



PREVIEW NOTES: ADELAIDE INTERNATIONAL
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ADELAIDE INTERNATIONAL – QUICK FACTS

Main draw dates: Monday, January 3 - Sunday, January 9, 2022
Singles Final: Sunday, January 9, 2022 NB 4pm
Doubles Final: Saturday, January 8, 2022 NB 3:30pm
Venue: Memorial Drive
Status: WTA 500
Staging: Third consecutive year
Draw sizes: 30 singles / 16 doubles teams / 24 singles qualifying
Surface: Greenset Cushon / Outdoor
Tennis Ball: Dunlop Australian Open
2021 Singles Final: [5] I. Swiatek (POL) d. [2] B. Bencic (SUI) 6-2 6-2
2021 Doubles Final: [3] A. Guarachi/D. Krawczyk (CHI/USA) d. H. Carter/L. Stefani (USA/BRA) 6-7(4) 6-4 10-3

SINGLES	\$	RANK POINTS
Winner	108,000	470
Runner-Up	66,800	305
Semifinalist	33,900	185
Quarterfinalist	18,685	100
Round of 16	10,000	55
Round of 32	6,750	1

MAIN DRAW QUICK-HITS

Wildcards: Priscilla Hon (AUS), Storm Sanders (AUS)
Youngest singles player: Coco Gauff (17)
Oldest singles player: Victoria Azarenka (32)
Withdrawals: Ons Jabeur (TUN), Barbora Krejčíková (CZE), Karolina Plisková (CZE), Marketa Vondroušová (CZE)

- The start of the WTA season is headlined by this week's Adelaide International, which will feature five of the world's Top 10 players
- Top seed is **Ashleigh Barty**, playing her first tournament since her third-round exit at the US Open last September. Barty won the title at Memorial Drive two years ago and, following a first-round bye, will open her campaign against either **Coco Gauff** or a qualifier
- Also receiving a bye is No.2 seed **Aryna Sabalenka**, who faces the winner of **Kaja Juvan** against **Chloe Paquet** in the second round
- Saturday's draw threw up an intriguing first-round clash between No.4 seed **Paula Badosa** and two-time Australian Open champion **Victoria Azarenka**. The two faced off in the Indian Wells final towards the end of 2021, with the Spaniard triumphing on a third set tie-break
- Last year's tournament was staged immediately following the Australian Open, with **Iga Swiatek** romping home to the title without dropping a set. The Pole, seeded No.5 once again, starts her defense against a qualifier
- **One to Watch** – **Leylah Fernandez** ended 2021 as one of five teenagers inside the Top 50, thanks in no small part to her runner-up finish at the US Open. This thrilling run in New York featured four Top-20 upsets and she may need reprise her giant-killing role if she is to go deep in her first outing of the new campaign. The Canadian, who starts against Ekaterina Alexandrova, finds herself in a strong section of the draw, also featuring Swiatek, Azarenka, Badosa and Petra Kvitová

TOP 4 SEEDS' TOURNAMENT HISTORY*

PLAYER	TOURNAMENT HISTORY	W/L	WIN %
[1] Ashleigh Barty (AUS)	WON (1): 2020 (d. Yastremska in F) 2r (1): 2021 (l. Collins)	4-1	.800
[2] Aryna Sabalenka (BLR)	SF (1): 2020 (l. Yastremska)	3-1	.750
[3] Maria Sakkari (GRE)	2r (1): 2020 (l. Vekic)	1-1	.500
[4] Paula Badosa (ESP)	Tournament debut	-	-

*Main draw matches only

COUNTRY & REGION BREAKDOWN

Not including qualifiers, a total of 16 countries and regions are represented in the draw, led by home nation Australia with four players:

Australia (4)	Ashleigh Barty, Priscilla Hon, Storm Sanders, Ajla Tomljanovic
Belarus (2)	Victoria Azarenka, Aryna Sabalenka
Canada (1)	Leylah Fernandez
Czech Republic (1)	Petra Kvitova
France (1)	Chloe Paquet
Great Britain (1)	Heather Watson
Greece (1)	Maria Sakkari
Japan (1)	Misaki Doi
Kazakhstan (1)	Elena Rybakina
Poland (1)	Iga Swiatek
Russia (2)	Ekaterina Alexandrova, Anastasia Gasanova
Spain (1)	Paula Badosa
Slovakia (1)	Kristina Kucova
Slovenia (2)	Kaja Juvan, Tamara Zidansek
Ukraine (1)	Elina Svitolina
USA (3)	Coco Gauff, Sofia Kenin, Shelby Rogers

A SNAPSHOT OF LAST SEASON

- **Match wins leaders (48):** Ons Jabeur, Anett Kontaveit
- **Longest unbeaten streak (15):** Barbora Krejckikova
- **Most Top 10 wins (9):** Maria Sakkari
- **Most three-set wins (17):** Daria Kasatkina
- **Aces leader (387):** Karolina Pliskova
- **Most aces in a match (24):** Karolina Pliskova (d. Anisimova 7-5 6-7(5) 7-6(7) – US Open, 2r)
- **Most singles titles (5):** Ashleigh Barty (Yarra Valley Classic, Miami, Stuttgart, Wimbledon, Cincinnati)
- **Fewest games dropped en route to a title (20):** Paula Badosa (Belgrade)
- **Lowest-ranked title winner (No.198):** Elena-Gabriela Ruse (Hamburg)
- **Qualifiers to win titles (4):** Clara Tauson (Lyon), Liudmila Samsonova (Berlin), Elena-Gabriela Ruse (Hamburg), Emma Raducanu (US Open)
- **Youngest title winner:** Coco Gauff, Parma (17)
- **Oldest title winner:** Andrea Petkovic, Cluj-Napoca (33)
- **Most doubles titles (6):** Katerina Siniakova (Gippsland Trophy, Madrid, Roland Garros, Moscow, WTA Finals)
- **Singles-doubles title sweeps (3):** Ashleigh Barty (Stuttgart w/Brady), Coco Gauff (Parma w/McNally), Barbora Krejckikova (Roland-Garros w/Siniakova)
- **Top 10 debuts (6):** Iga Swiatek, Barbora Krejckikova, Maria Sakkari, Ons Jabeur, Anett Kontaveit, Paula Badosa
- **Longest Match (3h 55m):** Kristina Kucova d. Ekaterine Gorgodze 6-7(4) 7-6(7) 7-6(3) at Gdynia