

# Angelique Kerber heads to the Wimbledon semi-finals

06/07/2021 Porsche Brand Ambassador Angelique Kerber has beaten Karolina Muchova to win a place in the semi-finals of the world's most important tennis tournament for a fourth time.

In the quarterfinals, Kerber comfortably overcame her Czech opponent 6-2, 6-3 and will now play an Australian on Thursday for a place in the final – either Ashleigh Barty, the current world No. 1 and winner of the 2021 Porsche Tennis Grand Prix, or Ajla Tomljanovic.

"Reaching the Wimbledon semi-finals means a lot to me. It's simply a magical place," said Kerber after her victory. The current world No. 28 won Wimbledon in 2018 and is the only former champion still left in the competition. It is her first appearance in the last four of a grand slam since winning the title. "I knew I'd have to give my all to get so far," she added, "but I've practiced very hard in the past months and prepared intensively for the grass court season and its highlight at Wimbledon."

In the match against Muchova, who is ranked No. 22 in the world, Kerber started by going 3-0 up and then wrapped up the first set with a second break. She only found herself behind at the start of the second when fending off three break points in her first service game and then losing her second delivery to trail 2-1, for the first and only time. When it came to the few critical situations she found herself in, Kerber always found a solution – a rebreak brought her level and she then clinched victory with her second match point after 76 minutes.

It was the tenth win in a row on grass for the 33-year-old German. Five came at June's Bad Homburg Open – the new WTA tournament in Germany supported by Porsche – where she celebrated her first title since Wimbledon in 2018. "I simply love playing on grass," she said. "First the win in Bad Homburg and now Wimbledon in front of so many fans – it gives me the energy to play my best tennis."

## Porsche in tennis

Porsche has been sponsoring the Porsche Tennis Grand Prix since 1978 and has also been the organiser since 2002. The tournament in Stuttgart's Porsche Arena was voted by the players as their favourite event in its category once again in 2019. Within the scope of its global partnership with the Women's Tennis Association (WTA), Porsche is also the title partner of the Porsche Race to Shenzhen, the official qualifying ranking for the Shiseido WTA Finals. The Stuttgart-based sports car manufacturer is also the exclusive automotive partner of the WTA, the season-ending WTA Finals, and this year of the WTA tournaments in Lyon, St. Petersburg, Berlin and Bad Homburg. As a premium partner of the Deutsche Tennis Bund (DTB – German Tennis Association), the company supports Porsche Team Germany in the Billie Jean King Cup (formerly the Fed Cup) and fosters up-and-coming players in the Porsche Talent Team and the Porsche Junior Team. Angelique Kerber, Julia Görges and Maria Sharapova

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