



PREVIEW NOTES: GIPPSLAND TROPHY
MELBOURNE, AUS | JANUARY 31- FEBRUARY 6, 2021 | USD \$442,020 WTA 500

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GIPPSLAND TROPHY – QUICK FACTS

Main draw dates: January 31-February 6, 2021
Singles Final: Saturday, February 6, time TBC
Doubles Final: Saturday, February 6, time TBC
Venue: Melbourne Park Tennis Centre
Status: WTA 500
Staging: Tournament’s first year
Draw sizes: 54 singles / 28 doubles teams
Surface: Greenset Cushion / Outdoor
Total prize money: USD \$442,020
Tennis Ball: Dunlop AO

SINGLES	USD \$	RANK POINTS
Winner	50,000	470
Runner-Up	33,520	305
Semifinalist	18,610	185
Quarterfinalist	8,770	100
Round of 16	5,500	55
Round of 32	4,250	30
Round of 64	3,000	1

DOUBLES	USD \$	RANK POINTS
Winner	20,890	470
Runner-Up	13,370	305
Semifinalist	8,350	185
Quarterfinalist	4,310	100
Round of 16	2,670	55
Round of 32	2,020	1

MAIN DRAW QUICK-HITS

Top 8 Seeds: Simona Halep, Naomi Osaka, Elina Svitolina, Aryna Sabalenka, Johanna Konta, Iga Swiatek, Elise Mertens, Karolina Muchova
Wildcards: Destanee Aiava, Olivia Gadecki, Arina Rodionova, Astra Sharma
Most career WTA singles titles: Simona Halep (22)
Prize money leader: Simona Halep (\$37,045,910)
Youngest singles player: Coco Gauff, 16 years old (March 13, 2004)
Oldest singles player: Kaia Kanepi, 35 years old (June 10, 1985)

TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS

- One of three WTA 500 tournaments taking place at the Melbourne Park Tennis Centre before the 2021 Australian Open, along with the Yara Valley Classic and the Grampians Trophy.
- Four of the Top 10 players in the world are in the draw, including former World No.1, **Simona Halep**, and the 2019 Australian Open champion, **Naomi Osaka**.
- Joining them will be the Tour’s newest major winner, **Iga Swiatek**, and the in-form **Aryna Sabalenka**, the latter of whom is currently riding a career-best 15-match winning streak.
- **Swiatek** stunned reigning champion **Halep** en route to her breakthrough triumph at Roland Garros last October. Should they both clear their early hurdles, the two could renew acquaintances in one of the top half of the draw’s quarterfinals.

- **Osaka** and **Elina Svitolina** lead the way in the bottom half, where they are joined by **Johanna Konta**, **Elise Mertens** and a number of former Top 10 players: **Caroline Garcia**, **Andrea Petkovic**, **Sara Errani** and **Jelena Ostapenko**. The latter two face off in one of the more intriguing first-round encounters.
- Of the top eight seeds, only three were involved in the first tournament of the season at Abu Dhabi: **Svitolina** (QF), **Sabalenka** (champion) and **Karolina Muchova** (2r).
- Five teenagers gained entrance into the draw, **Coco Gauff** (16), **Olivia Gadecki** (18), **Whitney Osuigwe** (18), **Iga Swiatek** (19) and **Anastasia Potapova** (19). Osuigwe and Potapova have been drawn to face one another in the first round, with the winner going on to face top seed **Halep**.
- *One to Watch* – **Sara Sorribes Tormo**. Since falling at the opening hurdle of her first tournament on the Tour's return to play in the summer, Sorribes Tormo has compiled a 16-7 win-loss record, reaching three WTA quarterfinals – including at the 2021 season opener in Abu Dhabi – and claiming the 10th ITF Circuit title of her career. This upturn in form has seen the 24-year-old account for five Top 50 players and climb to a career-high No.62 in the rankings.

COUNTRY AND REGION BREAKDOWN

A total of 25 countries and regions are represented in the main draw, led by Russia with six players:

Australia (5)	Destanee Aiava, Olivia Gadecki, Arina Rodionova, Astra Sharma, Ajla Tomljanovic
Belarus (2)	Aryna Sabalenka, Aliaksandra Sasnovich
Belgium (1)	Elise Mertens
Canada (1)	Rebecca Marino
China (3)	Wang Qiang, Wang Yafan, Zheng Saisai
Czech Republic (1)	Karolina Muchova
Estonia (1)	Kaia Kanepi
France (3)	Alizé Cornet, Caroline Garcia, Chloé Paquet
Germany (2)	Andrea Petkovic, Laura Siegemund
Great Britain (2)	Katie Boulter, Johanna Konta
Hungary (1)	Timea Babos
Japan (3)	Mayo Hibi, Nao Hibino, Naomi Osaka
Kazakhstan (1)	Zarina Diyas
Italy (3)	Sara Errani, Jasmine Paolini, Martina Trevisan
Latvia (1)	Jelena Ostapenko
Montenegro (1)	Danka Kovinic
Poland (1)	Iga Swiatek
Romania (4)	Irina-Camelia Begu, Mihaela Buzarnescu, Simona Halep, Patricia Maria Tig
Russia (6)	Ekaterina Alexandrova, Margarita Gasparyan, Anna Kalinskaya, Daria Kasatkina, Anastasia Potapova, Valeria Savinykh
Slovakia (1)	Anna Karolina Schmiedlova
Slovenia (3)	Polona Hercog, Kaja Juvan, Tamara Zidansek
Spain (1)	Sara Sorribes Tormo
Switzerland (1)	Jill Teichmann
Ukraine (2)	Elina Svitolina, Lesia Tsurenko
United States (4)	Coco Gauff, Varvara Lepchenko, Whitney Osuigwe, Bernarda Pera

2021 WTA TOUR FINALS

Week of	Level	Tournament	Singles Final	Doubles Final
January 6	WTA 500	Abu Dhabi, UAE	[4] Sabalenka d. Kudrmetova 62 62	[5] Aoyama/Shibahara d. [8] Carter/Stefani 76(5) 64

2021 & CAREER PRIZE MONEY LEADERS

PLAYER	2021 TOTAL
Aryna Sabalenka (BLR)	\$68,570
Veronika Kudermetova (RUS)	\$52,285
Marta Kostyuk (UKR)	\$28,525
Maria Sakkari (GRE)	\$27,755
Sofia Kenin (USA)	\$16,850

PLAYER	CAREER TOTAL
Serena Williams (USA)	\$93,634,967
Venus Williams (USA)	\$41,958,284
Maria Sharapova (RUS)	\$38,777,962
Simona Halep (ROU)	\$37,045,910
Caroline Wozniacki (DEN)	\$35,233,415
Petra Kvitova (CZE)	\$32,572,604
Victoria Azarenka (BLR)	\$32,347,288
Angelique Kerber (GER)	\$29,853,978
Agnieszka Radwanska (POL)	\$27,683,807
Svetlana Kuznetsova (RUS)	\$25,483,600

A SNAPSHOT OF LAST SEASON

- **Top 10 Debut (1):** Sofia Kenin (at No.7 on February 3)
- **Fewest games dropped en route to a title:** Jennifer Brady (24, Lexington)
- **Lowest-ranked player to triumph:** Patricia Maria Tig (No.88, Istanbul)
- **Most titles (3):** Simona Halep: 3 (Dubai - W; Prague - W; Rome - W); Aryna Sabalenka: 3 (Doha – W; Ostrava – W; Linz – W)
- **Maiden titles (4):** Ekaterina Alexandrova (Shenzhen), Jennifer Brady (Lexington), Patricia Maria Tig (Istanbul), Iga Swiatek (Roland Garros)
- **Youngest title winner:** Iga Swiatek, Roland Garros (19y 132d)
- **Oldest title winner:** Serena Williams, Auckland (38y 108d)
- **Aces leaders:** Elena Rybakina – 193, Serena Williams – 178, Aryna Sabalenka – 165
- **Most aces in a match (22):** Alison Van Uytvanck (l. vs. Sofia Kenin 7-6(5) 6-7(2) 7-6(2) – Lyon, SF)
- **Match win leaders:** Elise Mertens – 34, Elena Rybakina – 29, Aryna Sabalenka – 29, Sofia Kenin – 24
- **Most three-set wins (11):** Aryna Sabalenka (11-5 record)
- **Most doubles titles (4):** Barbora Strycova / Hsieh Su-Wei (Brisbane, Dubai, Doha, Rome)
- **Best result by a qualifier (R-Up):** Kung (Hua Hin), Fernandez (Acapulco), Bouchard (Istanbul)
- **Longest match:** 3h 33m – Heather Watson d. Elise Mertens 6-7(5) 6-4 7-5 (Hobart, QF)
- **Shortest (completed) match:** 39m – Ekaterina Alexandrova d. Storm Sanders 6-1 6-0 (Strasbourg, 1r)
- **Most Top 10 wins (3):** Garbiñe Muguruza (No.3 Simona Halep, No.5 Elina Svitolina and No.10 Kiki Bertens – all at Australian Open); Jelena Ostapenko (No.7 Sofia Kenin in Fed Cup, No.8 Kiki Bertens at Strasbourg, No.4 Karolina Pliskova at Roland Garros); Maria Sakkari (No.5 Belinda Bencic at St. Petersburg, No.9 Serena Williams at Western & Southern Open, No.5 Elina Svitolina at Ostrava)