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CHINA OPEN - QUARTERFINALS

DARIA KASATKINA (RUS #34) vs. [2] SIMONA HALEP (ROU #2)
Halep leads 2-1

[3] ELINA SVITOLINA (UKR #3) vs. CAROLINE GARCIA (FRA #15)
Svitolina leads 1-0

[9] JELENA OSTAPENKO (LAT #8) vs. SORANA CIRSTEA (ROU #44)
Ostapenko leads 1-0

BARBORA STRYCOVA (CZE #29) vs. [12] PETRA KVITOVA (CZE #18)
Kvitova leads 7-1 (6-1 at main draw, tour level)

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QUARTERFINAL QUICK HITS

- World No.1 contenders Simona Halep and Elina Svitolina are among the eight players left vying for this year’s final Premier Mandatory tournament, the China Open
- Both Halep and Svitolina can overtake Garbiñe Muguruza as World No.1 by winning the title. While the Romanian could also claim top spot by reaching final as long as Svitolina loses in the quarter or semifinals

Follow WTA on Twitter: www.twitter.com/WTA  Facebook: www.facebook.com/WTA  YouTube: www.youtube.com/WTA
• Halep and Svitolina have both contested a Beijing quarterfinal previously. The Romanian did so in 2014, losing to Ana Ivanovic, while Svitolina fell to Agnieszka Radwanska in last year’s semifinals
• The only other player to have reached this stage before is 2014 runner-up Petra Kvitova
• Czech Republic (Kvitova and Barbora Strycova) and Romania (Sorana Cirstea and Halep) have multiple quarterfinal representatives. The Czechs also provided two quarterfinal representatives in 2013 (Kvitova and Lucie Safarova)
• Strycova is one of the four unseeded players to have reached the quarterfinals here this week, along with Sorana Cirstea, Caroline Garcia and Daria Kasatkina, By contrast, last year three of the last eight were unseeded: Daria Gavrilova, Yaroslava Shvedova and Zhang Shuai
• At No.44, Cirstea is the lowest-ranked player remaining and appearing in her second Premier Mandatory quarterfinal of 2017, having also made it this far at Madrid where she lost to Kristina Mladenovic
• The youngest player remaining in the draw is 20-year-old Ostapenko; the oldest is Strycova, 31
• Garcia (Wuhan), Halep (Madrid), Kasatkina (Charleston), Kvitova (Birmingham), Ostapenko (Roland Garros, Seoul) and Svitolina (Taipei City, Dubai, Istanbul, Rome, Toronto) have all already won titles this season
• Three of the quarterfinalists, Halep, Svitolina and Ostapenko, have already qualified for the BNP Paribas WTA Finals in Singapore, while Garcia can keep alive her hopes of beating Johanna Konta to the last spot by reaching the semifinals

PORSCHE RACE TO SINGAPORE
• 2017 marks the fourth of five years that Singapore will host the BNP Paribas WTA Finals Singapore presented by SC Global (2014-18). Play will be held over eight days (October 22-29, 2017)
• In 2017 the WTA Finals will again feature the Top 8 singles players competing in a round-robin format and the Top 8 doubles teams. See tables below for current standings (as at October 2, 2017)
• The Race to Singapore travels through 32 countries with 55 WTA Premier and International events, in addition to the four Grand Slams
• Beijing is the 52nd tournament en route to Singapore and could play a pivotal role in deciding the final few qualifying spots for the WTA Finals

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ROAD TO THE QUARTERFINALS

DARIA KASATKINA (RUS #34)

R16: d. [11] AGNIESZKA RADWANSKA (POL #11) 4-6,7-5,6-2 (2h32)
R32: d. LARA ARRUABARRENA (ESP #90) 6-4,7-5 (1h35)
R64: d. NATALIA VIKHLYANTSEVA (RUS #64) 7-6(5),6-1 (1h42)

Total games: 72
Won/lost: 43-29
Sets won/lost: 6-1
Total time on court: 5h49
Average time on court: 1h56
Average rank of opponent: 55

[2] SIMONA HALEP (ROU #2)

R16: d. MARIA SHARAPOVA (RUS #104) 6-2,6-2 (1h12)
R32: d. MAGDALENA RYBARIKOVA (SVK #28) 6-1,2-1 Ret (Gl illness) (0h58)
R64: d. ALISON RISKE (USA #51) 6-3,6-6,2 (2h12)

Total games: 52
Won/lost: 35-17
Sets won/lost: 6-1
Total time on court: 4h22
Average time on court: 1h27
Average rank of opponent: 61
KASATKINA:

**Beijing**
- Making second appearance in Beijing after falling in 2r last year (l. Ka.Pliskova)
- Started campaign with straight-set wins over Vikhlyantseva and Arruabarrena in first two rounds
- Came within two points of defeat before upsetting World No.11 A.Radwanska in R16 on Wednesday
- Now owns a 5-8 record vs. Top 20 opponents this season – other wins over then-No.1 Kerber (Sydney), No.2 Kerber (Doha), No.12 Ostapenko (US Open) and No.2 Halep (Wuhan)
- Faces No.2 Halep today. Beat the Romanian for the first time last week in Wuhan, dropping just three games
- Only Russian remaining from seven that began main draw. Bidding to become first Russian to reach China Open SF since Sharapova won title in 2014

**Season**
- Advanced to 3r last week in Wuhan, defeating Riske and No.2 Halep before falling to Makarova
- Suffered a 2r exit at Tokyo [PPO] (l. Kerber)
- Fell 2r at New Haven (l. Mertens); defeated No.24 Strycova in 1r for best win-by-ranking since defeating No.2 Kerber at Doha in February
• Made back-to-back 2r exits at Cincinnati (l. Keys) and Toronto (l. eventual champion Svitolina)
• Suffered 2r exit in her sole grass court tournament, at Wimbledon (l. Kontaveit)
• At Roland Garros, reached 3r for the second consecutive year (l. eventual R-Up Halep)
• Entered 2017 Roland Garros on a three-match losing streak, having fallen 1r at Stuttgart (l. Vesnina), Madrid (l. Vinci) and Rome (l. Strycova)
• Prior to Charleston triumph, previous best showings at WTA events were SF on home soil, at 2015 Moscow and 2016 St Petersburg
• Represented Russia in Fed Cup loss to Belgium in April (d. Zanevska – Russia lost tie 2-3 overall)
• Suffered back-to-back 1r exits at Miami (l. Rogers) and Indian Wells (l. Kr.Pliskova)
• Also fell 1r at Dubai (l. eventual R-Up Wozniacki)
• Reached QF at Doha (l. Puig); scored second win of 2017 season over No.2 Kerber in 2r
• In February made 2r exit at St. Petersburg (l. No.115 and compatriot Vikhlyantseva)
• Posted 1r exit at Australian Open (l. Peng). Enjoyed highest seeding at a Slam in Melbourne (No.23)
• Opened 2017 season with a 2r exit at Brisbane (l. Muguruza) and QF showing at Sydney (d. No.1 Kerber in R16, l. eventual champion Konta)
• Defeat of No.1 Kerber was first such victory over a reigning No.1; is now 1-1 vs. No.1 players (l. S.Williams at 2016 Australian Open 3r). Became the sixth teenager to defeat a world No.1 with win over Kerber in Sydney:

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**Grand Slam History**
• 2017 US Open marked ninth main draw appearance at a Grand Slam, where she achieved her best result across all majors
• Reached 3r on her main draw debuts at all of the majors – 2015 US Open (l. Mladenovic), 2016 Australian Open (l. eventual champion S.Williams), 2016 Roland Garros (l. Bertens) and 2016 Wimbledon (l. V.Williams)
• Returned to 3r at Roland Garros in 2017 and reached 2r at 2017 Wimbledon. Only 1r exit came at 2017 Australian Open (l. Peng)
**Career**

- Ended 2016 at career-best No.27, up from No.72 in 2015. Also posted new career-high ranking in 2016, at No.24 (week of August 15, 2016)

- 2016 highlights included reaching second WTA SF at St Petersburg (l. eventual R-Up Bencic) and QF stage at Indian Wells (l. Ka.Pliskova), Charleston (l. eventual champion Stephens having held MPs), Montréal (l. Kerber), Rio Olympics (l. Keys) and Moscow (l. Goerges)

- In doubles, fell one match short of defending 2015 title at Moscow (w/Vesnina), finishing as R-Up w/Gavrilova (l. Hlavackova/Hradecka in F). Also ended Hingis/Mirza’s 41-match unbeaten streak at 2016 Doha (w/Vesnina)

- 2015 saw her reach her first WTA SF at 2015 Moscow (l. Pavlyuchenkova, having recorded first Top 20 win over No.14 Suárez Navarro in QF)

- QF run at 2015 Bad Gastein (as qualifier) was first time reaching last eight at WTA-level tournament

- Won five singles titles on ITF Circuit in 2015, taking total to seven

- Made WTA qualifying debut at 2013 Moscow; made main draw debut as WC also at Moscow in 2014 (l. Riske 1r)

**Other Information**

- Born and resides in Togliatti, Russia. Mother is Tatiana Timkovskaya and father is Sergey Kasatkin

- Began playing tennis at age six when older brother, Alexsandr Timkovskii, introduced her to the game; he is now her fitness trainer and travels with her

- Currently attending Sport College in Samara, Russia; three years into a five-year degree

- Loves football; favorite team is Barcelona FC

- Recently hired Philippe Dehaes as new coach, formerly coached by Vladimir Platenik since October 2014
HALEP:

**Beijing**

- Making sixth main draw appearance at China Open. Has advanced to QFs for second time, having also been this far in 2014 (l. Ivanovic)
- Also reached R16 in 2016 (l. Zhang) and suffered 1r exits, in 2012 (l. Sharapova), 2013 (l. A.Radwanska) and 2015 (as No.1 seed, l. Arruabarrena)
- Defeated Riske in 1r on Saturday to score first win since runner-up finish at Cincinnati (l. Muguruza) and reached R16 when Rybarikova ret. (w/Gi illness) on Tuesday
- On Wednesday, defeated Sharapova for the first time in eight career meetings, gaining revenge on her recent 1r loss to the Russian at US Open
- Faces Kasatkina in today’s QF. Has now reached QF or better in 11 of her past 13 tournaments
- Will rise to World No.1 for first time by winning China Open. Could also claim top spot by reaching final as long as Svitolina does not win the title
- Has reached 26 tour-level singles finals in career, though only one in Asia, when she won Shenzhen in 2015
- Qualified for 2017 BNP Paribas WTA Finals in Singapore. Joins Muguruza, Ka.Pliskova, Svitolina, V.Williams, Wozniacki and Ostapenko in the singles field. The final spot will go to either Garcia or Konta

**Season**

- 2017 Beijing marks second event of Asian swing, after opening match loss at Wuhan (after 1r bye, l. today’s opponent Kasatkina)
- Suffered 1r exit to WC Sharapova at US Open. Result ended run of 10 consecutive tournaments where she had made QF or better (stretching back to 3r loss at Indian Wells in March)
- Made fourth final of 2017 season at Cincinnati (l. Muguruza); record in career singles finals now stands at 15-11
- Has come within one win of claiming World No.1 on three occasions this year – in the final at Roland Garros (l. Ostapenko), the quarterfinals at Wimbledon (l. Konta) and final at Cincinnati (l. Muguruza)
- Following loss to Muguruza in Cincy final owns 3-4 record against Top 10 players in 2017, defeating No.6 Svitolina and No.3 Ka.Pliskova (both at Roland Garros) and No.7 Konta (Cincinnati)
- The week prior, advanced to SF at Toronto (l. eventual champion Svitolina)
- In first tournament of US Open Series reached QF at Washington DC (ret. in third set vs. eventual champion Makarova w/heat illness)
- Before this, reached QF on grass at Eastbourne (l. Wozniacki in 3s) and Wimbledon (l. Konta), narrowly missing out on claiming the No.1
- Reached second Grand Slam final of career at Roland Garros (l. Ostapenko in 3s, having led 64 30 with game point)
- Could have ascended to top spot with victory over Ostapenko in Roland Garros final; despite loss, returned to previous career-high rank of No.2, a position she first ascended to on August 11, 2014
- Entered Paris after reaching finals in consecutive weeks – firstly defending Madrid title (d. Mladenovic in F) and then R-Up at Rome (l. Svitolina in F). Struggled w/right ankle injury in lead up to Roland Garros after a fall in Rome final
- 2017 Mutua Madrid Open crown was also third WTA Premier Mandatory title, having also won at 2015 Indian Wells and 2016 Madrid
- Posted SF showing at Stuttgart (l. eventual champion Siegemund) – marked first SF of season
- Claimed wins over Konta and Watson during Romania’s 3-2 Fed Cup World Group II play-off victory over Great Britain in April. Lost dead doubles rubber w/Niculescu vs. Rae/Robson
- Reached QF at 2017 Miami (l. eventual champion Konta) and 3r at Indian Wells (l. Mladenovic) after skipping Middle East Swing due to a left knee injury – same injury that forced withdrawal from QF vs. Vikhlyantseva at St Petersburg
- Made 1r exit at Australian Open for second successive year (l. Rogers in 2017, l. Zhang in 2016, who was 0-14 at Grand Slams entering match and ranked No.133 at the time)
- Opened 2017 season at Shenzhen, with 2r exit (d. Jankovic in 1r, l. eventual champion Siniakova)
- Spent pre-season training with coach Darren Cahill in Adelaide

**Grand Slam**

- 2017 US Open marked 30th Grand Slam main draw appearance. Is a two-time Slam finalist, having finished runner-up at Roland Garros in 2014 (l. Sharapova in 3s) and 2017 (l. Ostapenko in 3s)
- Semifinalist at Wimbledon in 2014 (l. Bouchard), in addition to SF run at US Open in 2015 (l. eventual champion Pennetta)
- At the Australian Open has twice advanced to QF, in 2014 (l. eventual R-Up Cibulkova) and 2015 (l. Makarova)

**Career**

- Posted third straight Top 5 season finish in 2016, at No.4, down from career-high No.2 in 2015. Season-ending ranking had improved eight years in a row until 2016
- 2016 season highlighted by three titles, at Madrid (d. Cibulkova in F for second title at Premier Mandatory level, after 2015 Indian Wells), Bucharest (d. Sevastova in F) and Montréal (d. Keys in F)
- Went on a 13-match winning streak thanks to titles at Bucharest (five wins) and Montréal (five wins) and SF run at Cincinnati (three wins). Was second-longest streak of 2016, after Azarenka (16)
- Also reached the first WTA doubles final of her career at 2016 Montréal (w/Niculescu, l. Makarova/Vesnina)
- Qualified for WTA Finals in Singapore for the third time, going 1-2 in round-robin play – d. Keys, l. Kerber and Cibulkova; did not progress to SF
- Also in 2016 reached SF at Sydney (l. eventual champion Kuznetsova), Cincinnati (l. eventual R-Up Kerber) and Wuhan (l. eventual champion Kvitova) and back-to-back QF at Indian Wells (l. S.Williams) and Miami (l. Bacsinszky)
At the Slams in 2016, made R16 at Roland Garros (l. Stosur) and posted QF runs at Wimbledon (l. eventual R-Up Kerber) and US Open (l. S.Williams)

Went 6-7 vs. Top 10 opponents in 2016, wins being over No.9 Kvitova (Fed Cup), No.9 Keys (Wimbledon and Wuhan), No.2 Kerber (Montréal), No.5 A.Radwanska (Cincinnati) and No.7 Keys (WTA Finals Singapore)

Record vs. World No.1 players is 1-10, win coming at 2014 WTA Finals Singapore vs. S.Williams (RR stage)

Career record vs. Top 5 players is 8-24, with wins coming over No.3 Ka.Pliskova (2017 Roland Garros), No.2 Kerber (2016 Montréal), No.5 A.Radwanska (2016 Cincinnati), No.5 Wozniacki (2015 Dubai), No.5 Bouchard (2014 WTA Finals), No.1 S.Williams (2014 WTA Finals), No.4 A.Radwanska (2014 Doha) and No.4 A.Radwanska (2013 Rome)

Between May 2013 and August 2014, improved ranking from No.64 to as high as No.2 in the world, winning seven titles in this period

Became third Romanian to break into the WTA Top 10 (after Ruzici, Spirlea) making Top 10 debut week of January 27, 2014; now highest-ranked Romanian woman ever


**Other Information**

Tennis idols are Justine Henin and Roger Federer

Speaks Romanian and English

Coached by Australian Darren Cahill. Formerly coached by Wim Fissette and Victor Ionita
[3] ELINA SVITOLINA (UKR #3) vs. CAROLINE GARCIA (FRA #15)

Head to Head: ELINA SVITOLINA leads 1-0

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Total games: 55
Won/lost: 37-18
Sets won/lost: 6-0
Total time on court: 4h18
Average time on court: 1h26
Average rank of opponent: 53

ROAD TO THE QUARTERFINALS

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Total games: 38
Won/lost: 25-13
Sets won/lost: 4-0
Total time on court: 2h53
Average time on court: 1h27
Average rank of opponent: 38

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SVITOLINA:

*Beijing*

- Making fifth appearance at Beijing. Best result at China Open is reaching SF in 2016 (l. eventual champion A.Radwanska)
- Made 2r in 2015 (l. Pavlyuchenkova), and lost opening matches in 2013 (l. Vinci) and 2014 (after 1r bye, l. Sharapova)
- Contesting week of Beijing at career-high ranking of No.3 (first achieved on September 11, 2017)
- Will secure No.1 ranking by winning title this week – would become the 25th player to hold the honor
- Playing first tournament since US Open. Scored straight set wins over WC Zhu in 1r, last week’s Wuhan Open runner-up Barty in 2r and No.20 Vesnina in R16
- These were her 49th, 50th and 51st wins of 2017 – Wozniacki (55) and Ka.Pliskova (51) are the only other players to pass the half-century mark
- Faces Garcia in today’s QF. Owns 6-1 record in QF matches in 2017 – only loss came to Halep at Roland Garros in a match she led 6-3 5-1 and held a match point
- Since returning to hard courts after Wimbledon, has posted a 10-2 record, including 5-1 vs. Top 20 opponents (lone loss coming to No.16 Keys at US Open)
- Secured qualification for WTA Finals in Singapore on the eve of 2017 Beijing, joining Muguruza, Ka.Pliskova, V.Williams, Halep, Wozniacki and Ostapenko in the field. Victory over Garcia today would hand the final spot in the field to Konta
Season

- 2017 Beijing marks first tournament of Asian swing, and first outing since reaching R16 at US Open (l. eventual R-Up Keys)

- Owns most titles won on the WTA this year, with five (5), and most wins vs. Top 5 opponents (7-1 record) and Top 10 opponents (10-3 record)

- North America hard court swing culminated with R16 run at US Open – could have become new World No.1 had she reached SF and other results go her way. Also reached R16 at Cincinnati (l. Goerges)

- At Toronto, d. Wozniacki in F to win her fifth title of the year (third at Premier 5 level, after Dubai and Rome), becoming the first player to win three Premier 5 titles in a season, since such tournaments were introduced in 2009. The four players to win two Premier 5s in a season – Wozniacki (2010), Sharapova (2011), S.Williams (2013, 2014), Azarenka (2013) – have all held the No.1 ranking

- Owns a perfect 5-0 record in finals this season, triumphing at Taipei City (d. Peng in F), Dubai (d. Wozniacki in F), Istanbul (d. Mertens in F), Rome (d. Halep in F) and Toronto (d. Wozniacki in F)

- On grass, made R16 exit at Wimbledon (l. Ostapenko) and fell 2r at Birmingham (l. Giorgi)

- At Roland Garros reached second Grand Slam QF of career (also 2015 Roland Garros), falling to eventual R-Up Halep after holding match point in second set tie-break

- Prior to QF run at 2017 Roland Garros, won fourth WTA singles title of 2017 at Rome (d. Halep in F). Defeated three Top 10 players en route to Rome title – No.3 Ka.Pliskova, No.7 Muguruza (via ret. w/neck injury) and No.4 Halep in final

- Won third title of season at Istanbul (d. Mertens) and then posted 1r exit at Madrid (l. Zheng)

- Opened clay season representing Ukraine in Fed Cup loss to Germany, going 1-1 in singles (d. Kerber, l. Goerges)

- During Sunshine Double hardcourt swing, reached R16 at Indian Wells (l. Muguruza) and posted opening match loss at Miami (after 1r bye, l. No.158 Mattek-Sands)

- Loss to Muguruza ended 15-match winning streak, the longest winning streak since Azarenka’s 16 matches in 2016, spanning Indian Wells to Rome last spring

- At Kuala Lumpur, withdrew prior to 2r match vs. Hibino w/lower-leg injury

- In February, made her Top 10 debut by capturing Dubai title (d. Wozniacki in F), becoming the first Ukrainian player to achieve the feat

- Lifted title at Taipei City (d. Peng in F); in February followed this by winning both singles rubbers in Ukraine’s Fed Cup win over Australia (vs. Barty and Gavrilova)

- Now owns a 9-2 record in WTA singles finals

- Prior to Dubai, all five career singles titles were won at International level: 2013 and 2014 Baku (was only teenager to win a WTA singles title in 2013), 2015 Marrakech, 2016 Kuala Lumpur and 2017 Taipei City

- Reached 3r at 2017 Australian Open (l. Pavlyuchenkova)

- Began 2017 season with SF run at Brisbane (l. eventual champion Ka.Pliskova in 3s), where she defeated world No.1 Kerber en route. Now owns four wins over No.1s, all within the past year: S.Williams (2016 Rio Olympics) and Kerber (2016 Beijing, 2017 Brisbane and 2017 Fed Cup). Was the only player to defeat both reigning No.1s in 2016 and is first Ukrainian woman ever to defeat a top-ranked player
**Grand Slam History**

- 2017 US Open marked 21st Grand Slam main draw appearance, best results coming at Roland Garros with QF runs in 2015 (l. Ivanovic) and 2017 (l. eventual R-Up Halep)
- At Wimbledon, advanced to R16 for the first time in 2017 (l. Ostapenko); previous best result at All England Club was 2r in 2015 (l. Dellacqua) and 2016 (l. Shvedova)
- Elsewhere, has made 3r at the Australian Open (2014-15, 2017) and R16 at US Open (2017)
- Joint-highest seeding at a Slam is No.4 (2017 Wimbledon and US Open)

**Career**

- Posted second Top 20 season in 2016, at No.14. Fourth successive Top 40 season
- Strong finish to 2016 season also saw her reach first SF at Premier Mandatory level at Beijing (l. A.Radwanska); in addition, post-US Open reached SF at Tokyo [PPO] (l. Osaka) and Moscow (l. Kuznetsova)
- Qualified for 2016 WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai for the second time (l. Kvitova in F)
- Reached three finals in 2016, clinching fourth WTA singles title at Kuala Lumpur (d. Bouchard in F) and advancing to finals at New Haven (l. A.Radwanska) and Zhuhai (l. Kvitova)
- Other season highlights included SF at Dubai (l. Errani), QF at Rio Olympics (l. Kvitova) and R16 at Miami (l. Makarova)
- Has a 12-13 career record vs. Top 5 players, defeating No.2 Halep (2017 Toronto), No.4 Muguruza (2017 Toronto), No.4 Halep and No.3 Ka.Pliskova (2017 Rome), No.1 Kerber (2017 Fed Cup), No.2 Kerber (2017 Dubai), No.1 Kerber (2017 Brisbane), No.1 Kerber (2016 Beijing), No.3 Muguruza (2016 Tokyo [PPO]), No.1 S.Williams (2016 Rio Olympics), No.5 Muguruza (2016 Dubai) and No.4 Kvitova (2014 Cincinnati)
- Owns two career doubles titles: 2014 Istanbul (w/Doi) and 2015 Istanbul (w/Gavrilova)
- Made WTA main draw debut at 2012 Baku (lost in 1r but won title the next two years)
- Played first ITF Circuit events of career in 2008. Winner of seven singles and two doubles titles on ITF Circuit

**Other Information**

- Parents are Mykhaylo and Olena; brother is Yulian; introduced to tennis at age 5 by family
- Currently working with Thierry Ascione and hitting partner Andrew Bettles. Has previously worked with Iain Hughes and Gabriel Urpi
- Also worked with former world No.1 Justine Henin as coaching consultant in 2016
GARCIA:

**Beijing**

- Making fourth main draw appearance at China Open (fifth overall). Previous best result in Beijing was reaching R16 in 2016 (l. Gavrilova)
- Made 2r exits in 2014 (l. V.Williams) and 2015 (l. Errani). Fell in 2013 qualifying
- Received 1r performance bye (also Barty and Ostapenko) after winning Wuhan title last week
- Overcame Mertens in 1r and Cornet in 2r to increase 2017 wins total to 43 – only Wozniacki (55), Ka.Pliskova (51), Svitolina (51) and Muguruza (46) have more. By contrast won 34 in whole of 2016
- Faces No.3 Svitolina today. Owns 1-17 career record against Top 5 players (0-4 in 2017), with sole win coming against No.4 Kvitova at 2015 Cincinnati
- Is the first French quarterfinalist at China Open since 2012, when Bartoli reached the SFs
- Marks ninth QF of season, having reached this stage or better at Monterrey (SF, l. Pavlyuchenkova), Strasbourg (SF, l. Gavrilova), Roland Garros (QF, l. Ka.Pliskova), Mallorca (SF, l. Sevastova), Bastad (SF, l. Siniakova), Toronto (QF, l. Halep), Tokyo [PPO] (QF, l. Muguruza) and Wuhan (WON). By contrast, only appeared in four QFs in 2016
- Playing 2017 Beijing on a career-high ranking of No.15 (as at October 2, 2017). By reaching QF will rise to No.12, overtaking Mladenovic as new French No.1. Will break into Top 10 by reaching final
- Currently sits at No.10 on the Porsche Race to Singapore Leaderboard, and will need to win today in order to remain in contention for the final qualifying spot at the season-ending showpiece

**Season**

- Coming off winning biggest title of career at Wuhan last week (d. Barty in F) – owns 4-2 record in singles finals
- Upset No.9 Cibulkova in straight sets in R16 at Wuhan. Now owns nine wins over Top 10 players in career: No.9 Jankovic (2014 Bogotá), No.8 Kerber (2014 Madrid), No.6 A.Radwanska (2014 Wuhan), No.6 Ivanovic (2015 Monterrey), No.6 Ivanovic (2015 Indian Wells), No.6 Ivanovic (2015 Stuttgart), No.4 Kvitova (2015 Cincinnati) and No.6 Ka.Pliskova (2016 Fed Cup final)
- Made QFs at Tokyo [PPO] (l. Muguruza)
- Advanced to 3r at US Open (l. Kvitova) – has now reached 3r or better on each of past five outings at majors
- In US Open tune-up events, fell 1r at Cincinnati (l. Vesnina) and produced QF run at Toronto (l. No.2 Halep)
- Made SF at Bastad (l. eventual champion Siniakova); achieved a career-high singles ranking of No.19 after Bastad (July 31)
- Fell 2r at Gstaad (l. No.140 Martincova) after reaching R16 at Wimbledon – her best run at the All England Club
- Made her Top 20 debut following run at Wimbledon (at No.20) on July 17, 2017
- In other outing on grass, fell SF during defense of Mallorca title (l. eventual champion Sevastova)
- At Roland Garros, reached maiden Grand Slam QF (l. Ka.Pliskova). One of two Frenchwomen to reach QF stage of home Slam (also Mladenovic) – the previous occasion two French women reached this juncture was 1994 (Halard and Pierce)
Heading into Paris enjoyed SF run in Strasbourg (as defending champion, l. Gavrilova). Other clay results this season saw her fall 1r at Madrid (l. Wang) and 2r at Rome (l. Gavrilova)

Advanced to SF at Monterrey (l. eventual champion Pavlyuchenkova)

‘Sunshine Double’ saw R16 run at Indian Wells (l. eventual R-Up Kuznetsova) and opening match loss at Miami (after 1r bye, l. Peng). Upset of No.11 Konta on third set tie-break in 3r at Miami for first Top 20 win in 2017

Suffered 1r exit at Kuala Lumpur (l. Kalinskaya), while during Middle Eastern swing made 2r at both Doha (l. eventual champion Ka.Pliskova) and Dubai (l. Puig)

Also fell 2r at Taipei City in February (l. No.93 Minella)

Began season at Australian Open after withdrawing from Sydney (w/back injury) – reached 3r in Melbourne (l. Strycova). Enjoyed highest Grand Slam seeding at Australian Open (at No.21)

In doubles, reached SF at Australian Open (w/Mladenovic) – pair fell to Hlavackova/Peng

Grand Slam History

2017 US Open marked 23rd Grand Slam main draw appearance; was seeded No.18 – her highest seeding at a major

Deepest run to date at a Slam was QF at 2017 Roland Garros (l. Ka.Pliskova)

Achieved best result at Wimbledon this year by reaching R16 (l. Konta)

Has reached 3r – but no further – at Australian Open in 2015 (l. Bouchard) and 2017 (l. Strycova), and US Open in 2016 (l. A.Radwanska) and 2017 (l. Kvitova)

At 2016 Roland Garros, teamed with Mladenovic to win first Grand Slam doubles title. They were the first French pair to win the doubles title at Roland Garros since 1971, when Gail Chanfreau and Francoise Durr triumphed

Career

Posted third successive Top 40 season in 2016, hitting then career-high of No.23 the week of October 23 and holding it for year-end rankings

Winner of two WTA singles titles in 2016 – on clay at Strasbourg (d. Lucic-Baroni in F) and on grass at Mallorca (d. Sevastova in F)

Qualified for 2016 WTA Elite Trophy Zuhai, going 1-1 in singles round-robin play – d. Stosur, l. Konta

Other singles highlights in 2016 included reaching first Premier-level SF of career at Dubai (l. eventual finalist Strycova); also a semifinalist at International-level Monterrey (l. eventual champion Watson)

Represented France at Rio Olympics in singles (2r), doubles (w/Mladenovic, 1r) and mixed doubles (w/Mahut, 1r)

Member of French Fed Cup Team that advanced to 2016 final vs. Czech Republic – went 2-0 in singles, posting wins over Ka.Pliskova and Kvitova, although the Czechs won the tie, 3-2

Ended 2016 season with runner-up finish at WTA 125K Series event at Limoges, France (l. Alexandrova in F), where she was the defending champion

In addition to winning 2016 Roland Garros, team of Garcia/Mladenovic also reached title match at 2016 US Open (l. Mattek-Sands/Safarova) among eight finals reached in 2016 – won at Charleston, Stuttgart and Madrid as well as Roland Garros. Garcia is now 6-10 in tour-level doubles finals
• Garcia/Mladenovic qualified for 2016 WTA Finals in Singapore – advanced to semifinals (l. Mattek-Sands/Safarova); duly finished season co-ranked No.2, a new career-high for both players

• Has 4-2 record in singles finals. Won maiden singles title at 2014 Bogotá (d. Jankovic in F) and won the doubles (w/Arruabarrena), becoming first player to win singles and doubles at same event since S.Williams at 2012 Olympics

• Reached finals in consecutive weeks at 2015 Acapulco and Monterrey (l. Bacsinszky in both)

• Played 2015 WTA Finals Rising Stars Invitational where she also qualified in doubles (w/Srebotnik – lost in RR stage)

• Made WTA and Grand Slam main draw debut at 2011 Australian Open, advancing to 2r

• In juniors, girls’ singles runner-up at 2011 US Open (l. Min) and was a semifinalist at the other three Grand Slam events

• Played first professional match aged 13 at an ITF event in France in 2007

Other Information

• Coached by father, Louis Paul Garcia
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[9] JELENA OSTAPENKO (LAT #8) vs. SORANA CIRSTEA (ROU #44)

Head to Head: JELENA OSTAPENKO leads 1-0

2017 US OPEN HARD O R2 JELENA OSTAPENKO 6-4 6-4 90 mins

JELENA OSTAPENKO

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SORANA CIRSTEA

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ROAD TO THE QUARTERFINALS

[9] JELENA OSTAPENKO (LAT #8)

R16: d. SHUAI PENG (CHN #25) 3-0 Ret. (knee injury) (0h15)
R32: d. SAMANTHA STOSUR (AUS #45) 6-3,7-5 (1h48)
R64: BYE

Total games: 24
Won/lost: 16-8
Sets won/lost: 3-0
Total time on court: 2h03
Average time on court: 1h02
Average rank of opponent: 35

SORANA CIRSTEA (ROU #44)

VS.

R16: d. [4] KAROLINA PLISKOVA (CZE #4) 6-1,7-5 (1h23)
R32: d. CHRISTINA MCHALE (USA #71) 7-6(4),6-0 (1h24)
R64: d. MONA BARTHEL (GER #49) 7-6(4),6-1 (1h22)

Total games: 58
Won/lost: 39-19
Sets won/lost: 6-0
Total time on court: 4h09
Average time on court: 1h23
Average rank of opponent: 41

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OSTAPENKO:

**Beijing**

- Making second consecutive main draw appearance at China Open after falling 1r to Putintseva in 2016
- Received 1r performance bye (also Barty and Garcia) after reaching SF last week in Wuhan
- In 2r on Wednesday, defeated Stosur to secure first-ever qualification at WTA Finals, joining Muguruza, Halep, Ka.Pliskova, Svtolina, V.Williams and Wozniacki in Singapore, with one spot remaining
- Advanced over No.25 Peng (ret. w/right knee injury) to reach ninth QF of season (6-2), others coming in Auckland (d. Brengle), Acapulco (l. Tsurenko), Charleston (d. Wozniacki), Prague (d. Konjuh), Roland Garros (d. Wozniacki), Wimbledon (l. V.Williams), Seoul (d. Cepede Royg) and Wuhan (d. Muguruza)
- Registering remarkable numbers on return games, leading the tournament in return points won with 57.9% rate (up nearly 10% from 48.4% season average) and in return games won with 69.2% rate (up over 20% from 46.4% season average)
- Faces off against No.44 Cirstea in today’s QF matchup – recently defeated her in first meeting at this year’s US Open
- Owns an 18-10 mark vs. Top 50 opponents this season
- Has played 26 three-set matches in 2017 (19-7 record) – more than any player on tour (followed by Wozniacki on 25)
- At one point this season played eight consecutive three-setters (Roland Garros R16 through to Wimbledon 3r)

**Season**

- Fresh off SF run at Wuhan (l. Barty). Upset Muguruza in QF to register first win over a current World No.1. Record against Top 5-ranked players now 3-4; both previous wins came in 2017, against No.4 Halep at Roland Garros and No.5 Svtolina at Wimbledon
- In only other Asian swing outing picked up title in Seoul, defeating Haddad Maia in a three-set final. Record in singles finals now stands at 2-3
- Is one of seven players this year to win at least two titles, along with Bertens (Nürnberg, Gstaad), Pavlyuchenkova

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US Open bid was cut short as she fell in straight sets to Kasatkina in 3r

Suffered 1r exits at both Toronto (l. qualifier Lepchenko) and Cincinnati (l. qualifier Krunic)

Made QF run at Wimbledon (l. eventual runner-up V.Williams). Defeated No.5 Svitolina en route to register second Top 5 win of career

In only pre-Wimbledon grass event, reached R16 at Eastbourne (l. Konta). Withdrew from Birmingham w/back injury

Highlight of clay court season was winning first tour-level singles title and Grand Slam trophy at Roland Garros (d. Halep in F), where she became the lowest-ranked player, and first unseeded player, to lift the trophy in the Open Era

The last woman to win her debut tour-level title at a Grand Slam was Barbara Jordan at 1979 Australian Open (d. Walsh in F); the last player to win their debut title at Roland Garros was Gustavo Kuerten, who lifted the title on June 8, 1997 – the day Ostapenko was born

Made Top 20 debut and nearly doubled career prize money earnings by winning the title in Paris – entered tournament with USD $1.2 million in prize money, and earned a paycheck of approx. USD $1.18 million

Aside from Roland Garros performance, European clay court season highlighted by SF run at Prague (l. eventual R-Up Kr.Pliskova – defeated No.11 Wozniacki and No.33 Konjuh en route). Fell 1r at Stuttgart (as qualifier, l. Vandeweghe); advanced to 2r at Rome (l. No.7 Muguruza)

In April, on green clay in Charleston, reached first final at a WTA event since 2016 Doha. Fell to then fellow 19-year-old Kasatkina in 2017 Charleston final; was the first unseeded Charleston final since 2002 (Majoli d. Schnyder) and the first all-teenage final on tour since 2009 Linz (Wickmayer d. Kvitova)

Before run to Charleston final, at ‘Sunshine Double’ made 2r appearance at Indian Wells (l. Cibulkova) and 1r exit at Miami (l. Brengle)

In February, posted back-to-back 1r exits at St Petersburg (l. Vekic) and Dubai (l. Wang) before making QF at Acapulco (d. eventual champion Tsurenko)

Opened 2017 in strong fashion by reaching SF at Auckland (l. eventual champion Davis via ret. w/viral illness) and 3r at 2017 Australian Open (l. Ka.Pliskova – served for match twice)

In doubles this season, won first and second career titles, at St Petersburg (w/Rosolska) and Stuttgart (w/Atawo)

Grand Slam History

Won 2017 Roland Garros (d. Halep in F) on only her eighth Grand Slam main draw appearance – the fewest number before winning debut Slam title since Sharapova at 2004 Wimbledon (on what was seventh appearance)

Was the first Latvian player to reach the championship match at a Grand Slam; previously Ernests Gulbis reached SF at 2014 Roland Garros

Is only the third player born in the 1990s to win a Grand Slam title (after Kvitova, at 2011 and 2014 Wimbledon, and Muguruza at 2016 Roland Garros and 2017 Wimbledon)
• Followed Paris victory by posting her second best major result, reaching QF at 2017 Wimbledon (l. V.Williams). Along with S.Williams in 2015, is the only woman in the last 10 years to have followed up victory at Roland Garros with a run to the QF or better at Wimbledon. Before that Henin also achieved the feat in 2007
• Also the first woman to back up her maiden Slam title with QF or better at next Slam since Kim Clijsters (US Open-Australian Open 2006)
• Best result at Australian Open and US Open is 3r (2017)
• Reached mixed doubles SF at 2016 Wimbledon (w/Marach, l. eventual champions Kontinen/Watson)

**Career**

• Ended 2016 ranked No.44 for her first Top 50 year-end finish (and second consecutive Top 100)
• 2016 season highlight was reaching final at Premier 5 Doha (l. Suárez Navarro). Is 2-3 in WTA singles finals, after also finishing R-Up at 2015 Québec City (l. Beck) and 2017 Charleston (l. Kasatkina)
• Made Top 40 debut by virtue of reaching final at 2016 Doha
• Represented Latvia at 2016 Rio Olympics, losing 1r in singles (l. Stosur)
• Ended 2015 at No.79 for first Top 100 finish (up from No.308 in 2014). Having leapt 229 spots, was second-highest year-end rankings jump, after Kasatkina who went from No.370 to No.72 (298 spots)
• Began playing ITF Circuit events in 2012. Has won seven singles and eight doubles titles
• Made WTA main draw debut at 2014 Tashkent (2r, l. Pervak)
• Latvian Fed Cup Team, 2013-17; Latvian Olympic Team, 2016
• Won girls’ singles title at 2014 Wimbledon
• Highest ranked Latvian woman of two in Top 100, ahead of No.19 Sevastova (as of October 2, 2017)

**Other Information**

• Mother and coach is Jelena Jakovleva; father and fitness trainer is Jevgenijs Ostapenko. Half-brother is Maksim Ostapenko (graduated from art academy in Los Angeles and lives there now)
• Introduced to tennis at age five by mother; favorite shots are serve and backhand; favorite surfaces are grass and hard
• Tennis idols are Serena Williams and Ernests Gulbis –watched Gulbis’ QF match at Roland Garros from his box in 2014
• Took ballroom dancing classes for seven years
• Currently working with WTA player Anabel Medina Garrigues
CIRSTEA:

Beijing

- Making fourth main draw appearance at Beijing, and has achieved best result at China Open this year by reaching R16, bettering 2r effort in 2012 (l. Sharapova). Lost 1r in 2009 (l. Zvonareva) and 2013 (l. Jovanovski), and fell in 2014 qualifying
- Began China Open bid with wins over Barthel and McHale in first two rounds
- Upset No.4 Ka.Pliskova in 3r, improving lifetime mark vs. Top 5 players to 4-17, with wins coming against No.5 Jankovic (2009 Roland Garros), No.5 Stosur (2012 Australian Open) and No.5 Li Na (2013 Toronto)
- Contesting second QF at WTA Premier-Mandatory level of season (also Madrid), and fifth overall QF of season (1-3) with others coming in Istanbul (l. Svitolina), Madrid (l. Mladenovic), Nürnberg (d. Putintseva) and Seoul (l. Kumkhum)
- Joins Halep as first Romanian women through to QF at China Open since Halep in 2014
- First three-match winning streak since reaching QF stage at Nürnberg in May
- Looks to rebound vs. No.8 Ostapenko in today’s QF after straight sets loss in first career meeting at this year’s US Open

Season

- China Open marks third event of Asian swing – reached QF at Seoul (l. Kumkhum) and 2r at Wuhan (l. Wang)
- Made 2r at US Open (l. Ostapenko). Entered New York off back of qualifying loss at Cincinnati (l. Krunic) and 1r exit at Toronto (as qualifier, l. Garcia)
- Fell 1r at home tournament at Bucharest (l. compatriot Bogdan) following a 3r showing at Wimbledon (l. eventual champion Muguruza)
- Reached 2r at Eastbourne (as qualifier, l. Konta) and Roland Garros (l. Suárez Navarro)
- Clay season highlighted by SF run at Nurnberg (l. Krejcikova) and QF efforts at Istanbul (l. eventual champion Svitolina) and Madrid (l. Mladenovic)
- In April, made 1r exit indoors at Biel (l. Vekic)
- Sunshine Double results included 1r loss at Indian Wells (l. Niculescu) and 3r appearance at Miami (l. eventual R-Up Wozniacki)
- Earlier this season, fell 1r at Budapest (l. Witthoeft) and Taipei City (l. Ozaki)
- Between Taipei City and Budapest lost singles rubber against Wickmayer during Romania’s Fed Cup defeat vs. Belgium
- Opened 2017 season by reaching 2r at Shenzhen (d. Kucova, l. A.Radwanska)
- At Australian Open, reached R16 (upset No.10 seed Suárez Navarro in 2r, l. Muguruza). 1r win over Khromacheva in Melbourne was first Grand Slam main draw victory since 2014 US Open (d. Watson in 1r)
**Grand Slam History**

- 2017 US Open marked 36th main draw appearance at a Grand Slam – best showing at a major came at 2009 Roland Garros (QF, l. Stosur)

- At 2017 Australian Open, achieved second-best Slam result by reaching R16 (upset No.10 seed Suárez Navarro in 2r, l. Muguruza); her previous best result in Melbourne was reaching 3r in 2012 (l. Errani) and 2013 (l. Li); 1r win over Khromacheva in Melbourne was first Grand Slam main draw victory since 2014 US Open (d. Watson in 1r)

- Reached 3r at Wimbledon in 2009, 2012 and 2017; at US Open, also reached 3r in 2009

**Career**

- Finished 2016 season at No.81, up from No.244 in 2015; has finished in Top 100 in eight non-consecutive years

- Season highlights in 2016 were SF run at Rio de Janeiro (l. Rogers) and making QF at Premier Mandatory Madrid (as wildcard, l. eventual R-Up Cibulkova) and Mallorca (as qualifier, l. Jankovic)

- Struggled with a right shoulder injury over past couple of years, which contributed to loss of form and ranking drop; currently playing with an abbreviated service motion and continues rehab

- Owns one WTA singles title from 2008 Tashkent (d. Lisicki in F); additional career singles highlights R-Up at 2013 Toronto (l. S.Williams) and 2007 Budapest (l. Dulko)

- Also owns four doubles titles – 2011 Dallas (w/Brianti), 2010 Oeiras (w/Medina Garrigues), 2008 Fès (w/Pavlyuchenkova) and Luxembourg (w/Erakovic)

- Career-high ranking of No.21 (reached August 21, 2013)

- Member of Romania’s Fed Cup team 2006, 2008-09, 2013-14 and 2017; also part of Romanian Olympic Team 2008 and 2012

- Made WTA main draw debut at 2006 Stockholm (l. Kanepi in 1r)

- On ITF Circuit owns eight singles and nine doubles titles

**Other Information**

- Introduced to tennis at age four by mother

- Coached by Marius Comanescu
BARBORA STRYCOVA (CZE #29) vs. [12] PETRA KVITOVA (CZE #18)

Head to Head: PETRA KVITOVA leads 7-1 (6-1 at tour level)

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PETRA KVITOVA

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ROAD TO THE QUARTERFINALS

BARBORA STRYCOVA (CZE #29)

R16: d. Daria Gavrilova (AUS #22) 6-0,6-4 (1h34)
R32: d. Julia Goerges (GER #27) 6-4,6-2 (1h29)
R64: d. [1] Garbiñe Muguruza (ESP #1) 6-1,2-0 Ret’d (0h39)

Total games: 43
Won/lost: 32-11
Sets won/lost: 6-0
Total time on court: 3h42
Average time on court: 1h14
Average rank of opponent: 17

[12] PETRA KVITOVA (CZE #18)

R16: d. [5] Caroline Wozniacki (DEN #6) 6-1,6-4 (1h13)
R32: d. Varvara Lepchenko (USA #67) 6-4,6-4 (1h17)
R64: d. Kristyna Pliskova (CZE #41) 6-3,7-5 (1h22)

Total games: 58
Won/lost: 37-21
Sets won/lost: 6-0
Total time on court: 3h52
Average time on court: 1h17
Average rank of opponent: 38

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**STRYCOVA:**

*Beijing*

- Recorded first win over WTA World No.1 defeating Muguruza in 1r (retired in second set due to viral illness) – owns 1-4 mark vs. World No.1s, losing to Henin (2004 Indian Wells, 2004 Olympics), Wozniacki (2011 Charleston) and Kerber (2016 Beijing)
- Has produced big performances vs. Top 10 opponents in recent weeks, defeating No.7 Konta (Tokyo [PPO]), losing to No.10 Ostapenko in three sets (Wuhan) and defeating No.1 Muguruza this week in Beijing
Went on to post back-to-back Top 30 wins vs. No.27 Goerges and No.22 Gavrilova in the next two rounds

First three-match winning streak since QF appearance in Eastbourne back in July

Contesting seventh QF appearance of the season (3-3), others coming at Auckland (l. Davis), Sydney (d. Wozniacki), Biel (d. Goerges), Prague (d. Siniakova), Eastbourne (l. Watson) and Tokyo [PPO] (l. Pavlyuchenkova)

Has dropped the least amount of games (11) of the remaining quarterfinalists (not incl. those who had 1r byes)

Currently leads the tournament in break points converted with a 62.5% break rate, a significant increase over her 48.8% average for the season

Takes on fellow countrywoman No.18 Kvitova in today’s QF matchup – Kvitova leads head-to-head 7-1

**Season**

2017 Beijing marks third event of Asian swing, after QF run at Tokyo [PPO] (l. eventual R-Up Pavlyuchenkova) and 2r exit at Wuhan (l. Ostapenko)

Made 2r at US Open (l. Brady). Also made doubles SF in New York (w/Safarova, l. Hradecka/Siniakova)

Only victories since Wimbledon came during R16 run at Toronto (d. Mladenovic and Gavrilova, l. Halep)

Win over Gavrilova was 500th of her career (all levels). Upset of No.13 Mladenovic was her fourth against a Top 20 player in 2017 – also No.18 Vinci and No.20 Wozniacki (both at Sydney), and No.15 Muguruza (Eastbourne)

Other outings on hard this summer ended in 1r exits at Cincinnati (l. Makarova) and New Haven (l. Kasatkina)

Highlight of grass court season was QF at Eastbourne (l. Watson). Also made 2r at Birmingham (l. eventual runner-up Barty) and Wimbledon (l. Osaka)

Dropped out of Top 20 after Birmingham (finished R-Up in 2016); currently ranked No.29 (as of October 5, 2017)

Finished clay court season by falling 2r at Madrid (l. Arruabarrena), Rome (l. Bacsinszky) and Roland Garros (l. Cornet)

Before that made another 2r exit, at Stuttgart (l. Halep); result was sandwiched between second and third SFs of 2017, at Biel (l. qualifier and eventual champion Vondrousova) and at Prague (l. eventual champion Barthel). Defeat to Vondrousova (No.233) was worst by ranking since July 2013 (l. No.242 Piter at $100k ITF/Olomouc-CZE)

Advanced to R16 at Miami (won 2r against Larsson 4-6 6-3 7-6(3) in three hours and 12 minutes, l. countrywoman Ka.Pliskova). Also appeared in Miami doubles final w/Mirza (l. Dabrowski/Xu)

Reached 3r at Indian Wells (l. Pavlyuchenkova)

During this year’s Middle East swing fell 2r at both Doha (l. Stosur) and Dubai (after 1r bye, l. Peng). Was also in Fed Cup action in February – went 1-1 in singles (l. Muguruza, d. Arruabarrena) in reigning champion Czech Republic’s win over Spain

Advanced to R16 at 2017 Australian Open (l. eventual champion and No.2 S.Williams)

Played in Melbourne having set what remains her career-high ranking of No.16 (week of January 16, 2017)

Opened 2017 season with QF run at Auckland (l. eventual champion Davis), followed by SF run at Sydney (l. eventual R-Up A.Radwanska)

Posted two Top 20 wins en route to Sydney SF: No.18 Vinci in 2r and No.20 Wozniacki in QF (in a match that lasted 3 hours 20 minutes – the WTA’s sixth-longest of 2017). Reached doubles final at Sydney w/Mirza (l. Babos/Pavlyuchenkova)
**Grand Slam History**

- Best result at a Grand Slam came with QF run at 2014 Wimbledon (posted wins over Li – in the last match of the Chinese star’s career – and Wozniacki en route, l. eventual champion Kvitova). Occasion marked first time in Open Era that three Czech women advanced to QF at a Slam (also Safarova, Kvitova).
- Other ventures beyond 3r at major both came at Australian Open, in 2016 (R16 – l. Azarenka) and 2017 (R16 – l. eventual champions S.Williams).
- Has reached 3r at Roland Garros in 2016 (l. A.Radwanska) and US Open in 2014 (l. Bouchard) and 2015 (l. Lisicki).
- In doubles is a two-time losing semifinalist, at 2014 US Open (w/Date) and 2015 Australian Open (w/Krajicek).

**Career**

- Posted first Top 20 season finish in 2016 (at No.20); fourth non-consecutive Top 50 season.
- Helped the Czech Republic to victory in November’s Fed Cup final against France – d. Cornet in singles and Garcia/Mladenovic in the decisive doubles rubber (w/Ka.Pliskova).
- Qualified for the WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai at end of 2016 season – went 1-1 in round robin play (d. Vinci, l. eventual champion Kvitova).
- 2016 season highlighted by reaching second Premier-level singles final of career, at Dubai (l. Errani) and third Premier-level final at Birmingham (l. Keys). Record in WTA singles finals now stands at 1-6, title coming at 2011 Québec City (d. Erakovic in F).
- Other singles highlights in 2016 included three QF, at Prague (l. Stosur), Rome (l. Keys) and Wuhan (l. Cibulkova); and R16 at Indian Wells (l. Halep).
- Also reached five doubles finals in 2016, winning three titles – at Birmingham (w/Ka.Pliskova), Cincinnati and Tokyo [PPO] (both w/Mirza). Record in doubles finals now stands at 20-14.
- Owns 8 wins over Top 10 opponents: No.2 Li (2014 Wimbledon), No.8 Wozniacki (2015 Sydney), No.6 Bouchard (2015 Madrid), No.3 Sharapova (2015 Wuhan), No.3 Muguruza (2016 Australian Open), No.3 Kerber (2016 Madrid), No.7 Konta (Tokyo PPO) and No.1 Muguruza (Beijing).
- Won bronze medal in doubles at Rio Olympics (w/Safarova, d. Hlavackova/Hradecka in bronze medal match). In addition, competed in singles, reaching 2r (l. Errani).
- Currently the Czech No.3 (behind Ka.Pliskova and Kvitova) of seven women in Top 100 (as of October 2, 2017).
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in Czech Republic in 2000. Won nine singles and 10 doubles titles on ITF Circuit.
- Two-time junior singles Grand Slam winner: won back-to-back Australian Open girls’ singles titles, in 2002 (d. Sharapova in F) and 2003; also won three junior doubles titles. Ranked No.1 in both disciplines during junior career.
- ITF Junior World Champion in 2002.
Other Information

- Coached by Tomas Krupa
- Parents are Jindrich and Ilona; sister, Ivona, studied law and lives in US
- Started playing tennis at age 5

KVITOVA:

Beijing

- Making eighth consecutive appearance at China Open. Best result is R-Up finish in 2014 (. Sharapova). Also made SF in 2013 (I. Jankovic) and reached QF in 2016 (I. Keys)
- Has suffered two opening match defeats in Beijing, in 2011 (after 1r bye, lost Arvidsson) and 2015 (I. Errani)
- One of five Czechs to enter China Open this week – one of two remaining in QF (today’s opponent, Strycova)
- Playing in tenth event of 2017 – required extensive surgery on left hand after a knife attack in her home on December 20, 2016; remains subject of a police investigation in Czech Republic
- Defeat of fellow Czech Kr.Pliskova in 1r extends win streak vs. fellow Czechs to 23, and overall is 28-3 in tour-level main draw matches against her countrywomen. Her only losses have come to Hradecka (2012 Madrid), Strycova (2011 Indian Wells) and Benesova (2010 Barcelona)
- Overcame Lepchenko in 2r, which marked only third time winning back-to-back matches since return from hand injury (after winning Birmingham and QF at US Open)
- Secured second Top 10 win of season (after No.3 Muguruza at US Open) and 350th main draw victory of career in 3r win over No.6 Wozniacki
- Producing impressive form on serve this tournament, leading the remaining field in aces (19), first serve points won (87.1%), service points won (71.3%) and service games won (89.7%)
- Takes on No.29 Strycova in today’s QF matchup – owns 7-1 head-to-head advantage, including five straight sets wins in a row dating back to 2012 Indian Wells
- Oldest matchup between quarterfinalists – Strycova (31), Kvitova (27)

Season

- China Open is second event of 2017 Asian Swing – fell 1r at Wuhan last week (as defending champion, I. Peng)
- Enjoyed return to form at US Open, upsetting Muguruza en route to QFs (I. V.Williams on third set tie-break)
- Defeat of No.3 Muguruza was highest-ranked opponent since return to the tour in May; owns a 21-28 career record vs. Top 5 opponents
- Made 1r exit at New Haven (I. Zhang) – her first loss before SF at the tournament since her debut appearance in 2010 (I. K.Bondarenko in 1r); is a three-time champion there
- Began US Open Series with QF showing at Stanford (I. Bellis 6-2 6-0), then fell in 2r at Toronto (I. Stephens) and Cincinnati (I. Stephens)
- At Wimbledon reached 2r (d. Larsson in 1r, l. Brengle in 3s)
- Withdrew from Eastbourne due to abdominal injury
- In second tournament of season, clinched 20th singles title at Birmingham (d. Barty in F). Is now joint-fifth on list of title winners among active players, behind S. Williams (72), V. Williams (49), Sharapova (35) and Wozniacki (25); tied with Azarenka and A. Radwanska
- 2017 Birmingham marked her first final on grass since winning Wimbledon in 2014. Record in tour-level singles finals now stands at 20-7
- Has won at least one title every year on tour since 2011; only S. Williams (since 2007) and Wozniacki (since 2008) have longer active streaks
- Defeated fellow Czechs Smitkova (1r) and Safarova en route to Birmingham title – is currently on a 23-match win streak vs. fellow Czechs, and overall is 28-3 in tour-level main draw matches against her countrywomen. Her only losses have come to Hradecka (2012 Madrid), Strycova (2011 Indian Wells) and Benesova (2010 Barcelona)
- Birmingham was her 27th tour-level singles final, moving her to joint-eighth on the list among active players:

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- Played first event of 2017 at Roland Garros (d. Boserup in 1r, l. Mattek-Sands in 2r)
- During time away from tennis this year, enrolled in a communications and social media course at the University of Jan Amos Komensky. Also enjoyed time with her family and school friends, spent time in Monaco, trained at Club La Santa in Lanzarote twice and played chess with her coach Jiri

**Grand Slam History**

- Winner of two Grand Slam singles titles, both at Wimbledon in 2011 (d. Sharapova in F) and 2014 (d. Bouchard in F)
- With 2011 victory, became first player born in 1990s to win a Grand Slam title (since joined by Muguruza at 2016 Roland Garros and Ostapenko at 2017 Roland Garros)
- 2017 US Open marked 37th Grand Slam main draw appearance. Aside from Wimbledon, best Grand Slams results include two SF showings, at 2012 Australian Open (l. Sharapova) and 2012 Roland Garros (l. eventual champion Sharapova), and QF runs at 2017 US Open (l. V. Williams), 2015 US Open (l. eventual champion Pennetta) and 2011 Australian Open (l. Zvonareva)
Career

- Ended 2016 ranked No.11, ending run of five straight Top 10 finishes
- Won two singles titles last season (2016), at Wuhan (d. Cibulkova in F) and the WTA Elite Trophy in Zhuhai (d. Svitolina in F)
- Defeated five Top 20 players en route to 2016 Wuhan title: No.18 Svitolina (2r), No.1 Kerber (R16), No.13 Konta (QF), No.5 Halep (SF) and No.12 Cibulkova (F). Defeat of Kerber at Wuhan improved career record vs. reigning No.1s to 4-4. Wins have come over Safina (2009 US Open), Wozniacki (2011 WTA Finals), S Williams (2015 Madrid – ending the American’s 27-match winning streak) and Kerber (2016 Wuhan)
- Also finished R-Up at 2016 Luxembourg (l. Niculescu in F)
- Was part of Czech Republic team to defend Fed Cup title in November 2016 vs. France (l. Garcia, d. Mladenovic, then teamed w/Strycova to defeat Garcia/Mladenovic in decisive doubles match). Czech Republic have won the Cup in five out of the last six years, and three-in-a-row, although saw their reign ended by USA in the 2017 semifinals
- Contested Rio Olympics in August 2016, winning the singles bronze medal (l. Puig in SF, d. Keys in bronze medal play-off)
- 2015 season highlights included three singles titles, at Sydney (d. Ka.Pliskova in F), Madrid (d. Kuznetsova in F) and New Haven (d. Safarova in F). New Haven win was third in past four years, and marked first time she has won any tournament title three times
- Runner-up at 2015 WTA Finals in Singapore (l. A.Radwanska in 3s). Former champion at the season finale, which she won on her event debut in 2011 (d. Azarenka in F)
- At 2012 Sydney was two match wins from ascending to No.1 (had won Wimbledon and WTA Finals in previous six months)
- Lost status as top-ranked Czech to Ka.Pliskova in August 2016 for the first time since 2011

Other Information

- A global ambassador for Right To Play International, a charity which helps children to learn through sport
- Parents, Jiri and Pavla, plus her brothers, Jiri and Libor attended first match here at Roland Garros
- Current coach is Jiri Vanek, having split with former ATP player and fellow Czech, Frantisek Cermak, after 2016 US Open. Previously coached by David Kotyza for seven years, with the partnership ending in January 2016
- Fitness trainer is David Vydra