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AUSTRALIAN OPEN MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA



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MONDAY, JANUARY 16 – FIRST ROUND

[1] IGA SWIATEK (POL #1)

Head-to-Head

1-0

JULE NIEMEIER (GER #69)

Swiatek recovered from a set and a break down to beat the German en route to 2022 US Open title... *Niemeier* making Australian Open main-draw debut... *Swiatek* owns 14-1 record in Grand Slam first-round matches... *Niemeier* is one of five Germans in the draw... Top seed has only fallen at the opening hurdle of the Australian Open once

[3] JESSICA PEGULA (USA #3)

Head-to-Head

0-0

JAQUELINE CRISTIAN (ROU #161)

Pegula advanced to QF on past two visits to Melbourne Park... *Cristian* made second round on Grand-Slam debut at 2022 Australian Open... *Pegula* has prevailed in past eight first-round matches at the majors... *Cristian* missed most of last season with right knee injury... *Pegula* was part of victorious US team at the United Cup two weeks ago

YUAN YUE (CHN #117)

Head-to-Head

0-0

[6] MARIA SAKKARI (GRE #6)

Sakkari's most recent first-round loss at a major came at Melbourne Park in 2021... *Yuan* among 18 players making Australian Open main-draw debut... *Sakkari* opened season by helping Greece reach SF at United Cup... *Yuan* lost to *Pegula* at 2022 US Open in only previous match versus Top-10 opposition

KATERINA SINIAKOVA (CZE #46)

Head-to-Head

1-3

[7] COCO GAUFF (USA #7)

Gauff dropped just three games when they played at 2022 Adelaide... *Siniakova* appearing at Melbourne Park for the 10th straight year... *Gauff* owns 11-2 record in Grand Slam first-round matches with one of these losses coming at this stage of 2022 Australian Open... *Siniakova* won doubles title her alongside *Krejčíková* last year



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[10] MADISON KEYS (USA #13)

Head-to-Head

1-0

ANNA BLINKOVA (#60)

Keys came out on top when they met at 2019 Roland Garros... **Blinkova** reached SF at Hobart last week... **Keys** contesting milestone 10th Australian Open, reaching SF in 2015 and 2022... **Blinkova** owns three Top-20 wins in her career... **Keys** has 33-5 record in Grand Slam first-round matches

ANNA KALINSKAYA (#59)

Head-to-Head

0-0

[11] DANIELLE COLLINS (USA #13)

Collins advanced to maiden major final at Melbourne in 2022... **Kalinskaya** bidding for first Australian Open main-draw win... Four days ago **Collins** lost to Kudermetova in Adelaide 2 QF after holding five match points... **Kalinskaya** has six Top-20 wins, including one this year

ALISON VAN UYTVANCK (BEL #68)

Head-to-Head

1-1

[15] PETRA KVITOVA (CZE #15)

Kvitova finished runner-up at 2019 Australian Open... One of **Van Uytvanck's** three Top-20 career wins came over Kvitova at Tokyo Olympics... **Kvitova** fell to Cirstea in first round at Melbourne Park last year... **Van Uytvanck** is among four Belgians in starting field this fortnight

[20] BARBORA KREJCIKOVA (CZE #23)

Head-to-Head

0-0

[Q] SARA BEJLEK (CZE #175)

Krejcikova made QF in singles and won doubles at 2022 Australian Open... **Bejlek** is the second youngest of seven teenagers competing in singles at Melbourne Park... **Krejcikova** has 9-2 win-loss record in opening matches at majors... Eleven Czechs in draw this year

SOFIA KENIN (USA #203)

Head-to-Head

1-1

[24] VICTORIA AZARENKA (#24)

Azarenka did not drop a game when they met at 2020 Rome... **Kenin** won Australian Open in 2020, while **Azarenka** is the last woman to defend this title in 2013... **Kenin** is contesting 20th Grand Slam main draw... **Azarenka** has won 42 matches at Melbourne Park, more than any other woman in the draw



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EMMA RADUCANU (GBR #77)

Head-to-Head

1-0

TAMARA KORPATSCH (GER #76)

Raducanu beat the German over three sets on clay in Stuttgart last year... **Korpatsch** bidding for first Grand Slam main-draw victory... **Raducanu** suffered ankle injury during second-round defeat at Auckland in first week of the season... **Korpatsch** opened 2023 with qualifying exits at Adelaide 1 and Hobart

WANG XINYU (CHN #79)

Head-to-Head

1-0

[WC] STORM HUNTER (AUS #239)

Wang won when they faced off in qualifying at 2022 Miami... **Hunter** is one of five home wildcards in the draw... **Wang** coming off QF run as a lucky loser at Hobart... **Hunter** advanced to doubles QF last year at her home Slam... **Wang** is contesting Australian Open for a third time



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[1] IGA SWIATEK (POL #1) VS. JULE NIEMEIER (GER #69)

Head-to-head: IGA SWIATEK leads 1-0

2022 US OPEN HARD (O) R16 IGA SWIATEK 2-6 6-4 6-0

SWIATEK		NIEMEIER	
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of birth (age)	May 31, 2001 (21)	Date of birth (age)	Aug. 12, 1999 (22)
Height	5'9" (1.76m)	Height	5'10" (1.78m)
Career-high ranking	No.1 (Apr. 4, 2022)	Career-high ranking	No.61 (Nov. 7, 2022)
Career prize money	\$14,265,077	Career prize money	\$1,075,396
Singles Titles	11	Singles Titles	0
Australian Open W-L (MD)	12-4 (SF 2022)	Australian Open W-L	0-0
Grand Slam W-L (MD)	51-12 (3 Titles)	Grand Slam W-L	7-3 (QF 2022 Wimbledon)
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	3-1 / 140-42	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	0-2 / 19-21
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 28-14	3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 3-12
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 14-13	Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 2-4
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	3-1 / 90-30	Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	0-2 / 6-9
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 20-9	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 1-1
Coach	Tomasz Wiktorowski	Coach	Christopher Kas

SWIATEK:

Australian Open

- Making fifth consecutive main-draw appearance at Australian Open
- Made 2r on Grand Slam debut here in 2019 (as qualifier, l. Giorgi)
- Best result at Melbourne Park is last year's SF run (l. Collins)
- As a junior finished R-Up in 2017 Australian Open girls' doubles (w/Chwalinska)
- Is a three-time major winner, triumphing at Roland Garros in 2020 (d. Kenin in F) and 2022 (d. Gauff in F), and at US Open in 2022 (d. Jabeur in F)
- Faces No.69 Niemeier in 1r today; rallied from a set and a break down to beat the German en route to 2022 US Open title
- Last loss to a player outside Top 50 came against No.338 Konjuh at 2021 Miami
- Career record in Grand Slam 1r matches is 14-1 (.933 winning percentage is the highest among active players); only loss came against No.81 Golubic at 2019 Wimbledon (also her only loss to a player outside Top 50 at a Slam)



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- Is top seed for the fourth Slam in a row; No.1 seed has only at first hurdle once at Australian Open, Ruzici in 1979 (I. Sawyer)
- One of two women representing Poland in singles field; no Polish woman has ever reached Australian Open singles final
- Won 47 hard-court matches last season – the most since A.Radwanska notched up 52 in 2013
- Opened 2023 season representing Poland at inaugural United Cup; posted 5-1 record in singles and mixed doubles as Polish team reached SF

Career Milestones

- In 2022, lifted second and third Grand Slam titles, at Roland-Garros (d. Gauff in F) and US Open (d. Jabeur in F)
- Triumph in Paris was the last of six straight titles during 37-match winning streak - joint-longest unbeaten run on Tour since 1990
- Won two titles in 2021, at Adelaide and Rome. Other highlights included QF at Roland-Garros and SF at Ostrava and qualifying for WTA Finals Guadalajara (fell in group stage)
- Also finished doubles R-Up at 2021 Roland-Garros (w/Mattek-Sands, I. Krejciakova/Siniakova)
- Won her maiden Tour-level title at 2020 Roland-Garros without dropping a set, becoming the first player from Poland - man or woman - to win a Grand Slam singles title and first from her country to reach a major final since A.Radwanska at 2012 Wimbledon
- Ranked No.54, she became the lowest-ranked woman to win the Roland-Garros title in the Open Era and the lowest-ranked finalist since 1977 (No.56 Mihai). At 19y 132d, is the youngest champion in Paris since Monica Seles (18y 187d) in 1992
- Also became the first player to win her debut Tour-level title at a Grand Slam since Jelena Ostapenko at 2017 Roland-Garros
- Won WTA Most Improved Player of the Year for 2020, as voted on by members of the media. Also won the 2020 WTA Fan Favorite Award
- Ended 2019 season ranked No.61 after a campaign highlighted by R-Up finish at Lugano (I. Hercog) and R16 run at Roland-Garros (I. Halep). That year also reached 3r at Toronto (I. Osaka) and made 2r five times (incl. Australian and US Open)
- Broke into Top 100 at No.88 after R-Up finish at 2019 Lugano
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2019 Auckland
- Ended 2018 season ranked No.175 (up from No.690 in 2017), after posting 42-6 record and winning four titles on ITF Circuit
- Member of Poland's Billie Jean King Cup team, 2018-19, 2021-22



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- On professional debut, came through qualifying to win title at \$10k ITF/Stockholm-SWE in 2016; owns seven singles titles at this level
- Enjoyed stellar junior career, including winning girls' singles at 2018 Wimbledon (d. Küng in F) and leading Poland to Junior Fed Cup in 2016

NIEMEIER:

Australian Open

- Making Australian Open main-draw debut
- Last year, fell to Hartono in 3s at final hurdle of qualifying here
- Three previous main-draw Slam outings all came in 2022, with best result a QF run at Wimbledon (I. Maria)
- Faces No.1 Swiatek in 1r today; lost to the Pole during R16 showing at 2022 US Open
- Only other career meeting with a Top-10 player was an upset of No.3 Kontaveit at 2022 Wimbledon
- In terms of ranking, best career win on a hard court came over No.38 Putintseva at 2022 US Open
- Overall is 2-1 in Grand Slam 1r matches, with only defeat coming against Stephens at 2022 Roland Garros
- One of five Germans in draw; two German women have won this title, Graf (1988-90, 1994) and Kerber (2016)
- Opened 2023 season by losing both singles rubbers in straight sets while representing Germany at United Cup, then fell a first hurdle of qualifying at Adelaide 2

Career Milestones

- Enjoyed success at Slams in 2022, advancing to QF at Wimbledon (I. Maria) and R16 at US Open (I. eventual champion Swiatek)
- Last season also reached QF at Lausanne (I. Potapova) Cluj-Napoca (I. Paolini). Won titles on Croatian soil at WTA 125K Makarska and at W60 tournament in Zagreb
- Made Top 100 debut (at No.94) on May 9, 2022
- In 2021 also advanced to SF at Hamburg and made it through qualifying to lift third ITF Circuit title of her career at W25 Prague
- On second WTA main draw, reached SF at 2021 Strasbourg (as qualifier, I. eventual champion Krejčíková); upset No.46 Rogers in 2r to score first Top 50 win of her career
- Best results of 2020 were SF runs at W25 Cherbourg-en-Cotentin and W25 Las Palmas de Gran Canaria
- Fell 1r on WTA main draw debut at 2019 Nurnberg (as qualifier, I. Kr. Pliskova)
- Rose over 500 places in the rankings in 2018 after posting 31-17 record and reaching two ITF Circuit finals
- Lifted maiden ITF Circuit title in 2018, at W15 Kaltenkirchen
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in Central Europe in 2016



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[3] JESSICA PEGULA (USA #3) VS. JAQUELINE CRISTIAN (ROU #161)

Head-to-head: First career meeting

PEGULA		CRISTIAN	
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of birth (age)	Feb.24, 1994 (28)	Date of birth (age)	June 5, 1998 (24)
Height	5'7" (1.70m)	Height	5'11" (1.82m)
Career-high ranking	No.3 (Oct. 24, 2022)	Career-high ranking	No.58 (Jan. 31, 2022)
Career prize money	\$6,939,006	Career prize money	\$717,877
Singles Titles	2	Singles Titles	0
Australian Open W-L (MD)	8-3 (QF; 2021, 2022)	Australian Open W-L	1-1 (R64; 2022)
Grand Slam W-L (MD)	26-16 (QF; 2021 Australian Open, 2022 Australian Open, 2022 Roland Garros, 2022 US Open)	Grand Slam W-L	1-2 (R64; 2022 Australian Open)
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	4-1 / 115-75	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	0-1 / 21-22
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 30-25	3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 9-7
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 21-20	Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 11-6
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	4-1 / 83-48	Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 16-17
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 11-22	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-3
Coach	David Witt	Coach	Thomas Drouet

PEGULA:

Australian Open

- Making fourth main-draw appearance at Australian Open having reached QF in last two visits in 2021 (l. Brady) and 2022 (l. Barty)
- Also fell 1r in 2020 (l. Townsend) and competed in qualifying in 2013 and 2016
- Run here in 2021 performance was first major QF appearance and reached three more last year at Australian Open, Roland Garros and US Open
- Won 14 Grand Slam matches last year; only Swiatek (21) registered more
- Faces No.161 Jaqueline Cristian in 1r; has not lost 1r at a major since 2020 Roland Garros when ranked No.60 (l. Sabalenka)
- Career record in Grand Slam 1r matches is 10-6; has won eight straight opening rounds at majors
- Has won 19 of her last 20 matchups against players outside the Top 100; only loss came to No.168 CoCo Vandeweghe at 2022 Charleston



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- One of 18 players from the United States in the draw (including LL Mandlik); the last American to win the title here was Sofia Kenin in 2020
- Holds 3-3 record against Romanian players with a 1-2 record at majors
- Opened 2023 season helping the United States win the inaugural United Cup with a 4-1 singles record including a 6-2 6-2 win over World No.1 Swiatek in SF, only loss came to No.16 Kvitova in group play; also won all four mixed doubles matches played

Career Milestones

- Achieved career-high No. 3 in October 2022 after defeating four Grand Slam champions at Guadalajara, en route to ending three-year wait for second WTA title (d. Sakkari in F)
- Qualified for WTA Finals Fort Worth in both singles and doubles (w/Gauff), thus becoming the first Americans to debut in singles and doubles at the season-ending showpiece since Davenport in 1994
- Reached QF at three of the four majors in 2022, breaking into Top 10 after doing so at Roland Garros (June 6, 2022)
- One of seven players to win 40+ matches last season, alongside Swiatek, Jabeur, Garcia, Sakkari, Kasatkina and Bencic
- In 2021, reached the QF or better on seven occasions, including at the Australian Open
- Broke into Top 20 on November 1, 2021
- Began 2020 with runner-up finish at Auckland (l. S.Williams), other standout results were a QF at Western & Southern Open (as qualifier, l. Mertens) and a 3r showing at US Open (l. Kvitova)
- On the doubles court in 2020, reached QFs of Roland-Garros (w/Muhammad) and Cincinnati (w/Rogers)
- Won her first WTA title at 2019 Washington DC (d. Giorgi in F)
- Also in 2019, fell 1r on main draw debut at Roland-Garros (l. eventual champion Barty) and Wimbledon (l. Buzarnescu) and Miami (as a qualifier, l. Konta)
- Broke into Top 100 for the first time on February 4, 2019 following back-to-back R-Up finishes at WTA 125K Series event at Newport Beach and W100 ITF Circuit tournament in Midland-MI, USA
- Highlights of 2018 included finishing R-up as a qualifier at Quebec City (l. Parmentier in F), recording SF finish at Houston WTA 125K Series tournament (l. S.Peng) and reaching QF or better at 10 ITF events
- Did not play between January and August 2017 after undergoing hip surgery. Primarily played at ITF Circuit events for the rest of the year, winning two doubles titles with Townsend
- Played a mixture of WTA and ITF Circuit events in 2016 with highlight coming at Washington DC, where she defeated No.14 Stosur for first Top-20 win of career on her way to a SF finish (l. Davis)
- Reached 2r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2015 US Open (as qualifier, d. Van Uytvanck, l. Cibulkova)
- Sidelined from tennis for a year and a half between 2013 and 2015 due to a right knee injury
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2009 Ponte Vedra Beach and WTA main draw debut at 2012 Indian Wells



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CRISTIAN:

Australian Open

- Made Grand Slam main-draw debut at 2022 Australian Open, going on to reach 2r (d. Minnen, I. Keys)
- Also contested qualifying at Melbourne Park in 2020
- Across all Slams, win over Minnen last year was first and only Grand Slam main draw win; fell 1r at 2022 US Open in only other major main draw appearance (l. No.2 Kontaveit)
- Faces another Top 5 player in 1r this week, World No.3 Jessica Pegula looking for her first main-draw match win since 2022 Doha where she defeated No.20 Elena Rybakina in 1r as a lucky loser (suffered a right knee injury in Doha that kept her out until US Open)
- Win over Rybakina remains only Top 20 victory of career; currently 0-3 against Top 10 opponents falling to No.5 Sofia Kenin at 2020 Lyon, No.4 Barbora Krejckikova at 2022 Sydney and No.2 Anett Kontaveit at 2022 US Open
- One of five players from Romania in the draw with Irina-Camelia Begu, Ana Bogdan, Sorana Cirstea and Patricia Maria Tig; best result by a player from Romania was Simona Halep's R-Up finish in 2018
- Holds 1-3 record against American players, only win came over No.100 Bernarda Pera at 2022 St. Petersburg; also lost to an American in her only WTA final appearance at 2021 Linz (l. Riske-Amritraj)
- Contesting 2023 Australian Open with a protected ranking of No.65
- So far in 2023, contested qualifying at Auckland and fell 1r at Hobart (l. No.1 seed Bouzkova)

Career Milestones

- Earned a new career high ranking of No.58 on January 31, 2022 after making her Grand Slam main draw debut at Australian Open and reaching 2r (d. Minnen, I. Keys)
- Also reached 2r at Sydney (l. Krejckikova), St. Petersburg (l. Sasnovich) and Doha (l. Kasatkina via ret.); in Doha earned her first career Top 20 win with a victory over No.20 Elena Rybakina
- Suffered knee injury keeping her out of 2022 season from February-August; made return at US Open for her first main draw appearance in New York (l. No.2 Kontaveit)
- On ITF Circuit in 2022, won title at \$80k ITF/Le Neuborg-FRA
- Ended 2021 campaign in fine form, reaching SF at Nur-Sultan (l. eventual champion Van Uytvanck), QF at Cluj-Napoca (l. Halep) before finishing R-Up at Linz (l. Riske)
- Broke into Top 100 on November 8, 2021
- Advanced to maiden WTA QF at 2021 St. Petersburg (l. Kuznetsova)
- Season highlight in 2020 was 2r run at Lyon (as qualifier, l. Kenin)



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- Made debut for Romania in Billie Jean King Cup in 2020, winning singles rubber against Kudermetova during 3-2 qualifying defeat to Russia
- In 2019, posted 2r showing at Bucharest (l. Rybakina), also fell 1r at Nanchang (as qualifier, l. Golubic)
- Reached 2r on WTA main draw debut at 2017 Bucharest (d. Kozlova. l. eventual champion Begu)
- In 2016, compiled a 46-18 win-loss record, lifting five titles on ITF Circuit and rising 400 places in rankings
- Contested maiden WTA qualifying at 2015 Bucharest
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in Europe in 2012



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Head-to-head: First Meeting

YUAN		SAKKARI	
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of birth (age)	25-Sep-1998	Date of birth (age)	25-Jul-1995 (27)
Height	5'10" (1.78m)	Height	5'8" (1.72 m)
Career-high ranking	No.74 (07-Nov-2022)	Career-high ranking	No.3 (21-Mar-2022)
Career prize money	\$570,416	Career prize money	\$8,443,603
Singles Titles	0	Singles Titles	1
Australian Open W-L (MD)	0-0	Australian Open W-L	11-7
Grand Slam W-L (MD)	2-2	Grand Slam W-L	44-27
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	0-0 / 2-6	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	3-1 / 171-129
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-2	3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 50-59
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 2-0	Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 41-33
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 2-4	Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	3-1 / 109-85
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-1	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 23-25
Coach	Nan Yang	Coach	Tom Hill

YUAN:

Australian Open

- Making Australian Open main-draw debut
- Last year, fell at final hurdle of qualifying here, losing to Baptiste after coming within three points of victory in second set
- Also contested Australian Open qualifying in 2020-21
- Only contested two Grand Slam main draws in her career, reaching 3r at 2022 US Open (as qualifier, l. Pegula) and falling 1r at 2022 Wimbledon (as LL, l. Anisimova)
- Lost in qualifying rounds at a Slam five times, including 2020, 2021 and 2022 Australian Open
- Faces No.6 Sakkari in 1r today; has faced one Top-10 opponent in her career, losing to No.8 Pegula in 3s at 2022 US Open
- In terms of ranking, best career win came over No.42 Begu at 2022 US Open
- Opened season by falling at first hurdle in qualifying at Adelaide 1 and Hobart



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Career Milestones

- Finished last season with 44-25 record (across all levels), jumping more than 100 spots in ranking and breaking Top 100 in October after winning ITF W60 Las Vegas
- Rose to career-high No.74 on November 7, 2022
- Fell 1r on Grand Slam main-draw debut at 2022 Wimbledon (as LL, I. Anisimova), then advanced to 3r at US Open (as qualifier, I. Pegula)
- At Tour level in 2022 also fell 1r at Miami and Charleston, while contested qualifying on eight occasions
- Started off 2022 with a title win at W60+H Traralgon; also made F at W60 Liepaja (I. Navarro) and W60 Berkeley CA (I. Brengle)
- Fell 1r on WTA main-draw debut at 2018 Tianjin
- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2018 Nanchang
- Owns four titles in singles and two in doubles on ITF Circuit

SAKKARI:

Australian Open

- Making eighth main-draw appearance at Australian Open
- Best results are R16 runs in 2020 (I. Kvitova) and 2022 (I. Pegula)
- Across all major, best results are SF showings at Roland Garros and US Open in 2021
- Faces No.117 Yuan in 1r; last loss to a player outside Top 100 came against No.144 Parks at 2022 Ostrava, while at the Slams it came at hands of No.103 Maria at 2022 Wimbledon
- Career record in Grand Slam 1r matches is 21-6, with last defeat coming against Mladenovic at 2021 Australian Open
- Opened 2023 season helping Greece reach SF at the inaugural United Cup; going 6-1 in singles and mixed doubles

Career Milestones

- Finished 2022 ranked No.6 for the second consecutive year; a four-time finalist in 2022 including runs to the final at two WTA 1000 tournaments – Indian Wells and Guadalajara [1000]; returned to the WTA Finals advancing to the semifinals, falling to eventual champion Caroline Garcia
- Climbed as high as No.3 in the rankings (March 21, 2022), the highest ranking ever achieved by a Greek woman
- Historic 2021 season was highlighted by her becoming first Greek woman to break into the Top 10 (at No.10, September 27) as well as the first from her country to qualify for the WTA Finals



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- In 2021, also reached third WTA final at Ostrava (I. Kontaveit), while advanced to SF at Roland-Garros, US Open - defeating three Top-20 ranked opponents at both events - and WTA Finals in Guadalajara
- Posted a Tour-leading nine Top-10 wins in 2021, including two over the World No.2 (Osaka at Miami and No.2 Sabalenka at WTA Finals)
- Broke into Top 20 on February 24, 2020 for first time, at No.20
- Scored third and fourth Top-5 wins of her career in 2020, over No.5 Svitolina at Ostrava and No.5 Bencic at 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 (I. 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 (I. 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
- Broke into Top 50 for first time at No.49 on October 9, 2017
- At 2016 Australian Open, by reaching 2r (d. Y.Wang, I. 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, I. Kovinic)
- Fell 1r on WTA main draw debut at 2015 US Open (as qualifier, I. 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



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KATERINA SINIAKOVA (CZE #46) VS. [7] COCO GAUFF (USA #7)

Head-to-head: COCO GAUFF leads 3-1

2022	BJK CUP	HARD (I)	RR	KATERINA SINIAKOVA	7-6(1) 6-1
2022	ADELAIDE	HARD (O)	R1	COCO GAUFF	6-1 6-2
2021	PARMA	CLAY (O)	SF	COCO GAUFF	7-5 1-6 6-2
2020	OSTRAVA	HARD (I)	R1	COCO GAUFF	7-5 6-4

SINIAKOVA		GAUFF	
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of birth (age)	May 10, 1996 (26)	Date of birth (age)	Mar. 13, 2004 (18)
Height	5'9" (1.74m)	Height	5'9" (1.75m)
Career-high ranking	No.31 (Oct. 22, 2018)	Career-high ranking	No.4 (Oct. 24, 2022)
Career prize money	\$9,238,070	Career prize money	\$5,581,091
Singles Titles	3	Singles Titles	3
Australian Open W-L (MD)	2-9 (R64 2015, 2018)	Australian Open W-L	4-3 (R16 2020)
Grand Slam W-L (MD)	24-32 (R16 2019 Roland Garros)	Grand Slam W-L	30-13 (R-Up 2022 Roland Garros)
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	1-1 / 148-169	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	5-0 / 98-51
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 62-63	3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 29-16
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 40-30	Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 26-15
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 79-108	Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	5-0 / 58-36
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 8-25	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 7-16
Coach	Peter Huber	Coach	Corey Gauff

SINIAKOVA:

Australian Open

- Making 10th consecutive main-draw appearance at Australian Open
- Fell 1r on Grand Slam main-draw debut here in 2014 (as qualifier, I. Diyas)
- Best results are 2r showings in 2015 (I. Begu) and 2018 (I. Svitolina)
- Deepest run at any of the majors was R16 showing at 2019 Roland Garros (I. Keys; upset World No.1 Osaka in 3r)
- In doubles, won Australian Open title in 2022 (w/Krejciikova, d. Danilina/Haddad Maia in F) and finished R-Up in 2021 (w/Krejciikova, I. Mertens/Sabalenka). Is top seed alongside Krejciikova at this year's tournament
- Faces No.7 Gauff in 1r today; only Top-10 win last season came over No.7 Gauff at Billie Jean King Cup Finals in November



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- Owns 1-7 record against Top-10 players at Grand Slams, with only win coming over No.1 Osaka during R16 run at 2019 Roland Garros
- Career record in Grand Slam 1r matches is 15-17
- One of 11 women representing Czech Republic in singles draw this week. Best result by a Czech at Australian Open was Mandlikova's title runs in 1980 and 1987
- Opened 2023 season with qualifying exit at Adelaide 1, then making 2r last week at Adelaide 2 (as qualifier, l. Garcia in 3s); also finished R-Up in doubles at Adelaide 1 (w/Hunter)

Career Milestones

- At 2022 Portoroz, lifted first WTA singles title in over five years (d. Rybakina in F). Also made QF at Hamburg (l. eventual champion Pera)
- Finished her second consecutive season as WTA Doubles World No.1 after winning six titles in 2022 (Melbourne Summer Set 2, Australian Open, Berlin, Wimbledon, US Open, Monastir); with her title at the US Open with partner Krejckova, completed the career Golden Slam (winning all four Grand Slams and the Olympics) in Doubles
- Singles highlight in 2021 was R-Up finish at Bad Homburg (l. Kerber) - her first singles final since the start of 2018. Also made SF at Parma and reached three further QFs
- Finished 2021 as WTA Doubles World No.1 after winning a Tour-leading five titles, including Roland Garros and Olympics (both w/Krejckova)
- Best singles results of 2020 were QF at Strasbourg (l. Sabalenka) and 3r run at Roland Garros (l. Bertens)
- Produced career-best Slam singles result with R16 run at 2019 Roland Garros (d. No.1 Osaka in 3r, l. Keys)
- Finished 2018 ranked No.1 in doubles after winning first two Grand Slam trophies at Roland Garros (d. Hozumi/ Ninomiya in F) and Wimbledon (d. Melichar/Peschke in F) both w/Krejckova, 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
- Also R-Up w/Krejckova at 2018 WTA Finals Singapore (l. Babos/ Mladenovic)
- Has three Top 5 career wins in singles - against No.4 Halep at 2017 Shenzhen, No.4 Garcia at Wuhan, and No.1 Osaka at 2019 Roland Garros
- Won two career singles titles in 2017, first at Shenzhen (d. No.4 Halep in 2r, No.10 Konta in SF - the first Top 10 wins of her career - and Riske in F) and then Bastad (d. No.17 Sevastova in QF, No.20 Garcia in SF and No.6 Wozniacki in F)
- Reached doubles final at 2017 US Open (w/Hradecka, l. Chan/Hingis)
- Made Top 50 debut on October 24, 2016
- In 2016, advanced to first two WTA finals of career, at Bastad (as qualifier, l. Siegemund) and Tokyo [Japan Open] (l. McHale)



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- Won back-to-back Grand Slam matches for the first time during 3r showing at 2016 Wimbledon (l. A.Radwanska)
- Notched the first Top-20 win of her career by upsetting No.14 Petkovic during QF run at 2015 Birmingham
- Broke into Top 100 for the first time on October 20, 2014 following breakthrough SF run at Moscow (as qualifier, l. eventual champion Pavlyuchenkova)
- Fell 1r on Grand Slam main draw debut at 2014 Australian Open (as qualifier, l. Diyas)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2013 Miami (l. Muguruza)
- Ranked world No.2 in ITF junior rankings in December 2012; won the girls' doubles titles at Roland Garros, Wimbledon and US Open in 2013

GAUFF:

Australian Open

- Making fourth appearance at Australian Open
- Reached R16 on her debut here in 2020 (d. V.Williams, Cirstea and No.4 Osaka, l eventual champion Kenin)
- Also made doubles QF at Melbourne Park in 2020 and 2021 (both w/McNally). No.2 seed in doubles w/Pegula this fortnight
- Best Grand Slam singles result of her career was last year's R-Up finish at Roland Garros (l. Swiatek). Also made QF at 2021 Roland Garros and 2022 US Open
- Faces Siniakova in 1r today; owns three wins over the Czech, including during title run at 2021 Parma and SF showing at 2022 Adelaide
- Owns 11-2 win-loss record in Grand Slam 1r matches, with two defeats coming against Sevastova at 2020 US Open and Q.Wang at 2022 Australian Open
- At 18 years old is the only teenager in Top 50 and one of seven in the draw this fortnight
- One of a tournament-leading 18 Americans to start the main draw (including LL Mandlik)
- Opened 2023 season with title run at Auckland (d. Masarova in F)

Career Milestones

- In 2022, reached maiden Grand Slam final at Roland-Garros (l. Swiatek); was the youngest major finalist since Sharapova won 2004 Wimbledon
- Made Top-10 debut on September 12, 2022, following QF run at US Open (l. Garcia)
- Highlight of 2021 campaign was completing singles-doubles title sweep at Parma; defeated Q.Wang in singles final and teamed up w/McNally to win doubles



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- In 2021 also reached SF at Adelaide and Rome, while at the Slams made QF at Roland-Garros and R16 at Wimbledon
- Finished R-Up in doubles at 2021 US Open (w/McNally, l. Stosur/Zhang)
- First cracked the Top 50 on February 24, 2020 at No.49, following a R16 appearance at Australian Open to tie her career best Grand Slam result - during run, defeated V.Williams in 1r and her first Top-5 opponent in No.4 Osaka in 3r (l. eventual champion Kenin in 3s)
- Enjoyed breakout season in 2019, highlighted by maiden WTA singles title at Linz (as lucky loser, d. Ostapenko in F) - earned her first Top-10 win en route to title over No.8 Bertens in QF
- At 15y 214d, her title run in Linz made her youngest to win a WTA tour-level title since Vaidisova (15y 177d) won Tashkent in 2004
- Also claimed maiden WTA doubles titles at Washington, DC (w/McNally, d. Sanchez/Stollar in F) and Luxembourg (w/McNally, d. Christian/Guarachi in F)
- By winning the doubles title at Washington, DC at 15y 144d, became the youngest player to win a doubles title since May 1995 (Hingis won Hamburg at 14y 219d)
- Reached R16 at 2019 Wimbledon on Grand Slam main draw debut defeating V.Williams in 1r (l. eventual champion Halep) - followed with 3r showing at US Open (as WC, l. Osaka)
- Made WTA main draw debut as a wildcard at 2019 Miami where she earned her first WTA main draw win over good friend McNally (l. Kasatkina in 2r)
- Made professional debut in May 2018 as a qualifier into the \$25K ITF/Osprey, FL-USA
- Member of US Billie Jean King Cup team in 2022
- Former Junior World No.1 (July 2018); won 2018 Roland-Garros girls' title (d. McNally in F) and 2018 US Open doubles title (w/McNally), while finished R-Up at 2017 US Open girls' event (l. Anisimova) becoming the youngest girls' singles finalist in tournament history at 13-years-old



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[10] MADISON KEYS (USA #13) VS. ANNA BLINKOVA (#60)

Head-to-head: MADISON KEYS leads 1-0

2019 ROLAND GARROS CLAY (O) R3 MADISON KEYS 6-3 6-7(7) 6-3

KEYS		BLINKOVA	
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of birth (age)	Feb. 17, 1995 (27)	Date of birth (age)	Sept. 10, 1998 (24)
Height	5'10" (1.78m)	Height	5'10" (1.79m)
Career-high ranking	No.7 (Oct. 10, 2016)	Career-high ranking	No.54 (Feb. 3, 2020)
Career prize money	\$15,322,687	Career prize money	\$2,194,104
Singles Titles	6	Singles Titles	1
Australian Open W-L (MD)	25-9 (SF; 2015, 2022)	Australian Open W-L	2-5 (R64; 2017, 2020)
Grand Slam W-L (MD)	90-38 (R-Up: 2017 US Open)	Grand Slam W-L	6-16 (R32; 2019 Roland Garros)
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	5-0 / 257-156	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	4-2 / 43-68
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 65-63	3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 23-27
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 59-52	Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 12-12
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	5-0 / 164-105	Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	4-2 / 32-49
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 49-59	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 3-16
Coach	Georgi Rumenov	Coach	Xavier Pujo

KEYS:

Australian Open

- Making 10th appearance at Australian Open
- Best result are SF runs in 2015 (l. S.Williams) and 2022 (l. Barty); also reached QF in 2018 (l. Kerber)
- Faces No.60 Anna Blinkova in 1r; has not lost 1r at Australian Open since her debut in 2012 while ranked No.272 (l. J.Zheng)
- Career record in Slam 1r matches is 33-5; has won 28 of her last 30 opening matches at majors only falling in that span to No.39 Zhang Shuai at 2020 Roland Garros and No.66 Sloane Stephens at 2021 US Open
- Grand Slam opening round win percentage stands at .868; second among active players ranks only behind Iga Swiatek (.933 with 14-1 record)
- One of 18 players from the United States in draw; last American to win the title here was Sofia Kenin in 2020
- Won her first title on Australian soil last year capturing Adelaide 250 title (d. Riske in F)
- Opened 2023 season helping the United States win the inaugural United Cup with a 5-0 singles record only dropping one set through campaign



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Career Milestones

- Ended 2022 season back inside the Top 20 at No.11; year was highlighted by winning sixth career WTA title at Adelaide 250 (l. Riske-Amritraj) and reaching SF at Australian Open (l. Barty) and Cincinnati where she beat World No.1 Swiatek (l. Kvitova)
- Also reached QF at Indian Wells (l. Swiatek) and San Diego (l. Pegula) and R16 at Roland Garros (l. Kudrmetova)
- Posted ninth successive Top 100 season in 2021, but first non-Top 20 campaign since 2014
- In Grand Slam play, 2021 season was highlighted by R16 run at Wimbledon (l. Golubic)
- Finished 2020 campaign ranked No.16 in the world, with best result being runner-up finish at Brisbane (l. Ka.Pliskova in 3s)
- Lifted biggest title of career during 2019 season at WTA Premier-5 level Cincinnati (d. Kuznetsov in F); afterwards returned to Top 10 for first time since week of June 25, 2018
- Reached QF at Roland Garros (l. Barty). One of three Americans to make last eight (also Anisimova and Stephens) - the first time since 2004 (Capriati, S.Williams and V.Williams)
- Reached first Grand Slam final in 2017 in New York, losing out to Stephens in 10th all-American US Open final in the Open Era. At 22, became the youngest Flushing Meadows finalist since 19-year-old Wozniacki lost to Clijsters in 2009
- Enjoyed first Top 10 year-end finish in 2016 (at No.8), as youngest player in the year-end Top 25
- Broke into Top 10 on June 20, 2016, becoming 118th player to reach the elite bracket since computer rankings were introduced. Became first American to make Top 10 debut since S.Williams in 1999
- Made WTA Finals debut at Singapore in 2016, going 1-2 in round robin play
- Represented USA at 2016 Rio Olympics, reaching SF (lost Bronze medal match against Kvitova)
- Qualified for WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai in 2015 (went 1-1 in round robin stage on all three appearances); advanced to SF stage in 2018 however withdrew before match due to a left knee injury
- Cracked Top 20 on February 2, 2015
- Was second-youngest player to win a WTA title in 2014, at Eastbourne (after Vekic at Kuala Lumpur); also, youngest American to win a title since Vania King in October 2006 (17 years, 254 days, Bangkok)
- Made tour-level debut at 2009 Ponte Vedra Beach at 14 years old (as WC, d. Kudryavtseva); was seventh youngest player to win a WTA main draw match at 14 years, 48 days, and youngest since Hingis in 1994



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BLINKOVA:

Australian Open

- Making sixth main-draw appearance at Australian Open
- Reached 2r here on two occasions in 2017 (as qualifier, d. No.32 Niculescu, l. Ka.Pliskova) and 2020 (d. Paolini, l. Diyas)
- Performance in 2017 was first Grand Slam appearance (main draw or qualifying)
- Across all Slams, best career result was 3r run as qualifier at Roland Garros where she beat No.24 Caroline Garcia then fell to today's opponent
- Faces No.13 Madison Keys in 1r; owns three wins in career against Top-20 players, over No.13 Kristina Mladenovic at 2018 Doha, No.12 Anastasija Sevastova at 2019 Doha and No.8 Belinda Bencic at 2020 Shenzhen
- Holds 3-7 record against American players and 0-4 against Americans in Grand Slam main-draw matches
- So far in 2023, reached 2r in Auckland (l. Masarova) and fourth career SF in Hobart (as qualifier, l. eventual champion Davis)

Career Milestones

- Returned to Top 100 on October 17, 2022 after lifting maiden WTA title at Cluj Napoca (as qualifier, d. Paolini in F)
- Earlier in the season finished R-Up at WTA 125 event in Saint Malo and also at ITF Circuit events at W60 Andrézieux-Bouthéon, W60 Grenoble and W25 Le Havre
- Won just 15 matches (at all levels) during 2021 campaign; reached 2r four times at Tour-level events (including at Wimbledon)
- In opening match of 2020 season, scored first Top-10 win of her career, over No.8 Bencic at Shenzhen
- Enjoyed a series of breakthroughs in 2019, highlighted by maiden WTA SFs of her career, at first Guangzhou (l. eventual champion Kenin) and then Luxembourg (l. eventual champion Ostapenko). Earlier in the season, also reach QF for the first time at this level, at the Bronx (as LL, l. Q.Wang), and reached 3r at Roland Garros (d. Garcia in 2r, l. Keys)
- In September 2019, at WTA 125K Series event at New Haven swept titles in both singles (d. Arconada in F) and doubles (w/Kalashnikova)
- Made Top 100 debut on August 20, 2018
- Upset then-No.13 Mladenovic during run through qualifying to 3r at 2018 Doha to register first Top 20 win of her career



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- Career highlights in doubles are SF run at 2020 US Open (w/Kudermetova) and title run in at 2018 Rabat (w/Olaru)
- Advanced to 2r on first appearance at a Grand Slam (main draw or qualifying), at 2017 Australian Open (as qualifier, d. Niculescu, l. No.5 seed Ka.Pliskova)
- Won 41 matches, first two ITF Circuit titles and rose over 600 places in the rankings during the 2016 campaign
- Fell 1r on WTA main draw debut at 2016 Rabat (as wildcard, l. Bacsinszky). Posted first main draw win during 2r showing at 2016 Moscow (as qualifier, d. Sevastova - saved 5mp)
- WTA qualifying debut came at Moscow in 2015
- Made professional debut at \$10K ITF/EI Kantaoui-TUN in 2015
- Reached as high as No.3 in junior singles rankings, finishing singles R-Up at 2015 Wimbledon (l. Zhuk) and winning the ITF Junior Masters in Chengdu in April 2016



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ANNA KALINSKAYA (#59) VS. [13] DANIELLE COLLINS (USA #11)

Head-to-head: First career meeting

KALINSKAYA		COLLINS	
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of birth (age)	Dec. 2, 1998 (24)	Date of birth (age)	Dec. 13, 1993 (29)
Height	5'7" (1.75m)	Height	5'10" (1.78m)
Career-high ranking	No.51 (Sept. 12, 2022)	Career-high ranking	No.7 (July 11, 2022)
Career prize money	\$1,834,405	Career prize money	\$5,871,629
Singles Titles	0	Singles Titles	2
Australian Open W-L (MD)	0-3 (R128; 2018, 2019, 2020)	Australian Open W-L	13-4 (R-Up; 2022)
Grand Slam W-L (MD)	4-11 (R64; 2019 US Open, 2020 US Open, 2022 US Open)	Grand Slam W-L	30-20 (R-Up; 2022 Australian Open)
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	1-1 / 41-57	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	2-2 / 104-71
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 17-16	3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	0-2 / 31-29
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 12-7	Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 24-16
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 35-34	Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	2-2 / 104-72
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 6-11	Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 22-29
Coach	Patricia Tarabini	Coach	Ben Maxwell

KALINSKAYA:

Australian Open

- Making fourth main-draw appearance at Australian Open in her first year as a direct entrant
- Progressed through qualifying on three previous main-draw outings: 2018 (Grand Slam main draw debut, I. Giorgi in 1r), 2019 (I. Sabalenka in 1r) and 2020 (I. S.Zheng in 1r)
- Also competed in qualifying in 2022 (as No.1 seed) and 2017
- Best Grand Slam results are 2r showings all at US Open in 2019, 2020 and 2022
- Faces No.11 Danielle Collins in 1r today looking for first main draw win at Melbourne Park
- Already has one Top 20 win under her belt this year defeating No.18 Jelena Ostapenko at Adelaide 2
- Owns six career Top 20 wins, including one at a Grand Slam over No.10 Sloane Stephens at 2019 US Open
- Career record in Grand Slam 1r matches is 3-8
- Opened 2023 season with qualifying exit at Adelaide 1, then making 2r last week at Adelaide 2 (as qualifier, I. Bencic)



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Career Milestones

- Achieved a new career high ranking in 2022 of No.51 on September 12
- Reached QF at Guadalajara 1000 event for the first time at a WTA500 level or better taking out No.17 Barbora Krejčíková, No.34 Elise Mertens and No.11 Daria Kasatkina en route (l. Bouzkova via ret.)
- Also reached SF at Guadalajara 250 event and QF at Washington DC
- Ended 2021 campaign in good form, advancing to R16 at Indian Wells (as qualifier, l. Jabeur), 2r at Moscow (as qualifier, l. Sakkari) and QF at Courmayeur (l. Samsonova)
- Last March at Monterrey, posted first QF since 2019 (as qualifier, l. Golubic), then reached 3r at Miami (as WC, l. Muguruza)
- Lifted second WTA doubles title at 2021 Portoroz (w/Mihalikova)
- Broke into Top 100 on September 30, 2019, following QF run at Tashkent
- Scored first Top 10 win over No.10 Stephens in 1st 2019 US Open
- Reached maiden WTA SF at 2019 Washington, D.C. (l. eventual champion Pegula)
- Enjoyed doubles success in 2019, winning Prague and finishing R-Up at St. Petersburg (both w/Kuzmova)
- Failed to win a tour-level singles main draw match in 2018, going 0-9; at all levels, posted a 28-23 record
- Season highlights in 2019 were making Grand Slam main draw debuts at Australian Open (l. Giorgi) and US Open (l. Goerges), coming through qualifying but falling in 1r at each
- Advanced through qualifying to reach the 2r for the first time at a WTA-tour level event at 2017 Kuala Lumpur (l. Han). Backed that performance up with two more 2r finishes that year at Istanbul (l. Yastremska) and Gstaad (l. Kontaveit) - both as a qualifier
- Hoisted her fifth career ITF title in 2017 at \$25k ITF/Obidos 4-POR (d. Frech)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2016 Moscow (as WC, l. Mladenovic in 1r). Also won a career-high four ITF titles in 2016 and made four runner-up finishes
- Produced a successful 2015 campaign on the ITF Circuit, reaching the finals at \$10k ITF/Antalya-TUR and \$10k ITF/EI Kantaoui 29-TUN. Also made a SF run at \$10K ITF/EI Kantoui 28-TUN
- R-Up in girls' singles at 2015 Roland Garros (l. Badosa) and won doubles at 2016 Australian Open (w/Mihalikova)
- Made professional debut as a qualifier at Premier event at 2014 Moscow (l. Monova)



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COLLINS:

Australian Open

- Making fifth main draw appearance at Australian Open
- Reached her maiden Grand Slam final here last year defeating No.9 Swiatek in SF (I. Barty)
- Also reached SF at Melbourne Park in 2019, defeating three Top 20 players en route including World No.2 Angelique Kerber in R16 (I. Kvitova in SF)
- Before SF run in 2019, had never won a major match in five previous Grand Slam appearances
- Also reached 2r in 2020 (I. Putintseva) and 2021 (I. Ka.Pliskova) and fell in qualifying in 2018
- Faces No.59 Kalinskaya in 1r today; has never fallen 1r at Australian Open and has never lost to a player outside the Top 40 here
- Three of her only four losses at Australian Open have come to players in the Top 10, only other loss came to No.38 Putintseva in 2020 2r
- Owns 13-7 win-loss record in Grand Slam 1r matches; has only fallen 1r at a Grand Slam in two of her last 15 appearances at 2020 US Open (I. Kontaveit) and 2022 Wimbledon (I. Bouzkova)
- One of 18 players from the United States in the draw (including LL Mandlik); the last American to win the title here was Sofia Kenin in 2020
- So far in 2023 fell 1r at Adelaide 1 (I. Rybakina) and reached QF at Adelaide 2 (I. Kudermetova, held five match points)

Career Milestones

- Made Top-10 debut on January 31, 2022, following run to final at Australian Open (I. Barty)
- Other highlights last season were SF at San Diego (I. Vekic) and QF at Miami (I. Osaka)
- Closed out 2021 campaign with QF at Chicago [500] (I. Vondrousova), 3r at Indian Wells (I. Jabeur) and SF at Linz (I. eventual champion Riske). Posted first Top-30 year-end finish at No.29
- Extended winning streak to 12 matches with title run at San Jose (d. Kasatkina in F) and then 3r showing at Montreal
- Produced impressive second half of 2022, which started with QF showing at Hamburg (I. eventual champion Ruse), SF at Budapest (I. Kalinina via ret. w/right elbow injury) and then maiden WTA title at Palermo (d. Ruse in F)
- Made QF at 2020 Roland Garros for first time, upsetting No.15 Muguruza and No.35 Jabeur en route (I. eventual R-Up Kenin)



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- Began 2020 with SF at Adelaide (l. eventual champion Barty) and QF at Brisbane (l. Keys) - scored third and fourth career Top 10 wins over No.5 Svitolina (Brisbane) and No.7 Bencic (Adelaide)
- Produced Grand Slam breakthrough at 2019 Australian Open, advancing to SF (l. Kvitova); had never won a major match in five previous Grand Slam appearances
- Scored first Top 5 win of her career against No.2 Kerber in R16 at 2019 Australian Open
- Rose to career-high No.23 following Melbourne run (January 28, 2019)
- Posted five Top 20 wins in 2019, over No.13 Goerges, No.19 Garcia and No.2 Kerber (all at Australian Open), No.12 Wozniacki (Rome) and No.12 Sevastova (Wimbledon)
- Season highlight in 2018 was at Miami where she became first qualifier to reach SF (l. Ostapenko), scoring first Top 10 win over No.8V.Williams en route. Earned USD \$327,965 by reaching the last four in Miami, more than doubling her career earnings at the time
- Posted first tour-level wins during R16 run at 2018 Indian Wells (l. Suárez Navarro), including first Top 50 win over No.15 Keys in 2r
- Won first title at WTA125K event in Newport Beach in 2018 (d. Zhuk in F)
- Fell 1r at WTA main draw debut at 2014 US Open (l. Halep)
- Owns four singles titles on ITF Circuit
- Part of US Billie Jean King Cup team in 2019
- Played collegiate tennis at the University of Virginia (transferred from the University of Florida after her freshman year) winning the NCAA singles title twice in 2014 and 2016



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ALISON VAN UYTVANCK (BEL #68) VS. [15] PETRA KVITOVA (CZE #15)

Head-to-head: 1-1

2020	ST. PETERSBURG	HARD (I)	R16	PETRA KVITOVA	7-6(1) 1-6 6-2
2021	TOKYO OLYMPICS	HARD (I)	R32	ALISON VAN UYTVANCK	5-7 6-3 6-0

VAN UYTVANCK		KVITOVA	
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Left-handed
Date of birth (age)	Mar. 26, 1994 (28)	Date of birth (age)	Mar. 8, 1990 (32)
Height	6'0" (1.82m)	Height	6'0" (1.82m)
Career-high ranking	No.37 (Aug. 13, 2018)	Career-high ranking	No.2 (Oct. 31, 2011)
Career prize money	\$4,148,437	Career prize money	\$34,963,986
Singles Titles	5	Singles Titles	29
Australian Open W-L (MD)	2-8 (R64 2021, 2022)	Australian Open W-L	25-13 (R-Up 2019)
Grand Slam W-L (MD)	17-33 (QF 2015 Roland Garros)	Grand Slam W-L	123-52 (Won 2011 and 2014 Wimbledon)
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	3-1 / 122-141	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	4-1 / 485-238
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	3-1 / 42-52	3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 142-101
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 26-42	Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	2-1 / 101-79
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	3-1 / 78-86	Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	4-1 / 320-166
Top 20 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 3-38	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 109-103
Coach	Ann Devries	Coach	Jiri Vanek

VAN UYTVANCK:

Australian Open

- Making ninth main-draw appearance at Australian Open
- Fell 1r on Grand Slam main-draw debut here in 2014 (l. Razzano)
- Best results are 2r showings in 2021 (l. Putintseva) and 2022 (l. Wang Qiang)
- Deepest run at any of the majors was QF showing at 2015 Roland Garros (l. Bacsinszky)
- Faces No.15 Kvitova in 1r today; owns three Top-20 wins in her career, most recently upsetting then-No.13 Kvitova at Tokyo Olympics in 2021
- Is 1-11 against Top-20 players at Slams, with only win over No.3 Muguruza in 2r at 2018 Wimbledon
- Career record in Grand Slam 1r matches is 12-21
- One of four women representing Belgium in singles draw this week. Best result by a Belgian at Australian Open was Henin and Clijsters' title runs in 2004 and 2011
- Opened 2023 season playing inaugural United Cup for Belgium; made 2r in Hobart (l. Wang Xinyu)



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Career Milestones

- Last season's highlights came during grass-court season, with QF at 's-Hertogenbosch (l. Sabalenka) and titles at ITF Circuit W100 tournament in Surbiton and WTA 125K Series event at Gaiba
- Captured fifth career WTA singles title at 2021 Nur-Sultan (d. Putintseva in F); holds a perfect 5-0 record in Tour-level finals
- Other notable results in 2021 included QF showings at Nottingham (l. Konta) and Linz (l. Collins)
- Reached two WTA doubles finals in 2021, lifting the Luxembourg trophy and finishing as R-Up at Belgrade, both w/Minnen
- Won 12th career ITF singles title in 2021 at \$100K ITF/Nottingham-GBR (d. Ar.Rodionova in F)
- Climbed as high as No.47 in 2020 - 10 spots shy of her career best of No.37 (achieved on August 13, 2018); season highlight was reaching SF at Lyon (l. eventual champion Kenin)
- Enjoyed one of best years of career in 2019, capturing two WTA titles, bringing career total to four, after lifting the trophy at Budapest (d. Vondrousova in F) and Tashkent (d. Cirstea in F)
- Standout result of 2018 was claiming her second Tour-level title at Budapest, dropping only one set (d. Cibulkova in F)
- Scored sole Top-10 win of her career over No.3 and defending champion Muguruza during R16 run at 2018 Wimbledon (l. Kasatkina)
- Lifting first WTA singles title at 2017 Québec City (d. Babos in F)
- Reached two ITF singles finals in 2017, at \$100k ITF/Ilkley-GBR (l. Rybarikova in F) and \$100k ITF/Poitiers-FRA (l. Buzarnescu in F)
- Won 10th and 11th ITF singles titles in 2016, at \$50k ITF/Stockton-USA (d. Pivovarovova in F) and \$50k ITF/Las Vegas-USA (d. Kenin in F)
- In 2015 made Grand Slam breakthrough with QF run at Roland Garros (l. Bacsinszky); broke into Top 50, at No.46, following the tournament (June 8, 2015)
- Also reached three Tour-level SFs in 2015, at Katowice (l. Schmieđlova), Seoul (l. Begu) and Luxembourg (l. Doi)
- Cracked the WTA Top 100 on November 11, 2013 (No.100)
- Won WTA 125 Series event in Chinese Taipei in 2013
- Belgian Billie Jean King Cup Team, 2012-19, 2022
- Owns 13 ITF singles titles and two ITF doubles titles
- Contested first WTA qualifying and main draw at 2011 Brussels, reaching 2r (l. Wickmayer)



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KVITOVA:

Australian Open

- Making 14th appearance at Australian Open, where she was R-Up in 2019 (l. Osaka)
- If she had beaten Osaka in 2019 final, would have risen to World No.1 for the first time in her career
- Also made SF in 2012 (l. Zvonareva) and QF in 2011 (l. Zvonareva) and 2020 (l. Barty)
- Best Grand Slam singles result of her career were title runs at Wimbledon in 2011 (d. Sharapova in F) and 2014 (d. Bouchard in F)
- Faces Van Uytvanck in 1r today; owns one win over the Belgian at St. Petersburg in 2020, while lost in their meet-up at Tokyo Olympics in 2021
- Owns 44-11 win-loss record in Grand Slam 1r matches, with the most recent defeat coming at last year's Australian Open (l. Cirstea)
- One of 11 women representing Czech Republic in singles draw this week. Best result by a Czech at Australian Open was Mandlikova's title runs in 1980 and 1987
- Owns 19 hard-court titles, including four on Australian soil, at 2009 Hobart (maiden career WTA final), 2011 Brisbane, 2015 Sydney and 2019 Sydney
- Opened 2023 season playing United Cup as Czech Republic made group stage exit; made QF at Adelaide 2 (l. Kasatkina)

Career Milestones

- At 2022 Eastbourne, won 29th career title (d. Ostapenko in F) - the second-most among active players behind V. Williams on 49 - and finished R-Up later that summer at Cincinnati (l. Garcia)
- Best result in 2021 was title run at Doha (d. Muguruza in F). Also made SFs at Bad Homburg and Ostrava, and QFs at Stuttgart, Madrid and Cincinnati
- Reached final at Doha in 2020 (l. Sabalenka)
- Reached title match at 2019 Australian Open for third career Grand Slam final appearance - result moved her to World No.2, matching her career high ranking. Had she beaten Osaka in the final, would have claimed World No.1 ranking
- Also in 2019, qualified for WTA Finals in Shenzhen for seventh time (went 0-3 in group play)
- Won a WTA-leading five titles in 2018, at St Petersburg (d. Mladenovic in F), Doha (d. Muguruza in F), Prague (d. Buzarnescu in F), Madrid (d. Bertens in F) and Birmingham (d. Rybarikova in F)
- Titles in 2018 came on all three surfaces - first player to win a title on three different surfaces in a season since S. Williams in 2015



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- Began 2017 season in May at Roland Garros (2r, I. Mattek-Sands) after a knife attack in her home in Czech Republic on December 20, 2016; required extensive surgery to left hand. Won title at 2017 Birmingham only a month later
- Contested Rio Olympics in August 2016, winning the singles bronze medal (l. Puig in SF, d. Keys in bronze medal play-off)
- Runner-up at 2015 WTA Finals in Singapore (l. A.Radwanska in 3s). Former champion at the season finale, which she won on her event debut in 2011 (d. Azarenka in F)
- Was first player born in 1990s to win a Grand Slam title at 2011 Wimbledon
- At 2012 Sydney was two wins from becoming No.1 (had won Wimbledon and WTA Finals in previous six months)
- Owns six wins over current World No.1s: Safina (2009 US Open), Wozniacki (2011 WTA Finals), S.Williams (2015 Madrid), Kerber (2016 Wuhan), Wozniacki (2018 Doha) and Barty (2020 Doha)
- Among active players, owns the most wins in indoor hard-court events
- Member of Czech Republic's Billie Jean King Cup winning team in 2011-12, 2014-16 and 2018
- Made professional debut on ITF Circuit in Czech Republic in 2006



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[20] BARBORA KREJCIKOVA (CZE #23) VS. [Q] SARA BEJLEK (CZE #175)

Head-to-head: First meeting

KREJCIKOVA		BEJLEK	
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Left-handed
Date of birth (age)	Dec 18, 1995 (27)	Date of birth (age)	Jan. 31, 2006 (16)
Height	5'10" (1.79m)	Height	5'2" (1.57m)
Career-high ranking	No.2 (Feb. 28, 2022)	Career-high ranking	No.174 (Nov. 14, 2022)
Career prize money	\$8,767,074	Career prize money	\$152,036
Singles Titles	5	Singles Titles	0
Australian Open W-L (MD)	6-3 (QF 2022)	Australian Open W-L	Tournament debut
Grand Slam W-L (MD)	26-10 (Won 2021 Roland Garros)	Grand Slam W-L	0-1 (1r 2022 US Open)
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	1-1 / 90-52	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	0-0 / 0-1
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 28-22	3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-0
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 18-12	Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-0
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 55-28	Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-1
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 7-12	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-0
Coach	Ales Kartus	Coach	-

KREJCIKOVA:

Australian Open

- Making fourth main-draw appearance at the Australian Open, where her best result is making QF last year (I. Keys)
- Also made 2r in both 2020 (as qualifier, I. Alexandrova) and 2021 (I. Alexandrova again)
- In doubles, won Australian Open title in 2022 (w/Siniokova, d. Danilina/Haddad Maia in F) and finished R-Up in 2021 (w/Siniakova, I. Mertens/Sabalenka). Is top seed alongside Siniakova at this year's tournament
- Triumphed in mixed doubles here w/Ram in 2019 and 2021 and Mektic in 2020
- Contesting her 12th Grand Slam singles main draw - won 2021 Roland Garros on what was her fifth appearance at a major
- Faces compatriot No.174 Bejlek in 1r today; career record in Grand Slam 1r matches is 9-2
- One of 11 women representing Czech Republic in singles draw this week. Best result by a Czech at Australian Open were Mandlikova's title runs in 1980 and 1987
- Opened 2023 season with 2r exit at Adelaide 2 (I. Kasatkina)



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Career Milestones

- Ended last season in fine form, lifting back-to-back titles at Tallinn (d. Kontaveit) and Ostrava (d. Swiatek). Also completed career doubles Slam by winning US Open w/Siniakova
- Made strong start to 2022, finishing R-Up at Sydney (l. Badosa) and reaching QF at Australian Open (l. Keys) before missing several months w/arm injury
- 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
- Also won Prague title (d. Martincova in F), reached final at Dubai (l. Muguruza) and qualified for WTA Finals in singles for the first time. Recorded best results at US Open (QF) and Wimbledon (R16) last year
- Posted another record-breaking year in doubles across 2021 - in addition to singles title at Roland Garros, won doubles title too in Paris, along with Madrid, Gippsland Trophy, WTA Finals and the gold medal at Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games (all w/Siniakova)
- 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 Slam trophies at Roland Garros (d. Hozumi/ Ninomiya in F) and Wimbledon (d. Melichar/Peschke in F) both w/Siniakova, the first team to do Roland Garros-Wimbledon double since Clijsters and Sugiyama in 2003; also became the first team 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. Bacsinzky/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



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BEJLEK:

Australian Open

- Making Australian Open debut
- Last week, beat Astakhova, Parks and Andreeva in qualifying
- Fell 1r on only previous Grand Slam main-draw appearance at 2022 US Open (I. Samsonova)
- Faces No.20 seed Krejckova in 1r today; only previous matches against Top-100 opponents were defeat to No.35 Samsonova at 2022 US Open and victory over No.76 Parks in qualifying here last week
- At 16 years old, is the second youngest of the seven teenagers in the starting field at this year's tournament (Brenda Fruhvirtova, 15, as the youngest)
- A teenager has won a Grand Slam singles title 36 times (15 different players) in the Open Era most recently at 2021 US Open when Emma Raducanu (18yrs, 274 days) won her first major title. The youngest player to win a Grand Slam title in the Open Era is Martina Hingis at 1997 Australian Open (16 years, 105 days)
- Opened 2023 season playing qualifying matches at W60 Canberra

Career Milestones

- Posted career-high ranking of No.174 on November 22, 2022
- Last season, lifted three ITF Circuit titles and finished the year with 34-14 win-loss record, rising nearly 200 ranking places
- Fell 1r on main-draw debut at 2022 US Open (as qualifier, I. Samsonova)
- Made Tour-level qualifying debut at 2022 Wimbledon
- Won maiden ITF Circuit singles title at W60 event in Olomouc, Czech Republic in July 2021
- Owns four titles in singles and one in doubles on ITF Circuit
- Standout junior results came at 2022 Roland Garros (I. Havlickova), when she reached SF in singles and won girls' doubles title w/Havlickova



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SOFIA KENIN (USA #203) VS. [24] VICTORIA AZARENKA (#24)

Head-to-head: Series tied 1-1

2019	ACAPULCO	HARD (O)	QF	SOFIA KENIN	6-4 4-6 7-5
2020	ROME	CLAY (O)	R2	VICTORIA AZARENKA	6-0 6-0

KENIN		AZARENKA	
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of birth (age)	Nov 14, 1998 (24)	Date of birth (age)	Jul 31, 1989 (33)
Height	5'7" (1.75m)	Height	6' (1.83m)
Career-high ranking	No.4 (Mar. 9, 2020)	Career-high ranking	No.1 (Jan. 30, 2012)
Career prize money	\$8,084,770	Career prize money	\$34,927,538
Singles Titles	5	Singles Titles	21
Australian Open W-L (MD)	9-4 (WON 2020)	Australian Open W-L	42-12 (WON 2012, 2013)
Grand Slam W-L (MD)	32-18 (WON 2020 AO)	Grand Slam W-L	148-55
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	4-2 / 110-74	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	2-2 / 520-207
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 44-28	3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	0-2 / 104-85
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 28-21	Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	3-2 / 82-50
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	4-2 / 84-53	Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	2-2 / 360-127
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 8-16	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 73-82
Coach	Alex Kenin	Coach	Maxime Tchoutakian

KENIN:

Australian Open

- Making 6th main draw appearance at the Australian Open, where she is a former champion, lifting the title in 2020 (d. Muguruza in F)
- Was youngest champion (21y, 80d) in Melbourne since Sharapova (20y, 283d) in 2008. Defeated No.1 Barty and home favorite in SF for third career win over a reigning World No.1. Title helped her break into the Top 10 for the first time at No.7 on February 3, 2020
- On four other outings here has never progressed beyond the 2r
- Only other former Australian Open champion in the draw is her opponent today Azarenka
- One of 11 current or former Grand Slam champions in the 2023 main draw
- Overall this is her 20th main draw Grand Slam appearance, and she owns a 32-12 record across the Slams
- Best results at the other Slams are R-Up at 2020 Roland-Garros, 2r at Wimbledon (three occasions) and R16 at US Open (2020)



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- Enters the 2023 Australian Open under a protected ranking of No.4; actual ranking is No.203
- Faces No.24 Azarenka today in opening match – bidding for first Top 25 win since overcoming No.11 Kvitova at 2020 Roland Garros
- Owns a 13-6 record in Slam 1r matches, and has lost her last two Slam openers, at 2022 Australian Open and 2022 US Open
- One of a tournament-leading 18 women from the USA in the main draw (including LL Mandlik)
- Opened 2023 season at Auckland, reaching 2r (l. Gauff) and made SF at Hobart (l. Cocciaretto)

Career Milestones

- Best results last season were QF at Adelaide (l. eventual champion Barty) and Cleveland (l. Pera). Missed clay and grass swings w/right ankle injury
- Missed second half of 2021 season due to ongoing foot injury and then testing positive for COVID-19
- In opening half of the 2021 campaign, standout results were QFs at Abu Dhabi and Yarra Valley Classic, and a R16 showing at Roland Garros
- Ended 2020 at career high of No.4 which she first hit on March 9, 2020 and came away with the 2020 WTA Player of the Year Award
- In last tournament of the season, finished R-Up at Roland Garros (l. Swiatek) for her first final appearance on clay
- Reached R16 at US Open and was one of only two players (also Kvitova) to reach second week of all three Slams in 2020
- Lifted fifth WTA singles title at Lyon (d. Friedsam in F) becoming the first player in 2020 to win a second title
- Won maiden major at 2020 Australian Open (d. Muguruza in F) to become the youngest champion (21y, 80d) in Melbourne since Sharapova (20y, 283d) in 2008. Defeated No.1 Barty and home favorite in SF for third career win over a reigning World No.1
- Australian Open run helped her break into the Top 10 for the first time at No.7 on February 3, 2020
- Won 2019 WTA Most Improved Player of the Year award after winning three WTA titles at Hobart (d. Schmiedlova in F), Mallorca (d. Bencic in F) and Guangzhou (d. Stosur in F)
- Finished 2019 at No.14 as US No.2 (behind No.9 S.Williams) and leader in hard court wins (38-tied w/Barty)
- Registered back-to-back SF runs at Toronto (l. eventual champion Andreescu) and Cincinnati (l. eventual champion Keys), subsequently leading to Top 20 debut at No.20 on August 19, 2019
- During this run, defeated No.1 Barty (Toronto) and No.1 Osaka (Cincinnati) to become first player since October 2001 to defeat World No.1s in consecutive weeks (Davenport); also became youngest American to defeat reigning No.1 in eight years (after McHale)
- Advanced to R16 at 2019 Roland Garros (d. S.Williams, l. eventual champion Barty) - became first American to defeat Serena at the majors since Stephens at 2013 Australian Open QF



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- Also won maiden doubles titles in 2019 at Auckland (w/Bouchard) and Beijing (w/Mattek-Sands)
- Broke into the Top 100 on March 19, 2018 and Top 50 on October 8, 2018
- Member of US Billie Jean King Cup team from 2018-19
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2015 US Open as a wildcard (l. Duque-Mariño in 1r)
- Owns four ITF singles titles and two doubles titles
- Played first matches of career on ITF Circuit in 2013, climbing to No.2 in ITF World Junior Rankings
- Represented the USA at the 2014 Youth Olympic Games and competed at the 2016 ITF Junior Masters, both held in China

AZARENKA:

Australian Open

- Making 15th main draw appearance at the Australian Open, where she is a two-time champion, lifting the title in 2012 (d. Sharapova) and 2013 (d. Li Na), marking the last time the title here was successfully defended
- Has reached three other Slam finals, all at the US Open, finishing R-Up in 2012 (l. S.Williams), 2013 (l. S.Williams) and 2020 (l. Osaka)
- Overall this is her 60th Grand Slam main draw appearance, and entering today's match owns a 148-55 record across the majors
- Has reached the SF at both Roland-Garros (2013) and Wimbledon (2011-12)
- Only other former Australian Open champion in the draw is her opponent today Kenin
- One of 11 current or former Grand Slam champions in the 2023 main draw
- A loss to No.203 Kenin today would be her worst loss by ranking at a Slam of her career since falling to No.217 A.Radwanska at 2006 Wimbledon (Azarenka was ranked No.101 at the time)
- Has suffered 10 losses in 1r at majors in career, with most recent coming here at 2021 Australian Open (l. Pegula)
- Contested both Adelaide events in lead up to 2023 Australian Open, reaching QF in week 1 (l. eventual R-Up Noskova) and fell 1r in week 2 (l. Kudermetova, having held MPs)

Career Milestones

- Standout result in 2022 was SF in last tournament, at Guadalajara (l. eventual champion Pegula). Also reached QFs at Washington DC and Adelaide, while made R16 at Australian Open and US Open
- Best result in 2021 came in final event when she finished R-Up at Indian Wells (l. Badosa on third set tie-break). Also made SFs at Doha and Bad Homburg



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- One of five players to reach three or more finals in 2020, lifting one trophy at the Western & Southern Open - her first title since 2016. Finished year ranked No.13 - her best season-end ranking since 2013 (No.2)
- Advanced to her fifth career Grand Slam final at 2020 US Open, which helped her return to the Top 20 for the first time since March 2017
- Winner of the 2020 WTA Comeback Player of the Year Award, as voted on by members of the international media
- Last tournament of 2019 was the US Open, where she fell to Sabalenka in 1r; also reached the doubles final w/Barty (l. Mertens/Sabalenka)
- Highlight of 2019 was 37th singles final at Monterrey (l. Muguruza in F via ret. w/leg injury). On February 2, 2019 returned to Top 50 for first time following the birth of her child, Leo
- Made return to tennis in June 2017 following birth of first child in December 2016, reaching 2r of comeback event at Mallorca (d. Ozaki, l. Konjuh)
- Ended 2016 ranked No.13, despite missing second half of season after going on maternity leave (announced pregnancy mid-July). Lifted three titles, at Brisbane and 'Sunshine Double' of Indian Wells and Miami - third woman to achieve feat after Graf in 1994 and 1996 and Clijsters in 2005
- Posted 26-3 record for first six months of 2016 with losses coming at the Australian Open (QF, l. Kerber), Rome (2r, l. Begu) and Roland Garros (ret. vs. Knapp w/right knee injury)
- Limited to total of 23 events over 2014-15 seasons due to variety of injuries
- Posted five consecutive Top-10 finishes between 2009 and 2013, qualifying for the WTA Finals on each occasion (l. Kvitova in 2011 final in Istanbul)
- Ascended to World No.1 after 2012 Australian Open and held top spot for a total of 51 weeks
- Began 2012 with 26-match win streak - best start since Hingis went 37-0 in 1997. Went on to win Tour-leading 69 matches in 2012, season highlighted by six titles, finishing as WTA's year-end No.1
- Belarusian Fed Cup Team, 2005, 2007, 2009-11, 2015-16, 2019; Belarusian Olympic Team, 2008, 2012
- Won two medals for Belarus at 2012 Olympics - bronze in singles and mixed doubles gold (w/Mirnyi)
- Made her Top 100 debut on July 10, 2006 (No.99) and Top 50 debut on May 14, 2007 (No.49)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2005 Kolkata
- ITF Junior World Champion for 2005 - reached first tour-level semifinal at Guangzhou the same year



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EMMA RADUCANU (GBR #77) VS. TAMARA KORPATSCH (GER #76)

Head-to-head: RADUCANU leads 1-0

2022 STUTTGART CLAY (I) R2 EMMA RADUCANU 6-0 2-6 6-1

RADUCANU		KORPATSCH	
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of birth (age)	Nov 13, 2002 (20)	Date of birth (age)	May 12, 1995 (27)
Height	5'7" (1.75m)	Height	5'6" (1.70m)
Career-high ranking	No.10 (Jul. 11, 2022)	Career-high ranking	No.74 (Nov. 4, 2022)
Career prize money	\$3,542,583	Career prize money	\$779,028
Singles Titles	1	Singles Titles	0
Australian Open W-L (MD)	1-1 (2r 2022)	Australian Open W-L	0-0
Grand Slam W-L (MD)	13-5 (WON 2021 US Open)	Grand Slam W-L	0-3 (1r 2020 Roland Garros, 2020 US Open, 2022 Wimbledon)
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	1-1 / 29-25	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	0-0 / 19-30
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 6-10	3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	0-2 / 9-8
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 5-3	Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 7-2
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	1-1 / 20-17	Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	2-0 / 2-7
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-2	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-1
Coach	Sebastian Sachs	Coach	Thomas Korpatsch

RADUCANU:

Australian Open

- Making second main draw appearance at the Australian Open
- On debut in 2022, defeated 2017 US Open champion Stephens in 1r before succumbing to Kovinic in 2r
- Overall this is her seventh Grand Slam main draw appearance, and owns a 13-5 record across the majors in main-draw matches
- Seven of those wins came during fairytale run to the 2021 US Open title (d. Fernandez in F), becoming the first qualifier to win a major
- One of two British women in the singles main draw (also Dart)
- Best return at the other Slams are breakout R16 run at 2021 Wimbledon and in Paris made 2r in 2022
- Today's winner will face either Siniakova or Gauff in 2r
- Opened her 2023 season at Auckland, defeating Fruhvirtova in 1r but was forced to retire in 2r vs. Kuzmova w/ankle injury



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- Struggled with injuries and form throughout 2022 dropping as low as No.83 after 1r exit at US Open
- Best performance came late in the year with SF run in Seoul (l. Ostapenko via ret. w/left glute injury). Also made QF at Stuttgart (l. eventual champion Swiatek) and Washington DC (l. eventual champion Samsonova) with best win-by-ranking coming over No.22 Azarenka during 3r run at Cincinnati
- Earned a career best year in 2021 jumping over 300 ranking spots and finishing the season inside the Top 20 at a career high of No.19 earning her the 2021 WTA Newcomer of the Year Award
- Reached QF at Cluj-Napoca 2 (l. Kostyuk) and made appearances at Indian Wells and Linz
- Won the US Open in only her fourth Tour-level appearance (d. fellow teenager Fernandez in F); did not drop a set and upset No.12 Bencic and No.18 Sakkari along the way to become first qualifier to lift a Grand Slam title
- Fell 1r at San Jose (as WC, l. Zhang) and finished R-Up at WTA 125K Series event in Chicago (l. Tauson)
- At Wimbledon, became the youngest British woman in the Open Era to reach R16 (l. Tomljanovic via ret.); upset Top-50 players Vondrousova and Cirstea en route
- Made debut WTA main draw appearance at 2021 Nottingham (as WC, l. Dart in 1r)
- Ended 2020 by finishing R-Up at \$25k ITF/Sunderland-GBR
- Won title at \$25k ITF/Pune-IND in 2019
- Lifted first two ITF Circuit titles in 2018, at \$15k ITF/Antalya-TUR and \$15k ITF/Tiberias-GRE
- Owns three singles titles on ITF Circuit
- In juniors she reached back-to-back quarter finals of Wimbledon and US Open in 2018

KORPATSCH:

Australian Open

- Making main-draw debut at the Australian Open, her fourth Grand Slam main draw appearance overall
- Bidding for first main-draw win across the majors, having fallen 1r at 2020 Roland-Garros, 2020 US Open and 2022 Wimbledon
- One of five Germans in draw; two German women have won this title, Graf (1988-90, 1994) and Kerber (2016)
- Faces Raducanu today for the second time in career, and first time on hard court, having falling to her on the clay of Stuttgart in 2022
- Her three Slam losses so far in career have come at the hands of another British player Watson (in 3s) at 2022 Wimbledon, Anisimova at 2020 Roland-Garros and Bellis (in 3s) at 2020 US Open
- Has fallen twelve times in Grand Slam qualifying
- Opened 2023 season by falling in qualifying at Adelaide then Hobart



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- Best Tour-level results last year were 2r showings at Lyon (as qualifier, I. Paolini) and Stuttgart (as LL, I. Raducanu)
- Enjoyed plenty of success on clay in 2022, winning titles at WTA 125 Budapest and W25 ITF Circuit event in Le Havre, France. Also finished R-Up at WTA 125K Series event in Marbella
- Broke into Top 100 for first time in her career after winning WTA 125 title at Budapest (September 26, 2022)
- Singles highlight in 2021 was SF run at Gdynia (I. Kucova). Also reached 2r at Bad Homburg and Hamburg
- In doubles, advanced to first WTA final at 2021 Budapest (w/Bolsova, I. Buzarnescu/Stollar)
- Made Grand Slam main draw debut in 2020 at Roland Garros and US Open, falling 1r on both occasions
- Reached maiden WTA SF at 2019 Lausanne (I. Cornet)
- Reached QF at 2018 Lugano (I. Voegele)
- Highlight of 2017 was reaching maiden WTA QF at Gstaad (I. Sorribes Tormo)
- Made 2r on main draw debut at 2017 Budapest (as qualifier, I. Dodin)
- WTA qualifying debut came at 2016 Gstaad
- Lifted first ITF Circuit title in 2015 - has gone on to win nine more at this level
Made debut on ITF Circuit in Braunschweig, Germany in 2011



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XINYU WANG (CHN #79) VS. [WC] STORM HUNTER (AUS #239)

Head-to-head: First main draw meeting (Wang leads overall 1-0, with win at 2022 Miami in qualifying)

X.WANG		HUNTER	
Plays	Right-handed	Plays	Right-handed
Date of birth (age)	26-Sep-2001 (21)	Date of birth (age)	11-Aug-1994 (28)
Height	5'11" (1.82m)	Height	5'5" (1.66m)
Career-high ranking	No.68 (11-Jul-2022)	Career-high ranking	No.119 (18-Oct-2021)
Career prize money	\$932,553	Career prize money	\$1,593,535
Singles Titles	0	Singles Titles	0
Australian Open W-L (MD)	3-4	Australian Open W-L	0-4
Grand Slam W-L (MD)	11-10	Grand Slam W-L	0-6
YTD / Career W-L (MD)	2-2 / 21-41	YTD / Career W-L (MD)	0-1 / 13-27
3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	1-0 / 9-11	3-Set W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 4-8
Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 5-7	Tie-Break W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 3-6
Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	2-2 / 20-31	Hard Court W-L (YTD / Career)	0-1 / 12-20
Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-2	Top 10 W-L (YTD / Career)	0-0 / 0-2
Coach	Wang Peng	Coach	Scott Webster

X.WANG:

Australian Open

- Making 7th Grand Slam main draw appearance
- Making 3rd main draw appearance at the Australian Open, after falling in 1r in 2018 and 2r in 2022; 1r victory over Li last year was first in main draw at a major
- Also lost in qualifying at Australian Open in 2020 and 2021
- One of six Chinese players in main draw (only the United States – 18 and Czech Republic – 11 have more)
- Best career result on hard courts is SF run at 2021 Prague
- Opened season with 1r exit at Auckland (I. Kenin) and QF showing at Hobart (as LL, I. eventual champion Davis)

Career Milestones

- Reached 2r on six occasions in 2022, including at Australian Open (I. Sabalenka). Also won sixth career ITF Circuit title, at W60 event in Tokyo in November
- Made Top 100 debut on November 15, 2021



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- Highlight of 2021 was SF at Prague (l. eventual champion Krejčíková). Also advanced to QF at Courmayeur (l. Vekić) and Linz (as qualifier, l. eventual champion Riske)
- In 2020, fell 1r at Shenzhen (l. Muguruza) and Hua Hin (l. Liang)
- Opened 2019 season with maiden Tour-level main draw win at Shenzhen Open (d. F.Xun, l. Sharapova), went on to post two more 2r runs at Nanchang (l. Rybakina) and Tianjin (as qualifier, l. Peterson)
- Lifted maiden WTA doubles title at 2019 Nanchang w/L.Zhu (d. Peng/Zhang in F)
- Won three consecutive ITF titles in 2019, at \$25K ITF/Shenzhen 2-CHN (d. F.Xun in F), \$25K ITF/Hengyang-CHN (d. Z.Sun in F) and \$25K ITF/Tianjin-CHN (d. Jovic in F)
- In 2018, won maiden title of career at \$25K ITF/Nonthaburi 4-THA (d. Wang Xiyu in F)
- Made Grand Slam main draw debut at 2018 Australian Open (l. Cornet in 1r)
- Also in 2018, contested qualifying on WTA Tour for the first time at Shenzhen Open and competed in maiden WTA main draw at Guangzhou (l. Khazaniuk)
- Advanced to 2r on professional debut at \$10K ITF/Prokuplje 2-SRB in 2016 (as qualifier, l. Zakaryuk)

HUNTER:

Australian Open

- Making fifth main-draw appearance at the Australian Open, with this and all previous outings having come as a WC
- Bidding for first main-draw win today, having lost all four previous 1r matches. Does own one qualifying win at Melbourne Park, coming over Anderson in 2020
- In doubles, reached QF at her home major in 2022 (w/Dolehide, l. eventual champions Krejčíková/Siniakova); seeded No.4 w/Mertens this year (face Kudrmetova/Samsonova in 1r)
- Best result by a WC at the Australian Open was Henin's R-Up finish in 2010
- Overall this is her seventh Grand Slam main-draw appearance (also 2021 Roland Garros and US Open), and bidding for first Grand Slam main-draw win today
- Faces Wang Xinyu in 1r today; bidding for second Top-100 win of the season, having upset No.74 Korpatsch in Adelaide 1 qualifying
- Best career results on a hard court were QF runs at Prague and Adelaide last year
- One of five players from Australia in draw (all WCs)
- Is currently ranked No.239, having been No.128 entering last year's tournament
- Seeded



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Career Milestones

- Has won five career doubles titles, including three in 2022 – Adelaide 1 (w/Barty), Berlin (w/Siniakova) and Guadalajara [1000] (w/Stefani)
- In doubles last season made SF at US Open and QF at Australian Open (both w/Dolehide). Also won Adelaide (w/Barty), Berlin (w/Siniakova) and Guadalajara (w/Stefani)
- Reached maiden WTA QFs in 2021, at Adelaide (l. Bencic) and Prague (l. Minnen)
- Enjoyed productive campaign in doubles in 2021, finishing R-Up at Charleston (w/Perez) and Nottingham (w/Dolehide) and making SF at Wimbledon (w/Dolehide) and QF at US Open (w/Dolehide); ended year at career-high No.30; made 2r at Hua Hin, fell 1r at Prague and Strasbourg and in qualifying at Australian Open and Brisbane
- In February 2020 lifted WTA doubles title at Hua Hin w/Ar.Rodionova without dropping a set
- Owns one other WTA title, triumphing at 2017 Nottingham w/Adamczak. She has also finished R-Up three times, most recently w/Perez at Istanbul in September 2020 - rose to career-high No.62 in doubles rankings on September 14, 2020
- Won second of two career singles titles on ITF Circuit at \$60K ITF/Playford-AUS in November 2019
- Fell 1r at Australian Open singles in 2014-17, while has contested qualifying at Roland Garros and US Open
- Posted career-high singles ranking of No.202 on February 10, 2014
- Won first ITF Circuit singles title at \$25k ITF/Launceston-AUS in February 2013
- Owns 12 doubles titles on ITF Circuit
- Made professional debut at \$25k ITF/Esperance-AUS in 2009