



MATCH NOTES

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



DAY 5 MATCH-UPS

2 BARBORA
KREJCIKOVA

0-2
HEAD-TO-HEAD RECORD

KAROLINA
PLISKOVA **3**

***Pliskova** won their most recent meeting three years ago at Roland-Garros... **Krejckikova** could still progress should she win and Kontaveit beats Muguruza in straight sets... **Pliskova** reached SF on past three WTA Finals appearances..... **Krejckikova** has already advanced to doubles SF*

2 SHUKO AOYAMA
ENA SHIBAHARA

0-1
HEAD-TO-HEAD RECORD

SAMANTHA STOSUR
ZHANG SHUAI **5**

***Aoyama** and **Shibahara** have already secured top spot in the group, while **Stosur** and **Zhang** are eliminated... **Stosur** and **Zhang** beat the Japanese duo on their way to this year's US Open crown... **Aoyama** and **Shibahara** are bidding for their 40th win of the season*

6 GARBIÑE
MUGURUZA

2-2
HEAD-TO-HEAD RECORD

ANETT
KONTAVEIT **8**

***Kontaveit** beat the Spaniard in 49 minutes during her recent Moscow title run... **Muguruza** is guaranteed to progress with a straight-sets victory... **Kontaveit's** two wins here have stretched her current unbeaten run to 12 matches... **Muguruza** advanced to SF at WTA Finals on debut in 2015*

4 NICOLE MELICHAR-MARTINEZ
DEMI SCHUURS **0-0**
HEAD-TO-HEAD RECORD

DARIJA JURAK
ANDREJA KLEPAC **7**

*The winner of this match will claim second spot in the group... **Jurak** and **Klepac** have reached two finals on hard courts this season... **Schuurs** is the only one of the four to have previously progressed to the SF at the WTA Finals, doing so alongside Groenefeld in 2019*

ROUND ROBIN STANDINGS

PLAYER	MATCH W-L	PCT	SETS W-L	PCT	GAMES W-L	PCT
SABALENKA	1-1	.500	2-3	.400	19-25	.432
SAKKARI	1-1	.500	2-2	.500	22-19	.537
SWIATEK	0-2	.000	1-4	.200	19-27	.413
BADOSA	2-0	1.00	4-0	1.00	25-14	.641

PLAYER	MATCH W-L	PCT	SETS W-L	PCT	GAMES W-L	PCT
KREJCIKOVA	0-2	.000	1-4	.200	20-26	.435
PLISKOVA	1-1	.500	2-3	.400	21-26	.447
MUGURUZA	1-1	.500	3-3	.500	28-30	.483
KONTAVEIT	2-0	1.00	4-0	1.00	24-11	.686

QUALIFICATION SCENARIOS

- **Kontaveit** has already confirmed her semifinal spot and will win the group with another victory or in defeat if Pliskova wins. She will finish second with a loss coupled with a Krejckikova triumph in the earlier match
- **Muguruza** will advance with a win unless it is a three-set win and Pliskova scores a straight set victory. She would also reach the semifinals with a three-set loss coupled with a Krejckikova win, and could also progress with a straight set loss and a three-set success for Krejckikova (advancement determined by percentage of games won)
- **Pliskova** will progress with a win coupled with a Kontaveit victory or with a straight sets triumph and a Muguruza three-set win. The Czech could also advance with a three-set loss and a Kontaveit straight set win (advancement determined by percentage of games won)
- **Krejckikova** will advance with a straight sets win coupled with a Kontaveit straight sets victory. She could also make the last four with a three-set win coupled with a Kontaveit straight set win (advancement determined by percentage of games won)

A LOOK AT THE TEOTIHUACÁN GROUP

PLAYER	RANK	AGE	WTAF W/L	YTD W/L	CAREER W/L	YTD PRIZE \$	CAREER PRIZE \$	YTD TITLES	TITLES
[2] Barbora Krejckikova (CZE)	3	25	0-2	44-15	64-35	\$3,356,883	\$6,327,132	3	3
[3] Karolina Pliskova (CZE)	4	29	8-9	36-19	359-186	\$2,538,865	\$22,940,299	0	16
[6] Garbiñe Muguruza (ESP)	5	28	6-6	39-17	296-160	\$1,276,871	\$22,436,672	2	9
[8] Anett Kontaveit (EST)	8	25	2-0	47-15	171-114	\$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 victory over **Krejckikova** on Friday improved her main-draw record in Mexico to 11-1, 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. Bidding to become the oldest player to reach the semifinals since Venus Williams in 2017
- **Barbora Krejckikova** is already advanced from the round-robin stage in doubles alongside partner Katerina Siniakova. The last woman to reach the semifinals in singles and doubles was Muguruza in 2015
- **Krejckikova's** loss to Muguruza was only the third three-set defeat she has suffered this season. The other two were against eventual champions Iga Swiatek at Rome and Belinda Bencic at the Olympics
- After her success this week, **Anett Kontaveit** is now 28-2 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
- Victory over Muguruza in the final round-robin match will be **Kontaveit's** 48th of the campaign, drawing her level with Ons Jabeur at the top of 2021's match-wins leaderboard
- **Kontaveit** owns a Tour-leading 38 match wins on hard courts this year (38-10)
- **Kontaveit** is 41-2 this season in matches when she wins the first set

HEAD-TO-HEADS

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



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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
- Maiden title winners (17): Clara Tauson (Lyon), Sara Sorribes Tormo (Guadalajara), Leylah Fernandez (Monterrey), Veronika Kudermetova (Charleston 500), Camila Osorio (Bogotá), Astra Sharma (Charleston 250), Paula Badosa (Belgrade), Barbora Krejčíková (Strasbourg), Liudmila Samsonova (Berlin), Ons Jabeur (Birmingham), Elena-Gabriela Ruse (Hamburg), Tamara Zidansek (Lausanne), Danielle Collins (Palermo), Maryna Zanevska (Gdynia), Emma Raducanu (US Open), Jasmine Paolini (Portoroz), Ann Li (Tenerife)
- Most wins (48): Ons Jabeur
- Most Top-10 wins (8): Maria Sakkari
- Longest winning streak (15): Barbora Krejčíková (Strasbourg - 5, Roland-Garros - 7, Wimbledon - 3)
- Aces leader (376): 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
Anett Kontaveit	47-15	Champion: Cleveland, Ostrava, Moscow, Cluj-Napoca
Aryna Sabalenka	45-17	Champion: Abu Dhabi, Madrid
Barbora Krejčíková	44-15	Champion: Strasbourg, Roland-Garros, Prague
Paula Badosa	43-15	Champion: Belgrade, Indian Wells
Ashleigh Barty	42-8	Champion: Yarra Valley Classic, Miami, Stuttgart, Wimbledon, Cincinnati
Elina Svitolina	41-20	Champion: Chicago 250
Garbiñe Muguruza	39-17	Champion: Dubai, Chicago 500
Danielle Collins	38-14	Champion: Palermo, San Jose

* Not including Billie Jean King Cup matches

TITLES

Player	Titles	Tournaments
Ashleigh Barty	5	Yarra Valley, Miami, Stuttgart, Wimbledon, Cincinnati
Anett Kontaveit	4	Cleveland, Ostrava, Moscow, Cluj-Napoca
Barbora Krejčíková	3	Strasbourg, Roland Garros, Prague

ACES LEADERS

Player	Aces^	Matches	Aces/match
Karolina Pliskova	376	52	7.2
Aryna Sabalenka	350	60	5.8
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
Maria Sakkari	237	53	4.5
Liudmila Samsonova	234	39	6
Ekaterina Alexandrova	233	44	5.3

^ Not including aces during Olympic Games tennis tournament



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KREJČIKOVA (2)**
CZECH REPUBLIC

**KAROLINA
(3) PLISKOVA** **4**
CZECH REPUBLIC

1995-12-18	Date of Birth		1992-03-21
Ivancice, Czech Republic	Residence		Monte Carlo, Monaco
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	
5' 10" (1.78 m)	Height	6' 1" (1.86 m)	
3	Career-High Ranking		1
\$6,327,132	Career Prize Money		\$22,940,298
\$3,296,029	Season Prize Money		\$2,538,865
3 / 3	Singles Titles YTD / Career		0 / 16
19-6 (Champion: 2021 ROLAND-GARROS)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	76-37 (Runner-Up: 2021 WIMBLEDON; 2016 US OPEN)	
0-2 / 0-2	YTD / Career WTA FINALS W-L (best)	1-1 / 8-9 (Semi-Finalist: 2019, 2018, 2017)	
44-15 / 64-35	YTD / Career W-L		36-19 / 359-186
13-3 / 22-15	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L		12-4 / 114-61
7-6 / 10-8	YTD / Career TB W-L		8-5 / 71-74
1-4 / 1-6	YTD / Career TOP 5 W-L		3-2 / 21-22
Champion: PRAGUE, ROLAND-GARROS, STRASBOURG	YTD Best Result	Runner-Up: MONTREAL, WIMBLEDON, ROME	



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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2018	ROLAND GARROS	CLAY	1r	Karolina Pliskova	7-6(6) 6-4	1h 37m
2011	BRATISLAVA	HARD	1r	Karolina Pliskova	6-1 6-3	52m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
65	65	2020	2	6
115	135	2019	2	2
125	203	2018	4	8
121	126	2017	1	4
179	251	2016	5	6
140	187	2015	7	11
180	187	2014	24	24
368	376	2013	63	67
605	608	2012	107	120
895	895	2011	159	159



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

GRP: d. G. MUGURUZA (#5) 2-6 6-3 6-4 (2h 10m)
GRP: d. A. KONTAVEIT (#8) 6-3 6-4 (1h 15m)

Total time on court: 3h 25m

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
- Narrow defeats to Kontaveit and Muguruza have extended her winless streak to five matches
- Faces No.4 Ka.Pliskova 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)
- Will advance with a straight sets win coupled with a Kontaveit straight sets win over Muguruza. Could also advance with a three-set win coupled with a Kontaveit straight set win (depending on percentage of games won)
- Owns 5-3 career record against fellow Czechs in main-draw matches, while is 3-0 this season (d. Kr.Pliskova at Roland Garros, Siniakova and Martincova at Prague)
- Best career result on hard courts was this year's title run at Prague
- One of two Czech women in the draw (also today's opponent 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


CURRENT TOURNAMENT

GRP: d. A. KONTAVEIT (#8) 6-4 6-0 (57m)
GRP: d. G. MUGURUZA (#5) 4-6 6-2 7-6 (2h 26m)

Total time on court: 3h 23m


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)
- 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, before a straight sets defeat to the in-form Kontaveit on Friday
- Has hit 12 aces in her first two matches to take her season total to a tour-leading 376
- Faces No.3 Krejckova today; owns three Top-10 wins this season, No.4 Sabalenka (Wimbledon), No.3 Sabalenka (Montreal) and No.5 Muguruza (WTA Finals)
- Will advance with a victory coupled with a Kontaveit win over Muguruza or with a straight sets triumph coupled with a Muguruza three-set win. Could also advance with a three-set loss coupled with a Kontaveit straight set win (depending on percentage of games won)
- Owns 26-9 career record against fellow Czechs in main-draw matches, while is 1-1 this season (l. Muchova at Australian Open; d. Martincova at Wimbledon)
- 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
- 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



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RECENT TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles

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	



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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)
- 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)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
194	13	Aces	376	1
59%	246	First serve %	62%	186
69%	28	First Serve points won %	70%	20
50%	30	Second serve points won %	43%	190
61%	9	Overall service points won %	60%	23
72%	27	Service games won %	71%	38
56%	84	Break points saved %	59%	37
38%	115	First serve return points won %	36%	189
55%	146	Second serve return points won %	53%	199
46%	150	Break points converted %	43%	221
38%	99	Return games won %	33%	178


44%

110

Return points won %


42%

202



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TITLES

SINGLES FINALS	SINGLES FINALS
Champion (3) 2021 - PRAGUE, ROLAND-GARROS, STRASBOURG Runner-Up (2) 2021 - DUBAI 2017 - NÜRNBERG	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
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 (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
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)	DOUBLES FINALS
	Champion (5) 2016 - BIRMINGHAM (w/Strycova) 2014 - HONG KONG (w/Pliskova), BAD GASTEIN (w/Pliskova), NÜRNBERG (w/Krajicek) 2013 - LINZ (w/Pliskova)
	Runner-Up (2) 2016 - INDIAN WELLS (w/Goerges) 2013 - PALERMO (w/Pliskova)



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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	3r	2r	RUP	QF
2r	4r			2020	3r	2r		2r
				2019	SF	3r	4r	4r
	1r			2018	QF	3r	4r	QF
				2017	QF	SF	2r	QF
				2016	3r	1r	2r	RUP
				2015	3r	2r	2r	1r
				2014	2r	2r	2r	3r
				2013	1r	1r	2r	1r
				2012		1r	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 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)

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

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.


- Currently coached by Sascha Bajin; fitness coach is Martin Nosko and Ivan Trebaticka; 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



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GARBIÑE MUGURUZA (6)
SPAIN

ANETT KONTAVEIT (8)
ESTONIA

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1993-10-08	Date of Birth	1995-12-24
Geneva, Switzerland	Residence	Tallinn, Estonia
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
6' 0" (1.82 m)	Height	5' 9" (1.74 m)
1	Career-High Ranking	8
\$22,436,672	Career Prize Money	\$6,035,470
\$1,261,179	Season Prize Money	\$1,158,757
2 / 9	Singles Titles YTD / Career	4 / 5
83-33 (Champion: 2017 WIMBLEDON; 2016 FRENCH OPEN)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	32-25 (Quarter-Finalist: 2020 AUSTRALIAN OPEN)
1-1 / 6-6 (Semi-Finalist: 2015)	YTD / Career WTA FINALS W-L (best)	2-0 / 2-0
39-17 / 296-160	YTD / Career W-L	47-15 / 171-114
8-8 / 90-70	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L	9-7 / 52-41
6-5 / 46-53	YTD / Career TB W-L	5-3 / 37-31
2-3 / 13-22	YTD / Career TOP 5 W-L	4-0 / 6-11
4-8 / 39-43	YTD / Career TOP 10 W-L	6-5 / 16-25
Champion: CHICAGO 500, DUBAI	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
2021	MOSCOW	HARD	QF	Anett Kontaveit	6-1 6-1	49m
2017	ROLAND GARROS	CLAY	2r	Garbiñe Muguruza	6-7(4) 6-4 6-2	2h 8m
2017	STUTTGART	CLAY	2r	Anett Kontaveit	2-6 7-6(1) 6-1	2h 15m
2016	AUSTRALIAN OPEN	HARD	1r	Garbiñe Muguruza	6-0 6-4	1h 0m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
15	15	2020	20	23
15	36	2019	14	26
2	18	2018	20	21
1	2	2017	27	34
2	7	2016	73	110
3	3	2015	88	91
21	21	2014	139	166
53	64	2013	228	228
94	104	2012	400	436
249	249	2011	573	573



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

RR: d. B. KREJCIKOVA (#3) 2-6 6-3 6-4 (2h 10m)
RR: d. K. PLISKOVA (#4) 4-6 6-2 7-6 (2h 26m)

Total time on court: 4h 36m

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
- Bounced back to beat Krejckikova in second match; now owns 4-8 record against Top-10 players this season, having also beaten No.4 Kenin (Yarra Valley Classic) and No.8 Sabalenka (Doha and Dubai)
- Will advance with a win against Kontaveit today, unless it is in three sets coupled with a Pliskova straight sets win. She would also advance with a three-set loss coupled with a Krejckikova win and could progress with a straight sets loss coupled with a Krejckikova three-set win (determined by percentage of games won)
- Holds a 11-2 main-draw record in Mexico (including results here). 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

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

RR: d. K. PLISKOVA (#4) 6-4 6-0 (57m)
RR: d. B. KREJCIKOVA (#3) 6-3 6-4 (1h 15m)

Total time on court: 2h 12m

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 and No.4 Ka.Pliskova in first two matches; now owns six Top-10 wins this season, having previously beaten No.4 Kenin (Stuttgart), No.7 Andreescu (Eastbourne), No.10 Kvitova (Ostrava) and No.5 Muguruza (Moscow)
- Is confirmed for a SF spot and will win the group with a win or in defeat if Ka.Pliskova wins. She will finish second with a loss coupled with a Krejckikova win
- Faces No.5 Muguruza today; record against higher-ranked opponents this season is 11-10
- Has won all three meetings against Spanish opponents this season, during title runs at Cleveland (Sorribes Tormo), Ostrava (Badosa) and Moscow (Muguruza)
- 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 two victories here, has 28-2 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 12-match winning streak, the longest tour-level run of her career
- Has won 47 matches so far in 2021, the second most on tour (behind Jabeur on 48)
- Owns a tour-leading 38 match wins on hard courts this year (38-10)

- 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

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	

- Making her tournament debut in Main Draw Singles



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SEASON 2021 HISTORY

- 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. Krejckova) and R16 at US Open (l. Krejckova)
- 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. Krejckova in F) after finishing R-Up at Doha (l. Kvitova) - 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)

- 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
163	21	Aces	219	11
66%	97	First serve %	61%	212
66%	60	First Serve points won %	68%	34
48%	56	Second serve points won %	48%	47
60%	24	Overall service points won %	60%	14
66%	86	Service games won %	72%	23
52%	196	Break points saved %	57%	65
38%	97	First serve return points won %	38%	87
57%	72	Second serve return points won %	55%	118
46%	139	Break points converted %	50%	61
42%	43	Return games won %	40%	58


45%60Return points won %45%61



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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

- SINGLES FINALS

Champion (9)
2021 - CHICAGO 500, DUBAI
2019 - MONTERREY
2018 - MONTERREY
2017 - CINCINNATI, WIMBLEDON
2016 - FRENCH OPEN
2015 - BEIJING
2014 - HOBART

Finalist (7)
2021 - DOHA, MELBOURNE 500 YARRA VALLEY
2020 - AUSTRALIAN OPEN
2018 - DOHA
2015 - WUHAN, WIMBLEDON
2014 - FLORIANOPOLIS
- DOUBLES FINALS

Champion (5)
2015 - TOKYO (w/Suárez Navarro), BIRMINGHAM (w/Suárez Navarro)
2014 - STANFORD (w/Suárez Navarro), MARRAKECH (w/Oprandi)
2013 - HOBART (w/Torró-flor)

Finalist (5)
2015 - WTA FINALS (w/Suárez Navarro), MADRID (w/Suárez Navarro), DUBAI (w/Suárez Navarro)
2014 - TOKYO (w/Suárez Navarro), MADRID (w/Suárez Navarro)

- 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

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



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CAREER MILESTONES

- Reached fourth 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
- 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)
- In doubles, 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

- 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 Slam breakthrough by reaching maiden major QF at Australian Open (l. Halep), becoming the first Estonian to make the last eight in Melbourne, also the first Estonian to reach a major 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)
- 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 (l. Vondrousova) and Gstaad (l. Bertens)
- 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 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)
- Junior highlights included winning 2011 Orange Bowl, defeating Bouchard and Putintseva en route

OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Conchita Martinez, formerly with Sam Sumyk

- Working with Dmitry Tursunov; previously coached by Nigel Sears

- 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.

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

AOYAMA		SHIBAHARA	
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Dec 19, 1987 (33)	Date of Birth (Age)	Feb 12, 1998 (23)
Height	5' 1" (1.54m)	Height	5' 7" (1.70m)
Career-High Ranking	No.6 (Oct 18, 2021)	Career-High Ranking	No.6 (Nov 8, 2021)
Career Prize Money	\$1,651,475	Career Prize Money	\$671,859
Season Prize Money	\$338,567	Season Prize Money	360,919
YTD / Career Singles Titles	5 / 17	YTD / Career Singles Titles	5 / 8
WTA Finals W-L	2-0	WTA Finals W-L	2-0
YTD / Career W-L	39-16 / 424-249	YTD / Career W-L	39-16 / 127-63
Coach	Masayuki Ando	Coach	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: 39-16

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

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

STOSUR		ZHANG	
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Mar. 30, 1984 (37)	Date of Birth (Age)	Jan. 21, 1989 (32)
Height	5' 9" (1.75m)	Height	5' 10" (1.77m)
Career-High Ranking	No.1 (Feb. 6, 2006)	Career-High Ranking	No.8 (Oct 18, 2021)
Career Prize Money	\$19,741,702	Career Prize Money	\$7,775,053
Season Prize Money	\$704,482	Season Prize Money	\$984,327
YTD / Career Doubles Titles	2 / 28	YTD / Career Doubles Titles	3 / 11
WTA Finals W-L (best)	6-5 (WON 2005-06)	WTA Finals W-L (best)	2-4 (SF 2019)
YTD / Career W-L	13-10 / 438-242	YTD / Career W-L	35-25 / 270-223
Coach	Rennae Stubbs	Coach	Shuo (Robert) Liu

2021 TEAM HISTORY:

Titles (2): Cincinnati, US Open

1r (2): Gippsland Trophy, Australian Open

W-L record: 11-4

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

MELICHAR-MARTINEZ		SCHUURS	
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Jul. 29, 1993 (28)	Date of Birth (Age)	Aug. 1, 1993 (28)
Height	5' 11" (1.81m)	Height	5' 7" (1.70m)
Career-High Ranking	No.9 (May. 17, 2021)	Career-High Ranking	No.7 (Oct. 22, 2018)
Career Prize Money	\$1,726,809	Career Prize Money	\$1,718,329
Season Prize Money	\$241,659	Season Prize Money	\$261,001
YTD / Career Singles Titles	2-10	YTD / Career Singles Titles	2 / 14
WTA Finals W-L (best)	1-2 (QF 2018)	WTA Finals W-L (best)	4-4 (SF 2019)
YTD / Career W-L	31-20 / 301-261	YTD / Career W-L	35-19 / 310-162
Coach	Carlos Martinez	Coach	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: 28-17

- 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

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

JURAK		KLEPAC	
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of Birth (Age)	Apr. 5, 1984 (37)	Date of Birth (Age)	Mar. 13, 1986 (35)
Height	5' 11" (1.80m)	Height	5' 9" (1.75m)
Career-High Ranking	No.10 (Nov. 1, 2021)	Career-High Ranking	No.12 (Jul. 16, 2018)
Career Prize Money	\$1,574,182	Career Prize Money	\$2,262,108
Season Prize Money	\$274,126	Season Prize Money	\$202,405
YTD / Career Doubles Titles	3 / 9	YTD / Career Doubles Titles	2 / 10
WTA Finals W-L	1-1	WTA Finals W-L (best)	1-3 (QF 2017-18)
YTD / Career W-L	38-18 / 537-424	YTD / Career W-L	34-22 / 396-342
Coach	Andrew Schreiber	Coach	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: 31-21

- 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)