



PREVIEW NOTES: ADELAIDE INTERNATIONAL
ADELAIDE, AUS | FEBRUARY 22-27, 2021 | USD \$565,530 WTA 500

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ADELAIDE INTERNATIONAL – QUICK FACTS

Main draw dates:	February 22-27, 2021
Singles Final:	Saturday, February 27, time 6pm
Doubles Final:	Saturday, February 27, time NB 7:30pm
Venue:	Memorial Drive
Status:	WTA 500
Staging:	Tournament's second year
Draw sizes:	28 singles / 16 doubles / 24 singles qualifying
Surface:	Greenset Cushion / Outdoor
Total prize money:	USD \$565,530
Tennis Ball:	Dunlop AO

SINGLES	USD \$	RANK POINTS
Winner	68,570	470
Runner-Up	51,000	305
Semifinalist	32,400	185
Quarterfinalist	15,500	100
Round of 16	8,200	55
Round of 32	6,650	1

DOUBLES	USD \$	RANK POINTS
Winner	25,230	470
Runner-Up	17,750	305
Semifinalist	10,000	185
Quarterfinalist	5,500	100
Round of 16	3,500	1

MAIN DRAW QUICK-HITS

Seeds: Ashleigh Barty, Belinda Bencic, Johanna Konta, Elise Mertens, Iga Swiatek, Petra Martic, Yulia Putintseva, Qiang Wang

Wildcards: Ajla Tomljanovic, Ashleigh Barty, Olivia Gadecki, Samantha Stosur

Most career WTA singles titles: Samantha Stosur (9)

Youngest singles player: Olivia Gadecki, 18 years old (April 24, 2002)

Oldest singles player: Samantha Stosur, 36 years old (March 30, 1984)

TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS

- Sixth tournament taking place in this year's Australian Swing, following the Yara Valley Classic, the Gippsland Trophy, the Grampians Trophy, the Phillip Island Trophy and the Australian Open
- Six of the Top 20 players in the world are in the draw, including World No.1 and Yarra Valley Classic champion **Ashleigh Barty**, who is the top seed, as well as **Elise Mertens** and **Iga Swiatek**, who each advanced to the Round of 16 at the 2021 Australian Open, seeded No.4 and No.5, respectively
- **Barty** and **Mertens** will receive first-round byes, along with No.2 seed **Belinda Bencic** and No.3 seed **Johanna Konta**
- Also in the draw is Australian wildcard **Olivia Gadecki**, who shocked No.4 Kenin during the opening round of last week's Phillip Island Trophy; she takes on No.8 seed **Qiang Wang**



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- *One to Watch* – One to Watch – **Danielle Collins**. Coming off an SF showing at the Phillip Island Trophy last week (l. eventual champion Kasatkina), the American has seen success in Australia before by reaching the SF at the 2019 Australian Open where she notched her first ever Grand Slam match wins. Collins is also known to have strong starts to the season: in 2020, she reached QF at Brisbane and SF at Adelaide in her first two events of the year and earned victories over Top 20 players like No.5 Svitolina, No.15 Kenin and No.7 Bencic.

COUNTRY AND REGION BREAKDOWN

Excluding qualifiers, a total of 13 countries and regions are represented in the main draw, led by the Australia with four players:

Australia (4)	Ajla Tomljanovic, Ashleigh Barty, Olivia Gadecki, Samantha Stosur
Belgium (1)	Elise Mertens
China (2)	Qiang Wang, Saisai Zheng
Croatia (1)	Petra Martic
France (2)	Caroline Garcia, Kristina Mladenovic
Germany (1)	Laura Siegemund
Great Britain (1)	Johanna Konta
Kazakhstan (1)	Yulia Putintseva
Latvia (1)	Anastasija Sevastova
Poland (1)	Iga Swiatek
Russia (2)	Anna Blinkova, Veronika Kudermetova
Switzerland (2)	Belinda Bencic, Jil Teichmann
United States (2)	Danielle Collins, Shelby Rogers

2021 WTA TOUR FINALS

Week of	Level	Tournament	Singles Final	Doubles Final
January 6	WTA 500	Abu Dhabi, UAE	[4] Sabalenka d. Kudermetova 62 62	[5] Aoyama/Shibahara d. [8] Carter/Stefani 76(5) 64
January 31	WTA 500	Yarra Valley Classic	[1] Barty d. [6] Muguruza 76(3) 64	[3] Aoyama/Shibahara d. Kalinskaya/Kuzmova 63 64
January 31	WTA 500	Gippsland Trophy	[7] Mertens d. Kanepi 64 61	[1] Krejckikova/Siniakova d. [2] Chan/Chan 63 76(4)
February 3	WTA 500	Grampians Trophy	Li & [6] Kontaveit (FINAL NOT PLAYED)	
February 8	Grand Slam	Australian Open	[3] Osaka d. [22] Brady 64 63	[2] Sabalanka/Mertens d. [3] Krejckikova/Siniakova 62 63
February 13	WTA 250	Phillip Island Trophy	Kasatkina d. [13] Bouzkova 46 62 62	Raina/Rakhimova d. Blinkova/Potapova 26 64 10-7

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)

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- **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)