



PREVIEW NOTES: MELBOURNE SUMMER SET 2
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MELBOURNE SUMMER SET 2 – 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
Winner	31,000	280
Runner-Up	18,037	180
Semifinalist	10,100	110
Quarterfinalist	5,800	60
Round of 16	3,675	30
Round of 32	2,675	1

MAIN DRAW QUICK-HITS

Wildcards: Ellen Perez (AUS), Astra Sharma (AUS), Samantha Stosur (AUS)
Youngest singles player: Clara Tauson (19)
Oldest singles player: Samantha Stosur (37)

- 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 2 is one of last year's breakthrough performers, **Jessica Pegula**. In 2021, the American reached the quarterfinals or better on seven occasions, including at the Australian Open. The American will begin the new campaign against **Irina-Camelia Begu** in Tuesday's first match on Rod Laver Arena
- The No.2 seed **Elise Mertens** will start on Wednesday, taking on a qualifier. The other seeds are **Daria Kasatkina**, **Sara Sorribes Tormo**, **Sorana Cirstea**, **Clara Tauson**, **Ann Li** and **Marta Kostyuk**
- Wildcard **Samantha Stosur** has been drawn to face a qualifier first up in one of the final singles tournaments of her career. The 37-year-old recently announced that the upcoming Australian Open, where she will compete for the 20th time, will be her last as a singles player
- One to Watch** – Four years ago, **Marta Kostyuk** announced herself to the tennis world with a run through qualifying to the third round at the Australian Open. Remarkably, the Ukrainian does not turn 20 until this summer – she was among five teenagers to end 2021 in the WTA's Top 50 – and looks well poised to continue her recent resurgence. Twelve months ago, she reached her maiden semifinal, at Abu Dhabi, a performance she replicated at both Istanbul and Cluj-Napoca during an impressive campaign

COUNTRY & REGION BREAKDOWN

Not including qualifiers, a total of 15 countries and regions are represented in the draw, led by the United States with four players:

Australia (3)	Ellen Perez, Astra Sharma, Samantha Stosur
Belgium (3)	Elise Mertens, Greet Minnen, Alison Van Uytvanck
Brazil (1)	Beatriz Haddad Maia
Denmark (1)	Clara Tauson
Egypt (1)	Mayar Sherif
France (1)	Caroline Garcia
Italy (1)	Jasmine Paolini
Latvia (1)	Anastasija Sevastova
Romania (2)	Irina-Camelia Begu, Sorana Cirstea
Russia (2)	Varvara Gracheva, Daria Kasatkina
Slovakia (1)	Anna Karolina Schmiedlova
Spain (2)	Nuria Párrizas Díaz, Sara Sorribes Tormo
Sweden (1)	Rebecca Peterson
Ukraine (2)	Anhelina Kalinina, Marta Kostyuk
USA (4)	Amanda Anisimova, Jessica Pegula, Madison Keys, Ann Li

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 Plisková
- **Most aces in a match (24):** Karolina Plisková (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 Kučová d. Ekaterine Gorgodze 6-7(4) 7-6(7) 7-6(3) at Gdynia