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MUTUA MADRID OPEN – THE SINGLES FINAL

[14] KRISTINA MLADENOVIC (FRA #17) vs. [3] SIMONA HALEP (ROU #8)

Mladenovic leads 3-1

A LOOK AT THE FINALISTS

PLAYER	RANK	NAT	AGE	MADRID W-L (MD)*	YTD W/L*	CAREER W/L*	YTD PRIZE \$	CAREER PRIZE \$^	YTD TITLES	CAREER TITLES
[3] Simona Halep	8	ROU	25	16-5	13-5	372-174	294,983	15,754,771	0	14
[14] Kristina Mladenovic	17	FRA	23	6-3	27-8	259-208	724,159	5,582,630	1	1

*Includes current tournament / ^Does not include current tournament

SINGLES FINAL QUICK HITS

- **Simona Halep** is the first player to reach three finals at the Mutua Madrid Open (2014-R-Up; 2016-champion) and bidding to become the second to successfully defend the title, after Serena Williams (2012-13); Petra Kvitova also was crowned champion here on two occasions (2011, 2015)
- **Kristina Mladenovic**, playing her first Premier Mandatory final, is bidding to become the second Frenchwoman to win a title at this level after Aravane Rezai, who triumphed here at Madrid in 2010 (d. V.Williams in F)
- While **Mladenovic**, who turns 24 tomorrow, has already won a title this year – the first of her career, at St Petersburg – **Halep** is looking for her first win since the Rogers Cup at Montréal last summer
- At No.17, **Mladenovic** would be the lowest ranked champion at Madrid since No.18 Kvitova in 2011; Rezai was ranked No.24 when she won in 2010
- **Mladenovic** would vault to the top of the Porsche Race to Singapore standings, should she hoist the champion's trophy today, while a win would lift Halep to No.8 in her quest to qualify once again for the BNP Paribas WTA Finals Singapore, presented by SC Global
- Should **Mladenovic** win today, it will mark the first time since 2010 that the first three WTA Premier Mandatory events of the season have been won by three different, first-time Premier Mandatory champions, following Elena Vesnina's win at Indian Wells and Johanna Konta's Miami victory:

	INDIAN WELLS	MIAMI	MADRID	BEIJING
2009	Vera Zvonareva (RUS)	Victoria Azarenka (BLR)	Dinara Safina (RUS)	Svetlana Kuznetsova (RUS)
2010	Jelena Jankovic (SRB)	Kim Clijsters (BEL)	Aravane Rezai (FRA)	Caroline Wozniacki (DEN)
2011	Caroline Wozniacki (DEN)	Victoria Azarenka (BLR)	Petra Kvitova (CZE)	Agnieszka Radwanska (POL)
2012	Victoria Azarenka (BLR)	Agnieszka Radwanska (POL)	Serena Williams (USA)	Victoria Azarenka (BLR)
2013	Maria Sharapova (RUS)	Serena Williams (USA)	Serena Williams (USA)	Serena Williams (USA)
2014	Flavia Pennetta (ITA)	Serena Williams (USA)	Maria Sharapova (RUS)	Maria Sharapova (RUS)
2015	Simona Halep (ROU)	Serena Williams (USA)	Petra Kvitova (CZE)	Garbiñe Muguruza (ESP)
2016	Victoria Azarenka (BLR)	Victoria Azarenka (BLR)	Simona Halep (ROU)	Agnieszka Radwanska (POL)
2017	Elena Vesnina (RUS)	Johanna Konta (GBR)	TBD	TBD

RANKING UPDATES

- Projected WTA Rankings for week of Monday, 15 May, 2017:
 1. Angelique Kerber
 2. Serena Williams
 3. Karolina Pliskova
 - 4. Simona Halep**
 5. Dominika Cibulkova
 6. Johanna Konta
 7. Garbiñe Muguruza
 8. Svetlana Kuznetsova
 9. Agnieszka Radwanska
 10. Caroline Wozniacki

Kristina Mladenovic would be No.14 as runner-up, and No.13 with the title – becoming the first Frenchwoman to rank in the Top 15 since Marion Bartoli in December 2013

PORSCHE RACE TO SINGAPORE

- Projected Top 8 standings for week of Monday, 15 May, 2017:
 1. Karolina Pliskova (or **Kristina Mladenovic** with Madrid title)
 2. Caroline Wozniacki (or Ka.Pliskova, if Mladenovic wins today)
 3. Johanna Konta
 - 4. Mladenovic** if runner-up at Madrid
 5. Elina Svitolina
 6. Venus Williams
 7. Svetlana Kuznetsova
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MATCH NOTES

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Head to Head: KRISTINA MLADENOVIC leads 3-1

2017	INDIAN WELLS	HARD O	R32	KRISTINA MLADENOVIC	6-3 6-3	103 mins
2015	CINCINNATI	HARD O	R2	SIMONA HALEP	7-5 5-7 6-4	171 mins
2015	BIRMINGHAM	GRASS O	QF	KRISTINA MLADENOVIC	2-6 6-0 7-6(4)	112 mins
2014	PARIS	HARD I	R1	KRISTINA MLADENOVIC	7-6(1) 6-4	95 mins

KRISTINA MLADENOVIC	WTA RANKING	SIMONA HALEP
17		8
7	ROAD TO SINGAPORE LEADERBOARD	29
14-05-1993 (23)	DATE OF BIRTH (AGE)	27-09-1991 (25)
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\$5,582,630	CAREER PRIZE MONEY	\$15,754,771
1 / 1	SINGLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 14
0 / 16	DOUBLES TITLES (YTD / CAREER)	0 / 0
6-3	MADRID W-L (MD) *	16-5
27-8 / 135-127	YTD / CAREER W-L (MD) *	13-5 / 249-128
7-2 / 41-43	YTD / CAREER 3-SET W-L (MD) *	5-2 / 71-39
5-5 / 40-31	YTD / CAREER TIE-BREAK W-L (MD) *	2-1 / 28-42
11-1 / 36-31	YTD / CAREER CLAY W-L (MD) *	7-1 / 82-37
2-0 / 8-9	YTD / CAREER Left Hander W-L (MD) *	2-0 / 24-10
3-0 / 5-7	YTD / CAREER TOP 5 W-L (MD & Q) *	0-0 / 7-23
4-0 / 10-15	YTD / CAREER TOP 10 W-L (MD & Q) *	0-0 / 22-35
6-2 / 22-38	YTD / CAREER TOP 20 W-L (MD & Q) *	3-1 / 66-54

* Updated entering 2017 Madrid final

ROAD TO THE FINAL

[14] KRISTINA MLADENOVIC (FRA #17)

SF: d. [8] SVETLANA KUZNETSOVA (RUS #9) 6-4,7-6(4) (1h43)

QF: d. SORANA CIRSTEAN (ROU #83) 6-4,6-4 (1h16)

R16: d. OCEANE DODIN (FRA #63) 6-2,6-1 (0h58)

R32: d. LAUREN DAVIS (USA #33) 6-3,1-6,7-6(1) (2h25)

R64: d. ANA KONJUH (CRO #29) 5-7,6-3, Ret'd (1h19)

Total games: 108

Won/lost: 62-46

Sets won/lost: 9-2

Total time on court: 7h41

Average time on court: 1h32

Average rank of opponent: 43

vs.

[3] SIMONA HALEP (ROU #8)

SF: d. ANASTASIJA SEVASTOVA (LAT #22) 6-2,6-3 (1h13)

QF: d. COCO VANDEWEGHE (USA #20) 6-1,6-1 (0h59)

R16: d. [16] SAMANTHA STOSUR (AUS #26) 6-4,4-6,6-4 (1h51)

R32: d. ROBERTA VINCI (ITA #34) 6-3,2-6,7-6(2) (1h55)

R64: d. KRISTYNA PLISKOVA (CZE #58) 6-1,6-2 (0h57)

Total games: 106

Won/lost: 67-39

Sets won/lost: 10-2

Total time on court: 6h55

Average time on court: 1h23

Average rank of opponent: 32



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MADRID Tournament History

* Qualifying match

KRISTINA MLADENOVIC

2016			
R1	L - MIRJANA LUCIC-BARONI (CRO #74)	6-2	6-3
2015			
R1*	L - MISAKI DOI (JPN #112)	6-3	7-5
2014			
R1	L - MARIA KIRILENKO (RUS #35)	6-4	7-5
R2*	W - DONNA VEKIC (CRO #69)	7-5	6-0
R1*	W - VIRGINIE RAZZANO (FRA #75)	6-3	7-6(5)
2013			
R2	L - MARIA KIRILENKO (RUS #12)	6-7(5)	6-1 6-4
R1	W - SÍLVIA SOLER-ESPINOSA (ESP #65)	6-1	6-1

SIMONA HALEP

2016			
F	W - DOMINIKA CIBULKOVA (SVK #38)	6-2	6-4
SF	W - SAMANTHA STOSUR (AUS #23)	6-2	6-0
QF	W - IRINA-CAMELIA BEGU (ROU #34)	6-3	0-6 6-1
R16	W - TIMEA BACSINSZKY (SUI #15)	6-2	6-3
R2	W - KARIN KNAPP (ITA #75)	6-1	6-1
R1	W - MISAKI DOI (JPN #43)	6-0	6-3
2015			
R1	L - ALIZÉ CORNET (FRA #27)	7-6(6)	6-3
2014			
F	L - MARIA SHARAPOVA (RUS #9)	1-6	6-2 6-3
SF	W - PETRA KVITOVA (CZE #6)	6-7(4)	6-3 6-2
QF	W - ANA IVANOVIC (SRB #12)	6-2	6-2
R16	W - SABINE LISICKI (GER #16)	5-7	6-3 6-2
R2	W - LARA ARRUABARRENA (ESP #146)	6-4	6-4
R1	W - JULIA GOERGES (GER #99)	6-2	6-0
2013			
R1	L - LOURDES DOMÍNGUEZ LINO (ESP #47)	6-2	4-6 6-4
2012			
R1	L - VENUS WILLIAMS (USA #72)	6-1	4-6 7-6(6)
2011			
R1	L - MARION BARTOLI (FRA #12)	6-4	6-1
R2*	W - BEATRIZ GARCÍA VIDAGANY (ESP #173)	6-4	6-2
R1*	W - MARIANA DUQUE-MARIÑO (COL #319)	6-3	7-6(6)
2010			
R1*	L - KLARA KOUKALOVA (CZE #88)	6-3	6-3

Mladenovic:

- Celebrates 24th birthday tomorrow, Sunday 14 May
- Set to make Top 15 rankings debut, regardless of the outcome of today's final at Madrid, at No.13 with title or No.14
- Making fourth main draw appearance at Madrid, and appearing in a final at Premier Mandatory level for first time, bettering SF effort at Indian Wells earlier this year. Won Madrid doubles title in 2016 (w/Garcia)
- This week at Madrid, defeated Konjuh via ret. (w/left abdominal injury) in 1r, Davis in third set tie-break in 2r, then required only 58min to see off compatriot Dodin in R16 and dispatched WC Cirstea in QF
- Defeat of Kuznetsova in yesterday's SF marked 27th match win of 2017 – joint most on tour along with Wozniacki, ahead of Svitolina (26). In 2016 did not reach this figure until October
- Faces No.8 Halep today; SF defeat of No.9 Kuznetsova here takes career record vs. Top 10 opponents to 10-15, and

4-0 in 2017 – also vs. No.3 Ka.Pliskova (Dubai), No.4 Halep (Indian Wells) and No.2 Kerber (Stuttgart)

- 2017 Madrid marks fourth final of season: also St Petersburg (Champion), Acapulco (R-Up) and Stuttgart (R-Up)
- Coming off R-Up finish at Stuttgart (l. Siegemund) – now 1-5 in WTA singles finals. Defeated World No.2 Kerber en route to final – her first win over the German and joint-best career result by ranking (also defeated No.2 Li at 2014 Roland Garros); record vs. Top 5 players is now 5-7 – other wins came against No.2 Li (2014 Roland Garros), No.3 Halep (2015 Birmingham), No.3 Ka.Pliskova (2017 Dubai) and No.4 Halep (2017 Indian Wells)
- Represented France in Fed Cup win over Spain in April's World Group play-off, going 2-0 in singles (d. Sorribes-Tormo, Soler-Epsinosa)
- Suffered opening match defeat at 2017 Miami (after 1r bye, l. No.95 Tig). Was worst loss-by-ranking since falling to No.139 Sorribes Tormo at 2016 Seoul
- Posted strong SF run at Indian Wells (l. eventual champion Vesnina), en route defeating two seeds, No.4 Halep and former World No.1 Wozniacki
- Indian Wells result saw her break in Top 20 in WTA Rankings for first time in career, and overtake Garcia to be the new French No.1. Playing Madrid at career-high No.17 (first achieved week of May 1, 2017)
- Entered Miami after reaching second WTA final of 2017, finishing R-Up finish at Acapulco (l. Tsurenko)
- Lifted first career title in St. Petersburg (d. Putintseva in F); also defeated No.11 V.Williams in 2r. Passed \$5 million career prize money mark by winning title
- Followed this by going 1-1 in France's Fed Cup loss to Switzerland. Opening day victory over Belinda Bencic extended winning streak to six matches – her longest run since following up victory at WTA 125K Series event at Taipei by reaching second round of Australian Open (October 2012-January 2013)
- Then reached 3r at Dubai (upset No.2 seed Ka.Pliskova in 2r, l. Wang)
- Opened season with back-to-back 1r exits at Hobart (l. eventual champion Mertens) and Australian Open (l. Konjuh). In doubles, reached SF w/Garcia in Melbourne (l. eventual R-Up Hlavackova/Peng)
- Ended 2016 at No.42, down from career-best year-end finish of No.29 in 2015; currently ranked at No.17, having briefly dropped out of Top 50 in 2017 due to early Australian Open exit
- Reached second and third WTA singles finals in 2016, at 's-Hertogenbosch (l. Vandeweghe) and Hong Kong (l. Wozniacki). Other career final was R-Up finish at 2015 Strasbourg (l. Stosur)
- Also enjoyed SF run at Strasbourg (l. eventual R-Up Lucic-Baroni) and QF showings at Eastbourne (l. Puig) and Washington D.C. (l. eventual champion Wickmayer)
- In doubles, season highlight in 2016 was teaming with Garcia to win her first Grand Slam doubles title at Roland Garros. They were the first French pair to win the doubles title at Roland Garros since 1971, when Gail Chanfreau and Francoise Durr triumphed

- Member of French Fed Cup Team that advanced to competition final vs. Czech Republic in 2016 (l. Ka.Pliskova)
- Won four doubles titles in 2016 with Garcia: Charleston (d. Mattek-Sands/Safarova), Stuttgart (d. Hingis/Mirza), Madrid (d. Hingis/Mirza) and Roland Garros (d. Makarova/Vesnina). In addition, also finished runners-up at Sydney, Dubai, US Open and Beijing (all w/Garcia). Team qualified for WTA Finals Singapore, losing in SF. By winning the tournament, could have become joint-World No.1s
- Also qualified for 2015 WTA Finals in Singapore in doubles w/Babos. Went 1-2 in RR stage and failed to progress
- Overall, owns 16-11 record in career doubles finals; has won 16 WTA doubles titles in addition to two mixed doubles titles – 2013 Wimbledon and 2014 Australian Open (w/Daniel Nestor)
- Across all Grand Slams, QF at 2015 US Open remains best result. Has achieved 3r showings at each of the other majors: Australian Open (2016), Roland Garros (2014-16) and Wimbledon (2015)
- Prior to defeat of Halep at 2015 Birmingham, all previous Top 10 wins of career had come in France: No.2 Li (2014 Roland Garros), No.10 Halep (2014 Paris [Indoors]), No.6 Kvitova (2013 Paris [Indoors]) and No.6 Bouchard (2015 Roland Garros)
- Won mixed doubles titles at 2013 Wimbledon and 2014 Australian Open, and finished runner-up at 2013 Roland Garros and 2015 Australian Open (all w/Nestor) 2009 Roland Garros girls' singles champion
- Played first events of career on ITF Circuit in 2007
- Currently without a coach

Halep:

- Making seventh main draw appearance at Madrid (and eighth overall). Looking to become the second player (after S.Williams in 2012-13) to successfully defend the Madrid title (d. Cibulkova in F in 2016). Also reached the championship match in 2014 (l. Sharapova in F)
- A win today would represent her third WTA Premier Mandatory title, having also won at 2015 Indian Wells
- This week at Madrid, recovered from 2-5 in final set to defeat Vinci in 3r on Tuesday, and was also taken the distance by Stosur in R16 on Wednesday
- Has now won 21 of her past 24 matches on clay (defeats coming vs. Siegemund at 2016 Stuttgart, Gavrilova at 2016 Rome, Stosur at 2016 Roland Garros and Siegemund at 2017 Stuttgart)
- Coming off 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 rubber doubles 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, reaching 2r (d. Jankovic in 1r, l. eventual champion Siniakova)
- Spent pre-season training with coach Darren Cahill in Adelaide
- 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). Record in tour-level finals now stands at 14-8, eight of her titles coming on hardcourts
- 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 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
- Other notable results in 2016 included reaching SF at Sydney (l. Kuznetsova), Cincinnati (l. Kerber) and Wuhan (l. Kvitova) and back-to-back QF at Indian Wells (l. S.Williams) and Miami (l. Bacsinszky)
- At the other 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)
- Withdrew from opening tournament of 2016 season at Brisbane (w/left Achilles injury) along with Birmingham (w/left Achilles injury) and Tokyo [PPO] (w/left hamstring injury)
- 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 (Montreal), No.5 A.Radwanska (Cincinnati) and No.7 Keys (WTA Finals)
- Has reached SF or better at all of the Grand Slams apart from Australian Open. Best results at majors are R-Up at 2014 Roland Garros (l. Sharapova), SF at 2014 Wimbledon and 2015 US Open, and QF at Australian Open (2014-15)
- Record vs. World No.1 players is 1-10, win coming at 2014 WTA Finals Singapore vs. S.Williams (group stage)

- 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
- Romanian Fed Cup Team, 2010, 2012, 2014-17
- 2008 Roland Garros girls' singles champion
- Coached by Australian Darren Cahill after parting ways with former coach Victor Ionita in June 2015

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MUTUA MADRID OPEN – THE DOUBLES FINAL

[5] TIMEA BABOS (HUN #14) / ANDREA HLAVACKOVA (CZE #9) vs. [3] CHAN YUNG-JAN (TPE #11) / MARTINA HINGIS (SUI #8)

First meeting

- **Babos/Hlavackova** are playing just their second tournament as a new team on the tour, having won their debut last week at Rabat (d. Stojanovic/Zanevska in F)
- **Chan/Hingis** are also a new combination in 2017, winning at Indian Wells (d. Hradecka/Siniakova in F), reaching SF at Doha (l. Savchuk/Shvedova) and Miami (l. Mirza/Strycova) and QF at Dubai (l. Hlavackova/Peng)
- **Hingis** was runner-up here at Madrid last year with former partner Mirza (l. Garcia/Mladenovic), while **Chan, Babos** and **Hlavackova** are through to the final here for the first time
- 27-year-old **Chan** owns 19 career doubles titles, is a three-time Grand Slam doubles runner-up, and reached a career high ranking of No.5 in February 2016. As well as Indian Wells, she also won home event of Taipei City earlier this year, with sister Chan Hao-Ching
- **Hingis** is a former World No.1 in singles (43 titles, including five Slams) and doubles (56 titles, including 12 Slams). Madrid is her third final this season, after Indian Wells (W) and Biel (R-Up, w/Bacsinszky, with whom she also won silver medal at Rio Olympics)
- **Babos** has ranked as high as No.8 in doubles (June 2015) and owns 12 titles. This year, in addition to Rabat, she won at Sydney (w/Pavlyuchenkova). She is a two-time Wimbledon runner-up, in 2014 (w/Mladenovic) and 2016 (w/Shvedova). In singles, she won her second career title earlier this year at home in Budapest (d. Safarova in F)
- **Hlavackova** ranked as high as No.3 in doubles (October 2012) and has 21 titles to her name, including two Grand Slams – 2011 Roland Garros and 2013 US Open (both w/Hradecka). In 2012, the team of Hlavackova/Hradecka were runners-up at Wimbledon, London Olympics, US Open and the WTA Finals

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