



PREVIEW NOTES: UPPER AUSTRIA LADIES LINZ

LINZ, AUSTRIA | NOVEMBER 7 – 12, 2021 | €189,708 WTA 250

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UPPER AUSTRIA LADIES LINZ – QUICK FACTS

Main draw dates:	Sunday - Friday, November 7-12, 2021
Singles Final:	Friday, November 12, 7pm
Doubles Final:	Friday, November 12, 4pm
Venue:	Tips Arena Linz
Status:	WTA 250 event
Staging:	Tournament's 31st year
Draw sizes:	28 singles / 16 doubles teams / 16 singles qualifying
Surface:	Deco Turf / Indoors
Tennis Ball:	Dunlop Fort All Court

SINGLES	€	RANK POINTS
Winner	23,548	280
Runner-Up	13,224	180
Semifinalist	8,144	110
Quarterfinalist	4,677	60
Second round	3,556	30
First round	2,758	1

DOUBLES	€	RANK POINTS
Winner	8,306	280
Runner-Up	4,838	180
Semifinalist	3,064	110
Quarterfinalist	1,854	60
First round	1,412	1

MAIN DRAW QUICK-HITS

Singles wildcards: Julia Grabher (AUT), Simona Halep (ROU), Sinja Kraus (AUT), Emma Raducanu (GBR)

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

Oldest singles player: Alizé Cornet, 31 years old (January 22, 1990)

- The WTA returns to Linz, Austria for the 31st edition of the tournament, first held in 1987
- Leading the way is US Open champion **Emma Raducanu**, playing just her seventh WTA main-draw tournament and first as top seed. After a first-round bye, she will meet a qualifier in her opening match
- The No.2 seed is two-time major winner **Simona Halep**, contesting her third indoor tournament in a row, following a quarterfinal showing in Moscow and runner-up finish at Cluj-Napoca
- Rounding out the seeds are **Danielle Collins**, **Veronika Kudermetova**, last year's semifinalist **Ekaterina Alexandrova**, **Sorana Cirstea**, **Alison Riske** and **Jasmine Paolini**
- **Alexandrova** is the only former finalist in the draw, having finished runner-up to Camila Giorgi in 2018

TOP 4 SEEDS' TOURNAMENT HISTORY

PLAYER	TOURNAMENT HISTORY	W/L	WIN %
[1] Emma Raducanu	First appearance	-	-
[2] Simona Halep	2r (1): 2012 (l. Azarenka)	1-1	.500
[3] Danielle Collins	First appearance	-	-
[4] Veronika Kudermetova	QF (1): 2020 (l. Mertens)	2-1	.667

RECENT CHAMPIONS & RUNNERS-UP

YEAR	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	SCORE	DOUBLES CHAMPIONS
2010	[7/WC] Ana Ivanovic (SRB)	Patty Schnyder (SUI)	61 62	Voracova/Strycova
2011	[1/WC] Petra Kvitova (CZE)	[7] Dominika Cibulkova (SVK)	64 61	Ekarovic/Vesnina
2012	[1] Victoria Azarenka (BLR)	[5] Julia Goerges (GER)	63 64	Groenefeld/Peschke
2013	[1/WC] Angelique Kerber (GER)	[3] Ana Ivanovic (SRB)	64 76(6)	Pliskova/Pliskova
2014	[7] Karolina Pliskova (CZE)	Camila Giorgi (ITA)	67(4) 63 76(4)	Olaru/Tatishvili
2015	[7] Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (RUS)	Anna-Lena Friedsam (GER)	64 63	Kops-Jones/Spears
2016	[2/WC] Dominika Cibulkova (SVK)	Viktorija Golubic (SUI)	63 75	Bertens/Larsson
2017	[2] Barbora Strycova (CZE)	[1] Magdalena Rybarikova (SVK)	64 61	Bertens/Larsson
2018	[5] Camila Giorgi (ITA)	[Q] Ekaterina Alexandrova (RUS)	63 61	Flipkens/Larsson
2019	[LL] Coco Gauff (USA)	Jelena Ostapenko (LAT)	63 16 62	Krejcikova/Siniakova
2020	[1] Aryna Sabalenka (BLR)	[2] Elise Mertens (BEL)	75 62	Rus/Zidansek

COUNTRY BREAKDOWN

A total of 13 countries are represented in the main draw, led by France with four players:

Austria (2)	Julia Grabher, Sinja Kraus
Belarus (1)	Aliaksandra Sasnovich
Belgium (2)	Greet Minnen, Alison Van Uytvanck
China (1)	Zheng Saisai
France (4)	Clara Burel, Alizé Cornet, Océane Dodin, Fiona Ferro
Germany (1)	Mona Barthel
Great Britain (1)	Emma Raducanu
Italy (2)	Jasmine Paolini, Martina Trevisan
Romania (2)	Sorana Cirstea, Simona Halep
Russia (3)	Ekaterina Alexandrova, Veronika Kudermetova, Kamilla Rakhimova
Sweden (1)	Rebecca Peterson
Ukraine (2)	Anhelina Kalinina, Dayana Yastremska
United States (2)	Danielle Collins, Alison Riske

A SNAPSHOT OF 2021 SO FAR

- **Top 10 debuts (5):** Iga Swiatek (at No.9 on May 17), Barbora Krejckikova (at No.10 on August 9), Maria Sakkari (at No.10 on September 27), Ons Jabeur (at No.9 on October 18), Anett Kontaveit (at No.8 on November 1)
- **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 - 364, Aryna Sabalenka - 338, Ashleigh Barty - 325, Elena Rybakina - 301
- **Most wins:** Ons Jabeur (48), Anett Kontaveit (45), Barbora Krejckikova (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 Krejckikova/Siniakova d. Chan/Chan
February 8	GS Australian Open, AUS	[3] Osaka d. [22] Brady 64 63	Mertens/Sabalenka d. Krejckikova/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. Krejckikova 76(6) 63 [4] Sorribes Tormo d. [WC] Bouchard 62 75	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] Zidensek 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

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May 3	WTA 1000 Madrid, ESP	[5] Sabalenka d. [1] Barty 60 36 64	Krejciikova/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] Krejciikova d. Cirstea 63 63	Guarachi/Krawczyk d. Ninomiya/Yang
May 30	GS Roland Garros, FRA	Krejciikova d. [31] Pavlyuchenkova 61 26 64	Krejciikova/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] Krejciikova d. [8] Martincova 62 60 [1] Zidasek d. Burel 46 76(5) 61 [1] Putintseva d. Kalinina 64 60	Bouzkova/Hradecka d. Kuzmova/Stojanovic Bancicchi/Waltert d. Eikeri/Grammatikopoulou Buzarnescu/Stollar d. Bolsova/Korpatsch
July 19	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
July 26	Olympics Tokyo, JPN	[9] Bencic d. Vondrousova 75 26 63	Krejciikova/Siniakova d. Bencic/Golubic
Aug 2	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
Aug 9	WTA 1000 Montréal, CAN	C.Giorgi d. [4] K.Pliskova 63 75	[5] L.Stefani/G.Dabrowski d. [6] A.Klepac/D.Jurak
Aug 16	WTA 1000 Cincinnati, USA	[1] A.Barty d. J.Teichmann 63 61	S.Stosur/S.Zhang d. [6] G.Dabrowski/L.Stefani
Aug 22	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
Aug 30	GS US Open, USA	[Q] Raducanu d. Fernandez 64 63	[14] Stosure/Zhang d. [11] Gauff/McNally
Sep 13	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
Sep 20	WTA 500 Ostrava, CZE	Kontaveit d. [4] Sakkari 62 75	[2] Mirza/S.Zhang d. [3] Christian/Routliffe
Sep 27	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
Oct 6	WTA 1000 Indian Wells, USA	[21] Badosa d. [27] Azarenka 76(5) 26 76(2)	[2] Hsieh/Mertens d. Kudermetova/Rybakina
Oct 18	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
Oct 25	WTA 250 Courmayeur, ITA WTA 250 Cluj-Napoca, ROU	Vekic d. [5] Tauson 76(3) 62 [2] Kontaveit d. [1] Halep 62 63	Wang/Zheng d. [3] Hozumi/Zhang Bara/Gorgodze d. [2] Krunic/Pattinama Kerkhove