



She made major strides in the last seven months of the 2013 season and in Australia this year, but this might just be the biggest one - [Simona Halep](#) captured the biggest WTA title of her career on Sunday, beating [Angelique Kerber](#) in straight sets to win the [Qatar Total Open](#)

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The No.7-seeded Halep broke at love in the very first game of the match and never really looked back, eventually breaking serve four times - and holding all eight of her service games - en route to a comprehensive 62 63 victory against the No.6-seeded Kerber. The match lasted just 66 minutes.

Halep's win over Kerber was her third Top 10 win of the week, having also beaten [Sara Errani](#) and

[Agnieszka Radwanska](#)

the last two rounds, and it's the first time she has beaten three Top 10 players at the same tournament. She is also on a six-match winning streak against Top 10 players now.

Also, she comes away with the seventh and biggest WTA title of her career - among her first six WTA titles were two at the Premier level, but neither of those tournaments offered more than an \$800,000 total prize purse - the [Qatar Total Open](#) in Doha offered a whopping \$2,440,070 prize purse.

There's more - Halep will now rise from No.10 to No.9 on the rankings, one step closer to becoming the highest-ranked Romanian in WTA history - she's currently third on the list behind Irina Spirlea (who made it as high as No.7 in the world) and [Virginia Ruzici](#) (who made it as high as No.8).