



BNP PARIBAS WTA FINALS SINGAPORE PRESENTED BY SC GLOBAL

PREVIEW NOTES - SINGAPORE - OCTOBER 21 – 28, 2018 - \$7,000,000

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FINALS QUICK FACTS

Main draw dates: Sunday, October 21 - Sunday, October 28, 2018
Host City: Singapore, Singapore
Venue: Singapore Indoor Stadium
Total prize money: US\$7,000,000
Surface: Deco Turf-Portable (wooden base) / Indoor
Tennis Balls: Wilson (US Open Regular Duty)
First Held: 1972 (48th staging)
2017 Singles Final: [6] Caroline Wozniacki (DEN) d. [5] Venus Williams (USA) 64 64
2017 Doubles Final: [3] Babos/Sestini Hlavackova (HUN/CZE) d. Bertens/Larsson (NED/SWE) 46 64 10-5

2018 FINALS PARTICIPANTS

TOP 8 QUALIFIERS	RANK	NAT	AGE	WTA FINALS W-L	YTD PRIZE \$	YTD MD W/L	YTD TITLES	CAREER PRIZE \$	CAREER W/L	CAREER TITLES
[1] Angelique Kerber	2	GER	30	6-8	5,382,362	45-17	2	26,852,841	594-309	12
[2] Caroline Wozniacki	3	DEN	28	13-8	5,703,719	40-15	3	32,538,413	609-245	30
[3] Naomi Osaka	4	JPN	21	0-0	6,243,289	40-17	2	7,478,197	177-116	2
[4] Petra Kvitova	5	CZE	28	10-8	3,150,389	47-14	5	27,191,207	490-214	25
[5] Sloane Stephens	6	USA	25	0-0	3,854,779	33-18	1	12,162,883	265-176	6
[6] Elina Svitolina	7	UKR	24	1-2	2,863,163	39-15	3	10,234,541	324-169	12
[7] Karolina Pliskova	8	CZE	26	3-4	2,497,479	47-21	2	13,332,870	473-270	11
[8] Kiki Bertens	9	NED	26	0-0	2,649,968	44-21	3	6,008,404	369-223	7

*Includes Moscow results excluding YTD and Career Prize Money
 Ranking based on week of October 22, 2018*

MATCH SCHEDULE

SESSION	DAY	TIME	MATCHES
Session 1	Sunday Oct 21	5.00pm	Singles RR (2)
Session 2	Monday Oct 22	7.30pm	Singles RR (2)
Session 3	Tuesday Oct 23	7.30pm	Singles RR (2)
Session 4	Wednesday Oct 24	7.30pm	Singles RR (2)
Session 5	Thursday Oct 25	1:30pm	Doubles (1), NB 4pm Singles RR (1)
Session 6	Thursday Oct 25	7.30pm	Singles RR (1), Doubles (1)
Session 7	Friday Oct 26	1.30pm	Doubles (1), NB 4pm Singles RR (1)
Session 8	Friday Oct 26	7.30pm	Singles RR (1), Doubles (1)
Session 9	Saturday Oct 27	1.30pm	Doubles SF (1), NB 4pm Singles SF (1)
Session 10	Saturday Oct 27	7.30pm	Singles SF (1), Doubles SF (1)
Session 11	Sunday Oct 28	4.00pm	Doubles Final, NB 7.30pm Singles Final

Subject to change RR = Round Robin



WTA FINALS – A BRIEF HISTORY

- This is the 48th staging of the event (which began in 1972). This year marks the fifth and final year that Singapore will be hosting the WTA Finals, before heading to the Chinese city of Shenzhen. Prior to Singapore, the event was staged in Istanbul, Turkey from 2011-2013. Singapore is the ninth different city to host the year-end event
- The singles event features 8 players and begins as a round robin event, with 4 players in the Red Group and 4 in the White Group. Over the first 6 days of competition, each player meets the other 3 players in her group, with the top 2 in each pool moving on to the semifinals. Each of the group winners meets the runner-up in the other group in the semifinals. The winners of each semifinal meet in the championship match
- The current round robin format was re-introduced in 2003 for the first time since 1982
- Nine players have advanced to the final on their WTA Finals debut; only Serena Williams (2001), Maria Sharapova (2004), Petra Kvitova (2011) and Dominika Cibulkova (2016) won the title on their debut. Those other players who reached the final on their debut are: Tracy Austin (1979 R-Up), Andrea Jaeger (1981 R-Up), Lindsay Davenport (1994 R-Up), Martina Hingis (1996 R-Up) and Simona Halep (2014 R-Up)
- The longest Finals win streak was compiled by Navratilova, who won 21 straight matches in winning 5 titles between 1983 and 1986 and reaching the quarterfinals in 1987. The next longest win streak in tournament history is S.Williams, who won 16 in a row (2009, 2012, 2013 and 2014)
- Between 1984 and 1998, a best-of-five sets final was used to decide the Finals final; three finals went the distance: 1990 - Seles vs. Gabriela Sabatini (the first woman's match in 89 years to extend to five sets since the 1901 Philadelphia Finals); 1995 – Steffi Graf vs. Anke Huber; 1996 - Graf vs. Hingis. Six finals went to four sets (1986 - March, 1987, 1989, 1991, 1993 and 1998)
- Nine times has a Finals winner has not dropped a set en route to the title; Evert achieved the feat three times (1972, 73, 75) and Navratilova (1984, 85) and S.Williams (2001, 2012) did it twice; Sabatini did not drop a set in 1988, while Clijsters did the same in 2002
- There have been 21 different winners in 47 stagings; of those 21 winners, 15 have been former world No.1's, only exceptions were Sylvia Hanika (1982), Gabriela Sabatini (1988, 1994), Jana Novotna (1997), Petra Kvitova (2011), Agnieszka Radwanska (2015) and Dominika Cibulkova (2016)
- The top seed has won the title 22 times. In 2014, S.Williams became the first to do so since 2007 (Justine Henin)
- Players from 13 different nations have won: USA (18), GER (6), BEL (5), CZE (4), YUG (3), ARG (2), AUS (2), SUI (2), DEN (1), FRA (1), POL (1), RUS (1) and SVK (1)
- In the last 36 years, the champion here has ended as the WTA Year-End World No.1 a total of 21 times
- On 16 occasions has the No.1 seed failed to reach the final



DOUBLES QUALIFIERS

The doubles event at the BNP Paribas WTA Finals Singapore presented by SC Global features 8 teams in a single elimination draw. This year's qualifiers are:

- **Barbora Krejčíková & Katerina Siniakova** – won back-to-back Grand Slam doubles titles at Roland Garros and Wimbledon, becoming the first team to lift both trophies in the same year since Kim Clijsters and Ai Sugiyama in 2003. Additionally, became the first team ever to win the girls' junior (2013) and ladies' doubles (2018) title at Wimbledon
- **Kristina Mladenovic & Timea Babos** - captured their first Grand Slam title as a team at the Australian Open in January, going on to capture their second trophy of the season at Birmingham. Also advanced to the final at Madrid as well as the semifinals at Indian Wells
- **Andrea Sestini Hlaváčková & Barbora Strýcová** - started their consistent partnership with a stellar clay court season, including a runner-up finish at Rome and semifinal showings at Roland Garros and Madrid. The pair lifted their first title as a team at New Haven and reached two additional finals, at Tokyo and Wuhan
- **Yifan Xu / Gabriela Dabrowski** – have won two titles this season, at Sydney and Eastbourne, and reached the title match at Beijing. The team also reached the semifinals at Wimbledon, St. Petersburg, Indian Wells) and Tokyo
- **Demi Schuurs / Elise Mertens** – have won a tour-leading five doubles finals this season, most recently capturing their third title of 2018 today at Wuhan. The Belgian-Dutch duo also lifted trophies at 's-Hertogenbosch, and finished runners-up at Birmingham and Cincinnati
- **Kveta Peschke / Nicole Melichar** – reached three finals this season, clinching the title at Prague and finishing as runners-up at Stuttgart and Wimbledon. The pair also reached the semifinals at Montreal and the Nürnberg
- **María José Martínez Sánchez / Andreja Klepac** - Slovenian-Spanish team of Klepac and Martínez Sánchez reached four finals this season, lifting the trophy at the Mallorca Open. The pair also advanced to the championship match at Brisbane, Doha and Charleston
- **CoCo Vandeweghe / Ashleigh Barty** - teamed up for the first time in their careers in March, and enjoyed a great start together by winning the Miami Open, which was only their second tournament together. The pair went on to win their debut Grand Slam title at the US Open



2018 WTA FINALS AMBASSADORS: THE LEGENDS, THE LEGACY

- This year's blockbuster line-up of 11 WTA Finals Legend Ambassadors features seven former WTA World No.1s, all Hall of Famers. Collectively, they won 59 Grand Slam singles titles, 16 WTA Finals singles crowns, and 16 doubles titles at the tour's season finale
- Leading the way: WTA Founder Billie Jean King, who came to Singapore in 2014 for the first staging here and will once again present the singles trophy named in her honor. Fellow icons Chris Evert and Martina Navratilova are back to make it five-out-of-five in Singapore, while ever-popular Kim Clijsters, Lindsay Davenport and Monica Seles return for a second look and Jennifer Capriati makes her very welcome debut as an ambassador
- Former Roland Garros champion Iva Majoli, a popular visitor to Singapore since 2014, returns, along with Australia's Alicia Molik who headlines the World Feed commentary team. This year's off-court program again features Southeast Asia role models Yayuk Basuki and Tamarine Tanasugarn, who both reached the Top 20 and will focus on mentoring WTA Future Stars from across Asia-Pacific
- From Friday night's draw ceremony and gala to the trophy presentations on finals Sunday, these stars of women's tennis will participate in more than 80 community-focused and corporate engagements, from coaching clinics to conference speeches, charity fundraisers to media interviews.

ABOUT ROUND ROBIN FORMAT

- In 2003 the current round robin format feeding into a four-player single-elimination draw returned to the WTA Finals for the first time since 1982
- The Top 2 finishers in each group will advance to the semifinals where the top player in each group, will play against the other group's runner-up
- There have been 19 instances where a player has posted a perfect 3-0 record in round robin play, most recently Angelique Kerber in 2016
- Only seven times though has player posted a 3-0 record and gone on to win the title, including in three of the last seven years (Kvitova in 2011, S.Williams in 2012 and 2013)
- Meanwhile only six times has a player posted a 3-0 round robin record and failed to reach the final, most recently in 2015 (both Sharapova and Muguruza)

Players with 3-0 Round Robin Record

YEAR	PLAYER	RESULT
2003	Kim Clijsters	Won Title (d. Mauresmo in F)
2004	Amelie Mauresmo	SF (l. S.Williams)
2005	Mary Pierce	R-Up (l. Mauresmo)
2006	Maria Sharapova	SF (l. Henin)
2007	Justine Henin	Won Title (d. Sharapova in F)
2007	Maria Sharapova	R-Up (l. Henin)
2008	Vera Zvonareva	R-Up (l. V.Williams)
2008	Venus Williams	Won Title (d. Zvonareva in F)
2009	Serena Williams	Won Title (d. V.Williams in F)
2010	Vera Zvonareva	SF (l. Wozniacki)
2011	Petra Kvitova	Won Title (d. Azarenka in F)
2012	Serena Williams	Won Title (d. Sharapova in F)
2012	Maria Sharapova	R-Up (l. S.Williams)
2013	Serena Williams	Won Title (d. Li)
2013	Li Na	R-Up (l. S.Williams in F)
2014	Caroline Wozniacki	SF (l. S.Williams)
2015	Maria Sharapova	SF (l. Kvitova)
2015	Garbiñe Muguruza	SF (l. A.Radwanska)
2016	Angelique Kerber	R-Up (l. Cibulkova)



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- On seven occasions has a player lost a match in the round robin stage and gone on to win the WTA Finals title:

YEAR	PLAYER	ROUND ROBIN W-L	SINGLE-ELIINATION RESULTS
2004	Maria Sharapova	2-1, 2nd in group	d. Mauresmo in SF, d. S.Williams in F
2005	Amelie Mauresmo	2-1, 2nd in group	d. Sharapova in SF, d. Pierce in F
2006	Justine Henin	2-1, 2nd in group	d. Sharapova in SF, d. Mauresmo in F
2010	Kim Clijsters	2-1, 2nd in group	d. Stosur in SF, d. Wozniacki in F
2014	Serena Williams	2-1, 2nd in group	d. Wozniacki in SF, d. Halep in F
2015	Agnieszka Radwanska	1-2, 2nd in group	d. Muguruza in SF, d. Kvitova in F
2016	Dominika Cibulkova	1-2, 2nd in group	d. Kuznetsova in SF, d. Kerber in F
2017	Caroline Wozniacki	2-1, 2nd in group	d. Ka.Pliskova in SF, d. V.Williams in F

- There have also been seven occasions where a player has lost two matches in the group stage and progressed to the semifinals or better, including five times in the last five years:

YEAR	PLAYER	ROUND ROBIN W-L	SINGLE-ELIINATION RESULTS
2009	Venus Williams	1-2, 2nd in group	d. Jankovic in SF, l. S.Williams in F
2011	Vera Zvonareva	1-2, 2nd in group	l. Azarenka in SF
2013	Jelena Jankovic	1-2, 2nd in group	l. S.Williams in SF
2014	Agnieszka Radwanska	1-2, 2nd in group	l. Halep in SF
2015	Agnieszka Radwanska	1-2, 2nd in group	d. Muguruza in SF, d. Kvitova in F
2015	Petra Kvitova	1-2, 2nd in group	d. Sharapova in SF, l. A.Radwanska in F
2016	Dominika Cibulkova	1-2, 2nd in group	d. Kuznetsova in SF, d. Kerber in F

ROUND ROBIN TIE-BREAKING METHODS

Since 2003 when the WTA Finals began its current format, a semifinalist has been decided by the tie-break method 7 times (2003, 2004, 2009, 2011, 2013 and twice in 2015). The final standings of each group shall be determined by the following:

- 1) Greatest number of wins
- 2) Greatest number of matches played; or
- 3) Head-to-head results if only two (2) players are tied, or if three (3) players are tied then:
 - a. If three (3) players each have the same number of wins, a player having played less than all three (3) matches is automatically eliminated and the player advancing to the single elimination competition is the winner of the match-up of the two remaining tied players; or
 - b. Highest percentage of sets won; or
 - c. Highest percentage of games won

If the above tie-breaking methods produce one (1) superior player (1st place) or one inferior player (3rd place), and the two (2) remaining players are tied, the tie between those two (2) players shall be broken by head-to-head record.



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HEAD TO HEADS

	[1] Kerber	[2] Wozniacki	[3] Osaka	[4] Kvitova	[5] Stephens	[6] Svitolina	[7] Pliskova	[8] Bertens
[1] Kerber		8-7	3-1	6-6	1-4	5-8	7-4	2-1
[2] Wozniacki	7-8		2-0	5-8	6-1	3-1	6-3	3-2
[3] Osaka	1-3	0-2		0-0	0-1	2-3	1-2	1-0
[4] Kvitova	6-6	8-5	0-0		0-2	7-1	3-0	2-2
[5] Stephens	4-1	1-6	1-0	2-0		2-1	2-1	1-0
[6] Svitolina	8-5	3-1	3-2	1-7	1-2		2-5	1-1
[7] Pliskova	4-7	3-6	2-1	0-3	1-2	5-2		2-3
[8] Bertens	1-2	2-3	0-1	2-2	0-1	1-1	3-2	



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RANKING POINTS & PRIZE MONEY BREAKDOWN

	<u>Matches Played</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>Singles Points (Bonus)</u>	<u>Singles Prize Money \$5,600,000*</u>	<u>Doubles Points (Best 11 Results)</u>	<u>Doubles Prize Money \$1,400,000</u>
Winner				1500*	\$2,360,000*	1500	\$500,000
Finalist				1080*	\$1,200,000*	1080	\$260,000
Semifinalist				750*	\$650,000^	750	\$157,500
Quarterfinalist						375	\$81,250
Round Robin	3	3	0	750	\$610,000		
Round Robin	3	2	1	625	\$457,000		
Round Robin	2	2	0	500	\$436,000		
Round Robin	3	1	2	500	\$304,000		
Round Robin	2	1	1	375	\$283,000		
Round Robin	1	1	0	250	\$263,000		
Round Robin	3	0	3	375	\$151,000		
Round Robin	2	0	2	250	\$130,000		
Round Robin	1	0	1	125	\$110,000		

**If undefeated: 375 (125 per match) points and \$151,000 for participation + 125 points and \$153,000 for each round robin win + 330 points and \$590,000 for semifinal win +420 points and \$1,160,000 for final win*

^Losing semifinalists earn an additional \$40,000

Singles participation and Alternate fees are prorated as follows:

Matches Played	Singles Participation Fees	Singles Alternate Fees
3	\$151,000	
2	\$130,000	\$109,000
1	\$110,000	\$89,000
0		\$68,000



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FINALS EXPERIENCE [SINGLES]

TOP 8 QUALIFIERS	W-L	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
[1] Angelique Kerber	6-8	-	R-UP	RR		RR	RR	-	-	-
[2] Caroline Wozniacki	13-8	WON	-	-	SF	-	-	RR	R-UP	SF
[3] Naomi Osaka	0-0	-	-	-	-			-	-	-
[4] Petra Kvitova	10-8	-	-	R-UP	RR	SF	RR	WON	-	-
[5] Sloane Stephens	0-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
[6] Elina Svitolina	1-2	RR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
[7] Karolina Pliskova	3-4	SF	RR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
[8] Kiki Bertens	0-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

MOST FINALS APPEARANCES – ACTIVE PLAYERS

Of all the qualifiers, **Angelique Kerber**, **Petra Kvitova** and **Caroline Wozniacki** have the most WTA Finals appearances, 2018 marking their fifth outings. Serena Williams boasts the most among active players, with nine. Martina Navratilova has made the most Finals appearances (20). Here is a look at the active players list:

PLAYER	APPEARANCES	YEARS
Serena Williams (USA)	9	2001-02, 2004, 2007-09, 2012-14 (qualified 5 more times)
Maria Sharapova (RUS)	8	2004-07, 2011-12, 2014-15 (qualified 1 more time)
Agnieszka Radwanska (POL)	8	2008-09, 2011-16
Svetlana Kuznetsova (RUS)	6	2004, 2006-09, 2016
<i>Caroline Wozniacki (DEN)</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>2009-11, 2014, 2017, 2018</i>
<i>Petra Kvitova (CZE)</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>2011-15, 2018</i>
Venus Williams (USA)	5	1999, 2002, 2008-09, 2017
Jelena Jankovic (SRB)	5	2007-10, 2013
Vera Zvonareva (RUS)	5	2004, 2008-11
Victoria Azarenka (BLR)	5	2009-13
<i>Angelique Kerber (GER)</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>2012-13, 2015-16, 2018</i>
Simona Halep (ROU)	4	2014-17 (qualified 1 more time)

YEAR-END RANKING COMPARISON SINCE 2008

PLAYER	2017 Y/E	2016 Y/E	2015 Y/E	2014 Y/E	2013 Y/E	2012 Y/E	2011 Y/E	2010 Y/E	2009 Y/E	2008 Y/E
[1] Angelique Kerber	21	1	10	10	9	5	32	47	106	108
[2] Caroline Wozniacki	3	19	17	8	10	10	1	1	4	12
[3] Naomi Osaka	68	40	203	250	430	1028	-	-	-	-
[4] Petra Kvitova	29	11	6	4	6	8	2	34	62	44
[5] Sloane Stephens	13	36	30	37	12	38	97	198	802	496
[6] Elina Svitolina	6	14	19	29	40	156	269	498	-	-
[7] Karolina Pliskova	4	6	11	24	67	120	159	203	228	427
[8] Kiki Bertens	31	22	101	69	87	63	184	230	567	973



FINALS PARTICIPANTS BY NATION

- **NETHERLANDS:** Kiki Bertens is the first Dutchwoman to compete at the WTA Finals in over 20 years, since Brenda Schultz-McCarthy in 1997
- **UNITED STATES:** With Sloane Stephens securing qualification, the USA will now have been represented in 44 of the 48 WTA Finals (all except 2006, 2010, 2011 and 2015). An American has won the title 18 times: Navratilova (6*), S.Williams (5), Evert (4), Austin (1), Davenport (1) and V.Williams (1); **Navratilova also won 2 titles representing Czech Republic*
- **CZECH REPUBLIC:** Petra Kvitova and Karolina Pliskova's participation in this year's WTA Finals means the Czech Republic have had at least one player compete every year since 2011. That year, Kvitova became the third Czech player to win the title, along with Navratilova (1978, 1979) and Novotna (1997)
- **DENMARK:** Wozniacki became the first Danish player to participate in the Finals in 2009, and has since gone on to appear at the event in 2010, 2011, 2014, 2017 and now again in 2018, where she returns as defending champion
- **GERMANY:** Angelique Kerber has qualified for the WTA Finals in five of the last seven years (2012, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2018), with her best result being a runner-up finish in 2016. She was the first German to qualify since 1999 (Anke Huber). The last German to win the WTA Finals was Stefanie Graf in 1996
- **UKRAINE:** Elina Svitolina, is the first from her country to ever compete at the WTA Finals, and is making her second appearance
- **JAPAN:** Naomi Osaka becomes the third-ever player from Japan to qualify for the year-end event, and first in 15 years after Ai Sugiyama did so in 2003. Kimiko Date qualified for three editions of the season-ending event, and reached the semifinals on her debut in 1994.

ALTERNATES

- Anastasija Sevastova is confirmed to be an alternate at the 2018 WTA Finals, with the other position belonging to either Daria Kasatkina or Aryna Sabalenka, pending results in Moscow. The alternate positions (first or second) of Sevastova and Kasatkina/Sabalenka is also dependent on Moscow results
- Since 2003, when the Finals shifted to the current round robin format, the alternates have been called on seven times. Here is the listing of alternates since 2003:

YEAR	FIRST ALTERNATE	SECOND ALTERNATE
2003	Nadia Petrova	Vera Zvonareva
2004	Venus Williams	Jennifer Capriati
2005	Venus Williams	Nathalie Dechy
2006	Patty Schnyder	Dinara Safina
2007	Marion Bartoli* (1-1)	Elena Dementieva
2008	Agnieszka Radwanska* (1-0)	Nadia Petrova* (0-1)
2009	Vera Zvonareva* (0-1)	Agnieszka Radwanska* (1-0)
2010	Li Na	Shahar Peer
2011	Marion Bartoli* (1-0)	Andrea Petkovic
2012	Samantha Stosur* (0-2)	Marion Bartoli
2013	Caroline Wozniacki	Sloane Stephens
2014	Angelique Kerber	Ekaterina Makarova
2015	Venus Williams	Carla Suarez Navarro
2016	Johanna Konta	Carla Suarez Navarro
2017	Kristina Mladenovic	Svetlana Kuznetsova



*Played in round robin stage | () denotes record in round robin matches

FINALS PARTICIPANTS' RESULTS ON THE BIGGEST STAGES IN 2017

	GRAND SLAMS				PREMIER MANDATORIES			
	Australian Open	Roland Garros	Wimbledon	US Open	Indian Wells	Miami	Madrid	Beijing
[1] Angelique Kerber	SF	QF	WON	3r	QF	QF	DNP	3r
[2] Caroline Wozniacki	WON	R16	2r	2r	R16	2r	R16	WON
[3] Naomi Osaka	R16	3r	3r	WON	WON	2r	1r	SF
[4] Petra Kvitova	1r	3r	1r	3r	3r	R16	WON	1r
[5] Sloane Stephens	1r	R-UP	1r	QF	3r	WON3	R16	R16
[6] Elina Svitolina	QF	3r	1r	R16	3r	QF	2r	1r
[7] Karolina Pliskova	QF	3r	R16	QF	QF	QF	SF	R16
[8] Kiki Bertens	3r	3r	QF	3r	2r	3r	R-UP	R16

YOUNGEST & OLDEST AT FINALS (age calculated as at end of tournament)

This year's youngest qualifier at the WTA Finals is **Naomi Osaka** (21 years, 12 days). The oldest qualifier is **Angelique Kerber** (30 years 9 months 10 days). Dating back to 1972, here is a look at the youngest and oldest finalists and qualifiers:

Youngest Winner, Youngest Finalist

The youngest Finals winner was Monica Seles in 1990 (16 years, 11 months, 16 days)
 The youngest Finals finalist was Andrea Jaeger in 1981 (15 years, 9 months, 25 days)

Oldest Winner, Oldest Finalist

The oldest Finals winner is Serena Williams in 2014 (33 years, 30 days)
 The oldest Finals finalist is Venus Williams in 2017 (37 years 4 months 12 days)

Youngest Finals qualifiers

Five players have made their debut before their 16th birthday:

- Jennifer Capriati (1990) - 14 years, 7 months, 14 days
- Andrea Jaeger (1981) - 15 years, 9 months, 21 days
- Gabriela Sabatini (1986 Mar.) - 15 years, 10 months, 1 day
- Monica Seles (1989) - 15 years, 11 months, 11 days
- Kathy Rinaldi (1983) - 15 years, 11 months, 27 days

Oldest Finals qualifiers

Five players over 34 years old have played at the Finals:

- Billie Jean King (last time in 1983) - 39 years, 4 months, 1 day
- Martina Navratilova (last time in 1994) - 38 years, 27 days
- Venus Williams (2017) - 37 years, 4 months, 12 days
- Virginia Wade (1980) - 34 years, 8 months, 9 days
- Nathalie Tauziat (2001) - 34 years, 12 days

Youngest champions

1. Monica Seles (1990) - 16 years, 11 months, 6 days
2. Tracy Austin (1980) - 17 years, 3 months, 9 days
3. Maria Sharapova (2004) - 17 years, 6 months, 28 days
4. Chris Evert (1972) - 17 years, 9 months, 25 days
5. Monica Seles (1991) - 17 years, 11 months, 22 days

Oldest champions

1. Serena Williams (2014) - 33 years, 30 days
2. Serena Williams (2013) - 32 years, 26 days
3. Serena Williams (2012) - 31 years, 1 month
4. Martina Navratilova (1986 Nov.) - 30 years, 1 month, 5 days
5. Martina Navratilova (1986 Mar.) - 29 years, 5 months, 5 days



2018 - A SNAPSHOT OF THE WTA YEAR

Excludes Moscow and Luxembourg

- 30 different players have won a WTA singles this year
- **Petra Kvitova** leads the way in terms of titles won, with five to her name (St. Petersburg, Doha, Prague, Madrid, Birmingham)
- A further five players have won three titles each – **Elina Svitolina** (Brisbane, Dubai, Rome), **Elise Mertens** (Hobart, Lugano, Rabat), **Kiki Bertens** (Charleston, Cincinnati, Seoul), Simona Halep (Shenzhen, Roland Garros, Montréal) and **Caroline Wozniacki** (Australian Open, Eastbourne and Beijing)
- Six other players have two titles each: **Angelique Kerber** (Sydney, Wimbledon), Pauline Parmentier (Istanbul, Quebec City), **Karolina Pliskova** (Stuttgart, Tokyo [PPO]), Wang Qiang (Nanchang, Guangzhou), Aryna Sabalenka (New Haven, Wuhan) and **Naomi Osaka** (Indian Wells, US Open)
- The WTA has crowned eight maiden title winners so far in 2018: **Naomi Osaka** (Indian Wells), Aleksandra Kronic ('s-Hertogenbosch), Tatjana Maria (Mallorca), Olga Danilovic (Moscow [River Cup]), Wang Qiang (Nanchang), Mihaela Buzarnescu (San Jose), Aryna Sabalenka (New Haven) and Dayana Yastremska (Hong Kong)
- Wang Qiang has produced the most efficient title run, dropping 18 games at Guangzhou. The next best is **Elise Mertens** at Rabat (21 games)
- Two players in 2018 have completed a singles-doubles title sweep at the same event – Simona Halep at Shenzhen (partnering Irina-Camelia Begu) and **Elise Mertens** at both Hobart (partnering Demi Shuurs) and Lugano (partnering Kirsten Flipkens)
- The youngest title winner so far this season is Olga Danilovic at Moscow [River Cup] (17 years, 6 months, 30 days) and the oldest is Svetlana Kuznetsova at Washington DC (33 years, 1 month, 10 days)
- At No.299, Margarita Gasparyan is the lowest-ranked title winner in 2018 having won Tashkent, followed by No.187, Olga Danilovic at Moscow [River Cup]
- No qualifiers have won a WTA title this season, although Danilovic was a Lucky Loser when she lifted the Moscow title
- The No.1 seed has prevailed at ten events, and the No.2 seed also at ten events. 15 unseeded players have won a WTA singles title in 2018
- The most games played in a single match is 48, with Simona Halep edging Lauren Davis in 3r at Australian Open, 4-6, 6-4 15-13). This was also the longest match in terms of time spent on court, at 3 hours and 44 minutes
- There have been seven 6-0, 6-0 victories this season: Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova against Tatjana Maria (Strasbourg), Daria Gavrilova against Sara Sorribes Tormo (US Open), **Elise Mertens** against Kristina Kucova (Rabat), Monica Puig against Stefanie Voegelé (US Open), **Naomi Osaka** against Aliaksandra Sasnovich (US Open), Yulia Bonaventure against Sara Sorribes Tormo (Budapest) and Wang Qiang against Jelena Ostapenko (Beijing)
- The longest tie-break score is 15-13, during Donna Vekic's 6-2 3-6 7-6(13) victory over Fanny Stollar at Washington DC
- The World No.1 faced the World No.2 for the first time in exactly three years in 2018, when No.1 Simona Halep fell to No.2 **Caroline Wozniacki** in the Australian Open final. Prior to this, it was the final in Melbourne in 2015, No.1 Serena Williams defeating No.2 Maria Sharapova
- 20 singles finals have been decided in 3-sets
- **Demi Schuurs** has won the most doubles titles, with seven: Brisbane (w/Bertens), Hobart, 's-Hertogenbosch and Wuhan (all w/Mertens), Rome and Montreal (w/Barty) and Nürnberg (w/ Srebotnik)
- **Kiki Bertens** was the only player in 2018 to defeat the World No.1 and No.2 at the same event, dispatching No.2 **Caroline Wozniacki** in 2r before overcoming No.1 Simona Halep in the final en route to the Cincinnati title



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- **Petra Kvitova** owns the longest unbeaten streak in 2018, winning 14 matches on the spin from February to March. This included a title run at St. Petersburg (5), representing Czech Republic in Fed Cup action vs. Switzerland (2), lifting the trophy at Doha (6), then reaching the 3r at Indian Wells (1 win, following 1r bye)
- Entering the WTA Finals, **Kiki Bertens** owns the most Top 10 wins (10-5), followed by Aryna Sabalenka (8-4)
- The most Top 5 wins belongs to Daria Kasatkina, going 5-2 in 2018
- **Petra Kvitova** and **Karolina Pliskova** are both tied for most match wins this season, with 47. While the most hard court wins in 2018 is won by Aryna Sabalenka (34-12)
- Julia Goerges has hit the most aces this year – 459 from 63 matches (entering the Luxembourg semifinals)
- Four players have made their Top 10 debuts in 2018: **Kiki Bertens**, Julia Goerges, **Naomi Osaka** and **Sloane Stephens**

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FINALS HONOR ROLL [SINGLES]

YEAR	HOST CITY	WINNERS	FINALISTS	SCORE
1972	Boca Raton, FL-USA	[3] Chris Evert (USA)	[5] Kerry Reid (AUS)	75 64
1973	Boca Raton, FL-USA	[1] Chris Evert (USA)	[2] Nancy Richey (USA)	63 63
1974	Los Angeles, CA-USA	[3] Evonne Goolagong (AUS)	[1] Chris Evert (USA)	63 64
1975	Los Angeles, CA-USA	[1] Chris Evert (USA)	[2] Martina Navratilova (TCH)	64 62
1976	Los Angeles, CA-USA	[2] Evonne Goolagong Cawley (AUS)	[1] Chris Evert (USA)	63 57 63
1977	New York, NY-USA	[1] Chris Evert (USA)	[3] Sue Barker (GBR)	26 61 61
1978	Oakland, CA-USA	[1] Martina Navratilova (TCH)	[3] Evonne Goolagong (AUS)	76 64
1979	New York, NY-USA	[2] Martina Navratilova (TCH)	[4] Tracy Austin (USA)	63 36 62
1980	New York, NY-USA	[2] Tracy Austin (USA)	[1] Martina Navratilova (TCH)	62 26 62
1981	New York, NY-USA	[1] Martina Navratilova (USA)	[2] Andrea Jaeger (USA)	63 76(3)
1982	New York, NY-USA	Sylvia Hanika (GER)	[1] Martina Navratilova (USA)	16 63 64
1983	New York, NY-USA	[1] Martina Navratilova (USA)	[2] Chris Evert (USA)	62 60
1984*	New York, NY-USA	[1] Martina Navratilova (USA)	[2] Chris Evert (USA)	63 75 61
1985	New York, NY-USA	[1] Martina Navratilova (USA)	[5] Helena Sukova (TCH)	63 75 64
1986 Mar.	New York, NY-USA	[1] Martina Navratilova (USA)	[5] Hana Mandlikova (TCH)	62 60 36 61
1986 Nov.	New York, NY-USA	[1] Martina Navratilova (USA)	[2] Steffi Graf (GER)	76(6) 63 62
1987	New York, NY-USA	[1] Steffi Graf (GER)	[6] Gabriela Sabatini (ARG)	46 64 60 64
1988	New York, NY-USA	[4] Gabriela Sabatini (ARG)	[5] Pam Shriver (USA)	75 62 62
1989	New York, NY-USA	[1] Steffi Graf (GER)	[2] Martina Navratilova (USA)	64 75 26 62
1990	New York, NY-USA	[2] Monica Seles (YUG)	[4] Gabriela Sabatini (ARG)	64 57 36 64 62
1991	New York, NY-USA	[1] Monica Seles (YUG)	[4] Martina Navratilova (USA)	64 36 75 60
1992	New York, NY-USA	[1] Monica Seles (YUG)	[4] Martina Navratilova (USA)	75 63 61
1993	New York, NY-USA	[1] Steffi Graf (GER)	[2] Arantxa Sánchez-Vicario (ESP)	61 64 36 61
1994	New York, NY-USA	Gabriela Sabatini (ARG)	[7] Lindsay Davenport (USA)	63 62 64
1995	New York, NY-USA	[1] Steffi Graf (GER)	Anke Huber (GER)	61 26 61 46 63
1996	New York, NY-USA	[1] Steffi Graf (GER)	[7] Martina Hingis (SUI)	63 46 60 46 60
1997	New York, NY-USA	[2] Jana Novotna (CZE)	[7] Mary Pierce (FRA)	76(4) 62 63
1998	New York, NY-USA	[2] Martina Hingis (SUI)	[1] Lindsay Davenport (USA)	75 64 46 62
1999**	New York, NY-USA	[2] Lindsay Davenport (USA)	[1] Martina Hingis (SUI)	64 62
2000	New York, NY-USA	[1] Martina Hingis (SUI)	[3] Monica Seles (USA)	67(5) 64 64
2001	Munich, GER	[7] Serena Williams (USA)	[2] Lindsay Davenport (USA)	Walkover
2002	Los Angeles, CA-USA	[5] Kim Clijsters (BEL)	[1] Serena Williams (USA)	75 63
2003	Los Angeles, CA-USA	[1] Kim Clijsters (BEL)	[4] Amélie Mauresmo (FRA)	62 60
2004	Los Angeles, CA-USA	[6] Maria Sharapova (RUS)	[7] Serena Williams (USA)	46 62 64
2005	Los Angeles, CA-USA	[4] Amélie Mauresmo (FRA)	[5] Mary Pierce (FRA)	57 76(3) 64
2006	Madrid, ESP	[3] Justine Henin (BEL)	[1] Amélie Mauresmo (FRA)	64 63
2007	Madrid, ESP	[1] Justine Henin (BEL)	[6] Maria Sharapova (RUS)	57 75 63
2008	Doha, QAT	[7] Venus Williams (USA)	[8] Vera Zvonareva (RUS)	67(5) 60 62
2009	Doha, QAT	[2] Serena Williams (USA)	[7] Venus Williams (USA)	62 76(4)
2010	Doha, QAT	[3] Kim Clijsters (BEL)	[1] Caroline Wozniacki (DEN)	63 57 63
2011	Istanbul, TUR	[3] Petra Kvitova (CZE)	[4] Victoria Azarenka (BLR)	75 46 63
2012	Istanbul, TUR	[3] Serena Williams (USA)	[2] Maria Sharapova (RUS)	64 63
2013	Istanbul, TUR	[1] Serena Williams (USA)	[4] Li Na (CHN)	26 63 60
2014	Singapore, SIN	[1] Serena Williams (USA)	[4] Simona Halep (ROU)	63 60
2015	Singapore, SIN	[5] Agnieszka Radwanska (POL)	[4] Petra Kvitova (CZE)	62 46 63
2016	Singapore, SIN	[7] Dominika Cibulkova (SVK)	[1] Angelique Kerber (GER)	63 64
2017	Singapore, SIN	[6] Caroline Wozniacki (DEN)	[5] Venus Williams (USA)	64 64

* First year the final was best-of-five sets.

** Returned to best-of-three sets final.

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FINALS HONOR ROLL [DOUBLES]

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1972	Boca Raton, FL-USA	No doubles played		
1973	Boca Raton, FL-USA	Casals (USA)/Court (AUS)	Durr (FRA)/Stove (NED)	62 64
1974	Los Angeles, CA-USA	BJ King/Casals (USA)	Durr (FRA)/Stove (NED)	61 67(2-5) 75
1975	Los Angeles, CA-USA	No doubles played		
1976	Los Angeles, CA-USA	No doubles played		
1977	New York, NY-USA	No doubles played		
1978	Oakland, CA-USA	No doubles played		
1979	New York, NY-USA	Durr (FRA)/Stove (NED)	Barker (GBR)/Kiyomura (USA)	64 62
1980	New York, NY-USA	BJ King (USA)/Navratilova (TCH)	Casals (USA)/Turnbull (AUS)	63 46 63
1981	New York, NY-USA	Navratilova/Shriver (USA)	Potter/ Walsh (USA)	60 76(6)
1982	New York, NY-USA	Navratilova/Shriver (USA)	Jordan/A. Smith (USA)	64 63
1983	New York, NY-USA	Navratilova/Shriver (USA)	Kohde-Kilsch/Pfaff (GER)	75 62
1984*	New York, NY-USA	Navratilova/Shriver (USA)	Durie (GBR)/Kiyomura (USA)	63 61
1985	New York, NY-USA	Navratilova/Shriver (USA)	Kohde-Kilsch (GER)/Sukova (TCH)	67(4) 64 76(5)
1986 Mar.	New York, NY-USA	Mandlikova (TCH)/Turnbull (AUS)	Kohde-Kilsch (GER)/Sukova (TCH)	64 67(4) 63
1986 Nov.	New York, NY-USA	Navratilova/Shriver (USA)	Kohde-Kilsch (GER)/Sukova (TCH)	76(1) 63
1987	New York, NY-USA	Navratilova/Shriver (USA)	Kohde-Kilsch (GER)/Sukova (TCH)	61 61
1988	New York, NY-USA	Navratilova/Shriver (USA)	Neiland/Zvereva (USSR)	63 64
1989	New York, NY-USA	Navratilova/Shriver (USA)	Neiland/Zvereva (USSR)	63 62
1990	New York, NY-USA	Jordan (USA)/Smylie (AUS)	Paz (ARG)/Sánchez-Vicario (ESP)	76(4) 64
1991	New York, NY-USA	Navratilova/Shriver (USA)	Fernandez (USA)/Novotna (CZE)	46 75 64
1992	New York, NY-USA	Sánchez-Vicario (ESP)/Sukova (CZE)	Neiland (USSR)/Novotna (CZE)	76(4) 61
1993	New York, NY-USA	G. Fernandez (USA)/Zvereva (BLR)	Neiland (LAT)/Novotna (CZE)	63 75
1994	New York, NY-USA	G. Fernandez (USA)/Zvereva (BLR)	Novotna (CZE)/Sánchez-Vicario (ESP)	63 67(4) 63
1995	New York, NY-USA	Novotna (CZE)/Sánchez-Vicario (ESP)	G. Fernandez (USA)/Zvereva (BLR)	62 61
1996	New York, NY-USA	Davenport/MJ Fernandez (USA)	Novotna (CZE)/Sánchez-Vicario (ESP)	63 62
1997	New York, NY-USA	Davenport (USA)/Novotna (CZE)	Fusai/Tauziat (FRA)	67(5) 63 62
1998	New York, NY-USA	Davenport (USA)/Zvereva (BLR)	Fusai/Tauziat (FRA)	67(6) 75 63
1999**	New York, NY-USA	Hingis (SUI)/Kournikova (RUS)	Neiland (LAT)/Sánchez-Vicario (ESP)	64 64
2000	New York, NY-USA	Hingis (SUI)/Kournikova (RUS)	Arendt (USA)/Bolleggraf (NED)	62 63
2001	Munich, GER	Raymond (USA)/Stubbs (AUS)	Black (ZIM)/Likhovtseva (RUS)	75 36 63
2002	Los Angeles, CA-USA	Dementieva (RUS)/Husarova (SVK)	Black (ZIM)/Likhovtseva (RUS)	46 64 63
2003	Los Angeles, CA-USA	Ruano Pascual (ESP)/Suárez (ARG)	Clijsters (BEL)/Sugiyama (JPN)	64 36 63
2004	Los Angeles, CA-USA	Petrova (RUS)/Shaughnessy (USA)	Black (ZIM)/Stubbs (AUS)	75 62
2005	Los Angeles, CA-USA	Raymond (USA)/Stosur (AUS)	Black (ZIM)/Stubbs (AUS)	67(5) 75 64
2006	Madrid, ESP	Raymond (USA)/Stosur (AUS)	Black (ZIM)/Stubbs (AUS)	36 63 63
2007	Madrid, ESP	Black (ZIM)/L.Huber (USA)	Srebotnik (SLO)/Sugiyama (JPN)	57 63 108
2008	Doha, QAT	Black (ZIM)/L.Huber (USA)	Peschke (CZE)/Stubbs (AUS)	61 75
2009	Doha, QAT	Martinez Sanchez/Llagostera Vives (ESP)	Black (ZIM)/L. Huber (USA)	76(0) 57 107
2010	Doha, QAT	Dulko (ARG)/Pennetta (ITA)	Peschke (CZE)/Srebotnik (SLO)	75 64
2011	Istanbul, TUR	Huber/Raymond (USA)	Peschke (CZE)/Srebotnik (SLO)	64 64
2012	Istanbul, TUR	Kirilenko/Petrova (RUS)	Hlavackova/Hradecka (CZE)	61 64
2013	Istanbul, TUR	Hsieh(TPE)/Peng(CHN)	Makarova/Vesnina(RUS)	64 75
2014	Singapore, SIN	Black (ZIM)/Mirza (IND)	Hsieh (TPE)/Peng (CHN)	61 60
2015	Singapore, SIN	Hingis (SUI)/Mirza (IND)	Muguruza (ESP)/Suarez Navarro (ESP)	63 60
2016	Singapore, SIN	Makarova (RUS)/Vesnina (RUS)	Mattek-Sands (USA)/Safarova (CZE)	76(5) 63
2017	Singapore, SIN	Babos (HUN)/Sestini Hlavackova (CZE)	Bertens (NED)/Larsson (SWE)	46 64 10-5