



PREVIEW NOTES: NATURE VALLEY INTERNATIONAL

EASTBOURNE, GBR | JUNE 23-29, 2019 | USD \$998,712 PREMIER EVENT

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NATURE VALLEY INTERNATIONAL - QUICK FACTS

Main draw dates: Sunday - Saturday, June 23-29, 2019
Singles Final: Saturday, June 29, 12:30 pm
Doubles Final: Saturday, June 29, following ATP singles final
Venue: Devonshire Park
Status: WTA Premier event
Staging: Tournament's 44th non-consecutive year
Draw sizes: 56 singles / 16 doubles teams / 24 singles qualifying
Surface: Grass / Outdoors
Tennis Ball: Slazenger Wimbledon
2018 Singles Final: [1] Caroline Wozniacki (DEN) d. Aryna Sabalenka (BLR) 7-5, 7-6(5)
2018 Doubles Final: [4] Gabriela Dabrowski/Xu Yifan (CAN/CHN) d. Irina-Camelia Begu/Mihaela Buzarnescu (ROU/ROU) 6-3, 7-5

SINGLES	USD \$	RANK POINTS
Winner	173,860	470
Runner-Up	92,540	305
Semifinalist	46,275	185
Quarterfinalist	23,455	100
Round of 16	12,200	55
Round of 32	6,380	30
Round of 64	4,205	1

DOUBLES	USD \$	RANK POINTS
Winner	54,695	470
Runner-Up	28,950	305
Semifinalist	15,925	185
Quarterfinalist	8,109	100
Round of 16	4,400	1

MAIN DRAW QUICK-HITS

Singles wildcards: Simona Halep (ROU), Angelique Kerber (GER), Harriet Dart (GBR), Katie Swan (GBR), Heather Watson (GBR)

Youngest singles player: Marketa Vondrousova, 19-years-old (June 28, 1999)

Oldest singles player: Hsieh Su-Wei, 33-years-old (January 4, 1986)

Singles withdrawals: Bianca Andreescu (right shoulder), Dominika Cibulkova (achilles), Tatjana Maria (change of schedule), Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (left ankle)

Main draw debutantes: Ekaterina Alexandrova (RUS), Kirsten Flipkens (BEL), Margarita Gasparyan (RUS), Ons Jabeur (TUN), Sofia Kenin (USA), Rebecca Peterson (SWE), Aliaksandra Sasnovich (BLR), Ajla Tomljanovic (AUS), Marketa Vondrousova (CZE), Wang Qiang (CHN)



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TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS

- Eight of the current WTA Top 10 are competing at the 2019 Nature Valley International: **Ashleigh Barty**, **Karolina Pliskova**, **Kiki Bertens**, **Angelique Kerber**, **Elina Svitolina**, **Simona Halep**, **Sloane Stephens** and **Aryna Sabalenka**
- Defending champion **Caroline Wozniacki** returns to Eastbourne as the only two-time champion in this year's draw, having also lifted the trophy in 2009. The Dane has successfully defended a title in New Haven from 2008-11 and Tokyo [PPO] from 2016-17
- Four players will be competing on home soil this week, including recent Roland Garros semifinalist **Johanna Konta** and wildcards **Harriet Dart**, **Katie Swan** and **Heather Watson**. The first and only British woman to lift the Eastbourne trophy was Virginia Wade in 1975 (d. Billie Jean King in F)
- **Zheng Saisai** is three wins away from her 300th career victory, while **Monica Puig** and **Maria Sakkari** are also within striking distance from their 300th win (both are currently at 296)
- *One To Watch* – **Marketa Vondrousova**. The 19-year-old Czech, who will celebrate her 20th birthday on June 28, is competing in her first tournament following a runner-up finish at Roland Garros. She enters Eastbourne on a career-high ranking of World No.16, having reached the quarterfinal stage or better in six of seven events contested this year, but will look for her career first main draw grass court win this week

TOP 4 SEEDS' TOURNAMENT HISTORY*

PLAYER	TOURNAMENT HISTORY	W/L	WIN %
[1] Ashleigh Barty (AUS)	QF (1): 2018 (l. eventual champion Wozniacki)	2-1	.667%
[2] Karolina Pliskova (CZE)	WON (1): 2017 (d. Wozniacki in F) R-Up (1): 2016 (l. Cibulkova in F) R16 (2): 2015 (l. A.Radwanska), 2018 (l. Strycova)	11-3	.786%
[3] Kiki Bertens (NED)	R32 (1): 2018 (l. Buzarnescu)	0-1	.000%
[4/WC] Angelique Kerber (GER)	R-Up (2): 2012 (l. Paszek in F), 2014 (l. Keys in F) SF (1): 2018 (l. eventual champion Wozniacki) QF (1): 2017 (l. Konta) R16 (1): 2013 (l. Makarova)	14-5	.737%

**Main draw matches only*

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS & RUNNERS-UP

YEAR	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	SCORE
2018	[1] Caroline Wozniacki (DEN)	Aryna Sabalenka (BLR)	7-5 7-6(5)
2017	[3] Karolina Pliskova (CZE)	[6] Caroline Wozniacki (DEN)	6-4 6-4
2016	[12] Dominika Cibulkova (SVK)	[10] Karolina Pliskova (CZE)	7-5 6-3
2015	Belinda Bencic (SUI)	[9] Agnieszka Radwanska (POL)	6-4 4-6 6-0
2014	Madison Keys (USA)	[5] Angelique Kerber (GER)	6-3 3-6 7-5
2013	Elena Vesnina (RUS)	[Q] Jamie Hampton (USA)	6-2 6-1
2012	Tamira Paszek (AUT)	[5] Angelique Kerber (GER)	5-7 6-3 7-5
2011	[6] Marion Bartoli (FRA)	[5] Petra Kvitova (CZE)	6-1 4-6 7-5
2010	[Q] Ekaterina Makarova (RUS)	Victoria Azarenka (BLR)	7-6(5) 6-4

If highlighted denotes competing in 2019 Eastbourne main draw



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COUNTRY BREAKDOWN

A total of 27 countries are represented in the main draw (not including qualifiers), led by the Czech Republic, Germany, Great Britain and Russia with four players each:

Australia (2)	Ashleigh Barty, Ajla Tomljanovic
Belarus (2)	Aryna Sabalenka, Aliaksandra Sasnovich
Belgium (2)	Kirsten Flipkens, Elise Mertens
China (3)	Wang Qiang, Zhang Shuai, Zheng Saisai
Chinese Taipei (1)	Hsieh Su-Wei
Croatia (1)	Donna Vekic
Czech Republic (4)	Karolina Pliskova, Katerina Siniakova, Barbora Strycova, Marketa Vondrousova
Denmark (1)	Caroline Wozniacki
Estonia (1)	Anett Kontaveit
France (1)	Alizé Cornet
Greece (1)	Maria Sakkari
Germany (4)	Anna-Lena Friedsam, Julia Goerges, Angelique Kerber, Andrea Petkovic
Great Britain (4)	Harriet Dart, Johanna Konta, Katie Swan, Heather Watson
Italy (1)	Camila Giorgi
Kazakhstan (1)	Yulia Putintseva
Latvia (2)	Jelena Ostapenko, Anastasija Sevastova
Netherlands (1)	Kiki Bertens
Puerto Rico (1)	Monica Puig
Romania (2)	Mihaela Buzarnescu, Simona Halep
Russia (4)	Ekaterina Alexandrova, Margarita Gasparyan, Daria Kasatkina, Evgeniya Rodina
Slovenia (1)	Tamara Zidansek
Spain (1)	Carla Suárez Navarro
Sweden (1)	Rebecca Peterson
Switzerland (1)	Belinda Bencic
Tunisia (1)	Ons Jabeur
Ukraine (2)	Lesia Tsurenko, Elina Svitolina
United States (3)	Danielle Collins, Sofia Kenin, Sloane Stephens