



MATCH NOTES

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



SEMIFINAL MATCH-UPS

7 PAULA BADOSA

0-0
HEAD-TO-HEAD RECORD

GARBIÑE MUGURUZA **6**

*This is the first time two Spaniards are through to SF at WTA Finals... **Badosa's** six career Top-10 wins have all come this season... **Muguruza** owns 12-2 main-draw record on Mexican soil... **Badosa** has been involved in 22 three-set matches this season... **Muguruza's** success here takes her to 40 wins for the season, the first time she's reached this mark since 2017*

1 BARBORA KREJCIKOVA
KATERINA SINIAKOVA

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HEAD-TO-HEAD RECORD

NICOLE MELICHAR-MARTINEZ
DEMI SCHUURS **4**

***Krejcikova** and **Siniakova** are appearing in the SF of this tournament for the second time... **Melichar-Martinez** and **Schuurs** secured their place with a champions tie-break victory on Sunday... **Siniakova** is still in the hunt to finish the year as doubles No.1*

8 ANETT KONTAVEIT

5-6
HEAD-TO-HEAD RECORD

MARIA SAKKARI **4**

***Kontaveit** won their most recent encounter in the Ostrava final a few months ago... **Sakkari's** tense win over Sabalenka on Monday was her ninth over a Top-10 player this season... **Kontaveit** has been broken only twice all tournament... **Sakkari** owns 3-13 career record in SF matches... **Kontaveit** bidding for a tour-leading 48th win of the season*

2 SHUKO AOYAMA
ENA SHIBAHARA

0-2
HEAD-TO-HEAD RECORD

HSIEH SU-WEI
ELISE MERTENS **3**

***Hsieh** and **Mertens** beat the Japanese duo in the SF at Wimbledon and Indian Wells this year... **Aoyama** and **Shibahara** are projected to rise to a career-high No.5 in the rankings... **Hsieh** has reached the final on her three previous appearances at the tournament*

FINAL ROUND ROBIN 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 SEMIFINALISTS

PLAYER	RANK	AGE	WTAF W/L	YTD W/L	CAREER W/L	YTD PRIZE \$	CAREER PRIZE \$	YTD TITLES	TITLES
[4] Maria Sakkari (GRE)	6	26	2-1	38-19	130-105	\$1,669,990	\$5,210,609	0	1
[6] Garbiñe Muguruza (ESP)	5	28	7-6	40-17	297-160	\$1,276,871	\$22,436,672	2	9
[7] Paula Badosa (ESP)	10	24	2-1	43-16	61-38	\$2,294,462	\$3,165,520	2	2
[8] Anett Kontaveit (EST)	8	25	2-1	47-16	171-115	\$1,158,757	\$6,035,470	4	5

- **Maria Sakkari** is the highest seed left in the tournament. This is only the second time since the introduction of the round robin in 2003 that none of the leading three seeds have reached the semifinals (also 2018)
- All four players finished the round-robin stage with a 2-1 record, meaning the eventual 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)
- The progress of **Paula Badosa** and **Garbiñe Muguruza** means that for the first time in WTA Finals history, two Spaniards will be in the semifinal line-up. Muguruza also made the last four in 2015, while Arantxa Sanchez Vicario achieved the feat twice, going on to finish runner-up in 1993
- **Paula Badosa**, **Anett Kontaveit** and **Garbiñe Muguruza** have all won 40 or more matches this season. They are among eight women on tour to reach this mark
- **Kontaveit** leads to tour in 2021 for hard-court wins with 38, with **Muguruza** second on 33. Elina Svitolina is third on 31, followed by Marketa Vondrousova on 29, with **Sakkari** on 28
- **Muguruza** has hit the highest number of aces this tournament among the semifinalists (21), although the fewest across the season as a whole (total: 170). **Badosa** (212), **Kontaveit** (221) and **Sakkari** (245) have all passed the 200-ace mark this campaign
- **Kontaveit** has won 92.9% of her service games here, up on her season average of 73.1%. Across her three matches, the Estonian has dropped serve only twice (both against Muguruza) and faced only nine break points
- **Badosa**, who celebrated her 24th birthday on Monday, is the youngest player left in the draw. The average age of the semifinalist is just under 26, up from 24 years old at the 2019 tournament (Ashleigh Barty, Belinda Bencic, Karolina Pliskova and Elina Svitolina)
- **Sakkari**, **Kontaveit** and **Badosa** are among the six players to have made their Top-10 debut this season. The other three are Iga Swiatek, Barbora Krejčíková and Ons Jabeur
- Including her results here, **Sakkari** now owns a tour-leading 9-5 record vs. Top-10 ranked opponents this year. Before the 2021 season, the Greek was 10-13 against the Top 10

POTENTIAL FINAL HEAD-TO-HEADS

PLAYER	KONTAVEIT	SAKKARI
BADOSA	Kontaveit leads 1-0	Badosa leads 1-0
MUGURUZA	Muguruza leads 3-2	Series tied 1-1

BY THE NUMBERS

PLAYER	Aces	DF	Service Pts Won	Service Games Won	BP Saved	Return Points Won	Return Games won
[4] Maria Sakkari (GRE)	11	17	59.5%	75%	65.4%	43.5%	35.1%
[6] Garbiñe Muguruza (ESP)	21	9	60.4%	79.5%	66.7%	39.5%	23.7%
[7] Paula Badosa (ESP)	20	15	60.3%	76.7%	72%	44.6%	33.3%
[8] Anett Kontaveit (EST)	16	9	69.2%	92.9%	77.8%	37.1%	22.2%



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SEMIFINAL RECORDS

PLAYER	TOTAL SF*	LAST SF	2021 SF W/L	CAREER SF W/L	2021 FINAL W/L	CAREER FINAL W/L
Maria Sakkari	17	2021 Moscow (SF)	1-6	3-13	0-1	1-2
Garbiñe Muguruza	31	2021 Chicago (WON)	2-0^	13-17^	2-2	9-7
Paula Badosa	8	2021 Indian Wells (WON)	2-3	2-5	2-0	2-0
Anett Kontaveit	17	2021 Cluj-Napoca (WON)	6-0	11-5	4-1†	5-7†

* Including 2021 WTA Finals

^ Not including walkovers

† 2021 Grampians Trophy final between Kontaveit and Li was shared

RECENT WTA FINALS SEMIFINALISTS

YEAR	SEMIFINALISTS (by seed)			
2019	[1] Ashleigh Barty	[2] Karolina Pliskova	[7] Belinda Bencic	<i>[8] Elina Svitolina</i>
2018	<i>[5] Sloane Stephens</i>	[6] Elina Svitolina	[7] Karolina Pliskova	[8] Kiki Bertens
2017	[3] Karolina Pliskova	<i>[5] Venus Williams</i>	[6] Caroline Wozniacki	[8] Caroline Garcia
2016	<i>[1] Angelique Kerber</i>	[2] Agnieszka Radwanska	[7] Dominika Cibulkova	[8] Svetlana Kuznetsova
2015	[2] Garbiñe Muguruza	[3] Maria Sharapova	<i>[4] Petra Kvitova</i>	[5] Agnieszka Radwanska
2014	[1] Serena Williams	<i>[4] Simona Halep</i>	[6] Agnieszka Radwanska	[8] Carolina Wozniacki
2013	[1] Serena Williams	<i>[4] Li Na</i>	[5] Petra Kvitova	[7] Jelena Jankovic
2012	[1] Victoria Azarenka	<i>[2] Maria Sharapova</i>	[3] Serena Williams	[4] Agnieszka Radwanska
2011	[3] Petra Kvitova	<i>[4] Victoria Azarenka</i>	[6] Vera Zvonareva	[7] Samantha Stosur

BOLD = Champion *Italic* = Finalist

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 (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 Świątek (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 Kučková 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	47-16	Champion: Cleveland, Ostrava, Moscow, Cluj-Napoca
Aryna Sabalenka	45-18	Champion: Abu Dhabi, Madrid
Barbora Krejčíková	44-16	Champion: Strasbourg, Roland-Garros, Prague
Paula Badosa	43-16	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	40-17	Champion: Dubai, Chicago 500
Danielle Collins	38-14	Champion: Palermo, San Jose

* Not including Billie Jean King Cup matches



RANKINGS WATCH

Regardless of her result against Paula Badosa, **Garbiñe Muguruza** will finish the season as the top-ranked Spanish woman. She could move to No.3 if she reaches the final, otherwise she will finish at No.5 or No.6 (if Maria Sakkari wins the title).

Anett Kontaveit is guaranteed to finish 2021 in the Top 8. The highest she can finish is No.6.

Badosa is projected to move to No.8, going as high as No.6 with the title.

By lifting the Billie Jean King Trophy, **Sakkari** could move to a career-high No.4 in the rankings, or No.5 (if Muguruza reaches the final).

PATRIOT GAMES

The WTA Finals has been won by 23 women from 14 different countries. However, the progress of **Paula Badosa, Garbiñe Muguruza, Anett Kontaveit** and **Maria Sakkari** guarantees that a new nationality will be engraved on the Billie Jean King Trophy this year.

Anett Kontaveit and Maria Sakkari are the first players ever to qualify for the season-ending finale from Estonia and Greece, respectively.

Meanwhile, Badosa and Muguruza are bidding to go one better than 1993 runner-up Arantxa Sánchez Vicario and lift the title.

ACES LEADERS

Player	Aces [^]	Matches	Aces/match
Karolina Pliskova	387	53	7.3
Aryna Sabalenka	357	61	5.9
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	245	54	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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BADOSA (7)**
SPAIN


GARBIÑE **5**
(6) MUGURUZA
SPAIN

1997-11-15	Date of Birth	1993-10-08
Barcelona, Spain	Residence	Geneva, Switzerland
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 11" (1.80 m)	Height	6' 0" (1.82 m)
10	Career-High Ranking	1
\$3,165,520	Career Prize Money	\$22,436,672
\$2,294,462	Season Prize Money	\$1,261,179
2 / 2	Singles Titles YTD / Career	2 / 9
12-10 (QF: 2021 Roland-Garros)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	83-33 (Champion: 2017 Wimbledon, 2016 Roland-Garros)
2-1 / 2-1 (SF: 2021)	YTD / Career WTA FINALS W-L (best)	2-1 / 7-6 (SF: 2015, 2021)
43-16 / 61-38	YTD / Career W-L	40-17 / 297-160
16-6 / 22-9	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L	8-8 / 90-70
12-7 / 14-12	YTD / Career TB W-L	6-5 / 46-53
4-3 / 4-4	YTD / Career TOP 5 W-L	2-3 / 13-22
6-4 / 6-7	YTD / Career TOP 10 W-L	5-8 / 40-43
Champion: Belgrade, Indian Wells	YTD Best Result	Champion: Dubai, Chicago [500]



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HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
First career meeting						

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
69	70	2020	15	15
86	97	2019	15	36
143	143	2018	2	18
242	247	2017	1	2
222	314	2016	2	7
193	220	2015	3	3
366	366	2014	21	21
666	678	2013	53	64
-	-	2012	94	104
-	-	2011	249	249



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MUGURUZA**

TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

GRP: d. I. SWIATEK (#9) 5-7 4-6 (1h 39m)
GRP: d. A. SABALENKA (#2) 6-4 6-0 (1h 16m)
GRP: d. M. SAKKARI (#6) 7-6 6-4 (2h 4m)

Total time on court: 4h 59m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making first appearance at the WTA Finals, and one of six singles debutantes this year (three have advanced to SF)
- Won the first two titles of her career in 2021, firstly at Belgrade and then Indian Wells, helping her amass 3112 points on the Porsche Race to the WTA Finals
- With Muguruza also advancing to SF, it is the first time in the tournament's history two Spaniards have reached this stage. Also first WTA Finals to feature multiple Spaniards since 2000 (Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario and Conchita Martinez)
- A Spaniard has reached the WTA Finals championship match once in the event's history – 1993, Sanchez-Vicario (l. Sabatini)
- Won 10 straight games to upset No.2 Sabalenka in opening round-robin match; now owns four Top-5 wins in her career, having also beaten No.3 Sabalenka (2021 Cincinnati), No.1 Barty (2021 Charleston) and No.5 Krejckova (2021 Indian Wells)
- Edged past No.6 Sakkari to qualify for SF before eight-match winning run was ended by Swiatek on Monday (longest tour-level unbeaten streak was nine in a row at Belgrade and Roland-Garros this spring)
- Faces No.5 Muguruza in SF today; win-loss record against higher-ranked opponents this season is 20-9
- Owns 3-1 career record against fellow Spaniards in main-draw matches, most recently beating Bolsova at 2021 Wimbledon
- Record in WTA SF matches stands at 2-5
- Broke into Top 10 for the first time last Monday. This time last year was ranked No.69
- Is one of eight women to post 40 or more main-draw wins this season
- Has second-most 3-sets wins on Tour in 2021, going 16-6 (level with Jabeur, trails Kasatkina's 17-7). Also has second-most tie-break wins (10-7), behind Andreescu on 11-5


CURRENT TOURNAMENT

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

Total time on court: 6h 3m


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 Krejckova and Kontaveit; now owns 5-8 record against Top-10 players this season, having also beaten No.4 Kenin (Yarra Valley Classic) and No.8 Sabalenka (Doha and Dubai)
- Now holds a 12-2 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 21 aces in her three matches - the most of the four semifinalists
- Faces No.10 Badosa in SF today; when she reached SF at this event in 2015, fell to eventual champion A.Radwanska in a match lasting 2h 41m
- Owns 8-2 career record against players from Spain in main-draw matches, most recently beating Suarez Navarro at 2019 Sydney
- Record in WTA SF matches stands at 13-17
- Has now won 40 matches this season, her most in a single campaign since 2017 (45-18 record)
- 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 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

- Won biggest title of career in October at Indian Wells (d. Azarenka in F)
- Fell 2r at Ostrava (l. eventual champion Kontaveit)
- Defeated in 2r at US Open (l. Gracheva)
- Made 2r at Montreal (l. Marino) and QF at Cincinnati (l. Ka.Pliskova via ret. w/right shoulder injury)
- Reached QF at the Olympics (l. Vondrousova via ret. w/heat illness)
- Suffered 1r defeat at Eastbourne (l. Svitolina) before reaching R16 at Wimbledon (l. Muchova)
- Lifted first WTA title at Belgrade (d. Konjuh in F), then advanced to maiden Grand Slam QF at Roland Garros (l. Zidansek)
- At Madrid, advanced to biggest WTA SF of her career (as WC, l. Barty)
- Produced SF run at Charleston (l. eventual champion Kudermetova); upset No.12 Bencic in 2r and World No.1 Barty en route to score her first ever Top 20 wins
- Made at Miami (l. Jabeur)
- Fell 1r at St. Petersburg (l. Ostapenko)
- Reached third WTA SF of her career at Lyon (l. eventual champion Tauson)
- Reached 3r in opening tournament of the season, at Abu Dhabi (l. Kudermetova) and then fell 1r at Australian Open (l. Samsonova)

- 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
212	12	Aces	170	20
64%	127	First serve %	66%	100
68%	35	First Serve points won %	66%	57
43%	188	Second serve points won %	48%	53
59%	29	Overall service points won %	60%	21
68%	62	Service games won %	67%	76
53%	166	Break points saved %	52%	186
37%	149	First serve return points won %	38%	103
57%	83	Second serve return points won %	57%	73
46%	162	Break points converted %	46%	144
38%	90	Return games won %	41%	46


45%

83

Return points won %


45%

61



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TITLES

SINGLES FINALS	SINGLES FINALS
Champion (2)	Champion (9)
2021 - INDIAN WELLS, BELGRADE	2021 - CHICAGO 500, DUBAI
	2019 - MONTERREY
	2018 - MONTERREY
	2017 - CINCINNATI, WIMBLEDON
	2016 - FRENCH OPEN
	2015 - BEIJING
	2014 - HOBART
	Runner-Up (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)
	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
1r	QF	4r	2r	2021	4r	1r	3r	4r
2r	4r		1r	2020	RUP	3r		2r
1r		1r	1r	2019	4r	4r	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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**PAULA
BADOSA**

**GARBIÑE
MUGURUZA**

CAREER MILESTONES

- At 2020 Roland Garros, upset former finalist Stephens and 2017 champion Ostapenko en route to reaching R16 for the first time at a major; posted career-high singles ranking of No.69 (October 12, 2020) following Paris run
- Also in 2020, reached SF at Istanbul (l. Bouchard)
- Campaign in 2019 highlighted by SF run at Palermo (l. Bertens) and QF run in Seoul (l. Y.Wang); also made Grand Slam main draw debut at Australian Open (l. 1r)
- Finished 2018 inside Top 200 for the first time (at No.143); picked up three ITF titles at \$25k ITF/Glasgow-UK, ITF/\$25k Les Franqueses del Valles – FRA and ITF/\$60k Valencia-ESP
- Fell in qualifying at 2018 Wimbledon, Madrid and US Open
- Claimed third title on ITF Circuit in 2017 at ITF/\$25k El Espinar; Fell 1r at Miami and in qualifying at Madrid
- In 2016, fell 1r at Miami, Madrid and Mallorca and in qualifying at Rio de Janeiro
- As wildcard, made breakthrough on WTA Tour with 3r run at 2015 Miami Open (l. Ka.Pliskova)
- Came through qualifying at 2015 Madrid, fell 1r to Errani via ret. w/left leg injury
- Continued at ITF Circuit level during 2013-2014 before playing second WTA qualifying draw at 2015 Antwerp, where she advanced to 2r (l. Bodarenko)
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2013 Palermo, winning one match via retirement before falling in 2r (l.Gatto-Monticone) Won first title on ITF Circuit at \$10k ITF/Sant Jordi-ESP in 2012; now owns seven singles titles at this level
- Played first pro tournament of career at \$10k ITF/Gexto-ESP in 2012 (l. in 1r)
- Won girls' Singles title at 2015 Roland Garros (d. Kaliskaya in F) and reached QF at 2014 Roland Garros and Wimbledon; finished 2015 as No.8 in ITF World Junior rankings
- 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 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 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)
- 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)

OTHER INFORMATION

- Coached by Jorge García. Coached by Jorge García. Other members of coaching team are
- Coached by Conchita Martinez, formerly with Sam Sumyk

- David Antona Bravo and Daniel de la Serna Vilar
- Born in New York City but lives and trains in Barcelona, near her hometown Begur in the Costa Brava
 - Aggressive baseliner whose favorite shot is serve. Favorite tournament is US Open
 - Childhood idol was Maria Sharapova, whose dedication, work ethic and values inspired her to become a pro
 - Enjoys reading, always travels with books and her favorite is Tuesdays with Morrie (Mitch Albom)
 - Professional goals are to reach her full potential
 - Speaks English, Spanish and Catalan, and would like to learn more languages

- 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.



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8 **ANETT**
KONTAVEIT (8)
ESTONIA

MARIA **6**
(4) SAKKARI
GREECE

1995-12-24	Date of Birth	1995-07-25
Tallinn, Estonia	Residence	Monte Carlo, Monaco
Right-handed (two-handed backhand)	Plays	Right-handed (two-handed backhand)
5' 9" (1.74 m)	Height	5' 8" (1.72 m)
8	Career-High Ranking	6
\$6,035,470	Career Prize Money	\$5,210,609
\$1,158,757	Season Prize Money	\$1,669,990
4 / 5	Singles Titles YTD / Career	0 / 1
32-25 (QF: 2020 Australian Open)	Grand Slam W-L (best)	37-23 (SF: 2021 Roland-Garros, US Open)
2-1 / 2-1 (SF: 2021)	YTD / Career WTA FINALS W-L (best)	2-1 / 2-1 (SF: 2021)
47-16 / 171-115	YTD / Career W-L	38-19 / 130-105
9-7 / 52-41	YTD / Career 3-Set W-L	8-10 / 42-48
5-3 / 37-31	YTD / Career TB W-L	5-8 / 33-23
6-6 / 16-26	YTD / Career TOP 10 W-L	9-5 / 19-19
Champion: Cleveland, Ostrava, Moscow, Cluj-Napoca	YTD Best Result	Runner-Up: Ostrava



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KONTAVEIT**

**MARIA
SAKKARI**

HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

YEAR	TOURNAMENT	SURFACE	ROUND	WINNER	SCORE/ RESULT	TIME
2021	OSTRAVA	HARD	F	Anett Kontaveit	6-2 7-5	1h 32m
2021	OLYMPICS	HARD	1r	Maria Sakkari	7-5 6-2	1h 33m
2021	MADRID	CLAY	2r	Maria Sakkari	6-3 6-1	1h 1m
2021	MELBOURNE 500 GRAMPIANS TROPHY	HARD	SF	Anett Kontaveit	2-6 6-3 11-9	1h 16m
2019	ROME	CLAY	2r	Maria Sakkari	6-3 6-2	1h 13m
2018	CINCINNATI	HARD	2r	Anett Kontaveit	6-1 6-3	1h 16m
2018	MIAMI	HARD	2r	Maria Sakkari	6-4 6-1	1h 9m
2017	AUSTRALIAN OPEN	HARD	1r	Maria Sakkari	6-0 6-4	1h 4m
2016	GSTAAD	CLAY	1r	Anett Kontaveit	7-5 6-1	1h 15m
2016	MIAMI	HARD	Q	Maria Sakkari	6-3 6-1	59m
2016	INDIAN WELLS	HARD	Q	Anett Kontaveit	6-4 6-3	1h 26m

RANKING HISTORY

TOP RANK	YEAR-END	YEAR	TOP RANK	YEAR-END
20	23	2020	20	22
14	26	2019	22	23
20	21	2018	29	41
27	34	2017	48	52
73	110	2016	89	89
88	91	2015	184	188
139	166	2014	284	301
228	228	2013	587	610
400	436	2012	568	627
573	573	2011	702	702



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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

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

Total time on court: 3h 39m

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 Krejckova 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)
- Lost to Muguruza in final round-robin match to snap a career-best 12-match main-draw winning streak
- Has won 92.9% of her service games here (season average is 73.1%), dropping serve only twice (both against Muguruza) and facing only nine break points
- Faces No.6 Sakkari in SF today; record against higher-ranked opponents this season is 11-11
- Career record in WTA SF matches stands at 11-5, winning her last seven
- 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)
- If she lifts the title here, is projected to finish the year at No.6
- After results here, now has 28-3 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
- 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 (38-11)

CURRENT TOURNAMENT

GRP: d. A. SABALENKA (#2) 7-6 6-7 6-3 (2h 47m)
GRP: d. I. SWIA TEK (#9) 6-2 6-4 (1h 26m)
GRP: d. P. BADOSA (#10) 6-7 4-6 (2h 4m)

Total time on court: 6h 17m

PLAYER NOTES

- Making debut appearance at WTA Finals - is the first Greek woman to appear at the tournament
- Finished the Porsche Race to the WTA Finals with 3341 points, securing her place with a SF run last month at Moscow
- Won 26 of her 27 points (96.3%) on her first serve during victory over Swiatek in her opening round-robin match
- Has struck 11 aces in her three matches here to take her season total to 245, the eighth most on tour
- Faces No.8 Kontaveit in SF today; has lost six of her seven SF matches this season (her only win, over Swiatek at Ostrava, was followed by a defeat to Kontaveit in the final)
- Overall career record in WTA SF matches is 3-13
- Owns a tour-leading nine Top-10 wins this season, having overcome No.4 Kenin (Abu Dhabi), No.2 Osaka (Miami), No.5 Kenin (Roland-Garros), No.9 Swiatek (Roland-Garros), No.7 Andreescu (US Open), No.4 Ka.Pliskova (US Open), No.6 Swiatek (Ostrava), No.9 Swiatek (WTA Finals) and No.2 Sabalenka (WTA Finals)
- Ranks fifth on tour this season for hard-court win, with 28
- Best career results on hard are R-Up finishes at 2018 San Jose (outdoors) and 2021 Ostrava (indoors)
- Is the highest seed left in the draw. This is only the second time since the round robin was introduced in 2003 that the Top 3 seeds have failed to progress
- Is currently ranked No.6, having broken into Top 10 after run to final in Ostrava (September 27, 2021); this time last year was No.22
- By lifting the title, will move to a career-high No.4 or No.5 (if Muguruza reaches the final)
- One of six players to break into the Top 10 this season - also Badosa, Krejckova, Swiatek, Jabeur and Kontaveit



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SEASON 2021 HISTORY

- 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)
- Upset in 2r at Indian Wells (after 1r bye, l. Golubic) before SF showing at Moscow (l. Alexandrova via ret. w/dizziness)
 - Broke into Top 10 following R-Up finish at Ostrava (l. Kontaveit)
 - Enjoyed SF run at US Open (l. eventual champion Raducanu); defeated three Top-20 players en route to the final four, No.11 Kvitova, No.7 Andreescu and No.4 Ka.Pliskova
 - Made 3r at Olympics (l. Svitolina) and Montréal (l. Azarenka).Fell 1r at Cincinnati (l. Kerber)
 - Reached 2r at Wimbledon (l. Rogers)
 - At Roland Garros, became first Greek woman to reach a Grand Slam SF run at Roland-Garros (l. to eventual champion Krejckikova, having held 1MP in third set)
 - Started clay court campaign by reaching 2r at Stuttgart (l. Kvitova), 3r at Madrid (l. Muchova) and 2r at Rome (l. Gauff)
 - Advanced to SF at Miami (l. Andreescu) - first Greek woman to reach this stage since No.14 Daniilidou in 2004
 - Reached QF at Doha (l. Muguruza) and then made 1r exit at Dubai (l. eventual R-Up Krejckikova)
 - Upset in 1r at Australian Open (l. Mladenovic)
 - Opened season with back-to-back SF runs at Abu Dhabi (d. No.4 Kenin in QF, l. eventual champion Sabalenka) and Grampians Trophy (l. Kontaveit)

VALUE	WTA RANK	MATCH STATS	VALUE	WTA RANK
221	11	Aces	245	8
61%	211	First serve %	57%	288
68%	34	First Serve points won %	69%	27
48%	46	Second serve points won %	47%	87
60%	14	Overall service points won %	59%	27
73%	22	Service games won %	68%	64
58%	65	Break points saved %	55%	121
38%	96	First serve return points won %	40%	58
55%	122	Second serve return points won %	52%	218
49%	83	Break points converted %	43%	217
39%	70	Return games won %	38%	88


45%

72

Return points won %


44%

88



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MARIA SAKKARI

TITLES & GRAND SLAMS

SINGLES FINALS					SINGLES FINALS			
Champion (5)					Champion (1)			
2021 - CLUJ-NAPOCA, MOSCOW, OSTRAVA, CLEVELAND					2019 - RABAT			
2017 - 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH					Finalist (2)			
Finalist (7)					2021 - OSTRAVA			
2021 - EASTBOURNE, MELBOURNE 500					2018 - SAN JOSE			
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
3r	3r	1r	3r	2021	1r	SF	2r	SF
QF	1r		4r	2020	4r	3r		4r
2r	1r	3r	3r	2019	3r	2r	3r	3r
4r	4r	3r	1r	2018	1r	3r	1r	2r
1r	2r	3r	1r	2017	3r	1r	3r	3r
1r	1r	1r	1r	2016	2r		2r	1r
		1r	4r	2015				1r
		1r		2014				



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CAREER MILESTONES

- 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
- Secured best year-end ranking of No.22 in 2020; broke into Top 20 on February 24 for first time, at No.20
- Scored third and fourth Top 5 wins of her career last season, over No.5 Svitolina at Ostrava and No.5 Bencic (2020 St. Petersburg). Previous wins came over No.5 Ka.Pliskova (2018 Rome) and No.5 Kvitova (2019 Rome, via ret.)
- Upset No.10 seed Keys to reach the R16 for the first time at one of the four Slams, at 2020 Australian Open (l. Kvitova)
- Qualified for WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai in 2019 for first time in career (fell in RR stage). That season won maiden WTA title at Rabat, recovering from a set and break down to defeat Konta in final
- Highlights of 2018 were reaching her first tour-level final at San Jose (l. Buzarnescu) and scoring maiden Top 5 win over No.5 Ka.Pliskova in 2r at Rome
- Notched first Top 10 victory of career over No.6 Wozniacki en route to first WTA SF of career at 2017 Wuhan Open
- Broke into Top 50 for first time at No.49 on October 9, 2017
- At 2016 Australian Open, by reaching 2r (d. Y.Wang, l. Suárez Navarro) became the first woman from Greece to win a main draw match at a Slam since Daniilidou d. Ka.Pliskova at 2013 Australian Open
- Reached first career WTA QF at 2016 Istanbul (as qualifier, l. Kovinic)
- Fell 1r on WTA main draw debut at 2015 US Open (as qualifier, l. Q.Wang)
- WTA qualifying debut came at 2012 Palermo
- Made debut on ITF Circuit in 2010; owns seven ITF Circuit singles titles and five in doubles

OTHER INFORMATION

- 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
- Coached by Tom Hill
- Parents are Konstantinos and Angeliki; brother is Yannis (studies at Boston University) and sister is Amanda. Introduced to tennis 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

parents at age 6; mother played on WTA; achieved a Top 50 singles ranking

- Born and raised in Athens; moved to Barcelona at age 18 to train
- Favorite surfaces are hard and clay; favorite shot is serve
- Tennis idols are Serena Williams, Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer
- During free time enjoys going back to Greece and seeing friends.

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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	2-1	WTA Finals W-L	2-1
YTD / Career W-L	39-17 / 424-250	YTD / Career W-L	39-17 / 127-64
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: 39-17

- 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	-

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[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)	9-4 (WON 2013)	WTA Finals W-L (best)	3-4 (QF 2018, RR 2019)
YTD / Career W-L	26-12 / 523-267	YTD / Career W-L	32-13 / 268-119
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: 21-7

- 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)
- 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 five titles to her name and rose to No.12 at the end of 2018

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[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)	6-3 (R-Up 2018)	WTA Finals W-L (best)	6-3 (R-Up 2018)
YTD / Career W-L	38-10 / 286-118	YTD / Career W-L	42-10 / 245-121
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: 37-9

- 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)

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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)	2-2 (QF 2018)	WTA Finals W-L (best)	5-4 (SF 2019)
YTD / Career W-L	32-20 / 302-261	YTD / Career W-L	36-19 / 311-162
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: 29-17

- 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