



PREVIEW NOTES: SHISEIDO WTA FINALS SHENZHEN
 SHENZHEN, CHINA | OCTOBER 27 - NOVEMBER 3, 2019 | USD \$14,000,000

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SHISEIDO WTA FINALS SHENZHEN – QUICK FACTS

Main draw dates: Sunday, October 27 - Sunday, November 3, 2019
Singles Final: Sunday, November 3, NB 7:30pm
Doubles Final: Sunday, November 3, 4:30pm
Venue: C.R. Shenzhen Bay Sports Center
Total prize money: USD \$14,000,000
Surface: “Set & Match” Acrylic paint / Wooden base
Tennis Ball: Wilson US Open (Regular Duty)
First Held: 1972 (49th staging)
2018 Singles Final: [6] Elina Svitolina (UKR) d. [5] Sloane Stephens (USA) 3-6 6-2 6-2
2018 Doubles Final: [2] Babos/Mladenovic (HUN/FRA) d. [1] Krejciikova/Siniakova (CZE/CZE) 6-4 7-5

2019 WTA 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] Ashleigh Barty	1	AUS	23	0-0	6,887,587	52-11	3	12,095,667	236-89	6
[2] Karolina Pliskova	2	CZE	27	5-6	3,918,077	50-15	4	18,292,518	525-287	15
[3] Naomi Osaka	3	JPN	23	0-3	5,863,282	39-11	3	13,492,479	216-130	5
[4] Bianca Andreescu	4	CAN	19	0-0	6,239,150	48-5	3	6,455,038	137-48	3
[5] Simona Halep	5	ROU	28	6-8	5,352,442	42-15	1	33,498,021	492-212	19
[6] Petra Kvitova	6	CZE	29	10-11	3,219,430	37-13	2	30,561,637	527-230	27
[7] Belinda Bencic	7	SUI	22	0-0	3,118,075	48-20	2	6,851,208	264-142	4
[8] Elina Svitolina	8	UKR	25	6-2	3,276,335	35-21	0	16,384,960	364-190	13

Ranking based on week of October 21, 2019

MATCH SCHEDULE

SESSION	DAY	TIME	MATCHES
Session 1	Sunday Oct 27	4.30pm	Singles RR (2) Doubles RR (2)
Session 2	Monday Oct 28	4pm	Doubles RR, NB 6:30pm Singles RR, NB 8pm Singles RR, FB Doubles
Session 3	Tuesday Oct 29	4pm	Doubles RR, NB 6:30pm Singles RR, NB 8pm Singles RR, FB Doubles
Session 4	Wednesday Oct 30	4pm	Doubles RR, NB 6:30pm Singles RR, NB 8pm Singles RR, FB Doubles
Session 5	Thursday Oct 31	4pm	Doubles RR, NB 6:30pm Singles RR, NB 8pm Singles RR, FB Doubles
Session 6	Friday Nov 1	4pm	Doubles RR, NB 6:30pm Singles RR, NB 8pm Singles RR, FB Doubles
Session 7	Saturday Nov 2	4pm	Doubles SF, NB 6:30pm Singles SF, NB 8pm Singles SF, FB Doubles
Session 8	Sunday Nov 3	4:30pm	Doubles F, NB 7:30pm Singles F

Subject to change RR = Round Robin

WTA FINALS – A BRIEF HISTORY

- This is the 49th staging of the event (which began in 1972). This year marks the first year that the city of Shenzhen will be hosting the WTA Finals. Prior to Shenzhen, the event was staged in Singapore, Singapore from 2014-2018. Shenzhen is the 10th different city to host the year-end event
- The singles event features eight players and begins as a round robin event, with four players in the Red Group and four in the Purple Group. Over the first six days of competition, each player meets the other three players in her group, with the top two 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
- Ten 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), Simona Halep (2014 R-Up) and Sloane Stephens (2018 R-Up)
- The longest Finals win streak was compiled by Martina Navratilova, who won 21 straight matches in winning five titles between 1983 and 1986 and reaching the quarterfinals in 1987. The next longest win streak in tournament history is Serena Williams, who won 16 (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 – Monica Seles vs. Gabriela Sabatini (the first woman's match in 89 years to extend to five sets since the 1901 Philadelphia Finals); 1995 – Stefanie Graf vs. Anke Huber; 1996 - Graf vs. Martina Hingis. Six finals went to four sets (1986 - March, 1987, 1989, 1991, 1993 and 1998)
- Nine times has a WTA Finals winner has not dropped a set en route to the title; Chris Evert achieved the feat three times (1972, 73, 75) and Martina Navratilova (1984, 85) and Serena Williams (2001, 2012) did it twice; Gabriela Sabatini did not drop a set in 1988, while Kim Clijsters did the same in 2002
- There have been 22 different winners in 47 stagings; of those 22 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), Dominika Cibulkova (2016) and Elina Svitolina (2018)
- The top seed has won the title 22 times. In 2014, S.Williams became the first to do so since 2007 (Henin)
- Players from 14 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), SVK (1) and UKR (1)
- In the last 37 years, the champion here has ended as the WTA Year-End No.1 a total of 21 times
- On 17 occasions has the No.1 seed failed to reach the final

ABOUT THE 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 two 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 21 instances where a player has posted a perfect 3-0 record in round robin play, most recently last year’s finalists Elina Svitolina and Sloane Stephens
- Only eight times has player posted a 3-0 record and gone on to win the title, including in four of the last eight years (Petra Kvitova in 2011, Serena Williams in 2012 and 2013 and Elina Svitolina in 2018)
- 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 Maria Sharapova and Garbiñe 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)
2018	Elina Svitolina	Won Title (d. Stephens)
2018	Sloane Stephens	R-Up (l. Svitolina)

- 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-ELIMINATION 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 eight times (2003, 2004, 2009, 2011, 2013, twice in 2015 and 2016). 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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	[1] Barty	[2] Pliskova	[3] Osaka	[4] Halep	[5] Andreescu	[6] Kvitova	[7] Bencic	[8] Svitolina
[1] Barty		3-2	2-2	1-3	0-0	2-4	0-0	0-5
[2] Pliskova	2-3		2-2	3-7	0-1	1-3	0-1	5-3
[3] Osaka	2-2	2-2		1-4	1-0	1-0	1-3	3-3
[4] Halep	3-1	7-3	4-1		0-0	3-1	2-2	4-4
[5] Andreescu	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-0		0-0	1-0	1-0
[6] Kvitova	4-2	3-1	0-1	1-3	0-0		4-1	7-2
[7] Bencic	0-0	1-0	3-1	2-2	0-1	1-4		2-1
[8] Svitolina	5-0	3-5	3-3	4-4	0-1	2-7	1-2	

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*	\$4,725,000*	1500	\$1,000,000
Finalist				1080*	\$2,400,000*	1080	\$525,000
Semifinalist				750*	\$1,300,000^	750	\$315,000
Round Robin	3	3	0	750	\$1,220,000	750	\$300,000
Round Robin	3	2	1	625	\$915,000	625	\$250,000
Round Robin	2	2	0	500	\$875,000	500	\$230,000
Round Robin	3	1	2	500	\$610,000	500	\$200,000
Round Robin	2	1	1	375	\$570,000	375	\$180,000
Round Robin	1	1	0	250	\$525,000	250	\$160,000
Round Robin	3	0	3	375	\$305,000	375	\$150,000
Round Robin	2	0	2	250	\$265,000	250	\$130,000
Round Robin	1	0	1	125	\$220,000	125	\$110,000

*Prize Money: Singles-Participation Fee = \$305,000 Each RR Win = \$305,000; Advance to SFs = \$80,000 SF; SF Win = \$1.1m; Final Win = \$2.325m
 Prize Money: Doubles-Participation Fee = \$150,000 Each RR Win = \$50,000; Advance to SFs = \$15,000 SF; SF Win = \$210,000; Final Win = \$475,000*

Singles participation and Alternate fees are prorated as follows:

Matches Played	Singles Participation Fees	Singles Alternate Fees
3	\$305,000	
2	\$265,000	\$210,000
1	\$220,000	\$165,000
0		\$125,000

WTA FINALS EXPERIENCE [SINGLES]

TOP 8 QUALIFIERS	W-L	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
[1] Ashleigh Barty	0-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
[2] Karolina Pliskova	5-6	SF	SF	RR	-	-	-	-	-
[3] Naomi Osaka	0-3	RR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
[4] Simona Halep	6-8	-	RR	RR	RR	R-UP	-	-	-
[5] Bianca Andreescu	0-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
[6] Petra Kvitova	10-11	RR	-	-	R-UP	RR	SF	RR	WON
[7] Belinda Bencic	0-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
[8] Elina Svitolina	6-2	WON	RR	-	-	-	-	-	-

MOST WTA FINALS APPEARANCES – ACTIVE PLAYERS

Of all the qualifiers, **Petra Kvitova** has the most WTA Finals appearances, 2019 marking her seventh outing while **Simona Halep** records her fifth. 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)
<i>Petra Kvitova (CZE)</i>	7	<i>2011-15, 2018-19</i>
Svetlana Kuznetsova (RUS)	6	2004, 2006-09, 2016
Caroline Wozniacki (DEN)	6	2009-11, 2014, 2017, 2018
Venus Williams (USA)	5	1999, 2002, 2008-09, 2017
Vera Zvonareva (RUS)	5	2004, 2008-11
Victoria Azarenka (BLR)	5	2009-13
Angelique Kerber (GER)	5	2012-13, 2015-16, 2018
<i>Simona Halep (ROU)</i>	5	<i>2014-17, 2019 (qualified 1 more time)</i>

YEAR-END RANKING COMPARISON SINCE 2008

PLAYER	2018 Y/E	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
[1] Ashleigh Barty	15	17	325	-	218	164	195	669	-	-
[2] Karolina Pliskova	8	4	6	11	24	67	120	159	203	228
[3] Naomi Osaka	5	68	40	203	250	430	1028	-	-	-
[4] Simona Halep	1	1	4	2	3	11	47	53	81	210
[5] Bianca Andreescu	178	182	306	633	-	-	-	-	-	-
[6] Petra Kvitova	7	29	11	6	4	6	8	2	34	62
[7] Belinda Bencic	37	165	43	14	33	212	626	1059	-	-
[8] Elina Svitolina	4	6	14	19	29	40	156	269	498	-

FINALS PARTICIPANTS BY NATION

- **SWITZERLAND:** Belinda Bencic is the first Swiss to compete in the singles at the WTA Finals since Martina Hingis in 2006. Hingis is the only Swiss to win the WTA Finals, doing so in 1998 and 2000
- **AUSTRALIA:** With Ashleigh Barty securing qualification, Australia is being represented in singles at the WTA Finals for the first time since Samantha Stosur in 2012. Evonne Goolagong Cawley won the WTA finals in 1974 and 1976, as well as finishing runner-up in 1978
- **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)
- **CANADA:** Bianca Andreescu is the fourth Canadian woman in history to compete at the WTA Finals, and first since Eugenie Bouchard in 2014 (also Helen Kelesi, 1988-89, and Carling Bassett-Seguso, 1984-85)

- **ROMANIA:** Simona Halep is the third Romanian to compete at the WTA Finals, following in the footsteps of Virginia Ruzici (1983-84) and Irina Spirlea (1996-98). Including this year, she has appeared in five of the past six stagings of the event (missing 2018 due to a back injury) and was runner-up in 2014
- **UKRAINE:** Defending champion Elina Svitolina is the only Ukrainian to compete at the WTA Finals, which she is doing for her third time in 2019
- **JAPAN:** Last year, Naomi Osaka became the first Japanese woman since Ai Sugiyama in 2003 to qualify for the WTA Finals. Kimiko Date also qualified for three editions of the season-ending event, and reached the semifinals on her debut in 1994

ALTERNATES

- Kiki Bertens and Sofia Kenin are confirmed as alternates for the 2019 WTA Finals
- 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
2018	Daria Kasatkina	Anastasija Sevastova

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

FINALS PARTICIPANTS' RESULTS ON THE BIGGEST STAGES IN 2019

	GRAND SLAMS				PREMIER MANDATORIES			
	Australian Open	Roland Garros	Wimbledon	US Open	Indian Wells	Miami	Madrid	Beijing
[1] Ashleigh Barty	QF	WON	R16	R16	R16	WON	QF	R-UP
[2] Karolina Pliskova	SF	3r	R16	R16	QF	R-UP	2r	1r
[3] Naomi Osaka	WON	3r	1r	R16	R16	3r	QF	WON
[4] Simona Halep	R16	QF	WON	2r	R16	SF	R-UP	2r
[5] Bianca Andreescu	2r	2r	-	WON	WON	R16	-	QF
[6] Petra Kvitova	R-UP	-	R16	2r	2r	QF	QF	QF
[7] Belinda Bencic	3r	3r	3r	SF	SF	2r	SF	R16
[8] Elina Svitolina	QF	3r	SF	SF	SF	2r	1r	QF

YOUNGEST & OLDEST AT FINALS*

This year's youngest qualifier at the WTA Finals is 19-year-old **Bianca Andreescu**. The oldest qualifier is **Petra Kvitova**, 29. 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

*age calculated as at end of tournament

2019 – A SNAPSHOT OF THE WTA YEAR

- Thirty-six different players have won a WTA singles this year
- **Karolina Pliskova** leads the way in terms of titles won, with four to her name (Brisbane, Rome, Eastbourne, Zhengzhou)
- A further four players have won three titles each – **Naomi Osaka** (Australian Open, Osaka, Beijing), **Bianca Andreescu** (Indian Wells, Toronto, US Open), **Sofia Kenin** (Hobart, Mallorca, Guangzhou) and **Ashleigh Barty** (Miami, Roland Garros, Birmingham)
- Nine other players have two titles each: Madison Keys (Charleston, Cincinnati), Alison Van Uytvanck (Budapest, Tashkent), Jil Teichmann (Prague, Palermo), Rebecca Peterson (Nanchang, Tianjin), Dayana Yastremska (Hua Hin, Strasbourg), **Belinda Bencic** (Dubai, Moscow), Aryna Sabalenka (Shenzhen, Wuhan), **Petra Kvitova** (Sydney, Stuttgart), **Kiki Bertens** (St. Petersburg, Madrid)
- The WTA has crowned 16 maiden title winners so far in 2019: **Sofia Kenin** (Hobart), **Bianca Andreescu** (Indian Wells), Wang Yafan (Acapulco), Amanda Anisimova (Bogotá), Petra Martic (Istanbul), Maria Sakkari (Rabat), Jil Teichmann (Prague), Yulia Putintseva (Nürnberg), Elena Rybakina (Bucharest), Fiona Ferro (Lausanne), Zheng Saisai (San Jose), Jessica Pegula (Washington DC), Magda Linette (Bronx), Rebecca Peterson (Nanchang), Karolina Muchova (Seoul) and Coco Gauff (Linz)
- **Karolina Pliskova** has produced the most efficient title run, dropping 19 games at Eastbourne. The next best is **Naomi Osaka** at Osaka (26 games)
- One player in 2019 has completed a singles-doubles title sweep at the same event: Nao Hibino at Hiroshima (partnering Misaki Doi)
- The youngest title winner so far this season is Coco Gauff at Linz (15 years, 6 months, 25 days) and the oldest is Julia Goerges at Auckland (30 years, 1 month, 4 days)
- At No.146, Jil Teichmann and Nao Hibino are tied as the lowest-ranked title winners in 2019 having won Prague and Hiroshima respectively, followed by No.110, Coco Gauff at Linz
- Two qualifiers have won a WTA title this season, Jil Teichmann at Prague and Magda Linette at the Bronx. The only Lucky Loser to lift a title in 2019 was Coco Gauff who lifted the crown at Linz
- The No.1 seed has prevailed at seven events, and the No.2 seed at five events. 18 unseeded players have won a WTA singles title in 2019
- The most games played in a single match is 46, with Karolina Muchova edging **Karolina Pliskova** in R16 at Wimbledon, 4-6, 7-5 13-11).
- In the longest match in terms of time spent on court, **Bianca Andreescu** took 3 hours and 28 minutes to defeated **Kiki Bertens** en route to her title at Toronto
- There have been four 6-0, 6-0 victories this season: Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova against Ivana Jorovic (Monterrey), Kristie Ahn against Timea Bacsinszky (Seoul), Maria Sharapova against Harriet Dart (Australian Open) and **Simona Halep** against Viktoria Kuzmova (Madrid)
- The longest tie-break score is tied at 12-10 between Jana Cepelova's 6-4 7-6(10) victory over Miyabi Inoue at Anning and **Kiki Bertens's** 7-6(10) 6-4 victory over Johanna Konta at Indian Wells
- 30 championship matches have been decided in 3-sets
- The teams of **Barbora Strycova / Hsieh Su-Wei** and **Latisha Chan / Hao-ching Chan** tied for the most doubles titles this year with four each
- **Bianca Andreescu** owns the longest unbeaten streak in 2018, winning 17 matches, including titles at Toronto (six matches), US Open (seven) and QF run at Beijing (three) – she also won her first-round match at Roland Garros before withdrawing
- Entering the WTA Finals, **Belinda Bencic** owns the most Top 10 wins at 9-6 and the most Top 5 wins at 6-1, followed by **Bianca Andreescu** in both categories with 8-1 and 4-1 respectively
- **Kiki Bertens** leads the tour for most match wins this season, with 53. While the most hard court wins in 2019 is won by **Sofia Kenin** (38) – *numbers including Zhuhai round robin results*
- **Karolina Pliskova** has hit the most aces this year – 474 from 63 matches
- Three players have made their Top 10 debuts in 2019: **Ashleigh Barty**, Aryna Sabalenka and **Bianca Andreescu**



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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
2018	Singapore, SIN	[6] Elina Svitolina (UKR)	[5] Sloane Stephens (USA)	36 62 62

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

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



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YEAR	HOST CITY	WINNERS	FINALISTS	SCORE
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
2018	Singapore, SIN	Babos (HUN)/Mladenovic (FRA)	Krejciikova/Siniakova (CZE)	64 75