

Andrea Petkovic claims seventh WTA title

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08/08/2021 Andrea Petkovic had to wait a long time for this win: at the Winners Open in Romania, the Porsche Team Germany player claimed her seventh career WTA title – her first tournament success since Antwerp in 2015.

Andrea Petkovic comfortably beat Egyptian player Mayar Sherif 6-1, 6-1 in the final of the Porsche-supported WTA 250, which took place on Sunday in the capital of the Transylvania region, Cluj-Napoca.

For the 33-year-old German it was the second WTA final within the space of four weeks. She missed out on taking the title at the Hamburg European Open but in Cluj-Napoca an impressive performance brought her lean period to an end. On Saturday, she was forced to go out on court twice as her quarter final match against the Australian Seone Mendez the day before was suspended due to bad light with the score at 6-7, 6-4, 5-1. After resuming, she immediately closed out the match by winning the first

game and then in the semi-finals overcame Serbia's Aleksandra Krunic 6-4, 6-2.

Andrea Petkovic was also in top form on Sunday. Her opponent from Cairo, the world no. 119, who previously beat the No. 1 seed Frenchwoman Alize Cornet in the first round, was unable to cope with her powerful game. The German wrapped up the encounter with her first match point and celebrated wildly on court before hugging coach Petar Popovic.

"It was a fantastic week in a difficult time. I'm so happy with my win and thanks a lot to the sponsors and spectators for your support," said Petkovic, who has moved up the rankings from No. 91 to 68th. Turning to her opponent, the first ever Egyptian to reach a WTA final, she said: "You are a role model for many young women in your region and you give them courage to live their dreams. It's more important than any win."

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