



PREVIEW NOTES: ASB CLASSIC
 AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND | JANUARY 2 - 7, 2017 | USD \$250,000 INTERNATIONAL

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AUCKLAND QUICK FACTS

Main draw dates: Monday - Saturday, January 2 - 7
Singles Final: Saturday, January 7, following doubles final
Doubles Final: Saturday, January 7, 12:00pm
Venue: ASB Tennis Arena
Status: International event
Staging: Tournament's 31st year
Draw sizes: 32 singles / 16 doubles teams / 32 singles qualifying
Surface: Hardcourt (plexicushion) / Outdoors
Total prize money: USD \$250,000
Tennis Ball: Wilson Australian Open
2016 Singles Final: [5] Sloane Stephens (USA) d. Julia Goerges (GER) 75 62
2016 Doubles Final: Elise Mertens (BEL)/An-Sophie Mestach (BEL) d. Danka Kovinic (MNE)/Barbora Strycova (CZE) 26 63 10-5

PRIZE MONEY AND RANKING POINT BREAKDOWN

SINGLES	USD \$	RANK POINTS
Winner	43,000	280
Runner-Up	21,400	180
Semifinalist	11,300	110
Quarterfinalist	5,900	60
Round of 16	3,310	30
Round of 32	1,925	1

DOUBLES	USD \$	RANK POINTS
Winner	12,300	280
Runner-Up	6,400	180
Semifinalist	3,435	110
Quarterfinalist	1,820	60
Round of 16	960	1

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS AND RUNNERS-UP

YEAR	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
2016	Sloane Stephens	Julia Goerges
2015	Venus Williams	Caroline Wozniacki
2014	Ana Ivanovic	Venus Williams
2013	Agnieszka Radwanska	Yanina Wickmayer
2012	Zheng Jie	Flavia Pennetta
2011	Greta Arn	Yanina Wickmayer
2010	Yanina Wickmayer	Flavia Pennetta

If highlighted denotes competing in 2017 ASB Classic main draw

MAIN DRAW QUICK HITS (excludes qualifiers)

Singles wildcards: Marina Erakovic (NZL), Jade Lewis (NZL), Antonia Lottner (GER)
Youngest singles player: Jade Lewis, 18 years old (December 18, 1998)
Oldest singles player: Venus Williams, 36 years old (June 17, 1980)
Singles withdrawals: Sloane Stephens (USA) –right foot injury, Ana Ivanovic (SRB) – retirement
Main draw debutantes: Annika Beck (GER), Madison Brengle (USA), Nicole Gibbs (USA), Jade Lewis (NZL), Antonia Lottner (GER), Naomi Osaka (JPN), Serena Williams (USA)



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TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS

- Four former Auckland finalists are in this year’s main draw: **Julia Goerges** (2016 runner-up), **Venus Williams** (2015 champion, 2014 runner-up), **Caroline Wozniacki** (2015 runner-up) and **Yanina Wickmayer** (2010 champion, 2011 and 2013 runner-up)
- World No.2 **Serena Williams** is making her debut in Auckland and is competing in her first tournament since 2016 US Open (l. Ka.Pliskova in SF)
- *One To Watch* – Japan’s **Naomi Osaka**. The 19-year-old showed consistency in 2016, advancing to the 3r at the Australian Open, Roland Garros and US Open in her first main draw appearances at majors. The Japanese-Haitian made a strong finish to 2016 by reaching her first-ever final at the Toray Pan Pacific Open in Tokyo (losing to **Wozniacki**).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

- **Ana Konjuh** of Croatia celebrated her 19th birthday on December 27, and Belgium’s **Kirsten Flipkens** will celebrate her 31st next week on January 10

TOP FOUR SEEDS’ PREVIOUS TOURNAMENT HISTORY

PLAYER	TOURNAMENT HISTORY	WIN-LOSS	WIN %
[1] Serena Williams (USA)	Making tournament debut	-	-
[2] Venus Williams (USA)	WON (1): 2015 (d. Wozniacki in F) R-Up (1): 2013 (l. Ivanovic in F) 1r (1): 2016 (l. Kasatkina)	8-2	.800
[3] Caroline Wozniacki (DEN)	R-Up (1): 2015 (l. V.Williams in F) SF (1): 2016 (l. Stephens) QF (1): 2009 (l. Vesnina)	9-3	.750
[4] Barbora Strycova (CZE)	SF (1): 2015 (l. Wozniacki) 2r (2): 2009 (l. Peer), 2016 (l. Goerges)	5-3	.625

COUNTRY BREAKDOWN

Excluding qualifiers, a total of 15 countries are represented in the main draw, led by the USA with six players:

- Belgium (2)** Kirsten Flipkens, Yanina Wickmayer
- Croatia (2)** Ana Konjuh, Mirjana Lucic-Baroni
- Czech Republic (3)** Denisa Allertova, Lucie Safarova, Barbora Strycova
- Denark (1)** Caroline Wozniacki
- France (1)** Pauline Parmentier
- Germany (3)** Annika Beck, Julia Goerges, Antonia Lottner
- Great Britain (1)** Naomi Broady
- Japan (2)** Naomi Osaka, Kurumi Nara
- Latvia (1)** Jelena Ostapenko
- Montenegro (1)** Danka Kovinic
- Netherlands (1)** Kiki Bertens
- New Zealand (2)** Marina Erakovic, Jade Lewis
- Russia (1)** Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova
- Sweden (1)** Johanna Larsson
- USA (6)** Madison Brengle, Lauren Davis, Nicole Gibbs, Varvara Lepchenko, Serena Williams, Venus Williams