

# PETRA KVITOVA (CZE)

**Age** 22 (08.03.1990)

**Born** Bilovec, Czech Republic

**Lives** Fulnek, Czech Republic

**Height** 6'1"

**Weight** 154lbs

**Career-high ranking** 2

**Career titles** 7

**Plays** Left-handed

**Best Wimbledon** W 2011



No one seemed more astonished than Petra Kvitova when Petra Kvitova won the Wimbledon title a year ago. She covered her mouth with her right hand, which could not completely contain her squeals of delight and The Championships had another Czech female on its roll of honour, following in the footsteps of Martina Navratilova and Jana Novotna. She made winning the event look so easy, that one suspected she could become a very dominant force, especially as Kim Clijsters was not alone in saying that she is one of the cleanest strikers of the ball in the game. It may well still happen but she has since found the subsequent Grand Slam tournaments to be a little trickier. She lost in the first round of the US Open to Romania's Alexandra Dulgheru, the first reigning Wimbledon champion ever to suffer such a consequent indignity. But there was a good deal more to come from her as a significant year came to a close as she captured the WTA Championships in Istanbul where she was back to her SW19 best and then steered her nation to the Fed Cup. There was not a real surprise when she was crowned the women's Player of the Year. However, sustaining such an outrageous fortnight's form has proved difficult for her in 2012, where defeats have come worryingly thick and fast. ➤

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