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## □ 10 Things To Know: Halep Vs Jankovic

Simona Halep leads the head-to-head, 3-1, but why could it easily have been 3-1 the other way? Where will they go on the Road To Singapore leaderboard now? Read on!

The first Premier Mandatory final of 2015 is here, and there's a lot on the line for the Romanian No.1 and a former World No.1 - here are 10 Things To Know about the [BNP Paribas Open](#) final...

(3) [Simona Halep](#) (ROU #3) vs (18) [Jelena Jankovic](#) (SRB #21)  
Head-To-Head: [Halep leads Jankovic, 3-1](#)

**1) Halep leads the head-to-head, 3-1, but that could easily have been 3-1 for Jankovic.**  
*These two WTA stars have gone to three sets in all four of their previous meetings, and two of them could easily have gone the other way - Jankovic had match points in two of Halep's three wins:*

2010 [US Open](#) 1r - Jankovic d. Halep, 6-4, 4-6, 7-5

2012 Brussels 1r - Halep d. Jankovic, 6-2, 3-6, 7-6(3) (Jankovic held 3mp in third set)

2013 Rome QFs - Halep d. Jankovic, 4-6, 6-0, 7-5 (Jankovic held 2mp in third set)

2014 [Australian Open](#) 4r - Halep d. Jankovic, 6-4, 2-6, 6-0

## **2) Halep is going for the biggest title of her career.**

*Right now, Halep's biggest WTA titles are at the Premier 5 level - Doha last year and Dubai earlier this year. Winning Indian Wells would give her the first Premier Mandatory-level title of her career.*

## **3) Jankovic is going for the equal-biggest title of her career.**

*The biggest of Jankovic's 13 WTA titles came at the Premier Mandatory level - she won right here at Indian Wells in 2010. If she wins again here, it would be the equal-biggest title of her career.*

## **4) Halep will be the frontrunner for Singapore if she wins the title.**

*By reaching the final here, Halep has overtaken [Maria Sharapova](#) for No.2 on the [Road To Singapore leaderboard](#)*

*. If she wins the title, she will pass*

*[Serena Williams](#)*

*for No.1 on the leaderboard.*

## **5) Singapore could be in sight for Jankovic too.**

*If Jankovic wins this title, she could move into the Top 8 on the [Road To Singapore leaderboard](#)*

*. She's no stranger to the WTA Finals - she's played it five times, reaching the semifinals three times.*

## **6) Jankovic has completely revived her year - and career - this fortnight.**

*Ranked as high as No.6 less than a year ago, a series of injuries has seen Jankovic fall to*

*No.21 as of this fortnight - but this run will send her right back into the Top 20 on the new WTA Rankings.*

**7) It hasn't been that long since Jankovic's last win over a Top 3 player...**

*Despite her injury struggles the last 12 months, you don't have to go too far back to find Jankovic's last win over a Top 3 player - she beat then-World No.3 [Agnieszka Radwanska](#) at Rome last May.*

**8) Halep could be the third player to reach 20 match wins this year.**

*If Halep beats Jankovic, it will be her 20th WTA-level match win of the year. Only two other players have reached 20 this year - WTA Rising Star [Karolina Pliskova](#) (20) and [Timea Bacsinszky](#) (21).*

**9) Jankovic has had to come back from behind in almost every match here.**

*Jankovic had to dig out her first three matches here, all against WTA Rising Stars - a set down to [Lauren Davis](#) , 3-1 down in the third set to [Madison Keys](#) , and then again 3-1 down in the third set to [Belinda Bencic](#) . She was also down a set and a break against [Sabine Lisicki](#) in the semifinals.*

**10) Find out where you can watch the final live on [WTA TV developed by Xerox](#) !**

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