



PREVIEW NOTES: PALERMO LADIES OPEN
PALERMO, ITALY | JULY 22 – 28, 2019 | USD \$250,000 INTERNATIONAL EVENT

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PALERMO QUICK FACTS

Main draw dates: Monday - Sunday, July 22 - 28, 2019
Singles Final: Sunday, July 28, 7:30pm
Doubles Final: Saturday, July 27, (TBC)
Venue: ASD Country Time Club
Status: International event
Staging: Tournament's 25th year – **last installment was in 2013**
Draw sizes: 32 singles / 16 doubles teams / 24 singles qualifying
Surface: Red Clay / Outdoors
Total prize money: USD \$250,000
Tennis Ball: Wilson US Open Regular Duty
2013 Singles Final: [2] Roberta Vinci (ITA) d. [1] Sara Errani (ITA) 63 36 63
2013 Doubles Final: [1] Kristina Mladenovic/Katarzyna Piter (FRA/POL) d. Karolina Pliskova/Kristyna Pliskova (CZE/CZE) 61 57 10-8

PRIZE MONEY AND RANKING POINT BREAKDOWN

SINGLES	EUR €	RANK POINTS
Winner	34,677	280
Runner-Up	17,258	180
Semifinalist	9,274	110
Quarterfinalist	4,980	60
Round of 16	2,742	30
Round of 28	1,694	1

DOUBLES	EUR €	RANK POINTS
Winner	9,919	280
Runner-Up	5,161	180
Semifinalist	2,770	110
Quarterfinalist	1,468	60
Round of 16	774	1

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS AND RUNNERS-UP

YEAR	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
2013	Roberta Vinci	Sara Errani
2012	Sara Errani	Barbora Zahlavova Strycova
2011	Anabel Medina Garrigues	Polona Hercog
2010	Kaia Kanepi	Flavia Pennetta

Blue highlight indicates playing in 2019 edition... Tournament history dates back to 1990

MAIN DRAW QUICK HITS (excludes qualifiers)

Singles wildcards: Sara Errani (ITA), Giulia Gatto-Monticone (ITA), Martina Trevisan (ITA)
Youngest singles player: Viktoria Kuzmova (SVK) 21-years-old (May 11, 1998)
Oldest singles player: Pauline Parmentier, 33-years-old (January 31, 1986)
Singles withdrawals: Julia Goerges (GER), Zhang Shuai (CHN), Polona Hercog (SLO), Karolina Muchova (CZE), Anna Karolina Schmiedlova (SVK), Mona Barthel (GER), Mandy Minella (LUX)
Main draw debutantes: Martina Di Giuseppe (ITA), Fiona Ferro (FRA), Anna-Lena Friedsam (GER), Daria Gavrilova (AUS), Ekaterine Gorgodze (GEO), Aleksandra Krunic (SRB), Viktoria Kuzmova (SVK), Antonia Lottner (GER), Jasmine Paolini (ITA), Laura Siegemund (GER), Jil Teichmann (SUI), Martina Trevisan (ITA), Natalia Vikhlyantseva (RUS), Stefanie Voegelé (SUI), Tamara Zidansek (SLO)



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TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS

- 2019 marks the **25th overall installment** of the Palermo Ladies Open, however, this is the first **staging** of the event **since 2013**
- **15 main draw players** (excluding qualifiers) are making their **tournament debut** in Palermo this week. In contrast, **10 players** are **returning**, including former two-time champion Sara Errani who holds an impressive 25-5 career mark here
- A home-grown **Italian** player has hoisted the title here in **four out of the last six stagings** (2013 – Vinci, 2012 – Errani, 2009 – Pennetta, 2008 – Errani)
- Top seeded **Kiki Bertens** aims to add to her already successful clay court resume for the 2019 season, following two semifinal finishes at Stuttgart and Rome and the biggest title of her career at Madrid (def. Halep in final)
- *Ones To Watch* – **Aliona Bolsova** – Advanced to the Round of 16 at Roland Garros this summer in what was her **Grand Slam main draw debut**. The Spaniard enjoyed an incredible collegiate tennis career across two universities: Oklahoma State (2016-17) and Florida Atlantic University (2017-18). While competing at FAU, Bolsova produced a remarkable second year, going 19-0 in singles **without dropping a set**, including winning 14 sets by a score of 6-0 and 23 sets of 6-2 or better

TOP FOUR SEEDS' PREVIOUS TOURNAMENT HISTORY

PLAYER	TOURNAMENT HISTORY	WIN-LOSS	WIN %
[1] Kiki Bertens (NED)	1rd (1): 2012 (l. Cadantu)	0-1	.000
[2] Viktoria Kuzmova (SVK)	Making tournament debut	-	-
[3] Anna-Lena Friedsam (GER)	Making tournament debut	-	-
[4] Alize Cornet (FRA)	R16 (1): 2012 (l. Cadantu), 1rd (1): 2009	1-2	.333

COUNTRY BREAKDOWN

Excluding qualifiers, a total of **13** countries are represented in the main draw, led by **Italy** with five players:

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| Australia (1) | Daria Gavrilova |
| France (3) | Alize Cornet, Fiona Ferro, Pauline Parmentier |
| Georgia (1) | Ekaterine Gorgodze |
| Germany (3) | Anna-Lena Friedsam, Antonia Lottner, Laura Siegemund |
| Italy (5) | Martina Di Giuseppe, Sara Errani, Giulia Gatto-Monticone, Jasmine Paolini, Martina Trevisan |
| Netherlands (2) | Kiki Bertens, Arantxa Rus |
| Romania (1) | Irina-Camelia Begu |
| Russia (1) | Natalia Vikhlyantseva |
| Serbia (1) | Aleksandra Krunic |
| Slovakia (1) | Viktoria Kuzmova |
| Slovenia (1) | Tamara Zidansek |
| Spain (3) | Lara Arruabarrena, Paula Badosa, Sara Sorribes Tormo |
| Switzerland (2) | Jil Teichmann, Stefanie Voegelé |