



PREVIEW NOTES: ROGERS CUP
 TORONTO, CAN | JULY 5 - 11, 2019 | USD \$2,830,000 PREMIER 5 EVENT

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ROGERS CUP PRESENTED BY NATIONAL BANK – QUICK FACTS

Main draw dates: Monday, August 5 - Sunday, August 11 2019
Singles Final: Sunday, August 11, 1:30pm
Doubles Final: Sunday, August 11, following singles ceremony
Venue: Aviva Centre at York University
Status: WTA Premier 5 event
Draw sizes: 56 singles / 28 doubles teams / 48 singles qualifying
Surface: Hard (outdoors)
Tennis Ball: Wilson US Open Regular Duty
2018 Singles Final: [1] Simona Halep (ROU) d. [3] Sloane Stephens (USA) 7-6(6), 3-6, 6-4
2018 Doubles Final: [8] A.Barty/D.Schuurs (AUS/NED) d. [2] L.Chan/E.Makarova (TPE/RUS) 4-6, 6-3, 10-8

SINGLES	USD \$	RANK POINTS
Winner	521,530	900
Runner-Up	80,500	585
Semifinalist	44,000	350
Quarterfinalist	25,150	190
Round of 16	29,120	105
Round of 32	14,920	60
Round of 56	8,045	1

MAIN DRAW QUICK-HITS

Singles wildcards: Eugenie Bouchard (CAN), Leylah Fernandez (CAN), Svetlana Kuznetsova (RUS), Kristina Mladenovic (FRA), Maria Sharapova (RUS)
Youngest singles player: Leylah Fernandez, 16 years old (September 6, 2002)
Oldest singles player: Venus Williams, 39 years old (June 17, 1980)
Singles withdrawals: Petra Kvitova (left hand), Garbiñe Muguruza (right leg), Marketa Vondrousova (wrist), Wang Qiang (back)
Main draw debutantes: Danielle Collins (USA), Leylah Fernandez (CAN), Sofia Kenin (USA), Aliaksandra Sasnovich (BLR), Dayana Yastremska (UKR)

TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS

- Defending champion **Simona Halep** is one of five former winners in the draw, along with **Serena Williams** (2001, 2011, 2013), **Caroline Wozniacki** (2010), **Belinda Bencic** (2015) and **Elina Svitolina** (2017)
- After a first-round bye, **Halep** will open her defense against either **Hsieh Su-Wei** or **Sofia Kenin**, while No.2 seed **Naomi Osaka** bids to register career win number 200 when she faces **Zheng Saisai** or a qualifier in the second round
- Friday's draw threw up several intriguing first-round encounters, including **Maria Sharapova** against **Anett Kontaveit** and the all-Canadian clash between **Bianca Andreescu** and **Eugenie Bouchard**
- The WTA World No.1 ranking will be on the line in Toronto as **Osaka** and **Karolina Pliskova** vie with **Ashleigh Barty** at the summit
 - Osaka needs to advance one round further than Barty to have a chance at returning to No.1
 - Pliskova must at least reach the semifinals to have a chance of moving to No.1
 - If Barty reaches the third round or Osaka reaches the quarterfinals, then Pliskova would need to reach the final
 - And if Barty reaches the semifinals or Osaka reaches final, then Pliskova will need to win the title to have a chance
- Meanwhile, when former World No.1 **Victoria Azarenka** steps on court for her opening round clash with **Camila Giorgi**, it will be her 700th career singles match (at all levels)
- *One To Watch* – **Dayana Yastremska**. Twelve months ago, Yastremska, 19, was ranked outside the Top 100 and with just a handful of tour-level match wins to her name. A lot has changed since then, and the young Ukrainian arrives stateside this summer with three WTA titles under her belt (Hong Kong, Hua Hin and Strasbourg) and is in contention for a place among the seeds later this month at the US Open

TOP 4 SEEDS' TOURNAMENT HISTORY*

PLAYER	TOURNAMENT HISTORY	W/L	WIN %
[1] Ashleigh Barty (AUS)	SF (1): 2018 (l. Halep) 3r (1): 2017 (l. Muguruza)	6-2	.750
[2] Naomi Osaka (JPN)	3r (1): 2017 (l. Ka.Pliskova) 1r (1): 2018 (l. Suárez Navarro)	2-2	.500
[3] Karolina Pliskova (CZE)	QF (1): 2017 (l. Wozniacki) 3r (1): 2016 (l. Halep) 2r (2): 2014 (l. Suárez Navarro), 2018 (l. Bertens) 1r (1): 2015 (l. Lucic-Baroni)	5-5	.500
[4] Simona Halep (ROU)	WON (2): 2016 (d. Keys in F), 2018 (d. Stephens in F) R-Up (1): 2015 (l. Bencic) SF (1): 2017 (l. Svitolina) 2r (2): 2011 (l. Safarova), 2012 (l. Stosur)	19-4	.826

**Main draw matches only*

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS & RUNNERS-UP

YEAR	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	SCORE
2014	[3] Agnieszka Radwanska (POL)	Venus Williams (USA)	6-4 6-2
2015	Belinda Bencic (SUI)	[2] Simona Halep (ROU)	7-6(5) 6-7(4) 3-0 ret.
2016	[5] Simona Halep (ROU)	[10] Madison Keys (USA)	7-6(2) 6-3
2017	[5] Elina Svitolina (UKR)	[6] Caroline Wozniacki (DEN)	6-4 6-0
2018	[1] Simona Halep (ROU)	[3] Sloane Stephens (USA)	7-6(6) 3-6 6-4

If highlighted denotes competing in 2019 Toronto main draw

COUNTRY BREAKDOWN

Before the end of qualifying, a total of 25 countries are represented in the main draw, led by the USA with six players:

- Australia (1) Ashleigh Barty
- Belarus (3) Victoria Azarenka, Aryna Sabalenka, Aliaksandra Sasnovich
- Belgium (1) Elise Mertens
- Canada (3) Bianca Andreescu, Eugenie Bouchard, Leylah Fernandez
- China (1) Zheng Saisai
- Chinese Taipei (1) Hsieh Su-Wei
- Croatia (2) Petra Martic, Donna Vekic
- Czech Republic (2) Karolina Pliskova, Katerina Siniakova
- Denmark (1) Caroline Wozniacki
- Estonia (1) Anett Kontaveit
- France (2) Caroline Garcia, Kristina Mladenovic
- Germany (2) Julia Goerges, Angelique Kerber
- Great Britain (1) Johanna Konta
- Greece (1) Maria Sakkari
- Italy (1) Camila Giorgi
- Japan (1) Naomi Osaka
- Kazakhstan (1) Yulia Putintseva
- Latvia (2) Jelena Ostapenko, Anastasija Sevastova
- Netherlands (1) Kiki Bertens
- Romania (1) Simona Halep
- Russia (4) Daria Kasatkina, Svetlana Kuznetsova, Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Maria Sharapova
- Spain (1) Carla Suárez Navarro
- Switzerland (1) Belinda Bencic
- Ukraine (3) Elina Svitolina, Lesia Tsurenko, Dayana Yastremska
- United States (6) Danielle Collins, Sofia Kenin, Madison Keys, Sloane Stephens, Serena Williams, Venus Williams