>Champion: Dubai, Chicago 500</b>

\* Not including Billie Jean King Cup matches

## ACES LEADERS

Player	Aces^	Matches	Aces/match
<b>Karolina Pliskova</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>7.3</b>
<b>Aryna Sabalenka</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>5.8</b>
Ashleigh Barty	325	49	6.6
Elena Rybakina	301	48	6.3
Veronika Kudermetova	286	54	5.3
Ons Jabeur	280	66	4.2
Coco Gauff	248	50	5
<b>Maria Sakkari</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>4.5</b>
Liudmila Samsonova	234	39	6
Ekaterina Alexandrova	233	44	5.3

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PLISKOVA (3)**  
CZECH REPUBLIC

(8)


**ANETT  
KONTAVEIT (8)**  
ESTONIA

1992-03-21	Date of Birth	1995-12-24
Monte Carlo, Monaco	Residence	Tallinn, Estonia
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
6' 1" (1.86 m)	Height	5' 9" (1.74 m)
1	Career-High Ranking	8
\$22,940,298	Career Prize Money	\$6,035,470
\$2,538,865	Season Prize Money	\$1,158,757
0 / 16	Singles Titles YTD / Career	4 / 5
76-37 (Runner-Up: 2021 WIMBLEDON; 2016 US OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	32-25 (Quarter-Finalist: 2020 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
1-0 / 8-8 (Semi-Finalist: 2019, 2018, 2017)	YTD / Career WTA FINALS W-L (best)	1-0 / 1-0
36-18 / 359-185	YTD / Career W-L	46-15 / 170-114
12-4 / 114-61	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L	9-7 / 52-41
8-5 / 71-74	YTD / Career TB W-L	5-3 / 37-31
3-2 / 21-22	YTD / Career TOP 5 W-L	3-0 / 5-11
3-2 / 34-42	YTD / Career TOP 10 W-L	5-5 / 15-25
Runner-Up: MONTREAL, WIMBLEDON, ROME	YTD Best Result	Champion: CLUJ-NAPOCA, MOSCOW, OSTRAVA, CLEVELAND



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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2019	TORONTO	HARD	3r	Karolina Pliskova	6-3 7-5	1h 18m
2019	INDIAN WELLS	HARD	4r	Karolina Pliskova	7-6(0) 4-6 6-2	2h 4m
2018	STUTTGART	CLAY	SF	Karolina Pliskova	6-4 6-2	1h 5m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
2	6	2020	20	23
2	2	2019	14	26
4	8	2018	20	21
1	4	2017	27	34
5	6	2016	73	110
7	11	2015	88	91
24	24	2014	139	166
63	67	2013	228	228
107	120	2012	400	436
159	159	2011	573	573



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

RR: d. G. MUGURUZA (#5) 4-6 6-2 7-6 (2h 26m)

*Total time on court: 2h 26m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making fifth appearance at the WTA Finals, where she is a three-time semifinalist in 2017 (L. eventual champion Wozniacki), 2018 (L. Stephens) and 2019 (L. eventual champion Barty)
- On her debut in 2016, went 1-2 in the group stage. Also qualified in doubles in 2016 w/Goerges
- Only three active players have played the season-ending showpiece more often: S.Williams (9), Kvitova (7) and Kuznetsova (6)
- Is one of only two players in the draw to have previously contested the WTA Finals (also Muguruza)
- At 29 years, 241 days is the oldest qualifier competing in the singles field this year. The oldest player to lift the trophy here was S.Williams in 2014 (33 years, 30 days)
- Recovered from 5-4 down in third-set tie-break to beat Muguruza in opening round-robin match; now leads their head-to-head 9-2
- Now owns three Top-10 wins this season, having previously beaten No.4 Sabalenka at Wimbledon and No.3 Sabalenka at Montreal
- Struck eight aces against Muguruza. Has now hit a tour-leading 372 aces this season
- Faces No.8 Kontaveit today; has won all three of her previous meetings with the Estonian, including en route to 2018 Stuttgart title
- Owns 7-0 career record against players from Estonia (at all levels)
- Has won 10 career titles on hard courts, most recently at 2020 Brisbane
- Must lift the title here to maintain her record of winning at least one WTA tournament every year since 2013
- One of two women representing the Czech Republic in the singles field at this year's WTA Finals (also Krejckikova). The Czech Republic has now had at least one player compete at the WTA Finals every year since 2011
- Best results by Czechs at the WTA Finals were title runs from Kvitova (2011) and Novotna (1997)
- Is currently ranked No.4. Returned to the Top 10 after her R-Up finish at Wimbledon and back into the Top 5 after her R-Up finish at Montreal

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

RR: d. B. KREJCIKOVA (#3) 6-3 6-4 (1h 15m)

*Total time on court: 1h 15m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making debut at WTA Finals after pipping Jabeur to the final qualification spot
- Finished with 3096 points, after accumulating nearly a third of these in her past three tournaments: Indian Wells (215), Moscow (470) and Cluj-Napoca (280)
- Is the first Estonian woman to qualify for the WTA Finals
- Beat No.3 Krejckikova in first match. Now owns three wins in her career over Top-3 ranked opponents, having previously beaten No.1 Kerber (2017 Rome) and No.2 Wozniacki (2018 Rome)
- Faces No.4 Ka.Pliskova in her second match today; owns five Top-10 wins this season, over No.4 Kenin (Stuttgart), No.7 Andreescu (Eastbourne), No.10 Kvitova (Ostrava), No.5 Muguruza (Moscow) and No.3 Krejckikova (WTA Finals)
- Owns 14-17 career record against players from Czech Republic in main-draw matches, while is 5-2 this season (L. Kvitova at Doha and Vondrousova at Wimbledon; d. Siniakova at Cleveland, Kvitova at Ostrava, Siniakova and Vondrousova at Moscow, and Krejckikova at WTA Finals)
- Record against higher-ranked opponents this season is 10-10
- Best career result on outdoor hard courts was title run at 2021 Cleveland. Also won indoor hard-court titles this season at Ostrava, Moscow and Cluj-Napoca
- Is currently ranked No.8, having broken into Top-10 for the first time following Cluj-Napoca title run (November 1, 2021)
- After win over Krejckikova here, has 27-2 record in her final eight tournaments of the season. Prior to that stretch, was 19-13 for the year and sat at No.30 on the Porsche Race to the WTA Finals Leaderboard
- Is currently on a 11-match winning streak, the longest tour-level run of her career
- Has won 46 matches so far in 2021, the second most on tour (behind Jabeur on 48)
- Owns a tour-leading 37 match wins on hard courts this year (37-10)



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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2019	Result	Rank: 2	Seed: 2
GRP	L	A. BARTY (#1) 4-6 6-2 6-3	
1r	W	B. ANDREESCU (#4) 6-3	
1r	L	E. SVITOLINA (#8) 7-6(12) 6-4	
1r	W	S. HALEP (#5) 6-0 2-6 6-4	
2018	Result	Rank: 8	Seed: 7
SF	L	S. STEPHENS (#6) 0-6 6-4 6-1	
GRP	W	P. KVITOVA (#5) 6-3 6-4	
GRP	W	C. WOZNIACKI (#3) 6-2 6-4	
GRP	L	E. SVITOLINA (#7) 6-3 2-6 6-3	
2017	Result	Rank: 3	Seed: 3
SF	L	C. WOZNIACKI (#6) 7-6(9) 6-3	
GRP	W	V. WILLIAMS (#5) 6-2 6-2	
GRP	W	G. MUGURUZA (#2) 6-2 6-2	
GRP	L	J. OSTAPENKO (#7) 6-3 6-1	
2016	Result	Rank: 5	Seed: 4
GRP	L	A. RADWANSKA (#3) 7-5 6-3	
GRP	L	S. KUZNETSOVA (#9) 3-6 6-2 7-6(6)	
GRP	W	G. MUGURUZA (#6) 6-2 6-7(4) 7-5	


- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles





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SEASON 2021 HISTORY

- Made 3r at Indian Wells (l. Haddad Maia)
  - Finished R-Up at Montréal (l. Giorgi), then advanced to SF at Cincinnati (l. Teichmann) and QF at US Open (l. Ka.Pliskova)
  - 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)
- Won back-to-back titles at Moscow (d. Alexandrova in F - trailed 6-4 4-0) and Cluj-Napoca (d. Halep in F)
  - At Ostrava, lifted second title of the season (d. Sakkari in F). Withdrew prior to 2r match at Chicago (w/left thigh injury) and then advanced to QF at Indian Wells (l. Jabeur)
  - Returned to form at Cleveland, lifting second WTA title of her career (d. Begu in F), followed by 3r run at US Open (l. Swiatek)
  - Fell 1r at the Olympics (l. Sakkari), Montréal (l. Pegula) and Cincinnati (l. Jabeur)
  - Enjoyed R-Up finish at Eastbourne (d. No.7 Andreescu in 2r, l. Ostapenko) before 1r exit at Wimbledon (l. Vondrousova)
  - Advanced to QF at Stuttgart (d. No.4 Kenin in 2r, l. Sabalenka), then fell 2r at Madrid (l. Sakkari) and 3r at Roland Garros (l. Swiatek)
  - Reached 3r at Dubai (l. Sabalenka) and Miami (l. Mertens)
  - Produced QF run at Doha (l. eventual champion Kvitova in 3s)
  - Posted 3r showing at Australian Open (l. Rogers) after reaching the Grampians Trophy final (the final was not played)
  - Opened 2021 season with 1r exit at Abu Dhabi (l. Kudermetova)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
372	1	Aces	213	11
62%	186	First serve %	61%	213
70%	19	First Serve points won %	68%	35
43%	188	Second serve points won %	48%	47
60%	21	Overall service points won %	60%	16
71%	37	Service games won %	72%	27
60%	31	Break points saved %	57%	66
36%	179	First serve return points won %	39%	87
53%	197	Second serve return points won %	55%	121
43%	216	Break points converted %	50%	64
34%	169	Return games won %	40%	58
42%	197	Return points won %	45%	61





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## TITLES

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (16)

2020 - BRISBANE  
2019 - ZHENGZHOU, EASTBOURNE, ROME,  
BRISBANE  
2018 - TOKYO, STUTTGART  
2017 - EASTBOURNE, DOHA, BRISBANE  
2016 - CINCINNATI, NOTTINGHAM  
2015 - PRAGUE  
2014 - LINZ, SEOUL  
2013 - KUALA LUMPUR  
Finalist (16)  
2021 - MONTREAL, WIMBLEDON, ROME  
2020 - ROME  
2019 - MIAMI  
2018 - TIANJIN  
2016 - US OPEN, EASTBOURNE  
2015 - ZHUHAI, STANFORD, BIRMINGHAM, DUBAI,  
SYDNEY  
2014 - HONG KONG, NÜRNBERG, PATTAYA CITY

### DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (5)

2016 - BIRMINGHAM (w/Strycova)  
2014 - HONG KONG (w/Pliskova), BAD GASTEIN  
(w/Pliskova), NÜRNBERG (w/Krajicek)  
2013 - LINZ (w/Pliskova)

Finalist (2)

2016 - INDIAN WELLS (w/Goerges)  
2013 - PALERMO (w/Pliskova)

### SINGLES FINALS

Champion (5)

2021 - CLUJ-NAPOCA, MOSCOW, OSTRAVA,  
CLEVELAND  
2017 - 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH

Finalist (7)

2021 - EASTBOURNE, MELBOURNE 500  
GRAMPIANS TROPHY  
2020 - PALERMO  
2019 - STUTTGART  
2018 - WUHAN  
2017 - GSTAAD, BIEL



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## GRAND SLAMS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
3r	2r	RUP	QF	2021	3r	3r	1r	3r
3r	2r		2r	2020	QF	1r		4r
SF	3r	4r	4r	2019	2r	1r	3r	3r
QF	3r	4r	QF	2018	4r	4r	3r	1r
QF	SF	2r	QF	2017	1r	2r	3r	1r
3r	1r	2r	RUP	2016	1r	1r	1r	1r
3r	2r	2r	1r	2015			1r	4r
2r	2r	2r	3r	2014			1r	
1r	1r	2r	1r	2013				
	1r	1r		2012				



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PLISKOVA**

**ANETT  
KONTAVEIT**

## 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. Dropped 19 games across five matches during Eastbourne title win (d. Kerber in F) – most economic title run in 2019
- 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) and 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)
- 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)
- 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
- Junior highlights included winning 2011 Orange Bowl, defeating Bouchard and Putintseva en route

- Reached first WTA QF as WC at 2008 Prague (L. Azarenka)
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in 2006

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Currently coached by Sascha Bajin; fitness coach is Martin Nosko and Ivan Trebatickia; trains at and plays for Sparta Praha tennis club
- Married Michal Hrdlicka after 2018 Wimbledon
- Away from the court, enjoys fresh-water fishing, as well as contributing to her foundation which benefits various causes, including pediatric oncology and children battling cancer in her native Czech Republic
- Enjoys listening to Czech pop music and watching movies (favorites is Public Enemies). Favorite author is Paulo Coelho
- Working with Dmitry Tursunov; previously coached by Nigel Sears
- Mother is Ulle (tennis coach); father is Andrus (manager at Port of Tallinn); has a half-sister (works at H&M); introduced to tennis at age 6 by mother (was her coach until age 11, then worked with Estonian coaches)
- Aggressive player; favorite shot is forehand. Favorite surface is hard; favorite tournament is Wimbledon
- Enjoys shopping, going to movies and seeing friends
- Tennis idols are Maria Sharapova, Roger Federer and Victoria Azarenka. Goal is to reach Top 10



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**3**  
MATCHES  
PLAYED


**1**  
WIN



**3** **BARBORA  
KREJČIKOVA (2)**  
CZECH REPUBLIC


**GARBIÑE** **5**  
**(6) MUGURUZA**  
SPAIN

1995-12-18	Date of Birth	1993-10-08
Ivancice, Czech Republic	Residence	Geneva, Switzerland
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 10" (1.78 m)	Height	6' 0" (1.82 m)
3	Career-High Ranking	1
\$6,327,132	Career Prize Money	\$22,436,672
\$3,296,029	Season Prize Money	\$1,261,179
3 / 3	Singles Titles YTD / Career	2 / 9
19-6 (Champion: 2021 ROLAND-GARROS)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	83-33 (Champion: 2017 WIMBLEDON; 2016 FRENCH OPEN)
0-1 / 0-1	YTD / Career WTA FINALS W-L (best)	0-1 / 5-6 (Semi-Finalist: 2015)
44-14 / 64-34	YTD / Career W-L	38-17 / 295-160
13-2 / 22-14	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L	7-8 / 89-70
7-6 / 10-8	YTD / Career TB W-L	6-5 / 46-53
1-3 / 1-5	YTD / Career TOP 5 W-L	1-3 / 12-22
Champion: PRAGUE, ROLAND-GARROS, STRASBOURG	YTD Best Result	Champion: CHICAGO 500, DUBAI



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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2021	US OPEN	HARD	4r	Barbora Krejcikova	6-3 7-6(4)	1h 54m
2021	CINCINNATI	HARD	3r	Barbora Krejcikova	6-1 6-7(5) 6-2	2h 24m
2021	DUBAI	HARD	F	Garbiñe Muguruza	7-6(6) 6-3	2h 8m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
65	65	2020	15	15
115	135	2019	15	36
125	203	2018	2	18
121	126	2017	1	2
179	251	2016	2	7
140	187	2015	3	3
180	187	2014	21	21
368	376	2013	53	64
605	608	2012	94	104
895	895	2011	249	249



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

GRP: d. A. KONTAVEIT (#8) 6-3 6-4 (1h 15m)

*Total time on court: 1h 15m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making singles debut at WTA Finals
- Accumulated 4518 points on the Porsche Race to WTA Finals leaderboard (the second most of the players in Guadalajara, behind Sabalenka on 4768)
- Contested doubles at WTA Finals twice, finishing R-Up in 2018 (l. Babos/Mladenovic) and falling in round robin in 2019 (both w/Siniakova)
- Also top seed in doubles draw in Guadalajara (w/Siniakova). Is the first woman to qualify for both singles and doubles at WTA Finals since Ka.Pliskova in 2016
- Was broken twice during opening match defeat to Kontaveit on Wednesday
- Faces No.5 Muguruza today. Owns four Top-10 wins in her career, all coming this year: No.5 Kenin (Rome), No.6 Svitolina (Roland-Garros), No.9 Muguruza (Cincinnati) and No.10 Muguruza (US Open)
- Owns 3-3 career record against players from Spain in main-draw matches, with five of these matches taking place this season (2-3 record)
- Best career result on hard courts was this year's title run at Prague
- One of two Czech women in the draw (also Ka.Pliskova); the Czech Republic has now been represented at every edition of the WTA Finals since 2011
- Best results by Czech women at the WTA Finals were title runs from Novotna (1997) and Kvitova (2011)
- Is currently ranked No.3; ended last season at No.65
- Has registered 44 main-draw victories this season - one of only seven players to pass the 40-win mark
- Is 13-2 in three-set matches in 2021 with her only losses coming to eventual champions Swiatek at Rome and Bencic at the Olympics
- These defeats to Swiatek and Bencic were also the only matches she has lost in 2021 after winning the opening set (39-2 record)

### CURRENT TOURNAMENT

GRP: d. K. PLISKOVA (#4) 4-6 6-2 7-6 (2h 26m)

*Total time on court: 2h 26m*

### PLAYER NOTES

- Making fourth appearance at the WTA Finals, where her best result was SF on debut in 2015 (l. eventual champion A.Radwanska), posting a 3-0 round-robin record
- Also qualified in 2016 and 2017, going 1-2 in the group stage on both occasions
- In doubles, qualified with Suarez Navarro in 2014 and 2015, on the second occasion going on to reach the championship match (l. Hingis/Mirza)
- In opening round-robin match, lost to Ka.Pliskova despite leading 5-4 in the decisive tie-break; now trails in their career head-to-head 9-2
- Faces No.3 Krejckikova today; owns 3-8 record against Top-10 players this season, with wins over No.4 Kenin (Yarra Valley Classic) and No.8 Sabalenka (Doha and Dubai)
- Owns 16-24 career record against Czech women in main-draw matches, while is 3-5 this season (d. Vondrousova at Yarra Valley Classic, Krejckikova at Dubai, Martincova at Moscow; l. Kvitova at Doha, Siniakova at Montreal, Krejckikova at Cincinnati and US Open, Ka.Pliskova at WTA Finals)
- Holds a 10-2 main-draw record in Mexico (including Wednesday's defeat to Pliskova). On most recent visits, lifted back-to-back titles at Monterrey in 2018 and 2019
- Of her nine career titles, seven have come on hard courts including two this year at Dubai and Chicago 500; only titles to not come on hard courts were two Grand Slam titles at 2016 Roland Garros and 2017 Wimbledon
- Is one of three major winners in this year's field (also Krejckikova and Swiatek)
- With Badosa also in this year's field, this marks the first time multiple Spanish women are competing at the WTA Finals since 2000 (Sanchez-Vicario and Martinez). Best result by a Spanish player at the WTA Finals was Sanchez-Vicario's R-Up finish in 1993
- Is currently ranked No.5, having last month returned to the Top 5 for the first time since the summer of 2018





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## RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY


- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

2017	Result	Rank: 2	Seed: 2
GRP	L	K. PLISKOVA (#3) 6-2 6-2	
GRP	W	J. OSTAPENKO (#7) 6-3 6-4	
GRP	L	V. WILLIAMS (#5) 7-5 6-4	
2016	Result	Rank: 6	Seed: 5
GRP	W	S. KUZNETSOVA (#9) 3-6 6-0 6-1	
GRP	L	K. PLISKOVA (#5) 6-2 6-7(4) 7-5	
GRP	L	A. RADWANSKA (#3) 7-6(1) 6-3	
2015	Result	Rank: 3	Seed: 2
SF	L	A. RADWANSKA (#6) 6-7(5) 6-3 7-5	
GRP	W	A. KERBER (#7) 6-4 6-4	
GRP	W	L. SAFAROVA (#9) 6-3 7-6(4)	
GRP	W	P. KVITOVA (#5) 6-4 4-6 7-5	



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SEASON 2021 HISTORY

- Lost both singles rubbers (l. Bencic and Kerber) as Czech Republic failed to reach SF at Billie Jean King Cup Finals
  - Reached QF at Cincinnati (l. eventual champion Barty) and US Open (l. Sabalenka). Made R16 at Indian Wells (l. eventual champion Badosa)
  - Advanced to R16 in singles at Olympics (l. eventual champion Bencic) and won doubles gold medal w/Siniakova
  - Enjoyed R16 run at Wimbledon (l. eventual champion Barty), followed by title at Prague (d. Martincova in F)
  - At Roland Garros became the first woman since 2000 to sweep titles in singles (d. Pavlyuchenkova in F) and doubles (w/Siniakova); saved 1MP to beat Sakkari in SF
  - Began the clay court season with 2r showing at Istanbul (l. Bogdan), 1r exit at Madrid (l. Badosa) before lifting maiden WTA singles title at Strasbourg (d. Cirstea in F); also won doubles title in Madrid (w/Siniakova)
  - At Dubai, reached second career final (l. Muguruza). Then made 2r at Miami (l. Swiatek)
  - In doubles, won title at Gippstand Trophy and finished R-Up at Australian Open (both w/Siniakova). Also defended mixed doubles title at Melbourne Park (w/Ram)
  - Opened season with 2r showing at Abu Dhabi (l.Putintseva), before advancing to QF at Grampians Trophy (l. Brady) and then 2r at Australian Open (l. Alexandrova)
- Reached QF at Moscow (l. eventual champion Kontaveit) after suffering 2r exit at Indian Wells (after 1r bye, l. Tomljanovic)
  - Won ninth title of career at Chicago 500 (d. Jabeur in F)
  - Fell 2r at Montréal (after 1r bye, l. Siniakova) and reached 3r at Cincinnati (l. Krejčíková) and R16 at US Open (l. Krejčíková)
  - Progressed to QF at Olympics (l. Rybakina)
  - Advanced to QF at Berlin (l. Cornet - held 1MP) - first back-to-back wins on grass since 2017 Wimbledon title - and 3r at Wimbledon (l. Jabeur)
  - 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)
  - At Dubai, lifted first title in nearly two years (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)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
186	15	Aces	157	22
59%	251	First serve %	66%	97
69%	24	First Serve points won %	66%	62
49%	33	Second serve points won %	48%	50
61%	8	Overall service points won %	60%	24
72%	26	Service games won %	66%	89
56%	87	Break points saved %	52%	197
38%	104	First serve return points won %	38%	98
54%	154	Second serve return points won %	57%	63
46%	150	Break points converted %	47%	136
38%	93	Return games won %	42%	41


44%

106

Return points won %


46%

59



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TITLES

SINGLES FINALS	SINGLES FINALS
Champion (3) 2021 - PRAGUE, ROLAND-GARROS, STRASBOURG Runner-Up (2) 2021 - DUBAI 2017 - NÜRNBERG	Champion (9) 2021 - CHICAGO 500, DUBAI 2019 - MONTERREY 2018 - MONTERREY 2017 - CINCINNATI, WIMBLEDON 2016 - FRENCH OPEN 2015 - BEIJING 2014 - HOBART
DOUBLES FINALS	DOUBLES FINALS
Champion (10) 2021 - OLYMPICS (w/Siniakova), ROLAND-GARROS (w/Siniakova), MADRID (w/Siniakova), MELBOURNE 500 GIPPSLAND TROPHY (w/Siniakova) 2020 - SHENZHEN (w/Siniakova) 2019 - LINZ (w/Siniakova), TORONTO (w/Siniakova) 2018 - WIMBLEDON (w/Siniakova), ROLAND GARROS (w/Siniakova) 2015 - QUEBEC CITY (w/Mestach)	Runner-Up (7) 2021 - DOHA, MELBOURNE 500 YARRA VALLEY 2020 - AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2018 - DOHA 2015 - WUHAN, WIMBLEDON 2014 - FLORIANOPOLIS
Runner-Up (9) 2021 - AUSTRALIAN OPEN (w/Siniakova) 2020 - DUBAI (w/Zheng) 2019 - INDIAN WELLS (w/Siniakova) 2018 - WTA FINALS (w/Siniakova), MIAMI (w/Siniakova), SHENZHEN (w/Siniakova) 2017 - BASTAD (w/Irigoyen) 2016 - ST. PETERSBURG (w/Dushevina) 2014 - LUXEMBOURG (w/Hradecka)	Champion (5) 2015 - TOKYO (w/Suárez Navarro), BIRMINGHAM (w/Suárez Navarro) 2014 - STANFORD (w/Suárez Navarro), MARRAKECH (w/Oprandi) 2013 - HOBART (w/Torró-flor)
	Runner-Up (5) 2015 - WTA FINALS (w/Suárez Navarro), MADRID (w/Suárez Navarro), DUBAI (w/Suárez Navarro) 2014 - TOKYO (w/Suárez Navarro), MADRID (w/Suárez Navarro)



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## GRAND SLAMS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN		AUSTRALIAN OPEN	ROLAND GARROS	WIMBLEDON	US OPEN
2r	WON	4r	QF	2021	4r	1r	3r	4r
2r	4r			2020	RUP	3r		2r
				2019	4r	4r	1r	1r
	1r			2018	2r	SF	2r	2r
				2017	QF	4r	WON	4r
				2016	3r	WON	2r	2r
				2015	4r	QF	RUP	2r
				2014	4r	QF	1r	1r
				2013	2r	2r	2r	
				2012				1r



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## CAREER MILESTONES

- Lifted maiden WTA title at 2021 Strasbourg, followed by sweep of singles and doubles titles at Roland Garros. Roland Garros was just her fifth Slam main draw in singles; only two women have won a major with fewer main draw appearances to their name
- 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
- Highlight of 2017 was R-Up finish in first WTA singles final at Nürnberg (l. Bertens in F). Also made QF as qualifier at Bastad (l. 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, l. Bacsinszky/Barrois)
- Reached 2r on WTA debut as qualifier at 2014 Québec City (l. Hradecka)
- On ITF Circuit, owns 14 singles and 19 doubles titles
- Made professional debut at \$10K ITF/Piestany-SVK in 2010
- 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 Martínez in 1998
- 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

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Aleš Kartus
- Started playing tennis aged 6 and was later coached and mentored by WTA legend Jana Novotna
- Highly ranked junior, won the Roland Garros, Wimbledon and US Open girls' doubles titles with Katerina Siniakova.

- Coached by Conchita Martinez. Joined by Concepcion Martinez Bernat here in Guadalajara
- Mother's name is Scarlet Blanco; father's name is José Antonio Muguruza; brothers' names are Asier (an engineer) and Igor (an economist); mother is from Venezuela and father is from Spain
- Began playing tennis at age 3; first memory of the sport was playing with her brothers
- Aggressive style of play; favorite surface is hardcourts; favorite shot is serve
- Enjoys cooking, reading and listening to music
- Favorite tennis players growing up were Serena Williams and Pete Sampras.

# DOUBLES NOTES: AKRON WTA FINALS GUADALAJARA

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## [2] SHUKO AOYAMA (JPN #6) / ENA SHIBAHARA (JPN #6)

AOYAMA		SHIBAHARA	
<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed
<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	Dec 19, 1987 (33)	<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	Feb 12, 1998 (23)
<b>Height</b>	5' 1" (1.54m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 7" (1.70m)
<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	No.6 (Oct 18, 2021)	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	No.6 (Nov 8, 2021)
<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$1,651,475	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$671,859
<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$338,567	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	360,919
<b>YTD / Career Doubles Titles</b>	5 / 17	<b>YTD / Career Doubles Titles</b>	5 / 8
<b>WTA Finals W-L</b>	1-0	<b>WTA Finals W-L</b>	1-0
<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	38-16 / 423-249	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	38-16 / 126-63
<b>Coach</b>	Masayuki Ando	<b>Coach</b>	Shuhei Shibahara

### 2021 TEAM HISTORY:

**Titles (5):** Abu Dhabi, Yarra Valley Classic, Miami, Eastbourne, Cleveland

**R-Up (-):**

**SF (3):** Rome, Wimbledon, Indian Wells

**QF (3):** Australian Open, Cincinnati, Chicago 500

**W-L record:** 38-16

- Aoyama and Shibahara have played 21 tournaments together this year, winning five titles – Abu Dhabi, Yarra Valley Classic, Miami, Eastbourne and Cleveland – posting a 5-0 record in championship matches
- First teamed up at 2019 San Jose, a tournament they finished as runner-up (l. to Melichar/Peschke)
- Since teaming up in 2019, won have won eight titles, also capturing two titles in 2019 (Tianjin, Moscow) and one in 2020 (St. Petersburg)
- Aoyama made her Tour debut in 2010 at Osaka, an International level tournament at the time, in which she finished as runner-up (w/Fujiwara). A two-time Wimbledon semifinalist – 2013 (w/Scheepers) and 2021, Aoyama has won 17 career doubles titles and enters the WTA Finals with a career-best doubles ranking at No.6. Prior to teaming up with Shibahara, career-high doubles ranking was No.27 (achieved on January 15, 2018). Climbed as high as No.182 in singles, first achieved on February 9, 2015
- Shibahara made her Tour-level debut at the 2016 US Open, playing with Jada Hart, the same year the duo won the 2016 US Open girls doubles tournament. All 8 doubles titles came with Aoyama, and she also won a WTA 125 title at Newport Beach (w/Hayley Carter). Shibahara attended and played tennis at UCLA where she twice won PAC-12 Player of the Year honors. Career-high singles ranking is No.416
- Aoyama and Shibahara join a list of Japanese women to compete at the WTA Finals that includes:

### JAPANESE WOMEN TO COMPETE AT WTA FINALS

	Singles	Doubles
<b>Shuko Aoyama</b>	-	2021
<b>Ena Shibahara</b>	-	2021
<b>Naomi Osaka</b>	2018, 2019	-
<b>Ai Sugiyama</b>	2003	1998, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2007, 2008
<b>Rika Fujiwara</b>	-	2002
<b>Kimiko Date</b>	1994, 1995, 1996	-



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## [4] NICOLE MELICHAR-MARTINEZ (USA #13) / DEMI SCHUURS (NED #12)

MELICHAR-MARTINEZ		SCHUURS	
<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed
<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	Jul. 29, 1993 (28)	<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	Aug. 1, 1993 (28)
<b>Height</b>	5' 11" (1.81m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 7" (1.70m)
<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	No.9 (May. 17, 2021)	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	No.7 (Oct. 22, 2018)
<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$1,726,809	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$1,718,329
<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$241,659	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$261,001
<b>YTD / Career Doubles Titles</b>	2 / 10	<b>YTD / Career Doubles Titles</b>	2 / 14
<b>WTA Finals W-L (best)</b>	1-1 (QF 2018)	<b>WTA Finals W-L (best)</b>	4-3 (SF 2019)
<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	31-19 / 301-260	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	35-18 / 310-161
<b>Coach</b>	Carlos Martinez	<b>Coach</b>	Lambert Schuurs

### 2021 TEAM HISTORY:

**Titles (2):** Charleston, Doha

**R-Up (2):** Berlin, Eastbourne

**SF (3):** Yarra Valley Classic (Melbourne), Australian Open, Chicago

**W-L record:** 29-16

- 2021 marks their debut at the WTA Finals as a team
- Schuurs has appeared here twice before, in 2018 (w/Mertens, l. opening match to Barty/Vandeweghe) and in 2019 (w/Groenefeld, reached SF, l. Hsieh/Strycova)
- Melichar-Martinez qualified in 2018 w/Pesche and lost opening match (l. Krejčíková/Siniakova)
- The team first paired up in 2020 – they played two events and won one of them, at Strasbourg
- Re-established their partnership in 2021 and have reached four finals this year, winning Charleston and Doha and finishing R-Up at Berlin and Eastbourne in back-to-back weeks
- Schuurs owns 14 doubles titles overall (14-14 record in finals); Melichar-Martinez owns 10 titles (10-12 record)
- Melichar has gone deep in Grand Slams before winning the 2018 Wimbledon mixed doubles title w/Peya and finishing R-Up at 2018 Wimbledon w/Peschke (l. Krejčíková/Sinikova) and 2020 US Open w/Xu (l. Siegemund/Zvonareva)
- Schuurs's best Grand Slam result has been runs to the SF, at 2021 Australian Open, and QF at 2019 Wimbledon w/Groenefeld and 2020 US Open w/Peschke

## Head-to-Heads

**AOYAMA, SHUKO / SHIBAHARA, ENA vs MELICHAR-MARTINEZ, NICOLE / SCHUURS, DE**

**AOYAMA, SHUKO / SHIBAHARA, ENA 2 - 1**

Year	Tournament Name	Surface	I-O	Rnd	Winner / Loser	rank	seed	Scores
2020	STRASBOURG	CLAY	O	S	MELICHAR N. USA / SCHUURS D. NED	24	1	6-2 7-6(3)
					AOYAMA S. JPN / SHIBAHARA E. JPN	46	3	
2021	MELBOURNE 500 YARRA	HARD	O	S	AOYAMA S. JPN / SHIBAHARA E. JPN	38	3	6-7(5) 7-5 13-11
					MELICHAR N. USA / SCHUURS D. NED	23	2	
2021	EASTBOURNE	GRASS	O	F	AOYAMA S. JPN / SHIBAHARA E. JPN	28	2	6-1 6-4
					MELICHAR N. USA / SCHUURS D. NED	19	1	

## [5] SAMANTHA STOSUR (AUS #24) / ZHANG SHUAI (CHN #8)

STOSUR		ZHANG	
<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed
<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	Mar. 30, 1984 (37)	<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	Jan. 21, 1989 (32)
<b>Height</b>	5' 9" (1.75m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 10" (1.77m)
<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	No.1 (Feb. 6, 2006)	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	No.8 (Oct 18, 2021)
<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$19,741,702	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$7,775,053
<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$704,482	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$984,327
<b>YTD / Career Doubles Titles</b>	2 / 28	<b>YTD / Career Doubles Titles</b>	3 / 11
<b>WTA Finals W-L (best)</b>	6-4 (WON 2005-06)	<b>WTA Finals W-L (best)</b>	2-3 (SF 2019)
<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	13-9 / 438-241	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	35-24 / 270-222
<b>Coach</b>	Rennae Stubbs	<b>Coach</b>	Shuo (Robert) Liu

### 2021 TEAM HISTORY:

**Titles (2):** Cincinnati, US Open

**1r (2):** Gippsland Trophy, Australian Open

**W-L record:** 11-3

- Making their second consecutive appearance as a team at the WTA Finals, having reached SF in 2019 (l. eventual champions Babos/Mladenovic)
- This is Stosur's fifth appearance in doubles at the WTA Finals, and the Australian is a two-time champion after winning the event in 2005 and 2006 (both with Raymond). She also qualified with Stubbs in 2009
- Zhang made her WTA Finals debut appearance alongside Stosur two years ago
- The team only played four tournaments together in 2021, lifting two titles at Cincinnati and US Open – currently on an 11-match winning streak
- Stosur has reached nine Grand Slam finals – across all four majors – with four different partners. Her four titles came at 2019 Australian Open and 2021 US Open (both w/Zhang), 2005 US Open and 2006 Roland Garros (both w/Raymond)
- Zhang has appeared in two major final and won both (2019 Australian Open, 2021 US Open). Her best previous results were 2018's semifinal showing at Flushing Meadows with Stosur and quarterfinal runs at the US Open in 2012 (w/Chuang) and 2017 (w/H.Chan)
- In mixed doubles, Stosur owns three Grand Slam titles – at 2005 Australian Open, 2008 Wimbledon (w/B.Bryan) and 2014 Wimbledon (w/Zimonjic)
- Zhang reached the semifinals in mixed doubles at 2018 US Open (w/Peers)
- Since reaching the final of their first tournament together at 2013 Osaka, Stosur and Zhang have partnered one another intermittently on tour before reuniting to reach the last four at the 2018 US Open and then win their next tournament at Hong Kong
- Stosur is a former doubles World No.1 (first achieved February 6, 2006), while Zhang currently stands at a career-high ranking of No.8 (first achieved on Oct 18, 2021)
- In singles, Stosur has a career-high ranking of No.4 (February 21, 2011). She owns nine career singles titles, including the 2011 US Open
- Zhang's best singles ranking is No.23 (November 14, 2016) and she has two career titles, at Guangzhou in 2013 and 2017

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## [7] DARIJA JURAK (CRO #10) / ANDREJA KLEPAC (SLO #25)

JURAK		KLEPAC	
<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed	<b>Plays</b>	Right-handed
<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	Apr. 5, 1984 (37)	<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	Mar. 13, 1986 (35)
<b>Height</b>	5' 11" (1.80m)	<b>Height</b>	5' 9" (1.75m)
<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	No.10 (Nov. 1, 2021)	<b>Career-High Ranking</b>	No.12 (Jul. 16, 2018)
<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$1,574,182	<b>Career Prize Money</b>	\$2,262,108
<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$274,126	<b>Season Prize Money</b>	\$202,405
<b>YTD / Career Doubles Titles</b>	3 / 9	<b>YTD / Career Doubles Titles</b>	2 / 10
<b>WTA Finals W-L</b>	0-1	<b>WTA Finals W-L (best)</b>	0-3 (QF 2017-18)
<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	37-18 / 536-424	<b>YTD / Career W-L</b>	33-22 / 395-342
<b>Coach</b>	Andrew Schreiber	<b>Coach</b>	Primož Starič

### 2021 TEAM HISTORY:

**Titles (2):** Bad Homburg, San Jose

**R-Up (2):** Parma, Montréal

**SF (1):** Chicago

**QF (1):** Roland-Garros

**W-L record:** 30-21

- Jurak and Klepac have played 15 tournaments as partners this year – winning titles at Bad Homburg and San Jose and finishing R-Up at Parma and Montréal
- Their San Jose and Montreal finals came in back-to-back weeks in August
- They also made the SF stage at Chicago and the QFs at Roland-Garros
- This is Klepac's third appearance at the WTA Finals – she qualified in 2017 and 2018 with Martinez-Sanchez, however lost opening matches in both years. This is Jurak's first appearance at the WTA Finals
- The team first paired up back in 2006 on the ITF Circuit. They briefly reunited in 2014 before once again getting back together in 2021
- Jurak has been a fixture on the doubles circuit for over a decade now. In 2014 she lifted her first doubles title at Monterrey (w/Moulton-Levy) and seven more have followed, including at the WTA 500 tournaments at Dubai (w/Chuang) and Eastbourne in 2016 (w/An.Rodionova). She owns a 9-12 record in finals
- Jurak has taken her game to new heights in 2021, winning two WTA titles and making her Grand Slam breakthrough, reaching SF at Australian Open w/Stojanovic and QF at Roland Garros w/Klepac. She currently sits at a career-high No.10 in the rankings (first posted on November 1, 2021)
- First doubles final of Klepac's career came back in 2007, on home soil in Portoroz, where she was R-Up w/Likhovtseva. Since then she has reached 18 more (record is 10-11)
- Klepac's biggest titles of career came in 2019, first at Cincinnati (w/Hradecka, d. Groenefeld/Schuurs in F) and then in final event of the season, the WTA Elite Trophy in Zhuhai (w/L.Kichenok, d. Duan/Yang)
- Klepac is currently ranked No.25. She owns a career-high ranking of No.12 (July 16, 2018)