



PREVIEW NOTES: HOBART INTERNATIONAL
HOBART, AUS | JANUARY 8-14, 2017 | USD \$250,000 INTERNATIONAL EVENT

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HOBART QUICK FACTS

Main draw dates: Sunday, January 8 – Saturday, January 14, 2017
Singles Final: Saturday, January 14, 2:00pm (TBC)
Doubles Final: Saturday, January 14, 12:00 (TBC)
Venue: Domain Tennis Centre
Status: WTA International event
Staging: Tournament's 24th year
Draw sizes: 32 singles / 16 doubles teams / 32 singles qualifying
Surface: Plexicushion Hardcourts/Outdoors
Total prize money: USD \$250,000
Tennis Ball: Wilson Australian Open
2016 Singles Final: [7] Alize Cornet (FRA) d. Eugenie Bouchard (CAN) 61 62
2016 Doubles Final: Han Xinyun (CHN)/Christina McHale (USA) d. Kimberly Birrell (AUS)/Jamila Wolfe (AUS) 63 60

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	Alize Cornet	Eugenie Bouchard
2015	Heather Watson	Madison Brengle
2014	Garbiñe Muguruza	Klara Zakopalova
2013	Elena Vesnina	Mona Barthel
2012	Mona Barthel	Yanina Wickmayer
2011	Jarmila Wolfe	Bethanie Mattek-Sands
2010	Alona Bondarenko	Shahar Peer

If highlighted denotes competing in 2017 Hobart International main draw

MAIN DRAW QUICK HITS (excludes qualifiers)

Singles wildcards: Lizette Cabrera (AUS), Jaimee Fourlis (AUS), Francesca Schiavone (ITA)
Youngest singles player: Ana Konjuh, 19 years old (December 27, 1997)
Oldest singles player: Francesca Schiavone, 36 years old (June 23, 1980)
Singles withdrawals: Alison Riske (change of schedule)
Hobart main draw debuts: Julia Goerges (GER), Viktorija Golubic (SUI), Jelena Jankovic (SRB), Ana Konjuh (CRO), Andrea Petkovic (GER), Kristyna Pliskova (CZE), Shelby Rogers (USA), Anastasija Sevastova (LAT), Katerina Siniakova (CZE), Lesia Tsurenko (UKR)





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TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS

- Defending champion **Alize Cornet** is back in Hobart following a finals appearance in Brisbane (as of 1/6/17), defeating 2016 WTA Finals champion and No.2 seed Cibulkova along the way and Muguruza via retirement
- Top seed **Kiki Bertens** looks to kick start her 2017 season after an early 1r exit in Auckland, losing to No.61 Lauren Davis
- Four players in the draw this week advanced to at least the semifinals of their respective tournaments last week (**Cornet, Siniakova, Goerges, and Konjuh**) – all but Goerges advanced to the finals
- Youngster **Naomi Osaka** is back in action after withdrawing mid-tournament in Auckland due to a left wrist injury
- *One To Watch* - young player looking to make a mark this week is **Ana Konjuh**. She is the youngest player in the field this week at 19 years old, and is coming off a finals run at Auckland last week (as of 1/6/17). Currently holds a career-high ranking of No.47 in the world after making her Top 50 debut near the end of 2016

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

- **Kirsten Flipkens** will celebrate her 31st birthday on January 10

TOP FOUR SEEDS PREVIOUS TOURNAMENT HISTORY

PLAYER	TOURNAMENT HISTORY	WIN-LOSS	WIN %
[1] Kiki Bertens	QF(1): 2016 (l. Cibulkova)	2-1	.667
[2] Anastasija Sevastova	Tournament Debut	0-0	.000
[3] Monica Niculescu	QF (2): 2014 (l. Cabeza Candela), 2013 (l. Flipkens) 2r (1): 2016 (l. Watson) 1r (3): 2015 (l. Stephens), 2012 (l. Chakvetadze), 2009 (l. A.Bondarenko)	5-6	.455
[4] Misaki Doi	1r (1): 2016 (l. Barthel)	0-1	.000





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COUNTRY BREAKDOWN

Excluding qualifiers, a total of 18 countries are represented in the main draw, led by Czech Republic, France and Germany all with three players:

Australia (2)	Lizette Cabrera, Jaimee Fourlis
Belgium (1)	Kirsten Flipkens
Croatia (1)	Ana Konjuh
Czech Republic (3)	Kristyna Pliskova, Lucie Safarova, Katerina Siniakova
France (3)	Alize Cornet, Kristina Mladenovic, Pauline Parmentier
Germany (3)	Annika Beck, Julia Goerges, Andrea Petkovic
Italy (2)	Sara Errani, Francesca Schiavone
Japan (2)	Misaki Doi, Naomi Osaka
Kazakhstan (1)	Galina Voskoboeva
Latvia (1)	Anastasija Sevastova
Netherlands (1)	Kiki Bertens
Romania (1)	Monica Niculescu
Serbia (1)	Jelena Jankovic
Spain (1)	Lara Arruabarrena
Sweden (1)	Johanna Larsson
Switzerland (1)	Viktorija Golubic
Ukraine (1)	Lesia Tsurenko
USA (1)	Shelby Rogers