



**PREVIEW NOTES: TEB BNP PARIBAS TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP ISTANBUL**  
 ISTANBUL, TURKEY | SEPTEMBER 8-13, 2020 | USD \$225,500 INTERNATIONAL

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## TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS ISTANBUL – QUICK FACTS

**Main draw dates:** Tuesday - Sunday, September 8-13, 2020  
**Singles Final:** Sunday, September 13, NB 5pm  
**Doubles Final:** Sunday, September 13, 2:30pm  
**Venue:** Turkish Tennis Federation Tennis Center  
**Status:** WTA International event  
**Staging:** Tournament’s first year  
**Draw sizes:** 30 singles / 16 doubles teams / 16 singles qualifying  
**Surface:** Red clay / Outdoors  
**Total prize money:** USD \$225,500  
**Tennis Ball:** Head Tour – Regular Duty

SINGLES	USD \$	RANK POINTS
<b>Winner</b>	25,000	280
<b>Runner-Up</b>	14,000	180
<b>Semifinalist</b>	8,401	110
<b>Quarterfinalist</b>	5,006	60
<b>Round of 16</b>	3,430	30
<b>Round of 32</b>	2,600	1

DOUBLES	USD \$	RANK POINTS
<b>Winner</b>	9,000	280
<b>Runner-Up</b>	5,000	180
<b>Semifinalist</b>	3,230	110
<b>Quarterfinalist</b>	1,980	60
<b>Round of 16</b>	1,520	1

## MAIN DRAW QUICK-HITS

**Singles wildcards:** Cagla Buyukakcay (TUR), Berfu Cengiz (TUR), Pemra Ozgen (TUR)  
**Youngest singles player:** Kaja Juvan (SLO), 19 years old (November 25, 2000)  
**Oldest singles player:** Svetlana Kuznetsova, 35 years old (July 27, 1985)



## TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS

- Preparation for Roland Garros champion gets underway this week in Istanbul, with two-time major winner **Svetlana Kuznetsova** headlining the field for the inaugural TEB BNP Paribas Tennis Championship Istanbul
- Istanbul has been a regular stop-off on both WTA and ATP calendars for many years, with a stellar cast visiting the city. Indeed the WTA event held at the Garanti Koza WOS between 2005 and 2019 had an honor roll that included **Venus Williams, Elena Dementieva, Agnieszka Radwanska, Caroline Wozniacki** and **Elina Svitolina**
- Top seed **Kuznetsova** is the owner of three clay court titles, including Roland Garros in 2009, and after a first-round bye will face off against either **Viktoriya Tomova** or a qualifier
- The standout first-round match-up this year is between Turkish No.1 **Cagla Buyukakcay** and No.4 seed **Caroline Garcia**
- All six of **Polona Hercog's** six career tour-level finals have come on clay, including title runs 2011 and 2012 Bastad and 2019 Lugano and a runner-up finish at Istanbul in 2018. Such is the Slovene's aptitude on the *terre battue*, that nine of her 12 semifinal appearances have also been on the surface
- After Hercog and Kuznetsova, **Caroline Garcia** (2014 Bogotá, 2016 Strasbourg) and **Anna Karolina Schmiedlova** (2015 Bucharest and 2018 Bogotá) are the only other players in the main draw to claim multiple clay court titles
- Fourteen players – **Paula Badosa, Brefu Cengiz, Kaja Juvan, Danka Kovinic, Viktoria Kuzmova, Greet Minnen, Pemra Ozgen, Jasmine Paolini, Aliaksandra Sasnovich, Sara Sorribes Tormo, Patricia Maria Tig, Viktoriya Tomova, Stefanie Voegelé** and **Katarina Zavatska** – are seeking their first career titles
- *One to Watch* – **Aliaksandra Sasnovich**. Since the tour's restart the 26-year-old Belarusian has been quietly building momentum. After reaching the quarter-finals at Palermo – her deepest run since January 2019 – she produced an impressive performance at the US Open, defeating Marketa Vondrousova en route to the third round

## COUNTRY AND REGION BREAKDOWN

Excluding qualifiers, a total of 18 countries and regions are represented in the main draw, led by home nation Turkey with three players:

<b>Belgium (2)</b>	Greet Minnen, Alison Van Uytvanck
<b>Belarus (1)</b>	Aliaksandra Sasnovich
<b>Bulgaria (1)</b>	Viktoriya Tomova
<b>France (1)</b>	Caroline Garcia
<b>Great Britain (1)</b>	Heather Watson
<b>Italy (1)</b>	Jasmine Paolini
<b>Japan (1)</b>	Misaki Doi
<b>Kazakhstan (1)</b>	Zarina Diyas
<b>Montenegro (1)</b>	Danka Kovinic
<b>Romania (1)</b>	Patricia Maria Tig
<b>Russia (2)</b>	Margarita Gasparyan, Svetlana Kuznetsova
<b>Slovakia (2)</b>	Viktoria Kuzmova, Anna Karolina Schmiedlova
<b>Slovenia (2)</b>	Polona Hercog, Kaja Juvan
<b>Spain (2)</b>	Paula Badosa, Sara Sorribes Tormo
<b>Sweden (1)</b>	Rebecca Peterson
<b>Switzerland (1)</b>	Stefanie Voegelé
<b>Turkey (3)</b>	Cagla Buyukakcay, Berfu Cengiz, Pemra Ozgen
<b>Ukraine (2)</b>	Kateryna Bondarenko, Katarina Zavatska



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## 2020 WTA TOUR FINALS

Week of	Level	Tournament	Singles Final	Doubles Final
<b>January 6</b>	Premier Int. Int.	Brisbane, AUS Shenzhen, CHN Auckland, NZL	[2] Pliskova d. [8] Keys 64 46 75 [5] Alexandrova d. [7] Rybakina 62 64 [1] Williams d. Pegula 63 64	Hsieh/Strycova d. Barty/Bertens 36 76(7) 108 Krejčíková/Siniakova d. Duan/Zheng 62 36 104 Muhammad/Townsend d. Williams/Wozniacki 64 64
<b>January 13</b>	Premier Int.	Adelaide, AUS Hobart, AUS	[1] Barty d. Yastremska 62 75 [3] Rybakina d. [4] Zhang 76(7) 63	Melichar/Xu d. Dabrowski/Jurak 26 75 105 Kichenok/Mirza d. Peng/Zhang 64 64
<b>January 20</b>	GS	Melbourne, AUS	[14] Kenin d. Muguruza 46 62 62	Babos/Mladenovic d. Hsieh/Strycova 62 61
<b>February 10</b>	Premier Int.	St. P'burg, RUS Hua Hin, THA	[2] Bertens d. [8] Rybakina 61 63 [5] Linette d. [Q] Kung 63 62	Aoyama/Shibahara d. Christian/Guarachi 46 60 103 Rodionova/Sanders d. Haas/Perez 63 63
<b>February 17</b>	Premier	Dubai, UAE	[1] Halep d. Rybakina 36 63 76(5)	Hsieh/Strycova d. Krejčíková/Zheng 76 36 105
<b>February 24</b>	Premier Int.	Doha, QAT Acapulco, MEX	[9] Sabalenka d. [8] Kvitova 63 63 [7] Watson d. [Q] Fernandez 64 67(8) 61	Hsieh/Strycova d. Dabrowski/Ostapenko 62 57 102 Krawczyk/Olmos d. Bondarenko/Fichman 63 76(5)
<b>March 2</b>	Int. Int.	Lyon, FRA Monterrey, MEX	[1] Kenin d. Friedsam 62 46 64 [1] Svitolina d. [9] Bouzkova 75 46 64	Paar/Wachaczyk d. Pattinama Kerkh./Schoofs 75 64 Bondarenko/Fichman d. Kato/Wang 46 63 107
<b>August 3</b>	Int.	Palermo, ITA	Ferro d. [4] Kontaveit 62 75	Rus/Zidasek d. Cocciaretto/Trevisan 75 75
<b>August 10</b>	Int. Int.	Prague, CZE Lexington, USA	[1] Halep d. [3] Mertens 62 75 Brady d. Teichmann 63 64	Hradecka/Pliskova d. Niculescu/Olaru 62 62 Carter/Stefani/Bouzkova/Teichmann 61 75
<b>August 17</b>	Premier 5	New York, USA	Azarenka d. [4/WC] Osaka w/o	Peschke/Schuurs d. Melichar/Xu 64 46 104

## A SNAPSHOT OF 2020 – THE YEAR SO FAR

- **Three Top 10 Debuts:** Sofia Kenin (at No.7 on February 3)
- **Fewest games dropped en route to a title:** Kiki Bertens (25, St. Petersburg)
- **Lowest-ranked player to triumph:** Heather Watson (No.69, Acapulco)
- **Multiple:** Elena Rybakina: 4 (Shenzhen, R-Up, Hobart, W, St. Petersburg, R-Up, Dubai, R-Up); Sofia Kenin: 2 (Australian Open, W, Lyon, W); Simona Halep (Dubai, W, Prague, W)
- **Maiden titles (1):** Ekaterina Alexandrova (Shenzhen), Jennifer Brady (Lexington)
- **Youngest title winner:** Elena Rybakina, Hobart (20y 7m 1d)
- **Oldest title winner:** Serena Williams, Auckland (38y 3m 17d)
- **Aces leaders:** Elena Rybakina – 155, Garbiñe Muguruza – 128, Kristyna Pliskova – 125
- **Most aces in a match (22):** Alison Van Uytvanck (l. vs. Sofia Kenin 7-6(5) 6-7(2) 7-6(2) – Lyon, SF)
- **Match win leaders:** Elena Rybakina – 22, Elise Mertens – 22, Anett Kontaveit – 19, Sofia Kenin – 18
- **Most doubles titles (3):** Barbora Strycova / Hsieh Su-Wei (Brisbane, Dubai, Doha)
- **Best result by a qualifier (R-Up):** Kung (Hua Hin), Fernandez (Acapulco)
- **Longest match:** 3h 33m – Heather Watson d. Elise Mertens 6-7(5) 6-4 7-5 (Hobart, QF)
- **Shortest (completed) match:** 44m – Serena Williams d. Amanda Anisimova 6-1 6-1 (Auckland, SF)



## SEASON & CAREER PRIZE MONEY LEADERS

PLAYER	SINGLES	DOUBLES	2020 TOTAL
Sofia Kenin (USA)	\$2,980,486	\$50,687	\$3,031,173
Garbiñe Muguruza (ESP)	\$1,603,605	-	\$1,603,605
Simona Halep (ROU)	\$1,464,783	\$4,811	\$1,469,594
Ashleigh Barty (AUS)	\$1,040,588	\$38,314	\$1,078,902
Aryna Sabalenka (BLR)	\$790,728	\$59,265	\$849,993
Petra Kvitova (CZE)	\$779,391	-	\$785,941
Elena Rybakina (KAZ)	\$751,968	\$15,414	\$767,382
Ons Jabeur (TUN)	\$516,146	\$21,477	\$537,623
Anett Kontaveit (EST)	\$517,226	\$16,644	\$533,890
Karolina Pliskova (CZE)	\$489,506	\$9,865	\$499,371

PLAYER	CAREER TOTAL
<b>Serena Williams (USA)</b>	<b>\$92,742,122</b>
<b>Venus Williams (USA)</b>	<b>\$41,819,806</b>
Maria Sharapova (RUS)	\$38,777,962
<b>Simona Halep (ROU)</b>	<b>\$36,577,615</b>
Caroline Wozniacki (DEN)	\$35,233,415
<b>Petra Kvitova (CZE)</b>	<b>\$31,852,578</b>
<b>Victoria Azarenka (BLR)</b>	<b>\$30,650,035</b>
<b>Angelique Kerber (GER)</b>	<b>\$29,526,500</b>
Agnieszka Radwanska (POL)	\$27,683,807
<b>Svetlana Kuznetsova (RUS)</b>	<b>\$25,389,852</b>