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## THE FINALISTS

PLAYER	RANK	NAT	AGE	YTD PRIZE \$ <sup>^</sup>	YTD W/L*	YTD TITLES	CAREER PRIZE \$ <sup>^</sup>	CAREER W/L*	CAREER TITLES
[2] Marion Bartoli	7	FRA	27	74,086	7-2	0	6,687,883	434-262	7
[9] Angelique Kerber	27	GER	24	83,182	13-3	0	1,395,999	265-162	0

\*win-loss records include current tournament; <sup>^</sup> prize money figures do not include this tournament

PLAYER	BEST 2012 RESULT	BEST PARIS [INDOORS] RESULT	LAST FINAL REACHED	CAREER F W/L
[2] Marion Bartoli	F (1): Paris [Indoors]	F: 2012	2011 Osaka (W)	7-9
[9] Angelique Kerber	F (1): Paris [Indoors]	F: 2012	2010 Bogota (L)	0-1

## FINAL MATCH-UP

[9] ANGELIQUE KERBER (GER #27) vs. [2] MARION BARTOLI (FRA #7)

Bartoli leads 3-1 (3-0 in main draw matches)

### KERBER QUICK HITS:

**Kerber** is playing here on a career-high ranking of No.27; she is projected to rise to No.23 having reached the final, and as high as No.21 with a title win (depending on Hantuchova's result in Pattaya City final)... **Kerber** has reached the second final of her career, and first since 2010 Bogota on clay (l. Duque Marino)... **Kerber** has reached SF stage at 6 of her last 10 events... **Kerber** was elevated to No.9 seed after Lisicki withdrew from the tournament... **Kerber's** win over world No.3 Sharapova in the QF here was her career-first Top 10 victory (previous best was No.11 A.Radwanska at 2010 Beijing)... **Kerber** is bidding to become the second maiden WTA singles title winner of 2012 – after fellow German Barthel at Hobart... **Kerber** is the first German to reach the final here since Anke Huber in 2001 (l. Mauresmo); the last German to win the title was Steffi Graf in 1995 (d. Pierce)... **Kerber** has spent 7 hours on court over 4 matches

### BARTOLI QUICK HITS:

**Bartoli** is playing the Paris [Indoors] for the first time since 2008... **Bartoli** has achieved her best result here by reaching the final... The last Frenchwoman to win the event was Amelie Mauresmo in 2009... **Bartoli** is playing here on a career-best ranking of No.7; she cannot improve her ranking this week, even by winning the title... **Bartoli** is through to her 17th WTA singles final; she has a 7-9 win-loss record in finals... **Bartoli's** last finals appearance was at 2011 Osaka where she won the title (d. Stosur)...5 of **Bartoli's** 7 titles have come on hard court...**Bartoli** fought back from 4-1 down in the second set, and 5-2 down in the third set to win her QF match over No.7 seed Vinci in 2 hours, 40 minutes... **Bartoli** has hit 13 aces in 3 matches... **Bartoli** has been on court 5 hours, 47 minutes over 3 matches



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2003	BERLIN	CLAY O	QUAL	KERBER	36 63 64
2007	BIRMINGHAM	GRASS O	R16	BARTOLI	62 60
2008	INDIAN WELLS	HARD O	R32	BARTOLI	63 76(3)
2011	OSAKA	HARD O	SF	BARTOLI	61 76(5)

**ANGELIQUE KERBER (GER)**

<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	January 18, 1988 (24)	<b>2012 Prize \$ (USD)~</b>	\$83,182
<b>Residence</b>	Kiel, Germany	<b>2012 Titles (Singles/Doubles)^</b>	0 / 0
<b>Current Singles Rank</b>	No.27	<b>Career Prize \$ (USD)~</b>	\$1,395,999
<b>Highest Singles Rank</b>	<b>No.27 (January 30, 2012)</b>	<b>Career Titles (Singles/Doubles)^</b>	0 / 0

^denotes WTA / Grand Slam events only; ~prize money figures do not include this tournament

**TOURNAMENT HISTORY:** Making 2nd main draw appearance at Paris [Indoors] (3rd overall). Fell 1r in 2011 (l. No.6 seed Petkovic in 3s). Failed to qualify in 2009

**2012 SUMMARY: SF (2):** Auckland, Hobart

- Reached **SF** at **Auckland** (l. No.4 seed Pennetta) and Hobart (as No.4 seed, l. qualifier Barthel)
- Reached **3r** at **Australian Open** (l. No.6 seed Sharapova)

**CAREER SUMMARY: R-Up (1):** 2010 Bogotá; **SF (6):** 2010 Luxembourg, 2011 Dallas, 2011 US Open, 2011 Osaka, 2012 Auckland, 2012 Hobart; **QF (4):** 2007 's-Hertogenbosch, 2010 Fès, 2010 Copenhagen, 2011 Hobart

- Finished 2011 season at a career-best No.32; a breakthrough season highlighted by first Grand Slam SF and cracking Top 30; reached first Grand Slam SF at US Open (l. Stosur; had never been beyond 3r of a Grand Slam previously); reached 3 SF in final 3 months (Aug - Oct)of 2011 season - Dallas, US Open, Osaka
- Reached first **WTA singles final** at 2010 Bogotá (l. Duque Marino)
- Cracked **Top 40** after reaching SF at 2011 US Open
- Reached first **WTA final** of any kind at 2008 's-Hertogenbosch in doubles (w/Dekmiejere; l. Krajicek/Erakovic)
- Has 4 career **wins vs. Top 20 opponents:** No.15 Peer (2010 Wimbledon), No.11 A.Radwanska (2010 Beijing), No.13 A.Radwanska (2011 US Open), No.13 Lisicki (2012 Auckland)
- Has won 11 singles titles and 3 doubles titles on **ITF Women's Circuit**
- Member of German **Fed Cup** Team 2007-08

**GRAND SLAM HISTORY**

- 2012 Australian Open marked 17th Grand Slam singles main draw appearance
- Advanced to **first Grand Slam SF** at 2011 US Open – first German to do since Graf in 1996; **previous best was 3r** at 2010 Australian Open and 2010 Wimbledon
- Fell 1r 10 times

**OTHER FACTS**

- Travels with coach Torben Beltz; also trains at Waske/Schuettler Academy in Germany
- Started playing tennis at age 3
- Father Slawek coached her previously. Mother Beata is also her manager; has one sister, Jessica
- Sometimes trains at Centrum Tenisowe Angie, a facility with four indoor courts and two outdoor courts owned by her maternal grandparents in the town of Puszczykowo, Poland



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**MARION BARTOLI (FRA)**

<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	October 2, 1984 (27)	<b>2012 Prize \$ (USD)~</b>	\$74,086
<b>Residence</b>	Geneva, Switzerland	<b>2012 Titles (Singles/Doubles)^</b>	0 / 0
<b>Current Singles Rank</b>	No.7	<b>Career Prize \$ (USD)~</b>	\$6,687,883
<b>Highest Singles Rank</b>	<b>No.7 (January 30, 2012)</b>	<b>Career Titles (Singles/Doubles)^</b>	7 / 3

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**TOURNAMENT HISTORY:** Making 5th main draw appearance at Paris [Indoors] (6th overall), and first since 2008. Best result is SF in 2008 (l. top seed and eventual champion Chakvetadze in 3s). QF in 2005 (l. No.4 seed Petrova). Fell 1r in 2003 on debut and 2006. Failed to qualify in 2004

**2012 HIGHLIGHTS: QF (1):** Sydney

- Reached **QF** at **Sydney** (as No.8 seed, l. No.3 seed and eventual champion Azarenka)
- Fell in **3r** at **Australian Open** (as No.9 seed, l. Zheng)

**CAREER SUMMARY: WON (7):** 2006 Auckland, Tokyo [Japan Open], Québec City; 2009 Monterrey, Stanford; 2011 Eastbourne, Osaka; **R-Up (9):** (incl.1 Grand Slam) most recently 2011 Stanford; **3 doubles titles** (most recent 2006 Prague)

- Won **2nd WTA Premier title** at 2011 Eastbourne, to add to 2009 Stanford; 5 of 7 titles have been won on hard court
- Reached **2007 Wimbledon final** (l. V.Williams), having never previously advanced beyond 4r of a Grand Slam
- In 2011, finished in **year-end Top 10 for second time** (also 2007); sixth straight Top 20 finish; has ranked in **Top 20** continuously since June 11 2007. Made **Top 10 debut** in August 2007 and spent 30 weeks (non-consecutive) there in next 12 months. Returned to Top 10 on March 21, 2011 for 2 weeks and then again from June 6
- Alternate at 2007 **WTA Championships**, replaced S.Williams after 1 match, and went 1-1 in RR play; also at 2011 WTA Championships, replaced Sharapova and went 1-0 in RR play
- Has 22 career **wins vs. Top 10 opponents**, including 2 vs. world No.1s: Henin (2007 Wimbledon) and Jankovic (2009 Australian Open); most recent Top 10 win vs. No.4 Azarenka (2011 WTA Championships)
- French **Fed Cup Team**, 2004 (runner-up to Russia)

**GRAND SLAM HISTORY**

- 2012 Australian Open marked 41st Grand Slam singles main draw appearance (38th straight); has reached 4r or better at each major
- **Runner-up** at 2007 Wimbledon (as No.18 seed, d. top seed Henin 16 75 61 - having trailed 61 53 - in SF, l. V.Williams in final); also reached SF at 2011 Roland Garros (l. Schiavone) and QFs at 2009 Australian Open and 2011 Wimbledon
- 4r finishes at 2007 Roland Garros and US Open, 2008 US Open and 2010 Wimbledon

**OTHER FACTS**

- Father and coach, Walter Bartoli, is a doctor who enjoys playing chess; introduced Marion to tennis at age of 6
- Mother Sophie is a nurse, who enjoys singing; brother Franck is in the French Army
- Enjoys jet-skiing, volleyball, basketball and painting
- Most admires Pete Sampras and Monica Seles; like Seles, Bartoli plays two-handed on both sides



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## DOUBLES. LOVE IT.

[1] LIEZEL HUBER (USA #1)/LISA RAYMOND (USA #2) vs.  
ANNA-LENA GROENEFELD (GER #60)/PETRA MARTIC (CRO #85)

First meeting

### HUBER / RAYMOND

- **Huber** is contesting the 83rd doubles final of her career; she has a 48-34 win-loss record in finals; **Raymond** is through to her 114th career doubles final; she has a 74-39 win-loss record in finals
- **Huber/Raymond** teamed up for the first time at Charleston in April 2011. They have won 4 titles together: Toronto, US Open, Tokyo and the WTA Championships in Istanbul (all in 2011); and were runners-up at 2011 Eastbourne, 2011 Stanford and 2012 Sydney; Paris [Indoors] represents their 8th final together
- This is **Huber/Raymond's** 2nd final of the year, after they finished runners-up at Sydney (l. Peschke/Srebotnik)
- **Huber** is a two-time champion at Paris [Indoors] and is through to her 4th final here. She won in 2007 and 2009, and finished runner-up in 2010 (all w/Black)
- **Raymond** has reached the final both times she has played this event; she finished runner-up in 2009 w/Peschke (l. Black/Huber)
- **Huber** returned to No.1 in the WTA doubles rankings after the team won the 2011 US Open. She is currently in her 169th week at the top spot and in 2011 secured the year-end doubles No.1 ranking for the 4th time. On January 2, 2012, she moved past former partner Cara Black for weeks at No.1, and into 2nd place on the all-time list (behind Navratilova, 237)
- **Raymond** spent 117 weeks at No.1, most recently on July 8, 2007
- **Huber** owns 48 WTA doubles titles (29 w/Black), including 5 Grand Slam doubles titles
- **Raymond** owns 74 WTA doubles titles, including 6 Grand Slam doubles titles, and lies 7th for doubles titles won in the Open Era
- **Huber** has won 2 Grand Slam mixed doubles titles, while **Raymond** has won 4
- **Raymond** reached a career-high singles ranking of No.15 in 1997; **Huber's** best singles ranking was No.131

### GROENEFELD / MARTIC

- This is the first WTA level tournament **Groenefeld/Martic** have played together. At all levels, they remain undefeated so far as a team, winning ITF/Cagnes-Sur-Mer, FRA in 2011 and then reaching the final here
- **Groenefeld/Martic** have reached the Paris [Indoors] final on both players' debut in the doubles event here
- This is **Groenefeld's** 23rd doubles final; she has a 11-11 win-loss record in doubles finals
- **Groenefeld's** most recent doubles final was at 2011 Linz (w/Goerges), and her 11th title came at 2010 Copenhagen (w/Goerges). She also won the 2009 Wimbledon mixed doubles title (w/Knowles)
- A left foot injury interrupted **Groenefeld's** 2010 season (she missed three months); in 2011 she played a mixture of ITF and tour-level tournaments before announcing she would concentrate on doubles only in 2012
- This is **Martic's** first WTA doubles final; previously she has won 3 ITF level events
- **Martic** reached the 2r in the singles this week, losing to No.2 seed Marion Bartoli



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[9] Angelique Kerber	27	GER	24	83,182	12-3	0	1,395,999	264-162	0
Yanina Wickmayer	29	BEL	22	43,925	8-3	0	2,094,913	251-118	3
Klara Zakopalova	51	CZE	29	35,251	3-3	0	2,062,380	394-317	2

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PLAYER	BEST 2012 RESULT	BEST PARIS [INDOORS] RESULT	LAST FINAL REACHED	CAREER SF W/L
[2] Marion Bartoli	SF (1): Paris [Indoors]	SF: 2008, 2012	2011 Osaka (W)	15-25
[9] Angelique Kerber	SF (3): Auckland, Hobart, Paris [Indoors]	SF: 2012	2010 Bogota (L)	1-6
Yanina Wickmayer	R-Up (1): Hobart	SF: 2012	2012 Hobart (L)	7-3
Klara Zakopalova	SF (1): Paris [Indoors]	SF: 2012	2010 Seoul (L)	11-9

## SEMIFINAL MATCH-UPS

### [9] ANGELIQUE KERBER (GER #27) vs. YANINA WICKMAYER (BEL #29)

Wickmayer leads 1-0

#### KERBER QUICK HITS:

**Kerber** is playing here on a career-high ranking of No.27; she has a chance to break into the Top 25 for the first time by reaching the final... **Kerber** has reached her 3rd SF of the year, after Auckland and Hobart; this is her 4th SF in 6 events... However **Kerber** has only once advanced past the SF stage in her career, with a SF win-loss record of 1-6 (R-Up at 2010 Bogota)... **Kerber** was elevated to No.9 seed after Lisicki withdrew from the tournament... **Kerber's** win over world No.3 Sharapova in the QF here was her career-first Top 10 victory (previous best was No.11 A.Radwanska at 2010 Beijing)... **Kerber** is the only semifinalist still chasing her first WTA singles title... **Kerber** is aiming to become the first German to reach the final here since Anke Huber in 2001 (l. Mauresmo); the last German to win the title was Steffi Graf in 1995 (d. Pierce)

#### WICKMAYER QUICK HITS:

**Wickmayer** has achieved her best result at the Paris [Indoors] by reaching the SF, going one round better her QF effort last year... In 2011, **Wickmayer** fell to eventual champion Kvitova in a 3rd set tb... **Wickmayer** advanced to her 7th career WTA final in Hobart earlier this year without the loss of a set, but fell in the final to qualifier Barthel; she is now 3-4 in finals... **Wickmayer** defeated Barthel in the QF here in a three-set battle lasting 2 hours, 35 minutes... **Wickmayer** could get close to the Top 25 again by reaching the final... **Wickmayer** is bidding to become the second Belgian into the Paris [Indoors] final in as many years, after Kim Clijsters finished runner-up to Kvitova in 2011; Clijsters was the last Belgian to win the title here, back in 2004 (d. Pierce)... **Wickmayer** is the youngest of the semifinalists at 22



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Series tied 2-2

**ZAKOPALOVA QUICK HITS:**

**Zakopalova** is through to her career-first Premier-level SF at age 29... **Zakopalova** is bidding to reach her first final since 2010 Seoul (l. Kleybanova)... **Zakopalova's** first round win here snapped a four-match losing streak (2r at 2011 Moscow, 1r at 2012 Brisbane, Hobart and Australian Open)... **Zakopalova** is aiming to be the third Czech through to the Paris [Indoors] final in as many years, after Kvitova won the title in 2011 and Safarova finished runner-up in 2010... **Zakopalova** is looking to become the first unseeded finalist here since Safarova finished runner-up to Elena Dementieva in 2010... **Zakopalova** is 5-18 lifetime against Top 10 ranked opponents, with her best win coming over world No.1 S.Williams at 2010 Marbella; she has lost her last 6 such matches

**BARTOLI QUICK HITS:**

**Bartoli** is playing the Paris [Indoors] for the first time since 2008... **Bartoli** has equaled her best result here, having also reached the SF in 2008 (l. eventual champion Chakvetadze)... The last Frenchwoman to win the event was Amelie Mauresmo in 2009... **Bartoli** is playing here on a career-best ranking of No.7; she cannot improve her ranking this week, even by winning the title... **Bartoli** has achieved her best result of the year by reaching the SF; her last finals appearance was at 2011 Osaka where she won the title...**Bartoli** played the longest QF match of all the last four, at 2 hours, 40 minutes; she fought back from 4-1 down in the second set, and 5-2 down in the third set to defeat No.7 seed Vinci in a tiebreak...**Bartoli's** last loss to a player ranked outside the Top 50 was to No.98 King at 2011 Seoul



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**ANGELIQUE KERBER (GER)**

<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	January 18, 1988 (24)	<b>2012 Prize \$ (USD)~</b>	\$83,182
<b>Residence</b>	Kiel, Germany	<b>2012 Titles (Singles/Doubles)^</b>	0 / 0
<b>Current Singles Rank</b>	No.27	<b>Career Prize \$ (USD)~</b>	\$1,395,999
<b>Highest Singles Rank</b>	<b>No.27 (January 30, 2012)</b>	<b>Career Titles (Singles/Doubles)^</b>	0 / 0

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**TOURNAMENT HISTORY:** Making 2nd main draw appearance at Paris [Indoors] (3rd overall). Fell 1r in 2011 (l. No.6 seed Petkovic in 3s). Failed to qualify in 2009

**2012 SUMMARY: SF (2):** Auckland, Hobart

- Reached **SF** at **Auckland** (l. No.4 seed Pennetta) and Hobart (as No.4 seed, l. qualifier Barthel)
- Reached **3r** at **Australian Open** (l. No.6 seed Sharapova)

**CAREER SUMMARY: R-Up (1):** 2010 Bogotá; **SF (6):** 2010 Luxembourg, 2011 Dallas, 2011 US Open, 2011 Osaka, 2012 Auckland, 2012 Hobart; **QF (4):** 2007 's-Hertogenbosch, 2010 Fès, 2010 Copenhagen, 2011 Hobart

- Finished 2011 season at a career-best No.32; a breakthrough season highlighted by first Grand Slam SF and cracking Top 30; reached first Grand Slam SF at US Open (l. to Stosur; had never been beyond 3r of a Grand Slam previously); reached 3 SF in final 3 months (Aug - Oct)of 2011 season - Dallas, US Open, Osaka
- Reached first WTA **singles final** at 2010 Bogotá (l. Duque Marino)
- Cracked **Top 40** after reaching SF at 2011 US Open
- Reached first **WTA final** of any kind at 2008 's-Hertogenbosch in doubles (w/Dekmiejere; l. Krajicek/Erakovic)
- Has 4 career **wins vs. Top 20 opponents:** No.15 Peer (2010 Wimbledon), No.11 A.Radwanska (2010 Beijing), No.13 A.Radwanska (2011 US Open), No.13 Lisicki (2012 Auckland)
- Has won 11 singles titles and 3 doubles titles on **ITF Women's Circuit**
- Member of German **Fed Cup** Team 2007-08

**GRAND SLAM HISTORY**

- 2012 Australian Open marked 17th Grand Slam singles main draw appearance
- Advanced to **first Grand Slam SF** at 2011 US Open – first German to do since Graf in 1996; **previous best was 3r** at 2010 Australian Open and 2010 Wimbledon
- Fell 1r 10 times

**OTHER FACTS**

- Travels with coach Torben Beltz; also trains at Waske/Schuettler Academy in Germany
- Started playing tennis at age 3
- Father Slawek coached her previously. Mother Beata is also her manager; has one sister, Jessica
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**YANINA WICKMAYER (BEL)**

<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	October 20, 1989 (22)	<b>2012 Prize \$ (USD)~</b>	\$43,925
<b>Residence</b>	Deurne, Belgium	<b>2012 Titles (Singles/Doubles)^</b>	0 / 0
<b>Current Singles Rank</b>	No.29	<b>Career Prize \$ (USD)~</b>	\$2,094,913
<b>Highest Singles Rank</b>	No.12 (April 19, 2010)	<b>Career Titles (Singles/Doubles)^</b>	3 / 0

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**TOURNAMENT HISTORY:** Making third main draw appearance at Paris [Indoors] (4th overall). Best result is QF in 2011 (as No.7 seed, l. No.4 seed and eventual champion Kvitova in 3rd set tb). Fell 1r in 2010 (as No.3 seed, l. Martic). Failed to qualify in 2007

**2012 SUMMARY: R-Up (1) Hobart**

- Reached **F** at **Hobart** without dropping a set (l. qualifier Barthel). Was 7th WTA final of career, now has 3-4 record in finals
- 2r** at **Auckland** (as No.7 seed, l. Errani in 3s)
- 1r** exit at **Australian Open** (as No.28 seed, l. Voskoboeva)
- Went 2-1 (2-0 in singles, 0-1 in doubles) in Belgium's 2-3 loss to Serbia in **Fed Cup** WG I QF

**CAREER SUMMARY: WON (3):** 2009 Estoril, 2009 Linz, 2010 Auckland; **R-Up (4):** 2008 Birmingham, 2009 's-Hertogenbosch, 2011 Auckland, 2012 Hobart; **SF (3):** 2009 US Open, 2009 Luxembourg, 2011 Indian Wells

- Won **3rd WTA singles title** at 2010 Auckland without dropping a set; begin year with 11-match winning streak, winning 3rd career title at Auckland and reaching 4r at Aust. Open
- Posted third consecutive **Top 30 season** in 2011 despite struggling with injuries
- Broke Top 20** in 2009; reached career-high of No.12 in April 2010 but dropped back to finish the year outside Top 20; returned to Top 20 on March 21, 2011 for 1 week and then again after 2011 Roland Garros for 10 further weeks
- Breakthrough year in 2009**, winning first 2 WTA titles and reaching first **Grand Slam SF** at 2009 US Open
- Has **12 wins vs. Top 20 players**, most recently vs. No.12 Kuznetsova (2011 Wimbledon); includes 2 wins vs. Top 10 (No.9 A.Radwanska, 2010 Fed Cup; No.7 Li, 2011 Dubai)
- Belgian **Fed Cup team** 2007-11, has won 13 of last 16 singles rubbers through 2011

**GRAND SLAM HISTORY**

- 2012 Australian Open marked 16th consecutive Grand Slam singles main draw appearance
- Best result to date** is SF finish at 2009 US Open; also reached 4r at 2010 Australian Open and 2011 Wimbledon
- Before reaching SF at 2009 US Open, previous best was 2r at 2009 Roland Garros

**OTHER FACTS**

- Coached by father Marc Wickmayer; does off-court training with Marc Frey
- Introduced to tennis at age 9 by friends at local courts
- Speaks Dutch, English, French; moved to Florida for two-and-a-half years aged 9 (after death of mother)
- Official website [www.yaninawickmayer.com](http://www.yaninawickmayer.com)



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2007	PRAGUE	CLAY O	SF	BARTOLI	63 62
2010	WARSAW	CLAY O	R32	ZAKOPALOVA	46 61 62
2011	HOBART	HARD O	QF	ZAKOPALOVA	64 62
2011	NEW HAVEN	HARD O	R16	BARTOLI	62 26 61

**KLARA ZAKOPALOVA (CZE)**

<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	February 24, 1982 (29)	<b>2012 Prize \$ (USD)~</b>	\$35,251
<b>Residence</b>	Prague, Czech Republic	<b>2011 Titles (Singles/Doubles)^</b>	0 / 1
<b>Current Singles Rank</b>	No.51	<b>Career Prize \$ (USD)~</b>	\$2,062,380
<b>Highest Singles Rank</b>	No.27 (March 6, 2006)	<b>Career Titles (Singles/Doubles)^</b>	2 / 1

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**TOURNAMENT HISTORY:** Making 4th main draw appearance at Paris [Indoors]. Best result came in 2011, reaching 2r (l. Wickmayer). Fell 1r in 2005 and 2008 (as qualifier). Fell in qualifying in 2007.

**2012 SUMMARY:**

- Lost in opening round of first 3 events of 2012: **Brisbane** (l. Bratchikova), **Hobart** (l. Halep) and **Australian Open** (l. Pavlyuchenkova)

**CAREER SUMMARY: WON (2):** 2005 's-Hertogenbosch, 2005 Portoroz; **R-Up (9):** most recently 2010 Seoul; **1 doubles title**

- **2-time WTA singles winner**, both in 2005. Reached 2 finals in 2010 (Copenhagen, Seoul)
- Has 5 **career wins vs. Top 10** opponents: No.7 Seles (2003 Australian Open), No.1 S.Williams (2009 Marbella, 1st win over a reigning world No.1), No.5 Safina (2010 Madrid), No.10 Pennetta (2010 Wimbledon) and No.7 Li (2011 Doha)
- 2011 marked 8th **Top 100 finish** (finishing at No.31) in last 9 years, including 4 Top 50 finishes; in 2011 reached QF or better 7 times
- Won **first doubles title** at 2011 's-Hertogenbosch (w/Zahlavova Strycova)
- Member of Czech Republic **Fed Cup Team** (2002-04, 2006) and Czech **Olympic Team** (2004, 2008)

**GRAND SLAM HISTORY**

- 2012 Australian Open was 34th singles main draw appearance at a Grand Slam
- Produced **best-ever Grand Slam result** at 2010 **Wimbledon**, advancing to 4r (d. No.18 seed Rezai and No.10 Pennetta, l. Kanepi); had previously reached 3r once – 2003 Australian Open (first Grand Slam main draw appearance); also reached 3r at 2011 Wimbledon.
- Fell 1r 23 times, including on all 7 US Open appearances

**OTHER FACTS**

- Coached by Petr Kralert
- Married on June 6, 2006 (formerly Koukalova); husband, Jan Zakopal, is a Czech soccer player
- Baseliner who prefers clay; favorite shot is backhand
- Father, Jiri Koukal, is a taxi driver; mother, Jana Koukalova, is bartender at a golf resort; both parents play tennis
- Other sports interests are in-line skating, running



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**MARION BARTOLI (FRA)**

<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	October 2, 1984 (27)	<b>2012 Prize \$ (USD)~</b>	\$74,086
<b>Residence</b>	Geneva, Switzerland	<b>2012 Titles (Singles/Doubles)^</b>	0 / 0
<b>Current Singles Rank</b>	No.7	<b>Career Prize \$ (USD)~</b>	\$6,687,883
<b>Highest Singles Rank</b>	<b>No.7 (January 30, 2012)</b>	<b>Career Titles (Singles/Doubles)^</b>	7 / 3

^ WTA/Grand Slam events only; ~prize money figures do not include this tournament

**TOURNAMENT HISTORY:** Making 5th main draw appearance at Paris [Indoors] (6th overall), and first since 2008. Best result is SF in 2008 (l. top seed and eventual champion Chakvetadze in 3s). QF in 2005 (l. No.4 seed Petrova). Fell 1r in 2003 on debut and 2006. Failed to qualify in 2004

**2012 HIGHLIGHTS: QF (1):** Sydney

- Reached **QF** at **Sydney** (as No.8 seed, l. No.3 seed and eventual champion Azarenka)
- Fell in **3r** at **Australian Open** (as No.9 seed, l. Zheng)

**CAREER SUMMARY: WON (7):** 2006 Auckland, Tokyo [Japan Open], Québec City; 2009 Monterrey, Stanford; 2011 Eastbourne, Osaka; **R-Up (9):** (incl.1 Grand Slam) most recently 2011 Stanford; **3 doubles titles** (most recent 2006 Prague)

- Won **2nd WTA Premier title** at 2011 Eastbourne, to add to 2009 Stanford; 5 of 7 titles have been won on hard court
- Reached **2007 Wimbledon final** (l. V.Williams), having never previously advanced beyond 4r of a Grand Slam
- In 2011, finished in **year-end Top 10 for second time** (also 2007); sixth straight Top 20 finish; has ranked in **Top 20** continuously since June 11 2007. Made **Top 10 debut** in August 2007 and spent 30 weeks (non-consecutive) there in next 12 months. Returned to Top 10 on March 21, 2011 for 2 weeks and then again from June 6
- Alternate at 2007 **WTA Championships**, replaced S.Williams after 1 match, and went 1-1 in RR play; also at 2011 WTA Championships, replaced Sharapova and went 1-0 in RR play
- Has 22 career **wins vs. Top 10 opponents**, including 2 vs. world No.1s: Henin (2007 Wimbledon) and Jankovic (2009 Australian Open); most recent Top 10 win vs. No.4 Azarenka (2011 WTA Championships)
- French **Fed Cup Team**, 2004 (runner-up to Russia)

**GRAND SLAM HISTORY**

- 2012 Australian Open marked 41st Grand Slam singles main draw appearance (38th straight); has reached 4r or better at each major
- **Runner-up** at 2007 Wimbledon (as No.18 seed, d. top seed Henin 16 75 61 - having trailed 61 53 - in SF, l. V.Williams in final); also reached SF at 2011 Roland Garros (l. Schiavone) and QFs at 2009 Australian Open and 2011 Wimbledon
- 4r finishes at 2007 Roland Garros and US Open, 2008 US Open and 2010 Wimbledon

**OTHER FACTS**

- Father and coach, Walter Bartoli, is a doctor who enjoys playing chess; introduced Marion to tennis at age of 6
- Mother Sophie is a nurse, who enjoys singing; brother Franck is in the French Army
- Enjoys jet-skiing, volleyball, basketball and painting
- Most admires Pete Sampras and Monica Seles; like Seles, Bartoli plays two-handed on both sides



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## THE FINAL EIGHT

PLAYER	RANK	NAT	AGE	YTD PRIZE \$ <sup>^</sup>	YTD W/L*	YTD TITLES	CAREER PRIZE \$ <sup>^</sup>	CAREER W/L*	CAREER TITLES
[1] Maria Sharapova	3	RUS	24	1,214,975	8-1	0	17,858,302	420-105	24
[2] Marion Bartoli	7	FRA	27	74,086	5-2	0	6,687,883	432-262	7
[6] Julia Goerges	21	GER	23	135,134	6-4	0	1,630,241	232-142	2
[7] Roberta Vinci	23	ITA	28	182,639	4-3	0	2,707,102	376-257	6
[9] Angelique Kerber	27	GER	24	83,182	11-3	0	1,395,999	263-162	0
Yanina Wickmayer	29	BEL	22	43,925	7-3	0	2,094,913	250-118	3
Klara Zakopalova	51	CZE	29	35,251	2-3	0	2,062,380	393-317	2
[Q] Mona Barthel	43	GER	21	102,732	16-2	1	288,791	168-78	1

\*win-loss records include current tournament; ^ prize money figures do not include this tournament

## QUARTERFINAL MATCH-UPS

**[1] MARIA SHARAPOVA (RUS #3) vs. [9] ANGELIQUE KERBER (GER #27)**  
 Sharapova leads 1-0

### SHARAPOVA QUICK HITS:

Having withdrawn from last year's event due to illness, **Sharapova** is making her debut at the Paris [Indoors]... **Sharapova** enters this match with an 8-1 win-loss record so far this year; her only loss came to Azarenka in the final of the Australian Open... With Petra Kvitova not back to defend her Paris [Indoors] title, **Sharapova's** ranking is projected to rise to world No.2 when the WTA rankings are released next Monday; she was last ranked No.2 the week of October 24, 2011 (7 weeks in the No.2 spot)

### KERBER QUICK HITS:

**Kerber** is playing here on a career-high ranking of No.27... So far in 2012, **Kerber** has reached SF at Auckland and Hobart and 3r at Australian Open (l. Sharapova); also defeated Hradecka in Germany's Fed Cup loss to Czech Republic; she is bidding to reach her 4th SF in 6 events... **Kerber** was elevated to the No.9 seed after Lisicki withdrew from the tournament... **Kerber** is 0-3 against Top 3 players in her career

The winner will play either unseeded Yanina Wickmayer or qualifier Mona Barthel in the SF

**YANINA WICKMAYER (BEL #29) vs. [Q] MONA BARTHEL (GER #43)**  
 Series tied 1-1 (Barthel leads 1-0 in tour-level matches)

### WICKMAYER QUICK HITS:

**Wickmayer** has equaled her best result at the Paris [Indoors] by reaching the QF for the second time; she previously advanced to this stage last year, losing to eventual champion Kvitova in a 3rd set tb... **Wickmayer** advanced to her 7th WTA final in Hobart earlier this year without the loss of a set, but lost in the final to qualifier Barthel; she is now 3-4 in finals.... All three of **Wickmayer's** losses this year have come to players ranked lower than her and outside the Top 45

### BARTHEL QUICK HITS:

Qualifier **Barthel** has advanced to the QF at the Paris [Indoors] on her debut at the event... **Barthel** won her maiden WTA singles title at Hobart earlier this year; as a qualifier, she defeated four seeded players en route to the title... **Barthel** is the only quarterfinalist who has already won a title so far in 2012; she is also the youngest, at 21 years... **Barthel** has improved her ranking 127 spots in the last year; her ranking on February 7, 2011 was 170

The winner of this match will play either top seed Maria Sharapova or No.9 seed Angelique Kerber in the SF



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**[6] JULIA GOERGES (GER #21) vs. KLARA ZAKOPALOVA (CZE #51)**

Goerges leads 2-1

**GOERGES QUICK HITS:**

**Goerges** is 1 of 5 Germans ranked in the Top 50, along with Petkovic, Lisicki, Kerber and Barthel; there have been 5 Germans ranked in Top 50 since the week of January 16, 2012; prior to that date, the last time 5 Germans ranked in Top 50 was week of February 12, 1996... **Goerges** advanced to 4r at Australian Open, her best career Grand Slam result to date; she reached 3r at all four Slams last year... **Goerges** is aiming to reach her first SF of the year; her last SF appearance came at 2011 Luxembourg, where she lost to eventual champion Azarenka... **Goerges** has a 10-6 win-loss record in career QF appearances

**ZAKOPALOVA QUICK HITS:**

**Zakopalova's** first round win here snapped a four-match losing streak (2r at 2011 Moscow, 1r at 2012 Brisbane, Hobart and Australian Open)... By reaching the last eight, **Zakopalova** has won back-to-back matches for the first time since 2011 Tokyo... **Zakopalova** has achieved her best performance at this event by reaching the QF stage, and is bidding to reach her first SF since 2011 Seoul

The winner of this match will face either No.7 seed Roberta Vinci or No.2 seed Marion Bartoli

**[7] ROBERTA VINCI (ITA #23) vs. [2] MARION BARTOLI (FRA #7)**

Vinci leads 1-0

**VINCI QUICK HITS:**

**Vinci** has achieved her best result at the Paris [Indoors] by reaching the last eight; she lost 1r in her only other appearance here in 2006 (l. Loit)... **Vinci** is bidding to reach her first SF since 2011 Budapest, where she went on to win the title... **Vinci** recently advanced to her career-first Grand Slam doubles final at 2012 Australian Open, finishing runner-up (w/ Errani, l. Kuznetsova/Zvonareva)... **Vinci** is 4-24 lifetime against Top 10 players, but she won her last such match over world No.1 Wozniacki at 2011 Toronto, which is also her career-best win

**BARTOLI QUICK HITS:**

**Bartoli** is playing the Paris [Indoors] for the first time since 2008; she achieved her best result at the event that year, reaching the SF (l. eventual champion Chakvetadze)... The last Frenchwoman to win the event was Amelie Mauresmo in 2009... **Bartoli** is playing here on a career-best ranking of No.7... **Bartoli** is looking to achieve her best result of the year by reaching the SF; her last SF appearance came en route to the title at 2011 Osaka

The winner of this match will face either No.6 seeded Julia Goerges or unseeded Klara Zakopalova



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**[1] MARIA SHARAPOVA (RUS #3) vs. [9] ANGELIQUE KERBER (GER #27)**

Sharapova leads 1-0

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**MARIA SHARAPOVA (RUS)**

<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	April 19, 1987 (24)	<b>2012 Prize \$ (USD)~</b>	\$1,214,975
<b>Residence</b>	Bradenton, FL, USA	<b>2012 Titles (Singles/Doubles)^</b>	0 / 0
<b>Current Singles Rank</b>	No.3	<b>Career Prize \$ (USD)~</b>	\$17,858,302
<b>Highest Singles Rank</b>	No.1 (August 22, 2005)	<b>Career Titles (Singles/Doubles)^</b>	24 / 3

^WTA/Grand Slam events only; ~prize money figures do not include this tournament

**TOURNAMENT HISTORY:** Making debut at Paris [Indoors]

**2012 SUMMARY:**

- Reached **5th Grand Slam final** of career at **Australian Open** (d. No.2 seed Kvitova in 3s in SF, l. No.3 seed Azarenka in F). Now 3-2 in Grand Slam finals. Had a chance to return to world No.1 for first time since 2008, but needed to win the tournament
- Went 1-0 in singles in Russia's 3-2 win over Spain in Fed Cup WG I tie (d. Soler-Espinosa)
- Withdrew from Brisbane w/left ankle injury

**CAREER SUMMARY: WON (24):** (incl. 3 Grand Slams), latest 2011 Cincinnati; **R-Up (14):** latest 2012 Australian Open; **3 doubles titles**

- Winner of **24 WTA singles titles**, incl. 3 Grand Slams (see below), also won 2004 WTA Championships. 23rd player to win 20 or more titles in the Open Era
- 2011 was **fifth Top 5 finish** of career, and at No.4 was highest year-end finish since 2006. Won 23rd and 24th singles titles (Rome, Cincinnati) and runner-up twice (Miami, Wimbledon)
- Absent from singles (played 1 doubles match, at 2009 Indian Wells w/Vesnina) from August 2008 to May 2009 (Warsaw) following **right shoulder surgery** (October 15, 2008). On February. 2, 2009, **dropped outside Top 10** for first time since July 5, 2004 (238 consecutive weeks). Dropped to No.126 in May before recovering to close 2009 at No.14
- On August 22, 2005, became **16th woman (first Russian) to reach No.1** (Safina was 2nd in 2009); held No.1 ranking for a total of 17 non-consecutive weeks, most recently on June 8, 2008, claiming No.1 after Henin retired
- Holds 5 career **wins over reigning world No.1s**, d. Davenport at 2005 Tokyo [Pan Pacific] and 2005 WTA Championships, Mauresmo at 2006 US Open, Henin at 2008 Australian Open and Wozniacki at 2011 Rome
- Winner of 2004 **WTA Championships** (d. S.Williams in F after trailing 4-0 3rd set); also runner-up in 2007 (l. Henin 57 75 63 in 3 hours, 24 minutes in longest best-of-3-set final in Championships history); after three-year absence from season finale, qualified again in 2011 (Istanbul), but did not pass RR stage (went 0-2 before withdrawing due to ankle injury)
- Member of Russian **Fed Cup** Team 2007-08, 2011-12; nominated for Olympic team in 2008 but withdrew w/shoulder injury

**GRAND SLAM HISTORY**

- 2012 Australian Open marked 35th Grand Slam singles main draw appearance
- Winner of **3 Grand Slam singles titles:** 2004 Wimbledon (d. S.Williams in F), 2006 US Open (d. Henin in F) and 2008 Australian Open (d. Ivanovic in F); only player other than V.Williams and Stosur to defeat S.Williams in a Grand Slam final; 1 of 8 women (only active player) in Open Era to win 3 of 4 Grand Slam titles; best at Roland Garros is SF
- Three-time **Grand Slam runner-up**, at 2007 Australian Open (l. S.Williams), 2011 Wimbledon (l. Kvitova) and 2012 Australian Open (l. Azarenka). **Seven-time semifinalist**, most recently at 2011 Roland Garros
- Girls' singles runner-up** at 2002 Australian Open (l. Strycova) and 2002 Wimbledon (l. Dushevina)



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**OTHER FACTS**

- Coached by Thomas Hogstedt since start of 2011; Vladimir Voltchkov is full time hitting partner (started in 2011 grass season); Voltchkov was a 2000 Wimbledon semifinalist (as a qualifier, I. Sampras)
- Father Yuri has also been coach at times; mother's name is Yelena
- Started playing at age 4; at 6, participated in Moscow exhibition that featured Navratilova; began training at Bollettieri Academy at age 9 (required two-year separation from mother due to visa restrictions and finances)
- After 2010 Wimbledon, visited Gomel area of Belarus, affected by 1986 Chernobyl nuclear reactor disaster, to view UNDP projects, which have been assisted by her charitable foundation; appointed UNDP Goodwill ambassador in 2007
- With more than 6 million fans, Sharapova is the most followed female athlete on Facebook
- Official Web site: [www.mariasharapova.com](http://www.mariasharapova.com)

**ANGELIQUE KERBER (GER)**

Date of Birth (Age)	January 18, 1988 (24)	2012 Prize \$ (USD)~	\$83,182
Residence	Kiel, Germany	2012 Titles (Singles/Doubles)^	0 / 0
Current Singles Rank	No.27	Career Prize \$ (USD)~	\$1,395,999
Highest Singles Rank	<b>No.27 (January 30, 2012)</b>	Career Titles (Singles/Doubles)^	0 / 0

^denotes WTA / Grand Slam events only; ~prize money figures do not include this tournament

**TOURNAMENT HISTORY:** Making 2nd main draw appearance at Paris [Indoors]

**2012 SUMMARY: SF (2):** Auckland, Hobart

- Reached **SF** at **Auckland** (I. No.4 seed Pennetta) and Hobart (as No.4 seed, I. qualifier Barthel)
- Reached **3r** at **Australian Open** (I. No.6 seed Sharapova)

**CAREER SUMMARY: R-Up (1):** 2010 Bogotá; **SF (6):** 2010 Luxembourg, 2011 Dallas, 2011 US Open, 2011 Osaka, 2012 Auckland, 2012 Hobart; **QF (4):** 2007 's-Hertogenbosch, 2010 Fès, 2010 Copenhagen, 2011 Hobart

- Finished 2011 season at a career-best No.32; a breakthrough season highlighted by first Grand Slam SF and cracking Top 30; reached first Grand Slam SF at US Open (I. to Stosur; had never been beyond 3r of a Grand Slam previously); reached 3 SF in final 3 months (Aug - Oct)of 2011 season - Dallas, US Open, Osaka
- Reached first WTA **singles final** at 2010 Bogotá (I. Duque Marino)
- Cracked **Top 40** after reaching SF at 2011 US Open
- Reached first **WTA final** of any kind at 2008 's-Hertogenbosch in doubles (w/Dekmiejere; I. Krajicek/Erakovic)
- Has 4 career **wins vs. Top 20 opponents:** No.15 Peer (2010 Wimbledon), No.11 A.Radwanska (2010 Beijing), No.13 A.Radwanska (2011 US Open), No.13 Lisicki (2012 Auckland)
- Has won 11 singles titles and 3 doubles titles on **ITF Women's Circuit**
- Member of German **Fed Cup** Team 2007-08

**GRAND SLAM HISTORY**

- 2012 Australian Open marked 17th Grand Slam singles main draw appearance
- Advanced to **first Grand Slam SF** at 2011 US Open – first German to do since Graf in 1996; **previous best was 3r** at 2010 Australian Open and 2010 Wimbledon
- Fell 1r 10 times

**OTHER FACTS**

- Travels with coach Torben Beltz; also trains at Waske/Schuettler Academy in Germany
- Started playing tennis at age 3
- Father Slawek coached her previously. Mother Beata is also her manager; has one sister, Jessica
- Sometimes trains at Centrum Tenisowe Angie, a facility with four indoor courts and two outdoor courts owned by her maternal grandparents in the town of Puszczykowo, Poland



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**YANINA WICKMAYER (BEL #29) vs. [Q] MONA BARTHEL (GER #43)**

Series tied 1-1 (Barthel leads 1-0 in tour-level matches)

2010	ITF/TORHOUT 2-BEL	HARD O	QF	WICKMAYER	63 76(9)
2012	HOBART	HARD O	F	BARTHEL	61 62

**YANINA WICKMAYER (BEL)**

<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	October 20, 1989 (22)	<b>2012 Prize \$ (USD)~</b>	\$43,925
<b>Residence</b>	Deurne, Belgium	<b>2012 Titles (Singles/Doubles)^</b>	0 / 0
<b>Current Singles Rank</b>	No.29	<b>Career Prize \$ (USD)~</b>	\$2,094,913
<b>Highest Singles Rank</b>	No.12 (April 19, 2010)	<b>Career Titles (Singles/Doubles)^</b>	3 / 0

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**TOURNAMENT HISTORY:** Making third main draw appearance at Paris [Indoors] (4th overall). Best result is QF in 2011 (as No.7 seed, l. No.4 seed and eventual champion Kvitova in 3rd set tb). Fell 1r in 2010 (as No.3 seed, l. Martic). Failed to qualify in 2007

**2012 SUMMARY: R-Up (1) Hobart**

- Reached **F** at **Hobart** without dropping a set (l. qualifier Barthel). Was 7th WTA final of career, now has 3-4 record in finals
- 2r** at **Auckland** (as No.7 seed, l. Errani in 3s)
- 1r** exit at **Australian Open** (as No.28 seed, l. Voskoboeva)
- Went 2-1 (2-0 in singles, 0-1 in doubles) in Belgium's 2-3 loss to Serbia in **Fed Cup** WG I QF

**CAREER SUMMARY: WON (3):** 2009 Estoril, 2009 Linz, 2010 Auckland; **R-Up (4):** 2008 Birmingham, 2009 's-Hertogenbosch, 2011 Auckland, Hobart; **SF (3):** 2009 US Open, 2009 Luxembourg, 2011 Indian Wells

- Won **3rd WTA singles title** at 2010 Auckland without dropping a set; begin year with 11-match winning streak, winning 3rd career title at Auckland and reaching 4r at Aust. Open
- Posted third consecutive **Top 30 season** in 2011 despite struggling with injuries
- Broke Top 20** in 2009; reached career-high of No.12 in April 2010 but dropped back to finish the year outside Top 20; returned to Top 20 on March 21, 2011 for 1 week and then again after 2011 Roland Garros for 10 further weeks
- Breakthrough year in 2009**, winning first 2 WTA titles and reaching first **Grand Slam SF** at 2009 US Open
- Has 12 **wins vs. Top 20 players**, most recently vs. No.12 Kuznetsova (2011 Wimbledon); includes 2 wins vs. Top 10 (No.9 A.Radwanska, 2010 Fed Cup; No.7 Li, 2011 Dubai)
- Belgian **Fed Cup team** 2007-11, has won 13 of last 16 singles rubbers through 2011

**GRAND SLAM HISTORY**

- 2012 Australian Open marked 16th consecutive Grand Slam singles main draw appearance
- Best result to date** is SF finish at 2009 US Open; also reached 4r at 2010 Australian Open and 2011 Wimbledon
- Before reaching SF at 2009 US Open, previous best was 2r at 2009 Roland Garros

**OTHER FACTS**

- Coached by father Marc Wickmayer; does off-court training with Marc Frey
- Introduced to tennis at age 9 by friends at local courts
- Speaks Dutch, English, French; moved to Florida for two-and-a-half years aged 9 (after death of mother)
- Official website [www.yaninawickmayer.com](http://www.yaninawickmayer.com)



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**MONA BARTHEL (GER)**

<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	July 11, 1990 (21)	<b>2012 Prize \$ (USD)~</b>	\$102,732
<b>Residence</b>	Neumunster, Germany	<b>2012 Titles (Singles/Doubles)^</b>	1 / 0
<b>Current Singles Rank</b>	No.43	<b>Career Prize \$ (USD)~</b>	\$288,791
<b>Highest Singles Rank</b>	No.43 (January 30, 2012)	<b>Career Titles (Singles/Doubles)^</b>	1 / 0

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**TOURNAMENT HISTORY:** Making debut at Paris [Indoors]

**2012 SUMMARY: WON (1):** Hobart

- **Won** 1st WTA singles title at **Hobart** (as qualifier, d. No.2 seed Medina Garrigues, No.5 seed Gajdosova and No.4 seed Kerber en route to final, then top seed Wickmayer for title)
- Fell in **3r** at **Australian Open** (l. No.3 seed and eventual champion Azarenka); best Grand Slam result of career
- Reached **2r** at **Auckland** (l. top seed Lisicki in 3s)

**CAREER SUMMARY: WON (1):** 2012 Hobart; **SF (1):** 2011 Copenhagen

- **Won 1st career WTA title** at 2012 Hobart (as qualifier; defeated four seeds en route, including top seed Wickmayer in F)
- Reached **career-first WTA SF** at 2011 Copenhagen (as qualifier, l. top seed and eventual champion Wozniacki)
- Made **WTA-level main draw debut** at 2010 Luxembourg; first career **main draw win** at 2011 Roland Garros
- Cracked **Top 100** on August 15, 2011 (at No.100); broke **Top 50** after title run at 2012 Hobart (January 16, 2012 at No.44)
- Has 7 **wins vs. Top 50 opponents:** No.50 Zhlavova Strycova, No.31 Mattek-Sands (both at 2011 Copenhagen), No.35 Martinez Sanchez (2011 US Open), No.27 Medina Garrigues, No.34 Gajdosova, No.31 Kerber and No.29 Wickmayer (all at 2012 Hobart) and No.33 Cetkovska (2012 Australian Open)
- Played **career-first professional match** in July 2007 (grass court, ITF/Frinton)
- On **ITF Circuit**, has won 5 singles and 1 doubles title

**GRAND SLAM HISTORY**

- 2012 Australian Open marked 4th Grand Slam main draw appearance
- Best result is 3r at 2012 Australian Open (l. No.3 seed and eventual champion Azarenka)
- Made Grand Slam main draw debut at 2011 Roland Garros; reached 2r as a qualifier; also 2r at 2011 US Open
- Fell in qualifying at 2010 Wimbledon, 2010 US Open

**OTHER FACTS**

- Born in Bad Segeberg, Germany and resides in Neumunster, Germany
- Father, Wolfgang, was a doctor. Mother, Hannelore, is a retired teacher. Father was European junior shot put champion
- Doesn't travel with a coach. When at home, she works with a coach, Mike Schuerbesmann, twice a week
- Idol is Steffi Graf
- Trains in Germany
- Enjoys listening to music
- Would have studied science if not a tennis player
- Australian Open is her favorite tournament and hard court her favorite surface



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**[6] JULIA GOERGES (GER #21) vs. KLARA ZAKOPALOVA (CZE #51)**

Goerges leads 2-1

2007	STOCKHOLM	HARD O	R16	GOERGES	06 62 76(4)
2010	BAD GASTEIN	CLAY O	R32	GOERGES	62 57 61
2010	SEOUL	HARD O	R32	ZAKOPALOVA	75 26 75

**JULIA GOERGES (GER)**

<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	November 2, 1988 (23)	<b>2012 Prize \$ (USD)~</b>	\$135,134
<b>Residence</b>	Bad Oldesloe & Hanover, Germany	<b>2012 Titles (Singles/Doubles)^</b>	0 / 0
<b>Current Singles Rank</b>	No.21	<b>Career Prize \$ (USD)~</b>	\$1,630,241
<b>Highest Singles Rank</b>	No.16 (June 6, 2011)	<b>Career Titles (Singles/Doubles)^</b>	2 / 3

^denotes WTA/Grand Slam events only; ~prize money figures do not include this tournament

**TOURNAMENT HISTORY:** Making main draw debut at Paris [Indoors]. Fell in **2009** qualifying

**2012 SUMMARY: 4r (1):** Australian Open

- Made career-first Grand Slam **4r** appearance at **Australian Open** (l. No.8 seed A.Radwanska)
- Reached **2r** in **Auckland** (as No.5 seed, l. Kerber)
- Fell **1r** in **Sydney** (ret. vs. Jankovic w/viral illness)

**CAREER SUMMARY: WON (2):** 2010 Bad Gastein, 2011 Stuttgart; **R-Up (1):** 2010 Luxembourg; **SF (7):** 2007 Stockholm, 2008 Portoroz, 2009 Québec City, 2010 Palermo, 2011 Auckland, Madrid, Luxembourg; **3 doubles titles**

- Won **first WTA singles** title at 2010 Bad Gastein (played SF and F on same day, d. No.2 seed Bacsinszky in F); reached 2nd career singles final at 2010 Luxembourg; was 9-14 through Wimbledon, went 20-9 afterwards in 2010
- **Won first Premier WTA singles title** at 2011 Stuttgart (only 2nd German to win there after Huber); defeated world No.1 Wozniacki in F (best win of career and first over a reigning No.1; scored 2nd such win at Madrid 2 weeks later)
- Finished 2011 at No.21 (**career-best year-end ranking**); 2011 season highlighted by stellar results on clay and cracking Top 20; **won 15 of 18 matches during spring clay court season** - QF at Charleston, winning second WTA title at Stuttgart, SF at Madrid and 3r at Roland Garros; reached QF or better at 6 events in 2011
- Has 5 **Top 10 wins**: highest-ranked player defeated is No.1 Wozniacki twice (2011 Stuttgart and Madrid). Also No.5 Azarenka (via ret. 2011 Stuttgart), No.7 Stosur (2011 Stuttgart and 2010 Tokyo)
- Played first WTA qualifying at 2006 Stuttgart and first main draws in 2007; spent 5 weeks inside Top 100 in June/July 2008; returned to Top 100 in April 2009, and **broke into Top 50** in July 2010; and **Top 20** in May 2011
- Member of **German Fed Cup Team** (2008, 2010-12)

**GRAND SLAM HISTORY**

- 2012 Australian Open marked 16th Grand Slam singles main draw appearance
- **Best result** is 4r at 2012 Australian Open after reaching 3r at all four Slams in 2011
- In 1r at 2008 Wimbledon (d. No.23 seed Srebotnik 46 76 16-14 in 3hrs, 41 min, joint 2nd longest-recorded women's match at Wimbledon)

**OTHER FACTS**

- Coached by Sascha Nensel
- Introduced to tennis at age 5, by parents
- Mother, Inge, and Father, Klaus; both work in insurance; has a sister Maike
- Favorite tournament is Australian Open; loves to visit Melbourne
- Official website is: [www.julia-goerges.de](http://www.julia-goerges.de)



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**KLARA ZAKOPALOVA (CZE)**

<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	February 24, 1982 (29)	<b>2012 Prize \$ (USD)~</b>	\$35,251
<b>Residence</b>	Prague, Czech Republic	<b>2011 Titles (Singles/Doubles)^</b>	0 / 1
<b>Current Singles Rank</b>	No.51	<b>Career Prize \$ (USD)~</b>	\$2,062,380
<b>Highest Singles Rank</b>	No.27 (March 6, 2006)	<b>Career Titles (Singles/Doubles)^</b>	2 / 1

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**TOURNAMENT HISTORY:** Making 4th main draw appearance at Paris [Indoors]. Best result came in 2011, reaching 2r (l. Wickmayer). Fell 1r in 2005 and 2008 (as qualifier). Fell in qualifying in 2007.

**2012 SUMMARY:**

- Lost in opening round of first 3 events of 2012: **Brisbane** (l. Bratchikova), **Hobart** (l. Halep) and **Australian Open** (l. Pavlyuchenkova)

**CAREER SUMMARY: WON (2):** 2005 's-Hertogenbosch, 2005 Portoroz; **R-Up (9):** most recently 2010 Seoul; **1 doubles title**

- **2-time WTA singles winner**, both in 2005. Reached 2 finals in 2010 (Copenhagen, Seoul)
- Has 5 **career wins vs. Top 10** opponents: No.7 Seles (2003 Australian Open), No.1 S.Williams (2009 Marbella, 1st win over a reigning world No.1), No.5 Safina (2010 Madrid), No.10 Pennetta (2010 Wimbledon) and No.7 Li (2011 Doha)
- 2011 marked 8th **Top 100 finish** (finishing at No.31) in last 9 years, including 4 Top 50 finishes; in 2011 reached QF or better 7 times
- Won **first doubles title** at 2011 's-Hertogenbosch (w/Zahlavova Strycova)
- Member of Czech Republic **Fed Cup Team** (2002-04, 2006) and Czech **Olympic Team** (2004, 2008)

**GRAND SLAM HISTORY**

- 2012 Australian Open was 34th singles main draw appearance at a Grand Slam
- Produced **best-ever Grand Slam result** at 2010 **Wimbledon**, advancing to 4r (d. No.18 seed Rezai and No.10 Pennetta, l. Kanepi); had previously reached 3r once – 2003 Australian Open (first Grand Slam main draw appearance); also reached 3r at 2011 Wimbledon.
- Fell 1r 23 times, including on all 7 US Open appearances

**OTHER FACTS**

- Coached by Petr Kralert
- Married on June 6, 2006 (formerly Koukalova); husband, Jan Zakopal, is a Czech soccer player
- Baseliner who prefers clay; favorite shot is backhand
- Father, Jiri Koukal, is a taxi driver; mother, Jana Koukalova, is bartender at a golf resort; both parents play tennis
- Other sports interests are in-line skating, running



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**[7] ROBERTA VINCI (ITA #23) vs. [2] MARION BARTOLI (FRA #7)**

Vinci leads 1-0

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**ROBERTA VINCI (ITA)**

<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	February 18, 1983 (28)	<b>2012 Prize \$ (USD)~</b>	\$182,639
<b>Residence</b>	Palermo, Italy	<b>2012 Titles (Singles/Doubles)^</b>	0 / 0
<b>Current Singles Rank</b>	No.23	<b>Career Prize \$ (USD)~</b>	\$2,707,102
<b>Highest Singles Rank</b>	No.18 (September 12, 2011)	<b>Career Titles (Singles/Doubles)^</b>	6 / 8

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**TOURNAMENT HISTORY:** Making second appearance at Paris [Indoors]. Fell 1r in 2006 (l. Loit)

**2012 SUMMARY:**

- Reached **2r** at **Auckland** (as No.6 seed, l. Vesnina) and **Australian Open** (as No.23 seed, l. Zheng)
- Fell **1r** at **Sydney** (l. Hantuchova)
- In doubles, reached **first Grand Slam final** at Australian Open w/Errani (l. Kuznetsova/Zvonareva). Went 1-0 in doubles in Italy's 3-2 win over Ukraine in **Fed Cup** WG I QF

**CAREER SUMMARY: WON (6):** 2007 Bogotá, 2009 Barcelona, 2010 Luxembourg, 2011 Barcelona, 's-Hertogenbosch, Budapest; **R-Up (1):** 2010 Barcelona; **SF (5):** most recently 2011 Pattaya City; **8 doubles titles**, most recently at 2011 Palermo

- Won **multiple singles titles in 2011** season, a career first
- 2011 marked **6th Top 100 season** in last 7 years
- Made **Top 50** debut on October 3 2005. Cracked **Top 20** on August 15, 2011 (at No.19)
- Owns 15 career **wins vs. Top 20** opponents, most recently vs. No.16 Ivanovic (2011 Toronto); includes 4 wins vs. **Top 10** opponents: No.10 Myskina (2005 Eastbourne), No.10 Schnyder (2005 Luxembourg), No.10 Pennetta (2009 Tokyo) and No.1 Wozniacki (2011 Toronto) – her career-best victory
- Qualified for 2011 Commonwealth Bank **Tournament of Champions** in Bali; l. Ivanovic in 1r/QF
- Italian **Fed Cup Team** (2001-07, 2009-12), including winning teams in 2006, 2009 and 2010, and Italian Olympic Team (2004); undefeated in 17 Fed Cup doubles rubbers

**GRAND SLAM HISTORY**

- 2012 Australian Open marked 29th Grand Slam singles main draw appearance
- **Best result** is 3r (7 times): 2005/2009/2011 Wimbledon, 2006/2010 Australian Open, 2011 Roland Garros, 2011 US Open
- 1999 Roland Garros girls' doubles champion (w/Pennetta)

**OTHER FACTS**

- Coached by Francesco Cina; began playing at age 6; has serve-and-volley style of game
- Father, Angelo, is accountant; mother, Luisa, is homemaker; older brother, Francesco, is a student
- Is a good soccer player; lucky charm is a stuffed orange dinosaur her brother gave her



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**MARION BARTOLI (FRA)**

<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	October 2, 1984 (27)	<b>2012 Prize \$ (USD)~</b>	\$74,086
<b>Residence</b>	Geneva, Switzerland	<b>2012 Titles (Singles/Doubles)^</b>	0 / 0
<b>Current Singles Rank</b>	No.7	<b>Career Prize \$ (USD)~</b>	\$6,687,883
<b>Highest Singles Rank</b>	<b>No.7 (January 30, 2012)</b>	<b>Career Titles (Singles/Doubles)^</b>	7 / 3

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**TOURNAMENT HISTORY:** Making 5th main draw appearance at Paris [Indoors] (6th overall), and first since 2008. Best result is SF in 2008 (l. top seed and eventual champion Chakvetadze in 3s). QF in 2005 (l. No.4 seed Petrova). Fell 1r in 2003 on debut and 2006. Failed to qualify in 2004

**2012 HIGHLIGHTS: QF (1):** Sydney

- Reached **QF** at **Sydney** (as No.8 seed, l. No.3 seed and eventual champion Azarenka)
- Fell in **3r** at **Australian Open** (as No.9 seed, l. Zheng)

**CAREER SUMMARY: WON (7):** 2006 Auckland, Tokyo [Japan Open], Québec City; 2009 Monterrey, Stanford; 2011 Eastbourne, Osaka; **R-Up (9):** (incl.1 Grand Slam) most recently 2011 Stanford; **3 doubles titles** (most recent 2006 Prague)

- Won **2nd WTA Premier title** at 2011 Eastbourne, to add to 2009 Stanford; 5 of 7 titles have been won on hard court
- Reached **2007 Wimbledon final** (l. V.Williams), having never previously advanced beyond 4r of a Grand Slam
- In 2011, finished in **year-end Top 10 for second time** (also 2007); sixth straight Top 20 finish; has ranked in **Top 20** continuously since June 11 2007. Made **Top 10 debut** in August 2007 and spent 30 weeks (non-consecutive) there in next 12 months. Returned to Top 10 on March 21, 2011 for 2 weeks and then again from June 6
- Alternate at 2007 **WTA Championships**, replaced S.Williams after 1 match, and went 1-1 in RR play; also at 2011 WTA Championships, replaced Sharapova and went 1-0 in RR play
- Has 22 career **wins vs. Top 10 opponents**, including 2 vs. world No.1s: Henin (2007 Wimbledon) and Jankovic (2009 Australian Open); most recent Top 10 win vs. No.4 Azarenka (2011 WTA Championships)
- French **Fed Cup Team**, 2004 (runner-up to Russia)

**GRAND SLAM HISTORY**

- 2012 Australian Open marked 41st Grand Slam singles main draw appearance (38th straight); has reached 4r or better at each major
- **Runner-up** at 2007 Wimbledon (as No.18 seed, d. top seed Henin 16 75 61 - having trailed 61 53 - in SF, l. V.Williams in final); also reached SF at 2011 Roland Garros (l. Schiavone) and QFs at 2009 Australian Open and 2011 Wimbledon
- 4r finishes at 2007 Roland Garros and US Open, 2008 US Open and 2010 Wimbledon

**OTHER FACTS**

- Father and coach, Walter Bartoli, is a doctor who enjoys playing chess; introduced Marion to tennis at age of 6
- Mother Sophie is a nurse, who enjoys singing; brother Franck is in the French Army
- Enjoys jet-skiing, volleyball, basketball and painting
- Most admires Pete Sampras and Monica Seles; like Seles, Bartoli plays two-handed on both sides



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### DAY 4: FEATURED MATCH-UPS

#### [Q] MONA BARTHEL (GER #43) vs. [WC] PAULINE PARMENTIER (FRA #62)

First meeting

##### **BARTHEL QUICK HITS:**

Qualifier **Barthel** has advanced to the 2r at the Paris [Indoors] on her debut at the event... **Barthel** won her maiden WTA singles title at Hobart earlier this year; as a qualifier, she defeated four seeded players en route to the title... **Barthel** has improved her ranking 127 spots in the last year; her ranking on February 7, 2011 was 170

##### **PARMENTIER QUICK HITS:**

**Parmentier** is making her main draw debut at this event, having failed to qualify in 2006... **Parmentier** is one of two Frenchwomen to advance to the 2r (also Bartoli); the last Frenchwoman to win this event was Amelie Mauresmo in 2009... **Parmentier** is bidding to reach her first QF since 2010 Bogota

The winner of this match will play either Yanina Wickmayer or Christina McHale in the QF

#### MONICA NICULESCU (ROU #32) vs. [9] ANGELIQUE KERBER (GER #27)

Series tied 1-1 (Kerber leads 1-0 in tour-level matches)

##### **NICULESCU QUICK HITS:**

**Niculescu** is bidding to achieve her best result at this event by reaching the QF; she previously reached the 2r in her only other showing in 2009 (l. eventual champion Mauresmo)... Since the beginning of 2011, **Niculescu** has a 4-9 win-loss record against Top 30 ranked players; prior to that she was 3-21 in her career... **Niculescu** reached her first Premier-level SF at 2011 Beijing, achieving her first Top 10 win (over No.6 Li) en route

##### **KERBER QUICK HITS:**

**Kerber** reached a career-high No.27 after 2012 Australian Open... So far in 2012, **Kerber** has reached SF at Auckland and Hobart and 3r at Australian Open (l. Sharapova); also defeated Hradecka in Germany's Fed Cup loss to Czech Republic... **Kerber** was elevated to the No.9 seed after Lisicki withdrew from the tournament

The winner of this match will play top seed Maria Sharapova in the QF

#### PETRA MARTIC (CRO #66) vs. [2] MARION BARTOLI (FRA #7)

First meeting

##### **MARTIC QUICK HITS:**

A right wrist injury has hampered **Martic's** season so far, causing her withdrawal from Brisbane, followed by a 1r loss at the Australian Open... **Martic** achieved her career-best win to date at this event in 2010, defeating world No.15 Wickmayer in the 1r... **Martic** conceded a walkover in the pair's only previous meeting, withdrawing prior to her 2r match at 2010 Wimbledon with an abdominal strain (walkovers do not count in H2H records)

##### **BARTOLI QUICK HITS:**

**Bartoli** is playing the Paris [Indoors] for the first time since 2008; she achieved her best result at the event that year, reaching the SF (l. eventual champion Chakvetadze)... **Bartoli** is playing here on a career-best ranking of No.7... **Bartoli** is bidding for her 2nd QF appearance of the year, having reached the last eight at Sydney (l. eventual champion Azarenka)

The winner of this match will face either No.7 seed Roberta Vinci or Bethanie Mattek-Sands in the QF



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### YANINA WICKMAYER (BEL #29) vs. CHRISTINA MCHALE (USA #38)

Wickmayer leads 1-0 (first match at main draw level)

#### WICKMAYER QUICK HITS:

**Wickmayer** is bidding to equal her best result at the Paris [Indoors] by reaching the QF; she advanced to this stage last year, losing to eventual champion Kvitova in a 3rd set tb... **Wickmayer** advanced to her 7th WTA final in Hobart earlier this year, losing to qualifier Barthel; she is now 3-4 in finals.... All three of **Wickmayer's** losses this year have come to players ranked outside the Top 45

#### MCHALE QUICK HITS:

**McHale** is playing here on a career-best ranking of No.38; she is the 2nd highest ranked American, after Serena Williams at No.12... **McHale** is the youngest player in the Top 50, and second youngest in the Top 100... **McHale** equaled her career-best Grand Slam result by reaching the 3r at this year's Australian Open... **McHale** has lost 5 of her last 6 matches against Top 30 ranked players (win came vs. No.24 Safarova at 2012 Australian Open)

The winner of this match will face either wildcard Pauline Parmentier or qualifier Mona Barthel in the QF



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**[Q] MONA BARTHEL (GER #43) vs. [WC] PAULINE PARMENTIER (FRA #62)**

First meeting

**MONA BARTHEL (GER)**

<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	July 11, 1990 (21)	<b>2012 Prize \$ (USD)~</b>	\$102,732
<b>Residence</b>	Neumunster, Germany	<b>2012 Titles (Singles/Doubles)^</b>	1 / 0
<b>Current Singles Rank</b>	No.43	<b>Career Prize \$ (USD)~</b>	\$288,791
<b>Highest Singles Rank</b>	No.43 (January 30, 2012)	<b>Career Titles (Singles/Doubles)^</b>	1 / 0

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**TOURNAMENT HISTORY:** Making debut at Paris [Indoors]

**2012 SUMMARY: WON (1):** Hobart

- **Won** 1st WTA singles title at **Hobart** (as qualifier, d. No.2 seed Medina Garrigues, No.5 seed Gajdosova and No.4 seed Kerber en route to final, then top seed Wickmayer for title)
- Fell in **3r** at **Australian Open** (l. No.3 seed and eventual champion Azarenka); best Grand Slam result of career
- Reached **2r** at **Auckland** (l. top seed Lisicki in 3s)

**CAREER SUMMARY: WON (1):** 2012 Hobart; **SF (1):** 2011 Copenhagen

- **Won 1st career WTA title** at 2012 Hobart (as qualifier; defeated four seeds en route, including top seed Wickmayer in F)
- Reached **career-first WTA SF** at 2011 Copenhagen (as qualifier, l. top seed and eventual champion Wozniacki)
- Made **WTA-level main draw debut** at 2010 Luxembourg; first career **main draw win** at 2011 Roland Garros
- Cracked **Top 100** on August 15, 2011 (at No.100); broke **Top 50** after title run at 2012 Hobart (January 16, 2012 at No.44)
- Has **7 wins vs. Top 50 opponents:** No.50 Zahlavova Strycova, No.31 Mattek-Sands (both at 2011 Copenhagen), No.35 Martinez Sanchez (2011 US Open), No.27 Medina Garrigues, No.34 Gajdosova, No.31 Kerber and No.29 Wickmayer (all at 2012 Hobart) and No.33 Cetkovska (2012 Australian Open)
- Played **career-first professional match** in July 2007 (grass court, ITF/Frinton)
- On **ITF Circuit**, has won 5 singles and 1 doubles title

**GRAND SLAM HISTORY**

- 2012 Australian Open marked 4th Grand Slam main draw appearance
- Best result is 3r at 2012 Australian Open (l. No.3 seed and eventual champion Azarenka)
- Made Grand Slam main draw debut at 2011 Roland Garros; reached 2r as a qualifier; also 2r at 2011 US Open
- Fell in qualifying at 2010 Wimbledon, 2010 US Open

**OTHER FACTS**

- Born in Bad Segeberg, Germany and resides in Neumunster, Germany
- Father, Wolfgang, was a doctor. Mother, Hannelore, is a retired teacher. Father was European junior shot put champion
- Idol is Steffi Graf
- Trains in Germany
- Enjoys listening to music
- Would have studied science if not a tennis player
- Australian Open is her favorite tournament and hard court her favorite surface



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## PAULINE PARMENTIER (FRA)

<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	January 31, 1986 (26)	<b>2012 Prize \$ (USD)~</b>	\$41,127
<b>Residence</b>	Paris, France	<b>2012 Titles (Singles/Doubles)^</b>	0 / 0
<b>Current Singles Rank</b>	No.62	<b>Career Prize \$ (USD)~</b>	\$1,019,367
<b>Highest Singles Rank</b>	No.40 (July 21, 2008)	<b>Career Titles (Singles/Doubles)^</b>	2 / 0

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**TOURNAMENT HISTORY:** Making main draw debut at Paris [Indoors] as wildcard. Previously lost in final round of qualifying in 2006

### 2012 SUMMARY:

- Reached **2r** at **Australian Open** (l. No.31 seed Niculescu in 3s)
- Fell qualifying at Auckland and Sydney
- Lost both singles rubbers in France's 3-2 loss to the Slovak Republic in Fed Cup WG II tie (l. Cibulkova and Hantuchova 9-7 in 3rd set)

**CAREER SUMMARY: WON (2):** 2007 Tashkent, 2008 Bad Gastein; **SF (1):** 2008 Vina del Mar; **QF (3):** most recently 2010 Bogota

- Broke through to win first **WTA singles title** at 2007 Tashkent (d. Azarenka in final); won 2nd title at 2008 Bad Gastein (d. qualifier Hradecka in final)
- 2011 was her third Top 100 season
- Made **Top 100 debut** in September 2007 (after US Open) and **Top 50 debut** in February 2008 (after Viña del Mar)
- On **ITF Women's Circuit**, winner of 7 singles and 2 doubles titles
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2005 Roland Garros
- French **Olympic Team**, 2008; French **Fed Cup Team** 2010-12

### GRAND SLAM HISTORY

- 2012 Australian Open marked 20th Grand Slam singles main draw
- Best Grand Slam result is 2r, which she has reached 12 times and at all Grand Slams, most recently at 2012 Australian Open

### OTHER FACTS

- Coached by Georges Goven
- Baseline player whose favorite shots are serve, forehand; likes topspin; trained at Mouratoglou Academy for five years
- Born in Cucq (northern France) but now lives in Paris; mother, Dominique, and father, Jean-Philippe, both work in cigar business; has two older brothers, Olivier and Julien
- Started playing tennis at age 6 with family



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**MONICA NICULESCU (ROU #32) vs. [9] ANGELIQUE KERBER (GER #27)**

Series tied 1-1 (Kerber leads 1-0 in tour-level matches)

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2011	US OPEN	HARD O	R16	KERBER	64 63

**MONICA NICULESCU (ROU)**

<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	September 25, 1987 (24)	<b>2012 Prize \$ (USD)~</b>	\$98,293
<b>Residence</b>	Bucharest, Romania	<b>2012 Titles (Singles/Doubles)^</b>	0 / 0
<b>Current Singles Rank</b>	No.32	<b>Career Prize \$ (USD)~</b>	\$1,579,107
<b>Highest Singles Rank</b>	No.29 (October 24, 2011)	<b>Career Titles (Singles/Doubles)^</b>	0 / 1

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**TOURNAMENT HISTORY:** Making second appearance at Paris [Indoors. Reached 2r in 2009 (l. No.8 seed and eventual champion Mauresmo)

**2012 SUMMARY:**

- Advanced to **3r** at **Australian Open** (l. top seed Wozniacki)
- **2r** at **Auckland** (l. eventual champion Zheng)
- Fell **1r** at **Hobart** (l. Chakvetadze)
- Went 2-0 in singles matches for Romania in **Fed Cup** Europe/Africa Group I round-robin

**CAREER SUMMARY: R-Up (1):** 2011 Luxembourg; **SF (3):** 2010 Tashkent, 2011 Estoril, 2011 Beijing; **QF (3):** 2008 Tashkent; 2009 Strasbourg, 2009 Tashkent; **1 doubles title**

- Reached **1st WTA final** at 2011 Luxembourg (l. top seed Azarenka)
- **Three-time semifinalist**, at 2010 Tashkent, 2011 Estoril and 2011 Beijing – first Premier SF
- Posted first **Top 30 season finish** in 2011 at No.30, having peaked at No.29; was No.83 at end of 2010
- Winner of 15 singles titles and 20 doubles titles on **ITF Women’s Circuit**
- Earned first **career Top 20 win** at 2008 Zürich (No.12 Chakvetadze); second Top 20 and **first Top 10 win** came at 2011 Beijing (No.6 Li)
- Romanian **Fed Cup Team** 2005-09, 2011-12

**GRAND SLAM HISTORY**

- 2012 Australian Open was 16th Grand Slam singles main draw appearance
- **Best result** is 4r at 2011 US Open; also 3r at 2011/2012 Australian Open and 2r four times, most recently at 2011 Wimbledon

**OTHER FACTS**

- Coached by Ciorbagiu Calin
- Born in Slatina, Romania; has been living in Bucharest since age 4
- Began playing at age 5; earliest memory of tennis was playing against sister
- Mother is Cristiana (pharmaceutical sales rep); father is Mihai (engineer); has an older sister, Gabriela (was a professional tennis player and attended USC)



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## ANGELIQUE KERBER (GER)

<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	January 18, 1988 (24)	<b>2012 Prize \$ (USD)~</b>	\$83,182
<b>Residence</b>	Kiel, Germany	<b>2012 Titles (Singles/Doubles)^</b>	0 / 0
<b>Current Singles Rank</b>	No.27	<b>Career Prize \$ (USD)~</b>	\$1,395,999
<b>Highest Singles Rank</b>	<b>No.27 (January 30, 2012)</b>	<b>Career Titles (Singles/Doubles)^</b>	0 / 0

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**TOURNAMENT HISTORY:** Making 2nd main draw appearance at Paris [Indoors]

**2012 SUMMARY: SF (2):** Auckland, Hobart

- Reached **SF** at **Auckland** (l. No.4 seed Pennetta) and Hobart (as No.4 seed, l. qualifier Barthel)
- Reached **3r** at **Australian Open** (l. No.6 seed Sharapova)

**CAREER SUMMARY: R-Up (1):** 2010 Bogotá; **SF (6):** 2010 Luxembourg, 2011 Dallas, 2011 US Open, 2011 Osaka, 2012 Auckland, 2012 Hobart; **QF (4):** 2007 's-Hertogenbosch, 2010 Fès, 2010 Copenhagen, 2011 Hobart

- Finished 2011 season at a career-best No.32; a breakthrough season highlighted by first Grand Slam SF and cracking Top 30; reached first Grand Slam SF at US Open (l. to Stosur; had never been beyond 3r of a Grand Slam previously); reached 3 SF in final 3 months (Aug - Oct) of 2011 season - Dallas, US Open, Osaka
- Reached first WTA **singles final** at 2010 Bogotá (l. Duque Marino)
- Cracked **Top 40** after reaching SF at 2011 US Open
- Reached first **WTA final** of any kind at 2008 's-Hertogenbosch in doubles (w/Dekmiejere; l. Krajicek/Erakovic)
- Has 4 career **wins vs. Top 20 opponents:** No.15 Peer (2010 Wimbledon), No.11 A.Radwanska (2010 Beijing), No.13 A.Radwanska (2011 US Open), No.13 Lisicki (2012 Auckland)
- Has won 11 singles titles and 3 doubles titles on **ITF Women's Circuit**
- Member of German **Fed Cup** Team 2007-08

### GRAND SLAM HISTORY

- 2012 Australian Open marked 17th Grand Slam singles main draw appearance
- Advanced to **first Grand Slam SF** at 2011 US Open – first German to do since Graf in 1996; **previous best was 3r** at 2010 Australian Open and 2010 Wimbledon
- Fell 1r 10 times

### OTHER FACTS

- Travels with coach Torben Beltz; also trains at Waske/Schuetzler Academy in Germany
- Started playing tennis at age 3
- Father Slawek coached her previously. Mother Beata is also her manager; has one sister, Jessica
- Sometimes trains at Centrum Tenisowe Angie, a facility with four indoor courts and two outdoor courts owned by her maternal grandparents in the town of Puszczykowo, Poland



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**PETRA MARTIC (CRO #66) vs. [2] MARION BARTOLI (FRA #7)**

First meeting (walkovers do not count on H2H record)

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**PETRA MARTIC (CRO)**

<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	January 19, 1991 (21)	<b>2012 Prize \$ (USD)~</b>	\$38,615
<b>Residence</b>	Split, Croatia	<b>2012 Titles (Singles/Doubles)^</b>	0 / 0
<b>Current Singles Rank</b>	No.66	<b>Career Prize \$ (USD)~</b>	\$608,560
<b>Highest Singles Rank</b>	No.47 (September 26, 2011)	<b>Career Titles (Singles/Doubles)^</b>	0 / 0

^ WTA / Grand Slam events only; ~prize money figures do not include this tournament

**TOURNAMENT HISTORY:** Making 2nd appearance at Paris [Indoors]. Reached 2r in 2010 (d. No.3 seed Wickmayer in 1r, l. Szavay in 2r). Win over world No.15 Wickmayer remains career-best win to date

**2012 SUMMARY:**

- **1r at Australian Open** (l. qualifier Chang)
- Went 0-1 in singles for Croatia in **Fed Cup** Europe/Africa Group I zonal tie
- Withdrew from Brisbane w/right wrist injury

**CAREER SUMMARY: SF (2):** 2011 Bogotá, Copenhagen; **QF (4):** 2011 Guangzhou, 2009 Portoroz, 2009 Budapest, 2008 Portoroz

- Advanced to **first 2 WTA SFs** in 2011 at **Bogotá** and **Copenhagen**
- **Best win** to date is over world No.15 Wickmayer (2010 Paris [Indoors]) only Top 20 win to date
- Cracked **Top 50** on September 26, 2011, rising to No.47
- Played **first WTA main draw** at Miami in 2007, falling 1r (as WC, l. Jidkova 76(5) in third set)
- On **ITF Circuit**, winner of 2 singles and 3 doubles titles
- Member of Croatian **Fed Cup** team, 2008-12

**GRAND SLAM HISTORY**

- 2012 Australian Open marked 10th main draw appearance at a Grand Slam
- Has reached 2r five times: 2009 Roland Garros, 2009/2011 US Open, 2010 Wimbledon and 2011 Australian Open

**OTHER FACTS**

- Coached by Zoltan Kuharszky and Vedran Martic (no relation); fitness coach is Frane Zuvela
- Mother's name is Sandra Martic; she was a handball player
- Began playing tennis aged 4 when mother introduced her to the game; coached by Zdeslav Ozretic from ages 7-15
- Grew up in Split, lives close to the coast and likes to return there between tournaments to relax; also enjoys cinema, listening to music, table tennis
- Baseline player whose favorite shot is serve, favorite surface is hard court, describes her game as aggressive



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**MARION BARTOLI (FRA)**

<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	October 2, 1984 (27)	<b>2012 Prize \$ (USD)~</b>	\$74,086
<b>Residence</b>	Geneva, Switzerland	<b>2012 Titles (Singles/Doubles)^</b>	0 / 0
<b>Current Singles Rank</b>	No.7	<b>Career Prize \$ (USD)~</b>	\$6,687,883
<b>Highest Singles Rank</b>	<b>No.7 (January 30, 2012)</b>	<b>Career Titles (Singles/Doubles)^</b>	7 / 3

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**TOURNAMENT HISTORY:** Making 5th main draw appearance at Paris [Indoors] (6th overall), and first since 2008. Best result is SF in 2008 (l. top seed and eventual champion Chakvetadze in 3s). QF in 2005 (l. No.4 seed Petrova). Fell 1r in 2003 on debut and 2006. Failed to qualify in 2004

**2012 HIGHLIGHTS: QF (1):** Sydney

- Reached **QF** at **Sydney** (as No.8 seed, l. No.3 seed and eventual champion Azarenka)
- Fell in **3r** at **Australian Open** (as No.9 seed, l. Zheng)

**CAREER SUMMARY: WON (7):** 2006 Auckland, Tokyo [Japan Open], Québec City; 2009 Monterrey, Stanford; 2011 Eastbourne, Osaka; **R-Up (9):** (incl.1 Grand Slam) most recently 2011 Stanford; **3 doubles titles** (most recent 2006 Prague)

- Won **2nd WTA Premier title** at 2011 Eastbourne, to add to 2009 Stanford; 5 of 7 titles have been won on hard court
- Reached **2007 Wimbledon final** (l. V.Williams), having never previously advanced beyond 4r of a Grand Slam
- In 2011, finished in **year-end Top 10 for second time** (also 2007); sixth straight Top 20 finish; has ranked in **Top 20** continuously since June 11 2007. Made **Top 10 debut** in August 2007 and spent 30 weeks (non-consecutive) there in next 12 months. Returned to Top 10 on March 21, 2011 for 2 weeks and then again from June 6
- Alternate at 2007 **WTA Championships**, replaced S.Williams after 1 match, and went 1-1 in RR play; also at 2011 WTA Championships, replaced Sharapova and went 1-0 in RR play
- Has 22 career **wins vs. Top 10 opponents**, including 2 vs. world No.1s: Henin (2007 Wimbledon) and Jankovic (2009 Australian Open); most recent Top 10 win vs. No.4 Azarenka (2011 WTA Championships)
- French **Fed Cup Team**, 2004 (runner-up to Russia)

**GRAND SLAM HISTORY**

- 2012 Australian Open marked 41st Grand Slam singles main draw appearance (38th straight); has reached 4r or better at each major
- **Runner-up** at 2007 Wimbledon (as No.18 seed, d. top seed Henin 16 75 61 - having trailed 61 53 - in SF, l. V.Williams in final); also reached SF at 2011 Roland Garros (l. Schiavone) and QFs at 2009 Australian Open and 2011 Wimbledon
- 4r finishes at 2007 Roland Garros and US Open, 2008 US Open and 2010 Wimbledon

**OTHER FACTS**

- Father and coach, Walter Bartoli, is a doctor who enjoys playing chess; introduced Marion to tennis at age of 6
- Mother Sophie is a nurse, who enjoys singing; brother Franck is in the French Army
- Enjoys jet-skiing, volleyball, basketball and painting
- Most admires Pete Sampras and Monica Seles; like Seles, Bartoli plays two-handed on both sides



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**YANINA WICKMAYER (BEL #29) vs. CHRISTINA MCHALE (USA #38)**

Wickmayer leads 1-0 (first match at main draw level)

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**YANINA WICKMAYER (BEL)**

<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	October 20, 1989 (22)	<b>2012 Prize \$ (USD)~</b>	\$43,925
<b>Residence</b>	Deurne, Belgium	<b>2012 Titles (Singles/Doubles)^</b>	0 / 0
<b>Current Singles Rank</b>	No.29	<b>Career Prize \$ (USD)~</b>	\$2,094,913
<b>Highest Singles Rank</b>	No.12 (April 19, 2010)	<b>Career Titles (Singles/Doubles)^</b>	3 / 0

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**TOURNAMENT HISTORY:** Making third main draw appearance at Paris [Indoors] (4th overall). Best result is QF in 2011 (as No.7 seed, l. No.4 seed and eventual champion Kvitova in 3rd set tb). Fell 1r in 2010 (as No.3 seed, l. Martic). Failed to qualify in 2007

**2012 SUMMARY: R-Up (1)** Hobart

- Reached **F** at **Hobart** without dropping a set (l. qualifier Barthel). Was 7th WTA final of career, now has 3-4 record in finals
- **2r** at **Auckland** (as No.7 seed, l. Errani in 3s)
- **1r** exit at **Australian Open** (as No.28 seed, l. Voskoboeva)
- Went 2-1 (2-0 in singles, 0-1 in doubles) in Belgium's 2-3 loss to Serbia in **Fed Cup** WG I QF

**CAREER SUMMARY: WON (3):** 2009 Estoril, 2009 Linz, 2010 Auckland; **R-Up (4):** 2008 Birmingham, 2009 's-Hertogenbosch, 2011 Auckland, Hobart; **SF (3):** 2009 US Open, 2009 Luxembourg, 2011 Indian Wells

- Won **3rd WTA singles title** at 2010 Auckland without dropping a set; begin year with 11-match winning streak, winning 3rd career title at Auckland and reaching 4r at Aust. Open
- Posted third consecutive **Top 30 season** in 2011 despite struggling with injuries
- **Broke Top 20** in 2009; reached career-high of No.12 in April 2010 but dropped back to finish the year outside Top 20; returned to Top 20 on March 21, 2011 for 1 week and then again after 2011 Roland Garros for 10 further weeks
- **Breakthrough year in 2009**, winning first 2 WTA titles and reaching first **Grand Slam SF** at 2009 US Open
- Has 12 **wins vs. Top 20 players**, most recently vs. No.12 Kuznetsova (2011 Wimbledon); includes 2 wins vs. Top 10 (No.9 A.Radwanska, 2010 Fed Cup; No.7 Li, 2011 Dubai)
- Belgian **Fed Cup team** 2007-11, has won 13 of last 16 singles rubbers through 2011

**GRAND SLAM HISTORY**

- 2012 Australian Open marked 16th consecutive Grand Slam singles main draw appearance
- **Best result to date is** SF finish at 2009 US Open; also reached 4r at 2010 Australian Open and 2011 Wimbledon
- Before reaching SF at 2009 US Open, previous best was 2r at 2009 Roland Garros

**OTHER FACTS**

- Coached by father Marc Wickmayer; does off-court training with Marc Frey
- Introduced to tennis at age 9 by friends at local courts
- Speaks Dutch, English, French; moved to Florida for two-and-a-half years aged 9 (after death of mother)
- Official website [www.yaninawickmayer.com](http://www.yaninawickmayer.com)



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## CHRISTINA MCHALE (USA)

<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	May 11, 1992 (19)	<b>2012 Prize \$ (USD)~</b>	\$65,732
<b>Residence</b>	Englewood Cliffs, NJ-USA	<b>2012 Titles (Singles/Doubles)^</b>	0 / 0
<b>Current Singles Rank</b>	No.38	<b>Career Prize \$ (USD)~</b>	\$563,082
<b>Highest Singles Rank</b>	No.38 (January 30, 2012)	<b>Career Titles (Singles/Doubles)^</b>	0 / 0

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**TOURNAMENT HISTORY:** Making debut at Paris [Indoors]

### 2012 SUMMARY:

- Advanced to **3r** at **Australian Open** (d. No.24 seed Safarova en route, l. No.13 seed Jankovic); equaled career-best Grand Slam result (also 3r at 2011 US Open)
- Reached **2r** at **Auckland** (l. No.3 seed Kuznetsova)
- Went 2-0 in singles in USA's 5-0 defeat of Belarus in **Fed Cup** WG II QF (d. Yakimova, Kustova)
- Set **career-best ranking** (No.38) the week of January 30, 2012

**CAREER SUMMARY: SF (1):** 2010 Québec City; **QF (2)** 2011 Charleston, 2011 New Haven

- Achieved **first Top 100 year-end finish** in 2011, reaching two WTA QFs along the way
- In 2010 won **back-to-back matches** at WTA main draw level for first time at Charleston and Cincinnati, reaching 3r at both, then reached **first SF at 2010 Québec City**
- Broke **Top 200** for first time on March 22, 2010; cracked **Top 100** on March 21, 2011, and **Top 50** on September 12, 2011 after 3r run at US Open
- Played first **WTA qualifying** at 2008 New Haven and made **main draw debut** at 2009 Australian Open (both as WC); recorded **first tour-level match win** at 2009 US Open (in 2nd tour-level main draw)
- Has posted 5 victories vs. **Top 20 players** (1 via retirement): No.9 Azarenka (by ret. 2010 Charleston), No.13 Kuznetsova (2011 Indian Wells), No.1 Wozniacki (2011 Cincinnati), No.16 Kuznetsova (2011 New Haven) and No.9 Bartoli (2011 US Open)
- On **ITF Circuit**, won 1 singles title (2011 ITF/Rome-Tiro a Volo) and 3 doubles titles
- Member of USA **Fed Cup Team**, 2010-12

### GRAND SLAM HISTORY

- 2012 Australian Open was 9th Grand Slam singles main draw appearance (second as a direct acceptance; all prior appearances were as WC)
- Best result** is 3r at 2011 US Open and 2012 Australian Open
- Reached 2r at 2009 US Open and 2011 Wimbledon
- Won **girls' doubles title** at 2009 Australian Open (w/Tomljanovic)

### OTHER FACTS

- Coached by USTA coaches Jorge Todero and Jay Gooding; trains at BJK National Tennis Centre in New York
- Her mother, Margarita, introduced her to tennis at age 6 and travels with her; father John works in finance; sister Lauren attends Princeton (played tennis)
- Born in New Jersey but lived in Hong Kong for 5 years from ages 3 to 8
- Speaks English, Spanish and basic Mandarin
- Swam competitively when growing up; also enjoys soccer and baseball, reading and listening to music



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### DAY 3: FEATURED MATCH-UPS

#### KLARA ZAKOPALOVA (CZE #51) vs. [WC] ALIZE CORNET (FRA #114)

Cornet leads 1-0

##### ZAKOPALOVA QUICK HITS:

**Zakopalova** lost in opening round of her first 3 events this year: Brisbane, Hobart and Australian Open... **Zakopalova** has finished in Top 50 three times in her career (2004, 2005, 2010, 2011)... **Zakopalova** is aiming to equal her best performance at this event by reaching the 2r

##### CORNET QUICK HITS:

After finishing 2011 ranked No.89, her 5th straight Top 100 finish, **Cornet** dipped out of the Top 100 after the 2012 Australian Open... **Cornet** is making her 6th appearance here in Paris with her best result coming in 2009 (QF)... **Cornet** won the pair's only previous meeting, which was at this event in 2008, in three sets

The winner of this match will face unseeded Bulgarian Tsvetana Pironkova in the 2r

#### [WC] PAULINE PARMENTIER (FRA #62) vs. [8] ANABEL MEDINA GARRIGUES (ESP #24)

First meeting

##### PARMENTIER QUICK HITS:

**Parmentier** is making her main draw debut at this event, having failed to qualify in 2006... **Parmentier** is one of three Frenchwomen in the draw (also Bartoli, Cornet); the last Frenchwoman to win this event was Amelie Mauresmo in 2009... **Parmentier** equaled her career-best Grand Slam result by reaching the 2r at the 2012 Australian Open (l. No.31 seed Niculescu in 3s)

##### MEDINA GARRIGUES QUICK HITS:

**Medina Garrigues** has only advanced past the 1r at this event once in 7 prior showings (2r, 2007)... **Medina Garrigues** is playing her first match since a right ankle sprain forced her to retire against Li Na in 3r at Australian Open... **Medina Garrigues** won her 10th and 11th WTA singles titles in 2011 (Estoril and Palermo)

The winner of this match will play qualifier Mona Barthel from Germany in the 2r

#### [1] MARIA SHARAPOVA (RUS #3) vs. CHANELLE SCHEEPERS (RSA #44)

First meeting

##### SHARAPOVA QUICK HITS:

Having withdrawn from last year's event due to illness, **Sharapova** is making her debut at the Paris [Indoors]... **Sharapova** enters this match with a 7-1 win-loss record so far this year; her only loss came to Azarenka in the final of the Australian Open... With Petra Kvitova not back to defend her Paris [Indoors] title, **Sharapova's** ranking is projected to rise to world No.2 when the WTA rankings are released next Monday

##### SCHEEPERS QUICK HITS:

**Scheepers** is making her debut at Paris [Indoors]... **Scheepers'** career-best win is over No.26 Kirilenko at 2011 Dubai; she is 0-10 against Top 10 players; the highest ranked player she has ever played is world No.4 Dementieva at 2009 Roland Garros... At 2011 Guangzhou, **Scheepers** became the first South African to win a WTA singles title in eight years (last one was Amanda Coetzer at 2003 Acapulco)

The winner of this match will advance to the quarterfinals, with the opponent still to be decided



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**[6] JULIA GOERGES (GER #21) vs. PETRA CETKOVSKA (CZE #31)**

Cetkovska leads 1-0 (will be first tour-level meeting)

**GOERGES QUICK HITS:**

**Goerges** is 1 of 5 Germans ranked in the Top 50, along with Petkovic, Lisicki, Kerber and Barthel; there have been 5 Germans ranked in Top 50 since the week of January 16, 2012; prior to that date, the last time 5 Germans ranked in Top 50 was week of February 12, 1996... **Goerges** advanced to 4r at Australian Open, her best career Grand Slam result to date; she reached 3r at all four Slams last year... **Goerges** is aiming to reach her first QF of 2012; her last QF appearance came at 2011 Luxembourg, where she was an eventual semifinalist

**CETKOVSKA QUICK HITS:**

**Cetkovska** has reached the 2r on her debut at this event... 2011 was **Cetkovska's** breakthrough year on tour, she reached her first singles final at New Haven (l. Wozniacki) and achieved a Top 30 ranking... **Cetkovska** is 7-7 lifetime against Top 25 ranked players

The winner of this match will advance to the quarterfinals, with the opponent still to be decided



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**KLARA ZAKOPALOVA (CZE #51) vs. [WC] ALIZE CORNET (FRA #114)**

Cornet leads 1-0

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**KLARA ZAKOPALOVA (CZE)**

<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	February 24, 1982 (29)	<b>2012 Prize \$ (USD)~</b>	\$35,251
<b>Residence</b>	Prague, Czech Republic	<b>2011 Titles (Singles/Doubles)^</b>	0 / 1
<b>Current Singles Rank</b>	No.51	<b>Career Prize \$ (USD)~</b>	\$2,062,380
<b>Highest Singles Rank</b>	No.27 (March 6, 2006)	<b>Career Titles (Singles/Doubles)^</b>	2 / 1

^ WTA / Grand Slams only; ~prize money figures do not include this tournament

**TOURNAMENT HISTORY:** Making 4th main draw appearance at Paris [Indoors]. Best result came in 2011, reaching 2r (l. Wickmayer). Fell 1r in 2005 and 2008 (as qualifier). Fell in qualifying in 2007.

**2012 SUMMARY:**

- Lost in opening round of first 3 events of 2012: **Brisbane** (l. Bratchikova), **Hobart** (l. Halep) and **Australian Open** (l. Pavlyuchenkova)

**CAREER SUMMARY: WON (2):** 2005 's-Hertogenbosch, 2005 Portoroz; **R-Up (9):** most recently 2010 Seoul; **1 doubles title**

- **2-time WTA singles winner**, both in 2005. Reached 2 finals in 2010 (Copenhagen, Seoul)
- Has 5 **career wins vs. Top 10** opponents: No.7 Seles (2003 Australian Open), No.1 S.Williams (2009 Marbella, 1st win over a reigning world No.1), No.5 Safina (2010 Madrid), No.10 Pennetta (2010 Wimbledon) and No.7 Li (2011 Doha)
- 2011 marked 8th **Top 100 finish** (finishing at No.31) in last 9 years, including 4 Top 50 finishes; in 2011 reached QF or better 7 times
- Won **first doubles title** at 2011 's-Hertogenbosch (w/Zahlavova Strycova)
- Member of Czech Republic **Fed Cup Team** (2002-04, 2006) and Czech **Olympic Team** (2004, 2008)

**GRAND SLAM HISTORY**

- 2012 Australian Open was 34th singles main draw appearance at a Grand Slam
- Produced **best-ever Grand Slam result** at 2010 **Wimbledon**, advancing to 4r (d. No.18 seed Rezai and No.10 Pennetta, l. Kanepi); had previously reached 3r once – 2003 Australian Open (first Grand Slam main draw appearance); also reached 3r at 2011 Wimbledon.
- Fell 1r 23 times, including on all 7 US Open appearances

**OTHER FACTS**

- Coached by Petr Kralert
- Married on June 6, 2006 (formerly Koukalova); husband, Jan Zakopal, is a Czech soccer player
- Baseliner who prefers clay; favorite shot is backhand
- Father, Jiri Koukal, is a taxi driver; mother, Jana Koukalova, is bartender at a golf resort; both parents play tennis
- Other sports interests are in-line skating, running



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**ALIZE CORNET (FRA)**

Date of Birth (Age)	January 22, 1990 (22)	2012 Prize \$ (USD)~	\$30,166
Residence	Nice, France	2012 Titles (Singles/Doubles)^	0 / 0
Current Singles Rank	No.114	Career Prize \$ (USD)~	\$1,586,236
Highest Singles Rank	No.11 (February 16, 2009)	Career Titles (Singles/Doubles)^	1 / 2

^ WTA/Grand Slam tournaments only; ~prize money figures do not include this tournament

**TOURNAMENT HISTORY:** Making 6th appearance at Paris [Indoors]. Best result came in 2009, reaching QF (as No.5 seed, l. No.2 seed Jankovic). Advanced to 2r in **2008** (l. Razzano). Lost in opening round in **2007, 2010** and **2011**.

**2012 SUMMARY:**

- Fell in 1r at **Australian Open** (l. Niculescu in 3s)
- Fell in qualifying at **Auckland** and **Sydney**
- In Fed Cup, lost to Hantuchova in France's 3-2 loss vs. Slovak Republic

**CAREER SUMMARY: WON (1):** 2008 Budapest; **R-Up (2):** 2008 Acapulco, 2008 Rome; **SF (6):** most recently 2010 Bad Gastein; **2 doubles titles** (2008 Budapest, 2010 Strasbourg)

- 2011 was 5th in **year-end Top 100**, finishing at No.89; career-best year-end ranking came in 2008 (No.16)
- Made **Top 20 debut** after reaching 2008 Rome final; was ranked in **Top 20** from May 2008 to May 2009; reached SF or better 6 times in 2008, including first title at Budapest
- **First season** playing regularly on WTA was in 2007 (made WTA debut at 2005 Roland Garros – 3r – aged 15)
- Has **2 career Top 10 wins:** No.5 Kuznetsova (2008 Rome) and No.8 Chakvetadze (2008 Rome)
- Member of French **Fed Cup** team in 2008-2011; French **Olympic** team in 2008

**GRAND SLAM HISTORY**

- 2012 Australian Open marked 24th Grand Slam singles main draw appearance
- **Best result** is 4r at 2009 Australian Open, also reached 3r at 2007/2008 US Open, 2008 Roland Garros and 2011 Australian Open; best at Wimbledon is 2r (2007)
- **Won** 2007 Roland Garros girls' singles (d. Duque Marino)

**OTHER FACTS**

- Coached by Laurent Orsini, fitness coach is Frederic Decamps. Previously coached by Pierre Bouteyre
- Mother, Patricia, is housewife (who also travels with her); father, Francis, is commercial director; brother, Sébastien, is a doctor (also her agent)
- Began playing at age 4 after watching brother play
- Official Web site: [www.alize-cornet.com](http://www.alize-cornet.com)
- Other sporting interests include basketball, handball, soccer
- In 2011, took part in Sony Ericsson Xperia Hotshots, an internet-based TV show that followed 6 up-and-coming WTA players, giving an insight into their lives on and off the court



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 First meeting

**PAULINE PARMENTIER (FRA)**

Date of Birth (Age)	January 31, 1986 (26)	2012 Prize \$ (USD)~	\$41,127
Residence	Paris, France	2012 Titles (Singles/Doubles)^	0 / 0
Current Singles Rank	No.62	Career Prize \$ (USD)~	\$1,019,367
Highest Singles Rank	No.40 (July 21, 2008)	Career Titles (Singles/Doubles)^	2 / 0

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**TOURNAMENT HISTORY:** Making main draw debut at Paris [Indoors] as wildcard. Previously lost in final round of qualifying in 2006

**2012 SUMMARY:**

- Reached **2r** at **Australian Open** (l. No.31 seed Niculescu in 3s)
- Fell qualifying at Auckland and Sydney
- Lost both singles rubbers in France’s 3-2 loss to the Slovak Republic in Fed Cup WG II tie (l. Cibulkova and Hantuchova 9-7 in 3rd set)

**CAREER SUMMARY: WON (2):** 2007 Tashkent, 2008 Bad Gastein; **SF (1):** 2008 Vina del Mar; **QF (3):** most recently 2010 Bogota

- Broke through to win first **WTA singles title** at 2007 Tashkent (d. Azarenka in final); won 2nd title at 2008 Bad Gastein (d. qualifier Hradecka in final)
- 2011 was her third Top 100 season
- Made **Top 100 debut** in September 2007 (after US Open) and **Top 50 debut** in February 2008 (after Viña del Mar)
- On **ITF Women’s Circuit**, winner of 7 singles and 2 doubles titles
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2005 Roland Garros
- French **Olympic Team**, 2008; French **Fed Cup Team** 2010-12

**GRAND SLAM HISTORY**

- 2012 Australian Open marked 20th Grand Slam singles main draw
- Best Grand Slam result is 2r, which she has reached 12 times and at all Grand Slams, most recently at 2012 Australian Open

**OTHER FACTS**

- Coached by Georges Goven
- Baselineer whose favorite shots are serve, forehand; likes topspin; trained at Mouratoglou Academy for five years
- Born in Cucq (northern France) but now lives in Paris; mother, Dominique, and father, Jean-Philippe, both work in cigar business; has two older brothers, Olivier and Julien
- Started playing tennis at age 6 with family



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**ANABEL MEDINA GARRIGUES (ESP)**

<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	July 31, 1982 (29)	<b>2012 Prize \$ (USD)~</b>	\$66,557
<b>Residence</b>	Valencia, Spain	<b>2012 Titles (Singles/Doubles)^</b>	0 / 0
<b>Current Singles Rank</b>	No.24	<b>Career Prize \$ (USD)~</b>	\$4,460,539
<b>Highest Singles Rank</b>	No.16 (May 4, 2009)	<b>Career Titles (Singles/Doubles)^</b>	11 / 18

^denotes WTA and Grand Slam events only; ~prize money figures do not include this tournament

**TOURNAMENT HISTORY:** Making 8th appearance at Paris [Indoors] and first since 2009. Has only advanced past the 1r once, in 2007 (d. Garbin in 3s, l. No.2 seed Pierce). Fell 1r in 2001, 2004 (both times as a qualifier), 2005, 2008-09

**2012 SUMMARY:**

- Reached **3r** at **Australian Open** (retired vs. No.5 seed Li w/right ankle sprain)
- Fell **2r** at **Hobart** (as No.2 seed, l. qualifier and eventual champion Barthel)

**CAREER SUMMARY: WON (11):** most recently 2011 Palermo; **R-Up (7):** most recently 2011 TOC-Bali (l. Ivanovic); **18 doubles titles**, most recently 2011 Budapest (w/Rosolska)

- Ten of 11 **WTA singles titles** have been on clay (including 5 at Palermo and 3 at Strasbourg), the most by any active player on the surface. Only three other active players have won the same tournament 5 times (V.Williams/Wimbledon; S.Williams/Australian Open and Miami; Clijsters/Luxembourg)
- Winner of **18 doubles titles**, including 2008-09 Roland Garros (both w/Ruano Pascual); achieved career-high doubles ranking of No.3 (November 10, 2008); qualified w/Ruano Pascual for the **WTA Championships-Doha 2008** (SF)
- **Cracked Top 20** on February 9, 2009 and was ranked in Top 20 for 17 non-consecutive weeks (last time July 20, 2009)
- Finished 2011 as No.27 for seventh Top 40 season finish in eight years; **Top 30 in three of last four years**
- Holds **4 wins vs. Top 10 opponents:** No.6 Dementieva (2005 New Haven), No.5 Mauresmo (2007 Strasbourg), No.8 Zvonareva (2008 Zürich, via ret.) and No.9 Bartoli (2011 Bali)
- Member of Spanish **Fed Cup** Team, 2003-11; member of Spanish Olympic Team, 2004, 2008; winner of doubles silver medal at Beijing (w/Ruano Pascual)

**GRAND SLAM HISTORY**

- 2012 Australian Open marked 39th Grand Slam main draw singles appearance
- **Best result** is 4r: 2002 Australian Open, 2007 Roland Garros and 2009 Australian Open; also reached 3r 11 times, at each Grand Slam and most recently at 2012 Australian Open
- Won 2 **Grand Slam doubles titles** at 2008-09 Roland Garros (w/Ruano Pascual)
- Won girls' doubles title at 2000 Roland Garros (w/Martínez Sánchez)

**OTHER FACTS**

- Coached by Gonzalo Lopez
- Started playing tennis at age 12 with family
- Father is Manuel; mother name is María José; has an older brother, David, and a younger brother, José Manuel



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**[1] MARIA SHARAPOVA (RUS #3) vs. CHANELLE SCHEEPERS (RSA #44)**

First meeting

**MARIA SHARAPOVA (RUS)**

Date of Birth (Age)	April 19, 1987 (24)	2012 Prize \$ (USD)~	\$1,214,975
Residence	Bradenton, FL, USA	2012 Titles (Singles/Doubles)^	0 / 0
Current Singles Rank	No.3	Career Prize \$ (USD)~	\$17,858,302
Highest Singles Rank	No.1 (August 22, 2005)	Career Titles (Singles/Doubles)^	24 / 3

^WTA/Grand Slam events only; ~prize money figures do not include this tournament

**TOURNAMENT HISTORY:** Making debut at Paris [Indoors]

**2012 SUMMARY:**

- Reached **5th Grand Slam final** of career at **Australian Open** (d. No.2 seed Kvitova in 3s in SF, l. No.3 seed Azarenka in F). Now 3-2 in Grand Slam finals. Had a chance to return to world No.1 for first time since 2008, but needed to win the tournament
- Went 1-0 in singles in Russia's 3-2 win over Spain in Fed Cup WG I tie (d. Soler-Espinosa)
- Withdrew from Brisbane w/left ankle injury

**CAREER SUMMARY: WON (24):** (incl. 3 Grand Slams), latest 2011 Cincinnati; **R-Up (14):** latest 2012 Australian Open; **3 doubles titles**

- Winner of **24 WTA singles titles**, incl. 3 Grand Slams (see below), also won 2004 WTA Championships. 23rd player to win 20 or more titles in the Open Era
- 2011 was **fifth Top 5 finish** of career, and at No.4 was highest year-end finish since 2006. Won 23rd and 24th singles titles (Rome, Cincinnati) and runner-up twice (Miami, Wimbledon)
- Absent from singles (played 1 doubles match, at 2009 Indian Wells w/Vesnina) from August 2008 to May 2009 (Warsaw) following **right shoulder surgery** (October 15, 2008). On February. 2, 2009, **dropped outside Top 10** for first time since July 5, 2004 (238 consecutive weeks). Dropped to No.126 in May before recovering to close 2009 at No.14
- On August 22, 2005, became **16th woman (first Russian) to reach No.1** (Safina was 2nd in 2009); held No.1 ranking for a total of 17 non-consecutive weeks, most recently on June 8, 2008, claiming No.1 after Henin retired
- Holds 5 career **wins over reigning world No.1s**, d. Davenport at 2005 Tokyo [Pan Pacific] and 2005 WTA Championships, Mauresmo at 2006 US Open, Henin at 2008 Australian Open and Wozniacki at 2011 Rome
- Winner of 2004 **WTA Championships** (d. S.Williams in F after trailing 4-0 3rd set); also runner-up in 2007 (l. Henin 57 75 63 in 3 hours, 24 minutes in longest best-of-3-set final in Championships history); after three-year absence from season finale, qualified again in 2011 (Istanbul), but did not pass RR stage (went 0-2 before withdrawing due to ankle injury)
- Member of Russian **Fed Cup** Team 2007-08, 2011-12; nominated for Olympic team in 2008 but withdrew w/shoulder injury

**GRAND SLAM HISTORY**

- 2012 Australian Open marked 35th Grand Slam singles main draw appearance
- Winner of **3 Grand Slam singles titles:** 2004 Wimbledon (d. S.Williams in F), 2006 US Open (d. Henin in F) and 2008 Australian Open (d. Ivanovic in F); only player other than V.Williams and Stosur to defeat S.Williams in a Grand Slam final; 1 of 8 women (only active player) in Open Era to win 3 of 4 Grand Slam titles; best at Roland Garros is SF
- Three-time **Grand Slam runner-up**, at 2007 Australian Open (l. S.Williams), 2011 Wimbledon (l. Kvitova) and 2012 Australian Open (l. Azarenka). **Seven-time semifinalist**, most recently at 2011 Roland Garros
- Girls' singles runner-up** at 2002 Australian Open (l. Strycova) and 2002 Wimbledon (l. Dushevina)



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**OTHER FACTS**

- Coached by Thomas Hogstedt since start of 2011; Vladimir Voltchkov is full time hitting partner (started in 2011 grass season); Voltchkov was a 2000 Wimbledon semifinalist (as a qualifier, l. Sampras)
- Father Yuri has also been coach at times; mother’s name is Yelena
- Started playing at age 4; at 6, participated in Moscow exhibition that featured Navratilova; began training at Bollettieri Academy at age 9 (required two-year separation from mother due to visa restrictions and finances)
- After 2010 Wimbledon, visited Gomel area of Belarus, affected by 1986 Chernobyl nuclear reactor disaster, to view UNDP projects, which have been assisted by her charitable foundation; appointed UNDP Goodwill ambassador in 2007
- With more than 6 million fans, Sharapova is the most followed female athlete on Facebook
- Official Web site: [www.mariasharapova.com](http://www.mariasharapova.com)

**CHANELLE SCHEEPERS (RSA)**

Date of Birth (Age)	March 13, 1984 (27)	2012 Prize \$ (USD)~	\$40,546
Residence	Harrissmith, South Africa	2012 Titles (Singles/Doubles)^	0 / 0
Current Singles Rank	No.44	Career Prize \$ (USD)~	\$861,749
Highest Singles Rank	No.37 (October 10, 2011)	Career Titles (Singles/Doubles)^	1 / 0

^WTA/Grand Slams only; ~prize money figures do not include this tournament

**TOURNAMENT HISTORY:** Making debut at Paris [Indoors]

**2012 SUMMARY:**

- Reached **2r** at **Sydney** (as qualifier, l. No.4 seed Li in 3s)
- Fell **1r** at **Brisbane** (l. No.2 seed S.Williams) and **Australian Open** (l. No.18 seed Kuznetsova in 3s)

**CAREER SUMMARY: WON (1):** 2011 Guangzhou; **QF (2):** 2010 Kuala Lumpur, 2011 Osaka

- Won **career-first WTA singles title** at 2011 Guangzhou(as No.7 seed, d. top seed Kirilenko en route to final, then d. No.8 seed Rybarikova for title)
- Reached **career-first WTA singles QF** at 2010 Kuala Lumpur (l. Morita), and another QF at 2011 Osaka
- **Broke Top 100** after reaching 4r at 2010 Roland Garros; broke **Top 50** after winning first title at 2011 Guangzhou and made **Top 40** debut on October 10, 2011 (at No.37)
- Has **6 wins over Top 50 players:** No.45 Dulko (2010 Roland Garros), No.26 Kirilenko (2011 Dubai), No.40 Schnyder (2011 Charleston), No.49 Niculescu (2011 Madrid), No.39 Marino (2011 Cincinnati), No.28 Kirilenko (2011 Guangzhou)
- On **ITF Circuit**, has won 12 singles titles and 20 doubles titles
- South African **Fed Cup** team, 2002-05

**GRAND SLAM HISTORY**

- 2012 Australian Open marked 10th Grand Slam main draw appearance
- Reached 4r at 2010 Roland Garros (as qualifier, l. No.5 seed Dementieva); became first South African to reach 4r at a Grand Slam since 2003 Australian Open (Coetzer)
- Reached 3r at 2011 Australian Open and 2011 US Open; fell in 1r on 6 occasions, yet to pass 1r at Wimbledon
- First 3 Grand Slam main draw appearances were all as a qualifier and 4th as a wildcard; first as direct acceptance was 2010 US Open

**OTHER FACTS**

- Coached by Roger Anderson, who is also working with Sania Mirza
- Other personal interests include reading, shopping and movies
- Favorite surface is hard court
- Father’s name is Piet and mother’s name is Nici; has a brother named Jozua



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**[6] JULIA GOERGES (GER #21) vs. PETRA CETKOVSKA (CZE #31)**

Cetkovska leads 1-0 (will be first tour-level match)

2007 ITF/JOUE-LES-TOURS, FRA HARD I QF CETKOVSKA 46 61 76(5)

**JULIA GOERGES (GER)**

<b>Date of Birth (Age)</b>	November 2, 1988 (23)	<b>2012 Prize \$ (USD)~</b>	\$135,134
<b>Residence</b>	Bad Oldesloe & Hanover, Germany	<b>2012 Titles (Singles/Doubles)^</b>	0 / 0
<b>Current Singles Rank</b>	No.21	<b>Career Prize \$ (USD)~</b>	\$1,630,241
<b>Highest Singles Rank</b>	No.16 (June 6, 2011)	<b>Career Titles (Singles/Doubles)^</b>	2 / 3

^denotes WTA/Grand Slam events only; ~prize money figures do not include this tournament

**TOURNAMENT HISTORY:** Making main draw debut at Paris [Indoors]. Fell in **2009** qualifying

**2012 SUMMARY: 4r (1):** Australian Open

- Made career-first Grand Slam **4r** appearance at **Australian Open** (l. No.8 seed A.Radwanska)
- Reached **2r** in **Auckland** (as No.5 seed, l. Kerber)
- Fell **1r** in **Sydney** (ret. vs. Jankovic w/viral illness)

**CAREER SUMMARY: WON (2):** 2010 Bad Gastein, 2011 Stuttgart; **R-Up (1):** 2010 Luxembourg; **SF (7):** 2007 Stockholm, 2008 Portoroz, 2009 Québec City, 2010 Palermo, 2011 Auckland, Madrid, Luxembourg; **3 doubles titles**

- Won **first WTA singles title** at 2010 Bad Gastein (played SF and F on same day, d. No.2 seed Bacsinszky in F); reached 2nd career singles final at 2010 Luxembourg; was 9-14 through Wimbledon, went 20-9 afterwards in 2010
- **Won first Premier WTA singles title** at 2011 Stuttgart (only 2nd German to win there after Huber); defeated world No.1 Wozniacki in F (best win of career and first over a reigning No.1; scored 2nd such win at Madrid 2 weeks later)
- Finished 2011 at No.21 (**career-best year-end ranking**); 2011 season highlighted by stellar results on clay and cracking Top 20; **won 15 of 18 matches during spring clay court season** - QF at Charleston, winning second WTA title at Stuttgart, SF at Madrid and 3r at Roland Garros; reached QF or better at 6 events in 2011
- Has 5 **Top 10 wins**: highest-ranked player defeated is No.1 Wozniacki twice (2011 Stuttgart and Madrid). Also No.5 Azarenka (via ret. 2011 Stuttgart), No.7 Stosur (2011 Stuttgart and 2010 Tokyo)
- Played first WTA qualifying at 2006 Stuttgart and first main draws in 2007; spent 5 weeks inside Top 100 in June/July 2008; returned to Top 100 in April 2009, and **broke into Top 50** in July 2010; and **Top 20** in May 2011
- Member of **German Fed Cup Team** (2008, 2010-12)

**GRAND SLAM HISTORY**

- 2012 Australian Open marked 16th Grand Slam singles main draw appearance
- **Best result** is 4r at 2012 Australian Open after reaching 3r at all four Slams in 2011
- In 1r at 2008 Wimbledon (d. No.23 seed Srebotnik 46 76 16-14 in 3hrs, 41 min, joint 2nd longest-recorded women's match at Wimbledon)

**OTHER FACTS**

- Coached by Sascha Nensel
- Introduced to tennis at age 5, by parents
- Mother, Inge, and Father, Klaus; both work in insurance; has a sister Maike
- Favorite tournament is Australian Open; loves to visit Melbourne
- Official website is: [www.julia-goerges.de](http://www.julia-goerges.de)



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**PETRA CETKOVSKA (CZE)**

Date of Birth (Age)	February 8, 1985 (26)	2012 Prize \$ (USD)~	\$44,267
Residence	Paris, France	2012 Titles (Singles/Doubles)^	0 / 0
Current Singles Rank	No.31	Career Prize \$ (USD)~	\$924,658
Highest Singles Rank	No.30 (October 24, 2011)	Career Titles (Singles/Doubles)^	0 / 1

^WTA/Grand Slam events only; ~prize money figures do not include this tournament

**TOURNAMENT HISTORY:** Making debut at Paris [Indoors]

**2012 SUMMARY:**

- Fell in **2r** at **Australian Open** (as No.32 seed, l. Barthel)
- Withdrew from Auckland and Hobart (w/right adductor injury)

**CAREER SUMMARY: R-Up (1):** 2011 New Haven; **SF (1):** 2011 Palermo; **QF (4):** 2008 Fès, 2008 Birmingham, 2009 Acapulco, 2011 Osaka; **1 doubles title** (2007 Prague w/Hlavackova)

- Breakthrough season in 2011, achieving **best WTA result** as runner-up at New Haven (as qualifier, d. three Top 15 players en route to final, l. top seed Wozniacki)
- Cracked **Top 100** on October 2007 and broke **Top 50** for 1 week on June 16, 2008; dropped as low as No.263 in June 2010 before returning to Top 50 on July 18, 2011; made **Top 30** debut on October 24, 2011 and finished season at No.31 (second Top 100 finish; previous best was No.82 in 2008)
- Made **WTA qualifying debut** in 2003 but did not play first main draw until 2007
- Has 4 career **Top 10 wins**: No.10 Bartoli (2008 Birmingham), No.4 Dementieva (2009 Indian Wells), No.9 Bartoli (2011 New Haven) and No.7 Li (2011 New Haven)
- On **ITF Circuit**, winner of 21 singles and 24 doubles titles
- As a **junior**, achieved career-high ranking of No.5 singles and No.1 in doubles
- Member of Czech **Fed Cup** team, 2001-02, 2008

**GRAND SLAM HISTORY**

- 2012 Australian Open marked 11th Grand Slam main draw
- Best results are 4r at 2011 Wimbledon, 2008 French Open
- 2r at 2007 Australian Open, 2011 US Open and 2012 Australian Open; six 1r losses

**OTHER FACTS**

- Coached by Stephane Charret since spring 2010; he also coaches Mathilde Johansson, trains in Paris
- Born in Prostějov, Czech Republic and lived there until age 19; now splits her time between Prostějov and Paris
- Father, Petr, works in the pro shop at the local tennis club; mother, Alena, is a nurse; has a younger brother, Matej, who is still in high school
- Introduced to tennis at age 5 when her Dad took her along to the local club
- Speaks Czech, English, French
- ITF World junior girls' doubles champion in 2001



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## DAY 2: FEATURED MATCH-UPS

TSVETANA PIRONKOVA (BUL #50) vs. [3] LI NA (CHN #9)

Pironkova lead 1-0

### PIRONKOVA QUICK HITS:

Pironkova won the first and only match-up defeating Li at 2006 Stockholm (QF)... Pironkova is 6-18 all-time vs. Top 10 ranked opponents, including wins at 2010 Wimbledon (No.2 V.Williams) and 2011 Wimbledon (No.3 Zvonareva, her most recent Top 10 win)... Pironkova reached QF twice in 2011 - Wimbledon and Palermo... Pironkova is the No.1 ranked player from Bulgaria; the next highest ranked Bulgarian is No.152 Elitsa Kostova... Pironkova fell in 2r at both Hobart and Australian Open to start the year

### LI QUICK HITS:

Li has been ranked inside the Top 10 since the week after 2011 Australian Open... Li started the 2012 season by reaching the final at Sydney (as defending champion; I. Azarenka) and 4r at Australian Open (I. Clijsters in 3s)... Li is making her second appearance in Paris (2009, 2r, I. Jankovic)

LUCIE SAFAROVA (CZE #28) vs. [9] ANGELIQUE KERBER (GER #27)

First meeting... An all-lefty matchup... There are 3 lefties in the Top 30 - No.2 Kvitova, No.27 Safarova and No.28 Kerber

### SAFAROVA QUICK HITS:

Safarova is a 2-time finalist at the event here in Paris: 2007 (I. Petrova) and 2010 (I. Dementieva), both 3-set finals... Safarova lost in the opening round at Paris last year (I. Dokic)... In 3 tour events in 2012, Safarova fell in 1r twice (Brisbane, Australian Open) and reached QF at Sydney (I. Li)... Safarova finished 2011 ranked No.25, her second career Top 25 finish (also 2007, No.24)... Safarova reached SF or better at four events in 2011, three came at indoor events - R-Up Copenhagen, SF at Linz, SF at Moscow

### KERBER QUICK HITS:

Kerber advanced to first career Grand Slam SF at 2011 US Open (d. A.Radwanska and Pennetta en route; I. eventual champion Stosur)... Since August 2011 has reached SF at 5 events - Dallas, US Open, Osaka, Auckland, Hobart... Kerber reached a career-high No.27 after 2012 Australian Open... So far in 2012, Kerber has reached SF at Auckland and Hobart and 3r at Australian Open (I. Sharapova); also defeated Hradecka in Germany's Fed Cup loss to Czech Republic... Kerber was elevated to the No.9 seed after Lisicki withdrew from the tournament... Kerber reached a career-high ranking (No.27) after the 2012 Australian Open... Recently began updating her twitter account (@angeliquekerber)

[6] JULIA GOERGES (GER #21) vs. SHAHAR PEER (ISR #37)

Goerges leads 1-0

### GOERGES QUICK HITS:

Goerges is 1 of 5 Germans ranked in the Top 50, along with Petkovic, Lisicki, Kerber and Barthel; there have been 5 Germans ranked in Top 50 since the week of January 16, 2012; prior to that date, the last time 5 Germans ranked in Top 50 was week of February 12, 1996... Goerges advanced to 4r at Australian Open, her best career Grand Slam result to date; she reached 3r at all four Slams last year... Goerges is making her main draw debut at Paris; fell in final round of 2009 qualifying

### PEER QUICK HITS:

Peer advanced to QF in 2010 in Paris tournament debut (I. Safarova)... Peer advanced to SF at Hobart earlier this year before falling to top seed Wickmayer



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**TSVETANA PIRONKOVA (BUL #50) vs. [3] LI NA (CHN #9)**

Pironkova leads 1-0  
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**TSVETANA PIRONKOVA (BUL)**

Date of Birth (Age)	September 13, 1987 (24)	2012 Prize \$ (USD)~	\$38,131
Residence	Plovdiv, Bulgaria	2012 Titles (Singles/Doubles)^	0 / 0
Current Singles Rank	No.50	Career Prize \$ (USD)~	\$1,886,810
Highest Singles Rank	No.31 (September 9, 2010)	Career Titles (Singles/Doubles)^	0 / 0

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**TOURNAMENT HISTORY:** Making 5th main draw appearance at Paris [Indoors] (7th overall). Advanced to 2r in tournament debut in 2006 (as qualifier, l. No.4 seed Schnyder). Lost in opening round in 2007 (as a qualifier), 2009 and 2011. Fell in qualifying twice (2008, 2010).

**2012 SUMMARY:**

- Reached 2r twice: Hobart (l. Chakvetadze) and Australian Open (l. Voskoboeva)

**CAREER SUMMARY:** SF (6): 2005 Palermo, 2005 Istanbul, 2006-07 Stockholm, 2008 Istanbul, 2010 Wimbledon

- 2011 season was second consecutive Top 50 finish (No.46) reaching QF at Wimbledon and Palermo; in 2010 finished the year at a career-best No.35
- Reached first GS SF at 2010 Wimbledon (d. No.2 V.Williams in QF, l. No.21 Zvonareva in 3s); first Bulgarian to reach Wimbledon SF; win over Williams was first vs. Top 2 player (2nd vs. V.Williams at a major)
- Made impressive WTA debut at 2005 Istanbul, reaching SF (l. V.Williams) as qualifier ranked No.220; made SF in 2nd WTA event at Palermo in July 2005 (as direct entrant); also SF at 2006/2007 Stockholm and 2008 Istanbul
- Made Top 50 debut in June 2008; cracked Top 35 after SF run at 2010 Wimbledon
- Has 6 Top 10 wins: 2006 Australian Open (No.10 V.Williams), 2008 Rome (No.3 Ivanovic), 2009 Moscow (No.7 Zvonareva), 2010 Warsaw (No.5 Dementieva), 2010 Wimbledon (No.2 V.Williams) and 2011 Wimbledon (No.3 Zvonareva)
- Bulgarian Fed Cup Team 2003-2011, Bulgarian Olympic Team 2008

**GRAND SLAM HISTORY**

- 2011 Australian Open was 25th consecutive Grand Slam main draw appearance
- Advanced to first GS SF at 2010 Wimbledon (d. No.11 seed Bartoli and No.2 V.Williams en route, l. No.21 Zvonareva in 3s); first Bulgarian to reach Wimbledon SF; previously had never gone beyond 2r at any other Slam; back that result up by reaching QFs at 2011 Wimbledon (l. eventual champion Kvitova)
- At 2006 Australian Open captured her first Top 10 win (d. No.10 seed V.Williams in 1r, the American's first Grand Slam 1r loss in more than 5 years); extended Serena Williams to 3s at 2007 Roland Garros 1r
- Has defeated V.Williams 3 times at Grand Slam events: 2006 Australian Open (1r), 2010 Wimbledon (QF), 2011 Wimbledon (4r); only 5 other players have defeated V.Williams 3 or more times at a Slam, along with S.Williams (7), Davenport (4), Hingis (4) and Clijsters (3)

**OTHER FACTS**

- Coached by father Kiril Enchev, a former canoe champion; mother Radosveta Nikolova is a former swimming champion; brother Encho sometimes helps with coaching; sister Elisaveta
- Introduced to tennis by her father at age 4
- Enjoys Bulgarian music, watching TV, swimming and canoeing



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**LI NA (CHN)**

Date of Birth (Age)	February 26, 1982 (29)	2012 Prize \$ (USD)~	\$172,423
Residence	Wuhan, China	2012 Titles (Singles/Doubles)^	0 / 0
Current Singles Rank	No.9	Career Prize \$ (USD)~	\$7,208,481
Highest Singles Rank	No.4 (June 6, 2011)	Career Titles (Singles/Doubles)^	5 / 2

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**TOURNAMENT HISTORY:** Making 2nd career appearance at Paris [Indoors]; reached 2r in tournament debut in 2009 (l. No.2 seed Jankovic)

**2012 SUMMARY:** R-Up (1): Sydney; 4r (1): Australian Open

- As defending champion and No.5 seed reached final at Sydney in first WTA event of season (l. Azarenka; d. world No.2 Kvitova in SF)
- 4r appearance at Australian Open (in a re-match from 2011 final, l. No.11 seed Clijsters in 3s; had 4 mps)

**CAREER SUMMARY:** WON (5): 2004 Guangzhou, 2008 Gold Coast, 2010 Birmingham, 2011 Sydney, Roland Garros; R-Up (5): most recently 2011 Australian Open; 2 doubles titles

- 2011 marked first Top 5 season (finishing No.5), highlighted by two phenomenal stretches around first two Grand Slams; went 11-1 in Australia, winning fourth WTA title at Sydney (d. Clijsters in final; first Chinese to win a Premier title) and reaching first Grand Slam final at Australian Open (l. to Clijsters in final; first Asian, male or female, to reach a Grand Slam final); went 13-2 in last three events of clay court season, reaching SFs at Madrid (l. to Kvitova) and Rome (l. to Stosur) then winning first Grand Slam title at Roland Garros (d. Schiavone in final; was first Asian, male or female, to win a Grand Slam title)
- Holds many other firsts for Chinese tennis: first to win a WTA singles title (2004 Guangzhou); first to reach Grand Slam singles QF (2006 Wimbledon); at 2006 Estoril played Zheng in first all-Chinese WTA singles final (l. ret. w/heat illness); and first to crack singles Top 20 (August 14, 2006), Top 10 (February 1, 2010) and Top 5 (June 6, 2011); first to win Premier title (2011 Sydney); in 2011, became first to qualify in singles for eight-woman WTA Championships held in Istanbul (attended 2010 Championships in Doha as second alternate but did not play)
- Missed 4 months (March-June) of 2008 with right knee injury (had surgery on March 31); missed second half of 2007 season with right rib stress fracture
- 14 Top 5 wins, latest vs. No.2 Kvitova (2012 Sydney); includes 2 wins vs. world No.1 (S.Williams at 2008 Stuttgart, Wozniacki at 2011 Australian Open)
- Became first Chinese player to compete in singles at 2011 WTA Championships (was alternate in 2010 but did not play); at Istanbul went 1-2 in RR (d. Sharapova, l. Stosur, Azarenka)
- Chinese Fed Cup team 1999-2002, 2005-06, 2008 and Chinese Olympic team 2000 and 2008 (4th place, l. Zvonareva)

**GRAND SLAM HISTORY**

- 2012 Australian Open was 23rd career Grand Slam singles main draw; has reached QFs or better at all majors
- Became first Chinese player to win a Grand Slam singles title at 2011 Roland Garros, having been first to advance to Grand Slam singles final at 2011 Australian Open; at 2011 Roland Garros, defeating 4 Top 10 players in final 4 rounds: No.9 Kvitova (trailed 0-3 in final set), No.4 Azarenka, No.8 Sharapova and No.5 Schiavone; broke Top 5 afterwards at No.4, equaling highest ranking by an Asian woman (Date-Krumm)
- Also SF at 2010 Australian Open (joined by Zheng for first time that two Chinese players made SFs at same Slam); also reached 3 QF (2006/2010 Wimbledon, and 2009 US Open)

**OTHER FACTS**

- Husband Jiang Shan (married 27 January 2006) helps as occasional coach and hitting partner; fitness trainer is Alex Stober; worked with Michael Mortensen from 2011 Madrid through US Open; worked with Thomas Hogstedt until end 2010.
- Introduced to tennis at age 9 after playing badminton for two years
- Father is Sheng-Peng; mother is Yan-Ping; is an only child



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- Has more than 2.5 million fans on Chinese social media
- Studied journalism at Huazhong Institute of Science & Technology during 2-year break from sport (April 2002-04)
- Donated all her prize money from 2010 Madrid to the China Foundation for Poverty Alleviation, to help with earthquake relief efforts in Yushu, China

**LUCIE SAFAROVA (CZE #28) vs. [9] ANGELIQUE KERBER (GER #27)**

First meeting

**LUCIE SAFAROVA (CZE)**

Date of Birth (Age)	February 4, 1987 (25)	2012 Prize \$ (USD)~	\$50,571
Residence	Brno, Czech Republic	2012 Titles (Singles/Doubles)^	0 / 0
Current Singles Rank	No.28	Career Prize \$ (USD)~	\$2,548,789
Highest Singles Rank	No.22 (August 20, 2007)	Career Titles (Singles/Doubles)^	4 / 0

^ WTA/Grand Slams only; ~prize money figures do not include this tournament

**TOURNAMENT HISTORY:** A 2-time finalist at Paris [Indoors], making her 5th appearance here. Reached the finals in 2007 and 2010, both unseeded, both 3-set finals. In 2007, defeated three Top 5 seeds (No.5 Vaidisova, No.3 Kuznetsova and No.1 Henin) before falling to No.4 seed Petrova in 3set final. In 2010, defeated three seeds en route to final (No.4 Schiavone, No.6 Peer, No.2 Pennetta) before falling to top seed Dementieva. Fell in 1r in 2006 and 2011

**2012 SUMMARY:** QF (1): Sydney

- Reached QF at Sydney (l. No.4 seed Li)
- Fell 1r at Brisbane (l. Benesova in 3s), and at Australian Open (as No.24 seed, l. McHale)

**CAREER SUMMARY:** WON (4): 2005 Estoril, 2005 Forest Hills, 2006 Gold Coast, 2008 Forest Hills; R-Up (6): 2005 's-Hertogenbosch, 2007 Paris [Indoors], 2009 Québec City, 2010 Paris [Indoors], 2011 Kuala Lumpur, Copenhagen; SF (7): most recently 2011 Moscow

- Winner of 4 career titles; has lost 4 finals since last title at 2008 Forest Hills
- 2011 was 6th straight Top 50 season and 2nd career Top 25 appearance (No.25; also in 2007, No.24); 2011 was highlighted by reaching 2 finals (R-Up at Kuala Lumpur and Copenhagen) and SF at Linz and Moscow
- Made Top 50 debut in November 2005 and climbed to career-best No.22 in August 2007
- Holds 12 career Top 10 wins, most recently against No.8 Radwanska (2011 Moscow); includes 5 career Top 5 victories – most recently against No.2 Wozniacki (2010 Stuttgart); has posted wins over Mauresmo and Henin
- Czech Fed Cup team 2004, 2006-11; 2008 Czech Olympic team; member of triumphant Czech Fed Cup Team that won title for first time since separation from Slovakia in early 1990s; went 1-1 in QF vs. Slovak Republic (d. Hantuchova, ret. vs. Cepelova) and 0-2 in F against Russia (l. Pavlyuchenkova, Kuznetsova)

**GRAND SLAM HISTORY**

- 2012 Australian Open marked 27th Grand Slam main draw appearance
- Best result was QF at 2007 Australian Open; also 4r at 2007 Roland Garros (d. No.5 seed Mauresmo en route, l. No.9 seed Chakvetadze)

**OTHER FACTS**

- Coached by Biljana Veselnovic; formerly coached by Patrik Navara
- Father, Milan, also used to be her coach. Mother is Jana. Older sister Veronica, who occasionally travels with her, played ITF events 1994-96
- Began playing tennis at age 3; favorite surface is clay



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## ANGELIQUE KERBER (GER)

Date of Birth (Age)	January 18, 1988 (24)	2012 Prize \$ (USD)~	\$83,182
Residence	Kiel, Germany	2012 Titles (Singles/Doubles)^	0 / 0
Current Singles Rank	No.27	Career Prize \$ (USD)~	\$1,395,999
Highest Singles Rank	No.27 (January 30, 2012)	Career Titles (Singles/Doubles)^	0 / 0

^denotes WTA / Grand Slam events only; ~prize money figures do not include this tournament

TOURNAMENT HISTORY: Making 2nd main draw appearance

2012 SUMMARY: SF (2): Auckland, Hobart

- Reached SF at Auckland (l. No.4 seed Pennetta) and Hobart (as No.4 seed, l. qualifier Barthel)
- Reached 3r at Australian Open (l. No.6 seed Sharapova)

CAREER SUMMARY: R-Up (1): 2010 Bogotá; SF (6): 2010 Luxembourg, 2011 Dallas, 2011 US Open, 2011 Osaka, 2012 Auckland, 2012 Hobart; QF (4): 2007 's-Hertogenbosch, 2010 Fès, 2010 Copenhagen, 2011 Hobart

- Finished 2011 season at a career-best No.32; a breakthrough season highlighted by first Grand Slam SF and cracking Top 30; reached first Grand Slam SF at US Open (l. to Stosur; had never been beyond 3r of a Grand Slam previously); reached 3 SF in final 3 months (Aug - Oct) of 2011 season - Dallas, US Open, Osaka
- Reached first WTA singles final at 2010 Bogotá (l. Duque Marino)
- Cracked Top 40 after reaching SF at 2011 US Open
- Reached first WTA final of any kind at 2008 's-Hertogenbosch in doubles (w/Dekmeijere; l. Krajicek/Erakovic)
- Has 4 career wins vs. Top 20 opponents: No.15 Peer (2010 Wimbledon), No.11 A.Radwanska (2010 Beijing), No.13 A.Radwanska (2011 US Open), No.13 Lisicki (2012 Auckland)
- Has won 11 singles titles and 3 doubles titles on ITF Women's Circuit
- Member of German Fed Cup Team 2007-08

### GRAND SLAM HISTORY

- 2012 Australian Open marked 17th Grand Slam singles main draw appearance
- Advanced to first Grand Slam SF at 2011 US Open – first German to do since Graf in 1996; previous best was 3r at 2010 Australian Open and 2010 Wimbledon
- Fell 1r 10 times

### OTHER FACTS

- Trains at Waske/Schuettler Academy in Germany, travels with coaches from the Academy
- Started playing tennis at age 3
- Father Slawek coached her previously. Mother Beata is also her manager; has one sister, Jessica
- Sometimes trains at Centrum Tenisowe Angie, a facility with four indoor courts and two outdoor courts owned by her maternal grandparents in the town of Puszczykowo, Poland



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**[6] JULIA GOERGES (GER #21) vs. SHAHAR PEER (ISR #37)**

Goerges leads 1-0

2011 CHARLESTON CLAY O R16 GOERGES, JULIA 6-2 6-3

**JULIA GOERGES (GER)**

Date of Birth (Age)	November 2, 1988 (23)	2012 Prize \$ (USD)~	\$135,134
Residence	Bad Oldesloe & Hanover, Germany	2012 Titles (Singles/Doubles)^	0 / 0
Current Singles Rank	No.21	Career Prize \$ (USD)~	\$1,630,241
Highest Singles Rank	No.16 (June 6, 2011)	Career Titles (Singles/Doubles)^	2 / 3

^denotes WTA/Grand Slam events only; ~prize money figures do not include this tournament

**TOURNAMENT HISTORY:** Making main draw debut at Paris [Indoors]. Fell in 2009 qualifying.

**2012 SUMMARY:** 4r (1): Australian Open

- Made first career Grand Slam 4r appearance at Australian Open (l. No.8 seed A.Radwanska)
- Reached 2r in Auckland (as No.5 seed, l. Kerber)
- Fell 1r in Sydney (ret. vs. Jankovic w/viral illness)

**CAREER SUMMARY:** WON (2): 2010 Bad Gastein, 2011 Stuttgart; R-Up (1): 2010 Luxembourg; SF (7): 2007 Stockholm, 2008 Portoroz, 2009 Québec City, 2010 Palermo, 2011 Auckland, Madrid, Luxembourg; 3 doubles titles

- Won first WTA singles title at 2010 Bad Gastein (played SF and F on same day, d. No.2 seed Bacsinszky in F); reached 2nd career singles final at 2010 Luxembourg; was 9-14 through Wimbledon, went 20-9 afterwards in 2010
- Won first Premier WTA singles title at 2011 Stuttgart (only 2nd German to win there after Huber); defeated world No.1 Wozniacki in F (best win of career and first over a reigning No.1; scored 2nd such win at Madrid 2 weeks later)
- Finished 2011 at No.21 (career-best year-end ranking); 2011 season highlighted by stellar results on clay and cracking Top 20; won 15 of 18 matches during spring clay court season - QF at Charleston, winning second WTA title at Stuttgart, SF at Madrid and 3r at Roland Garros; reached QF or better at 6 events in 2011
- Has 5 Top 10 wins: highest-ranked player defeated is No.1 Wozniacki twice (2011 Stuttgart and Madrid). Also No.5 Azarenka (via ret. 2011 Stuttgart), No.7 Stosur (2011 Stuttgart and 2010 Tokyo)
- Played first WTA qualifying at 2006 Stuttgart and first main draws in 2007; spent 5 weeks inside Top 100 in June/July 2008; returned to Top 100 in April 2009, and broke into Top 50 in July 2010; and Top 20 in May 2011
- Member of German Fed Cup Team (2008, 2010-12)

**GRAND SLAM HISTORY**

- 2012 Australian Open marked 16th Grand Slam singles main draw appearance
- Best result is 4r at 2012 Australian Open after reaching 3r at all four Slams in 2011
- In 1r at 2008 Wimbledon (d. No.23 seed Srebotnik 46 76 16-14 in 3hrs, 41 min, joint 2nd longest-recorded women's match at Wimbledon)

**OTHER FACTS**

- Coached by Sascha Nensel
- Introduced to tennis at age 5, by parents
- Mother, Inge, and Father, Klaus; both work in insurance; has a sister Maike
- Favorite tournament is Australian Open; loves to visit Melbourne
- Official website is: [www.julia-goerges.de](http://www.julia-goerges.de)



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**SHAHAR PEER (ISR)**

Date of Birth (Age)	May 1, 1987 (24)	2012 Prize \$ (USD)~	\$61,667
Residence	Macabim, Israel	2012 Titles (Singles/Doubles)^	0 / 0
Current Singles Rank	No.37	Career Prize \$ (USD)~	\$4,205,621
Highest Singles Rank	No.11 (January 31, 2011)	Career Titles (Singles/Doubles)^	5 / 3

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**TOURNAMENT HISTORY:** Making 2nd main draw appearance at Paris [Indoors]. In tournament debut in 2010 reached QF (l. Safarova)

**2012 SUMMARY:** SF (1): Hobart

- Advanced to SF at Hobart (as No.6 seed, l. top seed Wickmayer)
- 2r exit at Australian Open (l. No.14 seed Lisicki)
- Fell 1r at Brisbane (l. No.2 seed Petkovic)

**CAREER SUMMARY:** WON (5): 2009 Guangzhou, Tashkent, 2006 Istanbul, Prague, Pattaya City; R-Up (3): 2007 Memphis, 2010 Hobart, 2011 Washington DC; 3 doubles titles, most recently at 2007 Stanford (w/Mirza)

- 2011 marked 6th straight Top 40 season (finishing at No.37), a stretch that includes 3 Top 20 finishes (2006 at No.20, 2007 at No.17 and 2010 at No.13)
- In 2010, advanced to SF or better 7 times; won 47 matches (only 3 players – Wozniacki, Zvonareva and Pennetta – won more); scored 5 Top 10 victories
- Won back-to-back singles titles at 2009 Guangzhou and Tashkent (4th and 5th of career; both without dropping a set), ending 3-year period without a title
- Was ranked in Top 20 from November 13, 2006 to June 9, 2008, returned there on February 22, 2010; became highest-ever ranked Israeli player in May 2010 at No.14 (previous best was No.15), rose to No.11 in January 2011
- Has 11 Top 10 wins (including 1 via retirement), most recently at 2011 Indian Wells (No.5 Schiavone); victory over Safina at 2010 Stuttgart was 2nd vs. Top 3 player (also Wozniacki at 2010 Dubai); 5 of her Top 10 wins came in 2010
- Israeli Fed Cup Team, 2002-12; Israeli Olympic team 2008

**GRAND SLAM HISTORY**

- 2012 Australian Open marked 28th singles main draw at a Grand Slam event
- Two-time QF – 2007 Australian Open and US Open (first Israeli woman to reach Grand Slam singles QF); also reached 4r six times (at least once at each Grand Slam)
- Reached doubles final at 2008 Australian Open (w/Azarenka)
- Won 2004 Australian Open girls' singles title (d. Vaidisova in final)

**OTHER FACTS**

- Coached by Harold Solomon; previously worked with Pablo Giacomelli and Craig Kardon
- Honored as 2010 Israeli sportsperson of the year
- Began playing at age 6 by joining older siblings, brother Shlomi and sister Shani, in tennis lessons; father, Dovik, is computer software specialist; mother, Aliza, is a housewife
- Underwent mandatory Israeli Army military training on part-time basis between Nov. 2005 and Nov. 2007
- In April 2010, went on 'March of the Living', with her grandmother, a WW2 holocaust survivor, where 10,000 people marched to Auschwitz to remember those that perished there



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**OPEN GDF SUEZ QUICK FACTS**

Main draw dates: Monday, February 6 – Sunday, February 12, 2012  
 Singles Final: Sunday, February 12, 3:30pm  
 Doubles Final: Sunday, February 12, 12noon  
 Venue: Stade Pierre de Coubertin  
 Status: WTA Premier Event  
 Staging: Tournament's 20th year  
 Draw sizes: 30 singles / 16 doubles / 32 singles qualifying (4 qualifiers)  
 Surface: Greenset/Indoors (Wooden based)  
 Total prize money: US\$637,000  
 2011 Singles Final: [4] Petra Kvitova (CZE) d. [1] Kim Clijsters (BEL) 64 63  
 2011 Doubles Final: [3] Bethanie Mattek-Sands (USA)/Meghann Shaughnessy (USA) d.  
 Vera Dushevina (RUS)/Ekaterina Makarova (RUS) 64 62

**PRIZE MONEY AND RANKING POINTS BREAKDOWN**

SINGLES	US\$	RANK POINTS
Winner	107,000	470
Runner-Up	57,000	320
Semifinalist	30,510	200
Quarterfinalist	16,375	120
Round of 16	8,800	60
Round of 32	4,800	1

DOUBLES	US\$	RANK POINTS
Winner	33,000	470
Runner-Up	17,600	320
Semifinalist	9,600	200
Quarterfinalist	4,900	120
Round of 16	2,650	1

**SINGLES MAIN DRAW WILDCARDS**

Alize Cornet (FRA), Pauline Parmentier (FRA)

**FORMER CHAMPIONS AND RUNNERS-UP IN THE FIELD**

Champions (0)  
 Runners-up (1): Lucie Safarova (2007, 2010)

**YOUNGEST AND OLDEST IN SINGLES MAIN DRAW (not including qualifiers)**

Youngest: Christina McHale (USA) - 19 years old (born May 11, 1992)  
 Oldest: Klara Zakopalova (CZE) – 29 years old (born February 24, 1982)

**MAKING MAIN DRAW DEBUT (not including qualifiers)**

Petra Cetkovska (CZE)	Simona Halep (ROU) [2009, 2010]	Pauline Parmentier (FRA) [2006]
Jarmila Gajdosova (AUS)	Sabine Lisicki (GER)	Chanelle Scheepers (RSA)
Julia Goerges (GER) [2009]	Christina McHale (USA)	Maria Sharapova (RUS)

[ ] denotes years lost in qualifying

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**COUNTRY BREAKDOWN**

Excluding qualifiers, 18 countries are represented in main draw, led by Czech Republic with 4 players:

Australia (1)	Jarmila Gajdosova
Belgium (1)	Yanina Wickmayer
Bulgaria (1)	Tsvetana Pironkova
China (1)	Li Na
Croatia (1)	Petra Martic
Czech Republic (4)	Petra Cetkowska, Lucie Safarova, Barbora Zahlavova Strycova, Klara Zakopalova
Estonia (1)	Kaia Kanepi
France (3)	Marion Bartoli, Alize Cornet, Pauline Parmentier
Germany (3)	Julia Goerges, Angelique Kerber, Sabine Lisicki
Israel (1)	Shahar Peer
Italy (1)	Roberta Vinci
Romania (2)	Simona Halep, Monica Niculescu
Russia (1)	Maria Sharapova
Serbia (1)	Jelena Jankovic
Slovenia (1)	Polona Hercog
South Africa (1)	Chanelle Scheepers
Spain (1)	Anabel Medina Garrigues
USA (1)	Christina McHale

**WEEKS AT No.1**

Victoria Azarenka is entering her 2nd week on top of the WTA Singles ranking on Monday February 6. Azarenka became the 21st woman to hold the No.1 ranking after winning the 2012 Australian Open and is projected to hold on to the No.1 ranking at least through Indian Wells:

PLAYER	WEEKS AT No.1	DATE REACHED No.1
Steffi Graf (GER)	377	August 17, 1987
Martina Navratilova (USA)	332	July 10, 1978
Chris Evert (USA)	260	November 3, 1975
Martina Hingis (SUI)	209	March 31, 1997
Monica Seles (USA)	178	March 11, 1991
Serena Williams (USA)	123	July 8, 2002
Justine Henin (BEL)	117	October 20, 2003
Lindsay Davenport (USA)	98	October 12, 1998
Caroline Wozniacki (DEN)	67	October 11, 2010
Amélie Mauresmo (FRA)	39	September 13, 2004
Dinara Safina (RUS)	26	April 20, 2009
Tracy Austin (USA)	21	April 7, 1980
Kim Clijsters (BEL)	20	August 11, 2003
Jelena Jankovic (SRB)	18	August 11, 2008
Jennifer Capriati (USA)	17	October 15, 2001
Maria Sharapova (RUS)	17	August 22, 2005
Ana Ivanovic (SRB)	12	June 9, 2008
Arantxa Sánchez-Vicario (ESP)	12	February 6, 1995
Venus Williams (USA)	11	February 25, 2002
Evonne Goolagong (AUS)	2	April 26, 1976
Victoria Azarenka (BLR)	2*	January 30, 2012

*\*including week of February 6*