



## PREVIEW NOTES: TRANSYLVANIA OPEN

CLUJ-NAPOCA, ROMANIA | OCTOBER 25 – 31, 2021 | USD \$235,238 WTA 250

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## TRANSYLVANIA OPEN – QUICK FACTS

<b>Main draw dates:</b>	Monday - Sunday, October 25–31, 2021
<b>Singles Final:</b>	Sunday, October 31, NB 5:30
<b>Doubles Final:</b>	Sunday, October 31, 3:30pm
<b>Venue:</b>	Sala Polivalenta Cluj Napoca
<b>Status:</b>	WTA 250 event
<b>Staging:</b>	Tournament's first year
<b>Draw sizes:</b>	32 singles / 16 doubles teams / 24 singles qualifying
<b>Surface:</b>	Hard Set / Indoors
<b>Tennis Ball:</b>	Wilson Tour Premier All Court

SINGLES	USD \$	RANK POINTS
Winner	29,200	280
Runner-Up	16,398	180
Semifinalist	10,100	110
Quarterfinalist	5,800	60
Second round	3,675	30
First round	2,675	1

DOUBLES	USD \$	RANK POINTS
Winner	10,300	280
Runner-Up	6,000	180
Semifinalist	3,800	110
Quarterfinalist	2,300	60
First round	1,750	1

## MAIN DRAW QUICK-HITS

**Singles wildcards:** Irina Bara (ROU), Jaqueline Cristian (ROU), Andreea Prisacariu (ROU)

**Youngest singles player:** Emma Raducanu, 18 years old (November 13, 2002)

**Oldest singles player:** Andrea Petkovic, 34 years old (September 9, 1987)

- The WTA returns to the city of Cluj-Napoca for the second time this season, with an impressive line-up featuring five of the Top 50 players in the world
- Leading the way is top seed and local hero **Simona Halep**, playing her second indoor tournament in a row following last week's semifinal showing in Moscow. She will take on Romania's Elena-Gabriela Ruse in the first round
- Also in the draw are Moscow champion, **Anett Kontaveit** and the tour's latest teenage sensation **Emma Raducanu**, who open up against Aleksandra Krunic and Polona Hercog, respectively
- **Kontaveit** is still in contention for the final qualifying spot for this year's WTA Finals in Guadalajara, which she can claim by winning the title, which would be her third of the season

## COUNTRY BREAKDOWN

A total of 17 countries are represented in the main draw, led by Romania with eight players:

<b>Australia (1)</b>	Ajla Tomljanovic
<b>Belgium (1)</b>	Alison Van Uytvanck
<b>Croatia (1)</b>	Jana Fett
<b>Germany (3)</b>	Mona Barthel, Anna-Lena Friedsam, Andrea Petkovic
<b>Great Britain (1)</b>	Emma Raducanu
<b>Estonia (1)</b>	Anett Kontaveit
<b>Hungary (1)</b>	Anna Bondar
<b>Montenegro (1)</b>	Danka Kovinic
<b>Netherlands (1)</b>	Lesley Pattinama Kerkhove
<b>Romania (8)</b>	Irina Bara, Irina-Camelia Begu, Anna Bogdan, Jaqueline Cristian, Simona Halep, Alexandra Igantik, Andreea Priscariu, Elena-Gabriela Ruse
<b>Russia (3)</b>	Anastasia Gasanova, Varvara Gracheva, Anastasia Potapova
<b>Serbia (2)</b>	Ivana Jorovic, Aliaksandra Krunic
<b>Slovenia (2)</b>	Polona Hercog, Kaja Juvan
<b>Sweden (1)</b>	Rebecca Peterson
<b>Switzerland (1)</b>	Jil Teichmann
<b>Ukraine (3)</b>	Anhelina Kalinina, Marta Kostyuk, Lesia Tsurenko
<b>United States (1)</b>	Bernarda Pera

## A SNAPSHOT OF 2021 SO FAR

- **Top 10 debuts (4):** Iga Swiatek (at No.9 on May 17), Barbora Krejckova (at No.10 on August 9), Maria Sakkari (at No.10 on September 27), Ons Jabeur (at No.9 on October 18)
- **Fewest games dropped en route to a title:** Paula Badosa (20, Belgrade)
- **Lowest-ranked player to triumph:** Elena-Gabriela Ruse (No.198, Hamburg)
- **Youngest title winner:** Coco Gauff, Parma (17y 70d)
- **Oldest title winner:** Andrea Petkovic, Cluj-Napoca (33)
- **Aces leaders:** Karolina Pliskova - 392, Ashleigh Barty - 325, Aryna Sabalenka - 325, Elena Rybakina - 297
- **Most wins:** Ons Jabeur (48), Barbora Krejckova (44), Aryna Sabalenka (43), Ashleigh Barty (42)
- **Most aces in a match (24):** Karolina Pliskova (d. Anisimova 7-5 6-7(5) 7-6(7) – US Open, 2r)
- **Most singles titles (5):** Ashleigh Barty (Yarra Valley Classic, Miami, Stuttgart, Wimbledon, Cincinnati)
- **Longest Match:** 3h 55m - Kristina Kucova d. Ekaterine Gorgodze 6-7(4) 7-6(7) 7-6(3) (Gdynia QF)

## THIS SEASON'S WTA TOUR FINALS

Week of	Level Tournament	Singles Final	Doubles Final
January 6	WTA 500 Abu Dhabi, UAE	[4] Sabalenka d. Kudermetova 62 62	Aoyama/Shibahara d. Carter/Stefani
January 31	WTA 500 Yarra Valley Classic, AUS WTA 500 Gippsland Trophy, AUS WTA 500 Grampians Trophy, AUS	[1] Barty d. [6] Muguruza 76(3) 64 [7] Mertens d. Kanepi 64 61 [6] Kontaveit/Li (final not played due to scheduling)	Aoyama/Shibahara d. Kalinskaya/Kuzmova Krejcikova/Siniakova d. Chan/Chan
February 8	GS Australian Open, AUS	[3] Osaka d. [22] Brady 64 63	Mertens/Sabalenka d. Krejcikova/Siniakova
February 13	WTA 250 Phillip Island Trophy, AUS	Kasatkina d. [13] Bouzkova 46 62 62	Raina/Rakhimova d. Blinkova/Potapova
February 22	WTA 500 Adelaide, AUS	[5] Swiatek d. [2] Bencic 62 62	Guarachi/Krawczyk d. Carter/Stefani
March 1	WTA 500 Doha, QAT WTA 250 Lyon, FRA	[4] Kvitova d. Muguruza 62 61 [Q] Tauson d. [Q] Golubic 64 61	Melichar/Schuurs d. Niculescu/Ostapenko Kuzmova/Rus d. Bouchard/Danilovic
March 8	WTA 1000 Dubai, UAE WTA 250 Guadalajara, MEX	[9] Muguruza d. Krejcikova 76(6) 63 [4] Sorribes Tormo d. [WC] Bouchard 62 75	Guarachi/Jurak d. Xu/Yang Perez/Sharma d. Krawczyk/Olmos
March 15	WTA 500 St. Petersburg, RUS WTA 250 Monterrey, MEX	[8] Kasatkina d. [WC] Gasparyan 63 21 Fernandez d. [Q] Golubic 61 64	ret. Kichenok/Olaru d. Christian/Santamaria Dolehide/Muhammad d. Watson/Zheng
March 23	WTA 1000 Miami, FL, USA	[1] Barty d. [8] Andreescu 63 40 (Ret)	Aoyama/Shibahara d. Carter/Stefani
April 5	WTA 500 Charleston, SC, USA WTA 250 Bogota, COL	[15] Kudermetova d. Kovinic 64 62 [WC] Osorio S d. [5] Zidansek 57 63 64	Melichar/Schuurs d. Bouzkova/Hradecka Lechemia/Neel d. Buzarnescu/Friedsam
April 12	WTA 250 Charleston, SC, USA	Sharma d. [1] Jabeur 26 75 61	Baptiste/McNally d. Perez/Sanders
April 19	WTA 500 Stuttgart, GER WTA 250 Istanbul, TUR	[1] Barty d. [5] Sabalenka 36 60 63 Cirstea d. [1] Mertens 61 76(3)	Barty/Brady d. Krawczyk/Mattek-Sands Kudermetova/Mertens d. Hibino/Ninomiya
May 3	WTA 1000 Madrid, ESP	[5] Sabalenka d. [1] Barty 60 36 64	Krejcikova/Siniakova d. Dabrowski/Schuurs
May 10	WTA 1000 Rome, ITA	[15] Swiatek d. [9] Ka.Pliskova 60 60	Fichman/Olmos d. Mladenovic/Vondrousova
May 17	WTA 250 Belgrade, SRB WTA 250 Parma, ITA	[4] Badosa d. [Q] Konjuh 62 20 ret. [3] Gauff d. [6] Q.Wang 61 63	Krunic/Stojanovic d. Minnen/Van Uytvanck Gauff/McNally d. Klepac/Jurak
May 24	WTA 250 Strasbourg, FRA	[5] Krejcikova d. Cirstea 63 63	Guarachi/Krawczyk d. Ninomiya/Yang
May 30	GS Roland Garros, FRA	Krejcikova d. [31] Pavlyuchenkova 61 26 64	Krejcikova/Siniakova d. Mattek-Sands/Swiatek
June 7	WTA 250 Nottingham, GBR	[1] Konta d. [4] Zhang 62 61	Kichenok/Ninomiya d. Dolehide/Sanders
June 14	WTA 500 Berlin, GER WTA 250 Birmingham, GBR	Samsonova d. [5] Bencic 16 61 63 [2] Jabeur d. [4] Kasatkina 75 64	Azarenka/Sabalenka d. Melichar/Shuurs Bouzkova/Hradecka d. Jabeur/Perez
June 20	WTA 500 Eastbourne, GBR WTA 250 Bad Homburg, GER	Ostapenko d. Kontaveit 63 63 [4] Kerber d. Siniakova 63 62	Aoyama/Shibara d. Melichar/Schuurs Jurak/Klepac d. Kichenok/Olaru
June 28	GS Wimbledon, GBR	[1] Barty d. [8] Ka.Pliskova 63 67(4) 63	Mertens/Hsieh d. Kudermetova/Vesnina
July 5	WTA 250 Hamburg, GER	[Q] Ruse d. Petkovic 76(6) 64	Paolini/Teichmann d. Sharma/Van Der Hoek
July 12	WTA 250 Prague, CZE WTA 250 Lausanne, SUI WTA 250 Budapest, HUN	[2] Krejcikova d. [8] Martincova 62 60 [1] Zidansek d. Burel 46 76(5) 61 [1] Putintseva d. Kalinina 64 60	Bouzkova/Hradecka d. Kuzmova/Stojanovic Bandedcchi/Waltert d. Eikeri/Grammatikopoulou Buzarnescu/Stollar d. Bolsova/Korpatsch

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<b>July 19</b>	WTA 250 Palermo, ITA WTA 250 Gdynia, POL	[1] Collins d. [Q] Ruse 64 62 Zanevska d. Kucova 64 76(4)	Routliffe/Zimmerman d. Dzalamidze/Rakhimova Danilina/Marozava d. Bondarenko/Piter
<b>July 26</b>	Olympics Tokyo, JPN	[9] Bencic d. Vondrousova 75 26 63	Krejcikova/Siniakova d. Bencic/Golubic
<b>Aug 2</b>	WTA 500 San Jose, USA WTA 250 Cluj-Napoca, ROU	[7] Collins d. [4] Kasatkina 63 67(10) 61 [2] Petkovic d. Sherif 61 61	[2] Jurak/Klepac d. [1] Dabrowski/Stefani Dzalamidze/Juvan d. Piter/Sherif
<b>Aug 9</b>	WTA 1000 Montréal, CAN	C.Giorgi d. [4] K.Pliskova 63 75	[5] L.Stefani/G.Dabrowski d. [6] A.Klepac/D.Jurak
<b>Aug 16</b>	WTA 1000 Cincinnati, USA	[1] A.Barty d. J.Teichmann 63 61	S.Stosur/S.Zhang d. [6] G.Dabrowski/L.Stefani
<b>Aug 22</b>	WTA 250 Chicago, USA WTA 250 Cleveland, USA	[1] Svitolina d. [9] Cornet 75 64 [2] Kontaveit d. Begu 76(5) 64	[3] N. Kichenok/Olaru d. [4] L. Kichenok/Ninomiya [1] Aoyama/Shibahara d. McHale/Mirza
<b>Aug 30</b>	GS US Open, USA	[Q] Raducanu d. Fernandez 64 63	[14] Stosure/Zhang d. [11] Gauff/McNally
<b>Sep 13</b>	WTA 250 Portoroz, SLO WTA 250 Luxembourg	Paolini d. [3] Riske 76(4) 62 Tauson d. [3] Ostapenko 63 46 64	Kalinskaya/Mihalikova d. [2] Pattinama K/Krunic Minnen/Van Uytvanck d. Routliffe/Zimmermann
<b>Sep 20</b>	WTA 500 Ostrava, CZE	Kontaveit d. [4] Sakkari 62 75	[2] Mirza/S.Zhang d. [3] Christian/Routliffe
<b>Sep 27</b>	WTA 500 Chicago, USA WTA 250 Nur-Sultan, KAZ	[2] Muguruza d. [6] Jabeur 36 63 60 [2] Van Uytvanck d. [1] Putintseva 16 64 63	Peschke/Petkovic d. Dolehide/Vandeweghe [3] Friedsam/Niculescu d. Gabueva/Zakharova
<b>Oct 6</b>	WTA 1000 Indian Wells, USA	[21] Badosa vs. [27] Azarenka	[2] Hsieh/Mertens d. Kudermetova/Rybakina
<b>Oct 18</b>	WTA 500 Moscow, RUS WTA 250 Tenerife, ESP	[9] Kontaveit d. Alexandrova 46 64 75 Li d. Osorio 61 64	[2] Ostapenko/Siniakova d. [4] N.Kichenok/Olaru [4] Eikeri/Perez d. [3] L.Kichenok/Kostyuk