



PREVIEW NOTES

TEB BNP PARIBAS TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP ISTANBUL

APRIL 18-24, 2022 | WTA 250 | US\$239,477



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TEB BNP PARIBAS TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP ISTANBUL – QUICK FACTS

Main draw dates: April 18–24, 2022
Singles Final: Sunday April 24, 3pm
Doubles Final: Sunday, April 24, 12:30pm
Venue: Turkish Tennis Federation Tennis Center
Status: WTA 250
Staging: Tournament’s third year
Draw sizes: 32 singles / 16 doubles / 24 qualifying
Surface: Red Clay / Outdoors
Total prize money: USD \$239,477
Tennis Ball: Wilson US 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

Top 4 Seeds: Elise Mertens, Sorana Cirstea, Veronika Kudermetova, Anhelina Kalinina

Wildcards: Nikola Bartunkova, Pemra Ozgen, Ipek Oz

Youngest singles player (16): Nikola Bartunkova

Oldest singles player (35): Pemra Ozgen

- Preparation for Roland-Garros continues this week on the Bosphorus, with eight of the Top 50 in the field for the third edition of the 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, Elina Svitolina and **Petra Martic**
- Two years ago, this tournament saw a move to the Turkish Tennis Federation’s centre, with Patricia Maria Tig and **Sorana Cirstea** lifting the titles in 2020 and 2021, respectively



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- Top seed this time is **Elise Mertens**, who has reached five clay court finals in her career, including in Istanbul in 2017 and 2021. The Belgian has been drawn to face **Rebecca Peterson** in the first round
- Also in the top half of the draw is the ever-improving **Anhelina Kalinina**, who is coming off runs to the fourth round at Miami and quarterfinals at Charleston. Her challenge here gets underway against former Top-20 player **Martic**
- Meanwhile, in the bottom half No.2 seed and defending champion **Cirstea** leads the way, opening up with a tricky encounter against **Aliaksandra Sasnovich** on Monday evening. No.3 seed and 2021 semifinalist **Veronika Kudermetova** will play a qualifier in the first round
- *One to Watch* – **Anna Bondar**. This time last year, Bondar was ranked No.262 and competing on the ITF Circuit in Europe. Since then, she has compiled a 60-28 win-loss record, reached two Tour-level quarterfinals and lifted a WTA 125K Series title in Buenos Aries. The Hungarian, now safely inside the Top 100, opens her challenge here against No.8 seed Tereza Martincova

TOP 4 SEEDS' TOURNAMENT HISTORY*

PLAYER	TOURNAMENT HISTORY	W/L	WIN %
[1] Elise Mertens	R-Up (1): 2021 (l. Cirstea)	4-1	.800
[2] Sorana Cirstea	Won (1): 2021 (d. Mertens in F)	5-0	1.000
[3] Veronika Kudermetova	SF (1): 2021 (l. Mertens)	3-1	.750
[4] Anhelina Kalinina	Tournament debut	-	-

**Main draw matches only*

COUNTRY AND REGION BREAKDOWN

Not including qualifiers, a total of 16 countries and regions are represented in the main draw, led by Belgium and the Czech Republic with three players each:

Australia (1)	Ajla Tomljanovic
Belgium (3)	Elise Mertens, Greet Minnen, Alison Van Uytvanck
Croatia (2)	Ana Konjuh, Petra Martic
Czech Republic (3)	Nikola Bartunkova, Marie Bouzkova, Tereza Martincova
Hungary (1)	Anna Bondar
Italy (1)	Martina Trevisan
Kazakhstan (1)	Yulia Putintseva
Netherlands (1)	Arantxa Rus
Poland (1)	Magda Linette
Romania (1)	Sorana Cirstea
Slovakia (1)	Anna Karolina Schmiedlova
Spain (2)	Nuria Parrizas Diaz, Sara Sorribes Tormo
Sweden (1)	Rebecca Peterson
Switzerland (1)	Jil Teichmann
Turkey (2)	Ipek Oz, Pemra Ozgen
Ukraine (1)	Anhelina Kalinina

Varvara Gracheva, Veronika Kudermetova, Aliaksandra Sasnovich



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2022 WTA TOUR FINALS

Week of	Level	Tournament	Singles Final	Doubles Final
January 3	WTA 500 WTA 250 WTA 250	Adelaide Melbourne Set 1 Melbourne Set 2	[1] A. Barty d [7] E. Rybakina 63 62 [2] S. Halep d [3] V. Kudermetova 62 63 A. Anisimova d A. Sasnovich 75 16 64	Barty/Sanders d [3] Jurak Schreiber/Klepac 61 64 [2] Muhammad/Pegula vs Errani/Paolini 63 61 [2] Pera/Siniakova vs Martincova/Sherif 62 67 (7) 10-5
January 10	WTA 500 WTA 250	Sydney Adelaide 250	[5] P. Badosa d [3] B. Krejčíková 63 46 76(4) M. Keys d A. Riske 61 62	Danilina/Haddad Maia d Heisen/Udvardy 46 75 10-8 [3] Hozumi/Ninomiya d Martincova/Vondrousova 16 76 10-7
January 17	GS	Australian Open	[1] A. Barty d [27] D. Collins 63 76	[1] Krejčíková/Siniakova d Danilina/Haddad Maia 67 64 64
February 7	WTA 500	St. Petersburg	[2] A. Kontaveit d [1] M. Sakkari 57 76 75	Kalinskaya/McNally d Rosolska/Routliffe 63 67 10-4
February 14	WTA 500	Dubai	J. Ostapenko d V. Kudermetova 60 64	[2] Kudermetova/Mertens d Kichenok/Ostapenko 61 63
February 21	WTA 1000 WTA 250	Doha Guadalajara	[7] I. Swiatek d. A. Kontaveit 62 60 [6] S. Stephens d. M. Bouzkova 75 16 62	Gauff/Pegula d. [3] Kudermetova/Mertens 36 75 10-5 [3] Christian/Marozava d. Wang/Zhu 75 63
February 28	WTA 250 WTA 250	Monterrey Lyon	[2] L. Fernandez d. C. Osorio 67(5) 64 76(3) [8] S.Zhang d. D. Yastremska 36 63 64	C.Harrison/S.Santamaria d. X.Han/Y.Sizikova 16 75 106 L. Siegemund/V. Zvonareva d. A. Barnett/O. Nicholls 75 61
March 7	WTA 1000	Indian Wells	[3] I. Swiatek d. [6] M. Sakkari 64 61	Y.Xu/Z.Yang d. [7] A.Muhammad/E.Shibahara 75 76
March 21	WTA 1000	Miami	[2] I. Swiatek d. N. Osaka 64 60	L.Siegemund/V.Zvonareva d. [1] E.Mertens/V.Kudermetova 76 75
April 4	WTA 500 WTA 250	Charleston Bogotá	[10] B. Bencic d. [4] O. Jabeur 61 57 64 [Q] T. Maria d. [Q] L. Pigossi 63 46 62	[4] A.Klepac/M.Linette d. L.Hradecka/S.Mirza 62 46 10-7 A.Sharma/A.Sutjiadi d. E.Bektas/T.Moore 46 64 11-9

A SNAPSHOT OF 2022 SO FAR

- **Top-10 debuts (1):** Danielle Collins (January 31)
- **Match wins leaders:** Iga Swiatek (26-3), Paula Badosa (18-7), Maria Sakkari (16-6)
- **Most three-set wins:** Jelena Ostapenko (7-1), Iga Swiatek (7-1), Amanda Anisimova (6-3)
- **Aces leaders:** Madison Keys (125), Paula Badosa (107), Elena Rybakina (106), Zheng Qinwen (102)
- **Most aces in a match (18):** Naomi Osaka (d. Bencic at Miami)
- **Most singles titles (3):** Iga Swiatek (Doha, Indian Wells, Miami)
- **Fewest games dropped en route to a title (26):** Iga Swiatek (Miami)
- **Lowest-ranked title winner (No.237):** Tatjana Maria (Bogotá)
- **Youngest title winner (19):** Leylah Fernandez (Monterrey)
- **Oldest title winner (34):** Tatjana Maria (Bogotá)
- **Most doubles titles (2):** Katerina Siniakova (Melbourne Summer Set 2, Australian Open), Jessica Pegula (Melbourne Summer Set 1, Doha), Laura Siegemund (Lyon, Miami), Vera Zvonareva (Lyon, Miami)
- **Singles-doubles title sweeps (1):** Ashleigh Barty (Adelaide w/Sanders)
- **Longest Match (3h 36m):** Daria Saville d. Emma Raducanu 5-7 7-6(4) 4-3 ret. at Guadalajara