

**Sofia Kenin**  
Champion  
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# Australian Open 2021: Women's preview

With the emergence of fresh talent in 2020, the new women's tennis season is full of potential

## PLAYERS TO WATCH

### Ashleigh Barty

Aiming to become first Australian woman to win home Slam since 1978, after semi-final loss last year

### Simona Halep

Seven successive years as Top 10 player – tenacious talent looking to add to her two majors in 2021

### Naomi Osaka

Building on elusive Grand Slam consistency – three titles interspersed with several early exits

### Sofia Kenin

Seeking to emulate superb breakthrough season that led to first major title in Melbourne

PLAYER RECORD	Barty	Halep	Osaka	Kenin
2020 win-loss	11-3	23-3	16-3	24-9
2020 titles	1	3	1	2
Career titles (total)	8	22	6	5
Grand Slams	1	2	3	1

**NEW GENERATION:** Seven of last eight major titles have been won by players aged 24 or younger, including **Naomi Osaka** (right)



### Australian Open Sofia Kenin USA

bt Muguruza ESP

4-6, 6-2, 6-2

### U.S. Open Naomi Osaka JPN

bt Azarenka BLR

1-6, 6-3, 6-3

### Roland Garros Iga Swiatek POL

bt Kenin USA

6-4, 6-1

### World No.1

**Ashleigh Barty** has retained top spot in rankings since Sep 2019