

PREVIEW NOTES: ROGERS CUP

MONTRÉAL, CANADA | AUG 6-12, 2018 | USD \$2,820,000 PREMIER 5

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MONTRÉAL QUICK FACTS

Main draw dates: Monday - Sunday, August 6 - 12, 2018
Singles Final: Sunday, August 12, 1:30pm
Doubles Final: Sunday, August 12, after singles final
Venue: IGA Stadium
Status: Premium 5 event
Staging: Tournament's 38th year
Draw sizes: 56 singles / 28 doubles teams / 48 singles qualifying
Surface: DecoTurf, Hardcourt / Outdoors
Total prize money: USD \$2,820,000
Tennis Ball: Wilson US Open Regular Duty
2017 Singles Final: [5] Elina Svitolina (UKR) d. [6] Caroline Wozniacki (DEN) 64 60
2017 Doubles Final: [1] Ekaterina Makarova/Elena Vesniana (RUS/RUS) d. [8] Anna-Lena Groenefeld/Kveta Peschke (GER/CZE) 60 64

PRIZE MONEY AND RANKING POINT BREAKDOWN

SINGLES	USD \$	RANK POINTS	DOUBLES	USD \$	RANK POINTS
Winner	519,480	900	Winner	143,600	900
Runner-Up	252,425	585	Runner-Up	72,534	585
Semifinalist	126,450	350	Semifinalist	35,910	350
Quarterfinalist	60,210	190	Quarterfinalist	18,075	190
Round of 16	29,010	105	Round of 16	9,170	105
Round of 32	14,860	60	Round of 28	4,530	1
Round of 64	8,015	1			

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS AND RUNNERS-UP

YEAR	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
2017	Elina Svitolina	Caroline Wozniacki
2016	Simona Halep	Madison Keys
2015	Belinda Bencic	Simona Halep
2014	Agnieszka Radwanska	Venus Williams
2013	Serena Williams	Sorana Cirstea
2012	Petra Kvitova	Li Na
2011	Serena Williams	Samantha Stosur
2010	Caroline Wozniacki	Vera Zvonareva

If highlighted denotes competing in 2018 Rogers Cup main draw, excluding qualifiers

MAIN DRAW QUICK HITS (excludes qualifiers)

Singles wildcards: Françoise Abanda (CAN), Victoria Azarenka (BLR), Eugenie Bouchard (CAN), Carol Zhao (CAN)

Youngest singles player: Aryna Sabalenka, 20 years old (May 5, 1998)

Oldest singles player: Venus Williams, 38-years-old (June 17, 1980)

Singles withdrawals: Dominika Cibulkova (illness), Madison Keys (right wrist injury), Coco Vandeweghe (right ankle injury), Serena Williams (personal reasons)

Main draw debutantes: Mihaela Buzarnescu (ROU), Anett Kontaveit (EST), Aleksandra Krunic (SRB), Tatjana Maria (GER), Elise Mertens (BEL), Aryna Sabalenka (BLR), Maria Sakkari (GRE)

TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS

- All of the WTA's Top 10 will be competing this week in Montréal
- There will be four former champions present at the IGA Stadium this week, including last year's victor, **Elina Svitolina**. Other former winners include: **Simona Halep** (2016), **Petra Kvitova** (2012) and **Caroline Wozniacki** (2010)
- Twenty players in the main draw have already earned WTA titles this season, headlined by **Kvitova's** tour-leading five titles (St. Petersburg, Doha, Prague, Madrid and Birmingham). Other players with multiple trophies include: **Halep** (Shenzhen and Roland Garros), **Angelique Kerber** (Sydney and Wimbledon), **Elise Mertens** (Hobart, Lugano and Rabat), **Svitolina** (Brisbane, Dubai and Rome) and **Wozniacki** (Australian Open and Eastbourne)
- The Montréal contains nine different players at their career-high WTA ranking (as of July 30): **Halep** (No.1), **Sloane Stephens** (No.3), **Caroline Garcia** (No.6), **Julia Goerges** (No.10), **Mertens** (No.15), **Ashleigh Barty** (No.16), **Naomi Osaka** (No.17), **Mihaela Buzarnescu** (No.24) and **Alison Van Uytvanck** (No.40)
- *One To Watch* – **Angelique Kerber**. The 2018 Wimbledon champion will be playing her first event since capturing her All England Club success. She enters play occupying the No.1 spot on the WTA Insider Hard Court Power Rankings, based on a formula evaluating the ranking points earned in the last four years on the respective surface. She also leads the tour this season in both hard court wins (21-5) and overall match wins (39-12)

TOP FOUR SEEDS' PREVIOUS TOURNAMENT HISTORY

PLAYER	TOURNAMENT HISTORY	WIN-LOSS	WIN %
[1] Simona Halep (ROU)	WON (1): 2016 (d. Keys) R-Up (1): 2015 (l. Bencic) SF (1): 2017 (l. Svitolina) 2r (2): 2011 (l. Safarova), 2012 (l. Stosur)	14-4	.778
[2] Caroline Wozniacki (DEN)	WON (1): 2010 (d. Zvonareva) R-Up (1): 2017 (l. Svitolina) SF (1): 2012 (l. Kvitova) QF (1): 2014 (l. S.Williams) 2r (4): 2009 (l. J.Zheng), 2011 (l. Vinci), 2013 (l. Cirstea), 2015 (l. Bencic) 1r (1): 2007 (l. P. Shuai)	15-8	.652
[3] Sloane Stephens (USA)	SF (1): 2017 (l. Wozniacki) R16 (1): 2013 (l. Radwanska) 2r (1): 2014 (l. Jankovic) 1r (2): 2015 (l. Cibulkova), 2016 (l. Giorgi)	7-5	.583
[4] Angelique Kerber (GER)	SF (1): 2016 (l. Halep) R16 (4): 2012 (l. Vinci), 2014 (l. V.Williams), 2015 (l. Halep), 2017 (l. Stephens) 2r (1): 2013 (l. Cibulkova) 1r (1): 2010 (l. Shvedova)	8-7	.533

COUNTRY BREAKDOWN (excludes qualifiers)

Excluding qualifiers, a total of 23 countries are represented in the main draw, led by Czech Republic, Romania and Russia each with four players:

Australia (2)	Ashleigh Barty, Daria Gavrilova
Belarus (2)	Victoria Azarenka, Aryna Sabalenka,
Belgium (2)	Elise Mertens, Alison Van Uytvanck
Canada (3)	Françoise Abanda, Eugenie Bouchard, Carol Zhao
China (1)	Zhang Shuai
Czech Republic (4)	Petra Kvitová, Karolína Plíšková, Kateřina Siniaková, Barbora Strýcová
Denmark (1)	Caroline Wozniacki
Estonia (1)	Anett Kontaveit
France (3)	Alizé Cornet, Caroline Garcia, Kristina Mladenovic
Germany (3)	Julia Goerges, Angelique Kerber, Tatjana Maria
Great Britain (1)	Johanna Konta
Greece (1)	Maria Sakkari
Hungary (1)	Timea Babos
Japan (1)	Naomi Osaka
Latvia (2)	Jelena Ostapenko, Anastasija Sevastova
Netherlands (1)	Kiki Bertens
Romania (4)	Irina-Camelia Begu, Mihaela Buzarnescu, Sorana Cîrstea, Simona Halep
Russia (4)	Daria Kasatkina, Ekaterina Makarova, Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Maria Sharapova
Serbia (1)	Aleksandra Krunic
Slovakia (1)	Magdaléna Rybáriková
Spain (1)	Garbiñe Muguruza
Ukraine (2)	Elina Svitolina, Lesia Tsurenko
United States (2)	Sloane Stephens, Venus Williams

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