

WTA Odds N' Ends... Beygelzimer's Big Week

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Kerber's Copenhagen Conquest

After a slow start to the week, [Angelique Kerber](#) found her best form and eventually went all the way to her second WTA title at the [e-Boks Open](#). But there was more icing on the cake for the 24-year-old German...

- Her win over [Caroline Wozniacki](#) in the final was her fourth win in her last five matches against Top 10 players (she had never beaten a Top 10 player before February, but has gone 4-1 against the elite since then).
- She spoilt Wozniacki's perfect record at her home tournament (the Dane was 14-0 in Copenhagen going into the final, before falling to Kerber).
- She improved to 11-0 in indoor matches this year (she won a Fed Cup match indoors, then went 5-0 to win Paris [Indoors] and 5-0 to win Copenhagen).
- Having saved two match points to beat countrywoman [Mona Barthel](#) in the quarterfinals, she became the first player to save match point en route to a WTA title since last September ([Chanelle Scheepers](#) at Guangzhou).
- She has now reached the semifinals or better at eight of her last 14 WTA tournaments (a stretch dating back to Dallas last August).
- She rose from No.15 to her previous career-high of No.14 this week.

Errani's Excellent Week In Barcelona

Following a singles-doubles sweep at Acapulco, [Sara Errani](#) quietly bowed out of Indian Wells and Miami in her opening matches, but when she got back on the clay in Barcelona it was back to business, as she pulled off another singles-doubles sweep at the [Barcelona Ladies Open](#) (with [Roberta Vinci](#))...

- *She is the first player to achieve two singles-doubles sweeps in the same season since Serena Williams did it in 2009 (at the Australian Open and Wimbledon); the last time anyone did it three times in a season came all the way back in 2000 (Martina Hingis swept at five tournaments).*
- *She extended her clay court winning streak to 10 matches in a row (she went 5-0 to win Acapulco and 5-0 to win Barcelona).*
- *Going into the week she had lost 24 of her last 25 matches against Top 20 players, but in Barcelona she beat two of them - and routinely too (62 63 over No.16 Julia Goerges and 62 62 over No.17 Dominika Cibulkova).*
- *She went from No.33 to No.28 on this week's rankings, jumping over her previous career-high of No.30 and setting a new career-high.*

Beygelzimer's Barcelona Breakthrough

Eight years ago, a 20-year-old Yuliya Beygelzimer announced herself to the world by giving then-Top 10 player Jennifer Capriati a big scare in the first round of the 2004 French Open, winning the second set and racing ahead 3-0 in the third before falling to the WTA legend in a thriller, 62 46 64. Last week in Barcelona, the 28-year-old Ukrainian had a renaissance...

- *As a No.204-ranked qualifier, she beat No.81-ranked Alexandra Cadantu and No.5 seed Flavia Pennetta en route to her first WTA quarterfinal.*
- *Her upset over the No.24-ranked Pennetta was her best career victory (her previous-best win came against then-No.33 Alicia Molik back in 2003).*

Sharapova Primed For German Return

Maria Sharapova, who celebrates her 25th birthday this coming Thursday, is among a packed line-up at next week's Porsche Tennis Grand Prix in Stuttgart, which is not only going to be her first indoor clay court tournament, it will also mark her first tournament in Germany since Berlin in 2005...

- *This year, Sharapova has become just the fifth player to reach the finals of the Australian Open, Indian Wells and Miami in the same season:*
- 1991 - Monica Seles (won Australian Open and Miami)
- 1994 - Steffi Graf (won all three)
- 2000 - Lindsay Davenport (won Australian Open and Indian Wells)
- 2000 - Martina Hingis (won Miami)
- 2012 - Maria Sharapova (runner-up at all three)

Azarenka Passes Venus On Weeks At No.1

Victoria Azarenka spends her 12th week at No.1 this week, passing Venus Williams and tying Arantxa Sánchez-Vicario and Ana Ivanovic.



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