



**PREVIEW NOTES: MELBOURNE SUMMER SET 1**  
MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA | JANUARY 4-9, 2022 | \$239,477 | WTA250

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## MELBOURNE SUMMER SET 1 – QUICK FACTS

**Main draw dates:** Tuesday, January 4 - Sunday, January 9, 2022  
**Singles Final:** Sunday, January 9, 2022  
**Doubles Final:** Sunday, January 9, 2022 2pm  
**Venue:** Melbourne Park Tennis Centre  
**Status:** WTA 250  
**Staging:** First year  
**Draw sizes:** 32 singles / 16 doubles teams / 24 singles qualifying  
**Surface:** Greenset Cushon / Outdoor  
**Tennis Ball:** Dunlop Australian Open

SINGLES	\$	RANK POINTS
<b>Winner</b>	31,000	280
<b>Runner-Up</b>	18,037	180
<b>Semifinalist</b>	10,100	110
<b>Quarterfinalist</b>	5,800	60
<b>Round of 16</b>	3,675	30
<b>Round of 32</b>	2,675	1

## MAIN DRAW QUICK-HITS

**Wildcards:** Lizette Cabrera (AUS), Seone Mendez (AUS), Arina Rodionova (AUS)

**Youngest singles player:** Anastasia Potapova (20)

**Oldest singles player:** Vera Zvonareva (37)

**Withdrawals:** Camila Giorgi (ITA), Magda Linette (POL), Camila Osorio (COL), Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (RUS), Yulia Putintseva (KAZ), Emma Raducanu (GBR), Jil Teichmann (SUI), Donna Vekic (CRO)

- Melbourne Park plays host to the Melbourne Summer Set this week, with two WTA 250 events staged at the home of the Australian Open
- Top seed at the Melbourne Summer Set 1 is two-time Australian Open champion **Naomi Osaka**, who opens the new season against **Alizé Cornet** in Tuesday's second match on the Rod Laver Arena
- The No.2 seed **Simona Halep** will begin on Wednesday, taking on a qualifier. The other seeds are **Veronika Kudermetova**, **Liudmila Samsonova**, **Viktorija Golubic**, **Tereza Martincova**, **Katerina Siniakova** and **Alison Riske**
- One to Watch** – After years of injury turmoil, **Ana Konjuh** made a welcome return to the WTA tour in 2021, rising nearly 500 places in the rankings. The Croatian, still only 24, achieved her first significant result since returning from a long-standing elbow injury when she reached the fourth round at Miami as a wildcard. A quarterfinal at Istanbul and a runner-up finish at Belgrade – her first final in over four years – continued this ascent during the clay court season, while a run through qualifying to the semifinals at San Jose helped her close the year at No.66 in the rankings

## COUNTRY & REGION BREAKDOWN

Not including qualifiers, a total of 12 countries and regions are represented in the draw, led by Russia with four players:

<b>Australia (3)</b>	Lizette Cabrera, Seone Mendez, Arina Rodionova
<b>Belgium (1)</b>	Maryna Zanevska
<b>China (2)</b>	Zhang Shuai, Zheng Saisai
<b>Croatia (2)</b>	Ana Konjuh, Petra Martic
<b>Czech Republic (2)</b>	Tereza Martincova, Katerina Siniakova
<b>Estonia (1)</b>	Kaia Kanepi
<b>France (2)</b>	Clara Burel, Alizé Cornet
<b>Germany (1)</b>	Andrea Petkovic
<b>Japan (1)</b>	Naomi Osaka
<b>Romania (3)</b>	Jaqueline Cristian, Simona Halep, Elena-Gabriela Ruse
<b>Russia (4)</b>	Veronika Kudermetova, Anastasia Potapova, Liudmila Samsonova, Vera Zvonareva
<b>USA (3)</b>	Madison Brengle, Lauren Davis, Alison Riske

## A SNAPSHOT OF LAST SEASON

- **Match wins leaders (48):** Ons Jabeur, Anett Kontaveit
- **Longest unbeaten streak (15):** Barbora Krejčíková
- **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 Krejčíková (Roland-Garros w/Siniakova)
- **Top 10 debuts (6):** Iga Świątek, Barbora Krejčíková, 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