



MATCH NOTES

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



FINAL MATCH-UPS

6 GARBINĚ MUGURUZA

3-2
HEAD-TO-HEAD RECORD

ANETT KONTAVEIT **8**

Seventh time in WTA Finals history round-robin foes have rematched in final... **Kontaveit** has been broken only four times all tournament, half of these coming in her encounter with the Spaniard three days ago... **Muguruza** owns 13-2 main-draw win-loss record on Mexican soil... **Kontaveit** and **Muguruza** rank first and second for hard-court wins this season

1 BARBORA KREJCIKOVA
KATERINA SINIAKOVA

1-0
HEAD-TO-HEAD RECORD

HSIEH SU-WEI **3**
ELISE MERTENS

Krejčíková and **Siniakova** dropped just four games when the teams met during the round robin... Winner of the match will determine whether **Hsieh** or **Siniakova** finishes the year as doubles No.1... **Mertens** is the only player contesting the final of this tournament for the first time... The Czech duo are through to the final of this tournament for the second time in three appearances

FINAL ROUND ROBIN SINGLES STANDINGS

| PLAYER | MATCH W-L | PCT | SETS W-L | PCT | GAMES W-L | PCT |
|-----------|-----------|------|----------|------|-----------|------|
| SABALENKA | 1-2 | .333 | 3-5 | .375 | 35-44 | .443 |
| SAKKARI | 2-1 | .667 | 4-3 | .571 | 41-35 | .540 |
| SWIATEK | 1-2 | .333 | 3-4 | .429 | 32-36 | .471 |
| BADOSA | 2-1 | .667 | 4-2 | .667 | 34-27 | .557 |

| PLAYER | MATCH W-L | PCT | SETS W-L | PCT | GAMES W-L | PCT |
|------------|-----------|------|----------|------|-----------|------|
| KREJCIKOVA | 0-3 | .000 | 2-6 | .250 | 34-38 | .472 |
| PLISKOVA | 2-1 | .667 | 4-4 | .500 | 33-40 | .452 |
| MUGURUZA | 2-1 | .667 | 5-3 | .625 | 40-38 | .513 |
| KONTAVEIT | 2-1 | .667 | 4-2 | .667 | 32-23 | .582 |

A LOOK AT THE FINALISTS

| PLAYER | RANK | AGE | WTA W/L | YTD W/L | CAREER W/L | YTD PRIZE \$ | CAREER PRIZE \$ | YTD TITLES | TITLES |
|----------------------------|------|-----|---------|---------|------------|--------------|-----------------|------------|--------|
| [6] Garbiñe Muguruza (ESP) | 5 | 28 | 8-6 | 41-17 | 298-160 | \$1,276,871 | \$22,436,672 | 2 | 9 |
| [8] Anett Kontaveit (EST) | 8 | 25 | 3-1 | 48-16 | 172-115 | \$1,158,757 | \$6,035,470 | 4 | 5 |

FINAL RECORDS

| PLAYER | TOTAL FINALS* | LAST FINAL | 2021 FINAL W/L | CAREER FINAL W/L |
|------------------|---------------|------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Garbiñe Muguruza | 17 | 2021 Chicago (WON) | 2-2 | 9-7 |
| Anett Kontaveit | 13 | 2021 Cluj-Napoca (WON) | 4-1† | 5-6† |

* Including 2021 WTA Finals

† 2021 Grampians Trophy final between Kontaveit and Li was shared



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BY THE NUMBERS

- This year is the third time since the eight-player, round-robin format was introduced in 2003 that the No.8 seed has reached the championship match at the WTA Finals. On the previous two occasions, Vera Zvonareva and Elina Svitolina finished runners-up in 2008 and 2019, respectively
- As both players finished the round-robin stage with a 2-1 record, the champion will be the 10th woman to win the WTA Finals after losing a match en route. The previous nine to achieve the feat were Maria Sharapova (2004), Amelie Mauresmo (2005), Justine Henin (2006), Kim Clijsters (2010), Serena Williams (2014), Agnieszka Radwanska (2015), Dominika Cibulkova (2016), Caroline Wozniacki (2017) and Ashleigh Barty (2019)
- Anett Kontaveit** is the 12th woman to reach the championship match at WTA Finals on debut. Only Serena Williams (2001), Maria Sharapova (2004), Petra Kvitova (2011), Dominika Cibulkova (2016) and Ashleigh Barty (2019) won the title on their debut, while the runners-up were Tracy Austin (1979), Andrea Jaeger (1981), Lindsay Davenport (1994), Martina Hingis (1996), Simona Halep (2014) and Sloane Stephens (2018)
- At 28 years old, **Garbiñe Muguruza** is bidding to become the oldest champion since Serena Williams in 2014
- After her three wins here, Muguruza owns a 13-2 main-draw record on Mexican soil, having won titles at Monterrey in 2018 and 2019
- Kontaveit** has won 90.2% of her service games here, up on her season average of 73.3%. Across her four matches, the Estonian has dropped serve four times (twice against Muguruza in their round-robin match) and faced only 11 break points
- Kontaveit** is one of six players to have made their Top-10 debut this season. The other five are Iga Swiatek, Barbora Krejčíková, Maria Sakkari and Paula Badosa and Ons Jabeur

| PLAYER | Aces | DF | Service Pts Won | Service Games Won | BP Saved | Return Points Won | Return Games won |
|----------------------------|------|----|-----------------|-------------------|----------|-------------------|------------------|
| [6] Garbiñe Muguruza (ESP) | 23 | 12 | 62.1% | 83.3% | 70.4% | 40.4% | 25.5% |
| [8] Anett Kontaveit (EST) | 22 | 12 | 68.6% | 90.2% | 63.6% | 40.1% | 25.6% |

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): Anett Kontaveit, Ons Jabeur
- Most Top-10 wins (9): Maria Sakkari
- Longest winning streak (15): Barbora Krejčíková (Strasbourg - 5, Roland-Garros - 7, Wimbledon - 3)
- Aces leader (387): 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)

SINGLES FINALS SINCE 2000

| YEAR | CHAMPION | RUNNER-UP | SCORE |
|------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| 2019 | [1] Ashleigh Barty (AUS #1) | [8] Elina Svitolina (UKR #8) | 6-4 6-3 |
| 2018 | [6] Elina Svitolina (UKR #7) | [5] Sloane Stephens (USA #6) | 3-6 6-2 6-2 |
| 2017 | [6] Caroline Wozniacki (DEN #6) | [5] Venus Williams (USA #5) | 6-4 6-4 |
| 2016 | [7] Dominika Cibulkova (SVK #8) | [1] Angelique Kerber (GER #1) | 6-3 6-4 |
| 2015 | [5] Agnieszka Radwanska (POL #6) | [4] Petra Kvitova (CZE #5) | 6-2 4-6 6-3 |
| 2014 | [1] Serena Williams (USA #1) | [4] Simona Halep (ROU #4) | 6-3 6-0 |
| 2013 | [1] Serena Williams (USA #1) | [4] Li Na (CHN #5) | 2-6 6-3 6-0 |
| 2012 | [3] Serena Williams (USA #3) | [2] Maria Sharapova (RUS #2) | 6-4 6-3 |
| 2011 | [3] Petra Kvitova (CZE #3) | [4] Victoria Azarenka (BLR #4) | 7-5 4-6 6-3 |
| 2010 | [3] Kim Clijsters (BEL #4) | [1] Caroline Wozniacki (DEN #1) | 6-3 5-7 6-3 |
| 2009 | [2] Serena Williams (USA #2) | [7] Venus Williams (USA #7) | 6-2 7-6(4) |
| 2008 | [7] Venus Williams (USA #8) | [8] Vera Zvonareva (RUS #9) | 6-7(5) 6-0 6-2 |
| 2007 | [1] Justine Henin (BEL #1) | [6] Maria Sharapova (RUS #6) | 5-7 7-5 6-3 |
| 2006 | [3] Justine Henin (BEL #3) | [1] Amelie Mauresmo (FRA #1) | 6-4 6-3 |
| 2005 | [4] Amelie Mauresmo (#4) | [5] Mary Pierce (FRA #5) | 5-7 7-6(3) 6-4 |
| 2004 | [6] Maria Sharapova (RUS #6) | [7] Serena Williams (USA #8) | 4-6 6-2 6-4 |
| 2003 | [1] Kim Clijsters (BEL #1) | [4] Amelie Mauresmo (FRA #6) | 6-2 6-0 |
| 2002 | [5] Kim Clijsters (BEL #6) | [1] Serena Williams (BEL #1) | 7-5 6-3 |
| 2001 | [7] Serena Williams (USA #10) | [2] Lindsay Davenport (USA #2) | W/O |
| 2000 | [1] Martina Hingis (SUI #1) | [3] Monica Seles (USA #4) | 6-7(4) 6-4 6-4 |

DOUBLES FINALS SINCE 2010

| YEAR | CHAMPIONS | RUNNER-UPS | SCORE |
|------|--|---|--------------|
| 2019 | [3] Babos (HUN)/Mladenovic (FRA) | [2] Hsieh (TPE)/Strycova (CZE) | 6-1 6-3 |
| 2018 | [2] Babos (HUN)/Mladenovic (FRA) | [1] Krejckikova (CZE)/Siniakova (CZE) | 6-4 7-5 |
| 2017 | [3] Babos (HUN)/Sestini Hlavackova (CZE) | [8] Bertens (NED)/Larsson (SWE) | 4-6 6-4 10-5 |
| 2016 | [4] Makarova (RUS)/Vesnina (RUS) | [3] Mattek-Sands (USA)/Safarova (CZE) | 7-6(5) 6-3 |
| 2015 | [1] Hingis (SUI)/Mirza (IND) | [8] Muguruza (ESP)/Suarez Navarro (ESP) | 6-3 6-0 |
| 2014 | [3] Black (ZIM)/Mirza (IND) | [2] Hsieh (TPE)/Peng (CHN) | 6-1 6-0 |
| 2013 | [2] Hsieh(TPE)/Peng(CHN) | [4] Makarova (RUS)/Vesnina(RUS) | 6-4 7-5 |
| 2012 | [4] Kirilenko (RUS)/Petrova (RUS) | [2] Hlavackova (CZE)/Hradecka (CZE) | 6-1 6-4 |
| 2011 | [2] Huber (USA)/Raymond (USA) | [1] Peschke (CZE)/Srebotnik (SLO) | 6-4 6-4 |
| 2010 | [1] Dulko (ARG)/Pennetta (ITA) | [2] Peschke (CZE)/Srebotnik (SLO) | 7-5 6-4 |

MOST MAIN-DRAW WINS

| Player | W-L* | Best Result |
|-------------------------|--------------|---|
| Anett Kontaveit | 48-16 | Champion: Cleveland, Ostrava, Moscow, Cluj-Napoca |
| Ons Jabeur | 48-19 | Champion: Birmingham |
| Aryna Sabalenka | 45-18 | Champion: Abu Dhabi, Madrid |
| Barbora Krejčíková | 44-16 | Champion: Strasbourg, Roland-Garros, Prague |
| Paula Badosa | 43-17 | Champion: Belgrade, Indian Wells |
| Ashleigh Barty | 42-8 | Champion: Yarra Valley Classic, Miami, Stuttgart, Wimbledon, Cincinnati |
| Garbiñe Muguruza | 41-17 | Champion: Dubai, Chicago 500 |

* Not including Billie Jean King Cup matches

PATRIOT GAMES

The WTA Finals has been won by 23 women from 14 different countries. However, the progress of **Garbiñe Muguruza** and **Anett Kontaveit** guarantees that a new nationality will triumph this year.

Muguruza is bidding to go one better than 1993 runner-up Arantxa Sánchez Vicario and lift the title. Kontaveit, meanwhile, is first player ever to qualify for the season-ending finale from Estonia.



HARD TO BEAT

Anett Kontaveit has won more matches (39) and tournaments (four) on hard courts than any other player this season. Her opponent in the final, **Garbiñe Muguruza**, has also impressed on the surface, posting 34 victories and lifting titles at Dubai and Chicago.

| Player | W-L | Winning % |
|-------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Anett Kontaveit | 39-11 | .780 |
| Garbiñe Muguruza | 34-12 | .739 |
| Elina Svitolina | 31-13 | .705 |
| Marketa Vondroušová | 29-12 | .707 |
| Maria Sakkari | 28-15 | .651 |

WE MEET AGAIN

For the seventh time in the tournament's history, both finalists are coming from same group.

In four of the previous six, the loser of the round-robin match has exacted revenge in the final, most recently in 2016, when Dominika Cibulková upset World No.1 Angelique Kerber to lift the title.

| Year | Champion | Runner-up | RR Result |
|-------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| 2016 | Cibulková | Kerber | Kerber d. Cibulková 76 26 63 |
| 2014 | S.Williams | Halep | Halep d. S.Williams 60 62 |
| 2009 | S.Williams | V.Williams | S.Williams d. V.Williams 57 64 76 |
| 2006 | Henin | Mauresmo | Mauresmo d. Henin 46 76 62 |
| 2005 | Mauresmo | Pierce | Pierce d. Mauresmo 26 64 62 |
| 2003 | Clijsters | Mauresmo | Clijsters d. Mauresmo 36 64 64 |

RANKINGS WATCH

Regardless of her result in the final, **Garbiñe Muguruza** will finish the season at No.3 in the rankings - her highest year-end ranking since 2017.

Anett Kontaveit is projected to rise to a career-high No.7, and No.6 if she lifts the Billie Jean King Trophy on Wednesday evening.

ACEING CANCER

The WTA and WTA Charities launched the third annual ACEing Cancer campaign at the beginning of October to support women's health and wellness with proceeds raised and donated to the fight against women's cancers.

WTA Charities will be adding an additional \$100 per ace hit at the AKRON WTA Finals by both singles players and doubles teams. Lead sponsor AKRON has also joined the campaign, with a \$150 donation made for every ace going to local charity, Cruz Rosa.

| Player | WTAF Aces | Season Aces [^] |
|-------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| Karolina Plisková | 23 | 387 |
| Garbiñe Muguruza | 23 | 172 |
| Paula Badosa | 23 | 215 |
| Anett Kontaveit | 22 | 227 |
| Maria Sakkari | 20 | 254 |
| Aryna Sabalenka | 19 | 357 |
| Barbora Krejčíková | 14 | 198 |
| Iga Świątek | 4 | 124 |

[^] Not including aces during Olympic Games tennis tournament

DOUBLES ROUND ROBIN STANDINGS

| PLAYER | MATCH W-L | PCT | SETS W-L | PCT | GAMES W-L | PCT |
|---------------------------|-----------|------|----------|------|-----------|------|
| AOYAMA SHIBAHARA | 2-1 | .667 | 5-2 | .714 | 34-25 | .576 |
| MELICHAR-MARTINEZ SCHUURS | 2-1 | .667 | 4-3 | .571 | 32-27 | .542 |
| STOSUR ZHANG | 1-2 | .333 | 3-5 | .375 | 33-35 | .485 |
| JURAK KLEPAC | 1-2 | .333 | 3-5 | .375 | 28-35 | .444 |

| PLAYER | MATCH W-L | PCT | SETS W-L | PCT | GAMES W-L | PCT |
|----------------------|-----------|------|----------|------|-----------|------|
| KREJCIKOVA SINIAKOVA | 3-0 | 1.00 | 6-1 | .857 | 37-22 | .627 |
| HSIEH MERTENS | 2-1 | .667 | 4-2 | .667 | 30-30 | .500 |
| GUARACHI KRAWCZYK | 1-2 | .333 | 3-5 | .375 | 35-30 | .538 |
| FICHMAN OLMOS | 0-3 | .000 | 1-6 | .143 | 24-32 | .429 |

A LOOK AT THE FINALISTS

| PLAYER | RANK | TOURN W/L | YTD W/L | CAREER W/L | YTD PRIZE \$ | CAREER PRIZE \$ | YTD TITLES | TITLES |
|-------------------------------|------|-----------|---------|------------|--------------|-----------------|------------|--------|
| [1] Barbora Krejckikova (CZE) | 3 | 7-3 | 39-10 | 287-118 | 3,356,883 | 6,327,132 | 4 | 10 |
| [1] Katerina Siniakova (CZE) | 2 | 7-3 | 43-10 | 246-121 | 1,064,914 | 7,291,246 | 5 | 13 |
| [3] Hsieh Su-Wei (TPE) | 1 | 10-3 | 27-12 | 524-267 | 1,325,910 | 10,001,652 | 2 | 30 |
| [3] Elise Mertens (BEL) | 16 | 4-4 | 33-13 | 269-119 | 2,013,133 | 9,093,336 | 4 | 14 |

UNBLEMISHED RECORD

Barbora Krejckikova and **Katerina Siniakova** won all three of their round-robin matches. The two previous occasions the doubles competition at the WTA Finals adopted a round-robin format (2015 and 2019), the champions went through the tournament unbeaten.

MISS CONSISTANT

Hsieh Su-Wei has appeared in the WTA Finals on three other occasions, reaching the final each time. On her debut in 2013, she won the title alongside Peng Shuai, finishing runner-up with the same partner 12 months later. She returned in 2019, this time losing in the final alongside Barbora Krejckikova.



RANKING PROJECTIONS

Hsieh Su-Wei overtook partner **Elise Mertens** at the top of the doubles rankings prior to the start of the tournament. To hold on to it she must win the final, otherwise **Katerina Siniakova** will finish the year as WTA Doubles World No.1.

All four finalists have held the coveted ranking at some point in their careers:

| Player | First week | Total weeks |
|---------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Hsieh Su-Wei | May 12, 2014 | 48 |
| Katerina Siniakova | October 22, 2018 | 33 |
| Barbora Krejckikova | October 22, 2018 | 19 |
| Elise Mertens | May 10, 2021 | 13 |

Both Hsieh and Siniakova have previously ended the season at the summit of the WTA rankings. Hsieh did so last season, while Siniakova and her partner Krejckikova achieved the feat in 2018.



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5 **GARBIÑE**
MUGURUZA (6)
SPAIN

ANETT **8**
(8) KONTAVEIT
ESTONIA

| | | |
|--|---|---|
| 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: 2016 Roland-Garros, 2017 Wimbledon) | Grand Slam W-L (best) | 32-25 (QF: 2020 Australian Open) |
| 2-1 / 8-6 (Finalist: 2021) | YTD / Career WTA FINALS W-L (best) | 3-1 / 3-1 (Finalist: 2021) |
| 41-17 / 298-160 | YTD / Career W-L | 48-16 / 172-115 |
| 8-8 / 90-70 | YTD / Career 3-Set W-L | 10-7 / 53-41 |
| 6-5 / 46-53 | YTD / Career TB W-L | 5-3 / 37-31 |
| 2-3 / 13-22 | YTD / Career TOP 5 W-L | 4-1 / 6-12 |
| 6-8 / 41-43 | YTD / Career TOP 10 W-L | 7-6 / 17-26 |
| Champion: Dubai, Chicago [500] | YTD Best Result | Champion: Cleveland, Ostrava, Moscow, Cluj-Napoca |



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**ANETT
KONTAVEIT**

HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

| YEAR | TOURNAMENT | SURFACE | ROUND | WINNER | SCORE/ RESULT | TIME |
|------|-----------------|---------|-------|------------------|----------------|--------|
| 2021 | WTA FINALS | HARD | RR | Garbiñe Muguruza | 6-4 6-4 | 1h 27m |
| 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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**GARBINÉ
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**ANETT
KONTAVEIT**

TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

SF: d. P. BADOSA (#10) 6-3 6-3 (1h 25m)
GRP: d. K. PLISKOVA (#4) 6-4 2-6 6-7 (2h 26m)
GRP: d. B. KREJCIKOVA (#3) 2-6 6-3 6-4 (2h 10m)
GRP: d. A. KONTAVEIT (#8) 6-4 6-4 (1h 27m)

Total time on court: 7h 28m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making fourth appearance at the WTA Finals; best previous 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, Kontaveit and Badosa in SF; now owns 6-8 record against Top-10 players this season, having also beaten No.4 Kenin (Yarra Valley Classic) and No.8 Sabalenka (Doha and Dubai)
- Faces Kontaveit again in today's final; seventh time since the introduction of round robin in 2003 that players from the same group have met in the final
- Has won 41 matches this season, her most in a single campaign since 2017 (45-18 record)
- Now holds a 13-2 main-draw record in Mexico (including results here). On most recent visits, lifted back-to-back titles at Monterrey in 2018 and 2019
- Has struck a tournament-leading 23 aces in her four matches (level with Ka.Pliskova)
- Is the second Spaniard to reach the WTA Finals' championship match in the event's history, following in the footsteps of 1993 R-Up Sanchez-Vicario (l. Sabatini)
- 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
- By reaching the final is projected to rise to No.3 - her highest ranking since July 2018

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

SF: d. M. SAKKARI (#6) 6-1 3-6 6-3 (2h 2m)
GRP: d. B. KREJCIKOVA (#3) 6-3 6-4 (1h 15m)
GRP: d. K. PLISKOVA (#4) 6-4 6-0 (57m)
GRP: d. G. MUGURUZA (#5) 4-6 4-6 (1h 27m)

Total time on court: 5h 41m

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 before losing to Muguruza in final round-robin match to snap a career-best 12-match main-draw winning streak
- Beat Sakkari in SF; has now won a tour-leading 48 matches in 2021 (level with Jabeur)
- Owns seven 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)
- Has won 90.2% of her service games here (season average is 73.3%), dropping serve four times and facing only 11 break points
- Faces No.5 Muguruza in today's final; seventh time since 2003 players from same group have rematched in final (in four of previous six, loser of the first match won the final)
- Record against higher-ranked opponents this season is 12-11
- Owns 10-6 career record against players from Spain in main-draw matches, while is 3-1 this season
- 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)
- Projected to rise to No.7 by reaching the final and No.6 with the title
- Owns a tour-leading 39 match wins on hard courts this year (39-11). Muguruza ranks second on 34



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2021-11-10 - 2021-11-17 | \$ 5,000,000



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MUGURUZA**

**ANETT
KONTAVEIT**

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 |
|-------|----------|----------------------------------|-------|----------|
| 172 | 19 | Aces | 227 | 11 |
| 66% | 106 | First serve % | 61% | 216 |
| 66% | 56 | First Serve points won % | 68% | 33 |
| 48% | 52 | Second serve points won % | 49% | 47 |
| 60% | 18 | Overall service points won % | 61% | 12 |
| 67% | 71 | Service games won % | 73% | 20 |
| 52% | 180 | Break points saved % | 57% | 66 |
| 38% | 110 | First serve return points won % | 38% | 102 |
| 57% | 72 | Second serve return points won % | 55% | 127 |
| 46% | 154 | Break points converted % | 49% | 84 |
| 41% | 55 | Return games won % | 39% | 79 |


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TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

| SINGLES FINALS | SINGLES FINALS |
|---|---|
| Champion (9) | Champion (5) |
| 2021 - CHICAGO 500, DUBAI | 2021 - CLUJ-NAPOCA, MOSCOW, OSTRAVA, CLEVELAND |
| 2019 - MONTERREY | 2017 - 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH |
| 2018 - MONTERREY | |
| 2017 - CINCINNATI, WIMBLEDON | |
| 2016 - FRENCH OPEN | |
| 2015 - BEIJING | |
| 2014 - HOBART | |
| Finalist (7) | Finalist (7) |
| 2021 - DOHA, MELBOURNE 500 YARRA VALLEY | 2021 - EASTBOURNE, MELBOURNE 500 GRAMPIANS TROPHY |
| 2020 - AUSTRALIAN OPEN | 2020 - PALERMO |
| 2018 - DOHA | 2019 - STUTTGART |
| 2015 - WUHAN, WIMBLEDON | 2018 - WUHAN |
| 2014 - FLORIANOPOLIS | 2017 - GSTAAD, BIEL |

| 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) |

| 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 Grand Slam singles final of career at 2020 Australian Open (l. Kenin in 3s). Was first Spaniard to reach the final at Melbourne Park since Conchita Martinez in 1998
- 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 Slam final and one of 29 women in the Open Era to win multiple major titles. One of just eight players all-time to defeat Serena in a 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 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)
- Owns five 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
- 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)
- 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)
- Junior highlights included winning 2011 Orange Bowl, defeating Bouchard and Putintseva en route

OTHER INFORMATION

- 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
- 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

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.

(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

[1] BARBORA KREJCIKOVA (CZE #1) / KATERINA SINIAKOVA (CZE #2)

| KREJCIKOVA | | SINIAKOVA | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Plays | Right-handed | Plays | Right-handed |
| Date of Birth (Age) | Dec. 18, 1995 (25) | Date of Birth (Age) | May 10, 1996 (25) |
| Height | 5' 10" (1.78m) | Height | 5' 9" (1.74m) |
| Career-High Ranking | No.1 (Oct. 22, 2018) | Career-High Ranking | No.1 (Oct. 22, 2018) |
| Career Prize Money | \$6,327,132 | Career Prize Money | \$7,291,246 |
| Season Prize Money | \$3,356,883 | Season Prize Money | \$1,064,914 |
| YTD / Career Doubles Titles | 4 / 10 | YTD / Career Doubles Titles | 5 / 13 |
| WTA Finals W-L (best) | 7-3 (R-Up 2018) | WTA Finals W-L (best) | 7-3 (R-Up 2018) |
| YTD / Career W-L | 39-10 / 287-118 | YTD / Career W-L | 43-10 / 246-121 |
| Coach | Ales Kartus | Coach | Dmitri Siniakov |

2021 TEAM HISTORY:

Titles (4): *Gippsland Trophy, Madrid, Roland Garros, Olympics*

R-Up (1): *2021 – Australian Open*

W-L record: *38-9*

- Seeded No.1 this week, having also been seeded as the No.1 team at the WTA Finals in 2018 at Singapore
- Qualified for the WTA Finals in 2018 (l. Babos/Mladenovic in F) and 2019 (went 1-2 in round robin stage)
- Three-time Grand Slam champions, lifting the trophies at Roland Garros in 2018 (d. Hozumi/Ninomiya in F) and 2021 (d. Mattek-Sands/Swiatek in F), and Wimbledon in 2018 (d. Melichar/Peschke in F)
- Also won the girls' doubles title at Roland-Garros, Wimbledon and US Open all in 2013
- Made their Tour-level debut together at 2014 Bad Gastein (l. Ormaechea/Pfizenmaier in 1r)
- Advanced to their first SF as a pair at 2016 Roland-Garros (l. d. Hingis/Mirza and Sestini Hlavackova/Hradecka before falling to the eventual runners-up Makarova/Vesnina)
- Captured their first titles as a team at the Grand Slam level, winning back-to-back majors at 2018 Roland Garros and Wimbledon. Became the first pairing to complete the Roland Garros-Wimbledon double since Kim Clijsters and Ai Sugiyama won both titles in 2003
- Also reached the SFs at US Open in 2018 (l. Barty/Vandeweghe). In 2017, Siniakova reached the doubles final at Flushing Meadows (w/Hradecka, l. L.Chan/Hingis)
- Advanced to one final in 2020, lifting the trophy at Shenzhen (d. Y.Duan/S.Zheng in F), where they reached their first doubles final as a team in 2018 (l. Begu/Halep)
- Voted as the WTA Doubles Team of the Year for 2018
- Krejcikova's career record in doubles finals sits at 10-9, while Siniakova holds a 13-13 record
- In singles, Krejcikova is enjoying her best season to date in 2021, finishing R-Up at Dubai, lifting her maiden title at Strasbourg, capturing the Roland-Garros singles title and a third title of the season at Prague – currently sits at career-high No.3. Siniakova is the owner of two WTA singles titles (2017 Shenzhen and 2017 Bastad), and most recently reached the final at Bad Homburg (l. Kerber in F), and has climbed as high as No.31 (October 22, 2018)

[3] HSIEH SU-WEI (TPE #1) / ELISE MERTENS (BEL #4)

| HSIEH | | MERTENS | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Plays | Right-handed | Plays | Right-handed |
| Date of Birth (Age) | Jan. 4, 1986 (35) | Date of Birth (Age) | Nov. 17, 1995 (25) |
| Height | 5' 7" (1.69m) | Height | 5' 10" (1.79) |
| Career-High Ranking | No.1 (May 12, 2014) | Career-High Ranking | No.1 (May 10, 2021) |
| Career Prize Money | \$10,001,652 | Career Prize Money | \$9,093,336 |
| Season Prize Money | \$1,325,910 | Season Prize Money | \$2,013,133 |
| YTD / Career Doubles Titles | 2 / 30 | YTD / Career Doubles Titles | 4 / 14 |
| WTA Finals W-L (best) | 10-4 (WON 2013) | WTA Finals W-L (best) | 4-4 (QF 2018, RR 2019) |
| YTD / Career W-L | 27-12 / 524-267 | YTD / Career W-L | 33-13 / 269-119 |
| Coach | Frederic Aniere/Cheng-Yin Hsieh | Coach | Robbe Ceyssens |

2021 TEAM HISTORY:

Champions (2): Wimbledon, Indian Wells

SF (1): Birmingham

QF (2): US Open, Chicago 500

R16 (1): Rome, Madrid, Roland-Garros, Cincinnati

W-L record: 22-7

- Hsieh/Mertens teamed up for the first time earlier this year, contesting Madrid (after 1r bye, I. Ostapenko/Pavlyuchenkova)
- 2021 WTA Finals will be their 10th event together – they have won two titles this season to secure qualification, at Wimbledon (d. Kudermetova/Vesnina in F – saved 2MP) and Indian Wells (d. Kudermetova/Rybakina)
- Other key results this year have been making SF at Birmingham (I. Jabeur/Perez – held 5MP) and reaching the QFs at US Open (I. Gauff/McNally) and Chicago (I. Melichar-Martinez/Schuurs via w/o)
- This is their debut at the WTA Finals as a team however both have qualified with different partners
- Hsieh has reached the title match every time she has qualified for the WTA Finals, winning the event in 2013 (w/Peng Shuai) and finishing as R-Up in 2014 (w/Peng Shuai, I. Black/Mirza) and 2019 (w/Strycova, I. Babos/Mladenovic)
- Mertens qualified in 2018 (w/Schurrs) and 2019 (w/Sabalenka) and fell in group stage on both occasions
- Hsieh Su-Wei is the current World No.1 in doubles – this is week is her 47th week in the top spot. She first achieved the doubles No.1 on May 12, 2014
- Mertens has also been ranked No.1 in doubles – she has spent 13 weeks in the elite position, first achieving this on May 16, 2021
- Hsieh, after winning Wimbledon title two years ago, reclaimed the doubles World No.1 position for the first time in over five years, overtaking the position from then-partner Strycova
- Mertens rose to prominence on the doubles court alongside Sabalenka in 2019, winning 10 straight matches to capture the Indian Wells-Miami 'Sunshine Double' – the fifth team in history to achieve the feat
- Hsieh owns 30 doubles titles in total – this is the fifth most among active players, trailing Latisha Chan in fourth on 33
- Both are accomplished singles players; Hsieh owns three WTA titles and has a career-high ranking of No.23, while Mertens has six titles to her name and rose to No.12 at the end of 2018

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