

□ **WTA Rising Star Simona Halep won the Bucharest Open to not only conquer her home event, but to get so, so close to the top of the Road To Singapore leaderboard.**



□□□ [Simona Halep](#) completed a dream week on home soil on Sunday, beating [Roberta Vinci](#) in straight sets to not only win the first [Bucharest Open](#), but to get within 11 points of [Maria Sharapova](#) on the [Road To Singapore leaderboard](#) - Sharapova currently leads the list at No.1.

Vinci had beaten Halep in two of their five previous meetings, and she did jump out to a 2-0 lead in the second set, but the No.1-seeded Halep was never really in too much trouble, storming past the No.2-seeded Vinci in just 68 minutes, 6-1, 6-3. She held her serve at love to close the match out.

Halep now has eight WTA titles to her name, winning her first six in 2013 (Nürnberg, 's-Hertogenbosch, Budapest, New Haven, Moscow and Sofia) and now two so far this season (Doha and Bucharest).

And on top of that, Halep - currently No.2 on the [Road To Singapore leaderboard](#) - will now be within 11 points of Sharapova, currently No.1, in the year-long race to the crown jewel event of the WTA, the

[BNP Paribas WTA Finals Singapore presented by SC Global](#)

, which takes place in October.

There was home success in the doubles as well, as Romanian pair [Elena Bogdan](#) and [Alexandra Cadantu](#)

beat Turkish-Slovenian combo

[Cagla Buyukakcay](#)

and

[Andreja Klepac](#)

for the title earlier on in a match tie-break, 6-4, 3-6, 10-5. Both Bogdan and Cadantu picked up their first WTA title of any kind.

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